

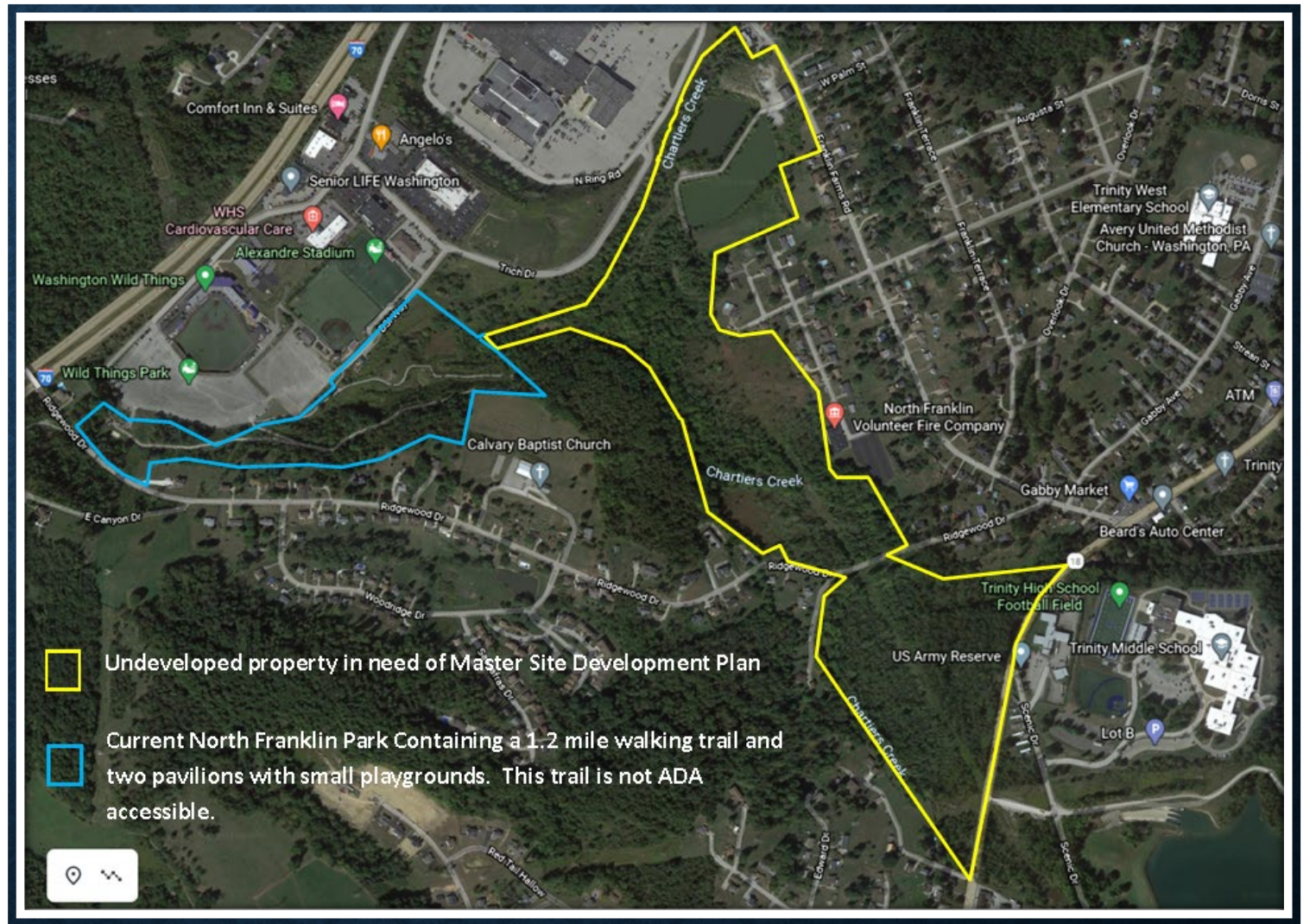


NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP WATERSIDE PARK

Pre-Bid Meeting for MSDP

March 2, 2021

North Franklin Township is accepting proposals to design a park on over 80 acres of land running through the valley along Chartiers Creek between the Washington Crown Center and Route 18. The undeveloped property contains two reservoirs and pristine areas of wetlands, meadows and forest. The Township needs a Master Site Development Plan to create sustainable landscapes that are accessible to the community without damaging the quality of the natural environment.



Our vision is to provide a place for people to connect with nature in their own community.

