

SPORTSPLEX

Matthews Sportsplex



Presentation

Matthews Board of Commissioners

November 12, 2007

7:00 pm



Matthews Sportsplex
Mecklenburg County



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Project Team



“Collaborative” Team Approach

- **Citizens of the Mecklenburg County & Town of Matthews**
- **Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation & Town of Matthews**
 - Town & County Staff
 - Elected Officials
 - Park and Recreation Commission Members
- **Woolpert, Inc.**



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Agenda

Presentation Agenda



- Project Timeline
- Project Study Area / Site Analysis
- Planning Process/ Workshops
- Master Plan Presentation
- Questions / Answers

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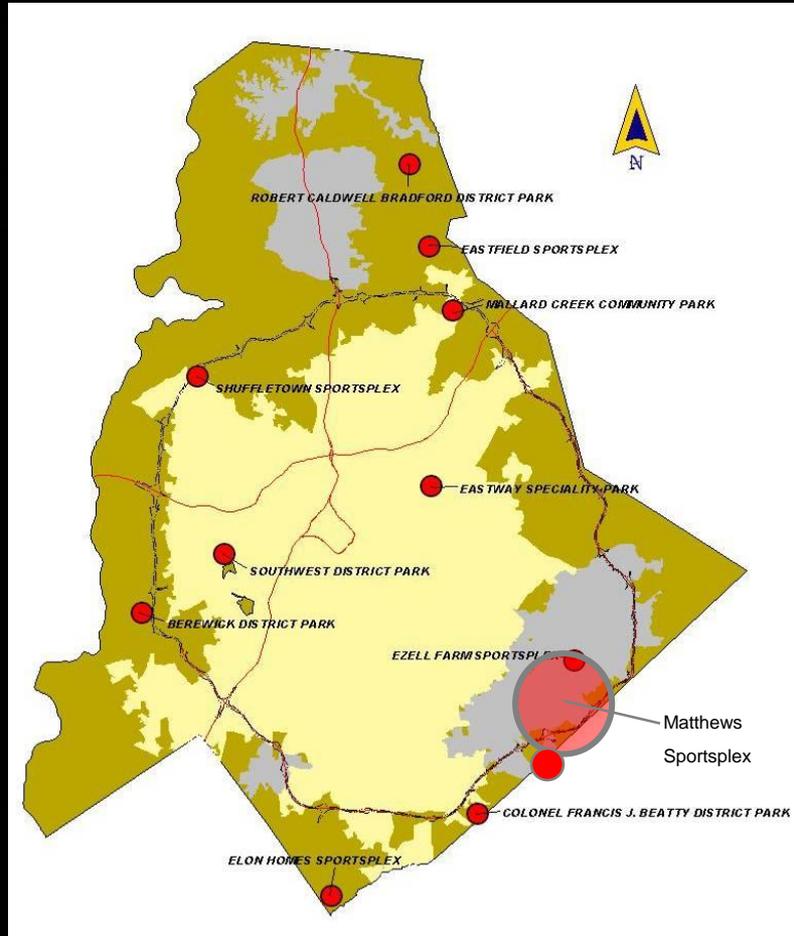
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County's Proposed Sportsplexes

