

FATHER HOOPER FIELD SITE IMPROVEMENTS at Herring Run Park

Conceptual Design



Meeting Location: St. Francis of Assisi (3615 Harford Road) and Zoom
Date: September 18, 2023
Time: 6:00pm to 8:00 pm

A. **ATTENDEES:**

1. Number of Participants: 55 (with 40 in-person), see attached sign-in sheet.
2. Please contact Baltimore Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP) if you have additional comments and questions:

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B. **PRESENTATION**

1. **This announcement for this public meeting** was issued by BCRP through social media and email. This meeting was hosted on Zoom and recorded.
2. **The meeting recording link:**
https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/CpZDsUCYuKrP7LIIFAGGKbHspP5orW0Afv2ipnlg1yNOWhEk_U3GPHMYNaRcNcgQ.9OZIkRp4Fh389fHe
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3. **Poll questions using Slido App during the presentation** are closed. However, BCRP with RK&K has provide a weblink to review and provide your reply to same poll questions found at weblink
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/8197f6c72b874f0eb683d280f4f926ad>
Note, this weblink polling (at the above storymap weblink) will close on Monday, November 20th at 12 noon.
4. **Introductions** –The project’s design team includes BCRP (see names mentioned in item A2 above) and RK&K design consultant team to include (Melissa Milkus and Zoha Niazi). Conceptual plans were presented to show the layout of the athletic fields with three options to locate a proposed field house (comfort station, storage, and seating area). The community in attendance represented residents, athletic field permit users of the athletic fields, Friends of Herring Run Parks, park enthusiasts and more. BCRP’s Office of Capital Development and Planning (Joseph Bateky and Will Andersen) and the Office of Community Engagement’s community liaison (Tim Almaguer and Carlos Camacho) will continue to attend these design meetings and promote the athletic field improvements through BCRP’s social media,

Friends of Herring Run Parks, and working with the community residents and athletic field permit users (coaches).

- City College Cross Country
- Catholic high
- Charles Village Soccer Club
- Baltimore Dockers Aussie Rules (who did not attend this meeting)
- City College Cross Country
- Soccer Without Borders
- City Neighbors Hamilton
- The Neighborhood Homeowners League
- Charles Village Youth Soccer
- St. Francis of Assisi Athletic Association (SFAAA)
- Baltimore Gaelic Athletic Association - Irish sports (May-Sept)

5. **Purpose of the Meeting:** Present a conceptual athletic field layout to initiate a discussion with the community to gather their comments and concerns to allow BCRP to develop design development plans. Survey questions were asked of those in attendance at this meeting with the poll results included in these meeting notes. A reply to the community comments and questions will be shared with the community when Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP) returns to meet with the community in Winter 2023/2024. Your questions are important and will be considered to prepare design development plans (30% construction design plan). For your reference, you will find the compiled list of public questions found on the last few pages of this document.

C. Items in the presentation to take special note:

1. Existing Conditions: (7 current fields in use)

- a. 2 Soccer fields 60 yds x 40 yds.
- b. 3 Soccer fields 120 yds x 53-60 yds.
- c. 1 Soccer fields 103 yds x 60 yds.
- d. 1 Rugby field 130 yds x 68 yds
- e. 4 baseball fields (infrequently requested for a use permit)

2. Design Considerations:

- a. Flood disturbance
- b. Steep slopes (access to the fields from Chesterfield Avenue)
- c. ADA (handicap) access to the parks and athletic fields
- d. Dam safety limits for connection to Lake Montebello
 - i. Engineer design consultant (RK&K) is working with Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) Dam Safety to identify a path connection from Father Hoopers Field under the Harford Road to Lake Montebello.
- e. Electric, water and sanitary connection for the proposed field house
- f. Preserving and protecting natural resources (trees and Herring Run Stream).

3. **Opportunities:**
 - a. Optimize the layout of the athletic fields:
 - i. Reorient the athletic fields (north and south)
 - ii. Grid layout of athletic fields with 40-to-70-foot field separation
 - iii. Improve identification for athletic fields.
 - b. Improve surface stormwater drainage.
 - c. Select appropriate native and resilient plant materials to establish athletic grass fields and shade trees.

4. **Proposed Park Site Amenities and Improvements:**
 - a. Multi-use athletic grass fields to provide 10 fields:
 - i. 2 fields- 120 yds x 60 yds outside floodplain
 - ii. 3 fields- 75 yds x 50 yds
 - iii. 4 fields- 60 yds 40 yds
 - iv. Maintain rugby field 130 yds x 68 yds Improve surface stormwater drainage.
 - b. Handicap accessible park entrances and pathways
 - c. New pathways to accommodate both multi-use field users and cross-country runners.
 - d. One field house with restrooms, drinking fountain and storage (for small field goals and maintenance equipment).
 - a. Peak hour users: approximately 200
COMMUNITY COMMENT:
10 players + 35 persons per field = 45 x 10 fields = 450 persons
 - b. Code minimum requirements for plumbing fixtures for 200 users:
 - i. •Male water closets: 1 per 75 users
 - ii. •Male sinks: 1 per 200
 - iii. •Female water closets: 1 per 40 users
 - iv. •Female sinks: 1 per 150
 - v. •Drinking Fountain: 1 per 1000
 - e. Automated irrigation system installed where permitted by regulatory agencies due to flood plain. Irrigated grass fields allow for frequent repeat use of fields.
 - f. Conceptual plans did not show but will be shown in design development plans:
 - i. Bike racks
 - ii. Shade shelters with picnic bench tables and seating.
 - iii. Park benches
 - iv. Drinking fountains
 - v. Removable bleachers
 - vi. Trash receptacles

5. **Comments compiled from meeting by BCRP Staff:**
 - a. Community wants at least one softball / baseball/ kickball field.
 - b. Some don't think that BCRP should only rely on permitting to fix and cut baseball fields. Think the fields should be fixed and then people will want to use them.
 - c. Maintenance of the field house will be BCRP.
 - d. Restrooms will have changing tables in both restrooms (unisex).
 - e. Road closures cannot be determined at early design phase. This discussion with the community is more appropriate at 70% / 100 % construction design.

