CMP POLICY & IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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Richard J. Sullivan Center 15C Springfield Rd New Lisbon, New Jersey 08064 **February 23, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

Members in Attendance: Chair Laura E. Matos, Alan W. Avery, Jr., Theresa Lettman, Mark S. Lohbauer, Douglas Wallner

Members Absent: Jerome H. Irick

Other Commissioners Present: Jessica Rittler Sanchez (as a non-member of the Committee, Commissioner Rittler Sanchez did not vote on any matter)

Staff Present: Gina Berg, John Bunnell, Ernest Deman, April Field, Susan R. Grogan, Brad Lanute, Paul Leakan, Stacey P. Roth, and Steven Simone. Also in attendance was Alexis Franklin with the Governor's Authorities Unit.

1. Call to Order

Chair Matos called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

2. Adoption of minutes from the November 29, 2023 CMP Policy & Implementation Committee Meeting

Commissioner Wallner moved the adoption of the November 29, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Avery seconded the motion. Commissioners Avery, Lohbauer, Matos and Wallner voted to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Lettman abstained. The motion passed.

3. Adoption of minutes from the January 26, 2024 CMP Policy & Implementation Committee Meeting

Commissioner Lohbauer moved the adoption of the January 26, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lettman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation on Evesham Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) – Black Run Preserve Trails

Executive Director Susan R. Grogan introduced Kevin Rijs, the Community Development Director for Evesham Township, who then presented an overview of the project that will require a deviation Memorandum of Agreement from the Commission to proceed. Mr. Rijs introduced

other representatives of Evesham Township and the Pinelands Preservation Alliance who are involved in the project. He introduced Rich Kerr, Evesham Township Superintendent of Sports Turf and Open Space, Sean Kane-Holland, Pinelands Preservation Alliance, Carleton Montgomery, Pinelands Preservation Alliance, and Tim Staszewski, from Remington and Vernick (Township Engineer.)

Mr. Rijs presented a proposal for improving the trails at the Black Run Preserve so that they are compliant with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). He said the improvements would include approximately 4,000 linear feet of trail grading and stabilization with crushed stone, installation of a bridge to cross a former levee that has been breached, and creation of two ADA-compliant parking areas. (The presentation is available <u>here</u>.) The project would also map and document trails and include improved signage to encourage the public to stay on and only use designated trails. He said that the existing 700+ acre municipal park draws people not only from Evesham Township but also regionally. He noted that the Township had received a stewardship grant to maintain the trails. He said that the Pinelands Preservation Alliance and the Friends of Black Run Preserve will be partners in implementing the improvements. He said extensive wetlands and wetlands buffers cover much of the park but particularly in the northwest section where the trail improvements are planned. Improvements to the trails that are located in wetlands or wetlands buffers would not be permitted under the standards of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) and for that reason the Township is seeking a deviation MOA from the Commission. He said much of the work will be completed by the Friends of the Black Run Preserve group on a volunteer basis.

Sean Kane-Holland reviewed the importance of the project to the for inclusivity and accessibility to people with disabilities in Evesham Township. He said more than 4,000 people with disabilities live in Evesham Township. He said the park will be improved with educational kiosks and signage. He showed examples of similar trails at county and state parks.

Kevin Rijs continued noting that offset opportunities exist onsite. Restoration of the Municipal Utilities infiltration basins and the creation of rain gardens are being considered. It is approximately eight acres.

ED Grogan asked to review the map where the proposed trail improvements would occur. She said the map shows that most of the trail is in wetlands and wetlands buffers. For that reason, the MOA process is necessary rather than a traditional Public Development Approval and will allow for grading and surfacing in wetlands, which is a deviation from CMP standards.

Carleton Montgomery, Executive Director of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, discussed the choice of stone proposed for trail surfacing. He said the stone will not change the chemistry of the wetlands around the trail.

Tim Staszewski said that since the Township received the Commission's September 27, 2023 letter, it has made significant efforts to document trails and features that were permitted and those that were completed without application to the Commission, complete wetlands delineations, phase one environmental surveys and engineering plans for this project.

ED Grogan asked for confirmation that the entire parcel is preserved subject to Green Acres restrictions. Ms. Grogan noted that portions of the site were the subject of a previous MOA affecting the southern portion of the Preserve. She said the site has an extensive history with the Pinelands Commission.

Mr. Rijs said the entire park is preserved and that it has been on the municipal Recreation and Open Space Inventory.