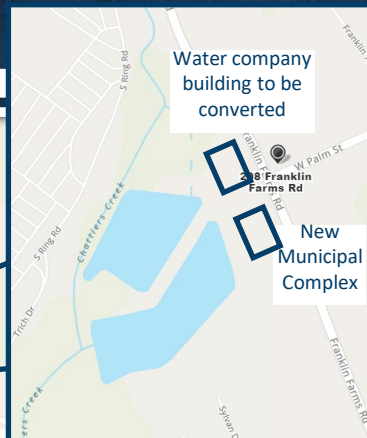
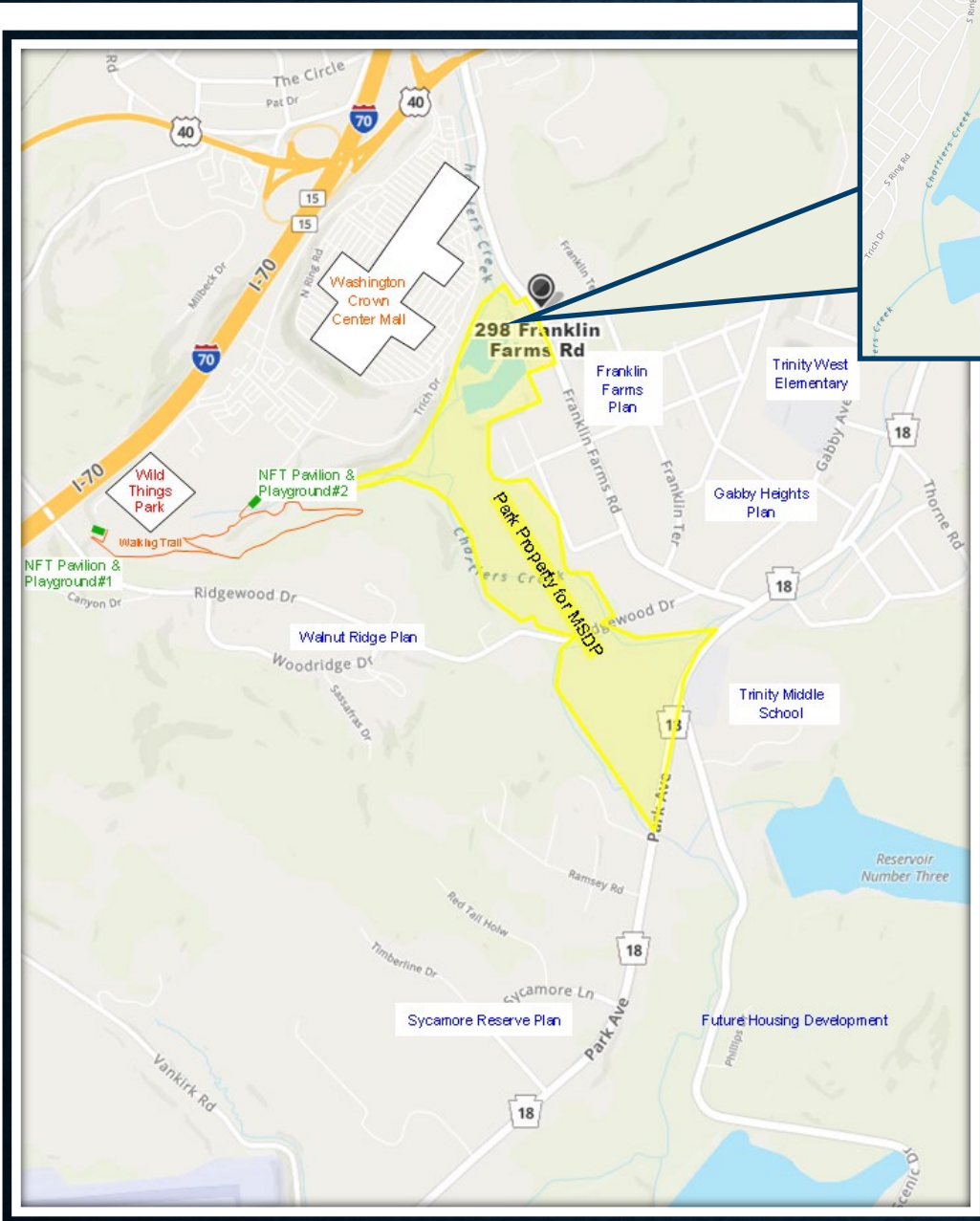


