

**Minutes of the 16 April 2018**  
**Special Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners**  
**Held at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Yancey County Courtroom**  
**Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, North Carolina**

Present at the 16 April 2018 meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners were Commissioner Jill Austin, Commissioner Mark Ledford, Chairman Johnny Riddle, Commissioner John Stallings, Commissioner Jeff Whitson, County Manager Nathan Bennett, Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, County Attorney Donny Laws, and Planning and Economic Development Director Jamie McMahan.

**Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Riddle called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Stallings made a motion to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Commissioner Austin. The motion to approve was unanimous. (Attachment A)

**Ray-Cort Park Master Plan Approval**

The Board next heard from Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, Mr. Robinson explained to the Board that one piece of the Ray-Cort Park project had been neglected last week and that was the Ray-Cort Park Master Plan. According to Mr. Robinson this plan lays out the improvements to be made to the park. Commissioner Stallings inquired if this had been done last Monday with the resolution. According to Mr. Robinson this was something separate that needed to be approved. Upon hearing from Mr. Robinson, Commissioner Austin made a motion to approve the Ray-Cort Park Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ledford and the vote to approve was unanimous (Attachment B).

**Joint Meeting with the Town of Burnsville and Yancey Economic Development**

**Commission**

**Attendees**

Wanda Proffitt, Winter Star  
Theresa Coletta, Mayor, Town of Burnsville  
Shannon Peterson, Burnsville Town Councilor  
Johnny Riddle, Yancey County Commissioner  
Mark Ledford, Yancey County Commissioner  
John Stallings, Yancey County Commissioner  
Nathan Bennett, Yancey County Manager  
Jamie McMahan, Executive Director, Yancey County EDC  
Warren Bare, Yancey County EDC  
Schell McCall, Yancey County EDC  
Cynthia Deyton, Yancey County EDC  
Judy Buchanan, Burnsville Town Councilor  
Jill Austin, Yancey County Commissioners  
Ginger Johnson, Yancey Chamber of Commerce  
Jason Robinson, Yancey County  
Jim Ashton, Yancey County EDC  
Jon Ray, Yancey County EDC  
Russel Fox, Burnsville Town Councilor  
Robin Smith, TRACTOR  
Becca Smith, TRACTOR  
Monica Carpenter, Mayland Community College  
Pam Wilson, NC Works  
Donny Laws

## Recent Accomplishments/Background

Jamie McMahan, Yancey EDC Executive Director, discussed recent and current economic development activity in the following areas:

1. Infrastructure
2. Education
3. Healthcare
4. Agriculture
5. Entrepreneurship
6. Travel and Tourism
7. Retail Development
8. Industrial/Commercial - Retention and Recruitment

## Economic Development Goals/Priorities for FY 2018-19

\* *Priorities identified in bold italics*

1. Infrastructure
  - Establish WiFi network in Downtown
  - Increase access to broadband at lower cost
  - Additional improvements at Cane River Park
  - ***Connect Pine Swamp and East Yancey WWTPs***
2. Education
  - Pursue NC Department of Public Instruction grant
  - Develop crafts building on Mayland Community College main campus
  - Develop planetarium at Earth to Sky Park
  - ***Advocate for passage of State bond referendum for education (HB 866)***
3. Healthcare
  - Make improvements to Celo Health Center
  - Locate site in Burnsville for additional Mountain Community Health Partnership health center
  - Increase efforts to combat substance abuse
    - Expand substance abuse treatment programs through recruitment of treatment provider/facility
    - Expand education programs in county schools
    - ***Establish group with purpose of developing strategy to address substance abuse issues (access to treatment, prevention, employability)***
4. Agriculture
  - Develop value-added agricultural products program
  - Locate/acquire permanent, year-round Farmers Market site
  - Evaluate use of Town Square for Farmers Market
  - Complete and market TRACTOR online store
  - ***Obtain non-profit status for Farmers Market group***
  - ***Promote and expand TRATOR CSA program***
    - ***Add new business locations for deliveries***

5. Entrepreneurship

- Develop small business incentive program
- EDC to host meeting of small businesses to gather input on small business needs and incentive program
- Install wayfinding signs in Downtown
- Re-brand Yancey County Technology Center
- Make physical improvements to Yancey County Technology Center
- ***Develop co-working space at Yancey County Technology Center***

6. Travel and Tourism

- Install wayfinding signs in Downtown
- Expand events offerings
  - Use arts and crafts as focus
  - Cycling rides/races
  - Evenings on the Square
  - Focus on scheduling events during “shoulder” months
- ***Continue hotel recruitment efforts***

7. Business Retention and Recruitment

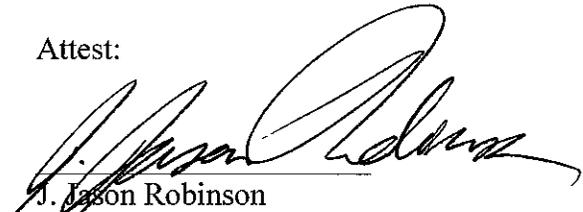
- Develop strategy to remove dilapidated buildings
- Develop/increase available building inventory
- Engage Retail Strategies for retail recruitment services
- ***Develop former Avondale site for industrial/large commercial recruitment***

**Adjournment**

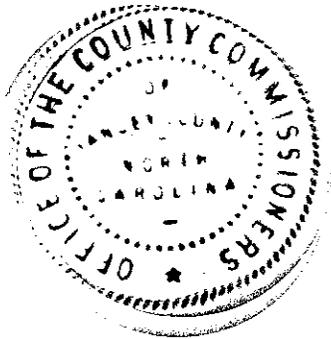
Having no further business Commissioner Austin made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner Stallings. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

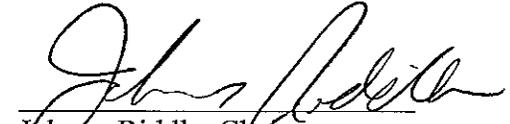
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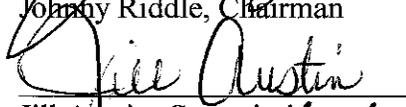
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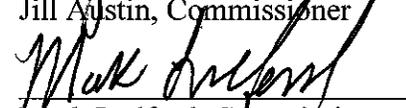
  
J. Jason Robinson  
Clerk to the Board

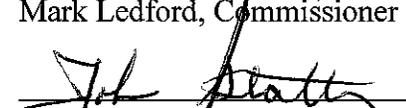
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Johnny Riddle, Chairman

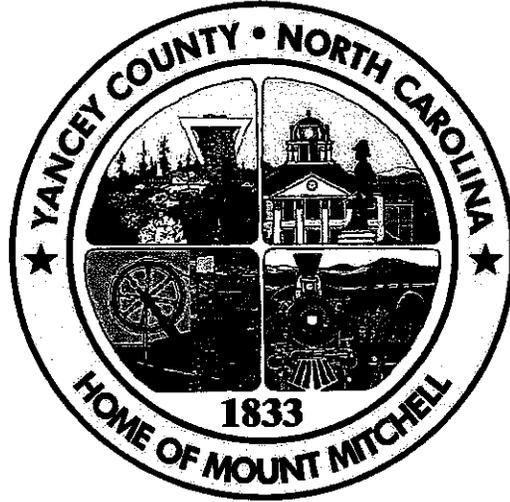
  
Jill Austin, Commissioner

  
Mark Ledford, Commissioner

  
John Stallings, Commissioner

  
Jeff Whitson, Commissioner

*Attachment A*



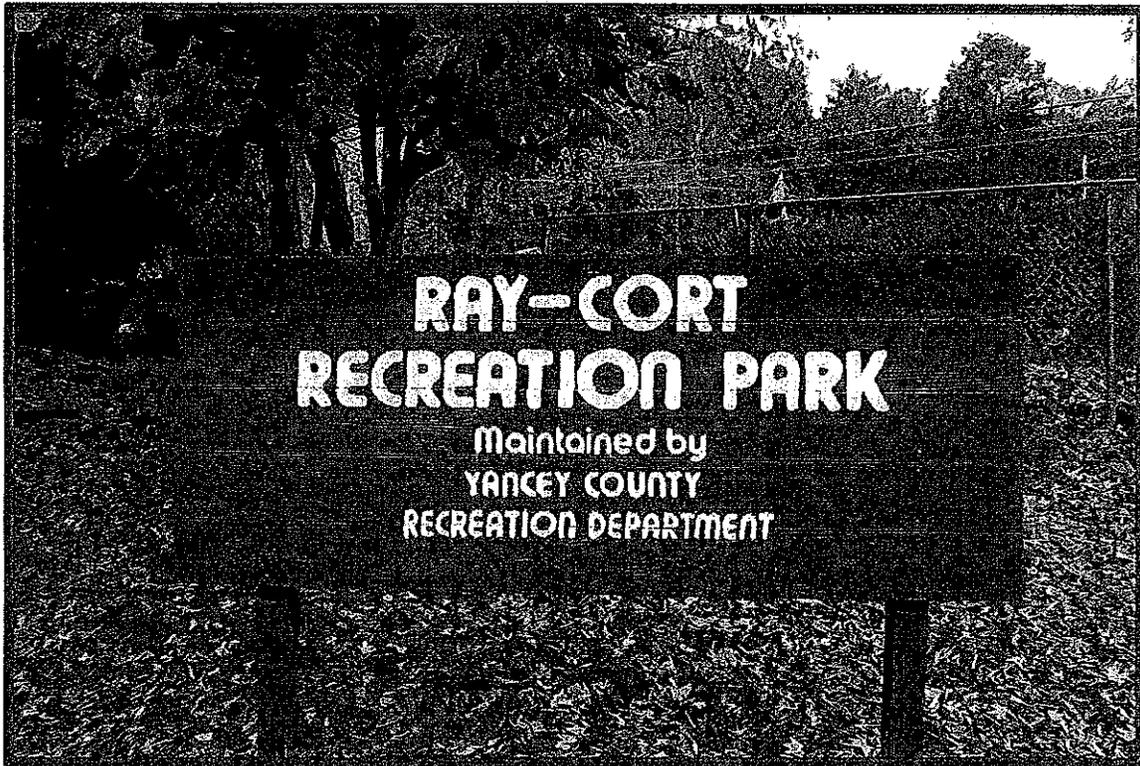
**AGENDA  
YANCEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
April 16, 2018**