Stacey Roth, Chief, Legal and Legislative Affairs asked for details on the planned length and width of the bridge. Mr. Staszewski said that the final length is to be determined because the bridge will reconnect a 30 foot by 8 foot section of former cranberry bog levee damaged by beaver activity. Additional study is needed to determine where the bridge footing can be installed, and that will determine the final length of the bridge.

Ms. Roth asked whether the proposed improvements would occur in phases.

Mr. Staszewski said that for the purposes of this MOA the Township is looking at all three park sections. The Township had originally focused on just the western section because it had received trail improvement grants from the NJDEP. However, after discussions with the Commission staff, they decided to include the entire site in this MOA proposal.

ED Grogan said that staff encouraged this comprehensive approach.

Ms. Roth asked for details on the anticipated offsets.

Mr. Rijs said the Township is considering restoration of the infiltration lagoons formerly used by the Municipal Utilities Authority. Rich Kerr added that the restoration would involve removal of invasive species and the plastic lagoon liners and revegetation with native species. Separately, the Evesham Township Environmental Commission is considering work in the Aerohaven area to revegetate and protect the area from future off-road vehicle damage.

Commissioner Wallner asked whether an environmental impact assessment has been completed for the approach to, and installation of, the bridge and which side of the approach to the bridge would be used for access by construction equipment. He said the trails in that section are narrow and in pristine environments.

Mr. Staszewski responded that construction access would likely come from the Tomlinson Mill side where the trails are wider and more suitable. He said the section of trail between Kettle Run and the proposed bridge is well-established, but they are proposing to resurface that section.

Commissioner Rittler Sanchez asked for clarification of any plans for the more southerly berm on the former cranberry bogs. She also asked whether the width of the trail approaching the bridge will accommodate turnaround for wheelchairs or other mobility devices.

Mr. Staszewski said there is no proposal to reconnect the more southerly berm because of existing use by wildlife.

Mr. Kane-Holland confirmed that the trails are wide enough to allow wheelchairs to turn around.

Commissioner Lohbauer asked what the total length of trails will be.

Mr. Staszewski said the total length is 4,620 linear feet.

Commissioner Lohbauer asked what the Township's timeline is for making the improvements.

Mr. Rijs said that the Township is moving forward as efficiently as possible, and that engineering and documentation of the existing trails will be completed fairly quickly.

ED Grogan reviewed the next steps in the MOA process. She said that if the P&I Committee is supportive, then this proposal would go to the full Commission, potentially in April. She said more work on stormwater management and other design details is needed and that will determine when the proposal would be ready for the full Commission. She said that the MOA public process includes holding a public hearing and takes time. She said that Ms. Roth will be working with the Township to finalize the details.

Commissioner Lohbauer made a motion to support the MOA proposal and send it to the full Commission. Commissioner Wallner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

5. Discussion: Pinelands Conservation Fund Priorities and Acquisition Target Areas

Prior to the start of the presentation and discussion, Commissioner Avery said that he is the Chair of the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust, which may submit a project for funding through the Pinelands Conservation Fund (PCF). He recused himself from this discussion and left the meeting.

Gina Berg, Director of Land Use Programs, made a presentation (available here) on recommended changes to the criteria used to evaluate projects that are submitted to the Commission for acquisition funding through the PCF. She said that projects must be located in the acquisition target areas of either the Section 502 Fund areas or the Acquisition Target Areas identified by the Commission. She discussed prioritization of grassland habitats as directed by the source of funding from the South Jersey Transportation Authority Agreement. She reviewed other criteria including size of the project, connectivity with previously preserved lands and habitats, climate change impacts from flooding and fire hazard, and stewardship plans. She said that a new criterion was recommended this year to consider environmental justice communities with multiple environmental stressors. She said the goals of the recommended changes are to increase participation over recent years' PCF rounds, address environmental justice initiatives, continue to build successful stewardship, and to support climate mitigation goals identified by the Climate Committee by adding two expanded or new acquisition target areas. She said projects intended to preserve and maintain grassland habitats would receive additional points. She also noted that environmental justice communities and the stressors are identified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

Ms. Berg discussed a suggested change to the funding award for projects that set aside funds for specific stewardship plans. The award could be increased to as much as 40% of acquisition costs for those projects with specific stewardship plans. The goal of this funding change is to potentially create a better grant proposal for a future America the Beautiful grant, but also to create incentives for acquisition and stewardship.

