



## Lower Gwynedd Township Parks & Recreation Board

January 16, 2024

Agenda

Lower Gwynedd Township Building  
6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Option

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Meeting ID: 856 0189 6673

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1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Introduction of New Board Members
4. Election of Officers
  - Chair
  - Vice Chair
  - Secretary
5. Consideration of November 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes
6. Updates:
  - Board of Supervisor Liaison
  - Environmental Advisory Update
  - Recreation Director Update
  - Fall Fest Update
  - Comprehensive Plan Update
7. Recreation Director Monthly Report
  - Master Plan Update

**Parks and Recreation (P&R) Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023**

**Members in Attendance:** Kathy Morris; Harry Hellerman; Dan Berdahl; Morgan High; Rea Monaghan; James Jacquette

**Staff:** Mimi Gleason

**Board of Supervisors:** Janine Martin

**Call to order:** Kathy M. called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

**Consideration of October 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Rea M. moved to approve the minutes, Harry H. seconded it, and all approved.

**Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) update from Rea M.:**

The annual Tree Giveaway gave away 300 trees and 300 bags of mulch. Next year 350 trees will be offered.

**Kathy M.** spoke on behalf of the board recognizing the significant and beneficial impact Jim Jacquette has had while serving on the board and for the Lower Gwynedd Community. Thank you, Jim.

**Janine M. update on the supervisor's activity:**

At the most recent BOS meeting, the fencing for the Little League fields at Ingersoll Park was put into the budget. The expectation is that the fencing project will be done in time for the Spring season.

**Mimi G. gave Sandi F.'s P&R report:**

Veteran's Day celebration at Veteran's Park was a success. Rise Up Towers has recommended that a cell tower location be in Penllyn Woods. Easements associated with the park need to be checked to see how that would happen.

**Comprehensive plan meeting update by Kathy M. - Items include:**

- 40% of respondents used the trails and parks.
- Desire for connected parks (walkability).
- Preserving open space.
- Updating residents about improvements.
- Bethlehem Pike improvements.

**Master Plan update Kathy M.:**

Grant availability preempts a priority list asked for at the last meeting. Our priority is that there be plans in place when money is available. Gilmore & Associates is helping to prioritize projects.

Board members are urged to think about what can be done with the former Texaco property at 901 Sumneytown Pike.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.**



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## MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** January 11, 2024

**To:** Mimi Gleason, Township Manager, Jamie Worman, Asst. Manager

**From:** Judith Stern Goldstein, R.L.A., ASLA, Jim Hersh, P.E., Toby Levin, R.L.A., ASLA

**cc:** Sandi Feight, CPRP

**Reference:** Ingersoll Park Master Plan  
Oxford Park Master Plan  
Pen-Ambler Park Master Plan  
Penllyn Train Station Trail Master Plan  
G&A Project No. 22-10108

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As requested, we have reviewed the proposed master plans for Ingersoll, Oxford, and Pen-Ambler Parks and for Penllyn Train Station Trail to propose phasing plans for each park/trail. In addition, we have researched potential sources of grant funding for each phase. The phasing plans and associated grants for each park are outlined below. Please note the phasing below is theoretical and intended for discussion purposes with the Park & Recreation Board, as well as the Board of Supervisors:

### Ingersoll Park

- Phase 1: Replacement fencing and netting.
  - Funded through Township budget allocations 2024.
- Phase 2: Park Improvements as noted in LSA grant application (submitted November 30, 2023):
  - Expanded parking and ADA enhancement within existing lot.
  - Concessions/Restroom/Press Box building.
  - Lawn seating area with bullpen.
  - Paved spectator area.
  - Connecting path to Old Penllyn Pike trail.
- Phase 3: Decision on future of McCormick House.
- Phase 4: Traffic improvements at Penllyn Pike/Old Penllyn Pike and Penllyn Pike/Wister Pike.
  - Potential funding through PADOT Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grant:
    - Application Deadline: June 30 of each year.
    - Pre-application scoping form required by April 30 of each year.
    - Consult with McMahon re: additional potential funding sources for traffic improvements.
- Phase 5: Remaining Park Improvements:
  - Angled parking on Wister Pike.

- Picnic grove and entry plaza with benches, educational signage, memorial plaque.
- Batting cage pavilion.
- Underground stormwater improvements.
- Rain/Pollinator garden.
  - Potential funding through PA DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) Grant:
    - Application Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of April each year.
    - Maximum Award: \$250,000 for a \$500,000 project – (unofficial).
    - Requires 50% match of project costs from local funding.

