

Rappahannock County Park Master Plan

Rev. 0: January 10, 2019

The Rappahannock County Recreational Facilities Authority (RCRFA) was established by an act of the Board of Supervisors of Rappahannock County on November 2, 1978 and is governed by Chapter 47 of the Rappahannock County code. This Park Master Plan ensures that the Park facilities are designed and maintained in accordance with the mission and purposes set forth in the county code. An aerial view of the Park is shown in Attachment 1.

Mission

The purposes of the RCRFA are defined in clause 47-7. The three major components of the Park's mission are underlined.

"The purposes for which the Authority is created are to own, maintain, operate and improve the project known as the Rappahannock Recreation Center located on Route 211 near Washington, Virginia, for the recreational use by all residents of Rappahannock County; to assist, promote and encourage recreational activities throughout Rappahannock County, such as the Fodderstack 10K Race; to undertake such other projects as may be authorized by the Board of Supervisors; and to hold title to property, real and personal, for any of its stated purposes."

Vision

Inspire a passion for parks, healthy lifestyles, and environmental stewardship by providing a sustainable, dynamic, and inclusive park system to support a thriving community.

Values

- Demonstrate stewardship of our resources. Resources includes park land, forests, watersheds, rivers, recreational facilities and financial assets.
- Enhance accessibility to recreational facilities for all users.
- Develop partnerships with community organizations to achieve our goals
- Expand outreach to the community
- Develop and recognize the worth of our volunteers

Goals

To fulfill the purposes and mission as set forth in the county code, the Park has identified nine goals which endeavor to provide:

1. Recreation facilities for people of all ages and abilities
2. Sufficient open spaces for games or general enjoyment
3. Maintained trails for walking and picnicking

4. Pedestrian access to the Rush River
5. Covered picnic area for group functions, with wheelchair access and restrooms
6. Restrictions on new outdoor lighting that would nullify a dark sky park designation
7. Projects implementing real-life applications of environmental stewardship
8. Educational outreach to the local schools and the public on environmental topics
9. Links to any future trails to the Visitor Center, Washington or Sperryville

These goals are listed in nominal priority order to help guide decision making for future projects. Since the Park has limited available land to achieve its goals, the RCRFA Board will be required to make decisions on land use for a given project such that priority programs are not compromised. An overview of the areas earmarked for future development is shown in Attachment 2.

Separate documents will provide the specific details of the RCRFA's strategies to achieve each of these goals. A number of these strategies will have 5-year sustainability plans.

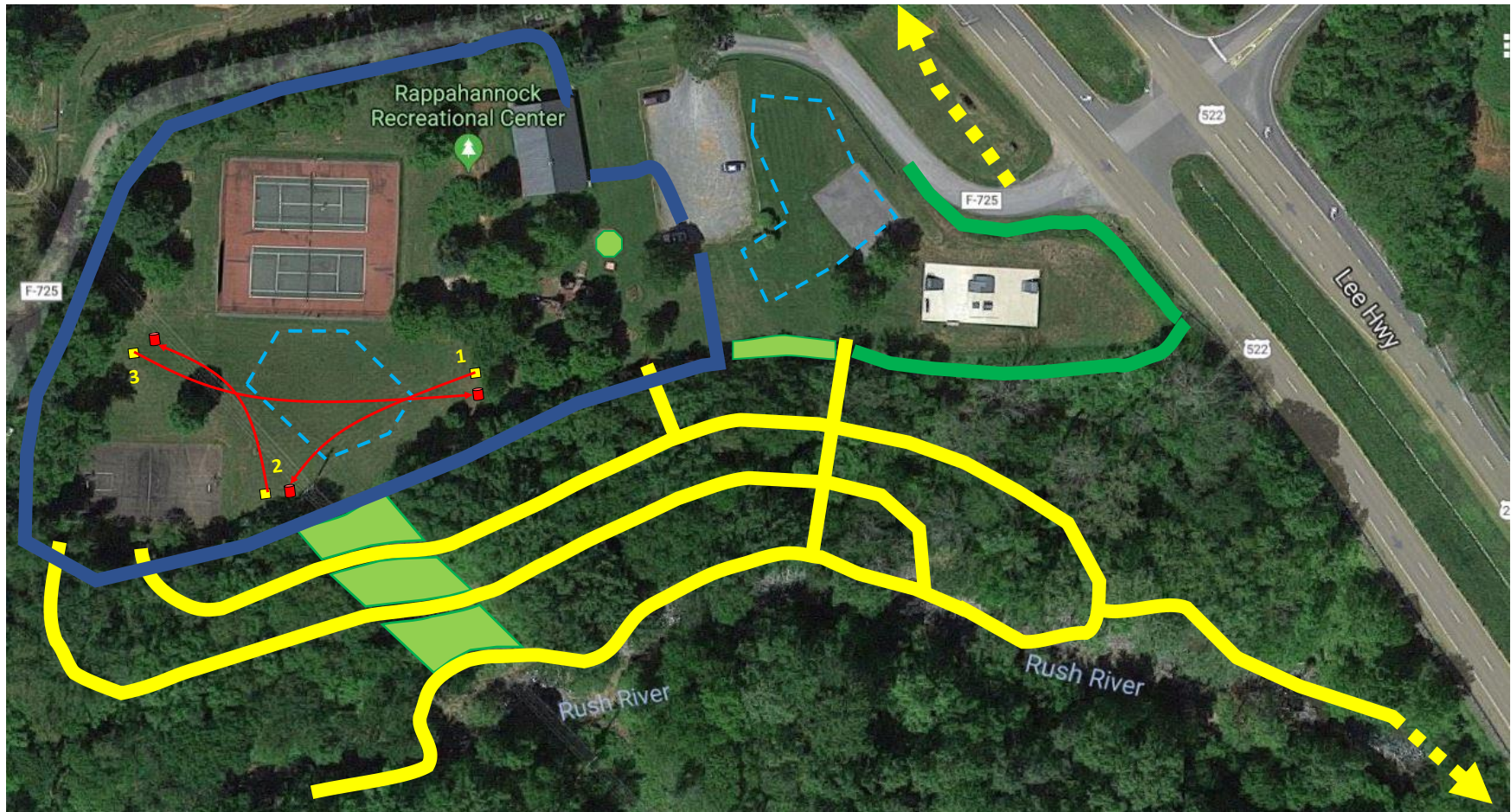
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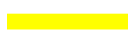






This Plan has been approved by the RCRFA Board at their January 10, 2019 meeting. This Plan will be reviewed periodically and updated by the RCRFA Board as necessary.

Attachment 1: Aerial View of the Rappahannock County Park



Attachment 2: Areas Earmarked for Future Projects as of January 10, 2019



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|  Existing foot trails |  Planned accessible trail |  Other future plantings |
|  Future connector trail |  Planned pollinator gardens | |
|  Frisbee golf course |  Dark sky viewing area | |