- f. Environmental and engineering constraints due to the flood plain will be discussed in more detail in construction design phase. Baltimore City's DPW storm water management and Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) will review plans to attain final plan permit approvals.
- g. Acknowledged, a suggestion to maximizing the athletic fields space out of the flood plain, ensuring that there are one or two of each type of field outside of the flood zone, if feasible.
- h. 30% construction design plans with an engineer cost estimate will allow the City to apply for funds to complete design and advertise the project for construction.
- i. The site improvement program primary goal is to provide improved athletic fields with a field house that is compliant with ADA handicap accessibility federal and state guidelines. There are other areas within Herring Run Park to accommodate family gatherings, gardening, and play areas.
- j. Community stressed need for maintenance of athletic fields and restrooms/fieldhouse.
- k. Connection to Hall Springs and Eastwood fields will use the existing pedestrian bridge and greenway trail. Connection to Lake Montebello through the Harford Road tunnel shall be considered in this scope of design. The construction of the connection to Lake Montebello may be a separate funded construction project.
- l. Hall Springs existing parking area and restroom can be used for Father Hoopers Field. However, the existing path connection distance between these two locations is greater than 500ft length which is not ADA compliant. So, Father Hooper Fields shall need its own new fieldhouse as well as ADA parking spaces installed along Chesterfield Avenue adjacent to the athletic fields.
- m. DPW stream improvement project is separate from BCRP Father Hooper Athletic Field Improvements. DPW is welcome to attend BCRP design meetings but not required.
- n. When we have a date for the next public meeting, we will let everyone who attended this meeting and the broader community know.
- o. The design development to locate the fieldhouse near Norman Avenue will consider one option to raise the building elevation to walk from Chesterfield overlooking the fields.
- p. Bumps out to slow cars along Chesterfield shall be considered working with DOT.
- q. Planting of trees between fields will be considered in terms of opportunities and constraints to provide shade. Shade canopies will be considered, too.
- r. Security of the park will be considered in association with the proposed fieldhouse which will provide an electric service to the park to connect a security camera. A solar roof on the field house can be considered, too.
- s. Raising the athletic fields not within the flood plain will be considered. The site improvements to the fields within the flood plain will be limited to local, state and federal regulatory guidelines governing improvements within a flood plain.
- t. Concerns for cross country trails being low mowed to be reconsidered. The low mow grass is already growing with more precipitation (rainy weather). The mowing of this path is mowed by the school and AAU program that uses these cross-country mowed lawn trails.
- u. Hall Springs field house improvements is being considered by BCRP as a separate future improvement.
- v. Installation of more trash receptacles shall be considered at:
 - i. Chesterfield & Harford/Fr Hooper entrance
 - ii. The pedestrian bridge over Herring Run

D. NEXT STEPS:

1. Conceptual design review of the athletic fields with the sport team coaches who use the Father Hooper Athletic Fields. This meeting is pending to occur at 6pm on November 15th or 16th.
2. Topographic survey and natural resource inventory have been completed with the report issued to BCRP around Mid-November 2023. This report will include the location of the 100-year flood plain limit line.
3. Existing utilities will be mapped, and a report issued to BCRP in December 2023.
4. Early to mid-Winter 2023/2024, preparation of site plans for the design development phase for these athletic field site improvements.
5. For late Winter 2023/2024, BCRP will schedule the community design review meeting to review the design development plans (30% construction design).

E. ATTACHMENTS:

1. PDF of the PowerPoint Presentation provided on September 18, 2023.
2. Poll results of the survey questions (Slido app) polled during the presentation.
3. List of community questions to be

Please review these meeting notes and provide any revisions for consideration of approval by our BCRP's Office of Capital Development and Planning by emailing Will Andersen [William.andersen@baltimorecity.gov] and/or by phone (410) 396-0217]. Also, carbon copy comments to BCRP's Community Engagement's Community Liaison, Carlos Camacho at Carlos.Camacho@baltimorecity.gov or by phone (410) 746-5431.

Thank you!

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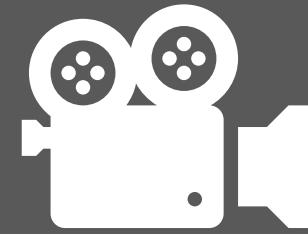




COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

Athletic Fields Improvement

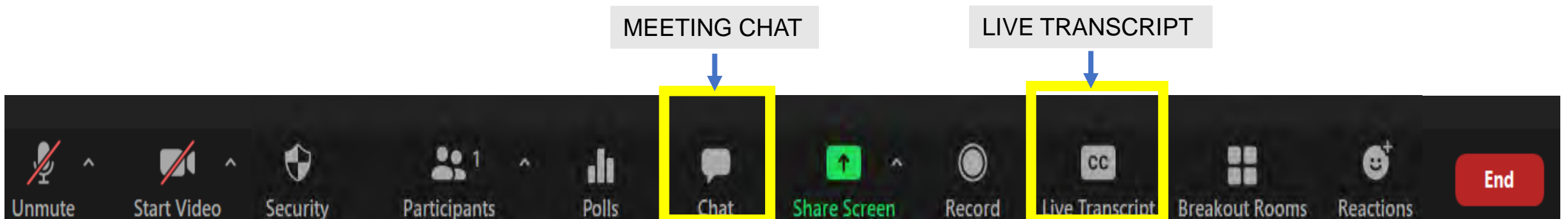
WELCOME



THIS MEETING IS
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Zoom How-To and Housekeeping

- All attendees will be MUTED with your video off, for the initial portion of the meeting.
- *6 to Unmute / *9 to Raise Your Hand
- Be polite!
- Live transcription is available
- Please reserve your questions for the end of the presentation
- Questions?
 - Use Chat feature to communicate with the project team (you may also email your questions- see last slide)



Introduction

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks
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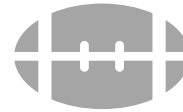
Consultant Team
Melissa Miklus, PLA, ASLA



Tell us more about yourself



What sports do you play?



How do you use Father Hooper's Fields?



What sport leagues are represented at this meeting tonight?

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What sports do you play?

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SOCCER, SOFTBALL, DOES DANCE COUNT?
IRISH SPORTS - GAELIC FOOTBALL, HURLING, AND CAMOGIE
PICKLEBALL
I HIKE AND BOTANIZE.
"SOCCER"
SPRING TRACK PRACTICE
DRONE FLYING
"WALKING"
BIKE RIDING
"HIKING, BOCCE"
BIRD WALKS
WALKING/HIKING
SOCCER, FENCING
LIFE CHASING DIRT BIKERS
ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY
DOG WALKING
CYCLING
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WALKING DOGS AND HIKING
BOTANIZING
BIRDWATCHING
BIRDWATCHING
BORDWATCHING-HIKING
HIKING
JOGGING
SLEDDING
FÚTBOL
WATCH SOCCER"
MY KID PLAYS SOCCER
WALKS/BIRD WATCHING
DOG WALKING
TRACK AND FIELD
PICKLE BALL
SOCCER

PLAYING WITH DOGS"
WILDLIFE VIEWING
KIDS PLAY SOCCER; FAMILY/NEIGHBORS PLAY KICKBALL, FRISBEE

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How do you use Father Hooper's Fields?

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How do you use Father Hooper's Fields?

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Organized Team Sports (Soccer, Rugby, Field Hockey, Baseball, etc.)



