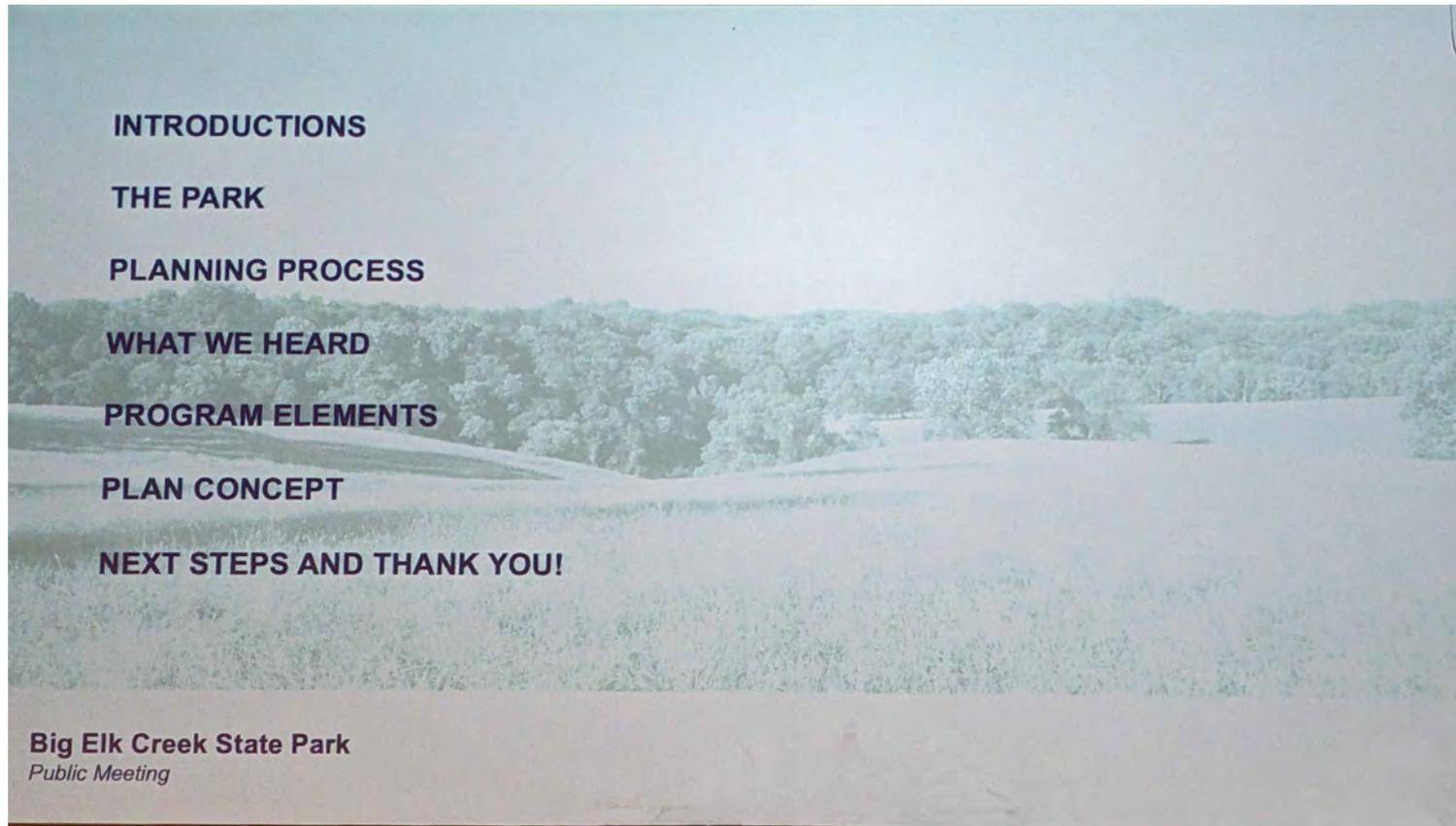


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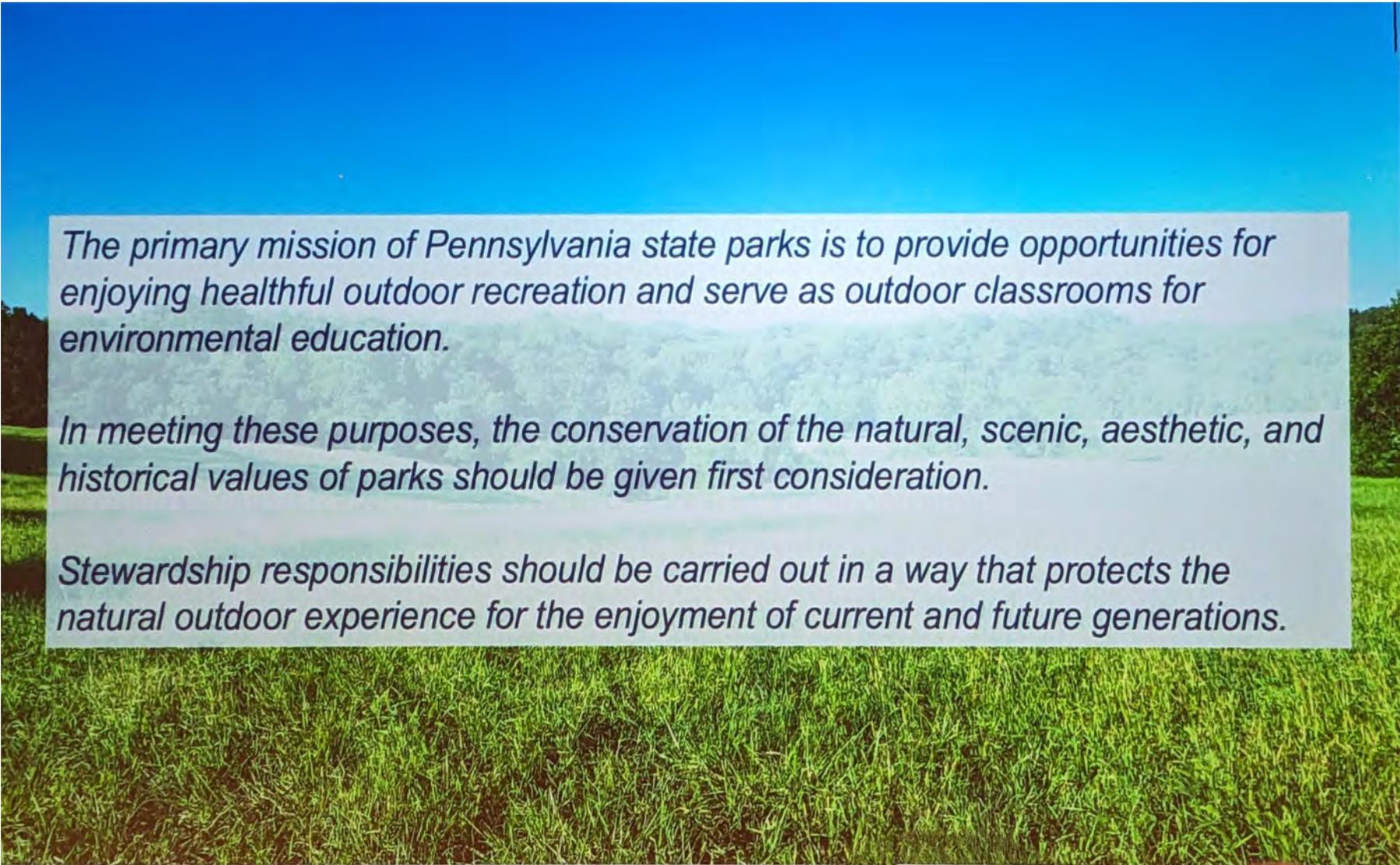
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Outline of the evening’s presentation – the introductions occurred before this slide presentation, but the rest of the elements follow, after a summary statement of the PA state parks mission (next slide). Any criticism of what is proposed should, at least in part, hark back to the parks mission and how the proposed plan can be seen as deviating from it. Of course, they think that they are adhering to that mission in this proposal.

The proposed amenities begin on page 24 below, with a series of maps showing their proposed locations beginning on page 42.

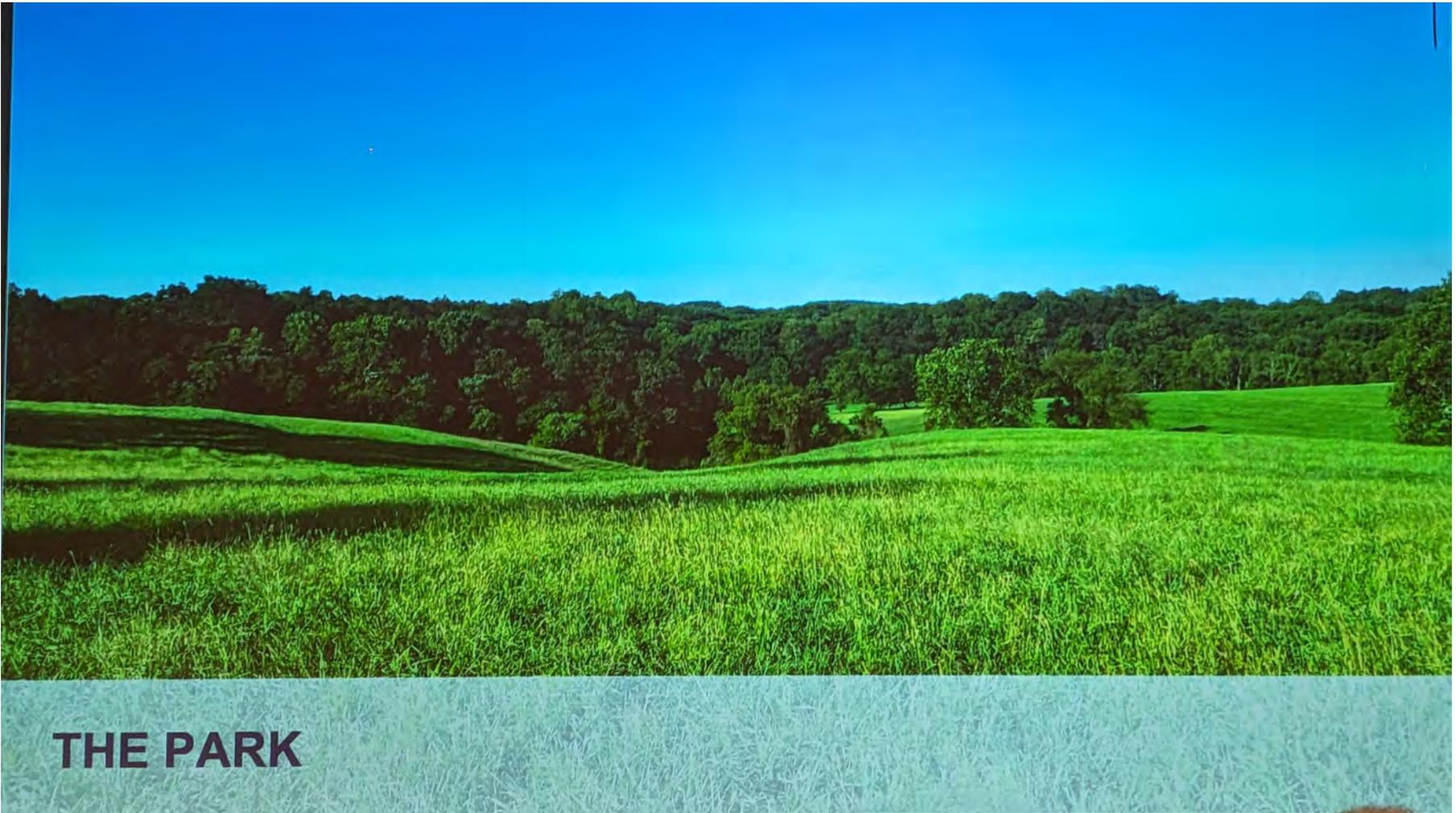


The primary mission of Pennsylvania state parks is to provide opportunities for enjoying healthful outdoor recreation and serve as outdoor classrooms for environmental education.