- I. Call to Order - Chairman Riddle
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Ray-Cort Park Master Plan Approval
- IV. Joint Meeting with the Town of Burnsville and Yancey Economic Development Commission
- V. Adjourn

*Attachment B*

# **Master Plan for Ray-Cort Park**

**Yancey County, North Carolina**



**April 2018**



Prepared for Yancey County, North Carolina  
By High Country Council of Governments

**Ray-Cort Park**

## Introduction

Ray-Cort Park has been an institution in Burnsville and Yancey County for decades. The jewel of the Yancey County Parks and Recreation system the park, located within walking distance from the Burnsville Town Square, has the only public swimming pool in the area and serves not only Burnsville, but Yancey County as a safe outdoor recreational facility. The park is beloved by citizens in and around the Town and is a recreation destination for visitors to the area.

Current facilities at Ray-Cort Park include: a swimming pool, volleyball court, skateboard park, playground area, basketball court and horseshoe pit. The park also has an area with a large covered pavilion with built in fire place and barbecue pit, a small covered picnic shelter, and several scattered uncovered picnic tables with small grills.

Upgrades to Ray-Cort Park have not happened in many years. The last major new element added was the Yancey County Skatepark built in 1998. This Tony Hawk Foundation funded facility has been well used by the community. Unfortunately, the skatepark is in such a state of disrepair that is unsafe to use. The area is fenced off and the skatepark is scheduled for demolition.

Knowing removal of the skatepark will leave a recreational hole in Burnsville and Yancey County, the County decided to focus on updating and improving the park. The process began with a community wide survey to see what types of recreation are desired by the public and what improvements could be made to make the park more appealing.

## Planning Process

Yancey County put together a planning committee to look into improving Ray-Cort Park in early 2017. The Committee consisted of Schell McCall, Executive Director of Partners Aligned Toward Health, Jonathan Hartsell, Executive Director of Blue Ridge Resource Conservation and Development, Nathan Bennett, County Manager, Jamie McMahan, Yancey County Director of Economic Development and Planning, Molly McCabe, Director of Finance and Development of PATH, Amber Westall Briggs, Library Director of Avery Mitchell Yancey Regional Library System and Lauren Street, Watershed Coordinator at Blue Ridge Resource Conservation and Development

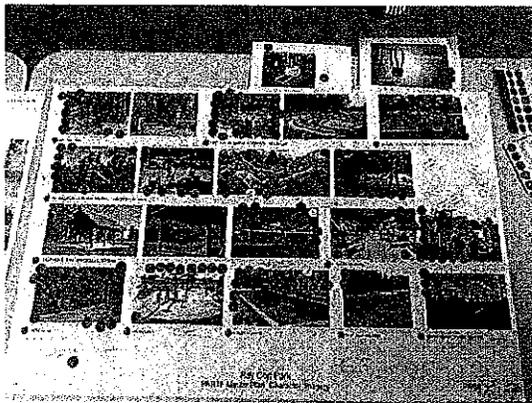
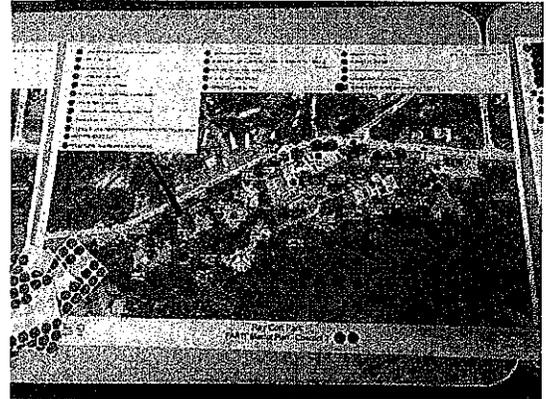
The Planning Committee met several times and developed a "Community Assessment Survey" (Attachment #7) to get citizen input on park renovations. The survey was unveiled on October 24, 2017 at a Community Event/Public Meeting at Ray-Cort Park. This meeting was advertised for a month prior to the event on social media and on the County Website. Posters were also visible around town and an article appeared in the local newspaper. Paper copies of the survey were offered to attendees and several laptops with an internet connection were available for those who wanted to fill out an online survey. The Committee also provided free food and music.



Ray-Cort Park Event/Public Meeting October 24,

The Committee received 236 responses to the community assessment survey. The responses were presented at a committee meeting and a shortlist was made of desired park improvements. The County made a decision to apply for a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant and to hire a landscape architect to assist with additional planning with the project.

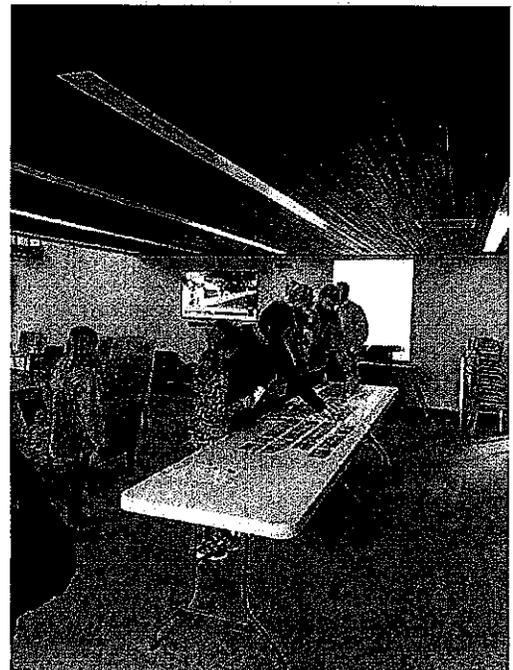
A second public meeting was held on March 19, 2018. At this meeting two concept maps of the park were presented to the public. People were asked to place stickers on the elements they wanted to see in the 'new' park. Several people of all ages attended and by the end the most popular recreational activities were covered in stickers.



Photos from the public meeting March 13, 2018 at the Yancey County Technology Center

Concept map and potential new park activities with stickers from attendees (green and blue = strong like; yellow = like; and red= strong dislike)

The Ray-Cort Park Improvement Project was also presented to local community organizations. On April 12, 2018 the project was presented Healthy Yancey's board at their regular meeting as well as the Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH) on April 16, 2016. Both groups liked the project and provided letters of support. A presentation to the Burnsville Rotary Club is scheduled for April 26, 2018.



Attendees reviewing the concept map and potential activities and placing stickers. ( March 13, 2018)

What elements would you want to see in a renovated Ray-Cort Park?		
Rank	New Element	Percentage of yes votes
1	Accessible Playground Equipment	61%
2	Playhouse	58%
3	Splash Pad	57%
4	Creek Play	55%
5	Gathering Space	55%
6	Nest Swings	53%
7	Natural Playscape Slide	52%
8	Bike/Trike Pathway	50%
9	Walking Bridge (playground)	47%
10	Wheelchair Accessible Picnic Tables	45%
11	Earth Play	45%
12	Acoustic Play	45%
13	Shading	44%
14	Exercise Equipment	44%
15	Seating Area	41%
16	Deck	35%
17	Flower Garden	35%
18	Bouldering/Climbing Hill	34%
19	Natural Construction	33%
20	Breastfeeding Area	29%
21	Tunnel (playground)	27%
22	Accessible swing with ramp	25%
23	Grass Maze	20%
24	Horseshoes	20%
25	Pull up Rail	19%
26	Chess/Checkers	18%
27	Geometry Park	18%
28	Shuffleboard	18%
29	Sunflower Garden	15%

The table to the left shows the results from the community assessment survey of the wanted elements the public would like to see in a renovated Ray-Cort Park.

The results were reviewed by the Planning Committee and the top 15 items were considered high priority at this phase in the park improvement project.

## **Recreational Needs and Capital Improvements (Recommended Facilities)**

### **Installation of Accessible Playground Equipment**

Per the community survey Accessible Playground Equipment is the number one request (61% of the responses). In addition, the survey shows that the number one reason people do not use the park is outdated equipment and number five was accessibility issues. By using a "Universal Design" strategy in the design of a new playground would mean equipment would be accessible to everyone, regardless of abilities; not as a set-aside only for the disabled. The playground would be serve all children not just a segment of the population and would maximize the impact of dollars spent.

Estimated cost: \$ 200,000

### **Splash Pad**

The splash pad option was very popular on the survey with both children and adults (57% voted yes). The splash pad would provide a safe and fun entertaining way for children to play on hot summer days and would be an activity for children (and adults) of all abilities.

Given the initial cost of such an installation, the expensive continuing maintenance, and the abbreviated summer season in Yancey County (usually about 90 days), the County felt that a splash pad would be unfeasible at this time to install in Ray-Cort Park.