## **Oxford Park**

- Phase 1: 2–5-year-old playground renovations (including removal of existing 2-5 play equipment), Gaga ball pit, Pollinator garden
  - Potential funding through PA DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) Grant:
    - Application Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of April each year.
    - Maximum Award: \$250,000 for a \$500,000 project – (unofficial).
    - Requires 50% match of project costs from local funding.
  - Pollinator garden
    - Potential funding through PECO Green Region grant, submitted November 9, 2023.
- Phase 2: 5–12-year-old playground renovations (western play equipment, all poured-in-place safety surfacing, curbing, fencing, gathering area, removal of existing 5-12 play equipment), Environmental education area, Reforestation and vegetated swale, Pavilion
  - Reforestation and vegetated swale funding through Township funds & coordination with EAC.
  - Potential funding through DCED LSA Grant:
    - Application Deadline: November 30 of each year.
    - Award Range: \$25,000-\$1,000,000.
- Phase 3: Remaining 5–12-year-old Playground renovations.
  - Potential funding through Township budget allocations.

## **Pen-Ambler Park**

- Phase 1: Playground improvements and Pollinator garden.
  - Potential funding through DCED LSA Grant:
    - Application Deadline: November 30 of each year.
    - Award Range: \$25,000-\$1,000,000.
  - Pollinator garden
    - Potential funding through PECO Green Region grant, submitted November 9, 2023.
- Phase 2: Pergola, Pavilion, Baseball improvements, other plantings.
  - Potential funding through DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP):
    - Application Deadline: May 31 of each year.
    - Award Range: Maximum award \$250,000.
    - Requires 15% match of project costs from local funding.

