



**ALLEGHENY
LAND TRUST**

Churchill Valley Greenway Stewardship and Management Plan

Public Meeting #1

November 15, 2023



Introductions



- Caitlin Seiler, Vice President of Stewardship



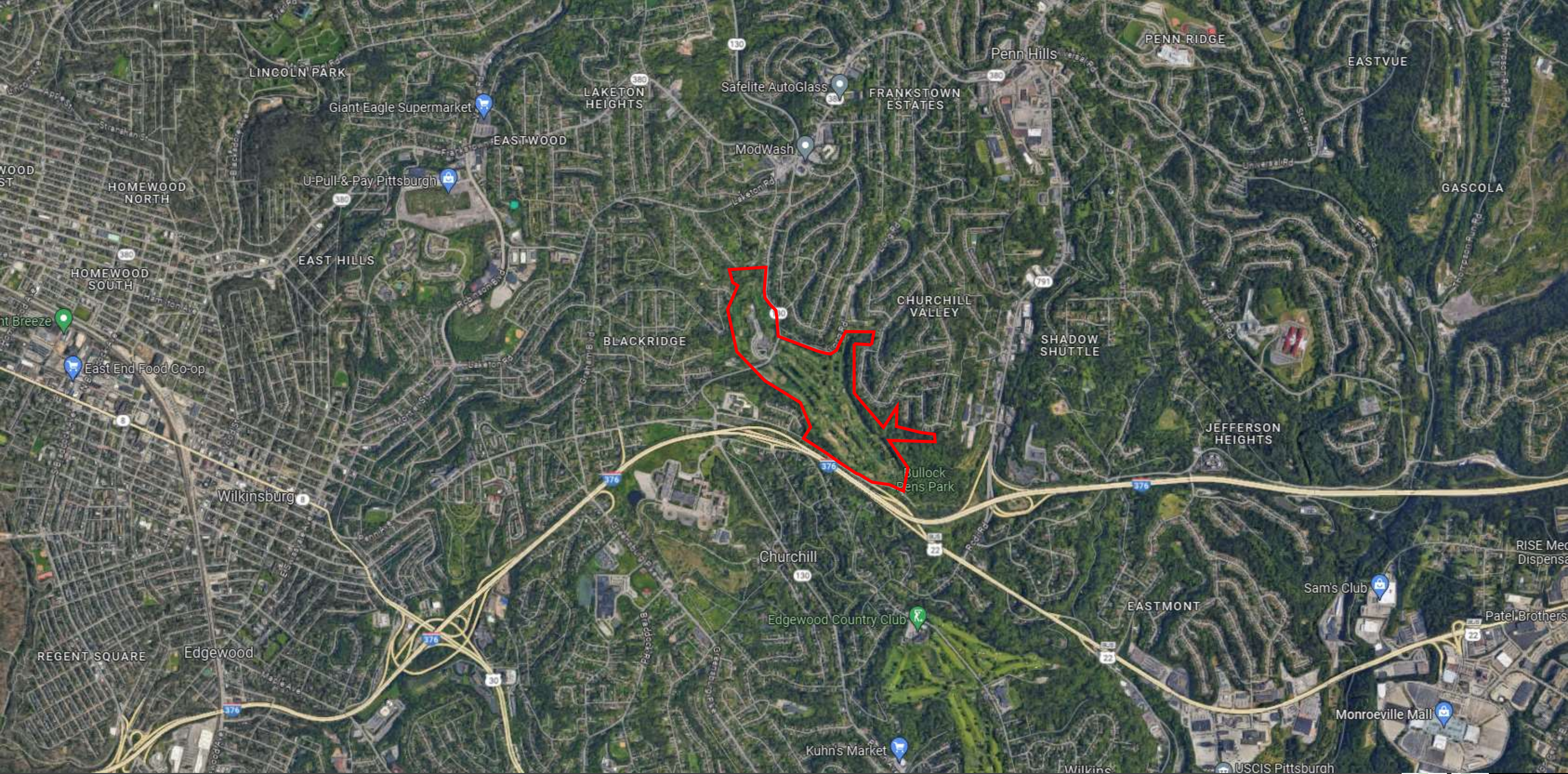
- Sara Thompson, Principal
- Alex Zwegat, Landscape Designer

Agenda

- Why Are We Here?
- Planning Process
- Allegheny Land Trust's Goal
- Where Are We Now?
- Where Do We Want to Be?
- Next Steps



Why Are We Here?