Estimated cost: \$ 250,000 - \$500,000

### **Creek Play**

The Creek Play option is a very good alternative to the splash pad and was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> on the list of new elements wanted for Ray-Cort Park. Having a safe access to the existing creek (accessible to everyone) would open up the natural features of Ray-Cort Park. Mitchell Branch runs through the middle the park. Plans for stream restoration are already in place and adding an area for creek play could be incorporated in these efforts. As well as the play and water component of creek play, the creek access would provide the opportunity for outdoor classrooms to allow for the education of the local water life, ecology, and hydrology.

Estimated cost: \$15,000

### **Gathering Space/Shading/Seating Area**

Ray-Cort park has a large picnic pavilion, a small picnic shelter, and several uncovered picnic tables all located in the northern end of the park. There are no other designated spaces for groups to gather in the other sections of the park. Aside from the trees, there are limited areas of shade to escape from the sun in the park. Of the survey respondents 55% wanted a gathering space, 44% wanted shading and 41% wanted more seating.

There will be an optimal space available after the skatepark is demolished to install a shaded gathering space with room for several picnic tables and benches for seating. By designing a versatile space, the structure could also be used for cultural arts and music events, outdoor movies, or an outdoor classroom.

Estimated cost: \$ 80,000

### **Exercise Equipment**

Exercise and fitness equipment has been a popular element of Cane River Park, also located in Yancey County. The survey indicated that 44% of the respondents would like to see the equipment at Ray-Cort Park as well. The equipment promotes health and fitness and offers a free recreational opportunity to adults and older children that may not be available otherwise. The demolition of the skatepark will leave a perfect location in the park to install the all-weather, permanent equipment.

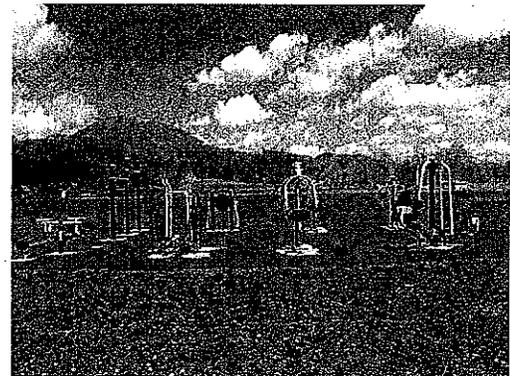


Photo: Fitness equipment at Cane River Park

Estimated cost: \$35,000

### **Natural Playscape**

The planning committee felt that offering the option on the survey for a natural playground/playscape area was in-line with the direction they wanted to see the park go; a recreation area that used the natural beauty and resources of the park and the area. It was a popular element on the survey (52% responded favorably). The idea is to create climbing areas along the hillside using natural timber and rocks found in the park and to construct a slide that is installed alongside the climbing areas. In addition, new playground equipment would be installed to match the natural aesthetic.

Estimated cost: \$155,000

## **Program Description**

The main purpose of Ray-Cort Park is to provide a wide variety of recreation facilities to Yancey County residents. It is the County's largest park and partially located within the town limits of Burnsville (the County Seat and only municipality in Yancey County), and adjacent to two low-income, minority neighborhoods. Ray-Cort Park Serves as the primary recreation feature in the Town. The park has grown over the years and includes the donation of two parcels of land in 1979 from the Ray Family and the Cort Family. The existing facilities have been added to the park piecemeal over the years. A new design of the park as shown on the Master Plan Map (attachment #1), was developed by the members of the community through meetings and a survey to update the park to make it more accessible and more desirable to citizens as well as visitors of Yancey County.

## **Physical Needs**

Capital Improvements to Ray-Cort Park are described a the previous section Recreational Needs and Capital Improvements. Roads and utilities are already in place. No land acquisition is proposed. However, one complaint received by the County time and time again is lack of adequate parking. Included in the Ray-Cort Park improvements plan are two new parking lots; one located between the existing pool and the proposed fitness area providing 15 new spaces, including 2 handicapped spots and the other located in the northern end of the park with 7 new spaces and better accessibility to the picnic area for those with mobility issues.

## **Project Costs**

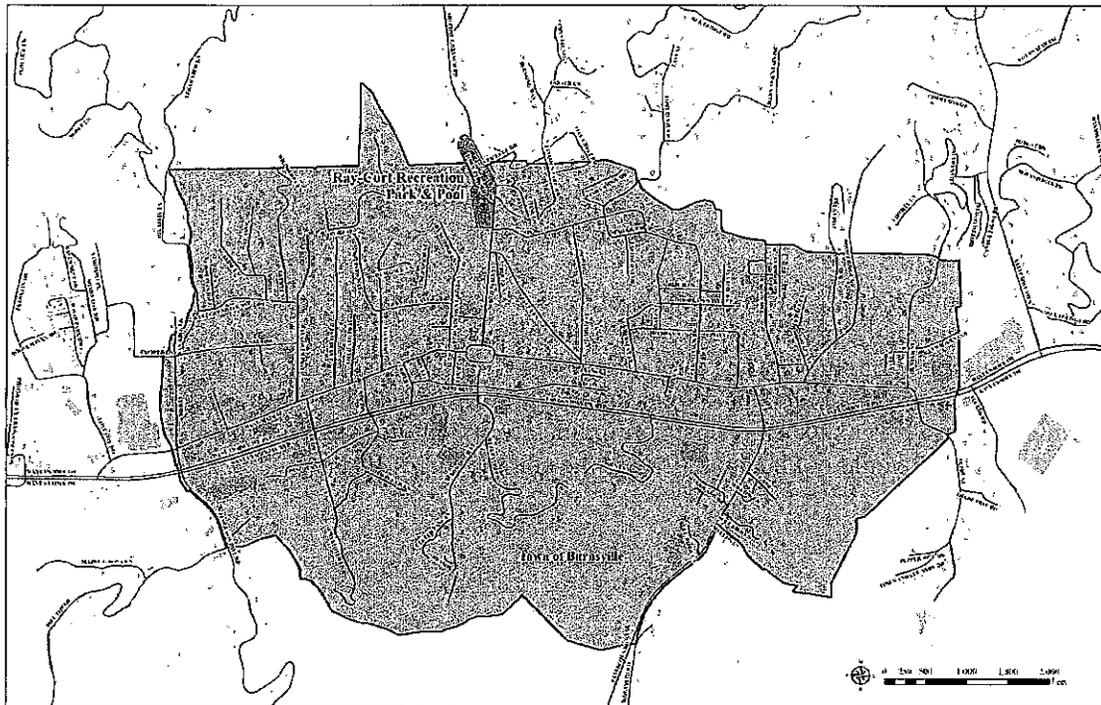
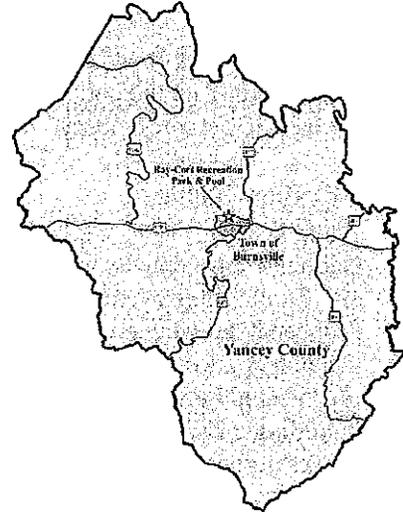
The Ray-Cort Park Improvement Project as currently imagined will be done in two phases. Phase I will include many of the capital improvements requested by the public and listed in the previous section in addition to stream restoration, walking and nature trails and support facilities such as parking, sidewalk extension, and landscaping. Phase I is expected to cost approximately \$500,000. (Attachment #2 – Phase I budget). The County will be seeking grant funding from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund or other sources to help offset the cost.

Phase II will consist of the reconfiguration of the existing parking lot and renovating the existing 2,500 sf building on the park property. The building currently houses County office space and two non-working bathrooms. The renovation would include the construction of new handicapped accessible public bathrooms and of a multi-purpose classroom for recreational education. Phase II is expected to cost approximately \$435,000 (Attachment #3 – Phase II budget). Phase II would not begin until after the completion of Phase I.

## Natural Features of the Park

Ray-Cort Park is situated on a relatively flat piece of land for the area with elevations ranging from 2,835 feet above sea level at the southern end to 2,865 feet at the northern end. (Attachment #4 – Topographic Map of Park). The topography is ideal for a park and poses no major challenges to existing features or future facilities. Minimal elevation change on the south end of the park will be beneficial to a handicapped accessible walking trail for all activity levels; the steeper north end will be better suited for a nature trail.

There are no wetlands within the park, but a creek, Mitchell Branch, runs through a majority of the property. The areas around the creek are in the floodway and the rest of the park is either in the 1% or 0.2% annual flood hazard areas as designated by FEMA. The park contains several shrubs and adult deciduous trees, as well as ample sections of permeable grassy areas. Maps showing topography, soils, and flood hazard areas can be found attached.