Ms. Berg reviewed the anticipated schedule for the PCF grants. She said staff are seeking authorization to use the recommended changes to the evaluation matrix and funding. She said staff is planning to hold the second annual Permanent Land Protection Summit in April when the new evaluation criteria, target areas, and funding structure will be rolled out. The Request for Projects would open in early May and the deadline for proposals would be in September. Project recommendations are intended to be brought to the Committee in October.

Commissioner Wallner asked if projects are limited to grassland acquisition. Ms. Berg said projects are not limited to grassland habitats, but that grassland projects will score higher using the suggested criteria.

Commissioner Rittler Sanchez asked how any potential allocation of Pinelands Development Credits (PDCs) are affected by land preservation. Ms. Berg said that the PDCs may be severed prior to preservation and that any PDCs that are not severed would be extinguished and no longer allocated to the preserved land. ED Grogan said where PDCs are severed prior to acquisition, the value of the land is reduced because the development rights are severed. She added that lands preserved through PDC severance typically are not submitted for acquisition funding through PCF because they are already preserved.

Commissioner Lettman asked if PDCs are required for development in the new acquisition target area in Pemberton Township's Regional Growth Area.

ED Grogan said that the area is residentially zoned but that PDCs are not mandatory for development in that area and noted that the assigned density is lower, and any future development is constrained by wetlands and wetlands buffers.

Commissioner Lohbauer commended the staff for objectively assessing the management area boundaries. He said incorporating the acquisition target areas helps achieve more of the Commission's goals.

Commissioner Rittler Sancez asked if the additional 7% funding is sufficient to address stewardship needs. Ms. Berg said that the additional funding is meant to be an incentive for preservation and stewardship and that it likely will not cover all costs of that stewardship plan. ED Grogan said that we are looking for other grant funding to help with stewardship.

Commissioner Lohbauer made a motion to approve the evaluation criteria, funding structure and added acquisition target areas. Commissioner Wallner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

6. Public Comment

Carlton Montgomery, Pinelands Preservation Alliance, asked whether there is any natural grassland in the Pinelands Area. He asked if acquisition of a former soybean field that would be converted to grassland habitat would be considered for funding.

Ms. Berg said that those types of acquisition would be ideal for this evaluation matrix.

Emile DeVito of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation spoke about witnessing dump trucks hauling fill in to a site in Pemberton Township. He said the area and volume of fill was very large and included construction debris. He said trucks were coming from Essex and Union Counties. He notified the NJDEP and the Township. He said that the property representative indicated the fill was to support agricultural use of the property. He said the area had not been in agricultural use for decades. He said NJDEP staff from Solid Waste that visited the site did not have the authority to issue a stop work order. He said the Township representatives indicated that additional information had to be collected to determine whether a violation occurred. He said a notice of violation was issued on Friday but that the exact number of loads and volume of fill is unknown. He said that the Pinelands Commission needs enforcement authority to stop these types of violations.

Russell Juelg of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation and New Jersey Plant Partnership said he appealed to the Commission to update the list of threatened or endangered plant species. He encouraged the Commission to begin making science-based changes to the list and to adopt a method for incorporating future updates on a routine basis.

Jason Howell of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance said that the NJDEP Park Service has made progress on developing a road map for Wharton State Forest. He said the Commission resolution establishing a maximum baseline of roads in Wharton State Forest adopted in 2017 used USGS topographic maps as the basis for the baseline. He said it would be helpful if the Commission clarified the intent of the resolution regarding whether the roads on the topographic maps should be the only roads in Wharton.

Commissioner Lettman asked that a copy of the resolution be sent to her.

ED Grogan noted that the resolution is available on the Commission's website and staff can share a link to the resolution.

Commissioner Lohbauer said that public comments illustrate a serious problem with the Commission having to rely on other agencies to enforce the standards of the CMP. He said it would be appropriate to improve a line of communication with NJDEP to ensure action on violations such as the described dumping.