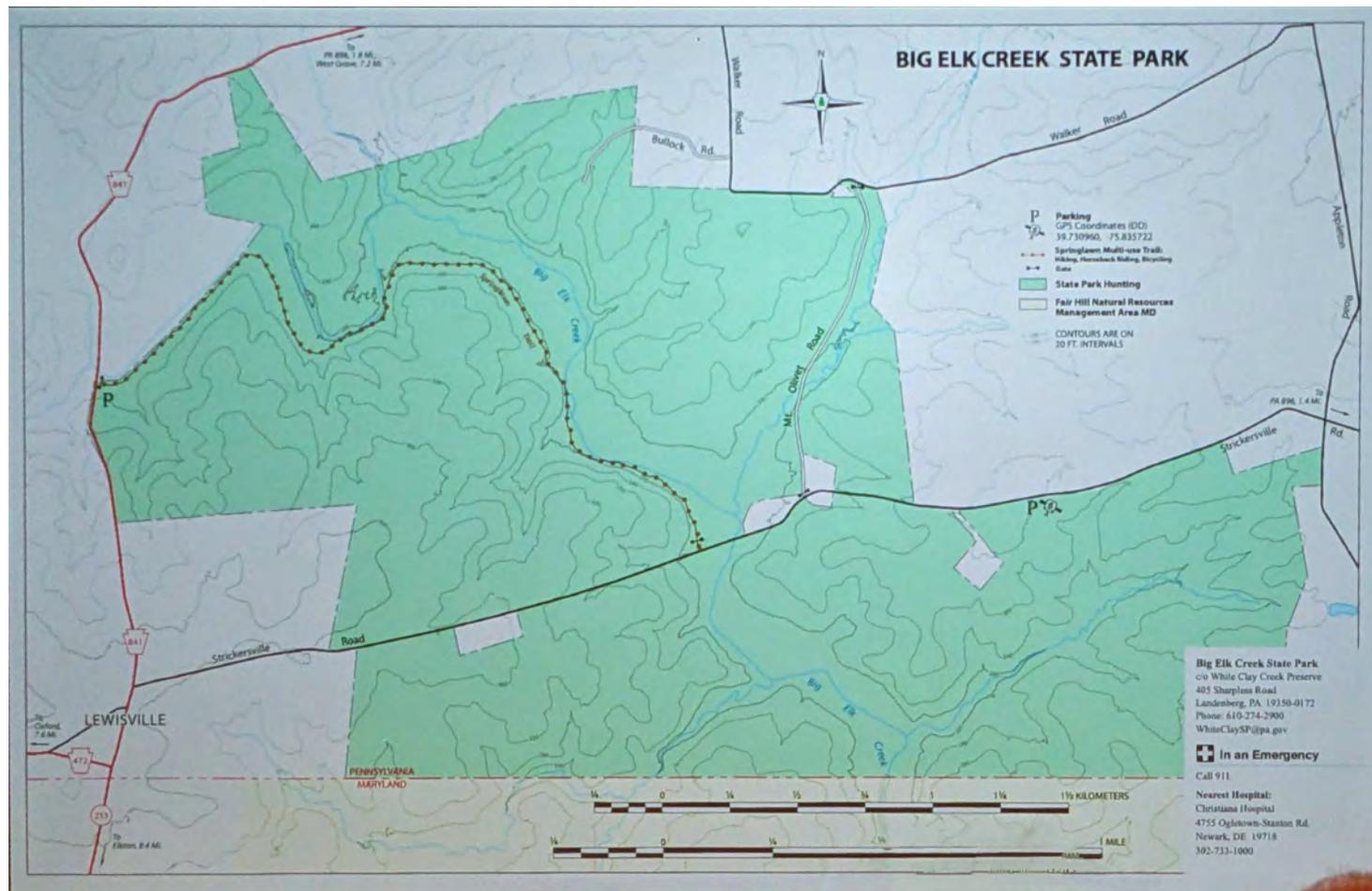
In meeting these purposes, the conservation of the natural, scenic, aesthetic, and historical values of parks should be given first consideration.

Stewardship responsibilities should be carried out in a way that protects the natural outdoor experience for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

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Map of the park, but incomplete, as it does not show the lands in Elk that lie west of 841.

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Views of the park (this and the following 4 slides) as it currently is.

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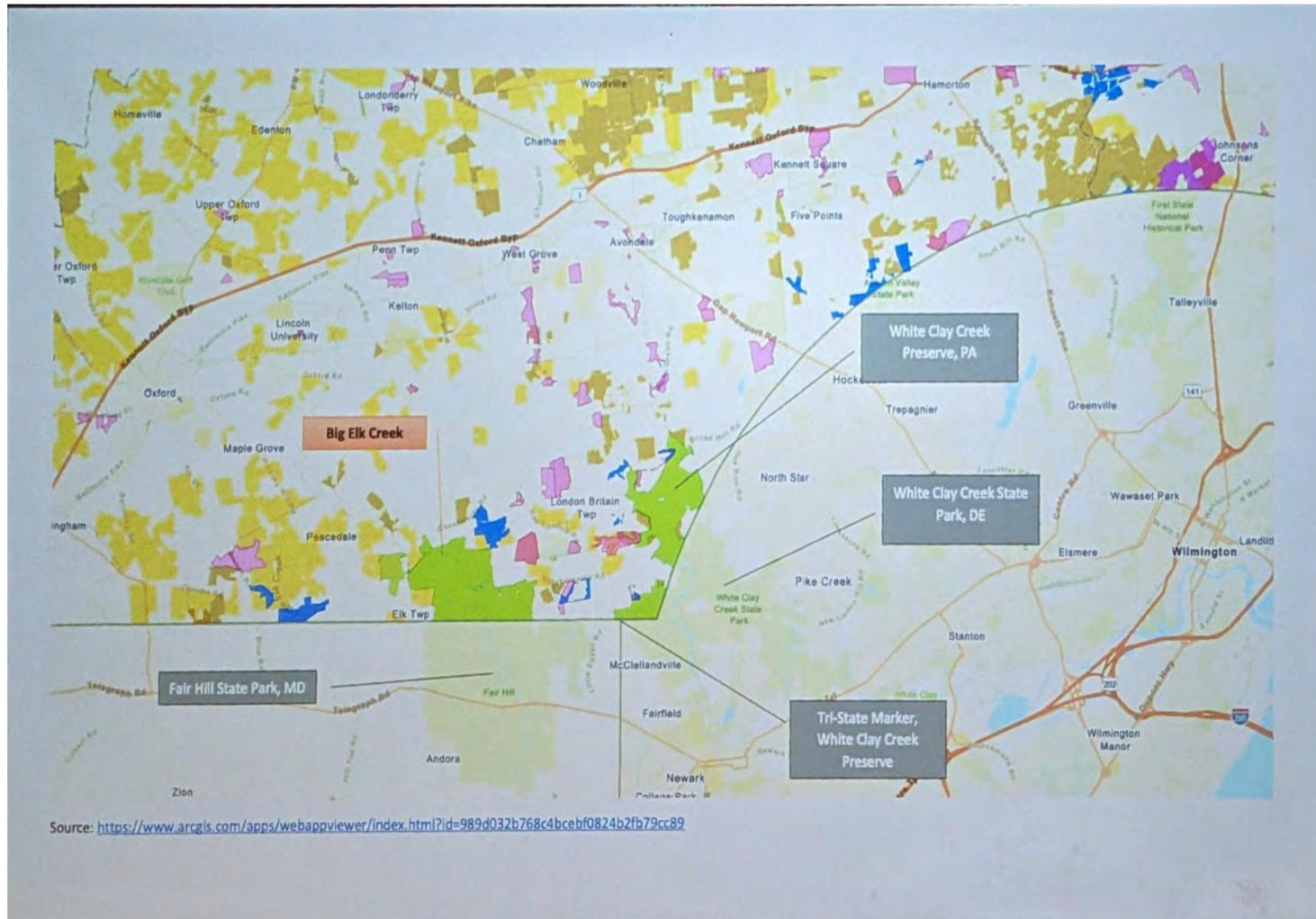


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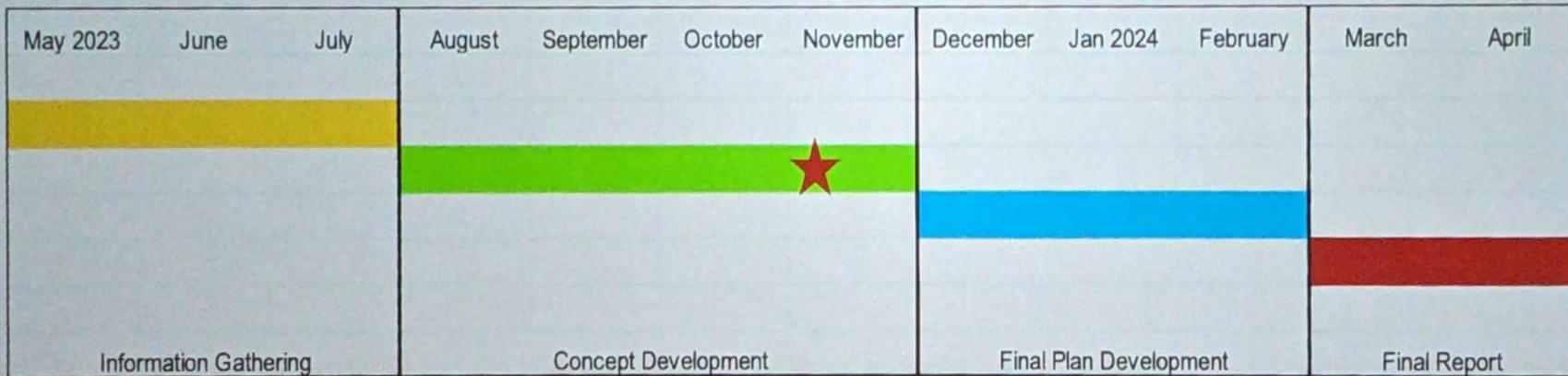


Surrounding parklands and other protected lands.

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Anticipated Schedule for Planning Process



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Design Team Responsibilities

Mapping and Data Collection
Stakeholder Engagement (see below)
Concept Development (considering alternatives)
Final Plan, Report, and Presentation

Stakeholder Input

Public Survey (completed)
Stakeholder Interviews (held in July 2023)
Public Meeting #1 – TODAY!
Public Meeting #2 – Final Presentation (coming in 2024)

Future Activities

Planning for Specific Projects, Design and Documentation, Construction
Low Impact Site Design, Environmentally Responsible Buildings
Resource Restoration
Interpretation and Education, including Untold Stories