- 11 Sportsplexes
- Matthews Sportsplex Site



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Study Area / Site Analysis



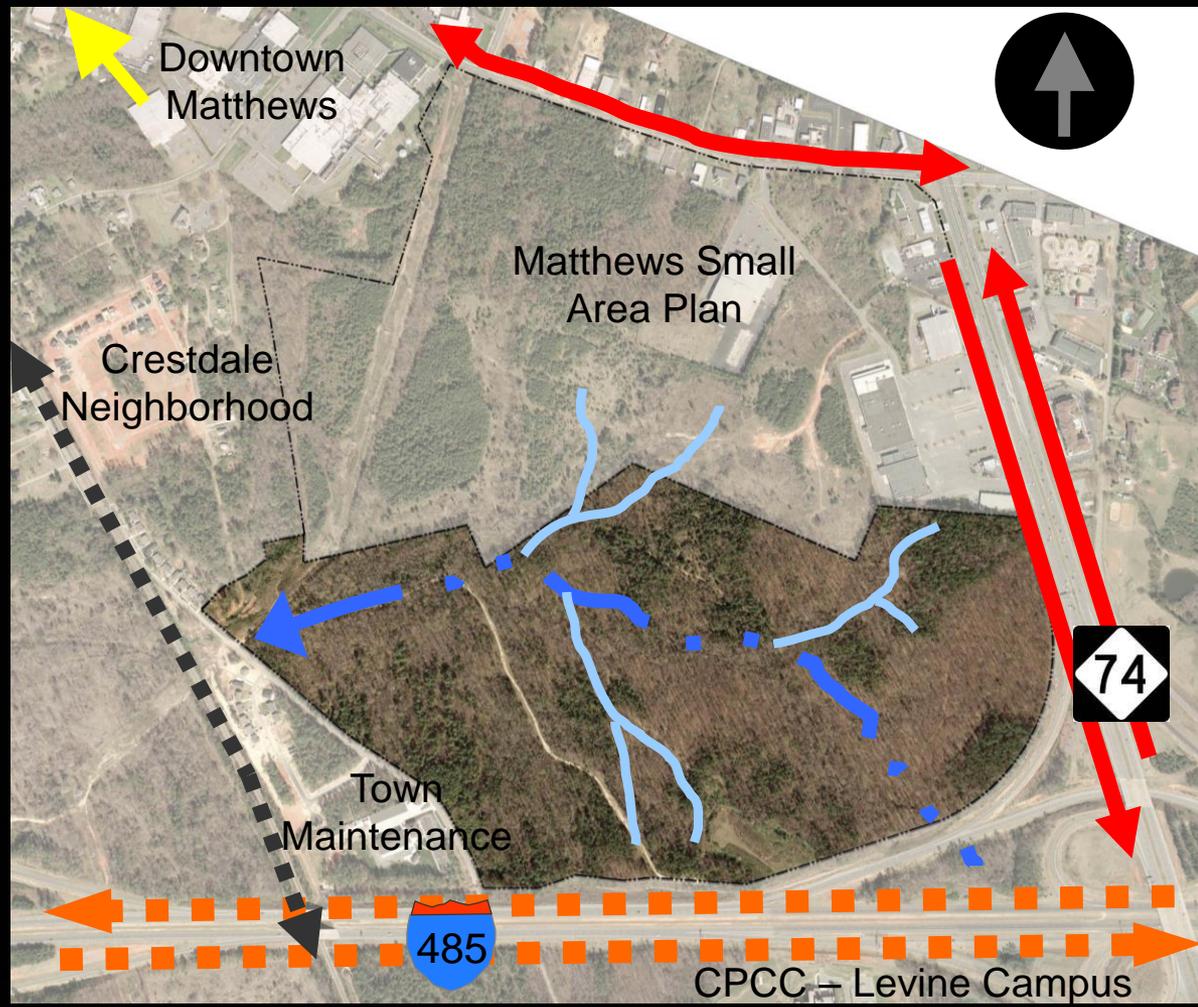
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Study Area

Aerial Photo

- +/-160 AC study area
- North
- NC - 74
- CSX Rail Line
- Matthews Township Pkwy
- I - 485
- Four Mile Creek
- Adjacent Town Project
- Adjacent Neighborhood
- Adjacent Institutional

Preformed analysis of natural and cultural factors which lead to a suitability map



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Planning Process / Workshops



Community Workshop #1



September 6, 2007 – 42 attendees

Summary of Comments

Workshop Exercise

(5) groups suggested ideas/ comments on the sportsplex design

Program Elements:

- Multi-purpose fields - soccer/football/rugby/lacrosse
 - Synthetic turf on portion of fields
 - One championship field / stadium
 - seating for 1,500 / berm / room for expansion
 - Family amenities – playgrounds, volleyball, horseshoes, etc.
 - Greenway connectivity/ walking / hiking trails
 - Indoor programming space
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- **Other Comments:**
 - Consider CATS relocating to perimeter
 - Multi vehicular access points into park
 - Stormwater considerations / maintain natural creek
 - Traffic on Tank Town Road

Site Suitability
Legend
Program Suggestions/Uses

Designers collecting ideas for Matthews sportsplex

By Melissa Johnson
Design on the Matthews sportsplex is officially under way. Consultants from Woolpert Inc. held a public workshop Thursday evening for folks to give input on the 20-acre park. The sportsplex will be located by Tanktown Road, I-485 and US-78. The land makes up about half of the 200 acres being studied in the Matthews small area plan.

