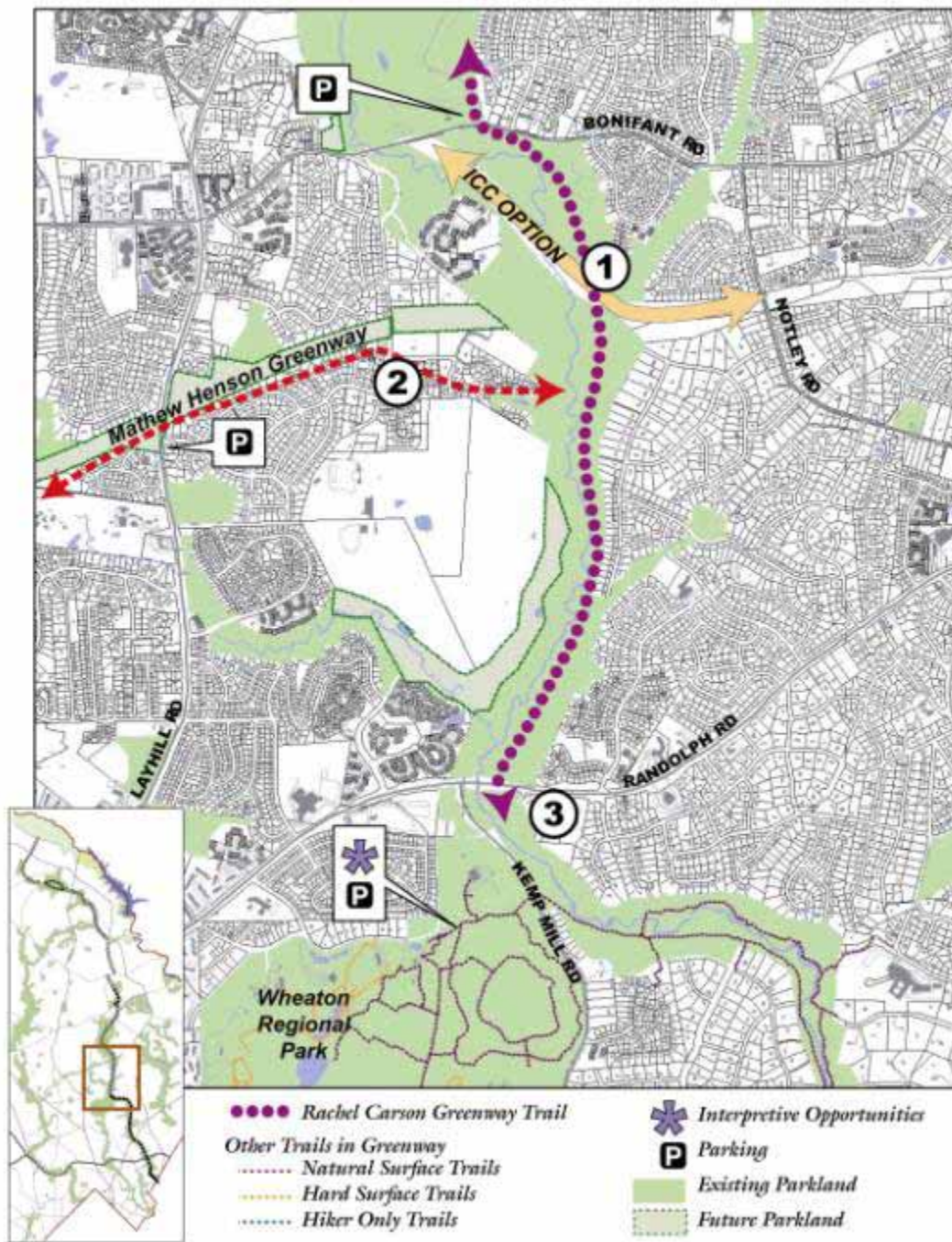


*Some of nature's most exquisite handiwork is on a miniature scale... [with] a magnifying [lens]... we can escape the limitations of the human size scale.*

### Segment 3: World of Little Things

#### Description

This segment offers interpretive opportunities related to wetland and riverine ecosystems. There is no formal, sanctioned trail in this segment. The trail corridor is home to a number of county champion trees and includes forest areas in varying stages of maturity. The Indian Springs Golf Country Club adjoins the trail corridor to the west and a development application has been filed to redevelop the site as a combination golf/residential community.



**Trail Planning Recommendations**

Avoid significant plants in biodiversity area.

Locate trail on east side of stream.

1. Assure ICC design allows safe, attractive trail passage.
2. Provide access from Matthew Henson Greenway

Provide trailhead parking for public access. Potential parking areas are shown with the letter "P".

**Interpretive Opportunities**

Wetlands and vernal pools: teach about insects, soils and plants associated with these features; the importance of wetlands to overall water quality. Create vernal pool near school near greenway.

Beaver activity: Describe beaver life history, family structure, impacts, importance of understanding beaver behavior.

Impact of non-native invasive plants: Why non-native invasive are a problem and how everyone can help to control them.