Walking, Running, Biking



Open Field Activities (Walking Dogs, Flying Kites, Family Activities, etc.)



Other



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Charles Village Youth Soccer Club
Soccer Without Borders
St. Francis of Assisi Athletic Association (SFAAA)
Baltimore Gaelic Athletic Association Irish sports played May-Sept
City College Cross Country
City Neighbors Hamilton
City College
We are missing Baltimore Dockers Aussie Rules

What to Expect



BACKGROUND



CONSIDERATIONS



CONCEPT
DEVELOPMENT



YOUR
THOUGHTS



NEXT STEP



Background



Purpose

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks is reorganizing and repurposing the existing sport fields to accommodate the future needs of the community while being sensitive to Herring Run's exceptional environmental and cultural features.

Timeline



Fall 2023

Public meetings to seek input for design concept.

we are
here



Winter 2023-2024

Completion of 30% concept plans.



Final Design: TBD

Completion of Final Design.

Existing Conditions



Fields today

- 4 baseball fields
- 2 Soccer fields 60 yds x 40 yds
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Considerations

Design Considerations

- Floodplain disturbance
- Steep slopes (access and erosion)
- ADA access to park and fields
- User volume and parking
- Dam Safety limits for connection to Lake Montebello
- Utility and sanitary connection for the Field House
- Preserving and protecting natural resources (trees and stream)



Opportunities

Provide improved park access and connections to:

- Surrounding neighborhoods, Herring Run Stream and Lake Montebello
- New park entrance at Norman Avenue
- New and existing internal park pathways
 - Existing greenway trail (pedestrian and bicyclists)
- Existing bike route along Harford Rd and Lake Montebello



Opportunities

Athletic field site improvements to:

- Optimize the layout of the athletic fields to include:
 - Reorient the athletic fields (north and south)
 - Grid layout of athletic fields with 40 to 60 foot field separation
 - Improve athletic field identification (for user permits and wayfinding signage)
- Improve surface stormwater drainage.
- Select appropriate native and resilient plant materials to establish:
 - Athletic grass fields
 - Shade trees





Concept Development

Activities and Operations

- How many fields do we need?
- Which sports will be played?
- What are the peak hours?
- Who are our users (age and preferences)?



The image is a detailed landscape architectural plan for a park. A large white circle is superimposed over the plan, containing text. The plan shows several rectangular athletic fields of varying sizes, some with goalposts. A river flows through the upper portion of the site. A fieldhouse with a diamond-shaped roof is located near the bottom center. The park is surrounded by trees and has a road on the left and bottom edges. The text in the white circle lists proposed features and field specifications.

Proposed Park Features

Multiuse athletic grass fields to provide:
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(for small field goals and maintenance equipment).

Automated irrigation system where permitted by
regulatory review agencies.



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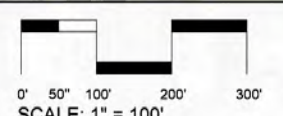
Herring Run Trail

Harford Rd.

Chesterfield Ave.

Norman Ave.

ADA Accessible Path



Supporting Park Operation

- Public comfort stations with ADA access
- Equipment storage for goal posts and moveable bleachers
- Drinking fountain
- Bike racks at athletic fields, field house and park entrances
- Optional seating area

Standards based on potential peak hour park use:

Number of fields: 9

Peak hours users: approx. 200

Code minimum requirements for plumbing fixtures:

- Male water closets: 1 per 75 users
- Male sinks: 1 per 200
- Female water closets: 1 per 40 users
- Female sinks: 1 per 150
- Drinking Fountain : 1 per 1000



Field House Location

- 1 Access from Chesterfield Rd., Norman Ave. and the neighborhood
- 2 Access from Both Harford Rd and Chesterfield Rd.
- 3 Centrally located with easy access from all proposed fields

Field House Architecture

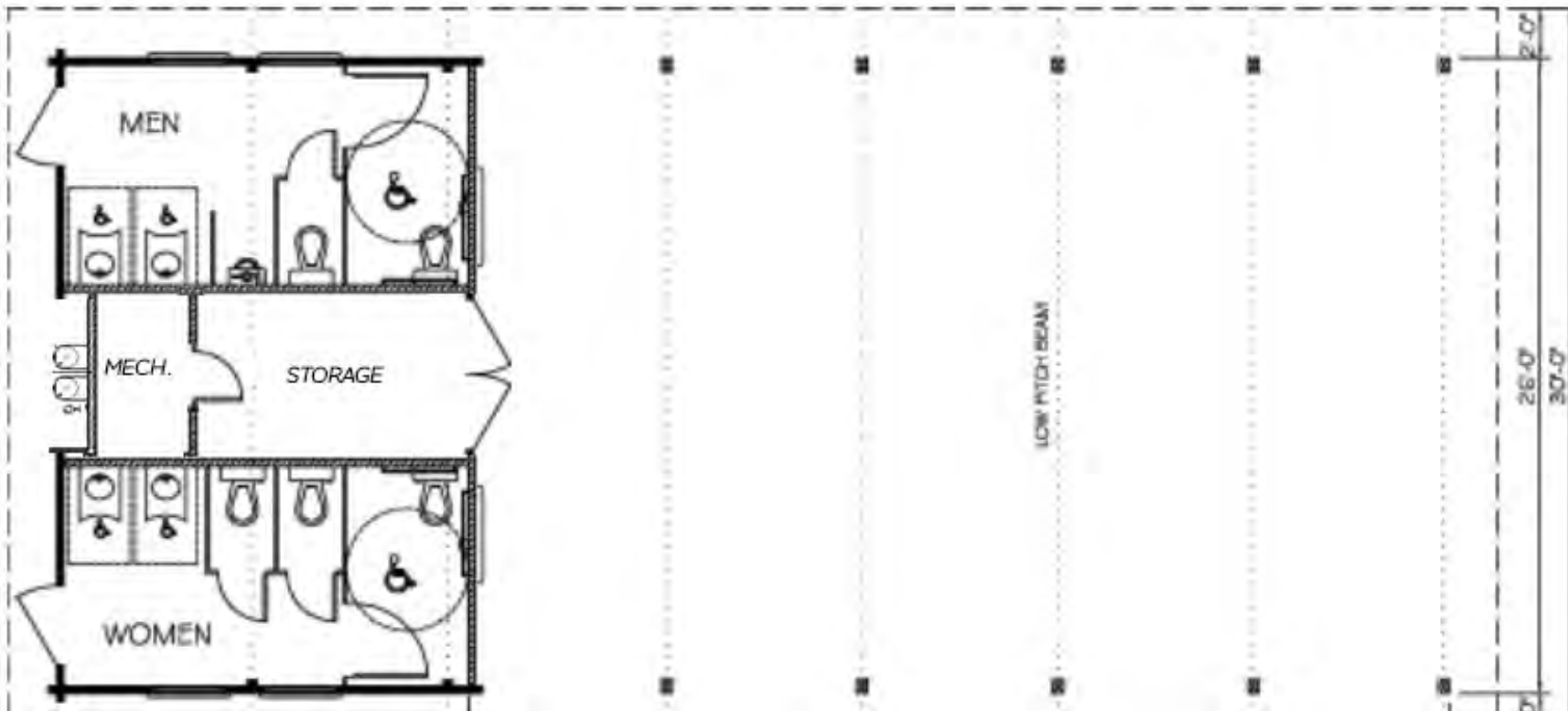
- Layout plans with different options
- Optional architectural styles



