

PHASE 1: Collaboration and Connection

Phase 1 establishes the foundation for the long-term success of Wolfe Field Park by advancing critical partnerships, securing key land assets, and creating physical connections that unify the site. Central to this phase is a collaborative effort with RiverWoods to implement floodplain and wetland restoration, generating clean fill material that can be beneficially reused to cap the existing Wolfe Field landfill. This integrated approach aligns ecological restoration with site remediation, transforming a historic constraint into an opportunity.

This phase also prioritizes connectivity, including the construction of a signature pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Buffalo Creek, linking Wolfe Field to the RiverWoods property and expanding access to a broader network of natural areas and trails. In parallel, the acquisition of the U.S. Supply Company 4.5-acre site secures a critical parcel that enhances site access, flexibility, and long-term development potential.

Together, these efforts position Phase I as a catalytic investment that advances environmental restoration, strengthens regional connections, and establishes the physical and organizational framework for future park development.

Elements -

- Cooperation Between Lewisburg Borough & RiverWoods
- Floodplain / Wetland Restoration & Landfill Recapping
- Grass & Wildflower Meadows
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Trails and Bridge
- New Recycling and Composting Center
- Engineering, Design, and Permitting



Wetland Restoration

In partnership with RiverWoods, lower meadow areas at RiverWoods will be restored to a diverse wetland complex that enhances wildlife habitat, supports migratory birds, and improves natural water filtration. Soil excavated during wetland construction will be beneficially reused to improve the environmental performance of the adjacent Wolfe Field landfill.



Landfill Recapping

Clean soil generated from the RiverWoods wetland restoration will be used to restore the landfill's protective cover and recreate a gently domed surface that sheds stormwater more effectively. This sustainable approach reduces water infiltration, improves long term water quality protection, and beneficially reuses material that would otherwise require disposal - Balancing the 'Cut and Fill' within the regulated floodplain.

Native Grass & Wildflower Meadow

The recapped landfill will be planted with a diverse mix of native grasses and wildflowers to stabilize soils, enhance wildlife and pollinator habitat, and create a vibrant, seasonally changing landscape. This low maintenance planting will reduce long term maintenance costs while providing an attractive natural amenity for park visitors.



Pedestrian & Bicycle Trails & Bridge

New pedestrian and bicycle trails, together with a bridge over Buffalo Creek, will create a long envisioned regional connection between Lewisburg Borough and RiverWoods. The ADA accessible route will improve access to the RiverWoods campus, connect residents to the restored wetlands, and lay the foundation for future trail connections to destinations north of town.



Engineering, Design & Permitting

Phase I will include the planning, engineering, final design, and permitting required to implement the project. Work includes wetland restoration and landfill recapping design, bridge feasibility and engineering, floodplain analysis and modeling, habitat restoration planning, and coordination of all required regulatory approvals and permits.

Project Partners & Funding Agencies

Project planning and implementation will involve collaboration with numerous public agencies and funding partners, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, FEMA, FEMA, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR), RiverWoods, Lewisburg Borough, and Kelly Township. Additional state, federal, and private funding partners will be pursued as the project advances.



PHASE 2: Accessibility and Recreation Priorities

Phase 2 builds upon the foundational investments of Phase 1 by advancing site accessibility and delivering high-priority recreational amenities. This phase focuses on creating an inclusive and welcoming park experience through ADA-compliant access, expanded trail systems, and early-use recreation features that serve a broad range of users and activity levels.

Elements -

- New Park Access and Parking
- ADA Accessible Loop Trails & Natural Surface Trail Network
- Dog Park
- Bike Park & Bike Skills Area
- Engineering and Design



New Park Access & Parking

The redesigned park entrance will improve safety by separating motor vehicle traffic from pedestrians and bicyclists at the park entrance and throughout the site. A new entrance aligned with Water Street will concentrate parking near the front of the park, minimizing vehicle impacts on natural areas while providing convenient ADA accessible access to the park's primary amenities.



ADA Accessible Loop & Natural Surface Trail Network

The new trail system responds to one of the community's highest recreation priorities by creating a connected network of trails for walking, biking, trail running, hiking, and dog walking. An ADA accessible loop will provide access to the park's primary amenities, including the ballfields, restrooms, pavilion, playground, dog park, and bike skills park, while natural surface singletrack trails will offer a more immersive outdoor experience for hikers, runners, and mountain bikers.



Dog Park

The 'Woolf Field Bark Park' will feature separate fenced areas for large and small dogs, along with a secure entry/transition area and a shaded seating space where owners can relax and socialize. Beyond the fenced park, the western portion of the park will include designated off-leash natural surface trails, providing dogs and their owners with a unique opportunity to explore a larger natural landscape together.



Bike Park & Skills Area

The Bike Park will feature a mix of paved and natural surface trails, including a pump track, jump lines, and progressive skills features designed for riders of all abilities. A repurposed shipping container will provide the elevated starting platform for the bike features while serving as a gathering place for cyclists, skateboarders, scooter riders, and other wheeled sports enthusiasts. Surrounded by native grass and wildflower meadows, the Bike Park will create a unique youth and teen destination within a natural setting while reducing long term maintenance costs.