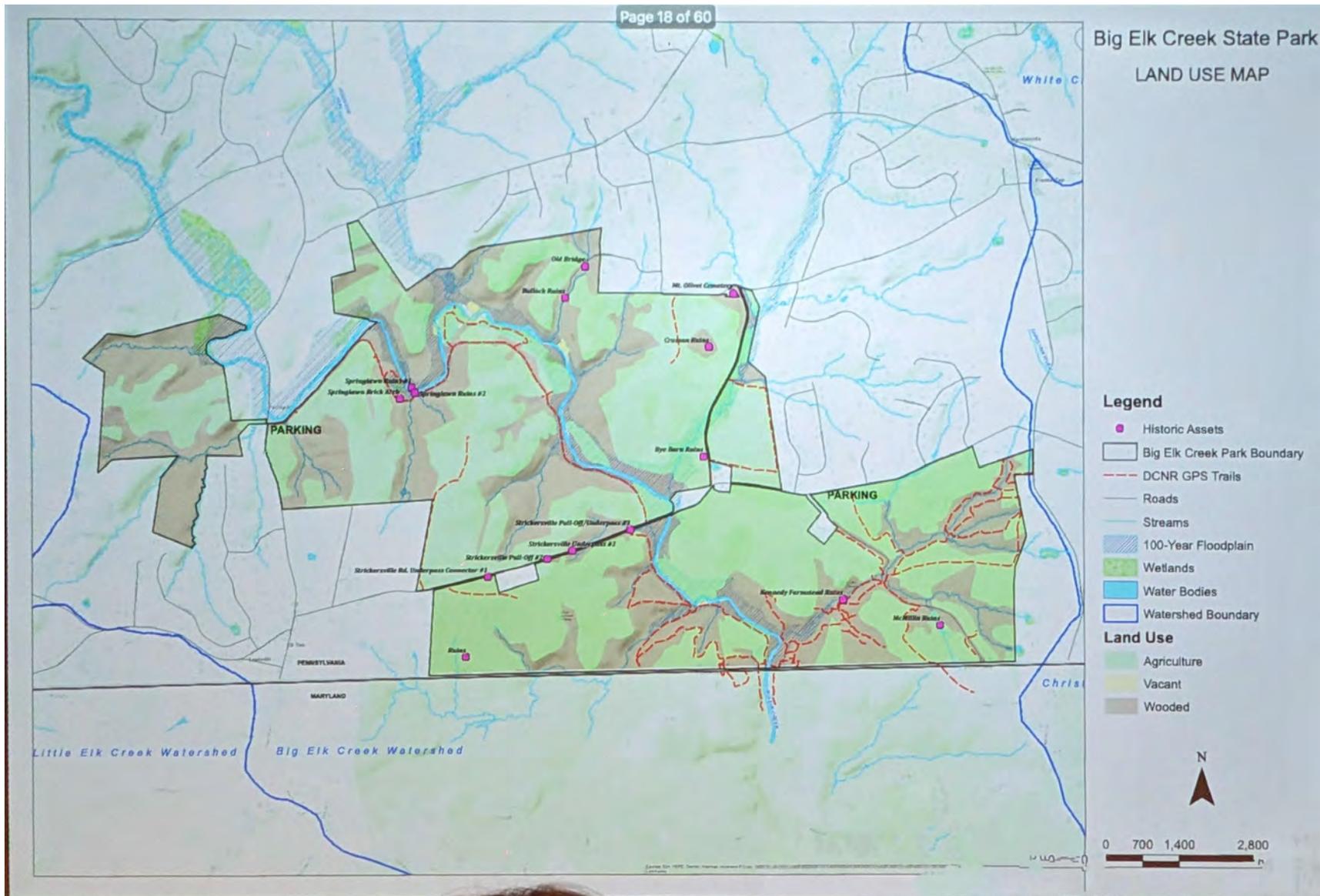
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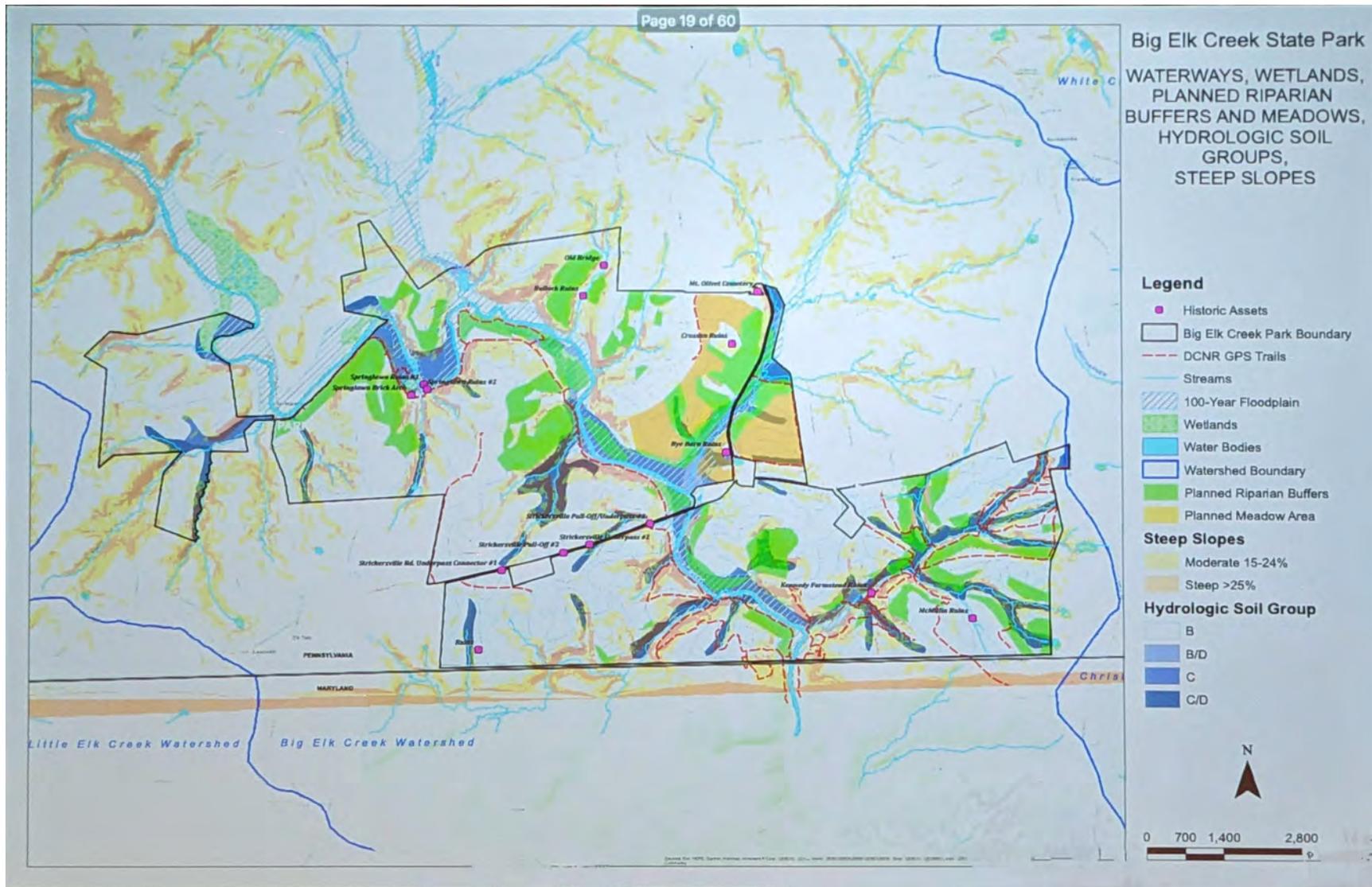
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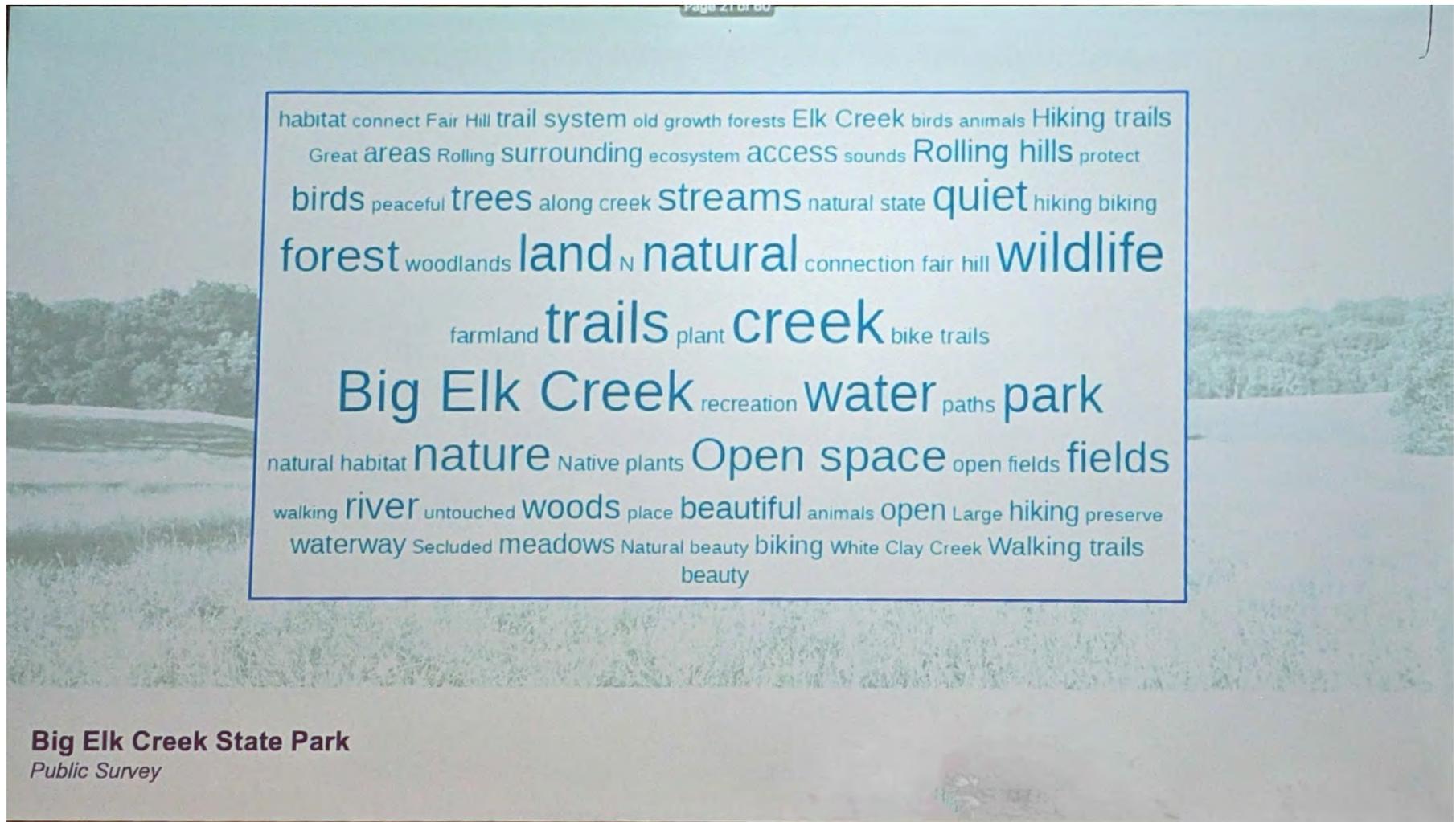
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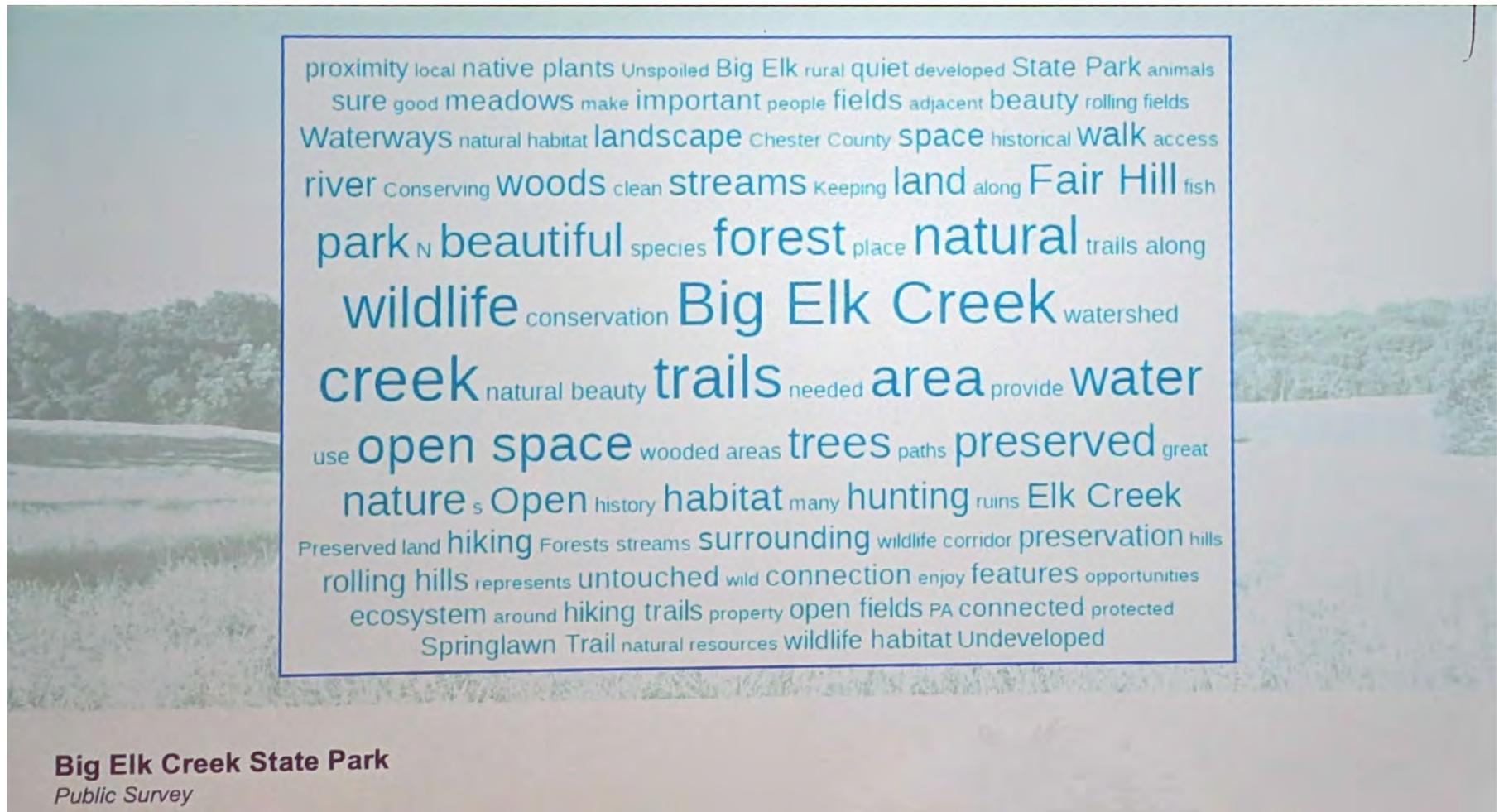