Why Are We Here?

- The 151-acre property was a golf course from 1931 to 2013. It was farmland before that.
- The property has reverted to meadow and is now home to many native flora and fauna.
- Area residents made grassroots efforts to protect it as a greenway.
- With support from individual donors, civic organizations, and state funding ALT purchased the land in July 2021.



ALT's Goals for Churchill Valley Greenway

- Conserve and promote biodiversity and ecosystem function
- Use existing infrastructure for low-impact use

<https://www.cnn.com/videos/tv/2023/08/22/ohio-golf-course-rewilding-c2e-spc-intl.cnn>



Why Are We Here?



Plan Purpose

- Develop a community driven management plan process and evaluation for the site that will clearly identify conditions and recommendations for:
 - Access and interpretation of the greenway
 - Ecological management needs
 - Engaging and supporting community connections

Planning Process



1. Where Are We Now?

- Inventory & Analysis of Conditions
- How people use the existing site

2. Where Do We Want To Be?

- What are your thoughts, wishes & desires?
- What are your concerns?

3. How Do We Get There?

- Recommendations to Achieve Goals & Visions
- Specific Implementation Strategies
- What, Priority, Who, Where, When & Cost

Where are We Now?

- Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment - completed in 2021
- Acid Mine Drainage Design – construction in 2024
- Stream and Wetland Restoration – construction in 2024
- Conceptual Planning Report – completed 2022
- Forest Restoration – ongoing
- Volunteer Activities - ongoing
- Habitat and Bird Inventories – to be completed by end of 2023
- Stewardship and Management Plan – 2023-2024
 - Site Analysis
 - Trail Inventory and Assessment
 - Public Engagement

What's Special About the Greenway?



What's Special About the Greenway?



Bullock Pens Park



Pat Seneca Park

What's Special About the Greenway?



Paved Paths with Views



Bridge Connections

What's Special About the Greenway?



