

## DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### **A Promote Safety and Mitigate Impacts to Adjacent Neighbors**

How can concept plans help define, screen, and/or protect public and private spaces?

- A1) Define and/or screen residential properties
- A2) Limit trails in direct proximity to residential property
- A3) Limit public access from within Wood Valley (Highgrove Road and Highgrove Club Drive)
- A4) Consider dawn to dusk operation of the Passive Preserve

### **B Celebrate and Restore Nature Throughout the Passive Preserve**

How can concept plans build upon Milton's character, while preserving natural features and designed landscapes?

- B1) Incorporate native plantings to restore natural habitat areas
- B2) Explore opportunities for naturalized stormwater design and remove drainage structures
- B3) Respect Chicken Creek flood zones and support stream bank restoration
- B4) Consider low-impact nature-based/passive programming opportunities (i.e. birding, education)
- B5) Identify important views and vistas
- B6) Limit lighting, sound, and structures

### **C Retain Existing Programs at the Active Acres**

How can concept plans support existing swim and tennis programs?

- C1) Maintain existing swim and tennis facilities to support growth of existing programs
- C2) Evaluate reuse of the existing clubhouse as an indoor support facility for existing programs
- C3) Anticipate future needs to accommodate growth of existing programs, including parking

### **D Balance Multiple Uses within The Park**

How can concept plans effectively accommodate multiple users and functions while protecting natural features?

- D1) Incorporate dedicated trail facilities for multiple users, such as walkers, hikers, bicyclists, and/or equestrians
- D2) Integrate a network of natural soft surface loop trails of various types, sizes, and distances
- D3) Include boardwalks and overlooks to provide access to restored wetlands and woodlands
- D4) Provide context-sensitive signage that is informational, directional, and educational

### **E Support Safe Connections to Existing and Future Parks/Trails**

How can concept plans support linkages to a variety of outdoor experiences in a range of settings?

- E1) Explore opportunities to safely link to the Central Milton Trail, Birmingham Park, and other community assets
- E2) Avoid at grade crossings of roads where other viable options exist (i.e. beneath Freemanville Road Bridge)
- E3) Add sidepath along Dinsmore Road to physically connect the Active Acres to the Passive Preserve

### **F Distribute Access Points and Parking Off-Site**

How can concept plans best support convenient and safe access by a variety of user types?

- F1) Identify the impacts of potential park access points on public safety, habitat, and adjacent properties
- F2) Explore a trailhead with parking and trailering facilities at the Fulton County Schools site
- F3) Provide user amenities including picnic areas, restrooms, and secure waste stations at park entries

### **G Build Partnerships and Coordination Among Landowners and Organizations**

How can concept plans guide the engagement of strategic partners to advance design and implementation?

- G1) Engage strategic partners regarding key access points and critical connectivity areas
- G2) Identify strategic groups and funding partners to inform design and advance implementation