The park will provide pavilions, playgrounds, and pickleball, in addition to interpretive nature trails with boardwalks through



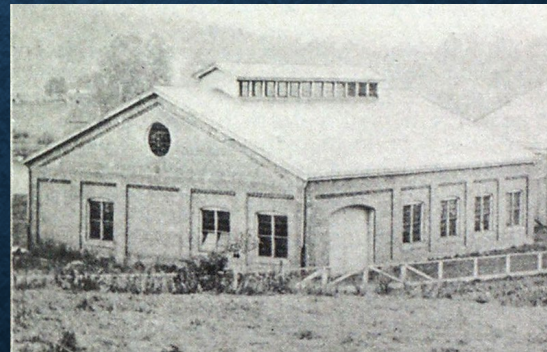
the wetlands, and fishing in the ponds and along Chartiers Creek.



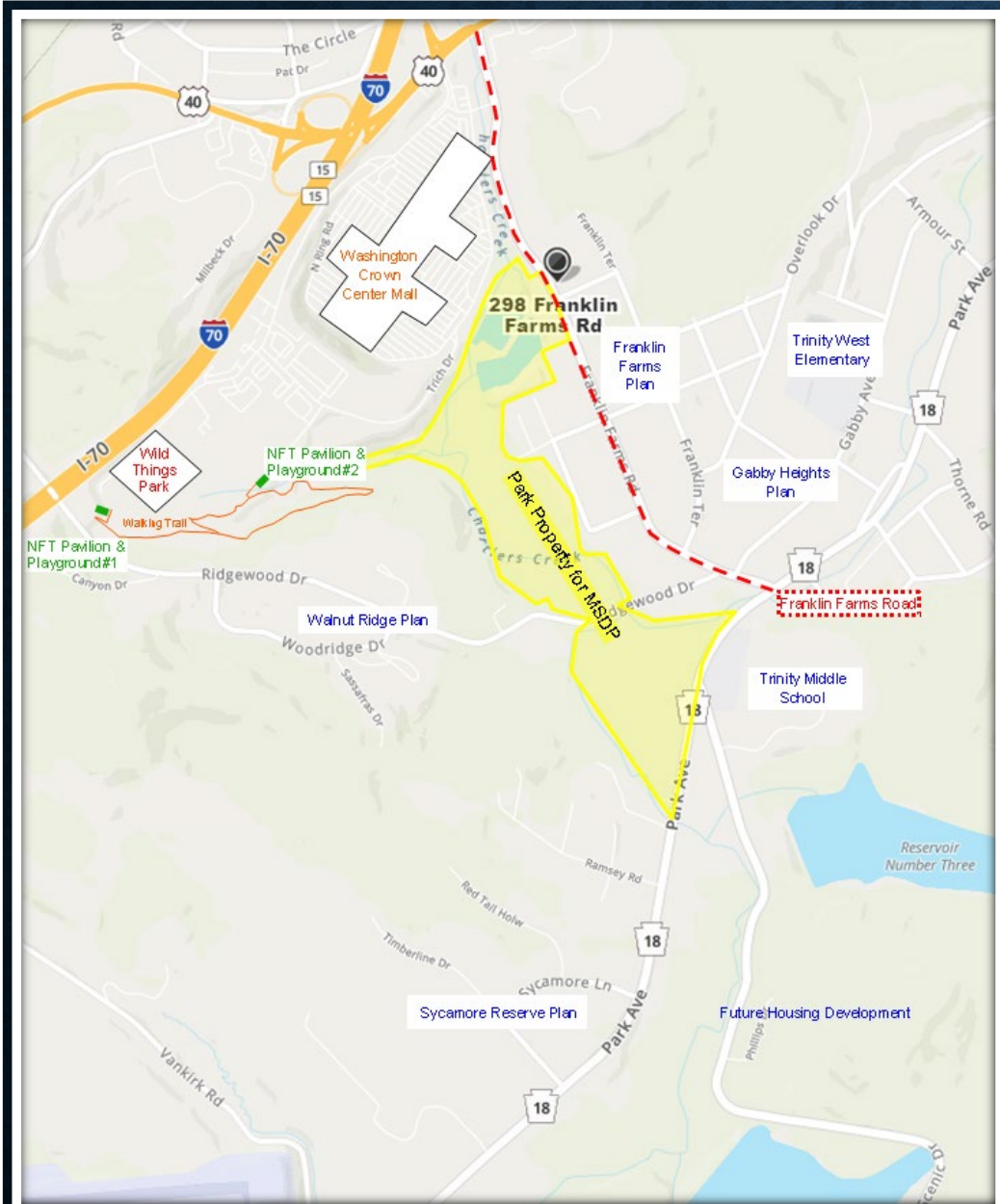


The new Township Municipal Complex begins construction this year. Located in the park it will provide a park office, the initial restroom facilities, and Community Rooms.