WHAT WE HEARD

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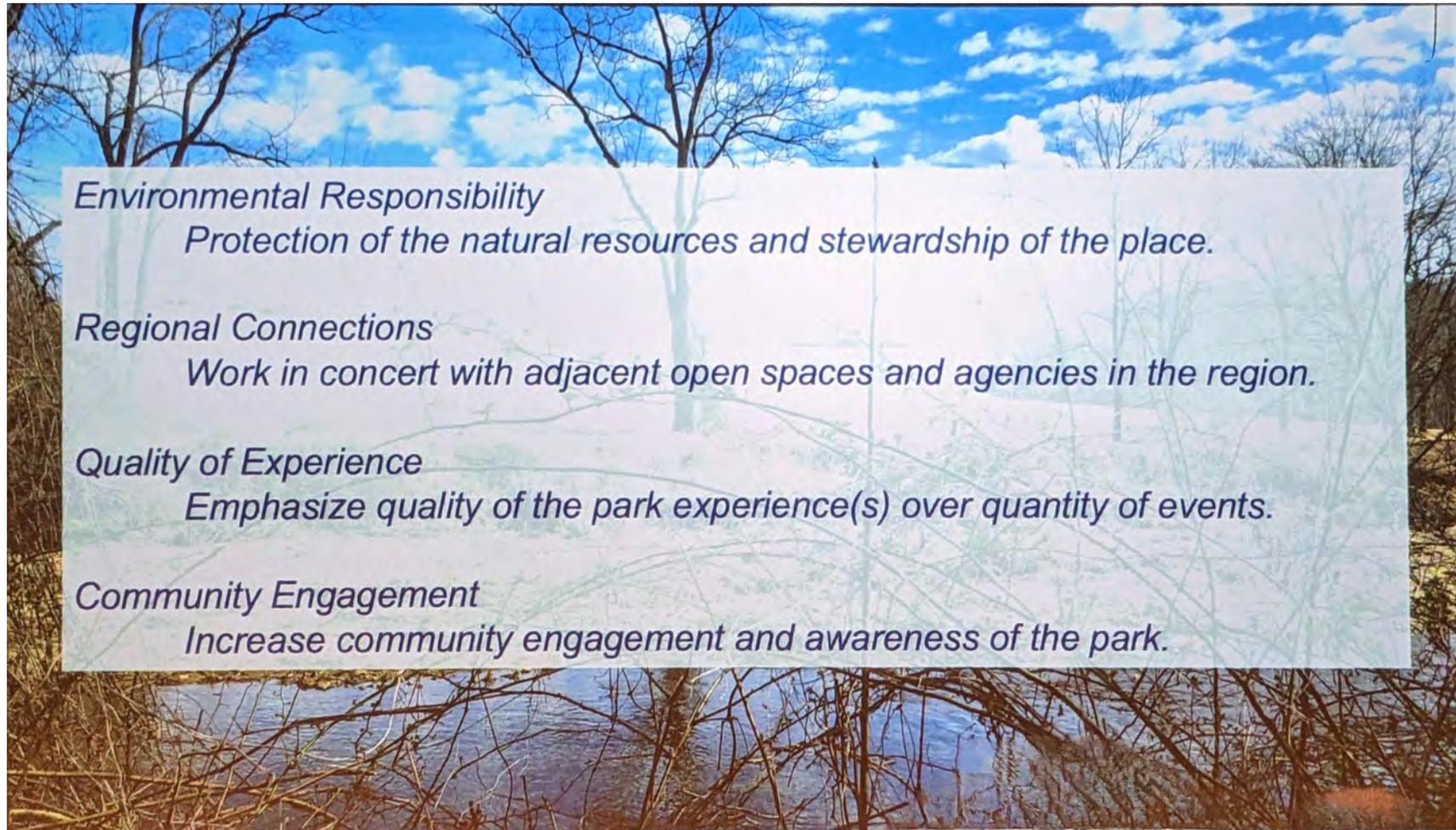


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Public Survey

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This and the next slide are their distillation of the input from surveys and stakeholders so far. There is no mention of increasing camping opportunities.

Education

Provide educational and interpretive opportunities for visitors, including focusing on untold stories.

History

Respect the history of the place, while designing appropriately for our time.

Low Impact

Minimize impact to the waterways from recreational activities in the park.

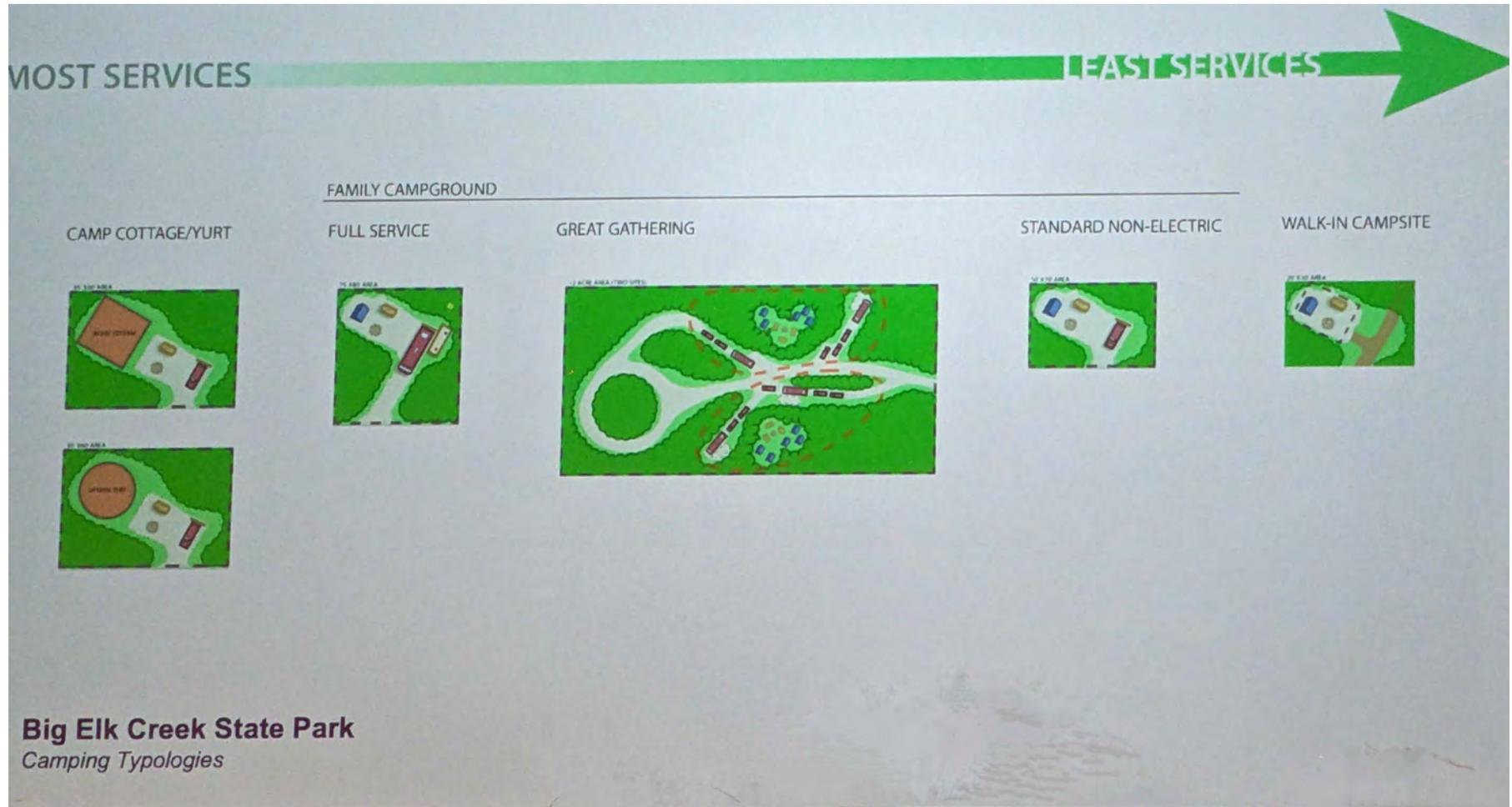
Accessibility

Thoughtfully located and appropriately designed trails for multiple uses and users with varying levels of ability.



PROGRAM ELEMENTS

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This and the following 3 slides show the types of campsites that might be constructed. In the proposed plan, all types are currently included, as can be best seen in the detail of the admin and camping area proposed for Elk north of Strickersville Rd.

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CAMPING COTTAGE
85' X 60' AREA



YURT
85' X 60' AREA



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Camping Typologies

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STANDARD CAMPSITE

50' X 70' AREA



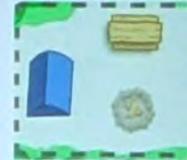
FULL SERVICE

75' X 80' AREA



WALK-IN CAMPSITE

20' X 30' AREA

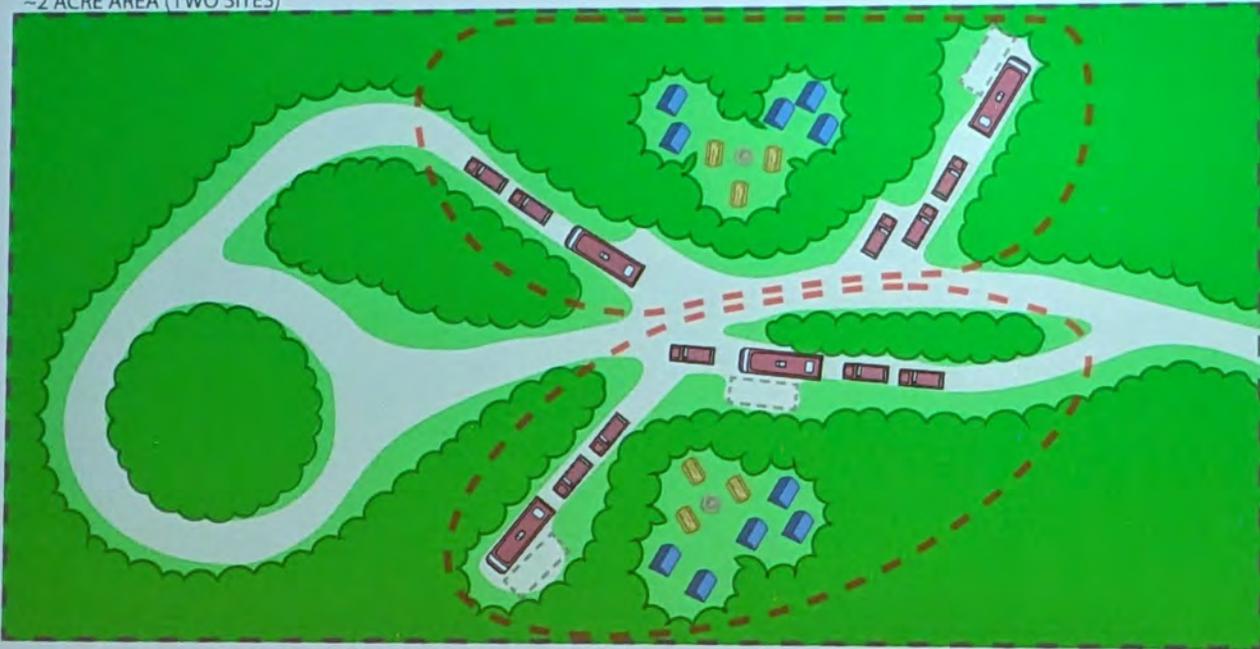


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Camping Typologies

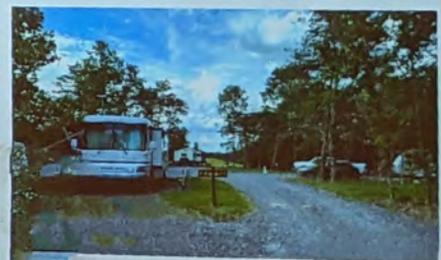
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GREAT GATHERING SITES

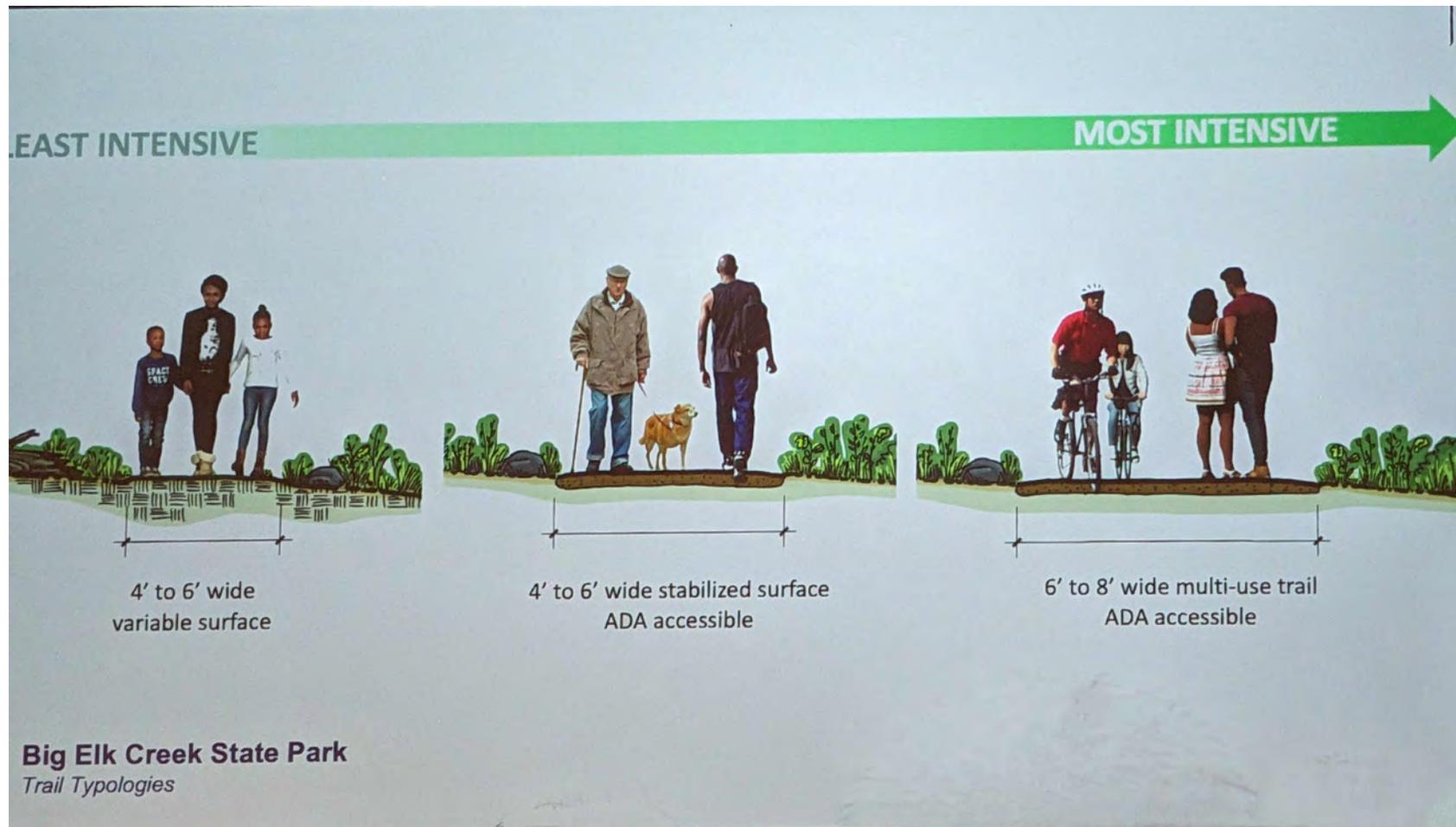
~2 ACRE AREA (TWO SITES)



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Camping Typologies



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This and the following 3 slides show the trail types that might be constructed, depending on expected use and location.

