

**Meeting Minutes: Central/Buchmiller/Sunnyside Parks
 Master Plans
 Study Committee Meeting #8**

Date: May 21, 2007
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Shuts Environmental Center - Central Park
By: Chuck Strodoski
Project No.: 06LAN-01

Persons Attending: James Hackett, Director, Lancaster County Parks and Recreation
 Ralph Goodno, Lancaster County Conservancy
 Dave Martin, West Lampeter Township
 Mike Domin, Lancaster County Planning Commission
 Tim Draude, Muhlenberg Botanical Society
 Ad Crable, Lancaster New Era
 Ted Shaffer, YSM
 Chuck Strodoski, YSM
 Ann Yost, YSM

Purpose of the Meeting: To review of the Pre-Final Master Plans for Central and Buchmiller Parks.

Of Record:

1. A. Yost opened the meeting and provided an overview of the meetings agenda.
2. C. Strodoski presented the Pre-final master plans for each park. Discussion of the master plan review included the following:

Central Park

- Generally, the closure of the narrow portion of Rockford Road to vehicular traffic, adjacent to the river was favorably received. Traffic will be encouraged to turn around at the entrance to the Rockford Plantation, through heirachy of streets and entrance elements to direct through traffic away from General Hand Drive. Traffic calming features and narrow cartways will direct general traffic back on to Rockford Road, and create a sense of destination for the Rockford homestead. Through traffic will be permitted but discouraged.
- The proposed parking area associated with the trailhead along the Conestoga River should be corrected to show the correct proposed location.

- Consideration of a loop trail on the north side of the Conestoga River with the closed portion of Rockford Road was suggested. This would create a loop exceeding two miles in length. Easements/agreements/acquisition would be required.
- The anticipated relocation of Eshelman Mill Road should be coordinated with the County Engineer. The realignment and bridge replacement shall be completed in a context sensitive design.
- Numerous ideas on the Pre-final plan will affect traffic patterns in and around the park. These ideas should be communicated to the City/County officials to make them aware of the recommendations and determine the feasibility. YSM will prepare a package of exhibits to submit to the various agencies for review and consideration.
- Pedestrian bridges proposed crossing the Mill Creek are envisioned as pre-fabricated metal, hump back style, to adapt to the flooding potential.
- A proposed trail connection to West Lampeter's trail system should be shown below the existing pond, near the environmental center, on the north side of Mill Creek.
- The number of proposed picnic pavilions was questioned. The plan proposes eight new picnic pavilions. Each pavilion has revenue potential.
- The two picnic pavilions proposed in the open lawn adjacent to the Conestoga River are in the floodplain. Removal of these pavilions was suggested.
- The proposed trails should be developed with a trail marker system.
- Invasive plant species along the banks of the Conestoga River should be addressed. Japanese Hops are dominating the banks. Establishment of a heavy canopy tree cover is recommended by T. Draude to shade out the undesirable species.
- Maintaining the landfill area as a special event area was favorably reviewed. Consideration of a second large event pavilion and additional lawn area at the landfill was suggested to facilitate events.
- The naturalization of the area around the environmental center was favorably reviewed.
- The naturalization of the southern peninsula was favorably received. Naturalization should include a mixture of forest, meadow and grasslands.
- The addition of a small windmill at the pond near the Shuts Library was suggested to drive a well and maintain a flow of water through the pond. In addition to the function, the windmill will add an interesting aesthetic and compliment the existing farmstead structures.

Buchmiller Park

- Replacing the six tennis courts with four basketball courts was favorably reviewed. Potential to accommodate tennis and pickleball on the courts was suggested. These sports are typically not compatible with basketball.
- A legal interpretation of the ownership of the existing rail road right of way which parallels the river should be undertaken. J. Hackett provided YSM with copies of the documentation.
- Pedestrian access from the ball field picnic area to the proposed rail trail should be considered.

- Re-configuration of the southern entrance to provide turning lanes should be considered.
- Reconfiguration of the center island, within the PennDOT ROW at the northern entrance could be modified to allow traffic exiting the park site turn north on Route 222. This would make a convenient exit, as vehicles are only required to cross one lane of traffic at a time.
- The various traffic configurations should be discussed with the appropriate City/County officials.

