

Committee Meeting #3 March 28, 2022

# Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan

TOWAMENCIN TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



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# AGENDA – Committee Meeting #3

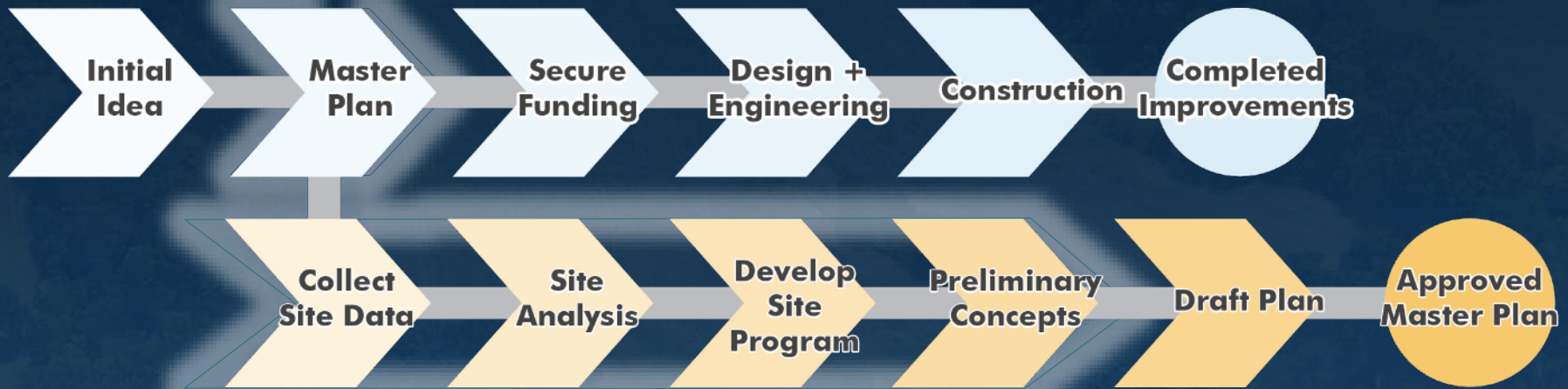
- Review of Remaining Schedule
- Finalize of Draft Park Mission
- Public opinion survey to date
- Review Preliminary Concepts 1-3
- Summary of Key Person Interviews
- Concept Refinements
- Precedent Images
- Discussion / Committee Direction



# MASTER PLAN PROCESS

*We are  
Here*

*“All voices heard, all ideas  
honored”*



## *Transparent Public Process:*

- *4 Study Committee meetings*
- *4 Public meetings*
- *1 Board of Supervisors meeting*
- *10 Key Person Interviews*
- *Online Public Opinion Survey*

# MASTER PLAN SCHEDULE

Committee Mtg #2 & Public Meeting #2 presented site analysis and three (3) initial concepts to begin discussion.

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# DRAFT PARK MISSION STATEMENT

*“The mission of Towamencin Veterans Memorial Park is to honor the service of our armed forces while informing visitors about the importance of their service in a tranquil and passive park setting.”*

Finalization of Mission Statement based on  
Committee Discussion

# PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY SUMMARY

## SUMMARY - 109 responses to date (3/25/2022)

### Park should 'feel':

(>50% of respondents)

- Tranquil, peaceful
- Quiet

### A Park honoring service to country should contain:

- Flagpoles
- Monuments
- Flower Gardens

### Park should have the following amenities

(>50% of respondents):

- Parking
- Restrooms
- Dog Waste Cleanup Stations

(<50% of respondents)

- Pavilions & Event Space
- Drinking Fountains

### Park should NOT have the following amenities:

- Playgrounds (31%)
- Historic/ Military interactive displays (13%)

# REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS

## December 2021

Concept 1

Concept 2

Concept 3





# ***REVIEW OF KEY PERSON INTERVIEW PROCESS***

***February - March 2022***

**Number of Persons  
Interviewed: 17**

**Towamencin Township  
Residents: 82%**

***Township Staff/ Committees/  
Organizations/ Communities  
Represented:***

- 1. Township Manager**
- 2. Township-Chief of Police**
- 3. Township Events Coordinator**
- 4. TYA**
- 5. DAR**
- 6. Environmental Advisory Council**
- 7. Open Space & Parks Advisory  
Committee**
- 8. Dock Woods Community**
- 9. North Penn High School**

# KPI SUMMARY

The importance of *Tennis Lukens Cemetery* as a focal point of the Park

Emphasize the 'humanity' of those who serve; 'why' they serve; war is not to be celebrated.