Many of the groups arrived at the same suggestions including multi-use, lighted fields for soccer, lacrosse, football or maybe a mix of artificial and natural surfaces, adequate access to the site including several new trails, activities for nonleague users as walking trails, horseshoes, shuffle with grills, keeping some areas natural to preserve creek banks and wildlife and adequate restroom facilities.

Park loved the similarities between the lists and said those parallels would make it easier for Woolpert to work toward a final design.

"We'll take these suggestions, put them in the barrel, shake it out, and we'll come back with two preliminary concepts for you to critique," Park said.

Mecklenburg County Park and Rec has committed \$5 million to the project with Matthews offering an additional \$2 million. The sportsplex will include a number of fields, a cafeteria and other amenities. The larger area will be developed as a family entertainment district to include restaurants, hotels, shopping and other forms of recreation. Matthews small area plan.

Woolpert consultant Andrew Park (center) watches as Paul Maxwell (left), representing Carolina Youth Rugby, and Jill Durring, the mother of a soccer player, write down suggestions for the sportsplex design.

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Community Workshop #2



Concept 1



Concept 2

Community Workshop #2



September 27, 2007 – 31 attendees

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Workshop Exercise

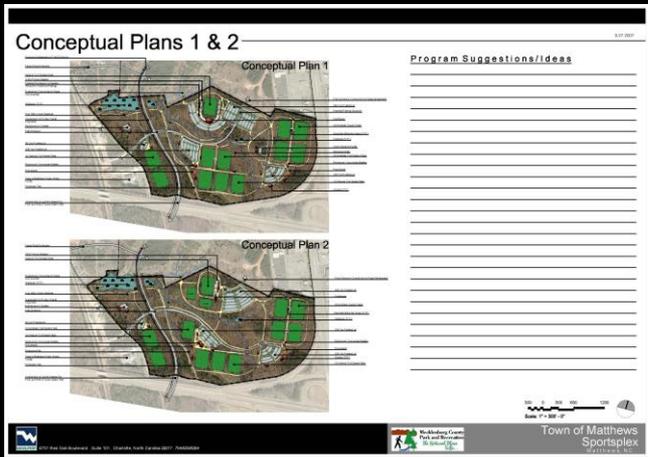
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Program Ideas & Preferences:

- Stadium capacity
 - allow for expansion
- Family amenities – playgrounds, volleyball, horseshoes, etc.
- Greenway connectivity/ walking / hiking trails
- Indoor programming space

•Other Comments:

- Security
- Parking Issues
- Equestrian Facilities
- Indoor Swimming Center



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Master Plan



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Overall Plan



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Master Plan



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Master Plan

- Wetlands (Typ.) _____
- Four Mile Creek Greenway _____
- Indoor Meeting Facility
(patio, volleyball, open field, playground) _____
- 80 Car Parking Lot _____
- Main Park Entrance _____
- 80 Car Parking Lot _____
- (2) Natural Turf Sports Fields _____
- CATS Transit Alignment _____
- Shared Maintenance
Facility (expansion) _____
- Connection to Levine
Campus & Park and Ride
(tunnel under I 485) _____