There being no other business, Commissioner Lohbauer moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lettman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Gina A. Berg, Director, Land Use Programs

Date: February 29, 2024



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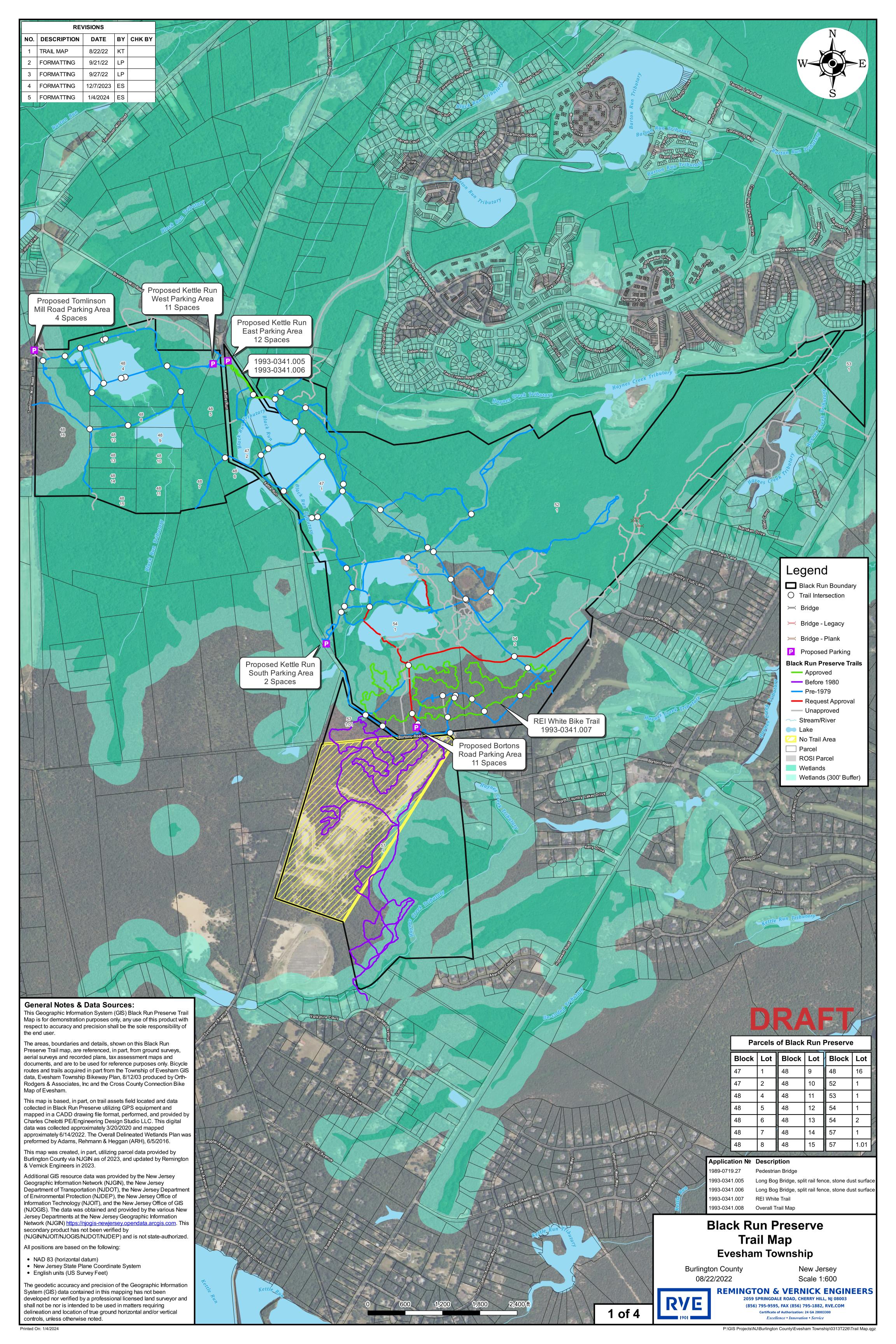
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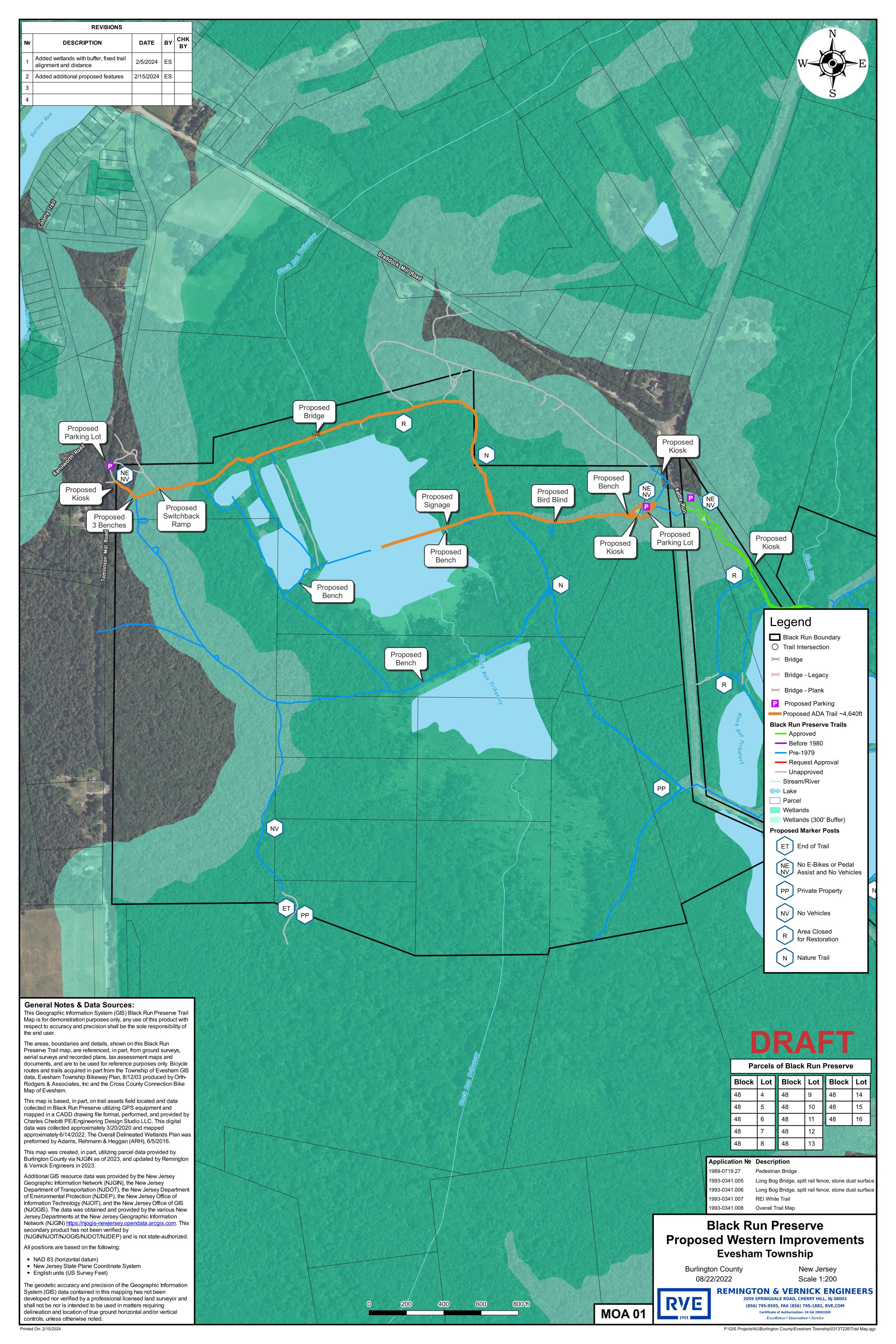
1. Township of Evesham request for a potential Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Pinelands Commission for the Municipal Park known as the Black Run Preserve (BRP).