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LAYOUT OPTION

Multi-stall restrooms; Covered seating space

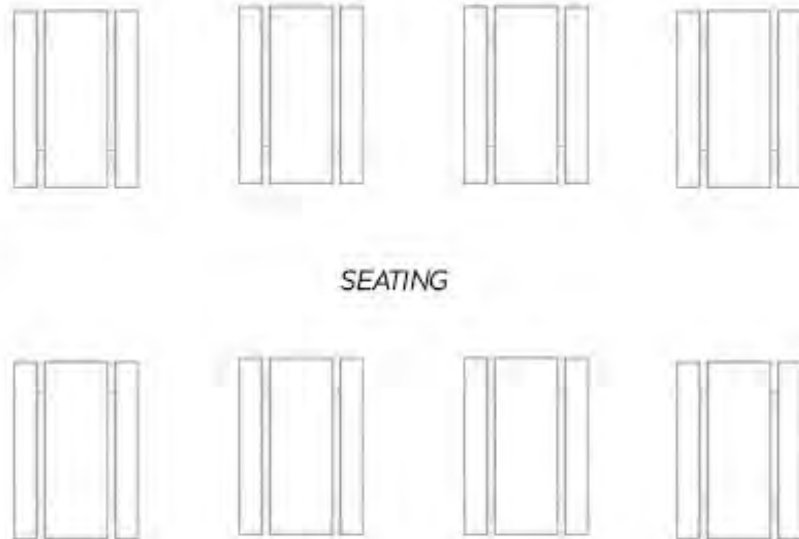
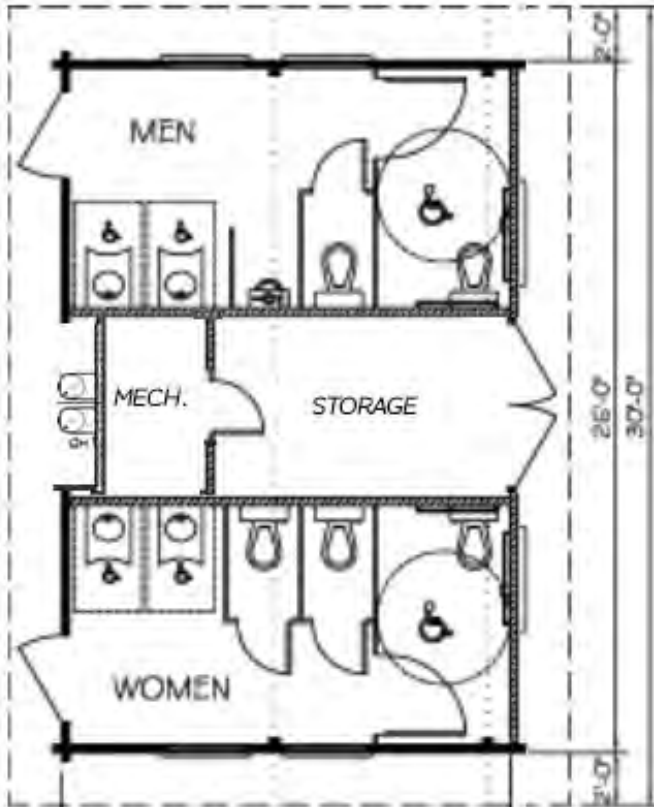


- ADA accessible multi-stall restrooms
- Men restrooms
 - 2 Toilet stalls
 - 1 Urinal
 - 2 Sinks
- Women restrooms
 - 3 Toilet stalls
 - 2 Sinks
- Drinking fountain
- Storage room with 8ft door
- Covered seating space with shelter

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LAYOUT OPTION

Multi-stall restrooms; Seating without shelter

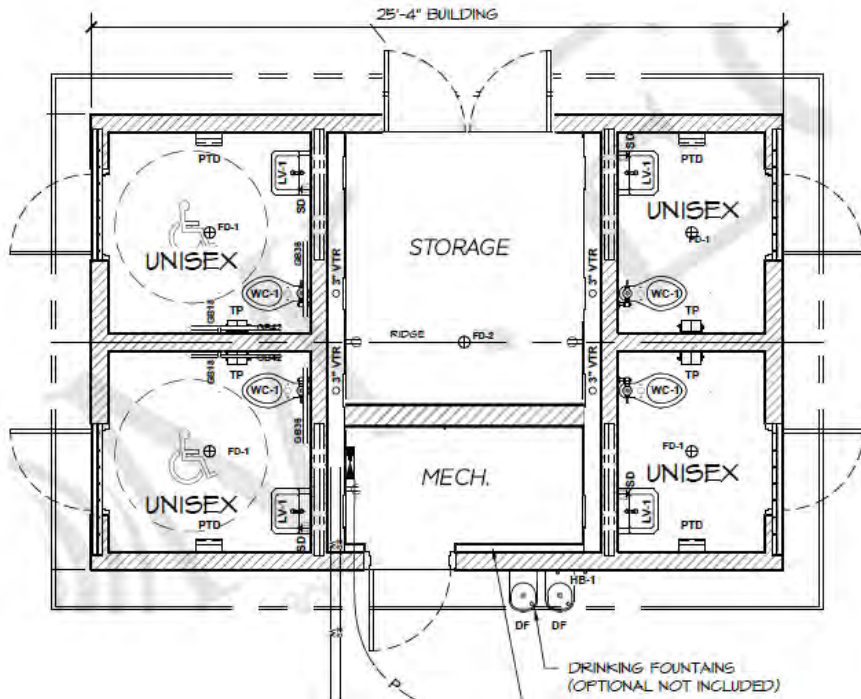


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- Drinking fountain
- Storage room with 8ft door
- Seating without shelter

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LAYOUT OPTION

Unisex restrooms; Optional covered entrance



- 2 - 3 ADA accessible unisex restrooms
- 2 - 3 Unisex restrooms
- Drinking fountain
- Storage room with 8ft door
- Optional covered entrance

Contextual Architecture Style and Materials

Stucco wall



On site rocks



Residential neighborhood



Gable roof - Hip roof



Stone porch



Traditional sloping roofs

Red brick facade



OPTIONAL ARCHITECTURE STYLE

A

- Traditional red brick sloping roof
- Gable roof
- Brick and stucco
- Masonry structure and wooden structure for seating