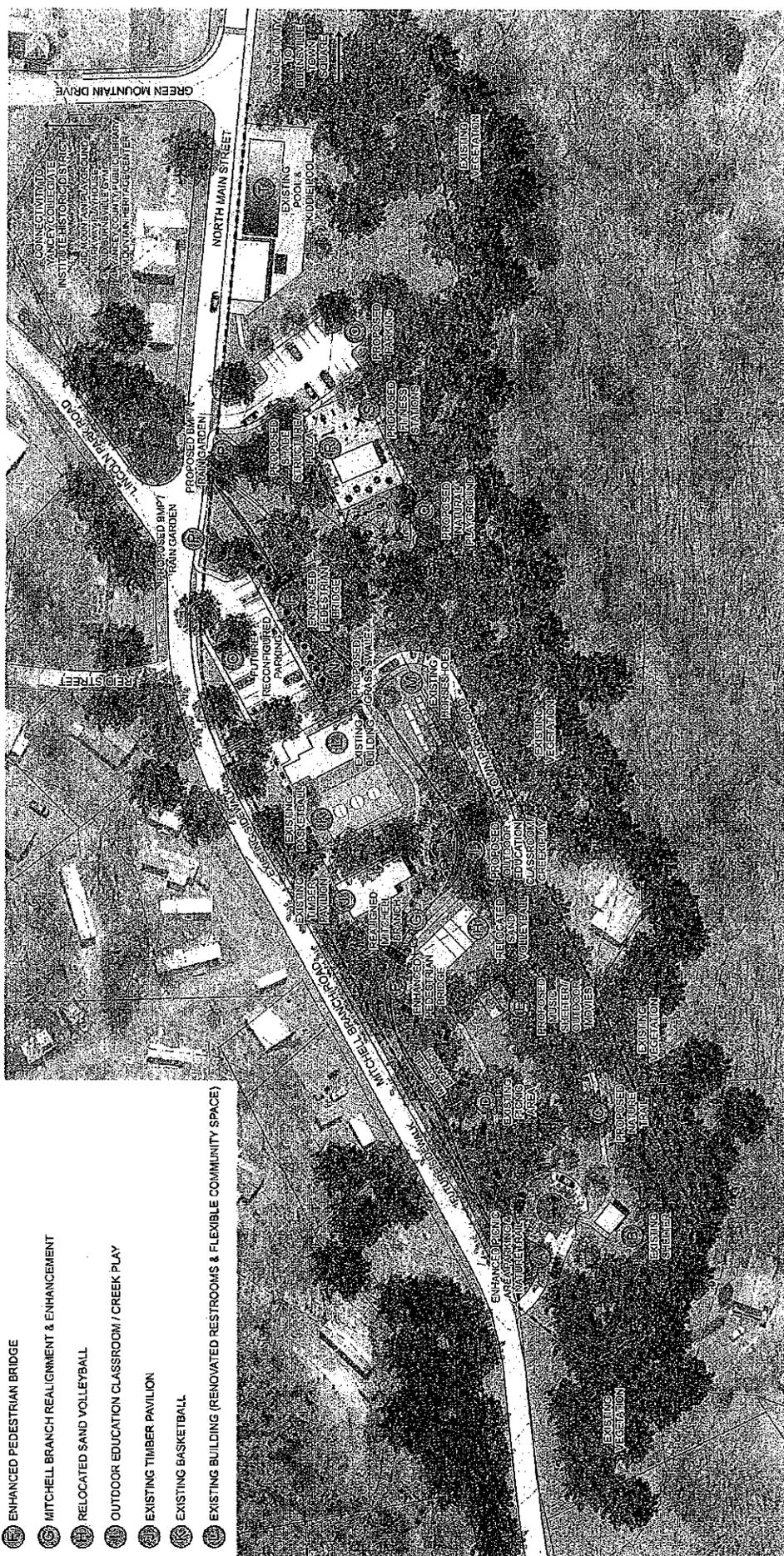


## **Attachments**

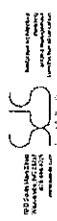
1. Master Plan Concept Map
2. Phase I Cost Estimate
3. Phase II Cost Estimate
4. Topographic Map
5. Soil Types Map
6. Flood Hazard Map
7. Community Assessment Survey

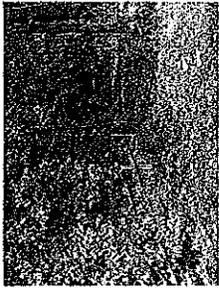
# Attachment #1

- Ⓜ ENHANCED PICNIC AREA PARKING & NATURE TRAIL
- Ⓟ EXISTING SHELTER
- Ⓞ PROPOSED NATURE TRAIL
- Ⓞ EXISTING PICNIC AREA
- Ⓞ MUSIC SHELTER / OUTDOOR MOVIES
- Ⓞ ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
- Ⓞ MITCHELL BRANCH REALIGNMENT & ENHANCEMENT
- Ⓞ RELOCATED SAND VOLLEYBALL
- Ⓞ OUTDOOR EDUCATION CLASSROOM / CREEK PLAY
- Ⓞ EXISTING TIMBER PAVILION
- Ⓞ EXISTING BASKETBALL
- Ⓞ EXISTING BUILDING (RENOVATED RESTROOMS & FLEXIBLE COMMUNITY SPACE)
- Ⓞ EXISTING HORSESHOES
- Ⓞ PROPOSED GRASS SWALE
- Ⓞ FUTURE RECONFIGURED PARKING / PROPOSED PARKING
- Ⓞ PROPOSED BMP / RAIN GARDEN
- Ⓞ PROPOSED NATURAL PLAYGROUND ELEMENTS / CLIMBERS & HILL SLIDE
- Ⓞ PROPOSED SHADE STRUCTURE / SEATING
- Ⓞ PROPOSED FITNESS STATIONS
- Ⓞ EXISTING POOL & KIDDIE POOL
- ACCESSIBLE ROUTE

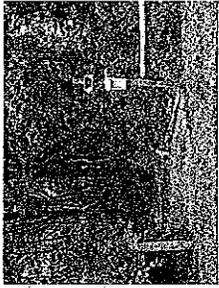


Ray Cort Park  
Concept Map

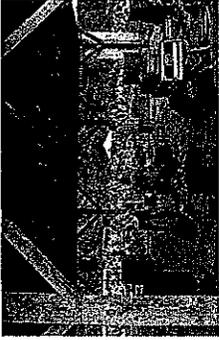




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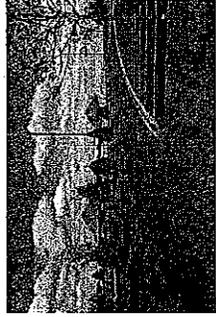
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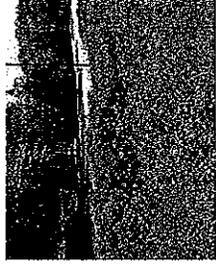
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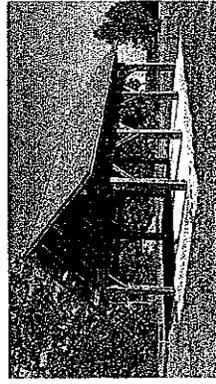
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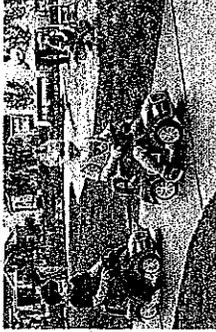
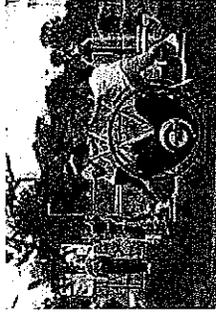
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30 SHADE STRUCTURE / SHADE SAILS / SEATING



31 FITNESS STATIONS



# Ray Cort Park Concept Map - Character Imagery



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JOB NO:

Ray Cort Park Master Plan Cost Estimate  
18-008 DATE: 5/1/2018

Ray Cort Park - PART 1 Phase 1	Unit	Quantity	cost/unit	Subtotal Cost
<b>Stream Enhancements</b>				
Mitchell Branch Improvements (Includes Outdoor Education Classroom / Creek Play)	LS	1	\$97,000.00	\$97,000.00
<b>Proposed Off-Street Parking Improvements</b>				
8" CABC Stone for Parking Lot	TON	190	\$40.00	\$7,600.00
2" Asphalt Overlay Parking Lot, SF 9.5A (6,375 SF)	TON	60	\$135.00	\$8,100.00
Concrete Curb & Gutter (1'-6")	LF	410	\$26.50	\$10,865.00
Proposed Parking Lot / Plaza / Playground Concrete Walks	SF	3,250	\$7.50	\$24,375.00
Parking Lot & Crosswalk Striping	LF	300	\$6.00	\$1,800.00
Proposed BMP / Rain Garden	SF	1,625	\$10.00	\$16,250.00
				\$68,990.00
<b>Fitness / Playground / Recreation</b>				
Fitness Station Equipment	LS	1	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Playground Equipment	LS	1	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Playsafe Mulch	CY	130	\$40.00	\$5,200.00
Sand Volleyball (Sand & Net System)	LS	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
				\$187,700.00
<b>Shade Structures / Playground / Plaza Improvements</b>				
Music Shelter (25'x25')	SF	625	\$40.00	\$25,000.00
Plaza Shade Structure (20'x40')	SF	800	\$50.00	\$40,000.00
Plaza Structure Site Furnishings (6 Picnic Tables, 5 Benches, 5 Trash Rec)	LS	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
				\$80,000.00
<b>Sidewalks / Trails</b>				
Mitchell Branch Road Concrete Sidewalk Extension	SF	1,750	\$7.50	\$13,125.00
6" CABC Stone for Asphalt Trails	TON	95	\$30.00	\$2,850.00
Asphalt Trails, SF 9.5A (1,000 LF)	TON	32	\$110.00	\$3,520.00
Nature Trails (Mulch)	LF	1,150	\$10.00	\$11,500.00
Enhanced Pedestrian Bridge	EA	2	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
				\$38,995.00
<b>Landscape Improvements</b>				
2.5" Shade trees	EA	2	\$450.00	\$900.00
2" Ornamental trees	EA	3	\$350.00	\$1,050.00
5 Gal. Shrubs	EA	40	\$60.00	\$2,400.00
Shrub beds w/ wood chip mulch (3" min. depth)	CY	10	\$30.00	\$300.00
				\$4,650.00
<b>Enhanced Picnic Area Parking &amp; Trailhead</b>				
8" CABC Stone for Parking Lot	TON	120	\$40.00	\$4,800.00
2" Asphalt Overlay Parking Lot, SF 9.5A (4,125 SF)	TON	40	\$135.00	\$5,400.00
Parking Lot Striping	LF	100	\$6.00	\$600.00
				\$10,800.00