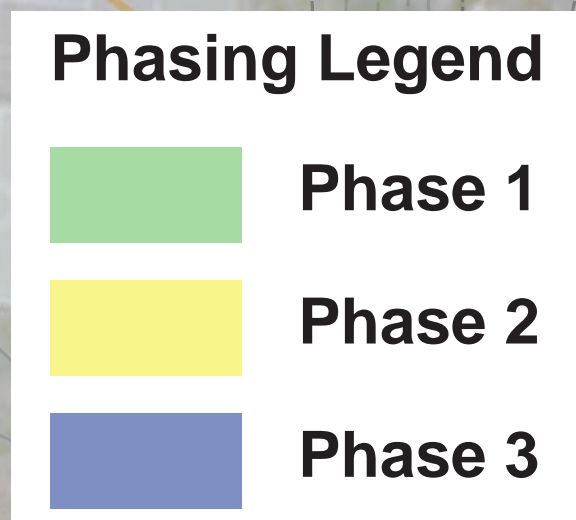
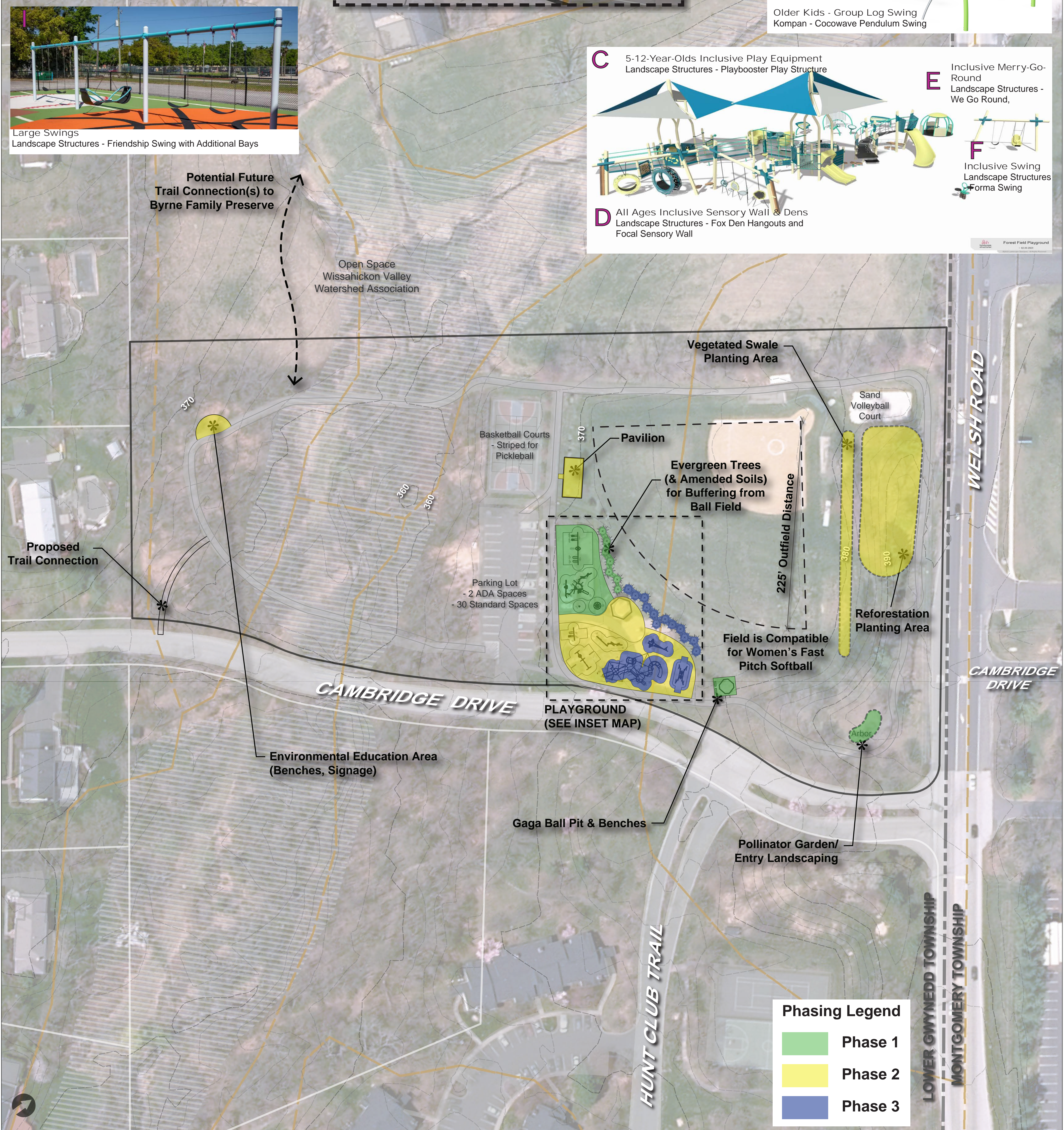
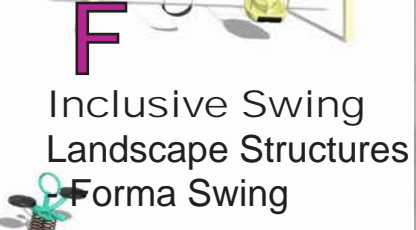
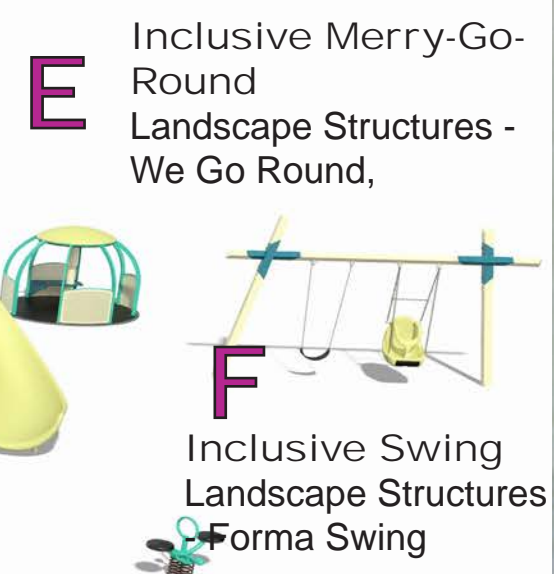
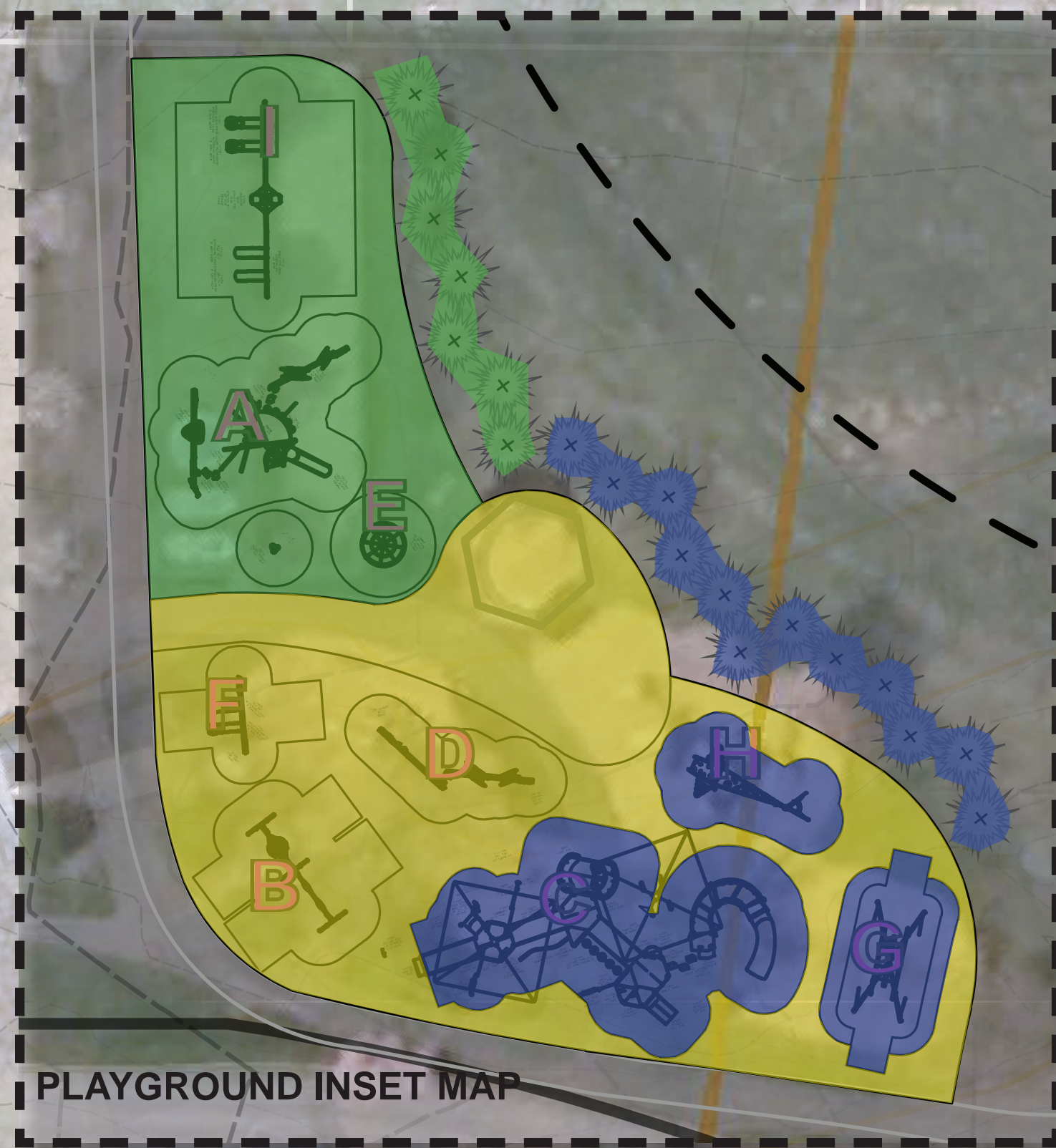