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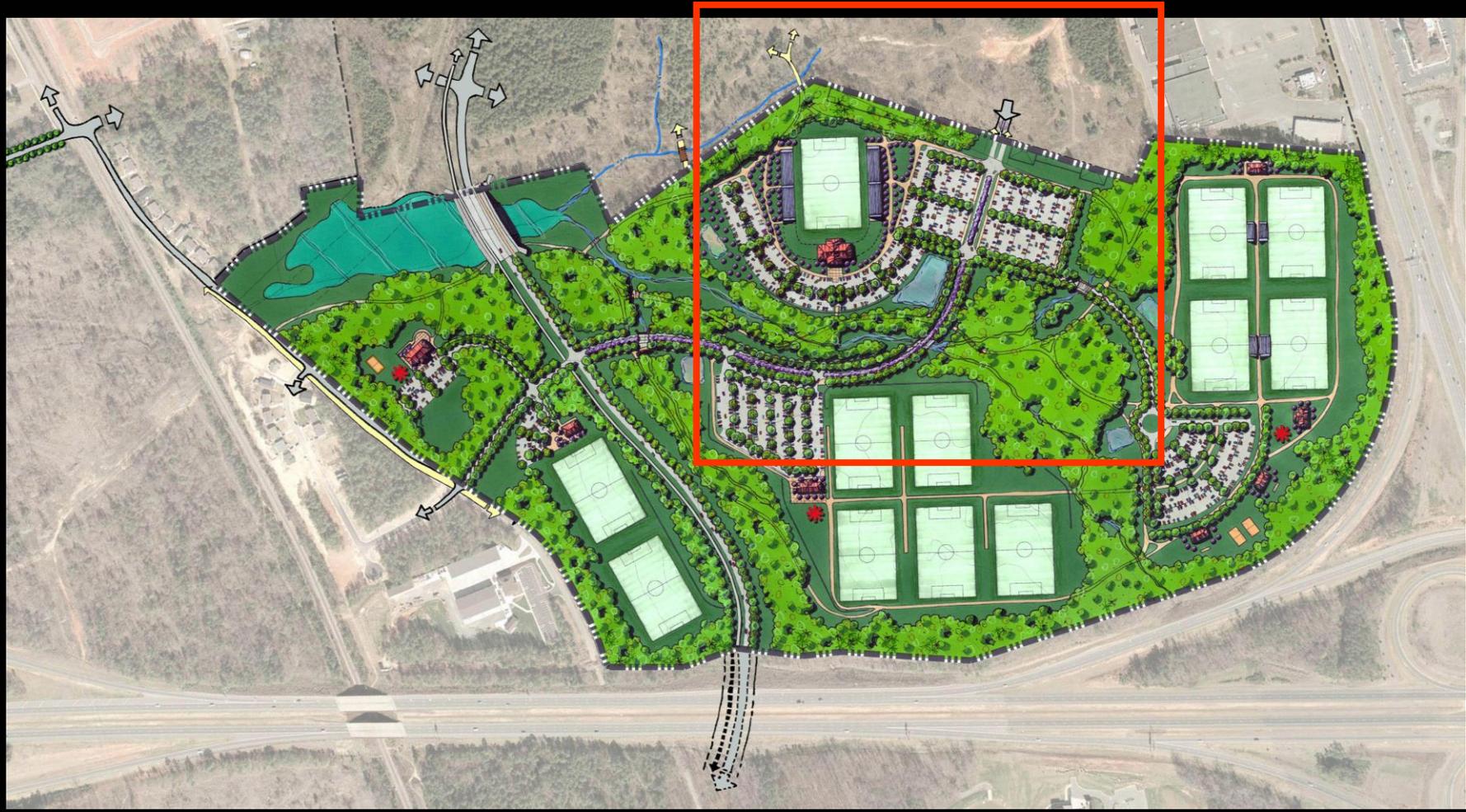
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- Boardwalks (Typ.)
- Park Road (landscaped median)
- Retaining Wall (Typ.)
- 250 Car Parking Lot
- (2) Synthetic Turf Sports Fields
- Restroom/ Concession
- Playground
- (3) Natural Turf Sports Fields
- Perimeter Walking Trails



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Master Plan



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Pedestrian Connections to Future Development (typ.)

