



ROADWAYS AND PARKING:

Current roadways follow existing drives. It is recommended that the Folds House and the Academy Gym be separated to prevent drive through traffic. It is recommended that the Folds House entrance restricted to be open only during planned events, and that the main entrance will be located on Striping Chapel Road. A 95 space parking lot is proposed adjacent the Gym, and a small 36 space event- only parking area will be provided adjacent the Folds house. The Folds house lot



Typical Sprayground



Typical Adventure Playground

is designed as a one-way loop to accommodate all sizes of emergency vehicles and vans. Cars are spaced around the loop so that natural and planted trees can provide shade for the cars. The new lot will be selectively cleared on level ground and the parking spaces will be individually sited to avoid cutting medium and larger woodland trees. The Gym lot should be open for daily use, and should be planted with ample shade trees as it is planned in an open area at the edge of the woodland. In addition to the two established parking areas, the old soccer field can be used as an overflow grass parking area and as an open play field during daily use.

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND AND SPRAYGROUND:

A large playground and interactive fountain feature is recommended on the site of the old tennis courts. The enclosed playground will be a mulched play area with a variety of play structures for several age groups. The playground will be accessed by a single entry between two family pavilions separating the fountain from the playground. The playground structure can be a community built style project or utilize manufactured equipment. The sprayground will include an at-grade fountain with several jets spraying into the air in an interactive fashion. Other play equipment with water features will be included. In general, the sprayground is an updated version of the McIntosh Reserve “spray and splash” facility. This feature will be a focal point in the park and make it a destination for young children and parents.

Typical Sprayground



ENTERTAINMENT LAWN AND FESTIVAL FIELD:

There are two areas proposed for the development of entertainment or performance spaces. The Entertainment lawn is proposed on a bowl-shaped depression on a northwest facing slope adjacent the Gym. The site will be improved with concrete access aisles, steps and railings, while also incorporating informal lawn seating. A raised concrete and brick stage with coordinated electrical hookups for performances is proposed. The stage area will be large enough for a full orchestra. The facility is not intended for rock concerts or other loud performances, but could be part of a

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wider cultural enrichment program tied to community schools and colleges. The Classroom building should be removed from the site. The foundation will be utilized for a staging and service area for the Entertainment Lawn. The Festival Field is meant to be used for large events, allowing a large open space for general daily use. It will substitute as a focal point during large events, with space for a temporary stage, merchant tents and other uses during local festivals.



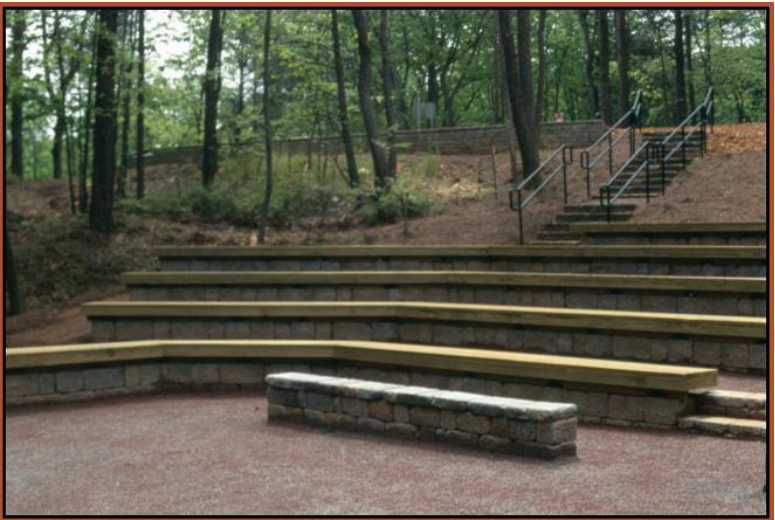
Typical Entertainment Lawn

FOLDS HOUSE AND COTTAGE IMPROVEMENTS:

The area around the Folds House is recommended for improvements that compliment the historic character of the house. As with the Gym renovations, the County will need to consult an architect or contractor to determine the proper program for the renovation and how the house will be used as a community and event center. Among the exterior improvements will be the reconstruction of a brick and concrete walkway around the house, the relocation of the existing gazebo into the flat woodland area for better access, construction of a formal garden and event lawn for outdoor gatherings or weddings, and the construction of a small tot-lot playground. The outdoor classroom can also serve as an outdoor chapel for garden weddings, and larger weddings should be held at the Entertainment Lawn. The tot-lot is intended to help parents keep their small children occupied during outdoor events. The Folds Cottage, is an ideal location for a comfort station because it is isolated from the main house, but between the planned activity areas.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM:

As part of the Folds House exterior improvements, an Outdoor Classroom will be situated on the woodland slope with stone seatwalls and a stage.