OPTIONAL ARCHITECTURE STYLE

B

Stone pedestal and siding/stucco

Gable roof or hip roof

Masonry structure and wooden structure for seating

B3



B2



B1



B4



C OPTIONAL ARCHITECTURE STYLE

C

- Contemporary design
- Shed roof/split roof
- Minimalistic materials
- Steel structure

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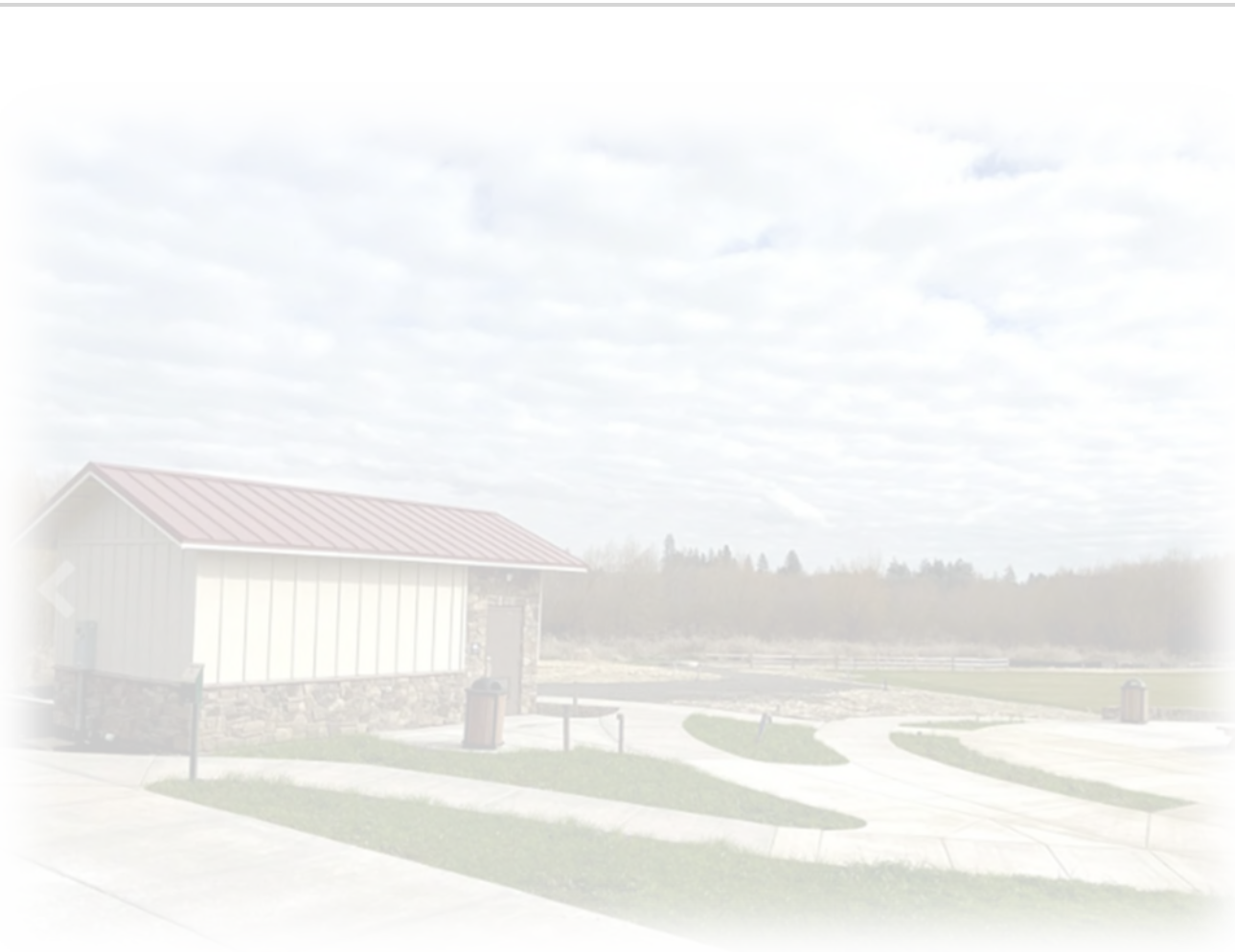
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Maintenance and Security Consideration



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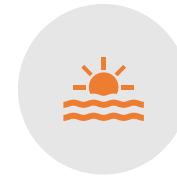
MATERIAL LIFE
CYCLE



SECURED
BUILDING:
LOCKSET AND
CAMERAS



BIRD PREVENTION
FOR OPEN
PAVILIONS



UV RESISTANT
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** Architectural material should be selected based on maintenance crews' ability to care for the structure.*



Your Thoughts

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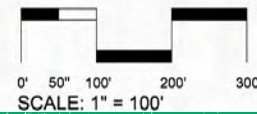
**Do the fields adequately accommodate
your teams' sports?**

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CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN
Father Hooper Fields

Chesterfield Avenue, Baltimore, MD



Block: 8434
Lot: B001

September 2023

Do the fields adequately accommodate your teams' sports?