Grant Preparation & Contingency \$11,865.00

Park Improvements (PART 1) \$500,000.00

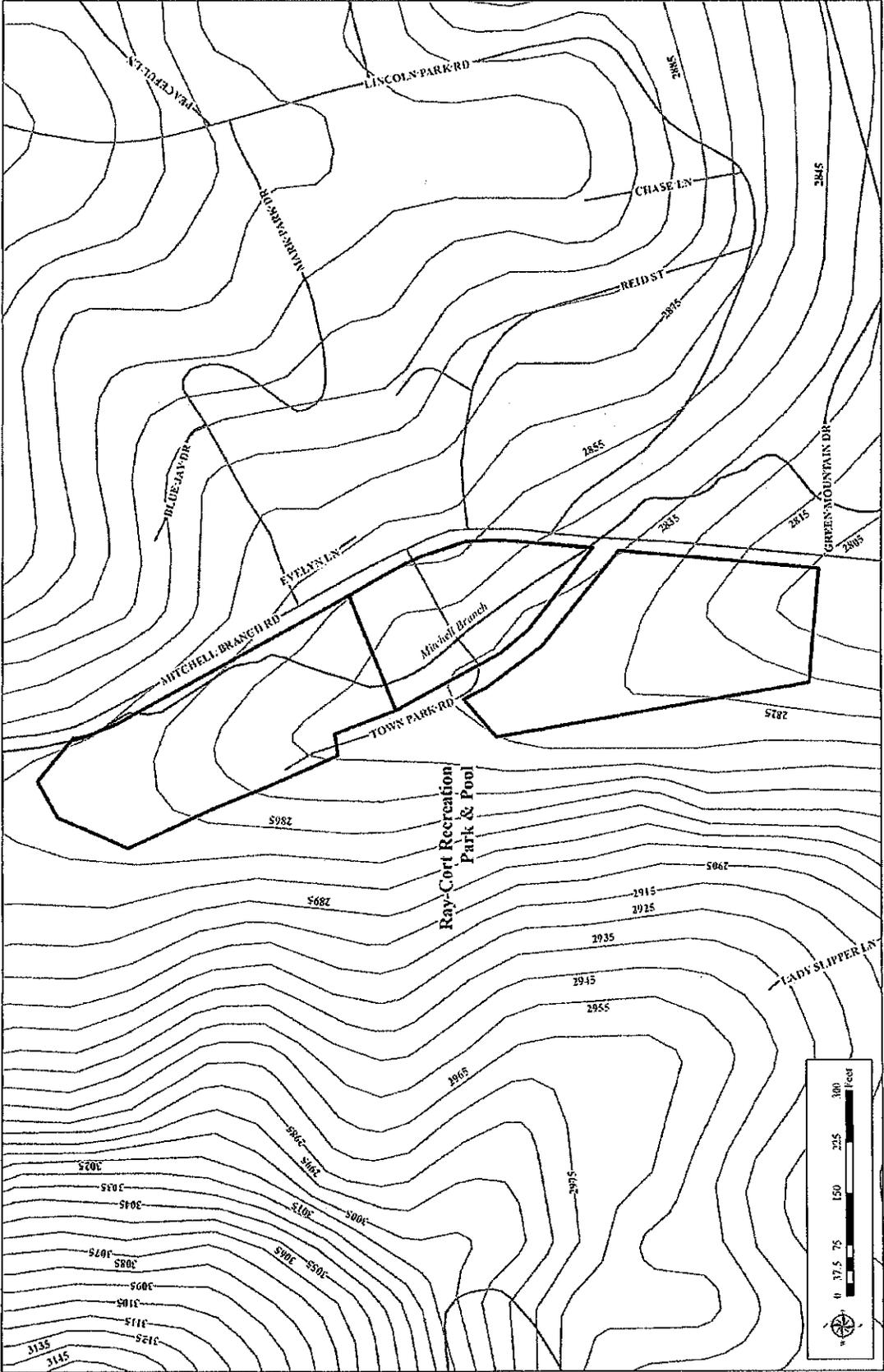


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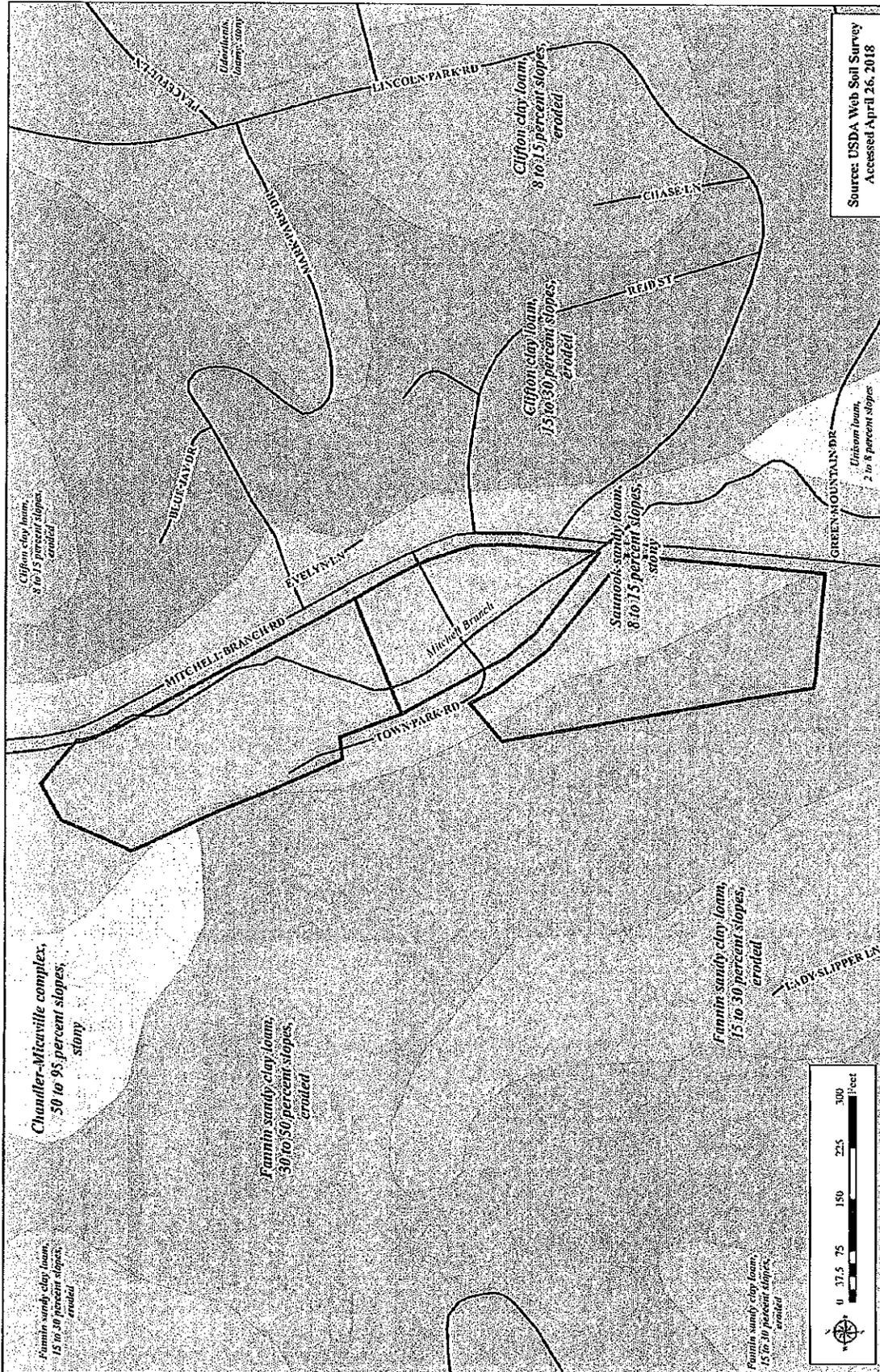
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<b>Ray Cort Park Phase 2</b>	Unit	Quantity	cost/unit	Subtotal Cost
<del>Future Reconfigured Parking of Existing Parking Lot</del>				
8" CABC Stone for Parking Lot	TON	285	\$40.00	\$11,400.00
2" Asphalt Overlay Parking Lot, SF 9.5A (9,575 SF)	TON	90	\$135.00	\$12,150.00
Concrete Curb & Gutter (1'-6")	LF	565	\$26.50	\$14,972.50
Future Parking Lot Concrete Sidewalks	SF	1,575	\$7.50	\$11,812.50
Parking Lot & Crosswalk Striping	LF	550	\$6.00	\$3,300.00
Stream Buffer / Grass Swale	LF	225	\$10.00	\$2,250.00
Proposed BMP / Rain Garden	SF	400	\$10.00	\$4,000.00
				<del>\$59,885.00</del>
<b>Building Improvements</b>				
Existing Building Renovations (Community Room / Restrooms)	SF	2,500	\$150.00	\$375,000.00