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Trail Typologies: 4' to 6' wide variable surface

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4' to 6' wide stabilized surface ADA accessible

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Trail Typologies: 4' to 6' wide stabilized surface

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6' to 8' wide multi-use trail ADA accessible

Big Elk Creek State Park
Trail Typologies: 6' to 8' wide multi-use trail

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How the park might be used, based on how others are used.

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Amphitheater precedent images

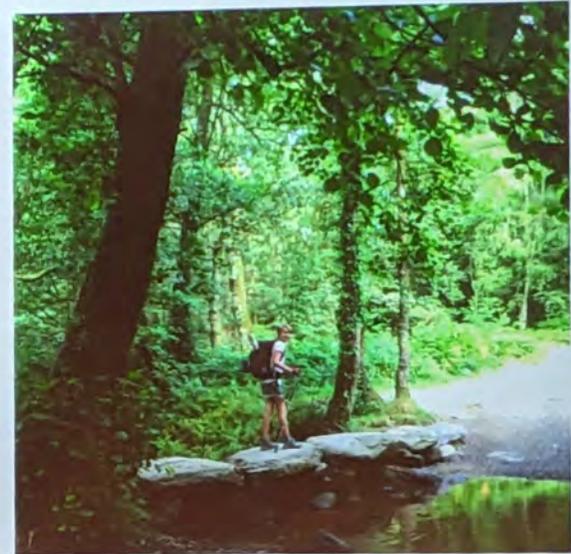
Note that a range of options were presented and none of these were identified as the preferred look.

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This and the following slides show the types of stream crossings that might be built, with this slide showing those that work with an accessible trail and larger streams, and the following are for more minor, rustic crossings.

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Stream Crossings (Minor)

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Ecotypes

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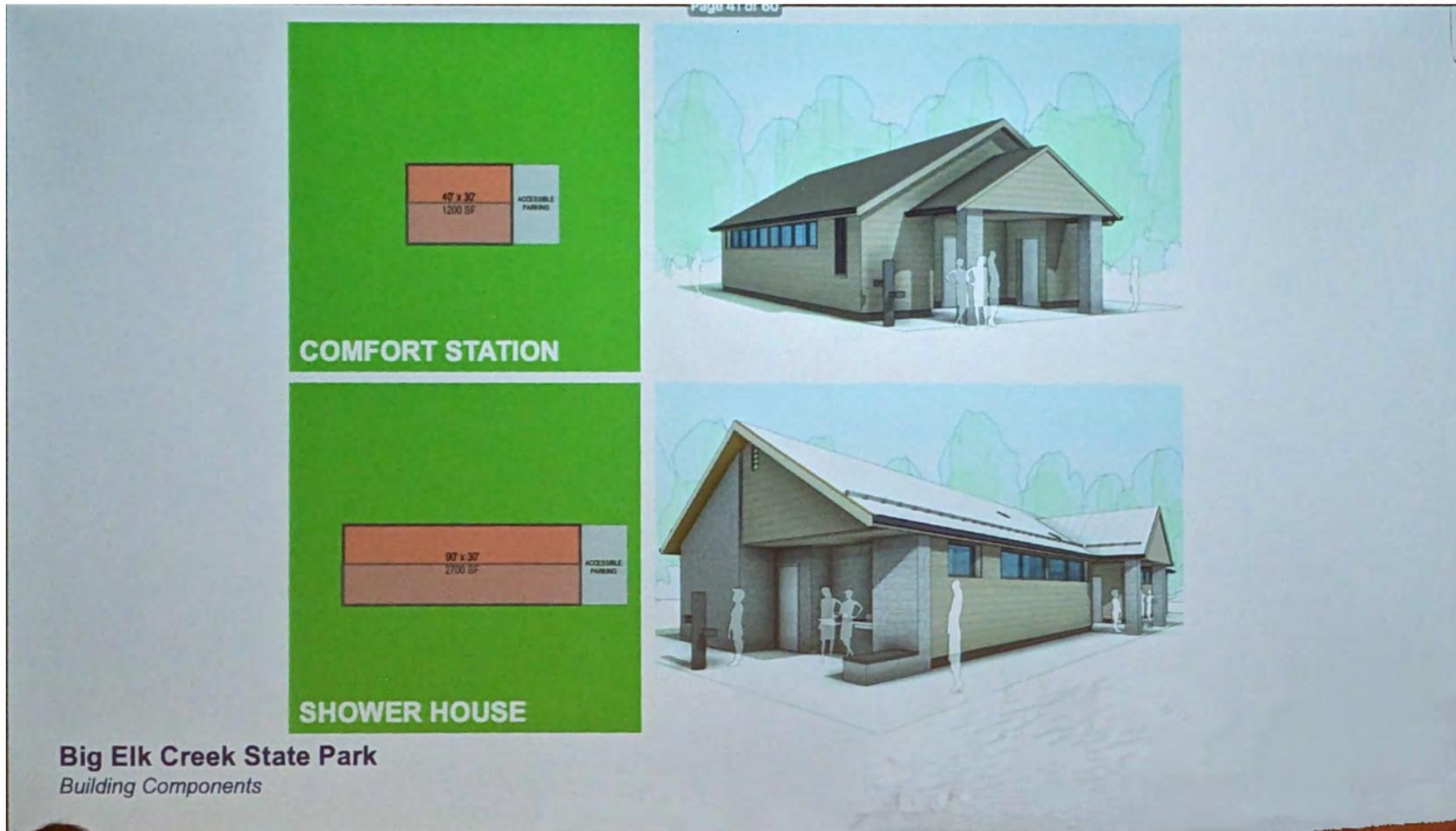
The kind of structure (aside from a comfort station) that might be built in the Franklin portion, S of Strickersville Rd. Note that a range of options were presented and none of these were identified as the preferred look.

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Building Components

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Again, visualizations. Shower house would obviously be located in Elk. The Franklin overlook detail (further below) shows a building that is presumably a comfort station.

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Some ideas of what a maintenance building(s) might look like.

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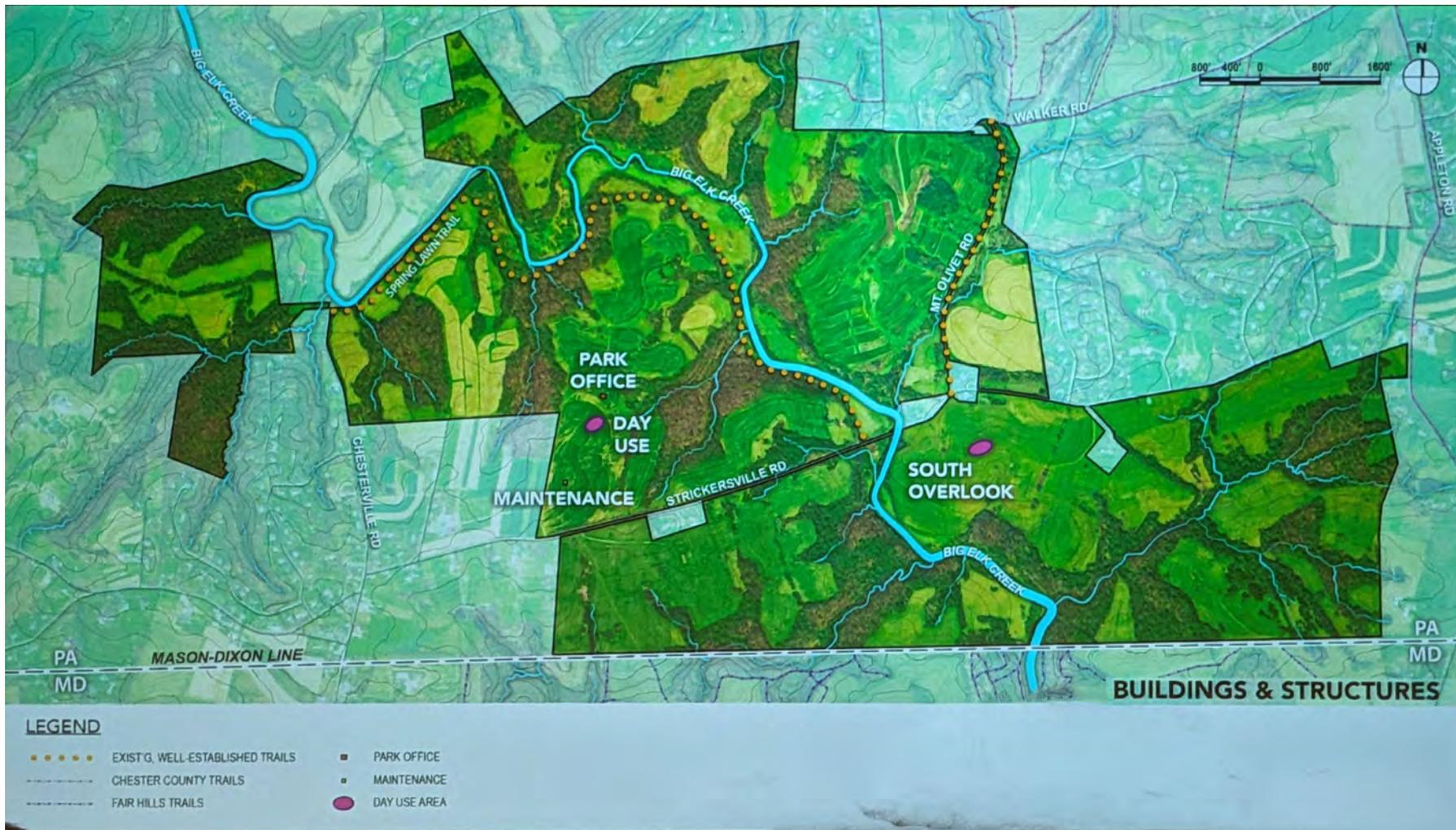


The following pages show the site as it currently is, the locations of the proposed buildings and other structures, proposed parking and roads, proposed campsites, proposed new trails (3 slides, bridges and connections, vegetation, 3 slides relating to detailed views of the admin and camping area and the parking and overlook area, and a slide that combines all of the above into one image.

