



How are we improving Forest Field Park?

A- Monument Sign – we are going to build a new sign that more clearly identifies Forest Field Park while re-emphasizing the CWPD brand.

B- Speed Tables – much like the speed tables at the CWPD Headquarters, these speed tables will help control the speed of those entering and exiting the park and helping to increase the safety of all park users. One of the speed tables will also serve as a crossing for a new path connecting the Park to Centerville Station Road.

C- Bio-Retention Ponds/Swales – due to the relatively flat topography along the entry drive, there are several areas along the drive in which stormwater does not routinely drain away. The ponds/swales will allow the water to remain and filter through the soil rather than forcing the same water onto the drive and ultimately into pipes.

D-9' Wide Hard Path – from Centerville Station Road to Seminary View Drive to the north parking lot, a hard path will be built to serve several purposes: all-season walkable path, a fully accessible path for those with disabilities, improved connectivity from east to west and north to south. The path will be 9' wide which will allow for easy two-way traffic.

F-Open Play Area – this will be an area open to all types of structured and unstructured play and activity.

G-Backstop – to assist in the open play, a backstop will help keep control of errant balls during certain ball games.

H-Playground – two new playgrounds will be introduced to this area meeting the needs of both 2-5 year-old and 5-12 year-old children of all abilities. The equipment and layout will meet all national standards while providing a stimulating experience for children.

K-Restroom Building – adjacent to the shelter will be a restroom facility that will have separate restrooms for male, female and family. A small storage room will be included in the building for cleaning and maintenance purposes. The building will be intended for use by all park visitors.

L-Nature Play Area – just like the new playgrounds, this play area will provide a stimulating experience for children. Again, following national standards, this play area will serve to make a more meaningful introduction to nature and how a child can interact and learn from it.

M-9' Wide Crushed Stone Path – in concert with the hard path, this less structured path will serve to provide access to all parts of Forest Field Park.

N-Crosswalks – in an effort to increase safety within the park, crosswalks are being added where the new path system crosses both the entry drive and the drive between parking lots.

O- Gates with Columns – during certain times of the year it is necessary to restrict vehicular access to the park. A gate with columns will be added between the tennis court parking lot and the south parking lot.

P- Primary Entrance into Bill Yeck Nature Park – while this is not a new feature, the intent is to create more of a gateway from one park to the other. This will be accomplished by an attractive gateway structure that is architecturally in concert with the surrounding area. There may be other features added to the Gateway to further enrich the local flavor.

Q-Secondary Entrance to Bill Yeck Nature Park – while not having a Gateway feature, these access points from one park to the other are key elements of the overall intent to improve the connectivity between parks.

R-Reconfigured Curbing – in an effort to further increase safety within the parking lots, it is necessary to reconfigure the curbing of the island as one enters the north parking lot to encourage one-way traffic in and out.

S-Future Restroom/Shelter – to meet the growing needs of the park, we plan to update the park with flush toilets.

T-Native Plantings – to further enhance the park and the natural environment, large expanses of native plantings will be introduced to areas that normally do not see much use. A focus on seasonal interest as well as care for our pollinators will help dictate the planting palette.

U-Understory Clearing – in an effort to increase visibility from within the park to feature areas, select understory areas will be cleared without affecting the critical overstory canopy. The areas cleared out will likely revert to mulched cover. Select understory or newly introduced understory may be encouraged for controlled growth.

V-Future Widening of the Entry Drive – again, in an effort to increase safety in the park, making changes to the entry drive will help traffic flow during peak hours. As part of the initial development, the entry drive will be widened at Centerville Station Road to allow for entry and both left and right turn exiting.