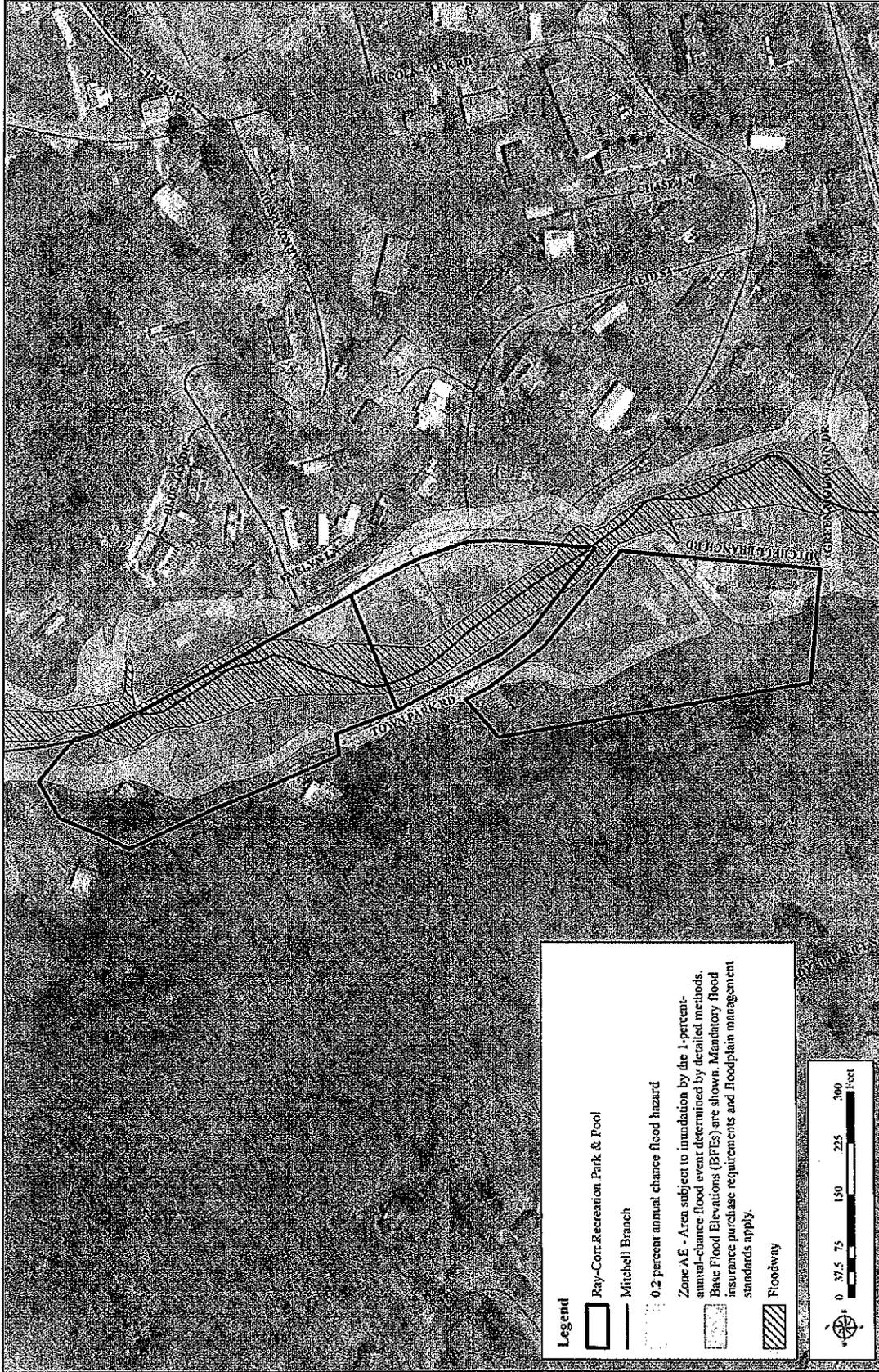
~~Future Park Improvements \$434,885.00~~



Ray-Cort Park - Topographic / Elevation Map



Ray-Cort Park - Soil Type Map



Ray-Cort Park - Flood Hazards Map



## Ray-Cort Park Renovation Project: Community Assessment Survey

First, please tell us a little bit about yourself and your family. We only ask these questions because they are necessary for establishing grant funding, and we appreciate your participation. Then, we would like to have your ideas about redesigning Ray-Cort Park for use by adults and children.

### 1. Which race/ethnicity best describes you? (Please choose only one.)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native       Hispanic  
 Asian / Pacific Islander       White / Caucasian  
 Black or African American  
 Multiple ethnicity / Other (please specify)

### 2. What is your age?

- 17 or under       45 to 54  
 18-24       55 to 64  
 25 to 34       65 to 74  
 35 to 44       75 or older

### 3. What is the highest level of school that you have completed?

- Primary school       2-year college degree  
 Some high school, but no diploma       4-year college degree  
 High school diploma (or GED)       Graduate-level degree  
 Some college, but no degree       None of the above

**4. How many people currently live in your household?**

**5. Of those in your household, how many are 17 or younger?**

- |                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 0 | <input type="radio"/> 3         |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 4         |
| <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 5 or more |

**6. How many are 65 and older?**

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3 or more

**7. What is your approximate average household income?**

- |                                           |                                           |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> \$0-\$24,999        | <input type="radio"/> \$125,000-\$149,999 |
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| <input type="radio"/> \$50,000-\$74,999   | <input type="radio"/> \$175,000-\$199,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$75,000-\$99,999   | <input type="radio"/> \$200,000 and up    |
| <input type="radio"/> \$100,000-\$124,999 |                                           |

**8. Do you live in the surrounding neighborhood?**

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

**\* 9. Do you currently use Ray-Cort Park?**

- Yes
- No

10. If 'no', why not?

- I/we do not have transportation to the park.  nothing for teens to do
- outdated equipment  I do not feel it is a safe park.
- equipment is not age appropriate  accessibility issues

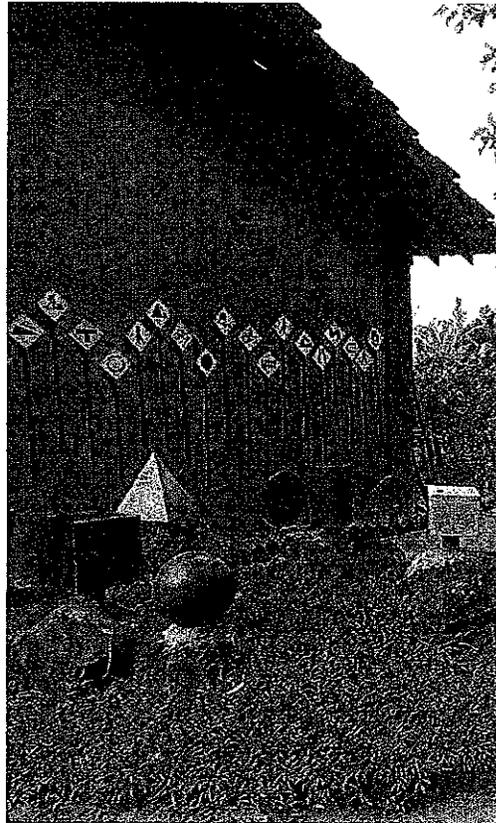
Other (please specify)

