

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Address:	8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase	Meeting Date:	1/11/2023
Resource:	Master Plan Site #35/12 (Woodend)	Report Date:	1/4/2023
Applicant:	Nature Forward Amy Ritsko-Warren, Agent	Public Notice:	12/28/2022
Review:	Historic Area Work Permit	Tax Credit:	n/a
Permit No.:	1016005	Staff:	Winnie Cargill
Proposal:	Hardscaping, Recreation Area/Playground, Signage, and Site Work Revisions		

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the HPC **approve** the HAWP application.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Individually Listed Master Site Plan (#35/12 Woodend)
STYLE: Georgian Revival
DATE: 1927



Figure 1: The subject property is in the large rectangular lot on Jones Mill Rd.

Excerpt from Places from the Past:

In 1927, John Russell Pope, accomplished architect of Eclectic Classicism, designed Woodend for

Chester Wells, a naval officer, and Marion Dixon Wells, an Australian heiress. Pope's best known works include the National Gallery of Art (1941) and the Jefferson Memorial (1943). The spacious H-shaped mansion has Flemish-bond brick walls and quoins, molded water table, stone belt course, and denticulated cornice. The front (east) elevation has a semicircular portico with Ionic columns. A central door on the south elevation, opening onto a terrace, has Corinthian pilasters supporting an egg and dart molded cornice, with scrolled broken-pediment. On the north, an oversize Palladian window, lighting a staircase, surmounts a doorway with heavy cornice and oversized Doric columns. A stone balustrade above the two story brick walls conceals a low hip roof sheathed in copper. On the interior, a large central hall has a grand, sweeping staircase with heavy newel posts at each landing. The library, or Bird Room, a richly paneled space with natural wood finish, is a reproduction of a room in Abergelde, Marion Wells' childhood home in Australia. While marble hearths and brick firebacks unite fireplaces throughout the house, each has differently detailed mantel pieces. The third level, sheltered beneath the hip roof over the main block, contained a caretaker's apartment. Sited on a hillside, the house is accessed by a long drive through beautifully landscaped grounds. The 40-acre property includes a brick gatehouse garage and numerous mature trees. Marion Wells, an ardent bird watcher, bequeathed the property to the Audubon Naturalist Society. The organization manages Woodend as a nature preserve and education center.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to add new signage and revise the previously approved site plan and playground area.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

When reviewing alterations and new construction for a Master Plan Historic Site, several documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the *Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A (Chapter 24A)*, and the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards)*. The pertinent information in these documents is outlined below.

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8

- (b) The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:
- (1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or
 - (2) The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or
 - (3) The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located; or

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

The Secretary of the Interior defines rehabilitation as "the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features, which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values." The applicable *Standards* are as follows:

2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The subject property is a 40-acre nature sanctuary with the John Russell Pope-designed Georgian Revival Woodend mansion as the centerpiece of the site. It has become an education preschool center, tree sanctuary, and a source of diverse flora and fauna. The Nature Forward's (formerly the Audubon Naturalist Society) mission focuses on encouraging the local community to learn, appreciate, and protect the surrounding natural environment. On March 28, 2018, the HPC approved site alterations and signage that included the construction of an accessible trail and stream restoration projects.¹ This was part of the multi-year restoration plan called "Nature for All." The goal was to provide more accessible opportunities for everyone in Montgomery County and the DC region to enjoy nature while simultaneously improving the visitor experience. On June 13th, 2018, the HPC approved the construction of the play, the stream restoration project, tree removal, and expanding of the accessible trails.² On September 5, 2018, the HPC approved a HAWP to enlarge cattle grates, alter the non-historic patio at the south side of the mansion, and replace two non-historic wooden trail entrance signs with metal signs.³ The HPC approved the replacement of a gravel pull-off road on December 19, 2018.⁴

In July 2021, the stream reconstruction project was completed to stabilize the eroding banks of the streams. The complete construction of the quarter-mile wheelchair-accessible path through the meadow, forest, pond, and stream habitats at Woodend was completed in September 2021. Walkways around the mansion were also installed. A full restoration of the mansion's portico was also completed in 2021.

Proposed Alterations

Entrance

Nature Forward proposes to remove the entryway arch at the Jones Mill Road entrance. The applicant also proposes to shrink the previously approved gravel entrance plaza. The exact dimensions for the reduction were not included in the application materials.

¹ The staff report can be found here: [II.A-8940-Jones-Mill-Road-Chevy-Chase.pdf \(montgomeryplanning.org\)](https://www.montgomeryplanning.org/files/2018/04/II.A-8940-Jones-Mill-Road-Chevy-Chase.pdf)

² The staff report can be found here: [I.M-8940-Jones-Mill-Road-Chevy-Chase.pdf \(montgomeryplanning.org\)](https://www.montgomeryplanning.org/files/2018/04/I.M-8940-Jones-Mill-Road-Chevy-Chase.pdf)

³ The staff report can be found here: [I.F-8940-Jones-Mill-Road-Chevy-Chase.pdf \(montgomeryplanning.org\)](https://www.montgomeryplanning.org/files/2018/04/I.F-8940-Jones-Mill-Road-Chevy-Chase.pdf)

⁴ The expedited Staff Report can be found here: [I.G-8940-Jones-Mill-Road-Chevy-Chase.pdf \(montgomeryplanning.org\)](https://www.montgomeryplanning.org/files/2018/12/I.G-8940-Jones-Mill-Road-Chevy-Chase.pdf)



Figure 3: Proposed signage.