Typical Outdoor Classrooms

PAVILIONS AND SHELTERS:

Group Pavilions will be provided throughout the part. The largest pavilions will be located at the playground to serve as space for parties and family gatherings. Trail seats, or small covered shelters, will be located in prominent places along the trail system. The existing gazebo at the Folds House is to be relocated in order to take advantage of the open wooded area to the west of the house. A series of group shelters surrounding an informal lawn will be located on the southern side of the park, and oriented to take advantage of the distant views.



Typical Pavilions



TRAIL SYSTEM AND BOARDWALKS:

A hierarchy of trails is designed to connect facilities within the park and to the adjacent properties. The trails are designed to provide measured loop routes for multiple uses, such as jogging, walking, roller blading and cycling. For a variety of reasons, including handicapped accessibility, safety, maintenance and durability, many of the trails are proposed to be hard surface (boardwalk, asphalt, and/or concrete). In some locations more primitive soft-surface paths are shown. The main paved trails are recommended at eight to ten feet in width, depending on site constraints. The paths will include distance markers, interpretive signs, park furniture, and shelters. The secondary trails will be four to six feet in width, depending on site constraints, and provide connections to other park facilities. There are three proposed connections to adjacent properties. Two trails will connect to the cul-de-sac at Victoria Vining Drive and Shady Valley Drive. These

connections will require property acquisition or easement agreements to establish these pedestrian connections to the park, and should only be considered based on neighborhood interest. Another connection will be to the County Recreation Park north of the site. This may also involve easements or property acquisition and unless the County can utilize the existing easement used by Plantation Pipeline. Trails are typically not routed on pipeline easements, so changes to the existing easement agreements may be required to obtain a location for the trail connection. In the area around the existing pond on the northern side of the park, a boardwalk is required to connect a loop around the pond. A wetland overlook platform can be constructed to provide environmental interpretation of the pond and wetland.



Typical Observation Tower

OBSERVATION TOWER:

An observation tower is placed at the highest point in the southern section of the park on the upland ridge as a destination feature and park icon. The tower will become a place where people will go to enjoy the view and to highlight their experience at the park.

STRIPLING CHAPEL ROAD REROUTING AND UNDERPASS:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) plans to reroute and improve the intersection of Stripling Chapel Road with US 27A in the coming years when 27A is

widened. This will result in drastic changes to the existing roadway and location of the proposed road. Stripling Chapel is a busy east west connection between US 27 and US 27A and pedestrian crossings to the southern part of the park may be dangerous and problematic a best. Therefore, during the reconstruction of Stripling Chapel, Carroll County should consult with GDOT to plan for an underpass as part of the construction. This will provide safe access and connectivity between both sides of the park, and will be a cost effective solution. If possible, two underpasses should be considered. The ideal location for any underpass should be verified during planning and engineering of the road project.



Typical Asphalt Paths



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DOG PARK:

Along the right-of-way of Stripling Chapel Road is a proposed dog park, which is basically a fenced area with gates and a few “pet friendly” amenities. The dog park will be separated from other park uses to prevent it from being too visually obtrusive and to allow generous room for pets and pet owners. The dog park will enclose two acres and includes open and wooded spaces. The park is divided into two areas for large and small dogs for safety. It may need to be temporarily closed during the road rerouting, but is located to accommodate the proposed new road alignment.



ENLARGED PONDS:

The retention ponds on the south edge of the park should be investigated for possible enlargement. Enlarging one or more of the ponds will make the reclamation site more attractive for trails and amenities. The pond on the north side of the site is currently drained, and should also be evaluated for aesthetic improvements.

EROSION CONTROL AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT:

Erosion is affecting several steep slopes in the park and invasive vegetation is making inroads into woodlands. During construction, the County should consider long term erosion control improvements that will improve the condition of swales and wet areas. Solutions should utilize native grass and meadow plantings, and examine a long term vegetation control projects led by dedicated volunteer teams and/or contractors. Clearing and grubbing areas of Kudzu (*Pueraria montana*), Chinese privet (*Ligustrum chinense*) Wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*), English Ivy (*Hedera helix*) and Honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*) should be targets of any major vegetation control project. The areas cleared of invasive vegetation can be restored as a plant rescue area with native landscape plantings.



Typical Dog Park Amenities