Park Entrance From Future Development

2700 Person Stadium

Natural Turf Stadium Field

Potential Stadium Expansion to 5000 seats

900 Car Parking Lot

Fieldhouse

Best Management Practice (BMP)



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Master Plan



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Master Plan

- Cross Country (5 K) _____
- Spectator Bleachers (Typ.) _____
- Perimeter Walking Trails _____
- (4) Synthetic Turf Sports Fields _____
- Restroom/ Concession _____
- Playground _____
- 200 Car Parking Lot _____
- Shelters (Typ.) _____
(volleyball / horseshoe/ grills)



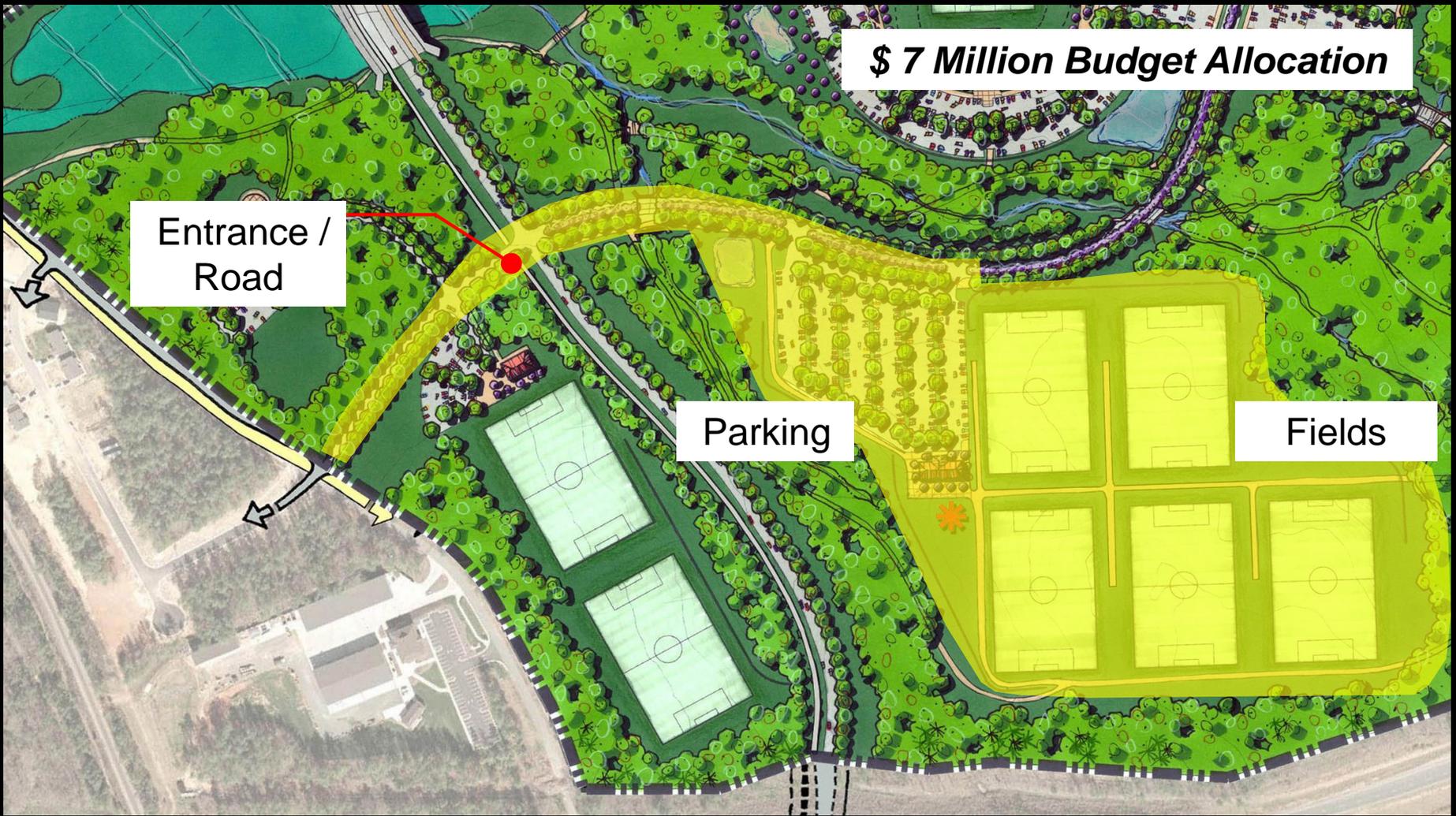
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Potential Phase One Area



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\$ 7 Million Budget Allocation

Entrance / Road

Parking

Fields

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Future Phasing



Future development to be determined based upon program preferences and future funding allocation

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