Natural Surface Singletrack Trails

The natural surface singletrack trail network will explore Wolfe Field's quieter western landscape, taking advantage of the rolling topography of the former landfill to create a unique experience for hikers, trail runners, mountain bikers, and dog walkers. The trails will immerse visitors in nature while providing opportunities for recreation, exploration, and scenic views.



Habitat Restoration & Water Quality Improvements

The park's western landscape will be restored through invasive species management, native woodland, meadow, and wetland plantings, and improvements that enhance wildlife habitat and water quality. These restoration efforts will help capture and treat stormwater, reduce landfill leachate impacts before water reaches Buffalo Creek and the West Branch Susquehanna River, and create opportunities for environmental education, nature play, interpretive art, and hands on learning.



PHASE 3: Community Gathering & Family Recreation

Phase 3 builds upon earlier investments by adding amenities that support family recreation, community gatherings, organized sports, and special events. Improvements to Ballfield #2, restrooms, playground, pavilion, and the expanded trail network will create a more complete and welcoming park experience for residents of all ages while supporting tournaments, group activities, and regional visitors. Together, these improvements strengthen Wolfe Field as a multi-generational community recreation destination with opportunities for both organized and informal use.

Elements -

- Ballfield #2 Reconfiguration
- Dark Sky Compliant and Energy Efficient Lighting
- Large Pavilion / Group Activity Space
- Restroom Facilities
- Playground
- Engineering and Design



Ballfield #2 Reconfiguration & Improvements

The Wolfe Field Plan enhances Ballfield #2 to better serve Little League baseball and youth and adult softball leagues while expanding recreational opportunities for the families and visitors who use the park. Improvements include reconfiguring the field, adding lighting to extend hours for practices, games, and tournaments, creating convenient adjacent parking, and providing ADA accessible routes to the field, restrooms, pavilion, and other park amenities, improving accessibility and the overall experience for all users. These improvements will be advanced through a collaborative partnership among Lewisburg Borough, Little League, and the local softball leagues to identify and pursue funding opportunities, including grants from Little League International and other public and private funding sources.



DarkSky Compliant Lighting

Preserving Wolfe Field's nighttime character was identified as a key community priority. Most of the park will remain a dawn to dusk destination, minimizing the need for nighttime lighting and preserving the site's natural character. Where lighting is needed for Ballfield #2, pavilion, restrooms, and safety, fixtures will be designed to meet the highest DarkSky standards by minimizing light spill, glare, and unnecessary illumination while directing light only where and when it is needed. This approach reduces energy consumption and operating costs, protects wildlife habitat, and preserves opportunities to experience dark skies within an in-town park.

Restroom Facilities

Responding to a top community priority, the existing restrooms will be renovated to provide safe, secure, and reliable service during extended park hours and throughout the recreation season. Designed to withstand periodic flooding, the facilities will incorporate durable, flood resilient materials that are easy to clean, maintain, and restore following high water events. The restrooms will be fully ADA accessible, family friendly, and conveniently located near the park's primary activity areas, supporting ballfields, trails, the bike park, playground, pavilion, and other amenities. Energy efficient fixtures, improved lighting, and water conserving features will further enhance user comfort while reducing long term operating and maintenance costs.



Large Pavilion / Group Activity Space

A new covered pavilion will provide a flexible gathering space to support ballfield activities, family picnics, reunions, community events, and other group functions. Designed as a multi purpose community asset, the pavilion will accommodate fitness classes, yoga, tai chi, environmental education programs, summer camps, outdoor classrooms, performances, meeting space, and special events while providing shelter from sun and rain. Conveniently located near the park's primary amenities and connected by ADA accessible pathways, the pavilion will become a year round destination for recreation, learning, and community gatherings.



Playground

The new playground will provide engaging play opportunities for children ages 2 to 5 and 6 to 12 through a combination of traditional play equipment and nature inspired play experiences. Designed to encourage climbing, balancing, imagination, and exploration, the playground will include accessible play features, shade, seating for caregivers, picnic areas, and durable safety surfacing. Conveniently located near the pavilion, restrooms, and trail network, it will serve as a central family destination while encouraging children to connect with nature and the park's surrounding landscapes.



Additional Features

- Inclusive and universally accessible play elements
- Nature play features - logs, boulders, climbing nets, and landforms
- Sensory play components
- Swings, including an accessible or expression swing
- Climbing tower or adventure structure
- Outdoor classroom, citizen science and monitoring
- Shade trees, bird houses, bat boxes
- Drinking fountain and bottle filling station
- Bicycle parking / bike racks
- Native landscaping and pollinator gardens
- Interpretive signs connecting play to the park's ecology and history
- Art - sculptures, natural materials and temporary art displays

PHASE 4: Water Access & Habitat Restoration

Phase 4 expands the park's ecological function by enhancing water access and restoring stream and habitat systems, while making a significant investment in municipal infrastructure. This phase introduces a centralized, efficient "one-stop" location for community recycling, brush disposal, and green waste composting, improving service delivery for residents while supporting long-term environmental sustainability.