The old water company building will be converted into a three-season pavilion used for community picnics, festivals, and farmers' markets.



Water company building circa 1900 and present day.



Franklin Farms Road is hazardous for pedestrians and cyclists, but it serves as the main connection between many areas of the Township - Washington Crown Center, Wild Things Park, Trinity West and Middle Schools, and the surrounding neighborhoods.



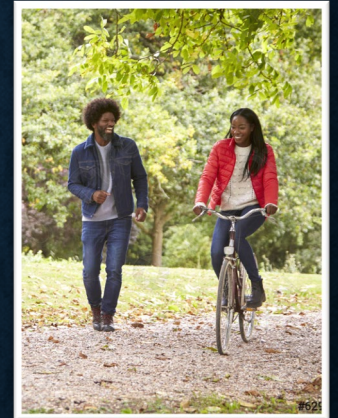
The park will enhance community connectivity by providing safe routes connecting local residents of all ages and abilities to key amenities on both ends of the property, as well as to activities throughout the park.






The nearly flat terrain lends itself to being naturally ADA accessible and will provide trails that are easily traversable for pedestrians and cyclists. Trail plans should include wildlife observation areas, creek access, and resting points along the trail. Accessible fishing platforms should also be planned for the ponds.

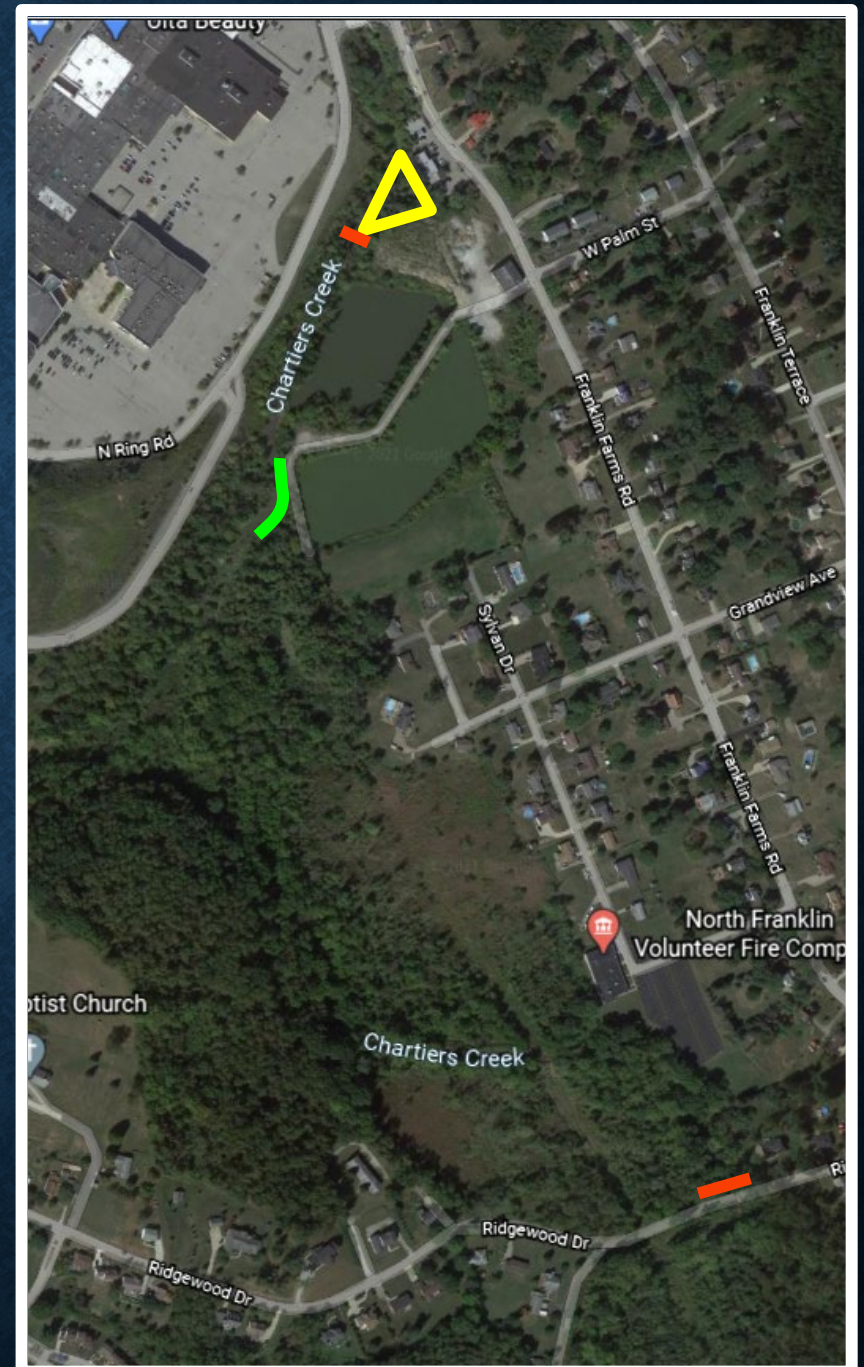


By increasing accessibility to this natural environment we will provide new educational opportunities for the nearby schools and the college.



Over the next two years, North Franklin Township will be undertaking a floodplain reclamation project and streambank restoration/stabilization projects along Chartiers Creek on the park property. These projects must be coordinated with the park trail project to ensure that there is not a duplication of efforts on the required permitting. Coordination in these areas will also ensure that new streambank plantings are not destroyed while installing trails and stream crossings.

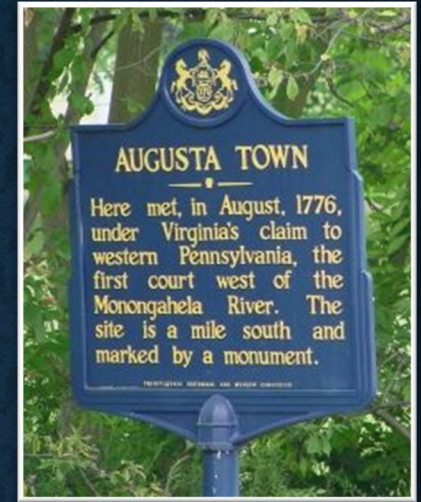
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	Planned floodplain restoration
	Planned stabilization of streambank to avoid erosion of Reservoir 2.
	Streambank restoration is planned in 2022 between these points.



Links to the Past

The park property has several historical connections that we want to keep in mind during the planning phase.