11. Please select the elements that you would like to see in your renovated areas.

Horseshoes



Geometry Park



Acoustic Play



Splash pad



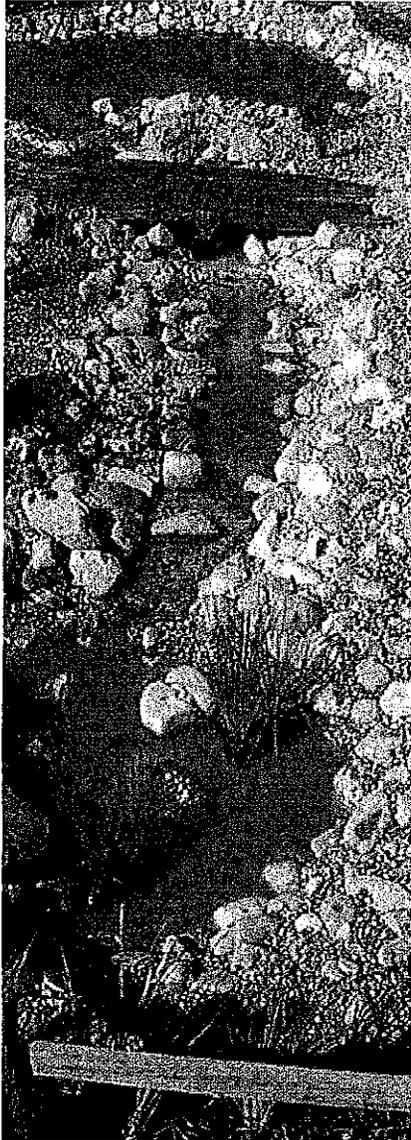
Chess and checkers



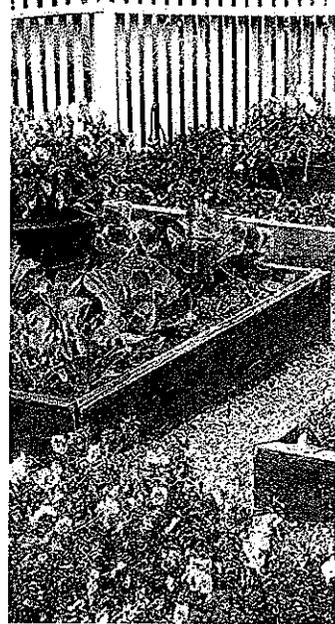
Deck



Creek Play



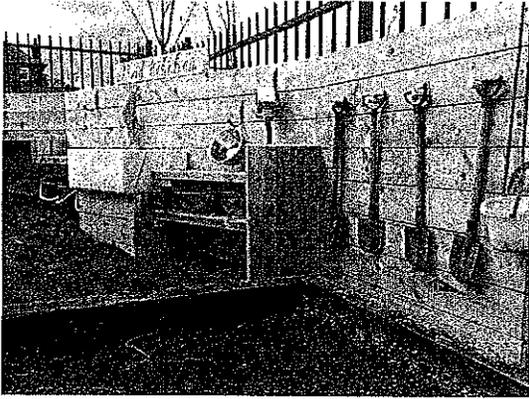
Vegetable Garden



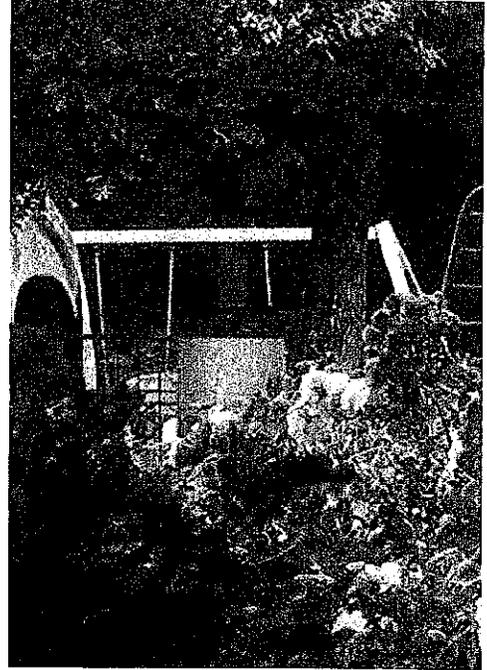
Wheelchair accessible picnic table



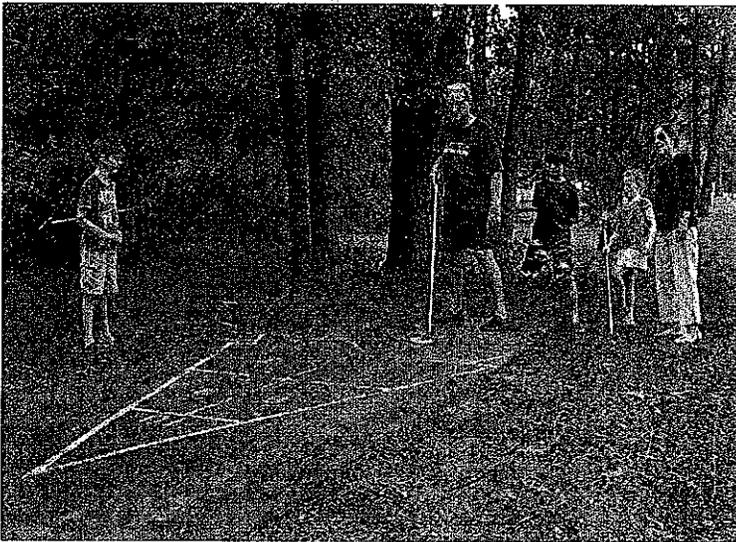
Earth Play



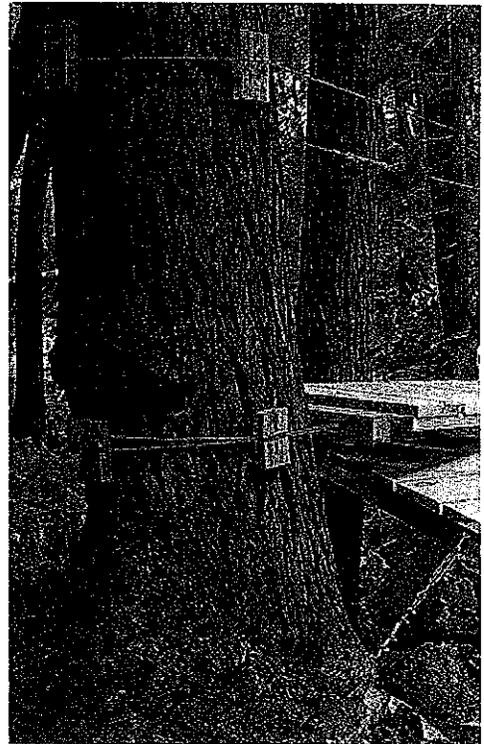
Flower garden



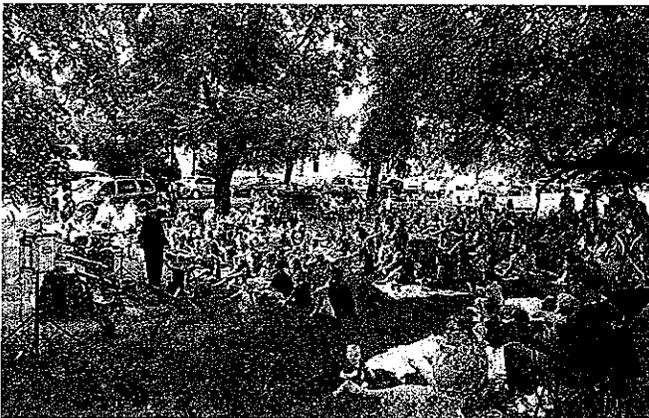
Shuffleboard



Bridge



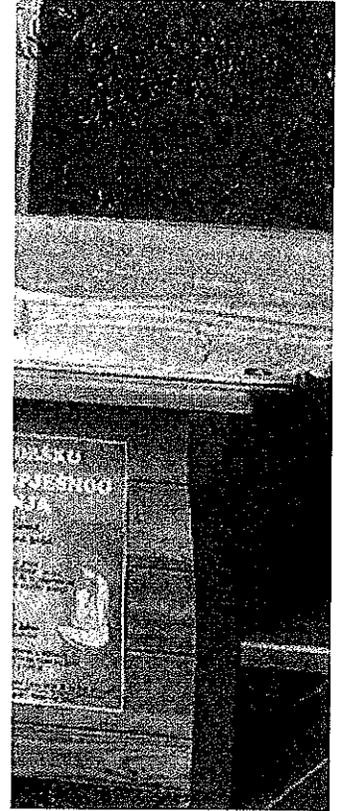
Gathering space



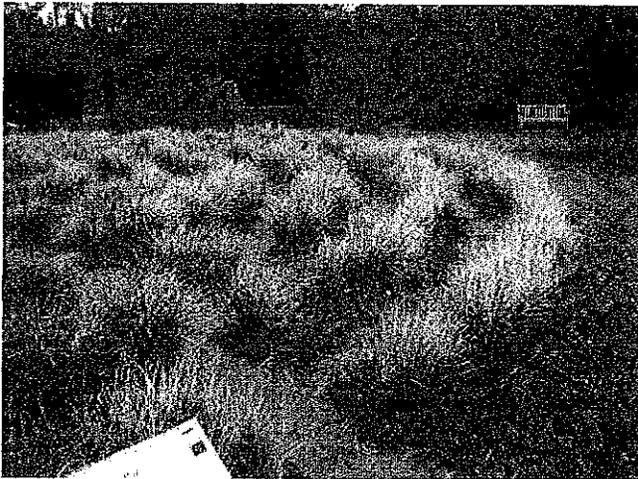
Pull Up Rail



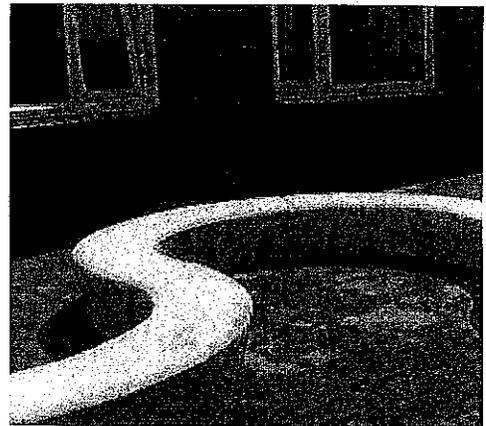
Breastfeeding area



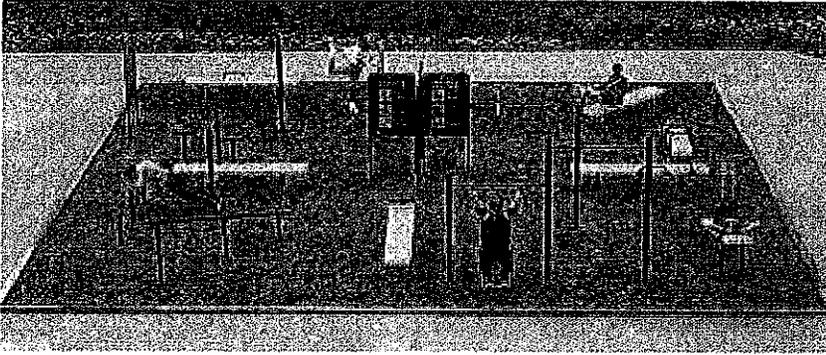
Grass Maze



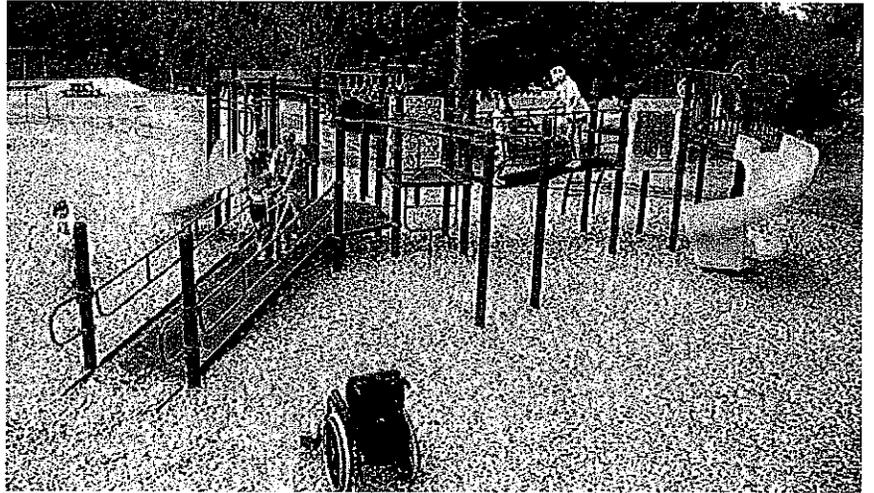
Seating Areas



Exercise equipment



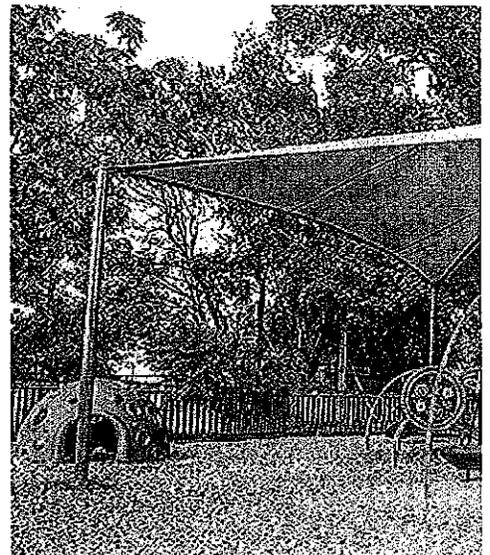
Accessible Play Area



Sunflower House



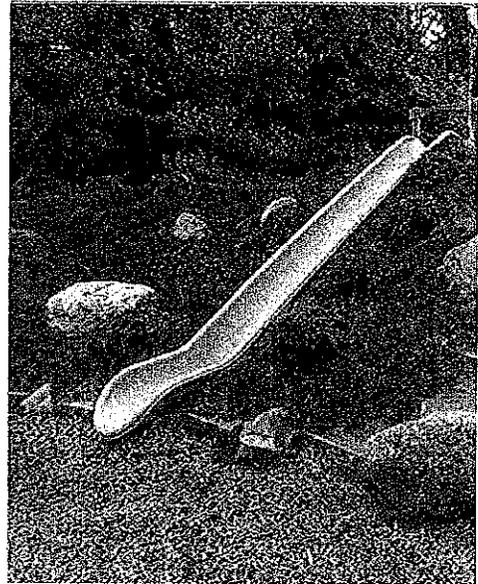
Shading



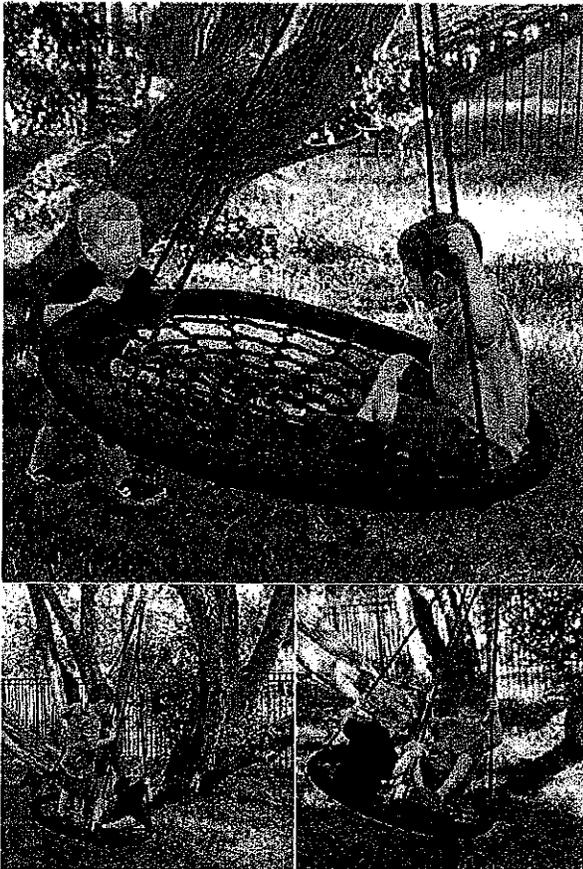
Natural Construction



Natural Playscape Slide



