Public Meeting #2
Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park

Agenda

Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park Master Plan Update
- Where we are in the process
- Schedule and Objectives
- What we have heard so far
- Proposed Plan recommendations

Give Us Your Input
- Comment cards
- Comments on map
Park Master Plan Update Schedule

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<td>DECEMBER 2013</td>
<td>Began staff meetings to review background.</td>
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<td>JANUARY 27, 2014</td>
<td>Attended Clarksburg Civic Association Meeting</td>
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<td>FEBRUARY 19, 2014</td>
<td>Attended UpCounty Recreation Advisory Board Meeting</td>
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<td>MARCH 29, 2014</td>
<td>Attended Clarksburg Kite Day</td>
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<td>MAY 1, 2014</td>
<td>Attended the Park Ridge HOA Meeting</td>
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<td>MAY 22, 2014</td>
<td>Ovid Hazen Wells Park Master Plan - Issues and Outreach Report: Presented the issues heard to date from the public, the plan objectives, and the outreach strategy and date for the public meeting for the Planning Board to approve.</td>
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<td>MAY 22, 2014</td>
<td>Attended the Arora Hills HOA meeting.</td>
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<td>MAY 28, 2014</td>
<td>Public Meeting – Little Bennett Elementary School Cafeteria - 7:30 – 9:00 pm</td>
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<td>Public Meeting – Arora Hills Community Center</td>
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Future Public Input Dates

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<td>Public Hearing at the Planning Board</td>
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<td>OCTOBER 2014</td>
<td>Worksession #1 with Planning Board</td>
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<td>NOVEMBER 2014</td>
<td>Planning Board approves plan</td>
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30 day review period for the public

Plan Objectives Overview

- 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**
- Explore **options for the future Clarksburg Community Recreation and Aquatics Center** in the park location
- 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
- Develop **recommendations for the uses of the two historic properties** within the park – the Ned Watkins and Oliver Watkins Houses
- Develop a Preliminary Program of Requirements (PPOR) for the **eastern area of the park** that would include and complement the strategic plan for the Red Wiggler Community Farm
What we have heard you want so far...

- The Carousel – this is a given and required by the deed
- The top five requests:
  - The future Clarksburg Recreation and Aquatics Center including senior center - 27
  - Maintain natural areas - 15
  - More play areas with more equipment - 13
  - Disc – frisbee golf - 13
  - A splash park – 11
- Additional amenities requested:
  - Outdoor spaces for events and open (purposeful) green space
  - More organic farming areas like Red Wiggler Farm
  - More trails – allow for a 5k route
  - More picnic areas with barbecue grills
  - Dog park
  - Community gardens
  - Basketball courts/tennis courts
  - A cricket field
Proposed Plan Recommendations

Western Side of Park

Proposed Recreation Areas – Focus Area A

Active Recreation Area
1. Sledding Hill/Open green space
2. Teen Play Area
3. Carousel Picnic Area & Splash Pad
4. Lounge Terrace
5. Community Open Space
6. Dog Park
7. Renovated Play Area
8. Greenway Trail Connection

EXISTING FEATURES - 250 acres
- Shoreline and Floods
- 2" Terracing
- Wetlands
- Park Facilities
- Additional of Financial

M-NCPPC MONTGOMERY PARKS - PARK PLANNING & STEWARDSHIP DIVISION
Sledding Hill/Open Green Space

Teen Play Area
Ovid Hazen Wells Carousel

- Supporting infrastructure includes the round house, the ticket booth, restrooms, party room, and electricity.
Picnic Area

Lounge Terrace


**Lounge Terrace**

![Lounge Terrace Image]

**Dog Park**

![Dog Park Image]
Western Side of Park

Proposed Parkland – 11.98 acres

- Additional parkland for park amenities such as a cricket field, basketball/tennis courts, etc.
- Should be included as a site to study for the future Clarksburg Community Recreation and Aquatics Center.

Proposed Plan Recommendations
Central Area of the Park

Proposed Recreation Areas – Focus Area B

1. Reforestation Buffer
2. Watkins Historic Area
3. Meadow and Trails
4. Self-guided Interpretation

Meadow

Longwood Gardens Meadow Garden

http://longwoodgardens.org/gardens/meadow-garden
Meadow
Longwood Gardens Meadow in Summer

Meadow
Longwood Gardens Meadow in Fall
Trails

Trail Bridge
Longwood Gardens Trail Bridge
Watkins Historic Area

- Develop historic area and house into an event area for weddings, graduations and other scale appropriate events.

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.

Proposed Plan Recommendations
Eastern Area of the Park

Proposed Recreation Areas - Focus Area C

1. Edible Plantings
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3. Reforestation
4. Solar House
5. Red Wiggler Farm
6. Home Food Garden Center
7. Community Garden
8. Greenway Trail Connection
9. Wetland Overlook & Self-guided Interpretation

Home Food Gardens and the Red Wiggler Farm

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

Mission/Purpose

- The Red Wiggler Farm creates meaningful jobs so adults with developmental disabilities can succeed at work; grows and sells high quality, farm-grown vegetables, herbs and flowers; provides Service Learning for youth to engage in small-scale farming while learning about the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and the natural world; operates a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program in Montgomery County MD that increases the food supply for the community and local food banks.
Oliver Watkins House
- Develop the house into offices and classrooms that will support the Home Food Garden program being envisioned.
- Home Food Gardens are programs designed to teach the public how to grow vegetables and fruits in their own gardens at home.
- Home Food Gardens also focus on the advantages of home grown food: freshness, healthfulness and variety.

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.
- The house was gutted in the 1990s and needs a major renovation.

Greenway Trail Connection
- 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
Please Give Us Your Input

Thank you!
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