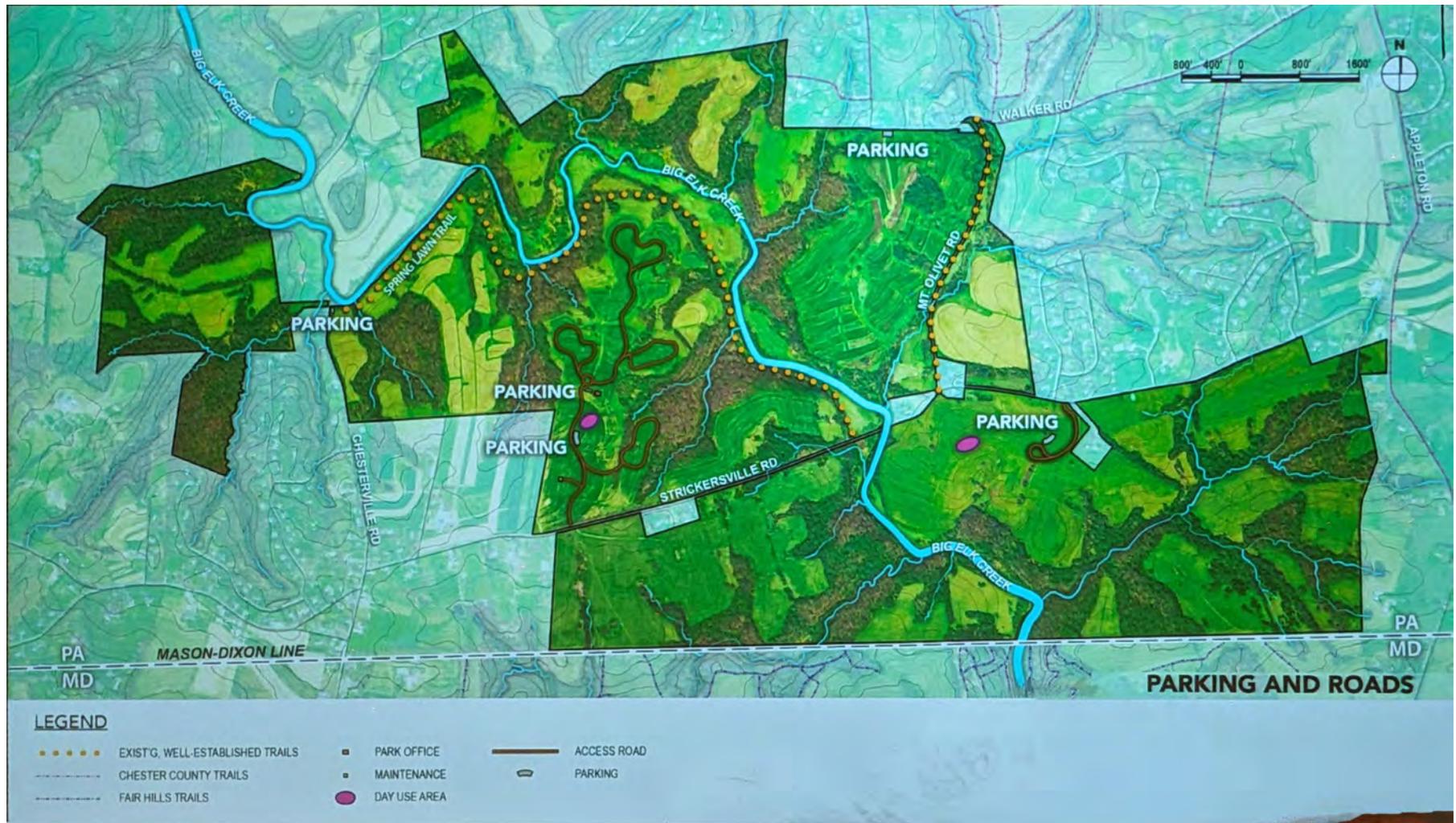
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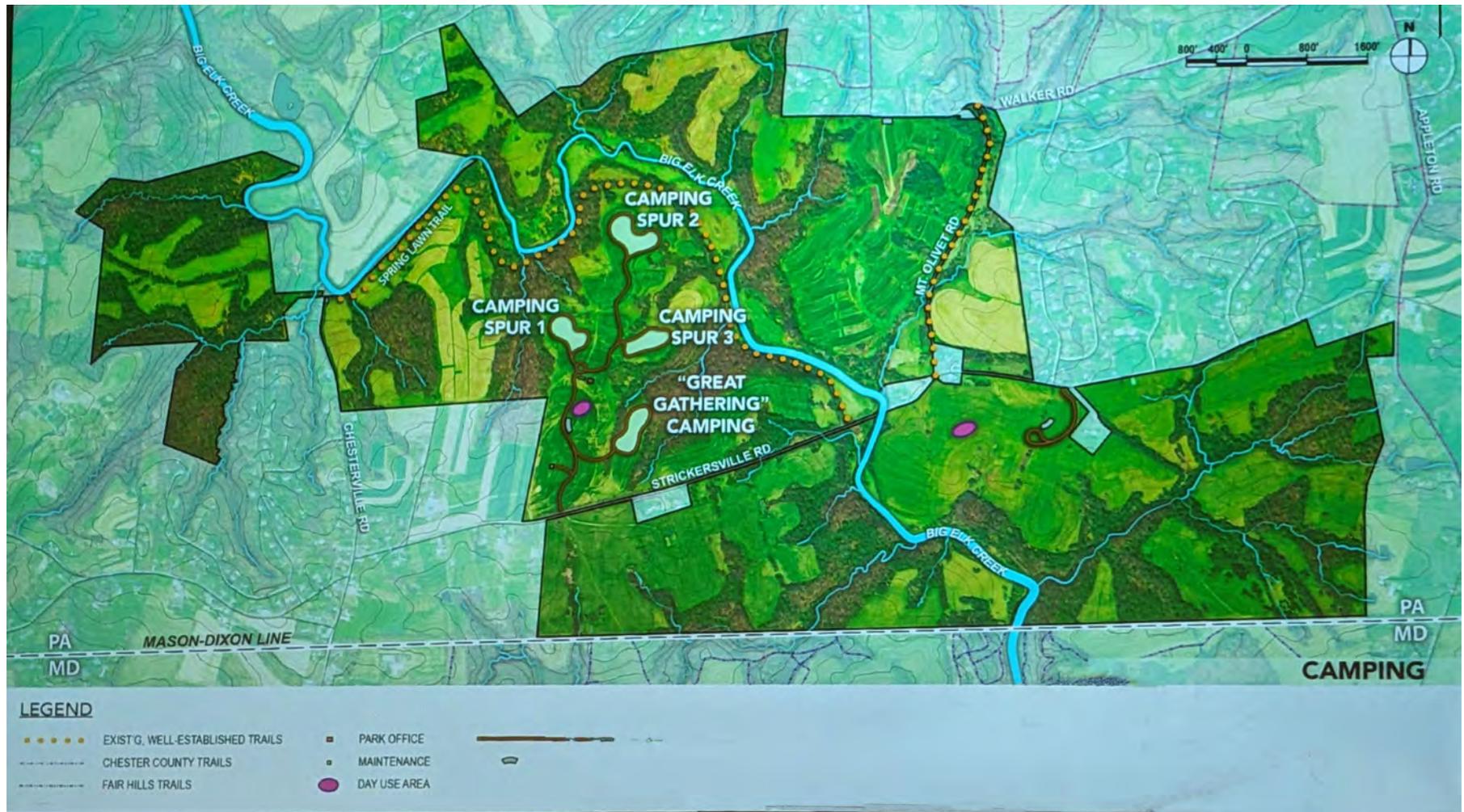
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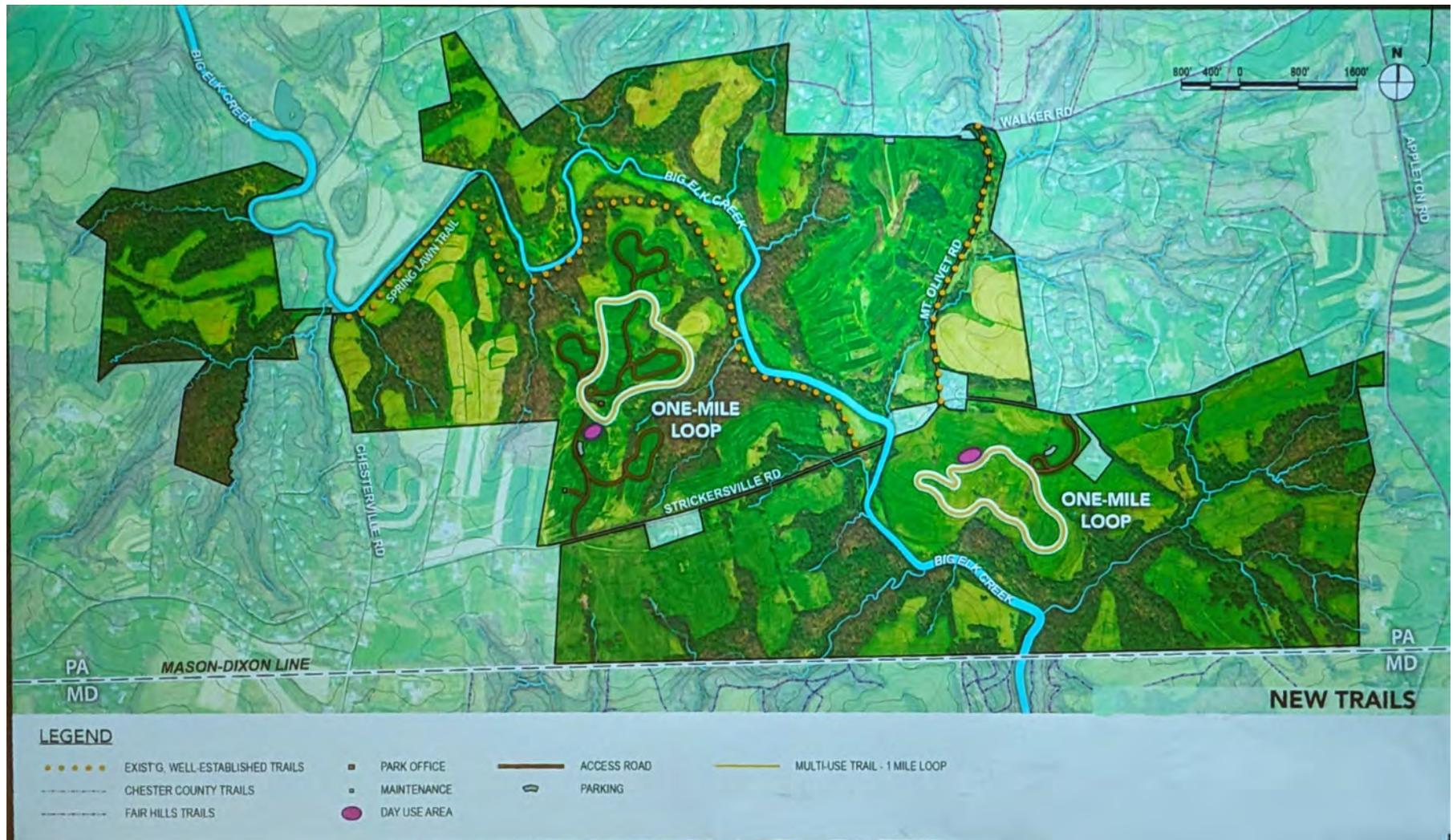
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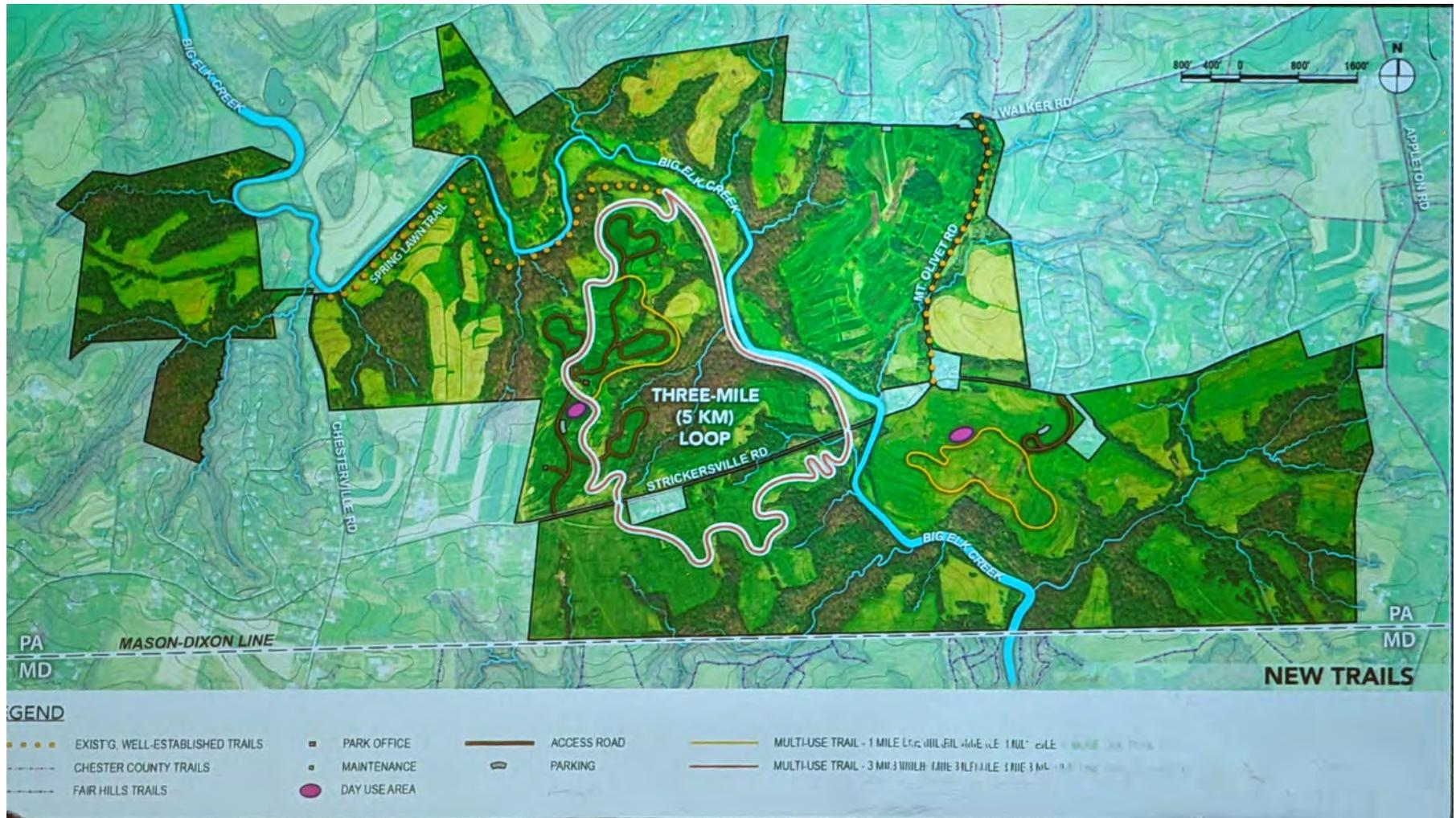
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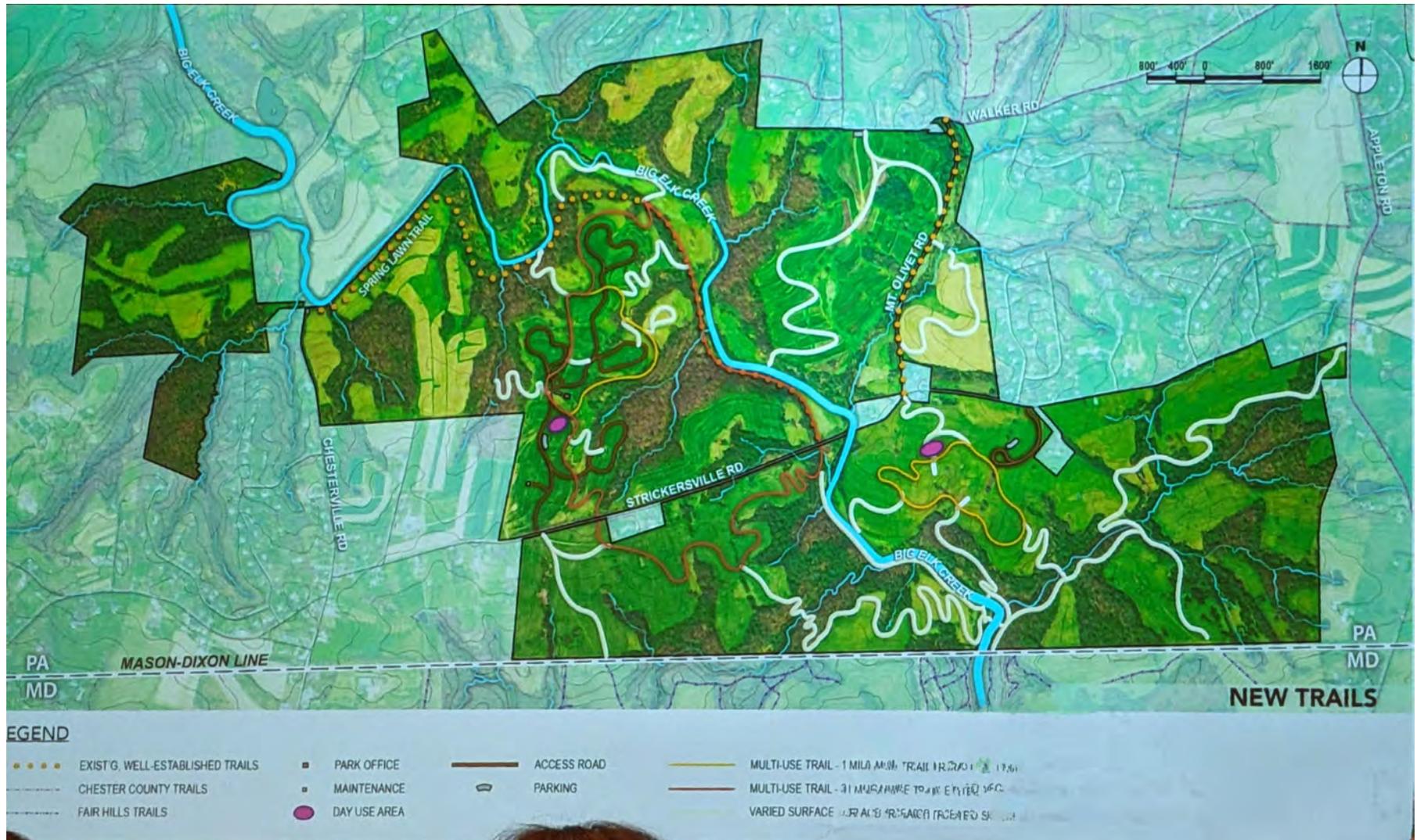
