Foster Park Entrance Design

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Presentation Agenda

- Review Project Process & Goals
- Public Input Process & Findings
- Design Development Overview
- Next Steps



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Project Process





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Project Process: Request for Proposals

Goals

- Design for more efficient park and utility maintenance
- Improve safety and access via pedestrian and vehicular circulation
- Improve park elements while recognizing and honoring existing amenities
- Ensure equal opportunities and experiences for all park users
- Design with ecological and environmental conservation in mind

Components

- A new maintenance building
- New entrances and neighborhood connections to Foster Park from Old Mill Road
- Pedestrian connections to and between existing park amenities and paths
- Identification of opportunities for signage and lighting
- Landscape improvements throughout current tunnel project site and perennial gardens



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Project Process: Scope





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Design Process

- Gather inventory of existing park conditions and features
- Assess community, maintenance, programming and recreation needs and preferences
- Analyze results of gathered information
- Develop plan options, include all project components and weigh against project goals
- Finalize construction documents for project bidding and completion



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Public Input

- 7/18/24 Open House @ Foster Park Pavilion
- 7/30/24 Open House @ Indian Village Park Pavilion
- 7/31/24-8/30/24 Online Survey
- 1/29/25 Concept Input Meeting @ Indian Village Park Pavilion
- 1/29/25-2/7/25 Engage FW Poll



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Public Input: Feedback & Findings from Engage FW Poll

Which Foster Park Entrance Design do you prefer?

- 136 total votes
- 65: preferred north entrance
- 71: preferred south entrance



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Share your feedback on the options…
North Entrance Preferred:

"I prefer the north entrance option; honors the original park concept and gets the neighborhood and park back to beautiful in less time"

"The roundabout seems to use up a lot of park real estate to accomplish…what exactly?"

"The proposed north entrance preserves the interior of the park…south entrance isolates the gardens in a negative way- that if I were walking around the park, I would have to cross through traffic to get that area"

"The south entrance puts too much traffic in the neighborhoods surrounding the park. Lexington Ave was a nightmare when Old Mill was not available and this would add traffic to a quiet neighborhood with lots of kids"

"Plenty of ways to slow traffic without the expense and land grab a roundabout would entail"



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Share your feedback on the options…
South Entrance Preferred:

"As to the proposal for a roundabout at the south entrance…I think it's overkill. A simple 4-way stop would serve the purpose of slowing traffic flow and will be way less intrusive and expensive and time consuming as constructing a roundabout"

"Move traffic away from the Broadway – Rudisill intersection and use the space to beautify the garden space and hide the deep tunnel access ports"

"I would greatly appreciate the slow down on Old Mill, the lack of congestion right by Rudisill and a new way to thoughtfully incorporate the gardens and some better parking than the current option"

"We favor the South Entrance Concept because it will create a safe, steady, and predictable flow of traffic past the gardens"

"I believe relocating the entrance would improve pedestrian safety and make the gardens a quieter space for those that come to visit them"



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LEXINGTON AVE
HARTMAN RD.
BRANNING AVE
PARK DR.
OLD MILL RD
SHERIDAN CT
W. FOSTER PKWY.
ST. MARYS RIVER
RUDISILL BLVD.

Vehicular Entrance @ Branning + Old Mill



Pedestrian Paths + Neighborhood Connections



Pedestrian Entrance @ West Foster + Old Mill



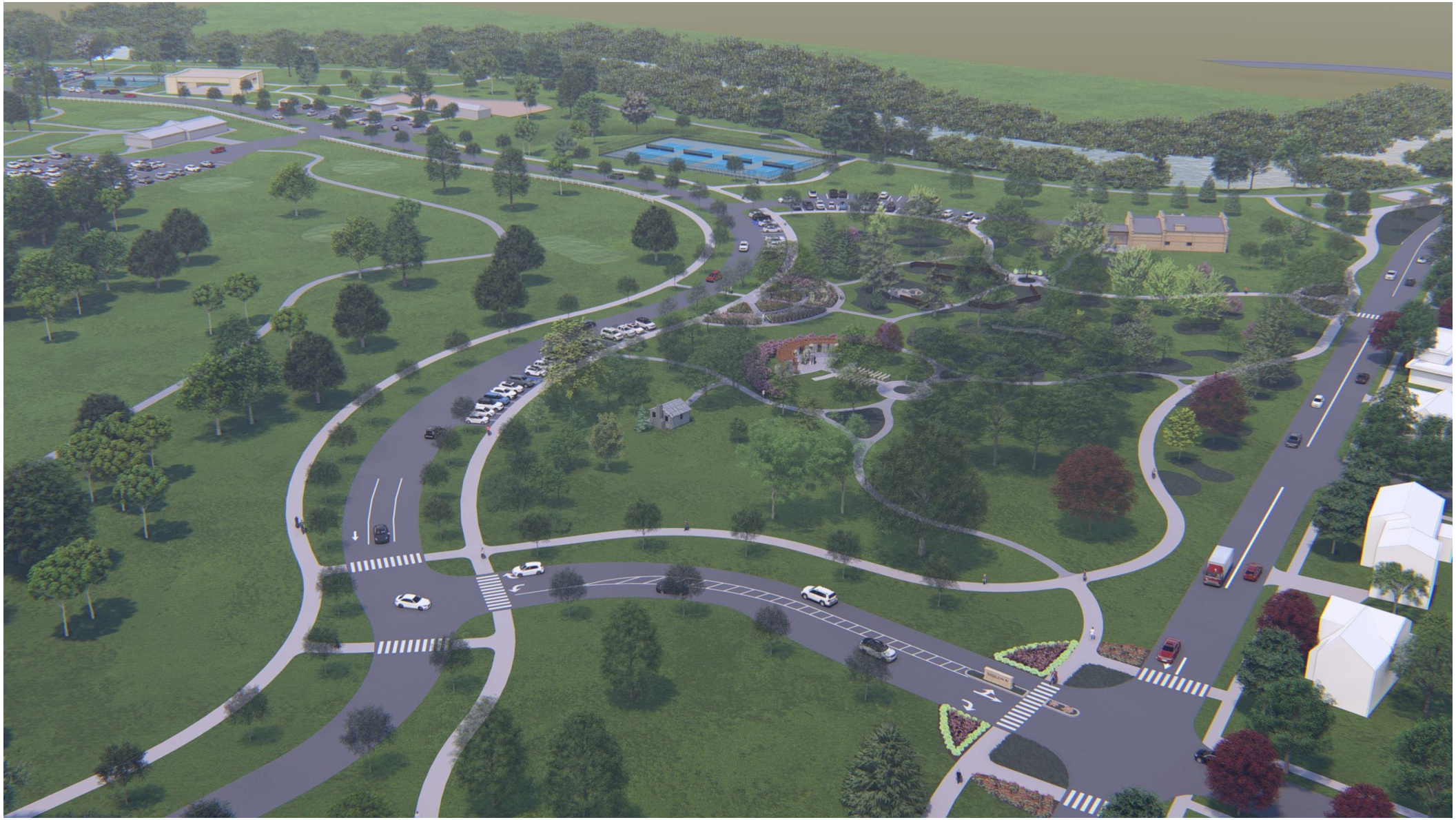
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Vehicular Circulation