**THEMES**

Make the Park personal; instill Towamencin-centric concepts/ flavor.

Focus on the adult demographic

Emphasize peace; beauty; restorative/ healing power of natural settings; where memories can be shared.

# KPI SUMMARY



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## CONCEPT 1

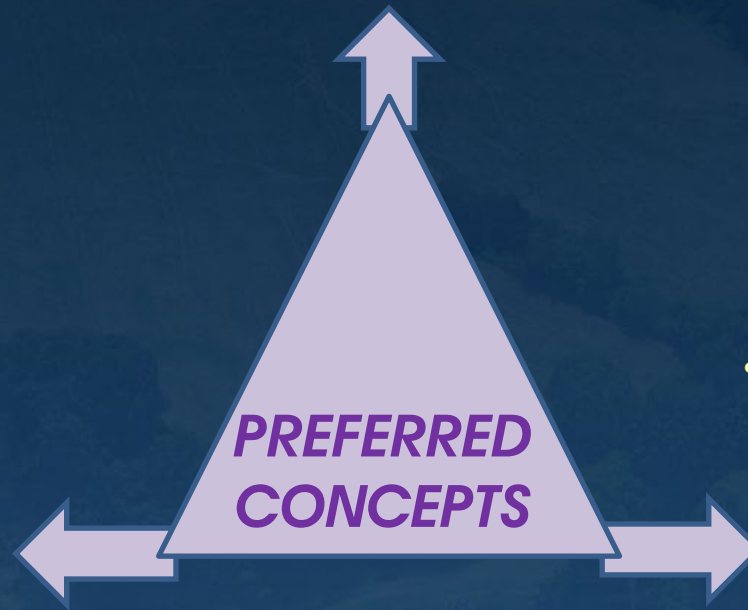
- Liked ordered 'grid'
- Four distinct areas
- Concern about parking near cemetery
- Equal popularity with Concept 2

## CONCEPT 2

- Oval; unimpeded open area
- Full looped walking trail
- Parking too far away
- Equal popularity with Concept 1

## CONCEPT 3

- Liked amphitheater—  
what will it be used for?
- Closer parking
- Most liked



# CONCEPT PLAN REFINEMENTS

COMMENTS RECEIVED  
FROM SURVEY/  
COMMITTEE/KPIS

ACCESS  
ISSUES

INITIAL CONSIDERATION OF  
PROJECT PHASING &  
CONSTRUCTION  
SEQUENCING

- Separation of loop walking trail to formal lawn trail
- More realistic sizes/ scale
- Initial material suggestions: agrarian/ rural design character
- Both plans accommodate Allentown Rd. or Reinert Rd. access & parking

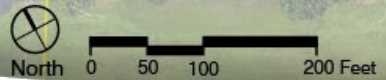
# CONCEPT 4-Variation A



# CONCEPT 4- Variation B



- Legend**
- Existing**
- Site Boundary
  - Parcel Lines
  - ⊕ Tennis-Lukens Cemetery
  - Cemetery Fenceline
  - Stream
  - ▨ Wetlands
- Proposed**
- Major Walkway
  - Minor Walkway
  - Driveway
  - P Parking
  - Restroom/Pavilion
  - Plaza
  - Play Area
  - Lawn
  - Meadow/Stormwater BMP
  - Planting Bed
  - Ornamental Tree
  - Reforestation Area