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Yes



No



Maybe



Yes, but I have some suggestions

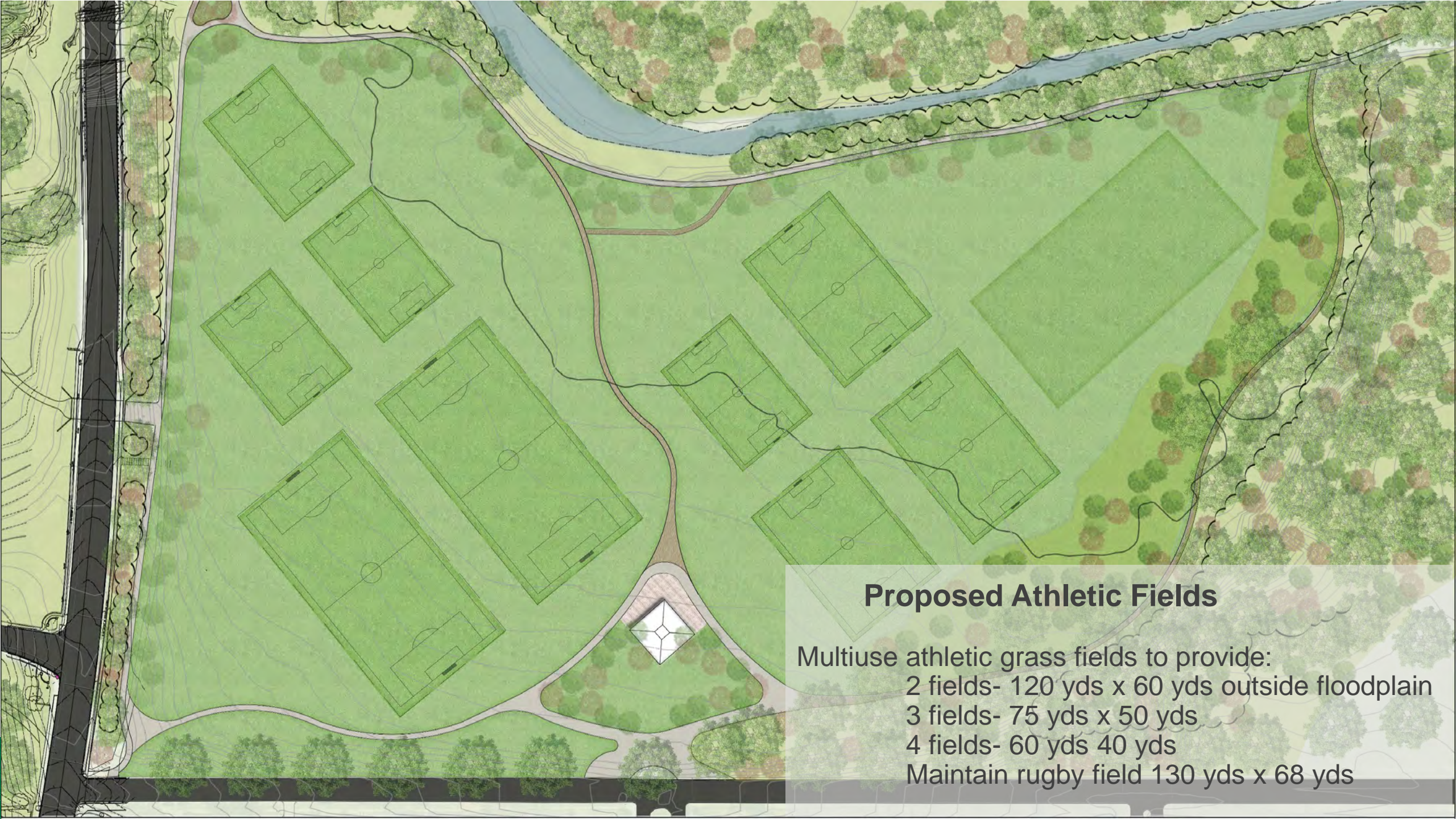


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What is your suggestion to accommodate your teams' sports?

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- Do you expect each field to be utilized at all times?
Is this just for teams with permits?
We need a baseball field.
- Can some of this be solved by movable goals vs. in ground posts for soccer?
Please consider that not these field are not ONLY used for sports. There are months at a time when the field are used by everyday community folks. Please consider the neighborhood
- Storage spaces proposed look small for such a large park
- Can the meadow that is farther down chesterfield be made into softball/baseball field? It has better drainage
- GaGa Ball
- Lacrosse
- Playground
- Where is the space for the families who support? They often have young kids and other family members with them. What can they do while they wait?
- Multiuse fields -how would they be designated/labeled to allow for sports like lacrosse, baseball and...
- (Not sure there is anyone local who wants to run a softball league?)
- Is it possible to make the 130x68yd field bigger.
- Keep a baseball field.
- Football mainly uses parkside

- The sizes of the proposed fields wouldn't accommodate the ages of our players. I have specific details for our league and can weigh in as the design comes along.
 - Add a Baseball/kickball/softball field
 - More open fields, less structures/ buildings/ paved walkways
 - Playground for siblings/children of athletes?
 - Thinking Cricket as a sport and dimensions to accommodate
 - Rugby pitch currently there is enough space to have 130*90, as long as there is additional side space
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- Splash pad for youth
 - Can football and lacrosse use the fields?
 - To see how the park is currently being programmed. FHRP does yoga, Tai Chi, there are walking groups hikes and tours.
 - Many families need a baseball diamond for practice.
 - Are the fields only for sports any general use
 - At least one softball field.
 - There is no softball here, because the fields are gone.
Why not bring one back?
 - A backstop and diamond for kickball, softball
 - Double check field size for multi use and future sports like lacrosse
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- Softball/baseball field
- Keep a baseball/softball/kickball field or fields.
- Baseball?
- Baseball/softball field
- Plant more trees!
- Softball
- Baseball

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Concept plan shows 10 proposed fields of various sizes. If you are a coach, for your athletic program, please share:

What sports do you play?

What age groups do you coach?

How many teams do you have in each age group?



- There are also multiple pickup soccer games that do not permit
- I suggest posting info on getting permit for mowing purposes on a (potential) softball field, so informal leagues know.

- Charles Village Soccer

We are a youth soccer club for city kids

We have 15-20 u8-u18 teams, 2-4 teams per age group

- Baltimore GAA 60-80 ppl
- Soccer. 8 and 9 year olds. And 12 and 13 year olds. Our league has two under 4, four under 6, four under 8, three under 10, two under 12, and two under 14.
- Were the soccer teams who rent the soccer fields on the weekends invited to this
- I didn't get to submit my last response. I think there needs to be opportunity for pick-up games (open times/days). Need a functioning baseball/softball field.

- Soccer Without Borders has four high school aged soccer teams playing in spring leagues, roughly 60-80 players
- Youth Soccer, U12 and U8 girls
- Football
- Soccer,3-14, 17 teams
- Soccer, Ages 3-7, Ages 8-14, We have 250 children total in sfaaa soccer

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Do you believe the concept meets the community's needs?

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What is your suggestion to better meet the community's needs?

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- Bulletin board or two along chesterfield for community notice, field permit schedules, etc
- Involve the entire community not just folks who come into the community to use the field and leave.
- Community board like at Brehms lane
- Porto potty is OK
- Need good signage
- Larger storage are in the building.
- Trash collection
- Deeper buffer with stream
- Bollards to prevent vehicle/dirt bike access
- Free little library
- To do more listening sessions with shareholders in the community. BENI, BECA, FHRP, CHUM, the Silver Angels Mature Adult Group, The Green School, AFYA etc... I think there is a small fraction of community on this call and they need more of a presence. They need to be a part of the decision making. These plans are for people outside of the community who use the park.
- Be sure to accommodate fans AND lots of trash production and pick up. Include a parent child rest room and a unisex restroom. Baseball is growing interest in AA. communities.
- Actual signage not just spray painted arrows
- Field lining regularly

- Assurances that City will oversee usage of the fields and do prompt trash collection and regular maintenance.
- Softball baseball field
 - No lights
 - Regular schedule of trash removal
 - Agree with what others have put (except lights)
- Why spend all this money on a bathroom building that will not be open to the public? This is a waste. Why irrigate fields that are green except under drought conditions, once every decade maybe?
- Don't build baseball fields unless demand is there from local associations
- No cars parking on grass
- Playground
- Need more time to think -noise, increased litter and policing
- Options for pickup games, family recreation
- Have a specific person that community members can contact who is responsible for the field house
- Light
- Water bottle filling station
- Small playground or maybe just swings
- Kickball
- Covered area