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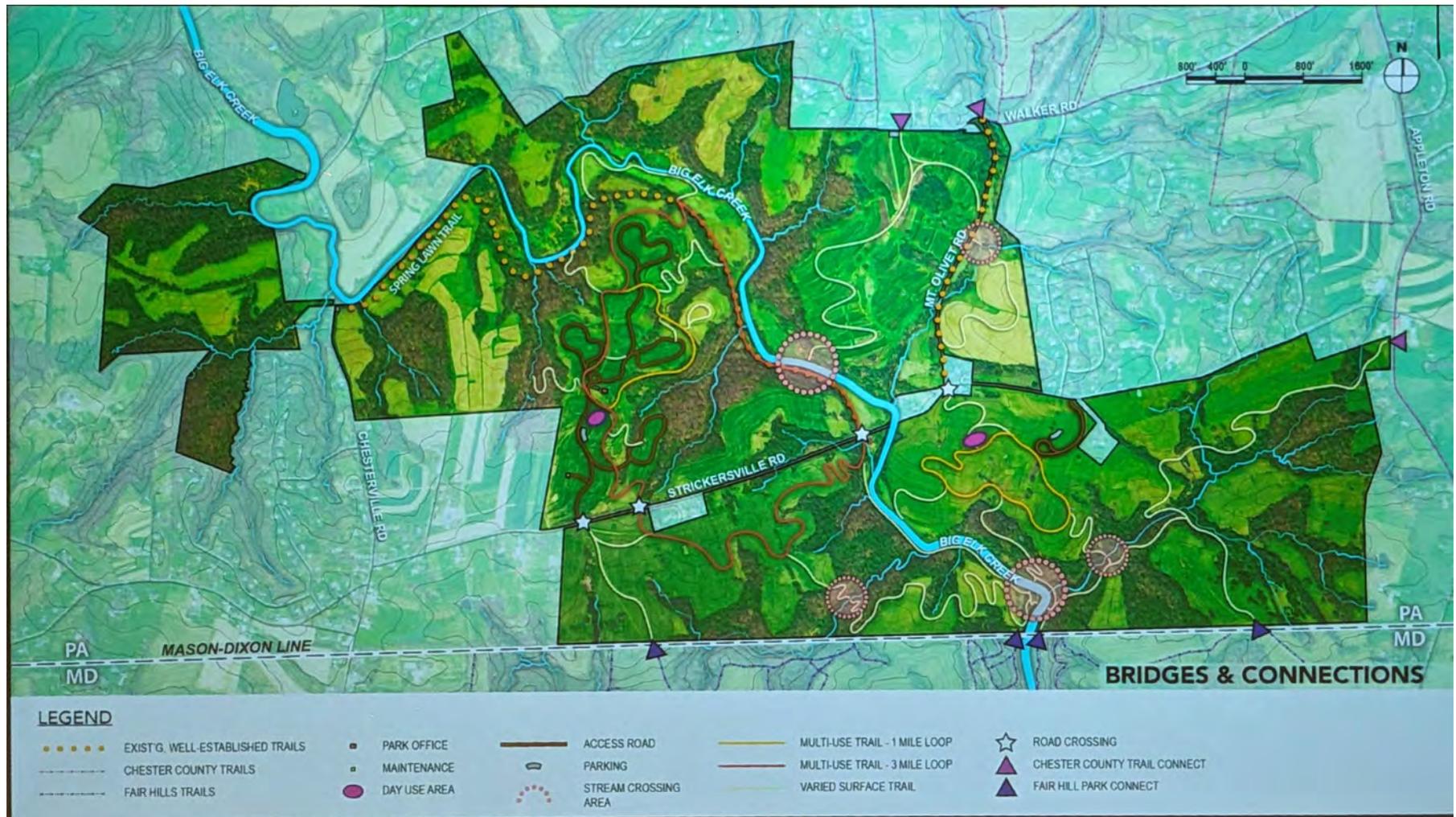
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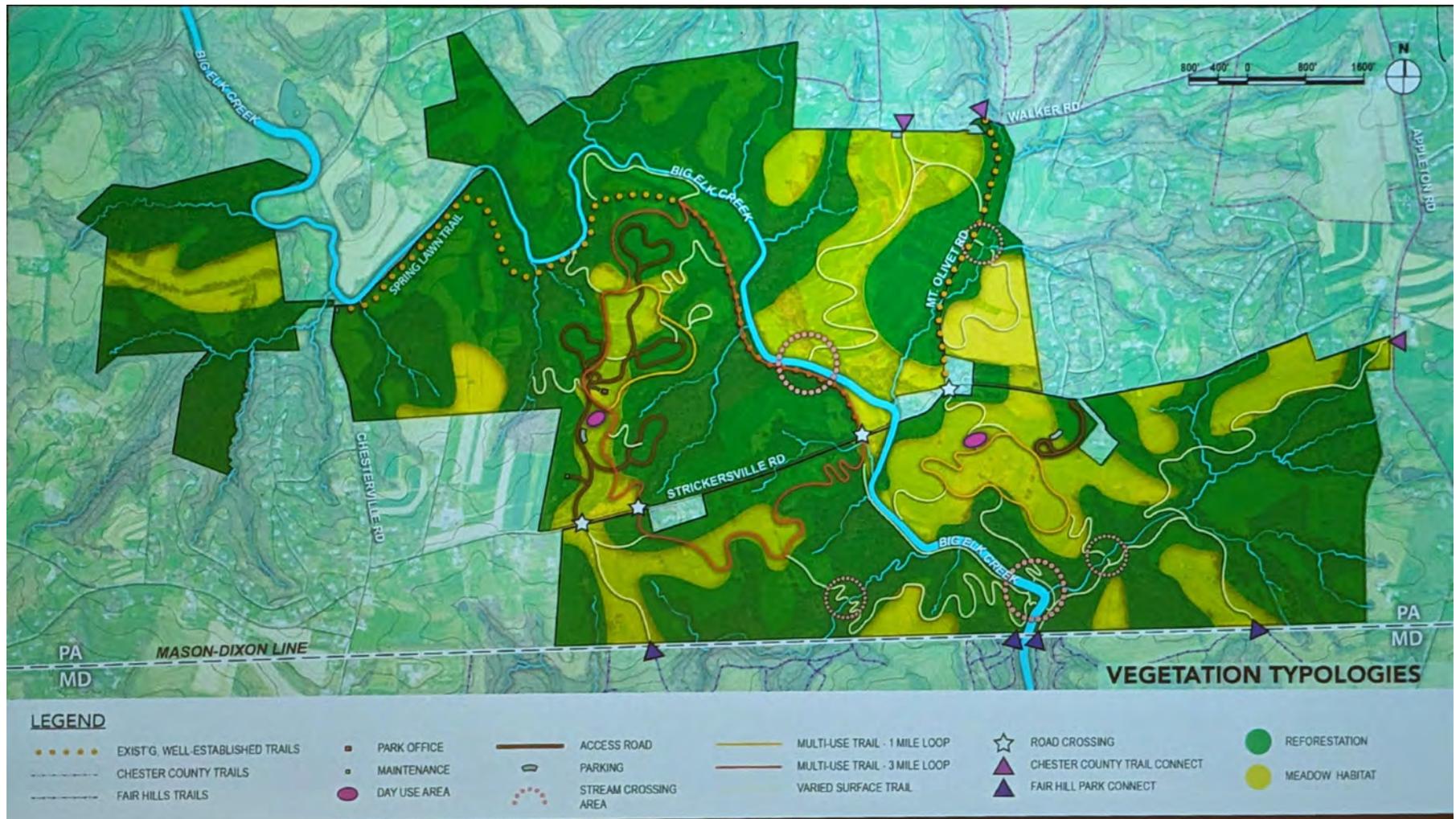
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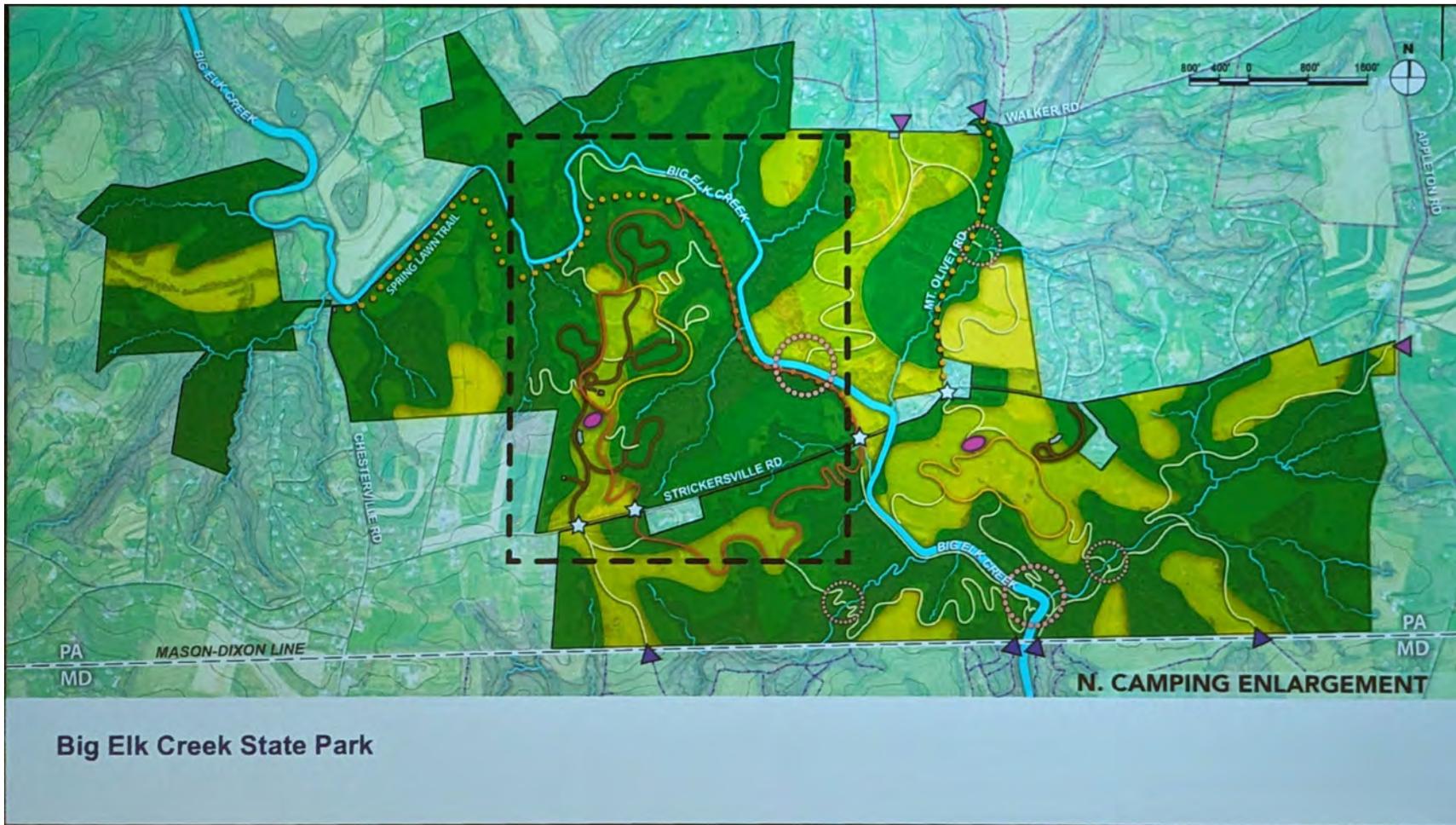
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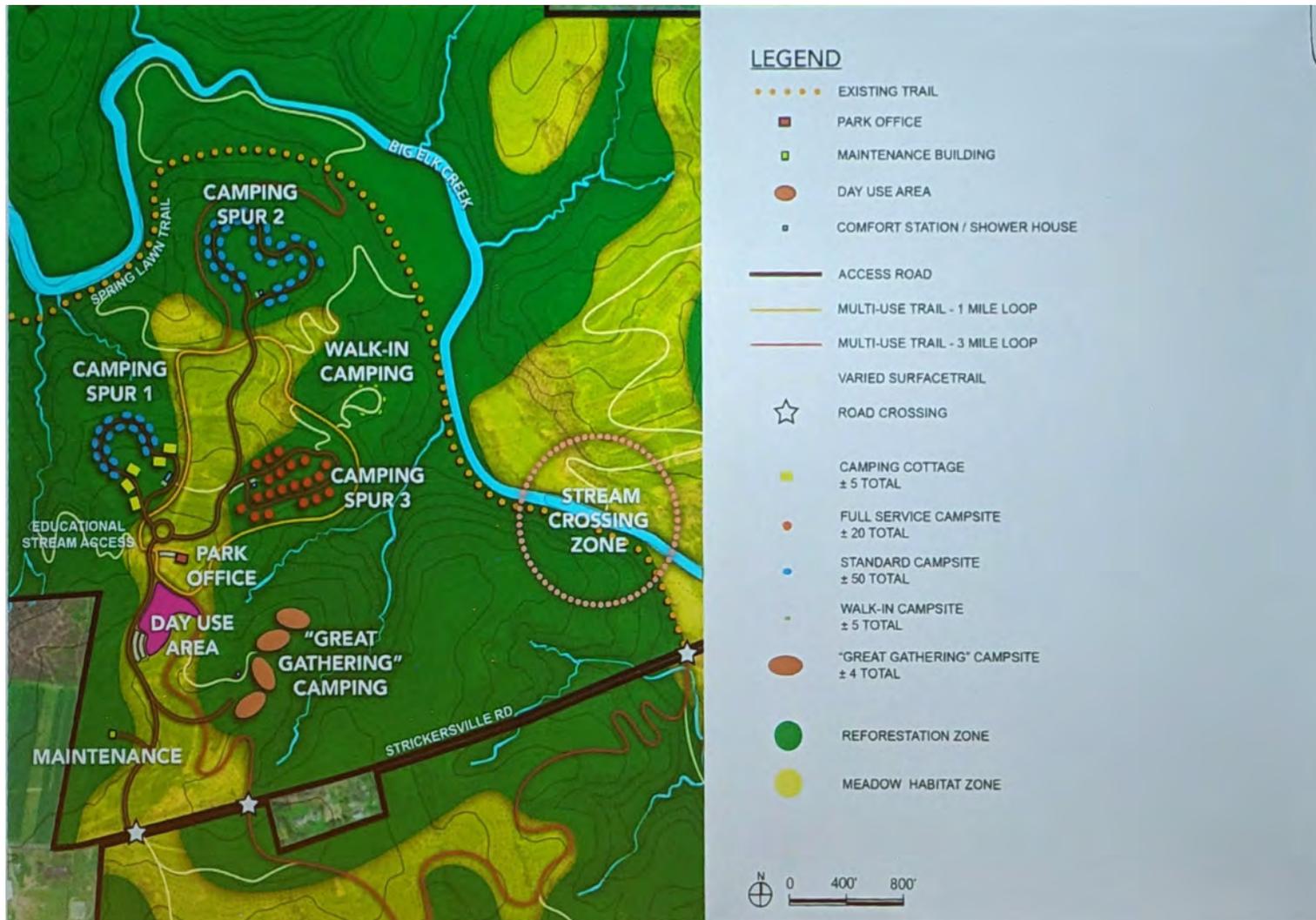
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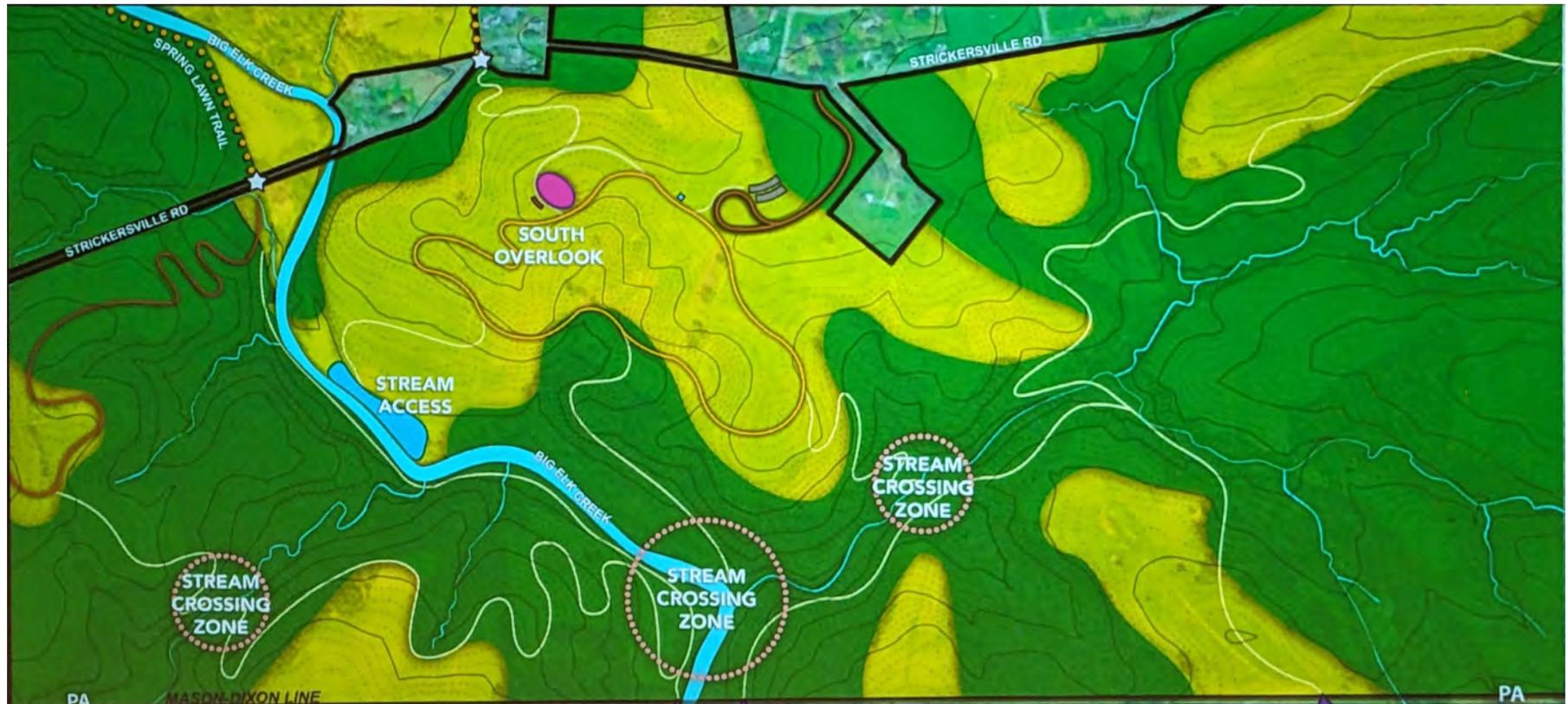