Playground Features Design Changes

The final section of the “Nature for All” plan includes constructing a wheelchair-accessible nature play space. The original plans for this play space were submitted and approved as part of the May 2018 Historic Area Work Permit. The designs of the play space have evolved from the previous approval.

The design and location of the roost/wood thrush climbing structure has changed and decreased in size from 22’ (twenty-two feet tall) to 12’ (twelve feet tall) and will be relocated from its approved location to avoid an existing sewer cover.

The applicant proposes to add protective sails above the sandpit to protect visitors from sunlight. These are moveable features and will be removed during the colder months. The height of the support poles was not included in the application materials. Because the sails are temporary and seasonal, Staff finds their installation does not require a HAWP and are not considered alterations under 24A.

Staff finds the proposed alterations to the playground meet the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation #2 as the historic character of open space with diverse trees and plants surrounding the Woodend Mansion will be preserved.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission **approve** the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(2), having found that the proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of the historic resource and is compatible in character with the district and the purposes of Chapter 24A;

and with the *Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation #2*.

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present an electronic set of drawings, if applicable, to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping prior to submission for the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits;

and with the general condition that final project design details, not specifically delineated by the Commission, shall be approved by HPC staff or brought back to the Commission as a revised HAWP application at staff’s discretion;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall notify the Historic Preservation Staff if they propose to make **any alterations** to the approved plans.

Once the work is completed the applicant will contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or winnie.cargill@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



**APPLICATION FOR
HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT**
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
301.563.3400

FOR STAFF ONLY:
HAWP# _____
DATE ASSIGNED _____

APPLICANT:

Name: _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Tax Account No.: _____

AGENT/CONTACT (if applicable):

Name: _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Contractor Registration No.: _____

LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: MIHP # of Historic Property _____

Is the Property Located within an Historic District? Yes/District Name _____
 No/Individual Site Name _____

Is there an Historic Preservation/Land Trust/Environmental Easement on the Property? If YES, include a map of the easement, and documentation from the Easement Holder supporting this application.

Are other Planning and/or Hearing Examiner Approvals /Reviews Required as part of this Application? (Conditional Use, Variance, Record Plat, etc.?) If YES, include information on these reviews as supplemental information.

Building Number: _____ Street: _____

Town/City: _____ Nearest Cross Street: _____

Lot: _____ Block: _____ Subdivision: _____ Parcel: _____

TYPE OF WORK PROPOSED: See the checklist on Page 4 to verify that all supporting items for proposed work are submitted with this application. Incomplete Applications will not be accepted for review. Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Deck/Porch | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed/Garage/Accessory Structure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addition | <input type="checkbox"/> Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Solar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardscape/Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree removal/planting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grading/Excavation | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof | <input type="checkbox"/> Window/Door |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct and accurate and that the construction will comply with plans reviewed and approved by all necessary agencies and hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

Signature of owner or authorized agent _____
Date

LIST OF ADJOINING & CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS WOODEND NATURE SANCTUARY

NAME	ADDRESS	LOT/BLOCK
I. Malcom & Alina Brenner	9101 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD	Lot 1/Block I
2. Bryan & Mary Jacobik	9103 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 2/Block I
3. Joseph Cupo & Kathleen Teixeira	9105 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 3/Block I
4. Stacy Berman & Edward Rosen	9107 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 4/Block 1
5. Mildeen Worrell	9109 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 5/Block I
6. Neil Hyman & Rachel Decter	9111 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 6/Block I
7. Steven Schwartz & Elana Cohen	9113 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 7/Block I
8. William & R A Panton	3213 Woodhollow Dr. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 9/Block 1
9. Nathan Abraham	3214 Woodhollow Dr. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 6/Block 4
10. Bruce & Iresha Fletcher	9002 Levelle Dr. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot SA/Block 4
II. Daniel & D M Bailey	9000 Levelle Dr. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 7A/Block 4
12. Janet Rutsch Revoc Trust	9001 Levelle Dr. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 15A/Block 6
13. Neil Stormer & Zain Habboo	9000 Jones Mill Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 14A/Block 6
14. Ruth Gilliland Grove	9001 Jones Mill Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
15. Mark Smith & Maxine Harris	9005 Jones Mill Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 7
16. Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission	6611 Kenilworth Ave Riverdale, MD 20737	