- lighting can be limited to 1 field, limited hours or days
Restrict vehicle access to the fields.
- Softball/baseball
Small playground for young children
- Options for non league play, ie pick up games
- Are there opportunities to maximize forest canopy and water quality improvements?
- Parking area (not on Chesterfield) for ice cream truck
- Softball kickball field
- Lighting for one field
- Field lighting for permitted evening games on chesterfield. Traffic calming.
Maintenance plan.
- Baseball/ softball field(s)
- Softball/baseball diamond.
- Ability to rent pavilion
- Multi sport field
- Baseball/softball field
- More areas for walking and nature walking
- Non sporting event

- Benches
- Is it feasible to add sports field lights to some fields?
- Make it inaccessible to dirt bikers
- Multiple Sports field.
- One baseball field
- Include baseball/softball/kickball field (s).
- Knock on doors - post at the local bodega
- Small playground for families
Small dog park?
- Keep the softball field
- Baseball field

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Which Field house location do you prefer?

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Field House Location

- 1 Access from Chesterfield Rd., Norman Ave. and the neighborhood
- 2 Access from Both Harford Rd and Chesterfield Ave.
- 3 Centrally located with easy access from all proposed fields

Which Field house location do you prefer?

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location 1- Norman Ave Entrance



Location 2- Corner of Chesterfield Ave and Harford Rd.



Location 3- Central to all fields



other



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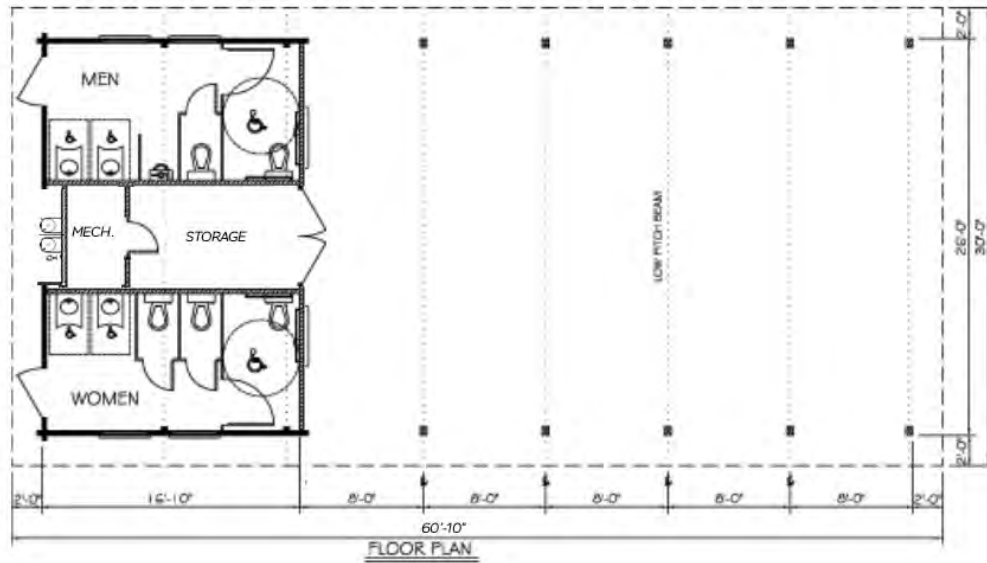
Which field house layout do you prefer?

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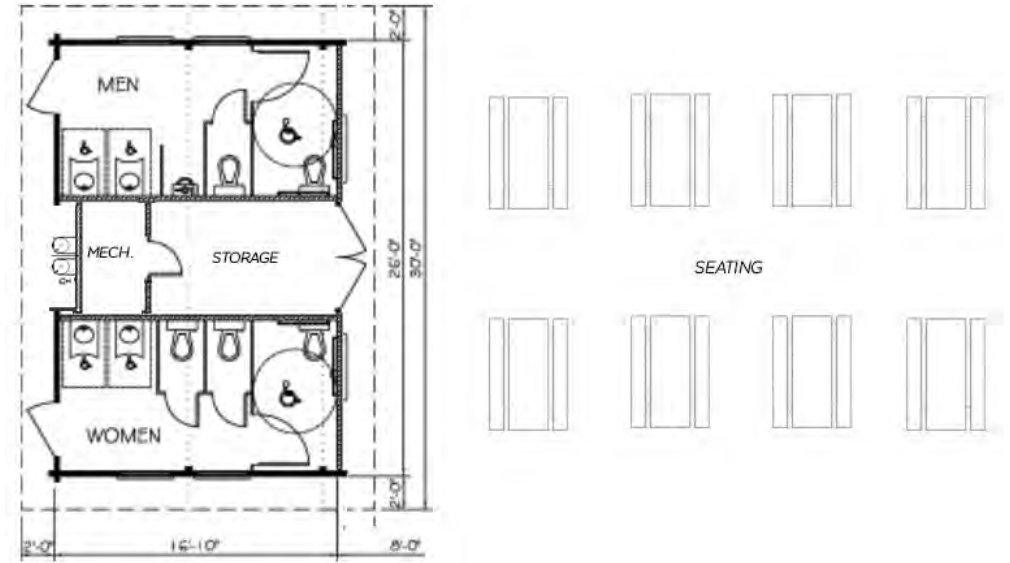
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Covered seating space



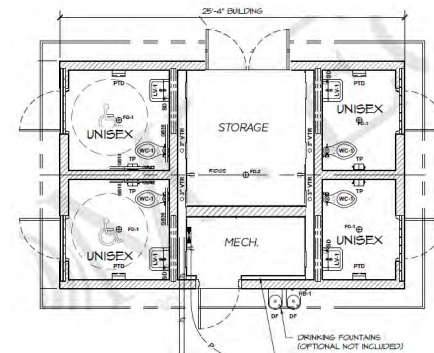
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Seating without shelter



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Field house without shelter and concrete pad



Which field house layout do you prefer?

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1- Covered seating space



2- Seating without shelter- removable Picnic tables with concrete pad



3- Field house without shelter and concrete pad



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For restrooms, which of these options do you prefer?

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For restrooms, which of these options do you prefer?

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Multi-stall (separate Men and Women)



Unisex restrooms



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Which architectural style do you prefer?

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OPTIONAL ARCHITECTURE STYLE



A

Traditional red brick
sloping roof
Gable roof
Brick and stucco
Masonry structure
and wooden
structure for seating



B

Stone pedestal and
siding/stucco
Gable roof or hip
roof
Masonry structure
and wooden
structure for seating



C

Contemporary
design
Shed roof/split roof
Minimalistic
materials
Steel structure

Which architectural style do you prefer?