General

- Lancaster City is actively planning the City's parks. A suggestion was made to have J. Hackett be involved in the planning process to coordinate city and county activities.
 - The parks are in need of additional sources of revenue generation. York County received 39,000 hours of volunteer work in their parks. This equates to roughly 20 full time employees.
3. A. Yost presented a revised draft of the Vision Statements for the parks. Comments include the following:
 - Generally, the vision statements are long and should be condensed.
 - The words "natural oasis" should be highlighted in the vision.
 - The words safe and enjoyable should be added to the vision for Buchmiller Park.
 - The rail trail traversing Buchmiller Park is known as the Quarryville Line.
 4. A. Yost presented a draft of a Parkland Acquisition Worksheet to prioritize surrounding lands and guide the consideration of future acquisition/easements of land surrounding the parks. Limited discussion followed. Comments on the worksheet should be discussed at the next study committee meeting.
 5. A. Yost concluded the meeting by outlining the next steps in the planning process. The next regularly scheduled study committee meeting in June is cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 25, 2007 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be a public meeting to present a pre-final plan for each park. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

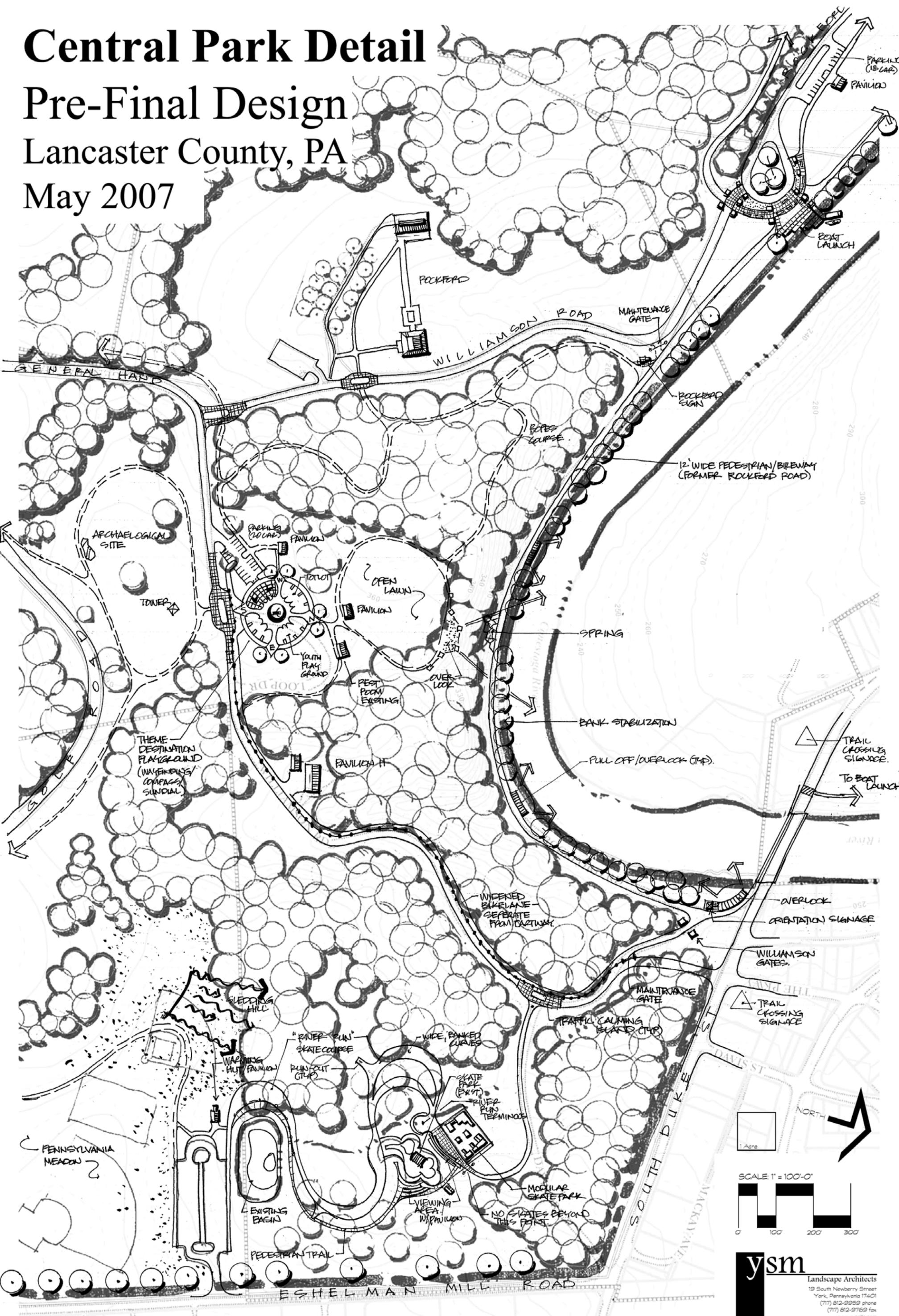
Provide changes or corrections to these meeting minutes to C. Strodoski at YSM within one week of receipt.