19. Mark Western	3101 Black Chestnut Ln. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot23/Block A
20. Michael August & Bonnie Weaver	3103 Black Chestnut Ln. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot24/Block A
21. Charles & S D Alston	3105 Black Chestnut Ln. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 25/Block A
22. Sherif & Norma Etefa	3107 Black Chestnut Ln. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 26/Block A
23. Andrew & P E Shoyer	3108 Black Chestnut Ln. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 18/Block A
24. Ezra Reese & Azad Nilofer	8811 Jones Mill Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 15/Block A
25. Joanna Nunan & Thomas Nunan	8809 Jones Mill Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 14/Block A
26. Gonzalo C Pastor & Judith Gold	8807 Jones Mill Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 16/Block A
27. John Bristol & Caroline Quijada	3201 Flushing Meadow Ter. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 23/Block 2
28. Thomas & K M Gilday	3211 Flushing Meadow Ter. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 18/Block 2
29. Peter Mathers & Bonnie Beavers	3213 Flushing Meadow Ter. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 17/Block 2
30. Mohamadi Ali & Sara Depew	3212 Flushing Meadow Ter. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 16/Block 2
31. Jose Demarais Jr & E R L Demarais	8819 Altimont Ln. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 9/Block 2
32. Howard & K R Rosenberg	8816 Altimont Ln. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 9/Block I
33. North Chevy Chase Swimming	3 Campbell Ct. Kensington, MD 20895	

34. John & Julie Fox	3500 Dundee Dr. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 6/Block H
35. Douglas & Marianna Lanzo	8824 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 3/Block F
36. Thomas & B G Corbin	8826 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 2/Block F
37. May & LA Breslow	8828 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 1/Block F
38. Captain Luis Avila & Family	3401 Kenilworth Drive Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 7/Block E
39. John & Subadra Molyneaux	8908 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 6/Block E
40. Delfin & M A Go	8912 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 5/Block E
41. UNDER CONSTRUCTION/Current Resident	8918 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 4/Block E
42. John McKeon	8922 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 2/Block E
43. Robert Kreimeyer	3400 Inverness Drive Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 17/Block D
44. Helen Kelly	9006 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 18/Block D
45. Andrew & A Goldfarb	9010 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot 19/Block D
46. Stephen & J K N Drake	9012 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot P20/Block D
47. Bret & AM Kelly	9108 Brierly Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Lot P20/Block D
48. Zachary & Kara Karr	9018 Brierly Rd Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
Debbi Bauml Schultz	3210 Flushing Meadow Terrace Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
Grace & Charlie Huebshur	8805 Jones Mill Road Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
Robert Kreimeyer	9002 Brierly Road Chevy Chase, MD 20815	
Kalman Salata	3401 Inverness Drive Chevy Chase, MD 20815	

HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFYING
[Owner, Owner's Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners]

Owner's mailing address	Owner's Agent's mailing address
Adjacent and confronting Property Owners mailing addresses	

Description of Property: Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures, landscape features, or other significant features of the property:

Description of Work Proposed: Please give an overview of the work to be undertaken:

Work Item 1: _____	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:

Work Item 2: _____	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:

Work Item 3: _____	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:

**HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT
CHECKLIST OF
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

	Required Attachments						
Proposed Work	I. Written Description	2. Site Plan	3. Plans/ Elevations	4. Material Specifications	5. Photographs	6. Tree Survey	7. Property Owner Addresses
New Construction	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Additions/ Alterations	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Demolition	*	*	*		*		*
Deck/Porch	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fence/Wall	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Driveway/ Parking Area	*	*		*	*	*	*
Grading/Exc avation/Land scaing	*	*		*	*	*	*
Tree Removal	*	*		*	*	*	*
Siding/ Roof Changes	*	*	*	*	*		*
Window/ Door Changes	*	*	*	*	*		*
Masonry Repair/ Repoint	*	*	*	*	*		*
Signs	*	*	*	*	*		*

Description of Property

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Woodend Sanctuary, Headquarters of Nature Forward

Woodend Sanctuary in Chevy Chase, Maryland is headquarters of Nature Forward, formerly the Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS). Nature Forward’s mission is to *“inspire residents of the Washington, DC region to appreciate, understand and protect their natural environment through outdoor experiences, education and advocacy.”* In 1967, Mrs. Marion Wells donated Woodend Sanctuary to Nature Forward and the organization made the move to Chevy Chase where we dramatically expanded our local mission work in conservation and nature education.

Historic Significance

Nature Forward’s headquarters at Woodend Sanctuary is an historically significant site listed on the National Historic Register, and on Montgomery County’s Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

The estate was formerly the home of Captain and Mrs. Chester Wells. It was designed by John Russell Pope, leading American architect of the early 20th century whose classically inspired works include the Jefferson Memorial, the West Wing of the National Gallery of Art, and Constitution Hall in Washington, DC. Built in 1927, Woodend mansion is an admired example of Georgian Revival architecture, known for symmetry and geometric proportions.

Looking Forward

In October of 2016, the organization unveiled a 50-year Master Plan to guide the stewardship and renovation of Woodend Sanctuary. The Master Plan set the vision: *“Historic Woodend Sanctuary is Washington’s oasis of sustainable, healthy natural habitats – welcoming and inspiring all people to enjoy, learn about and protect our shared environment.”* Our new Master Plan puts the Woodend buildings and grounds front and center, as integral tools to achieving our education and conservation goals.

Description of Work Proposed

Please give an overview of the work to be undertaken.

With approval from the Historic Preservation Commission in May 2018, Nature Forward has undertaken a multi-year “Nature for All” restoration plan to improve the visitor experience and increase opportunities for people of all ages and abilities in Montgomery County and the greater DC metro region to enjoy time in nature.

We have fully completed construction of the accessible trail and stream restoration projects that were part of the May 2018 approval.

The now completed trail is a quarter-mile wheelchair-accessible path through the meadow, forest, pond, and stream habitats at Woodend, allowing visitors who use mobility assistance devices including wheelchairs, walkers and canes to experience nature. The accessible trail project was

completed in September 2021. In conjunction with walkways installed around the mansion and was awarded a 2021 Montgomery Preservation Inc. Award for Historic Preservation.

The related stream restoration project was completed in July 2021 and stabilized the eroding banks of the ephemeral stream at Woodend, creating habitat for wildlife while reducing pollution to Rock Creek.

Also completed in 2021 was a full restoration of the mansion's iconic portico.

A final component of the "Nature for All" restoration plan is the construction of a wheelchair accessible Nature Play Space—an innovative, inviting natural play area where local families and schoolchildren of all abilities can explore the natural world. The original plans for the Nature Play Space were submitted and approved under the same May 2018 Historic Area Work Permit as the stream and trail projects. We completed some site work on the Play Space area in conjunction with the stream and trail projects. The designs of the Nature Play Space features themselves have evolved over the past four years. In this application we submit the changes to the originally approved plans for your consideration.

We also submit for your consideration a change in the entryway signs on Jones Mill Road and Brierly Road. Our organization has evolved from focusing on bird conservation to a much broader mission to connect people and nature in our region. In addition, as the true character of John James Audubon has come to light, our Board, Staff, and Members agreed it was time to change our name to better signal that we welcome all people of all backgrounds and abilities to join in our mission work. After a two-year process that gathered feedback from more than 1,000 stakeholders, we selected and legally changed our name to Nature Forward. Our signs are an integral piece of sharing our new name with the community.

Work Item 1: Nature Play Space

Overview: The Nature Play Space is intended to provide young children (up to 10 years old) of all abilities with an engaging, inclusive play area in a dynamic setting that uses the natural environment to inspire independent exploration of nature, creative play, cognitive development and is both family-friendly and wheelchair-accessible.

The Nature Play Space will inspire healthy imaginative play. Natural elements and adaptive design of play features such as logs and boulders will encourage children to climb, jump, hide, explore, view their surroundings from various perspectives, take risks, reflect, and create. The design of the Nature Play Space puts special emphasis on encouraging children of all abilities to play **together** in nature.

Within the Play Space, children and parents will feel comfortable exploring the natural setting with clear boundaries and information about how to use the play elements with all children, including those with disabilities. Pathways leading to the accessible trail of Woodend will invite families to explore further when they are ready.

The Nature Play Space will be generally open to the public as well as being reserved for Nature Forward programming at other times. It will be used regularly by our on-site preschool program, caregiver-child programs, school field trip programs, and summer camps.

In May 2018, the Historic Preservation Commission approved an Historic Area Work Permit that included the original designs for Nature Forward’s Play Space. The proposed work described below is a summary of the changes we are requesting to the 2018 Historic Area Work Permit, most of which consist of either eliminated features or smaller than originally designed features.

Description of Current Condition: The base plan for the Nature Play Space was installed during the construction of the accessible trail as approved. The base layer of the trails through the Play Space has been installed and is ready for the installation of top surfacing that will make them wheelchair accessible. Most play areas are delineated by log edging and the base layer for areas that require safety fall surfaces are in place. After the base layers were completed, 47 trees and 129 shrubs were planted around the perimeter of the nature play space area. The boulders will remain where they are currently positioned.



Site Plans Approved in 2018 HAWP

2018
Plan



○ = Location of Nature Play Space on Woodend's 40 acres will not change.

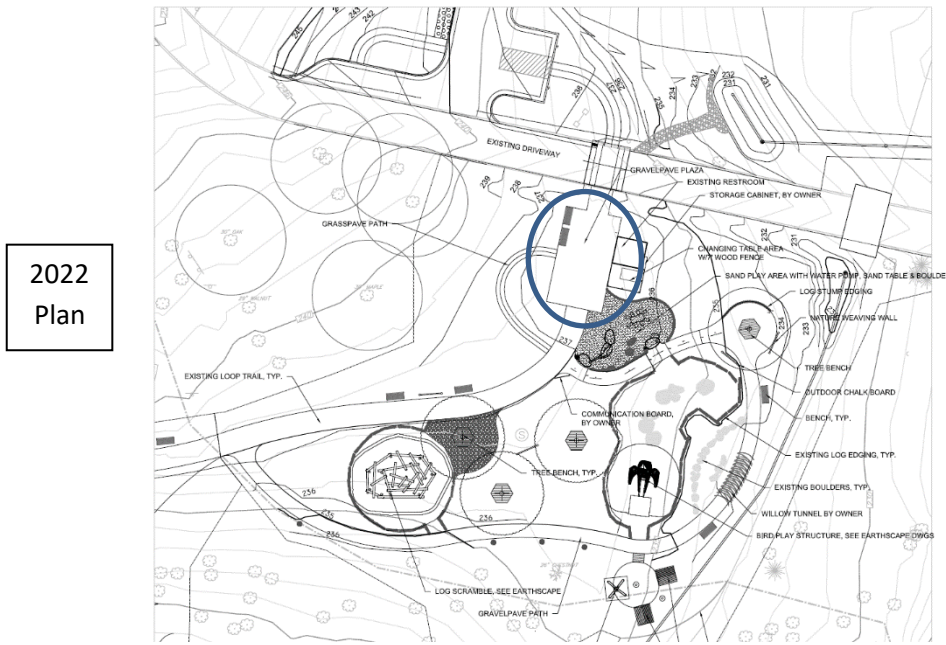
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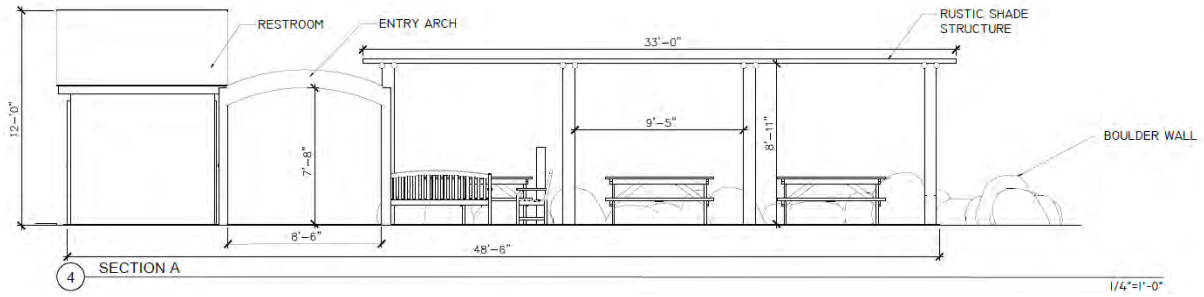
○ = Location and size of associated parking will not change

2022 Proposed Site Plan

- 1) **The Entrance Plaza is smaller and the entry arch and rustic shade structure have been removed.** As you can see in the site plan submitted with the May 2018 HAWP, originally an “L” shaped welcome plaza was designed as an area where school groups would gather as they are getting organized for their program. When we built the accessible trail we realized that the size specified was larger than what we needed. In the new site design, the entrance plaza is a simple rectangular area of bonded gravel. The entry arch and shade structure that were originally planned for the entry plaza have been removed.



2018 Entryway Design

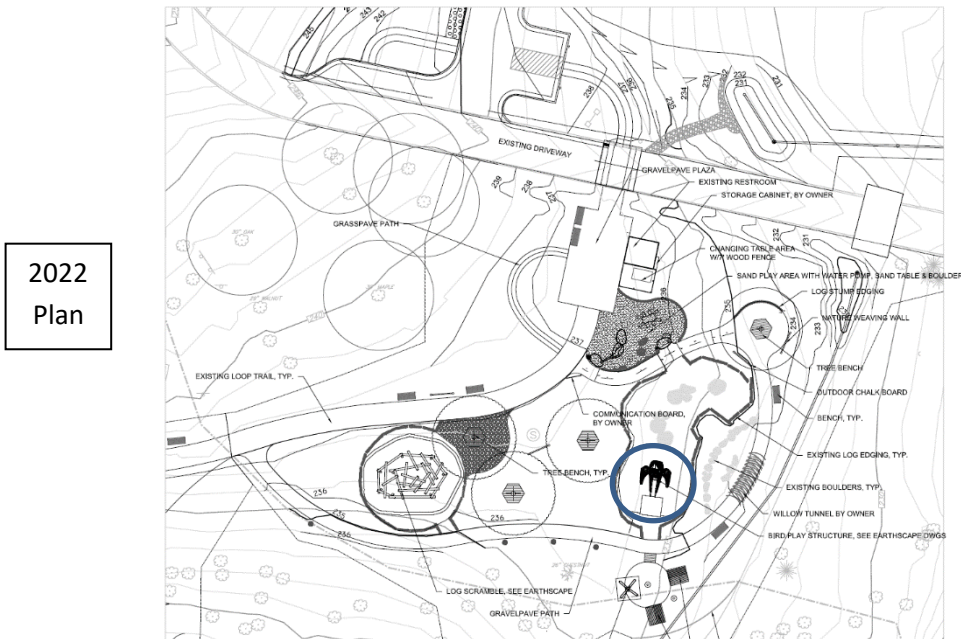


REMOVED:
Entry arch and rustic shade structure

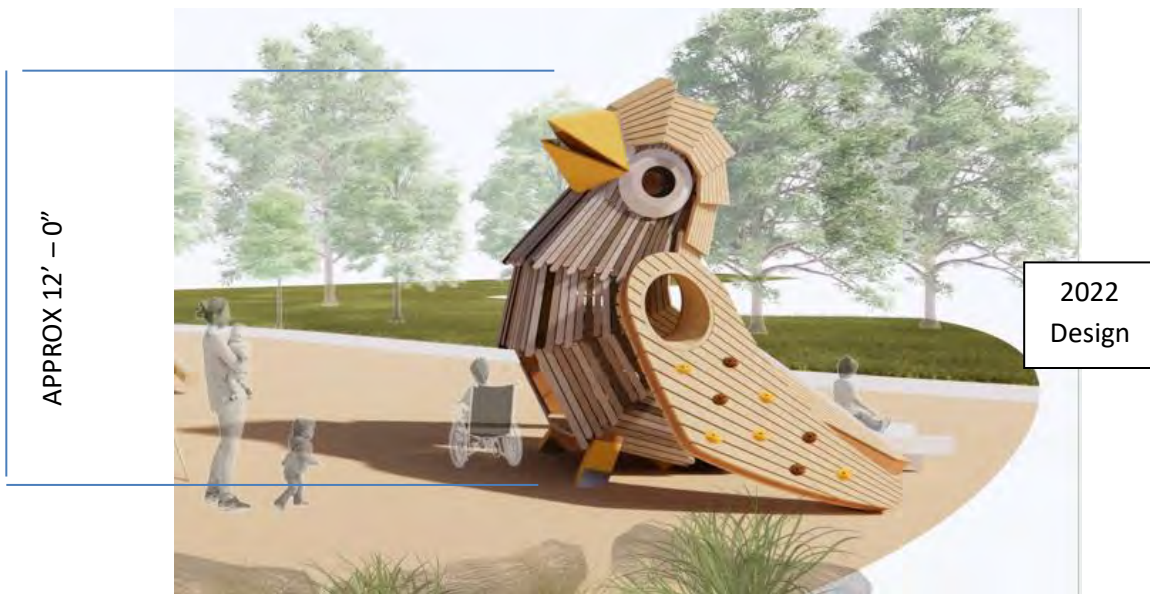
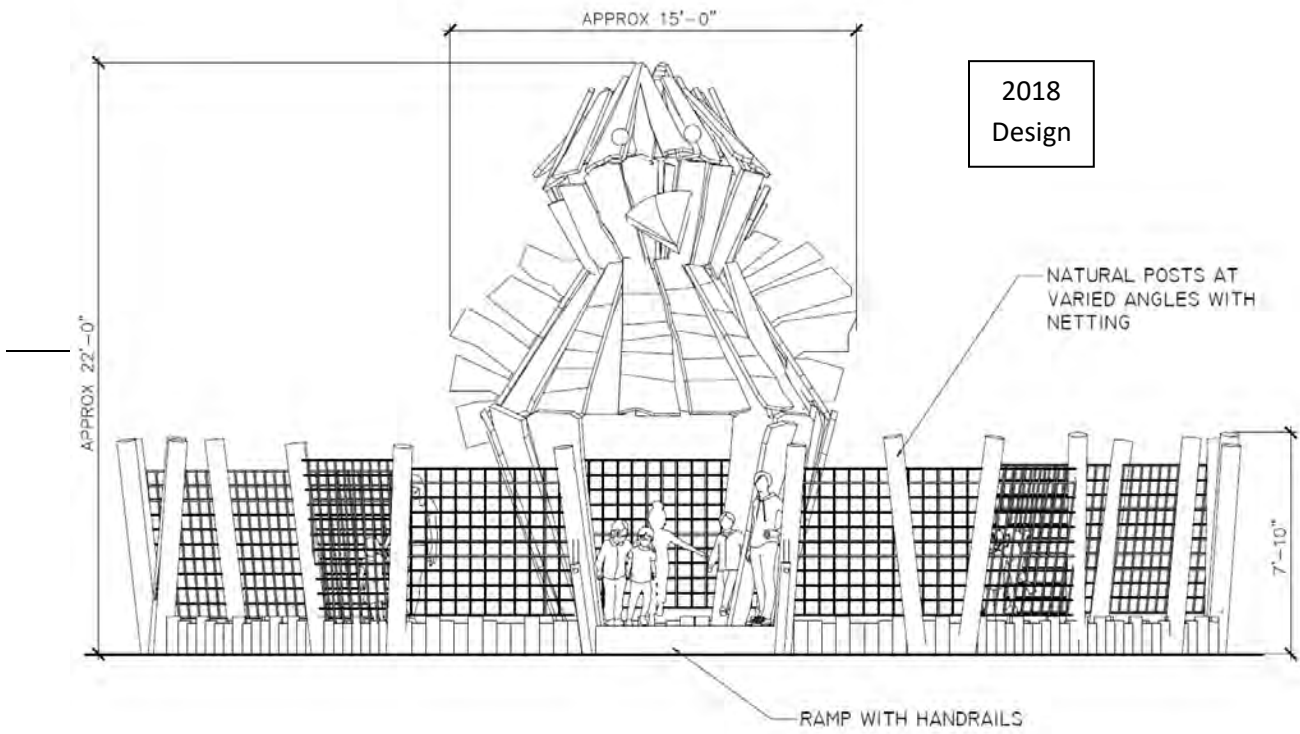
- 2) Design and location of the “Roost/Woodthrush Climbing Structure” has changed. The specifications for the featured climbing structure in the play space have been shortened by ten feet, to create a smaller feature without surrounding decking or netting. The location has shifted slightly to accommodate an existing sewer cover.



O = Roost/Woodthrush location



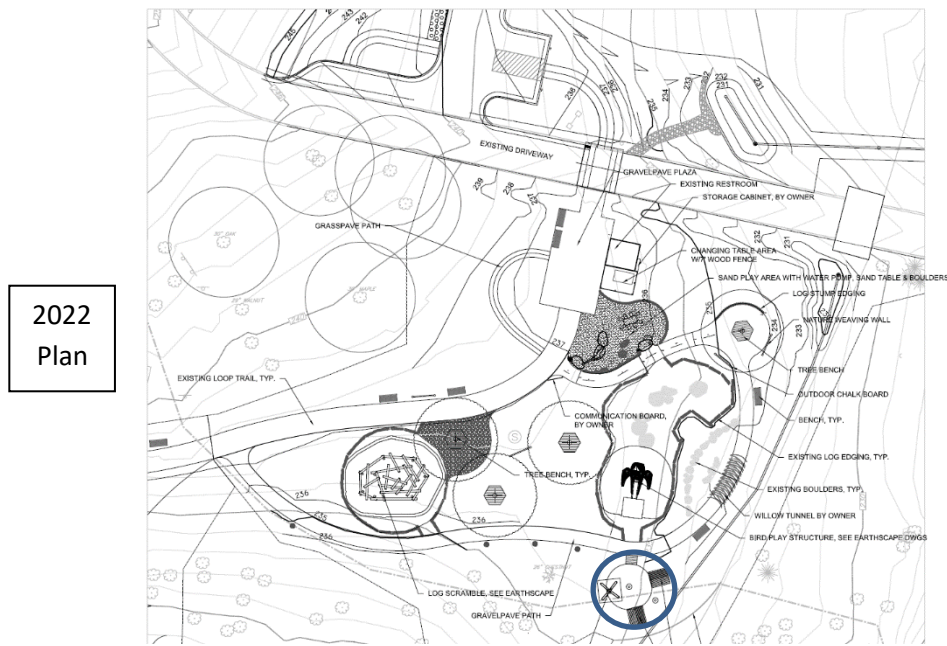
2022 Plan



3) **Some features have been eliminated and others have moved.** The overall footprint of the play space has not changed. However, to make more room for free play and resting areas, the swing, nest and Parkour climbing structures have been eliminated from the design. The updated design moves the accessible playhouses to the area where the nest was located (now eliminated) in the 2018 HAWP.



⊗ = Feature has been eliminated
 ○ = Feature (accessible playhouses) has changed location





Playhouses (moved)



ELIMINATED: Nest Swing



ELIMINATED: Nest

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Parkour 004

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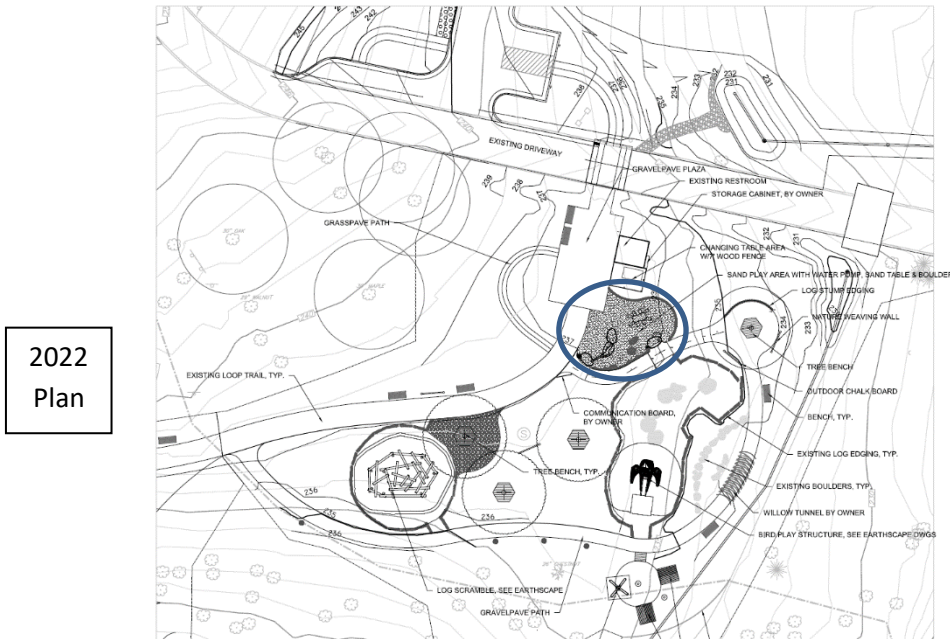
Elevated Activities: 0	Accessible Elevated Activities	Accessible Ground Level Activities	Accessible Ground Level Play Types
Present	0	4	2
Required	0	2	2

ELIMINATED: Parkour

- 4) **Shade sails have been added to the water and sand play area, and the location has shifted slightly.** To make the sand play area more comfortable in the hotter months, shade sails have been added. The shade sails themselves are temporary and will be removed seasonally (likely November – April). The posts supporting the sails will be set in concrete. The shade sails will be a neutral beige color.



0 = Sand Play Location





Seasonal shade sails have been added to provide shade for sand play in the warmer months (May – October).

Work Item 2: Changing Name on Entry Signs

Description of Current Condition: There are two entry signs to the Woodend Nature Sanctuary that include the name of the organization which were approved with a December 2015 Historic Area Work Permit. One is at the Jones Mill Road entrance, south of the drive, and one is at the Brierly Road entrance, north of the drive.



Jones Mill Road Sign



Brierly Road Sign

Proposed Work: The brick sign pillars will not change and the new signs will be the same size and format. The material will remain wood with a painted white background and black engraved lettering. The names will change as follows:



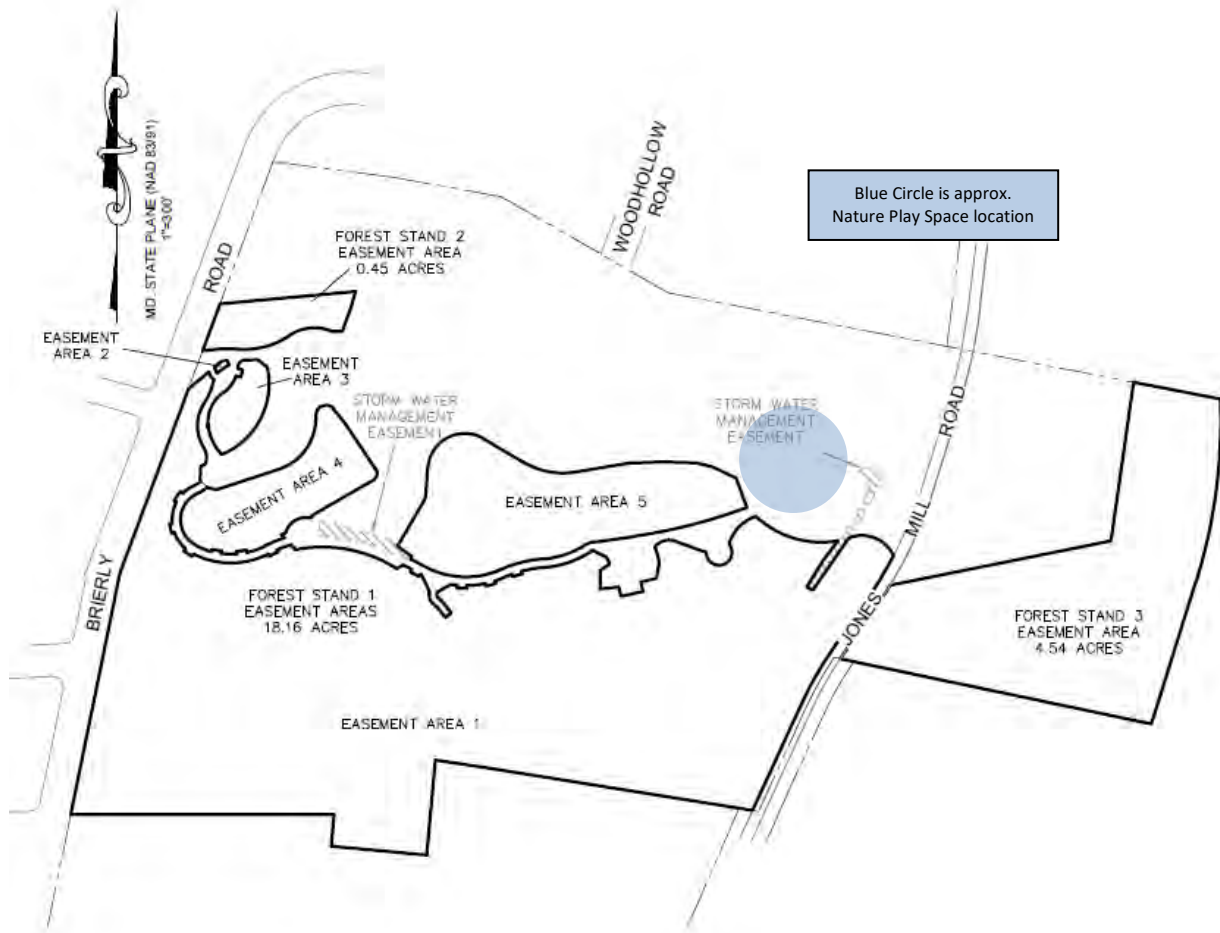
Jones Mill Road Sign



Brierly Road Sign

Tree Survey

No new tree removals are planned to complete the installation of the Nature Play Space and new signs. 41 additional trees and 70 additional shrubs will be planted after the play features are installed. As part of the Nature for All HAWP that was approved in 2018, Nature Forward placed 23.11 acres of Woodend’s forest into permanent forest conservation easement with Montgomery County. The easement areas do not overlap with the Nature Play Space.



Working with the Community

In 2017, Nature Forward formed a Community Liaison Council to help keep our neighbors apprised of plans for Woodend and to solicit their feedback on the Woodend plans. To date, we have held 13 Community Liaison Meetings. We have reported to our neighbors about the Nature for All Projects, including the Accessible Nature Play Space, Accessible Nature Trail, Stream and Habitat Restoration, and wayfinding signage. Nature Forward looks forward to better serving residents of Montgomery County of all abilities with the completion of our Nature for All project.