- Phase 3: Pickleball courts, nature play, solar seating, restroom, trail to Ambler Yards.
  - Potential funding through PA DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) Grant:
    - Application Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of April each year.
    - Maximum Award: \$250,000 for a \$500,000 project – (unofficial).
    - Requires 50% match of project costs from local funding.

### **Penllyn Train Station Trail**

- Phase 1: Trail and safety enhancements include right-of-way acquisition, as needed.
  - Potential funding through PA DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund:
    - Application Deadline: July 31, 2024.
    - Award range: \$100,000-\$3,000,000.
    - Requires 30% match of project costs from local funding.
  - Potential funding through PA DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grants:
    - Application Deadline: May 31, 2024.
    - Maximum award: \$250,000.
    - Requires 15% match of total project costs from local funding.







### Pen-Ambler and Oxford Park Phasing Costs

Pen-Ambler	Cost	Ph 1	Ph 2	Ph3
Pickeball Courts	\$353,481			\$353,481
Pollinator Garden	\$7,500	\$7,500		
Playground improvements	\$822,940	\$822,940		
Nature play	\$11,500			\$11,500
Solar seating	\$13,800			\$13,800
Restroom	\$230,863			\$230,863
Pergola	\$41,400		\$41,400	
Pavilion	\$179,025		\$179,025	
Baseball improvements	\$23,000		\$23,000	
Other plantings	\$28,150		\$28,150	
Trail to Ambler Yards	\$15,295			\$15,295
<b>Park Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,726,954</b>	<b>\$830,440</b>	<b>\$271,575</b>	<b>\$624,939</b>
<b>Oxford</b>				
Playground renovations	\$1,746,591	\$579,600	\$703,541	\$463,450
GaGa Ball Pit	\$19,010	\$19,010		
Environmental Ed area	\$12,000		\$12,000	
Reforestation & Veg. swale	\$17,000		\$17,000	
Pollinator Garden	\$6,000	\$6,000		
Pavilion	\$123,711		\$123,711	
<b>Park Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,924,312</b>	<b>\$604,610</b>	<b>\$856,252</b>	<b>\$463,450</b>
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$3,651,266</b>	<b>\$1,435,050</b>	<b>\$1,127,827</b>	<b>\$1,088,389</b>

Oxford playground Ph1: 2-5 play equipment (including removal of Ex.), 2 benches, half of evergreens

Oxford playground Ph2: Western 5-12 play equipment (including removal of all Ex. 5-12 equipment, all 5-12 poured in place, gathering area, 2 picnic tables

Oxford playground Ph3: Eastern 5-12 playground, 3 benches, 2 picnic tables, half of evergreens