Chalfant Run and Tributaries



Existing Parking

Issues



Erosion



Disappearing Paths

Issues



Acid Mine Drainage



Channelized Stream

Issues



No Accessible Trail Loops



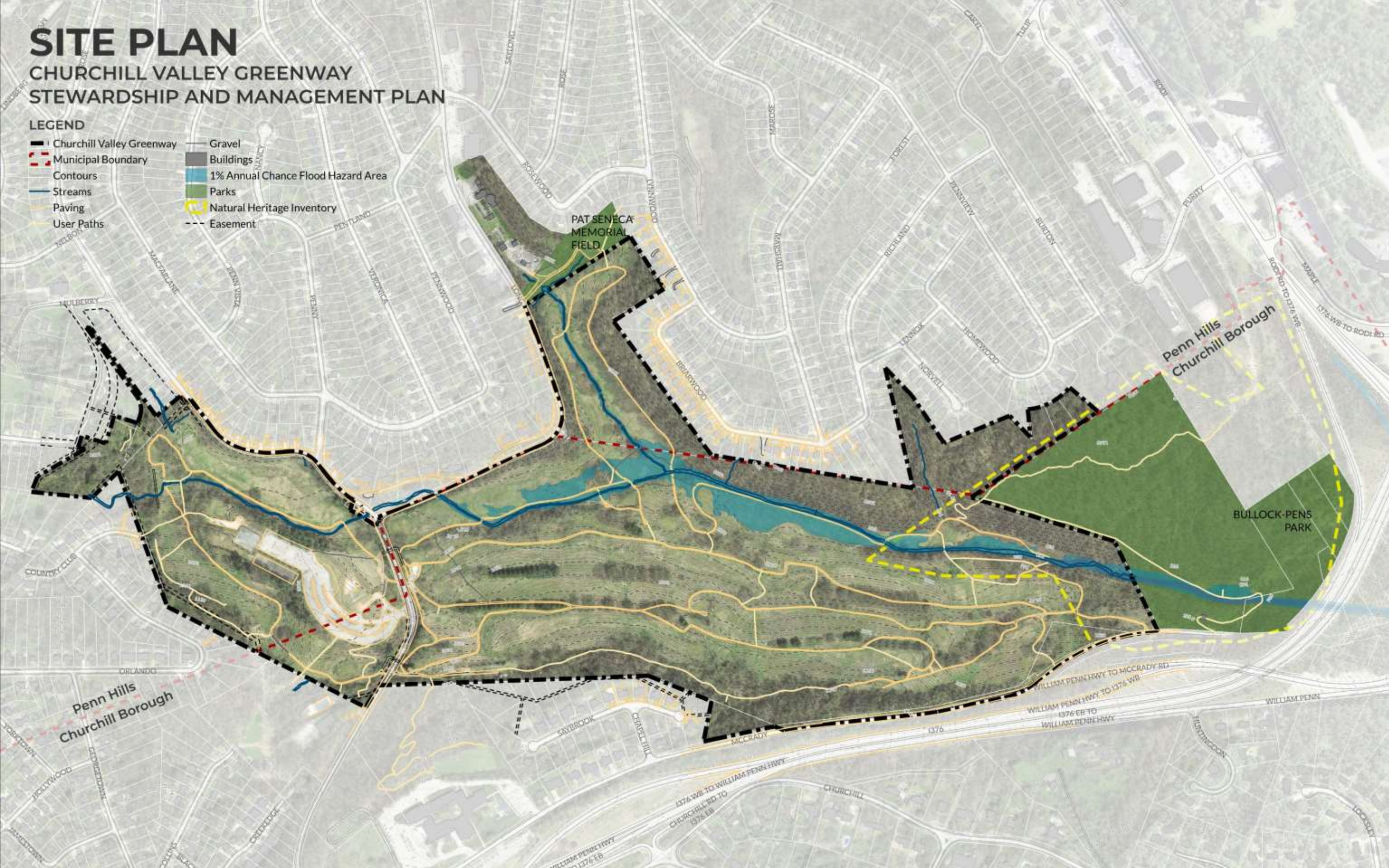
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SITE PLAN

CHURCHILL VALLEY GREENWAY STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