# CONCEPT 4 – Amphitheater Section



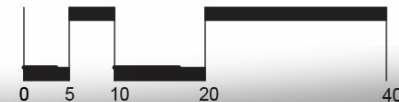
Walkway

Plaza

Tiered  
Lawn  
Seating

Reforestation

Existing  
Treeline





# CONCEPT 5

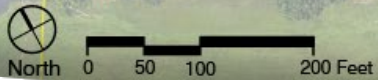
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-  Major Walkway
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-  Plaza
-  Plaza w/ Pergola
-  Play Area
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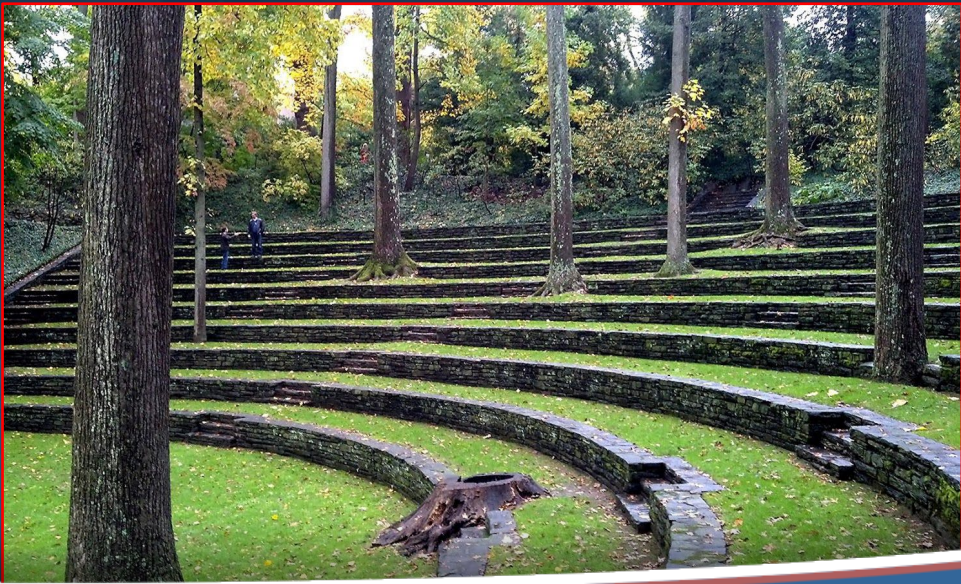
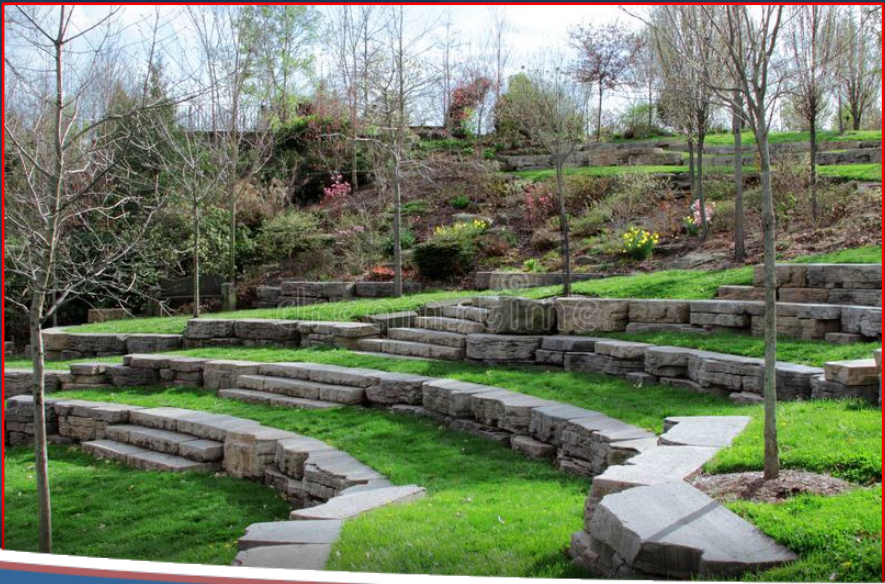
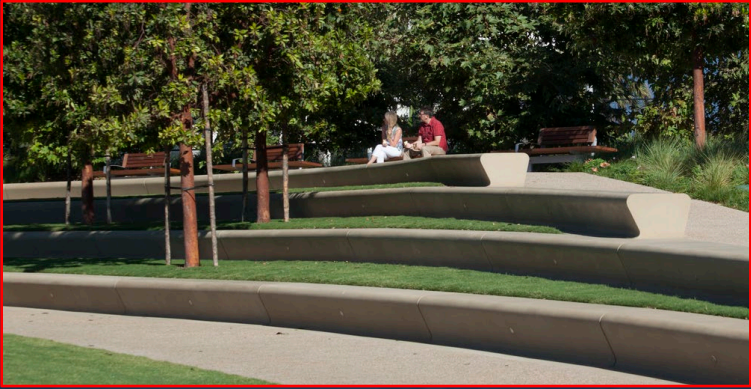
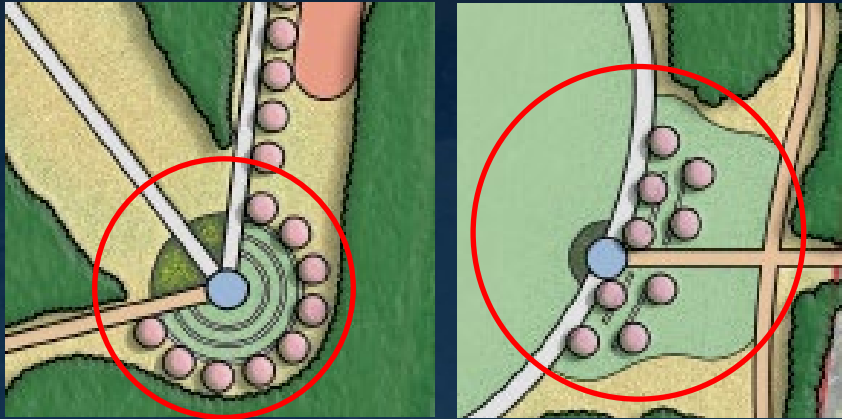
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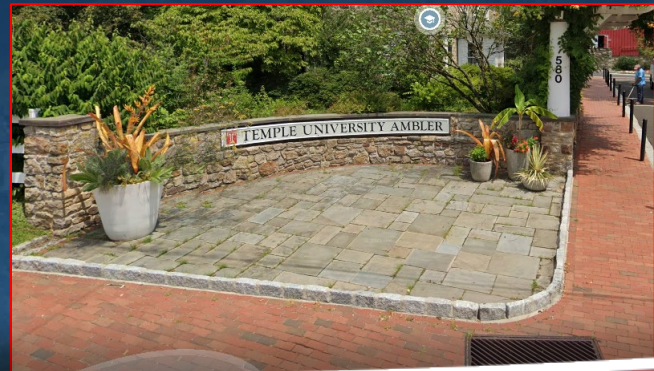
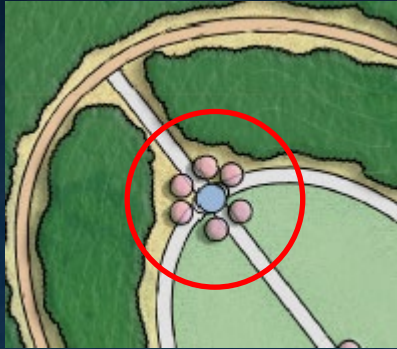
## AS AN EXAMPLE...