Central Park Detail

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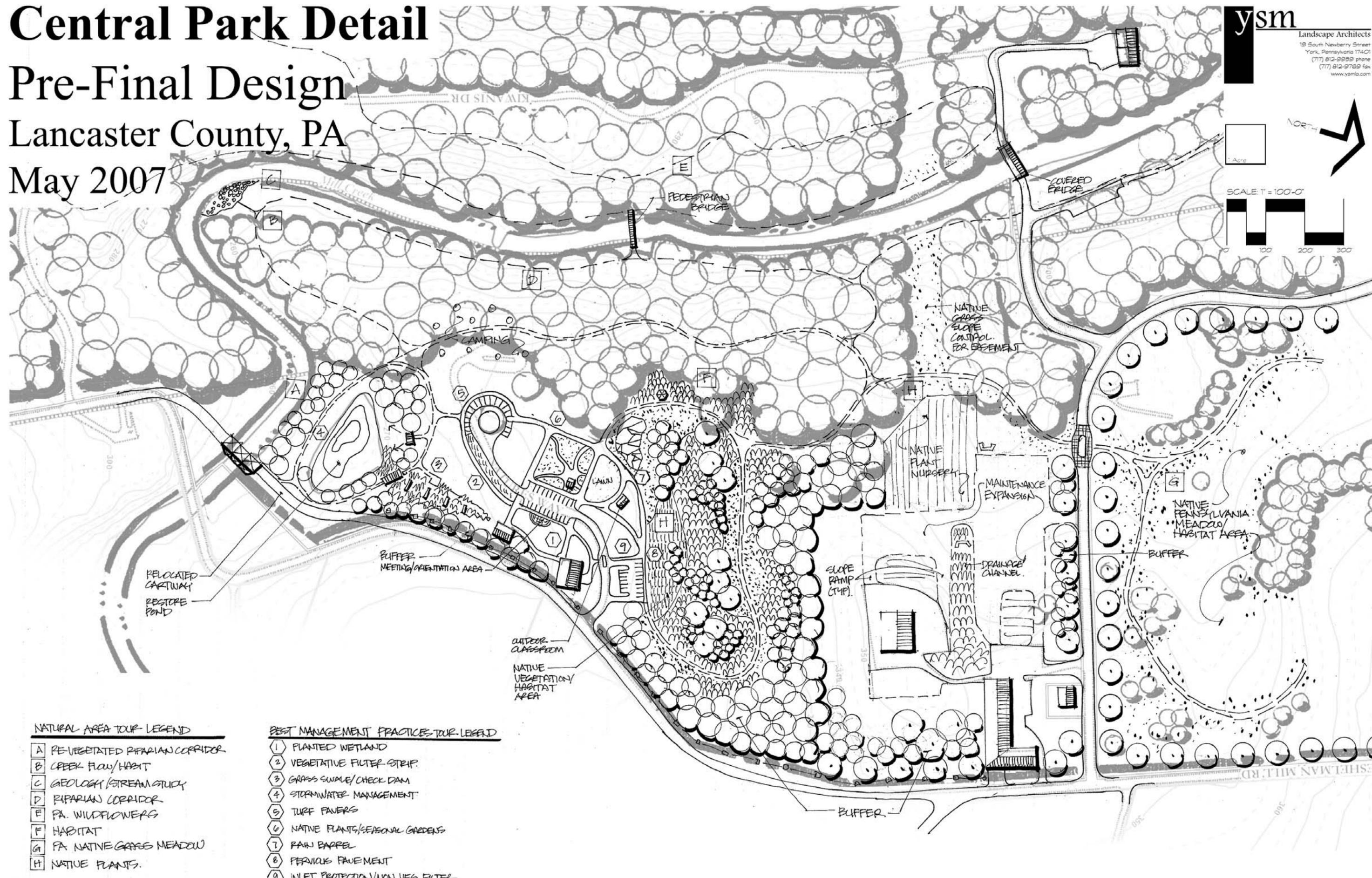
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NATURAL AREA TOUR-LEGEND

- A RE-VEGETATED RIPARIAN CORRIDOR
- B CREEK FLOW/HABITAT
- C GEOLOGY/STREAM STUDY
- D RIPARIAN CORRIDOR
- E PA. WINDFLOWERS
- F HABITAT
- G PA NATIVE GRASS MEADOW
- H NATIVE PLANTS.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TOUR-LEGEND

- 1 PLANTED WETLAND
- 2 VEGETATIVE FILTER STRIP
- 3 GRASS SWALE/CHECK DAM
- 4 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
- 5 TURF PAVERS
- 6 NATIVE PLANTS/SEASONAL GARDENS
- 7 RAIN BARREL
- 8 PERVIOUS PAVEMENT
- 9 INLET PROTECTION/NON VEG FILTER