LEGEND

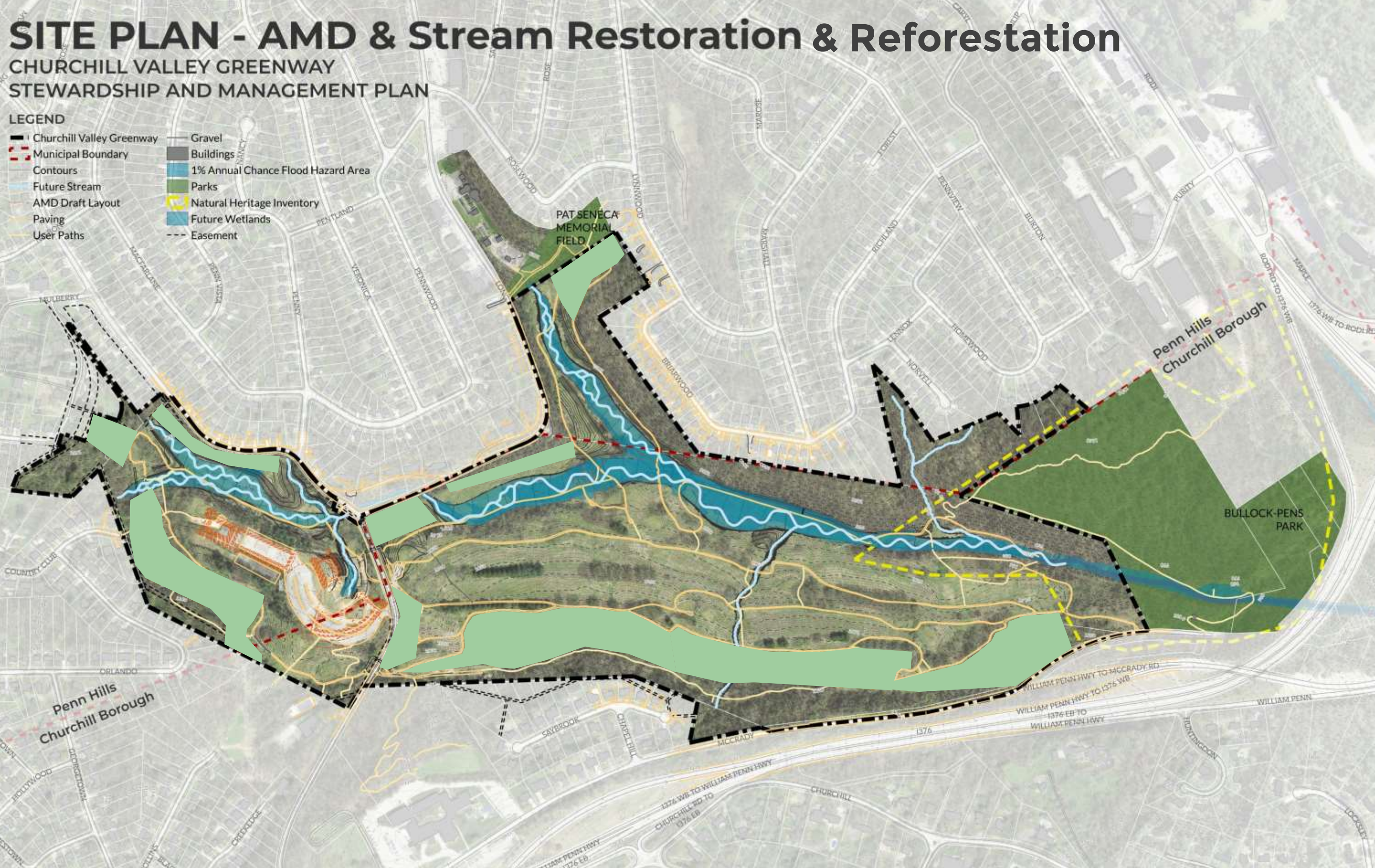
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- Contours
- Streams
- Paving
- User Paths
- Gravel
- Buildings
- 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Area
- Parks
- Natural Heritage Inventory
- Easement



SITE PLAN - AMD & Stream Restoration & Reforestation

CHURCHILL VALLEY GREENWAY STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

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SLOPE ANALYSIS

CHURCHILL VALLEY GREENWAY

STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

- LEGEND**
- Churchill Valley Greenway
 - Parcels
 - Contours
 - Buildings
 - Slope Study
 - Value
 - 0 - 5%
 - 5 - 15%
 - 15 - 25%
 - 25+%



TRAIL SLOPE ANALYSIS

CHURCHILL VALLEY GREENWAY STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

LEGEND

- Churchill Valley Greenway
- Buildings
- Contours
- Parcels
- Trail Slope
 - Under 5%
 - 5% - 8%
 - 8% - 15%
 - Over 15%



SITE PLAN - AMD & Stream Restoration with Trail Parking & Access

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Where Do We Want to Be?

Ground Rules

- Every idea is valid; please respect the opinions of others.
- You do not have to agree with every idea that is suggested; even if you don't agree, this is not the time to debate a specific item.
- Groups – Please have a spokesperson speak for the entire group.
- Please remain quiet while someone else is talking; everyone will have a chance to speak.
- Please keep your statements as clear and concise as possible.
- Convey one issue per turn.
- Please respect everyone's time.

Where Do We Want to Be?

- What makes the Greenway special to you?
- Where should trails connect to surrounding communities?
- What types of low impact amenities would you like to see?
- What types of activities or programs would you like to see?
- What other thoughts, concerns, or ideas do you have?

Next Steps

- Synthesize tonight's input and online survey with inventory and analysis
- Second Public Meeting in January with extended public input
- Develop sustainability plan recommendations and implementation strategies
- Phase 2 of Public engagement to review draft recommendations in the spring

Thank You!

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Take the online survey!