Recommended Actions

- Approve proposed Plan Objectives
- Approve proposed Plan Schedule
- Approve Outreach Strategy
**Location**

- Regional Parks
  - Little Bennett
  - Black Hill
- Recreational Parks
  - Ovid Hazen Wells
  - Damascus
  - Ridge Road
  - Goshen
- Special Park
  - Dowden’s Ordinary
- Local Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Urban Parks

**Major focus of the Plan Update....**

- Develop a concept plan and Preliminary Program of Requirements (PPOR) for a family destination area that will include the carousel that is currently in Wheaton Regional Park
- Determine whether the future Clarksburg Community recreation and aquatic center could be located in the park
- Develop a general concept plan and Preliminary Program of Requirements for the central and eastern areas of the park
The Park Today

History of Park Gift
The bequest imposed the following conditions:

- Maintain the property for open space, parkland, and recreational purpose
- Erect a bronze plaque near the entrance of the park inscribed with language set forth in the deed
- Develop a portion of the property with recreational facilities, such as picnic areas, athletic fields, multi-use courts, landscaping, etc.
- Acquire and install at a park of the Commission’s choosing the Hershell-Spillman Carousel dedicated to the name of Ovid Hazen Wells, pending its relocation to the Ovid Hazen Wells Park
1995 Park Master Plan
- Develop a portion of the property with recreational facilities, such as picnic areas, athletic fields, multi-use courts, landscaping, etc.

Proposed Plan Objectives
- Determine the final location for the Ovid Hazen Wells carousel (temporarily located in Wheaton Regional Park)
- Develop a list of supporting buildings, infrastructure and amenities needed to support the carousel
Proposed Plan Objectives

- Develop a park connection to other public facilities in the area including Cedar Grove Elementary School and Damascus Recreational Park
- Expand the existing trail system

The 1994 Clarksburg Master Plan and Hyattstown Special Study Area
Chapter 7 – Public Facilities
Establish the Ovid Hazen Wells Greenway to the east of the park connecting it to Damascus Recreational Park
Proposed Plan Objectives

- Develop recommendations for the uses of the two historic properties within the park – the Ned Watkins house and the Oliver Watkins House

Ned Watkins House

- Constructed in 1892 for Ned Watkins, a farmer from Cedar Grove.
- Ovid and Hallie Wells moved here in 1952.
- The property is currently rented.
- The building is designated as individual resources on the Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation with an associated environmental setting.

Oliver Watkins House

- The house is dated from the mid to late nineteenth century and was built by Oliver Watkins, a store keeper in Cedar Grove in 1851 before his marriage.
- The house is currently vacant.
- The building is designated as an individual resources on the Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation with an associated environmental setting.
Proposed Plan Objectives

- Develop a Preliminary Program of Requirements (PPOR) for the eastern area of the park that would include and compliment the strategic plan for the Red Wiggler Community Farm

Park Master Plan Update Proposed Schedule

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Community Outreach Strategy

- Traditional media and press releases
- A project web page and an online comment tool
- Postings to e-newsletters, social media channels like Facebook and Twitter, and the Parks Department Media Center
- Online Calendars - Parks, Planning, Patch Magazine, Gazette
- Attendance at regularly scheduled public events including Kites Over Clarksburg, and meetings with the Clarksburg Civic Association, Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board, Arora Hills Homeowners Association, the Upcounty Recreation Advisory Board and School PTA meetings to hear the issues
- Coordination with organized groups, public leaders, and county executive staff

Thank you!