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A - Traditional Red Brick



B - Craftsman with stone accent



C - Contemporary Design



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Do you have any other comments?

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- The design needs to discourage dirt bikers.
- Red brick design looked dreary as shown—any way to modernize it? Could some tables be covered and some be in the open? (I do think creating some shade/rain cover for spectators is important)
- Is NE police involved in the design process to point out safety issues?
- Safety and security for users and community should be part of design in all respects.
- Covered seating on fieldhouse is an invitation for misuse and vandalism--late night parties, for example. Make it simple.
- Any consideration to building a sidewalk on the field side of Chesterfield to improve pedestrian safety?
- Can the covered area be available for community meetings?
- Regularly scheduled maintenance and trash pick up
- Can you design the bench/tables to discourage sleeping?
- I selected the craftsman but I am concerned about vandalism. The red brick might be sturdier, more long-lasting, and more resilient to vandalism.
- Solar power?
- Air blade for hand drying?
- Thank you -thoughtful design, informative presentation
- Green tile roof would be nice.
- Eco roof?
- Solar panels
- Hopefully the stormwater design will be sufficient to capture and infiltrate water.

- Not wooden searing, longer lasting material
- Green roof?
- Storage spaces look small
- Green tile roof to match chesterfield & the bus house
- This Slido app was cool!
- Should be easy to clean



Next Step

If you have additional comments email

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POLL RESULTS

Athletic Fields Improvement

Slido Results 09/18/23 Public Meeting



Event summary report

Father Hooper Public Engagement 1.pptx

Active users
52

Engagement score **541**

Engagement per user **10.4**

Questions
32

Likes / dislikes **23 / 0**

Anonymous rate **100%**

Poll votes
486

Polls created **13**

Votes per poll **37**

Popular questions

Anonymous
18 Sep, 11:11pm 0 3

Using permitted sports as your main metric is limiting- it doesn't take into account how many people have stopped playing here because of the wet field

Anonymous
18 Sep, 10:50pm 0 2

Why is there not one little baseball field included?

Anonymous
18 Sep, 10:55pm 0 2

Is there consideration of gender neutral restrooms?

Anonymous
18 Sep, 10:28pm 0 1

How many people are in the live meeting?

Anonymous
18 Sep, 10:36pm 0 1

Is this project part of the existing Herring Run Master Plan?

Topics

Word cloud visualization of topics discussed during the event. The most prominent words are 'many', 'people', and 'fields'. Other significant words include 'field', 'proposed', 'open', 'meeting', 'pavilion', 'permitted', 'project', 'inch', 'venue', 'trucks', 'existing', 'timeline', 'facilities', 'peak', 'wet', 'vehicles', 'utilities', 'use', 'utilized', 'nice', 'you're', 'west', 'water', 'traffic', 'Run', 'way', and 'users'.

Influential users

Anonymous users 32 23

FIELD HOUSE DESIGN OPTIONS

WHICH FIELD HOUSE LOCATION DO YOU PREFER? Check the box next to your preference
Refer to the boards for larger images



- 1 Norman Ave Entrance
- 2 Corner of Chesterfield Ave and Harford Rd.
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WHICH ARCHITECTURAL STYLE DO YOU PREFER? Check the box next to your preference
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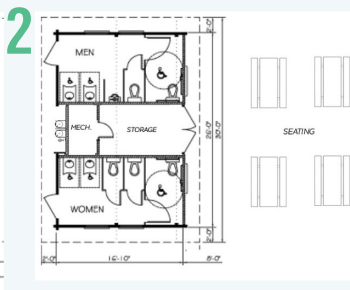


C - Contemporary Design

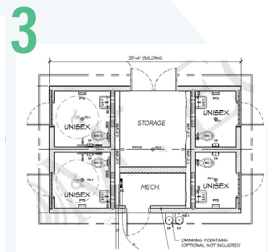
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Covered seating space



Seating without shelter
Removable picnic tables
with concrete pad



Field house without shelter
or concrete pad

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PRELIMINARY CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN



AFTER VIEWING THE PRESENTATION AND TALKING WITH THE PROJECT TEAM, WHAT ARE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE PARK LAYOUT?

IF YOU ARE A COACH, PLEASE SHARE ...

» **WHAT SPORTS DO YOU PLAY?**

» **WHAT AGE GROUPS DO YOU COACH?**

» **HOW MANY TEAMS DO YOU HAVE IN EACH AGE GROUP?**





PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Athletic Fields Improvement

Slido Results 09/18/23 Public Meeting Questions

- Do you expect each field to be utilized at all times?
Is this just for teams with permits?
Can some of this be solved by movable goals vs. in ground posts for soccer?
Please consider that not these field are not ONLY used for sports. There are months at a time when the field are used by everyday community folks. Please consider the neighborhood
- Where is the space for the families who support? They often have young kids and other family members with them. What can they do while they wait?
- Multiuse fields -how would they be designated/labeled to allow for sports like lacrosse, baseball and...
- (Not sure there is anyone local who wants to run a softball league?)
- Is it possible to make the 130x68yd field bigger.
- Playground for siblings/children of athletes?
- Can football and lacrosse use the fields?
- There is no softball here, because the fields are gone.
Why not bring one back?
- To do more listening sessions with shareholders in the community. BENI, BECA, FHRP, CHUM, the Silver Angels Mature Adult Group, The Green School, AFYA etc... I think there is a small fraction of community on this call and they need more of a presence. They need to be a part of the decision making. These plans are for people outside of the community who use the park.

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- Air blade for hand drying?
- Eco roof?
- Green roof?

- How many people are in the live meeting?
- Is this project part of the existing Herring Run Master Plan?
- Will the new entrance on Norman be solely for pedestrians and bicyclists? Is there a way to construct it to discourage dirt bikers from using it?
- Why is there not one little baseball field included?
- Will the comfort station only be open during permitted activities or from dawn to dusk?
- To what degree are other Baltimore City departments aware of this project? Are there opportunities to collaborate on concurrent goals?
- For example, are Forestry and DPW at the table to maximize forest canopy and water quality opportunities for mutual benefit?
- Is there consideration of gender neutral restrooms?
- Can design accommodate Cricket brought to inner city and a venue with modern facilities. There is a large west Indian/ Carribean community/
- Is there a surface that could be used that is graffiti resistant?
- If utilities are being brought to the site can EV chargers be added on the street?
- Are bike racks proposed?
- How will this timeline overlap DPW's stream restoration?
- What is being proposed for Herring Run erosion and stormwater flow?
- Will the team organizer vehicles be allowed on the fields?
- Will the operation budget be available to maintain all of those fields?
- Who will open and close the restrooms?