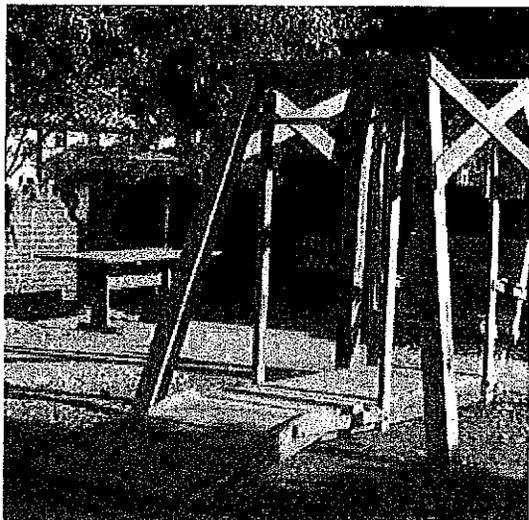
Nest swings



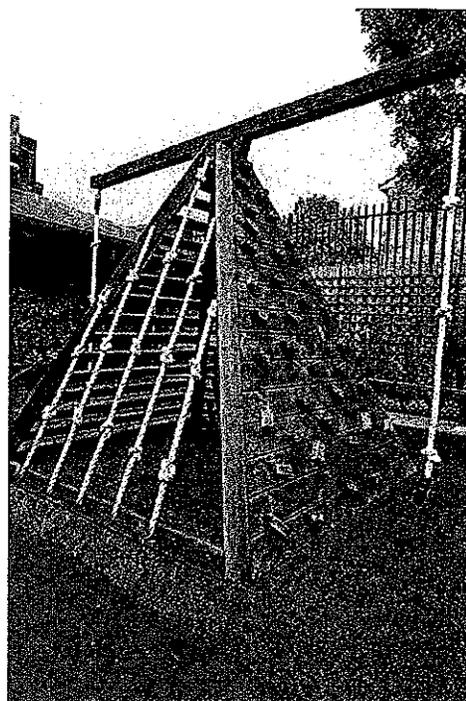
Tunnel



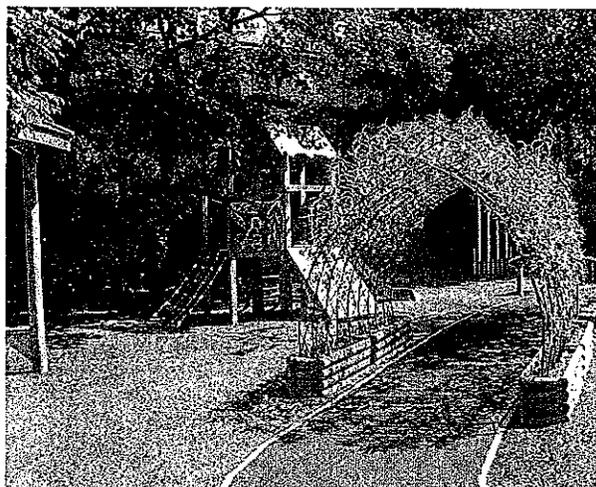
Accessible Swing with Ramp



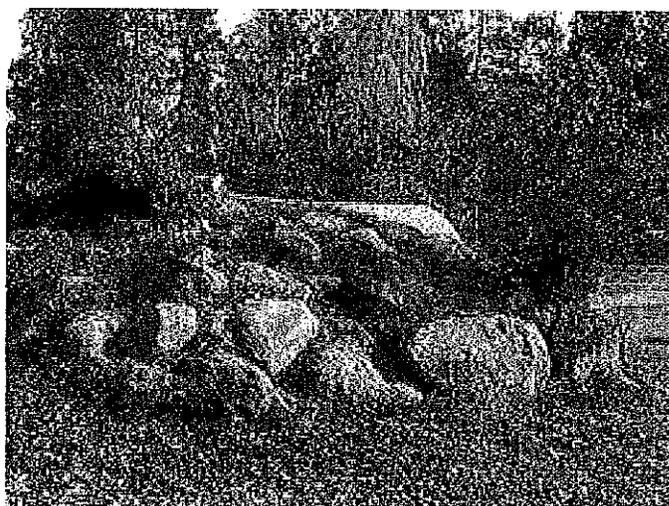
Playhouse



Wheeled bike and adult trike pathway



Bouldering/climbing hill



**12. What else would you like to see at the park?**

**13. We are collecting stories of your favorite moments at Ray-Cort Park!**

**Would you be willing to be contacted to share your story?**

- Yes, please email me. (enter address below)
- Yes, please give me a call. (enter number below)
- Not at this time

Please enter e-mail or phone # here:

**14. Yancey County government is currently committed to identify funding opportunities for the Ray-Cort Park renovation project and has an estimated timeframe of fall 2018 to begin the project. We thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and look forward to creating a park for all to enjoy. If you would like to be more involved with this project, please let us know.**

- Yes, please email me. (enter address below)
- Not at this time

Please enter e-mail here:

