



White's Ferry Development Concept Plan

North Concept A: Recreational

North Concept A: Recreational would provide sunny and shaded flexible space for picnics, gatherings such as birthday parties, socializing, and informal recreation.



The existing pavilion would be repaired and upgraded. The existing electrical equipment and water system at the pavilion would be upgraded to meet code (if necessary). The pavilion would be available for public use on a first-come, first-serve basis and/or through a recreation fee, reservation, and permit system. A path from the existing parking lot would lead to the pavilion.

A shaded area surrounding the pavilion and between the pavilion and the existing parking lot would provide additional picnic area options, filtered views of the Potomac River, and flexible space for informal recreation. The NPS would remove the existing concrete pad, plant additional trees, and install picnic tables within this space.

The existing open field to the east of the pavilion would provide a sunny flexible space for informal recreation. Regular mowing of the field would maintain a comfortable environment available for visitor use.

The north end of the existing open field would be reforested to expand the North Tract's forested landscape. The southwest corner of the site would also be reforested to provide a vegetative buffer between the NPS property and the adjacent private property. **The riparian buffer along the Potomac River and the stream to the north of the pavilion would be improved to prevent or mitigate erosion.**

The existing large unpaved parking lot would be retained. **Curb stops would be added to define parking spots and would accommodate vehicles towing boat trailers.** At the north end of the parking lot, gate access to the open field would be provided for mowing and emergency vehicle use.

A vault toilet for public use would be added to the northwest corner of the parking lot.

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| Reforested | Informal Picnic Area |
| Group Gathering Area (Shade) | Path |
| Group Gathering/Play Area (Sun) | Vault Toilet |
| Riparian Buffer (Improved) | Road (existing) |
| Forest Buffer (Improved) | Parking (existing) |
| Pavilion (Improved) | Building (existing) |
| | Stream |





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North Concept B: Ecological

North Concept B: Ecological would provide shaded flexible space for picnics, gatherings such as school field trips, socializing, and informal recreation, as well as opportunities for learning about the site's ecology and history.



The existing pavilion would be repaired and upgraded. The existing electrical equipment and water system at the pavilion would be upgraded to meet code (if necessary). The pavilion would be available for public use on a first-come, first-serve basis and/or through a recreation fee, reservation, and permit system. A path from the existing parking lot would lead to the pavilion.

A shaded area surrounding the pavilion and between the pavilion and the existing parking lot would provide additional picnic area options, filtered views of the Potomac River, and flexible space for informal recreation. The NPS would remove the existing concrete pad, plant additional trees, and install picnic tables within this space.

The existing open field to the east of the pavilion would be converted to a meadow to provide additional wildlife habitat and ecological education opportunities. Interpretive signage would also be installed to educate visitors about local ecology and history (e.g., C&O Canal).

The north end of the existing open field would be reforested to expand the North Tract's forested landscape. The southwest corner of the site would also be reforested to provide a vegetative buffer between the NPS property and the adjacent private property. **The riparian buffer along the Potomac River and the stream to the north of the pavilion would be improved** to prevent or mitigate erosion.

The existing large unpaved parking lot would be retained. **Curb stops would be added to define parking spots and would accommodate vehicles towing boat trailers.** At the north end of the parking lot, gate access to the meadow would be provided for mowing.

A vault toilet for public use would be added to the northwest corner of the parking lot.

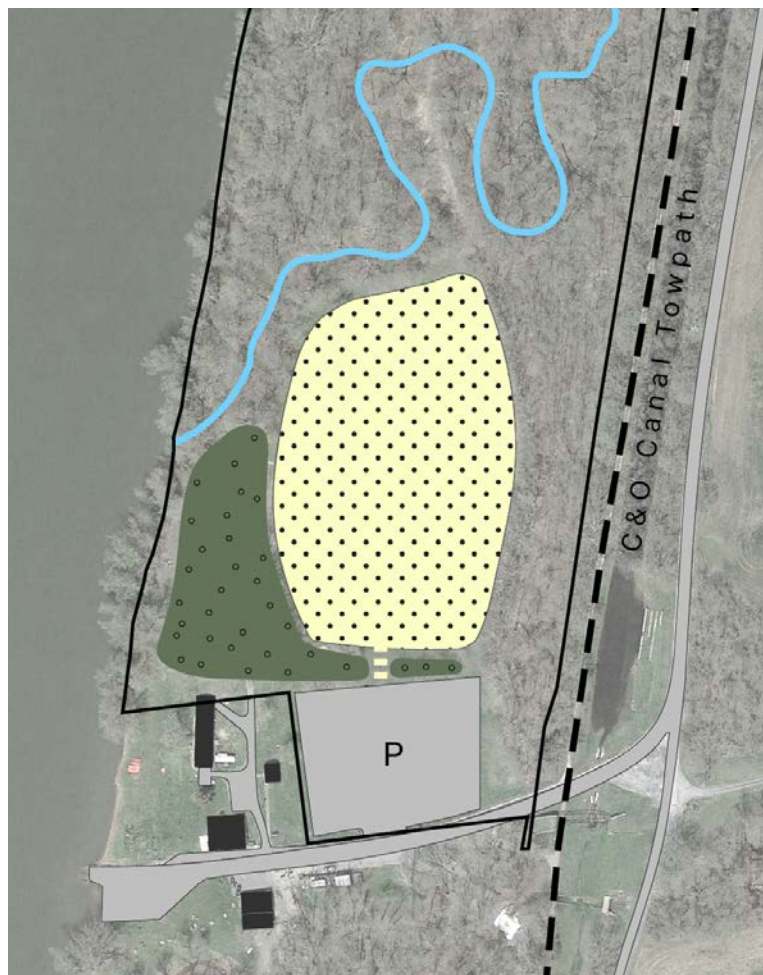




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North Concept C: Agricultural

North Concept C: Agricultural would provide an opportunity for the site to be utilized for agricultural purposes, which would be consistent with the historic land use of the site.



The existing pavilion, electrical equipment, and water system would be removed. The existing open field would be converted to a 3.6-acre agricultural field (such as for hay). The field would become part of the NPS agricultural leasing program, which would allow a local farmer to use the field for agricultural purposes. This would minimize NPS' maintenance responsibility.

The existing concrete pad between the existing pavilion and parking lot would also be removed.

The southwest corner of the site and the area between the parking lot and the agricultural field would be reforested to provide a vegetative buffer between the NPS property, the adjacent private property, and the parking lot.

The existing large unpaved parking lot would be retained. Curb stops would be added to define parking spots and would accommodate vehicles towing boat trailers. At the north end of the parking lot, gate access to the agricultural field would be provided for agricultural equipment.

- Agricultural Use
- Field Access
- Forest Buffer (Improved)
- Existing Building
- Road (existing)
- Parking (existing)
- Stream

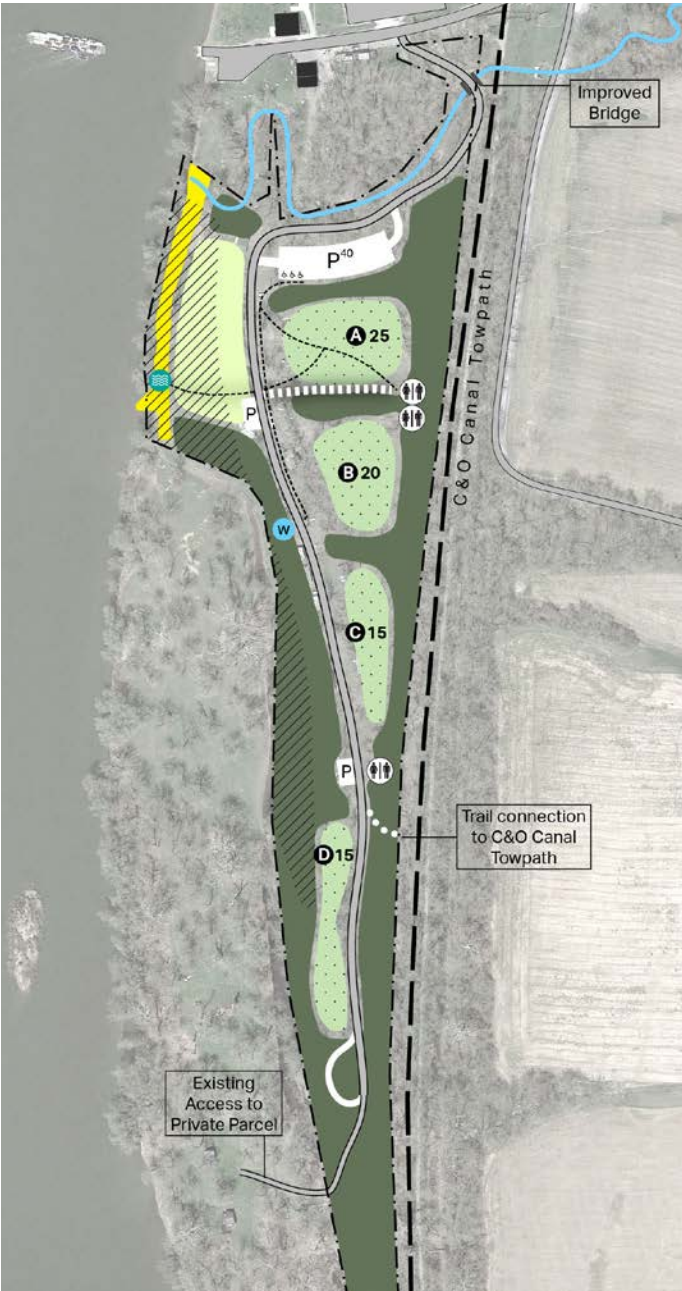




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South Concept A: Clustered

South Concept A: Clustered would provide tent campgrounds and sunny flexible open space for organized groups to gather and informally recreate.



Four group campsites, ranging in size to accommodate 15-25 people each, would be added along the existing access road. Group Campsite A would provide universal access for visitors with mobility impairments. Each campsite would be available for organized groups (e.g., scouting groups) through a recreation fee, reservation, and permit system. Each campsite would include a fire ring, area for tents, and picnic tables. RVs and campers would be prohibited.

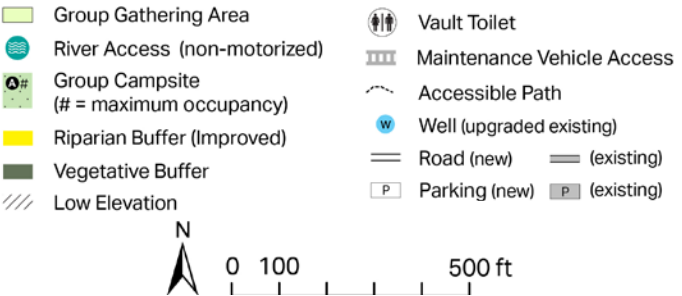
The group campsites would share the single existing well as a water source; three vault toilets; and parking. No electricity would be provided. The existing well would be upgraded to provide potable water. A vegetative buffer would screen the vault toilets from the C&O Canal Towpath to prevent Towpath users from entering the campgrounds. The campsites would share one large primary parking area (40 parking spaces, including accessible parking) and two smaller secondary parking areas. Campground users would utilize the access road to unload camp equipment from their vehicles at their camping site and then park in one of the three parking areas.

The existing open space between the access road and Potomac River would provide a sunny flexible space for gathering and informal recreation for campground users. River access for non-motorized watercraft (i.e., canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards) would also be provided.

The riparian buffer along the Potomac River would be improved to prevent or mitigate erosion.

A trail near the southern end of the access road would provide campground user access to the C&O Canal Towpath. Signage would inform Towpath users that this new connecting trail is only for campground users.

Vehicle access to the South Tract and the adjacent property to the south would be through a gate at the north end.

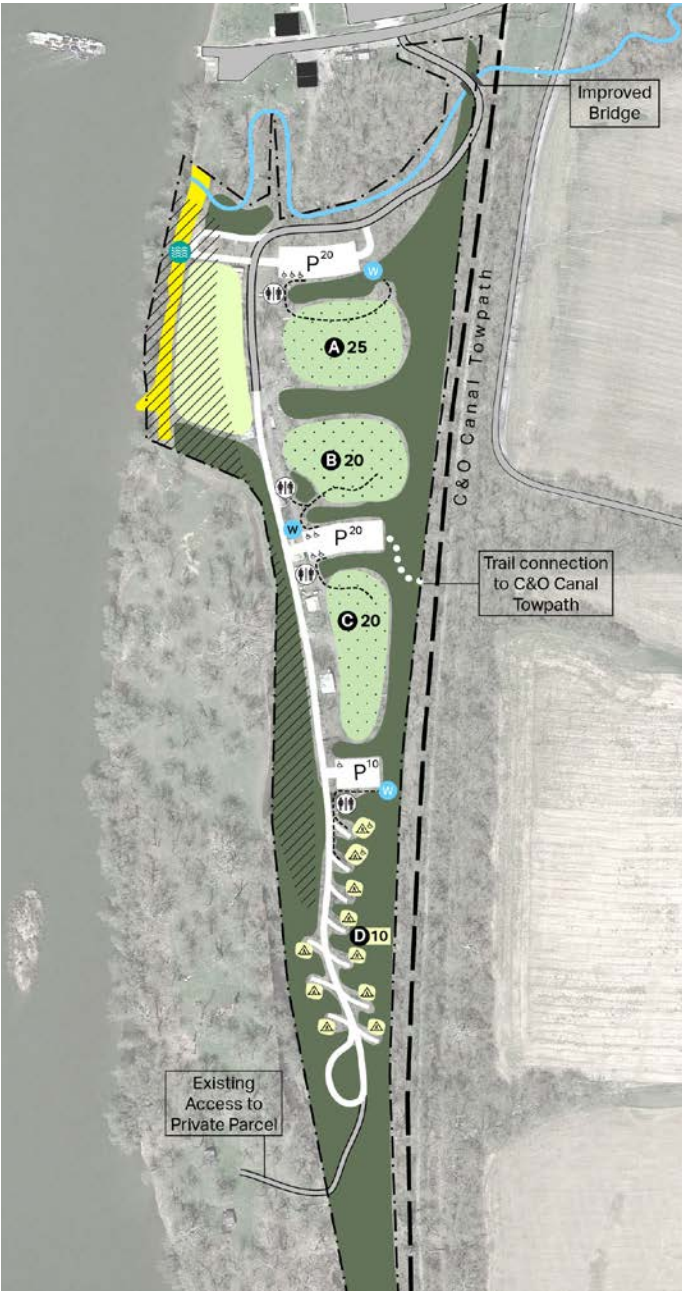




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South Concept B: Concentrated

South Concept B: Concentrated would provide tent campgrounds and sunny flexible open space for individuals, families, friends, and organized groups to gather and informally recreate.



Three group campsites, ranging in size to accommodate 20-25 people each, would be added along the existing access road. All group campsites would be designed to provide universal access for visitors with mobility impairments. Each campsite would be available for organized groups (e.g., scouting groups) through a recreation fee, reservation, and permit system. Each campsite would include a fire ring, area for tents, and picnic tables. RVs and campers would be prohibited.

Each group campsite would have its own vault toilet located along the access road. Group Campsite A would have its own parking area and a new well as a water source. Group Campsites B and C would share a parking area and an upgraded existing well to provide potable water. Each parking area would include 20 parking spaces, including accessible parking. No electricity would be provided.

Ten individual campsites, which would accommodate tents or RVs/campers, would be added at the south end. Two campsites would be designed to provide universal access for visitors with mobility impairments. Each campsite would be available through a recreation fee, reservation, and permit system. Each campsite would include a fire ring, area for tents, a picnic table, and parking. Additional parking for these individual campsites would be available in a small parking area (10 parking spaces). The campsites would also share a vault toilet and a new well as a water source. No sewage pump hook-ups for the RVs/campers or electricity would be provided.

The existing open space between the access road and the Potomac River would provide a sunny flexible space for gathering and informal recreation for campground users. River access for non-motorized watercraft (i.e., canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards) would also be provided. A drive to the river access would allow for easier watercraft unloading/loading.

The riparian buffer along the Potomac River would be improved to prevent or mitigate erosion.

A trail near the middle of the access road would provide campground user access to the C&O Canal Towpath. Signage would inform Towpath users that this new connecting trail is only for campground users.

Vehicle access to the South Tract and the adjacent property to the south would be provided through a gate at the north end.



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South Concept C: Dispersed

South Concept C: Dispersed would provide tent campgrounds for individuals, families, friends, and organized groups, as well as a wide reforested buffer along the Potomac River.



Two group campsites, ranging in size to accommodate 20-25 people each, would be added along the existing access road. Group Campsite B would provide universal access for visitors with mobility impairments. Each campsite would be available for organized groups (e.g., scouting groups) through a recreation fee, reservation, and permit system. Each campsite would include a fire ring, area for tents, and picnic tables. **Each group campsite would have their own vault toilet.** A vegetative buffer would screen the vault toilets from the C&O Canal Towpath. The group campsites would share two small parking areas.

Eight individual tent campsites, which would include six walk-in or bike-in campsites and two campsites that provide universal access for visitors with mobility impairments, would be added. Each campsite would be available through a recreation fee, reservation, and permit system. Each campsite would include a fire ring, area for tents, and a picnic table. The campsites would share a vault toilet and a small parking area. No parking would be available at the individual campsites.

The existing well would be upgraded to provide a potable water source for the group and individual campsites. No electricity would be provided. Campground users would utilize the access road to unload camp equipment from their vehicles at their campsite and then park in one of the three parking areas. **RVs and campers would be prohibited at the group and individual campsites.**

River access for non-motorized watercraft (i.e., canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards) would also be provided.

To provide additional wildlife habitat and prevent or mitigate erosion, **the existing open space between the access road and the Potomac River would be reforested. The riparian buffer along the Potomac River would also be improved.**

A trail near the southern end of the access road would provide campground user access to the C&O Canal Towpath. Signage would inform Towpath users that this new connecting trail is only for campground users.

Vehicle access to the South Tract and adjacent private property to the south would be provided through a gate at the north end.