More detailed views of the camping and admin area in Elk Twp and the parking and overlook area in Franklin are on the next pages.



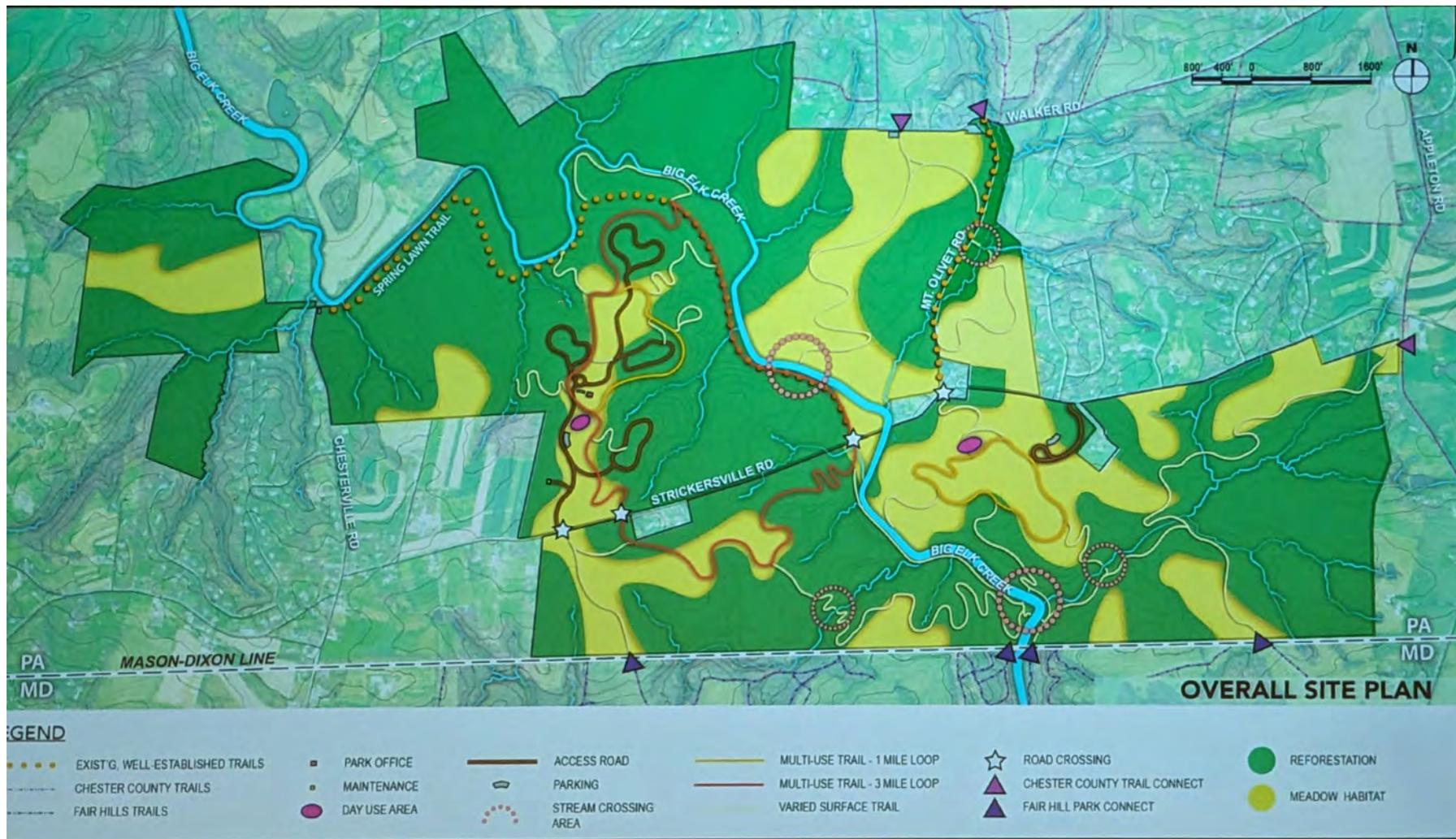
Elk detail

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Franklin detail

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Overall site plan

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Next Steps – TODAY!

Adjourn to the Lobby
Ask Your Questions to DCNR staff and the design team
Submit Your Comments!
Table Topics in the Lobby Include:
Park Amenities
Education
Resource Management
Recreation

Next Steps – after today

Develop Plan Concept (based on feedback)
Final Plan, Report, and Presentation
Public Meeting #2 – Final Presentation (to be scheduled)

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Public Meeting