- Historical area
- Navy & Coast Guard  
(Water Features)
- Army & Marine Corps  
(Land Features)
- Air Force &  
(Future) Space Force  
(Air/Sky Features)
- Amphitheater

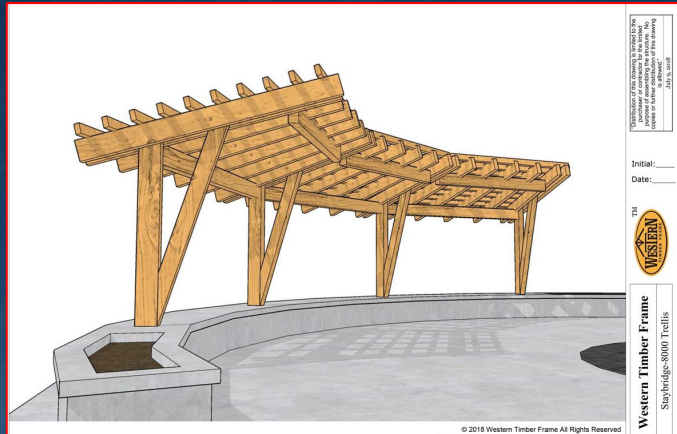
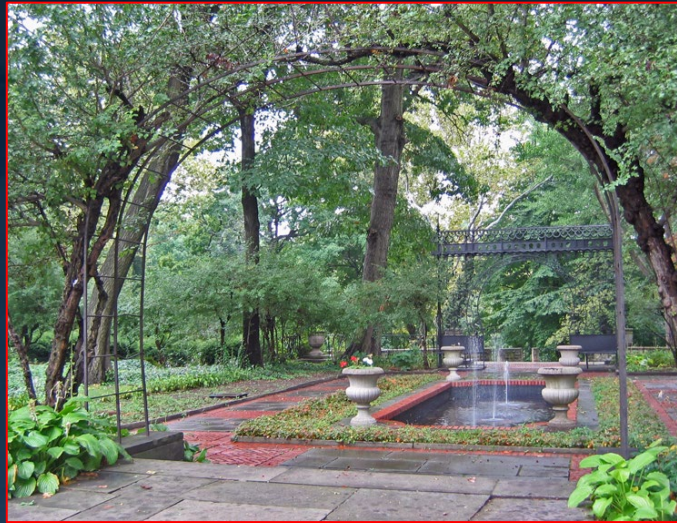
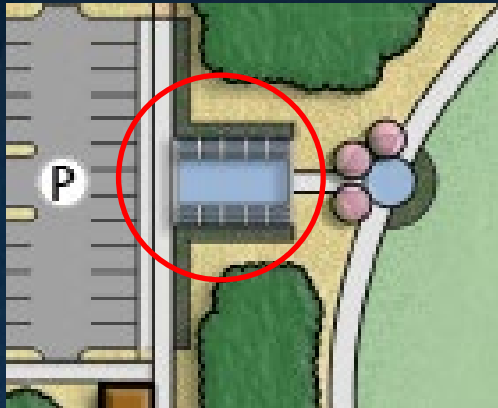
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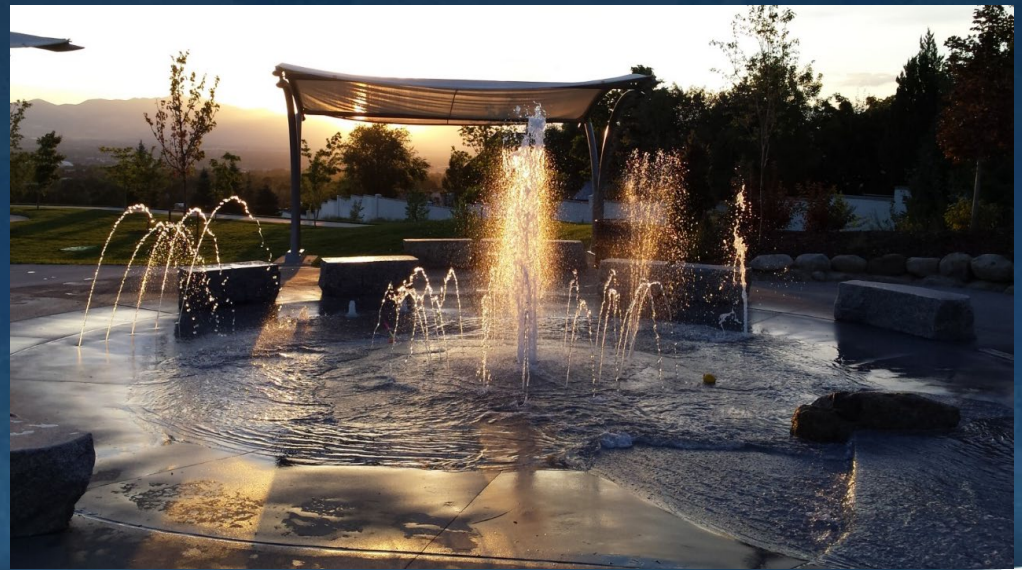
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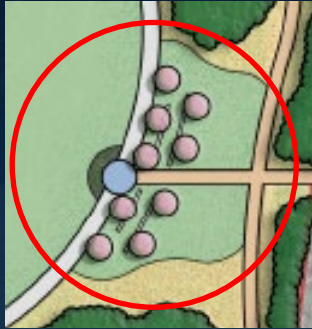
# ENTRY TRELLIS TREATMENTS



# WATER FEATURES



# NATURALIZED PLAY AREA



# GARDEN/ RESTFUL/ MEDITATIVE AREAS



Planted Labyrinth  
(Stoney Creek Park)



“Plazas” defined by plantings



Rain Garden – Stormwater Best  
Management Practice



Naturalistic Memorial Elements



# CONCEPTS



4A



4B



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# NEXT STEPS

1. Public Opinion Survey available until March 31st, 2022
2. Public Meeting #3 TBD-Tentative May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Present plan options discussed with Veterans Committee to public for discussion.
3. Refinement of Concepts based on Public Input and Committee direction.
4. Presentation to Supervisors:  
April 27, 2022: Draft Plan



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## TOWNSHIP WEBSITE:

[www.towamencin.org/parksnrecreation.html](http://www.towamencin.org/parksnrecreation.html)

The public opinion survey is available until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please check the Township website for a link to the survey and for project updates.

