

Chickahominy Riverfront Park

This 140-acre park purchased in December 1991 is located on the Chickahominy River and Gordon's Creek off Route 5. The purchase of a riverfront park had long been identified in the County's Comprehensive Plan. The character of the park exhibits many regional park attributes. The site is primarily rural in nature and consists of water-based recreation and camping along the shoreline, a very large central open area, and a large wooded area to the east. Potential exists to create an excellent family-oriented, multi-recreational facility.

Improvements to the park since the facility began operation in February 2002 include: the removal or transfer of RV's visible from Route 5 to the rear of the property, renovation of utilities in some camping areas, renovation of two swimming pools, and removal of debris. In addition, a grant was recently awarded to make improvements to the boat ramp.

Hurricane Isabel caused significant damage to the park office/concession building requiring closure and the building should be replaced within the next two years.

The Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan identified several revenue producing programs consistent with a waterfront park and a regional park. They include: a marina, golf course, restaurant/ballroom, concessions operations, lodging and conference center. In addition, the P&R Master Plan recommends a passive nature park at Chickahominy, Yarmouth, or Gordon Islands. This site is adjacent to Gordon Creek and Gordon Island, sites that are also identified in the Lower James River study.

Existing Facilities

2 Outdoor swimming pools & bath house
Park office/concessions building
Maintenance building
Camping check-in station
Small driving range
Picnic Shelter
200 campsites

Potential Development Options

Marina
Restaurant
Central operations, office (replacement)
4 Volleyball courts
2 Tennis courts
2 Basketball courts
Picnic areas
Parking
Hub for Capital to Capital Bikeway
Par 3 golf course
Rental cabins
Passive nature center
Public beach
Bank fishing, piers

District Park Sports Complex

This 406-acre park, located at 5700 Warhill Trail off Longhill Road, was purchased in 1995. The initial master plan approved by the Board in 1997 concentrated recreational development efforts on approximately 115 acres. The master plan was updated in 2003 to program future sports complex areas on the entire 406 acres and will be forwarded to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for consideration at a later date. The site is characterized as wooded with rolling terrain, streams, and ponds surrounded by existing and projected residential communities.

The Park is divided into distinct sport complexes, each with parking and concessions. Phase I, completed in 2000, included an entrance road, intersection improvements, a 1-mile paved multiuse path, and stormwater management ponds. In 2001, a public/private partnership developed the Williamsburg Indoor Sports Complex (WISC).

Existing Facilities

Baseball Complex

3 Lighted Little League 200' fields
1 Majors 350' field
4 Tee ball/multiuse field
Concession/restroom building
222 Parking spaces

Soccer Complex

4 Soccer fields
Concession/restroom building
132 Parking spaces

Potential Development Options

Baseball Complex

1 Lighted Minors field
Overflow parking
Playground
Multiuse path

Soccer Complex

4 Soccer fields
132 Parking spaces
Multiuse path

Softball Complex

4 Softball Fields
222 Parking spaces
Multiuse path

Stadium

Competition football/soccer field
Track and Field facilities
600 Parking spaces
Stadium with 2,000 seats

Maintenance Compound

1-acre compound, 1/2-acre fenced
Maintenance and storage building

District Park Sports Complex – continued

Park operations building, restrooms
15 Parking spaces

Multiuse Practice Field Complex

6 Lighted multiuse practice fields
2 Lighted synthetic turf practice fields
Concession/restroom building
400 Parking spaces

Lacrosse/Field Hockey Complex

2 Multiuse fields
One lighted competition field
500 seat stadium
225 Parking spaces

Two Picnic Areas

Picnic shelters
Restrooms
Passive recreation areas, open meadows
Volleyball courts
Fishing piers
Parking areas

Indoor/Outdoor Basketball Facility

Public/private partnership with AAU

Greenways

Paved multiuse path connection to
Freedom Park

Freedom Park

This 676-acre district park, known as the Hotwater/Cole tract, was purchased in 1994 through a bond referendum and opened to the public in 2002. It is located at the intersection of Longhill and Centerville Roads outside the Primary Service Area and is characterized as rural with dense forests, wetlands, Colby Swamp, and some wide-ranging topography. Three culturally significant events on site create interesting opportunities for historical interpretation and programming: a 17th century domicile (1680-1730), the Revolutionary War Battle of Spencer's Ordinary (June 26, 1781), and the First Free Black Settlement (1803). There is currently an on-going archaeological dig on the 17th century site.

Existing Facilities

1-mile entrance road
Parking spaces (33)
5-mile mountain bike trail

1.5-mile hiking trail
Open meadow
Wildflower meadows

Potential Development Options

Historical programs, interpretation, and parking for three historical sites
Park office, meeting room, storage, information area, restrooms
Picnic areas and playgrounds
Special events area
3 Basketball courts
2 Tennis courts
4 Volleyball courts
Outdoor pool with spray park
1 mile loop road
Lake
Aquatic recreation area
Amphitheater
Environmental education center
Dog park
Equestrian area and trails
More hiking and bike trails

Greenway Master Plan

The Greenway Master Plan was adopted in 2002 after a Board-appointed Steering Committee conducted a 12-month planning process. The plan, including maps and an action plan, outlined opportunities for linear parks, open spaces, greenways, and trails that are used for conservation, recreation, and/or alternative transportation.

List of Trail Projects (by five year planning cycle)

2002

- Mid County Park paved multiuse trail -3/4-mile
- Soft surface multiuse trail on District Park Sports Complex - 3.4 miles
- Nature trails on District Park Sports Complex
- Greensprings trailhead and parking facility
- JC/W Community Center paved multiuse loop connection on Longhill Road

2003-2007

- Route 199 paved multiuse trail, part of road widening improvements (south side)
- District Park Sports Complex paved multiuse trail around athletic fields - 1.0 miles
- Regional trail between District Park Sports Complex and Olde Towne Road
- Regional trail between Olde Towne Road and JC/W Community Center
- Mountain bike trails on District Park Sports Complex
- Mountain bike trails on Hotwater/Cole District Park
- Nature trails on Hotwater/Cole District Park
- Bike trails on Hotwater/Cole District Park
- Equestrian trail around Mainland Farm
- Nature trail along Powhatan Creek from Greensprings Trail to John Tyler Highway (east side). Connect to Clara Byrd Baker School
- Multiuse trails to enhance alternative transportation modes leading to Jamestown Island

2008-2012

- Centerville Road paved multiuse trail from District Park Sports Complex along the Regional Utility Corridor to the Hotwater/Cole District Park (west side)
- Longhill Road paved multiuse trail from JC/W Community Center to Centerville Road (north side)
- New Town/Eastern State paved multiuse trail from Monticello to Longhill Connector/Community Center (on utility easement)
- Route 5 paved multiuse trail from Jamestown High School to Ironbound Road (south side in utility easement)
- Ironbound Road paved multiuse trail from Five Forks to Mid County Park (west side)
- Route 199 paved multiuse trail from John Tyler Highway to Monticello (south side)
- Equestrian trail on the Hotwater/Cole District Park
- Nature trail along Powhatan Creek from John Tyler Highway to News Road (east side)

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