Elements -

- Canoe and Kayak Boat Launch
- ADA or Universal Access Fishing Platform
- Buffalo Creek Streambank & In-Stream Habitat Improvements
- Water Quality Remediation & Stormwater Management
- Nature Play / Natural Playground Areas
- Recycling, Composting, and Municipal Storage Facility



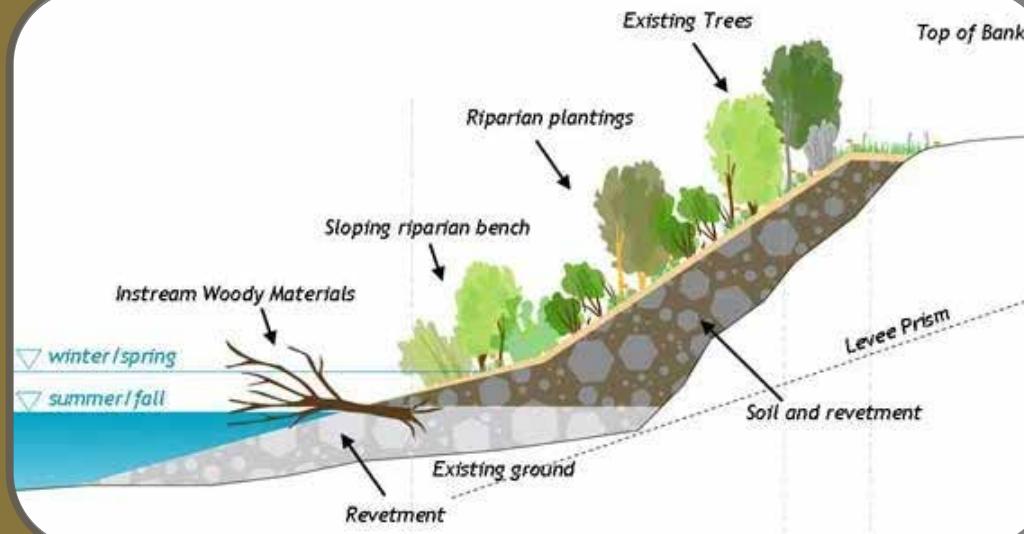
Canoe & Kayak Boat Launch

A new canoe and kayak boat launch will provide safe, convenient access to Buffalo Creek for paddlers of all skill levels. Serving as a key take out and launch point along the navigable reach between Cowan and the confluence with the West Branch Susquehanna River, the facility will expand opportunities for paddling, fishing, wildlife observation, and water based recreation while strengthening Wolfe Field's role as a regional outdoor recreation destination. Designed with natural materials and minimal environmental impact, the launch will provide Universal Access where feasible and connect directly to the park's trail system, parking, and other amenities.



ADA Accessible Fishing Platform

A universally accessible fishing platform will provide safe, convenient access to Buffalo Creek for anglers of all ages and abilities. Designed to meet ADA accessibility standards, the platform will create opportunities for fishing, wildlife observation, environmental education, and quiet enjoyment of the creek while connecting visitors to one of the park's most valuable natural resources. Integrated with the park's accessible trail network, the platform will serve as an inclusive destination that expands outdoor recreation opportunities for the entire community.



Buffalo Creek Streambank & In-stream Habitat Improvements

Streambank stabilization and in stream habitat improvements will restore the ecological health of Buffalo Creek while reducing erosion, improving water quality, and enhancing aquatic habitat for fish and other wildlife. Using natural stream restoration techniques, the project will create a more resilient stream corridor that supports recreation, protects downstream resources, stabilize the edge of the landfill, and provides opportunities for environmental education and nature observation.



Water Quality Remediation & Stormwater Management

A comprehensive stormwater and water quality improvement program will capture, slow, filter, and treat runoff throughout the park before it reaches Buffalo Creek. Green infrastructure, restored wetlands, native vegetation, and natural drainage features will work together to improve water quality, help intercept and treat landfill leachate, and create a healthier, more resilient watershed for people and wildlife.



Nature Play & Natural Playground

Nature play areas will encourage children to explore, imagine, and interact with the natural environment through logs, boulders, climbing features, landforms, water, and other natural materials. Integrated throughout the park, these spaces promote creative play, physical activity, environmental stewardship, and a lifelong connection to nature while complementing the traditional playground and surrounding landscapes.

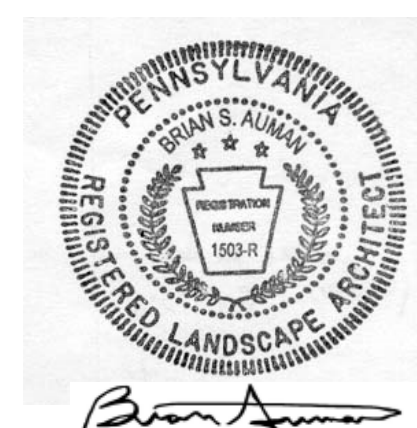


ILLUSTRATIVE MASTER PLAN & PROJECT PHASING



Lewisburg Borough Wolfe Field Recreation Complex

Park Master Site Plan
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