Maintenance + Restrooms



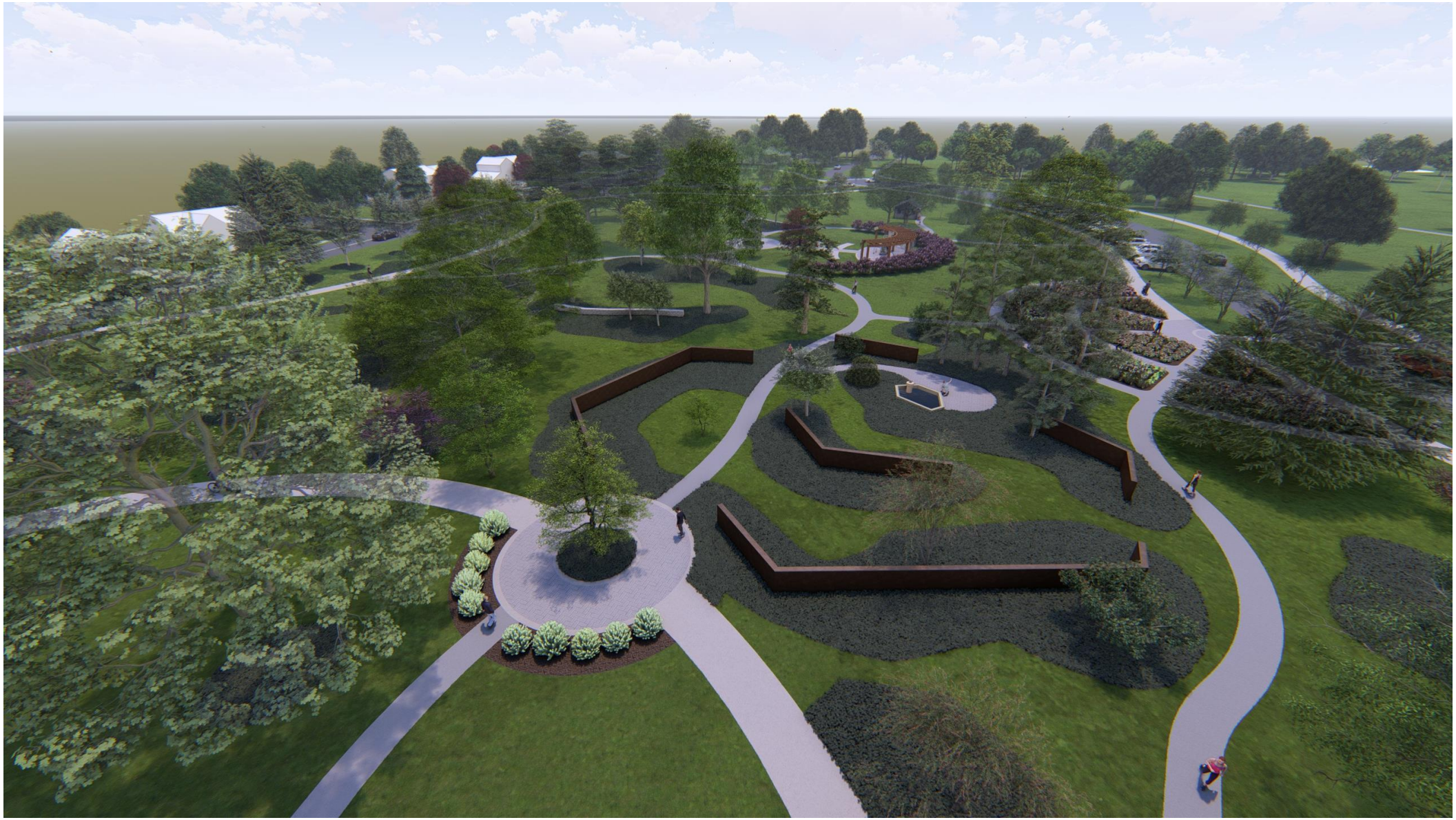
Utilities' Maintenance @ Rudisill + Old Mill



Gardens + Landscape



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Next Steps

- Project Estimating
- Value Engineering + Phasing Options
- Construction Drawings
- Bidding + Construction



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