1. About 600 feet from our property entrance on Franklin Farms Road is the site of a log courthouse built only one month after the Declaration of Independence was signed when this area was part of Virginia. There is a Washington County Historical Society marker there that states “On this spot was held in 1776. The county court for the District of West Augusta, Virginia. The first court held by any English-speaking people West of the Monongahela River”. The Pennsylvania Historical Marker was previously placed incorrectly but is being moved to the park property.
2. In May of 1791, the park property was purchased by David Bradford, noted figure in the Whiskey Rebellion. He built a mill there, behind where the water company building now sits.
3. Our park is in the Pennsylvania National Road Heritage Corridor. The National Road (Route 40) sits only one-quarter of a mile from the park property.



Project Partners

This project is funded in part by a grant from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation. C2P2 assists local governments, recreation organizations, and conservation associations with funding for projects related to:

Parks

Recreation

Conservation



Project Timeline

RFP Closure Date	March 19, 2021
Township Selects Proposal to Submit for DCNR Approval	April 13, 2021
Township Awards and Executes Contract	May 11, 2021
Public Participation-Meetings, Interviews, Focus Groups	May 2021-September 2021
Scope of Work- Inventory, Analysis, Design, Review	May 2021-February 2022
Draft Plan Report/Deliverables Uploaded to DCNR	March 1, 2022
DCNR Project Manager Review Comments Received	March 15, 2022
Final Project Approval	March 31, 2022



Q & A





If you have any questions following the meeting, please reach out to:

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Any questions received after this presentation, as well as any addenda to the RFP, will be posted on the North Franklin Township website at:
<http://northfranklin.org/north-franklin-township-projects/>

Thank you for your interest in our project and for the time you spent with us during this presentation!

We hope to hear from you soon!