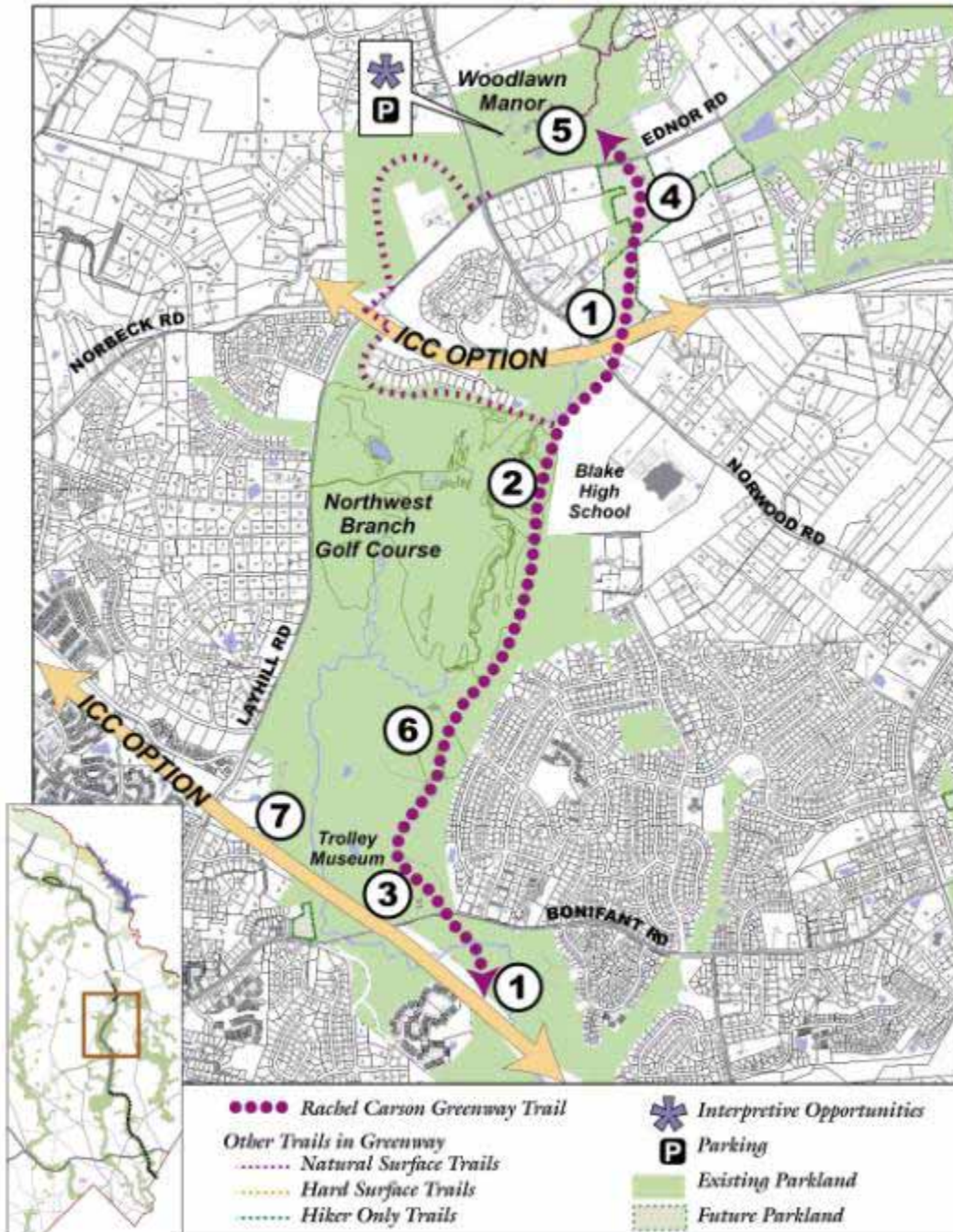
3. Kemp Mill Race: Describe role of Kemp Mill in industrial history of County.

*Even if you are a city dweller... you can still look up at the sky... you can listen to the wind... you can still feel the rain on your face... you can find some place, perhaps a park or a golf course, where you can observe the mysterious migrations of the birds and the changing seasons...*

## Segment 4: Changing Seasons

### Description

There are no sanctioned trails in this segment. Many activities in the corridor will make finding a trail alignment challenging, including the Northwest Branch Golf Course.



### **Trail Planning Recommendations**

1. Assure the location and design of the Inter-county Connector allows safe, attractive trail passage.
2. Coordinate trail location in relation to golf course and Blake High school (this area is extremely tight due to close proximity of golf course holes and school ball fields)
3. Integrate trail location with trolley museum and use museum parking lot for trailhead parking.
4. Await locating final trail until this property is in park ownership.
5. Provide safe crossing of Ednor Road as part of any future road improvement projects.

### **Interpretive Opportunities**

*Use meadow plants to highlight changing seasons:* Meadows in this segment can be created and managed to help define the seasons and the life cycle of plants. Explain importance of early succession meadows for birds and other wildlife, how meadows are maintained in nature and by humans, why they are disappearing. Talk about meadow restoration.

*Birds and insects:* Talk about butterflies and other insects and their importance to pollination; attract bluebirds with bluebird nest boxes and interpret their life requirements, explain problems that have reduced their numbers, how to help them, how nest boxes help the bluebird population and the success of our Department's 10 year old program of attracting bluebirds.

*Initiate a Bat Conservation program:* The American Bat Society sponsors programs that attract bats to help manage insects at golf courses to reduce reliance on chemicals; bats only flying mammal; discuss misunderstandings about bats and their important role in the ecosystem.

6. *Reclaim former landfill and interpret the process.* Talk about recycling, waste treatment and conservation issues.

Highlight presence of many champion trees.