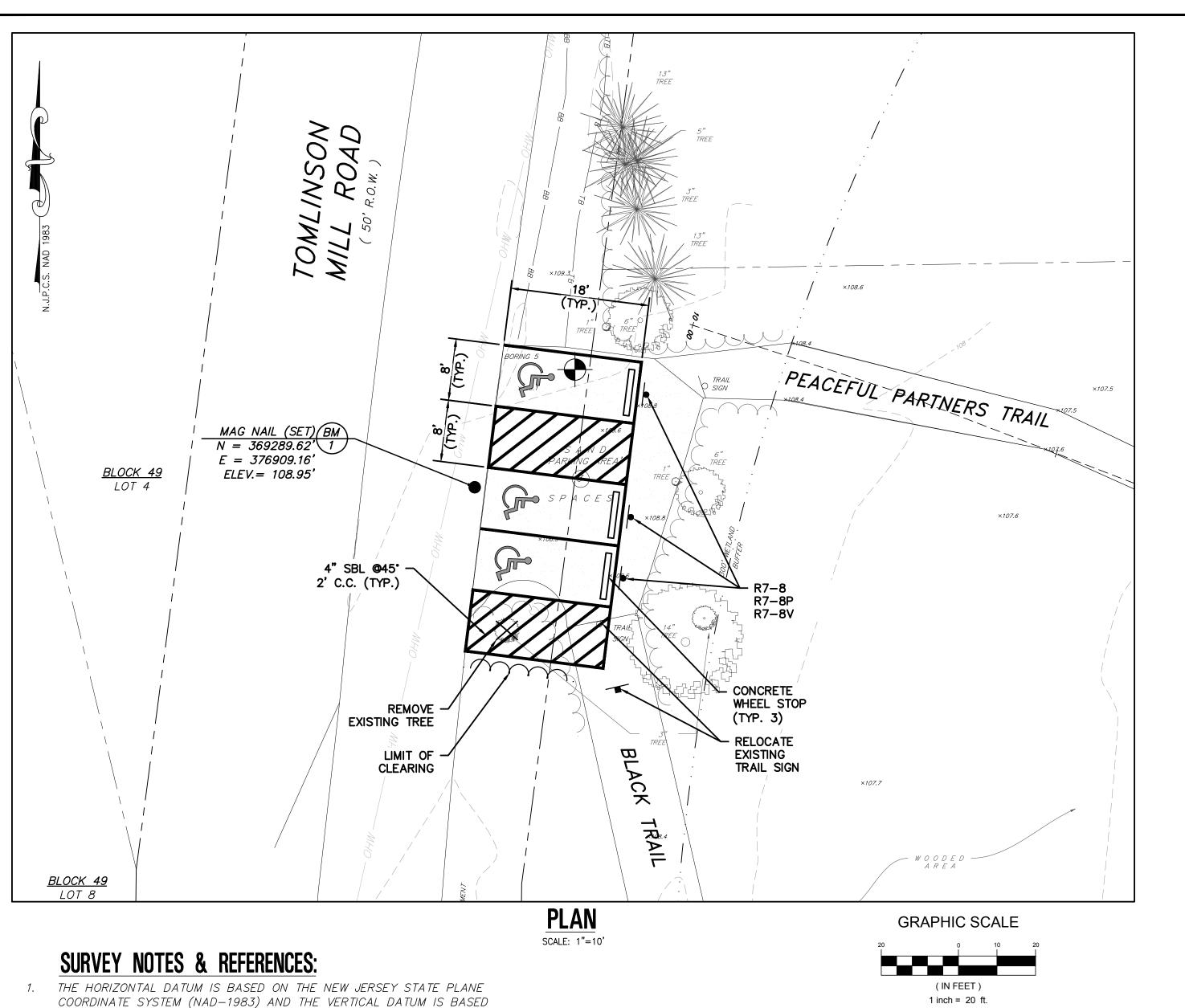
2. BRP Municipal Park:

a. 700+ acre Municipal Park located in the southern section of the Township. As the entire park is listed on the municipal Recreation Open Space Inventory (ROSI) it is also subject to NJDEP Green Acres requirements in addition to Pinelands Commission regulations.

General Notes & Data Sources: This Geographic Information System (GIS) Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) Map is for demonstration purposes only, any use of this product with respect to accuracy and precision shall be the sole responsibility of the end user. The areas shown on this ROSI map are referenced, in part, from ground surveys, aerial surveys and recorded plans, and documents, and are to be used for approximate location purposes only. Water bodies: NJDEP NHD Dataset, 2002. NJDOT Roads: NJGIN, 2017. Additional cadastral GIS mapping data, such as, waterways, roadways, etc. was obtained from the New Jersey Geographic Information Network (NJGIN), the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), the New Jersey Office of Information Technology (NJOIT), and the New Jersey Office of GIS (NJOGIS). The data was obtained and provided by the various New Jersey Departments at the New Jersey Geographic Information Network (NJGIN) https://njogis-newjersey.opendata.arcgis.com. This secondary product has not been verified by (NJGIN/NJOIT/NJOGIS/NJDOT/NJDEP) and is not state-authorized. All positions are based on the following: NAD 83 (horizontal datum) New Jersey State Plane Coordinate System English units (feet) The geodetic accuracy and precision of the Geographic Information Mount Laurel Township System (GIS) data contained in this mapping has not been developed nor verified by a professional licensed land surveyor and shall not be nor is intended to be used in matters requiring delineation and location of true ground horizontal and/or vertical controls. Blanchard Rd Map Key | Park Name BlockLot 57/1 Aerohaven 20.15/6 Baker Tract Barton Run 44.17/1 & 44.19/57 44.23/2.04 Barton Run Lake 13.23/33 Heathrow Park 13.06/22,23,24,25,42 Cambridge Park Brush Hollow 24.24/2.02,101 Carrefour 11.01/174 & 11.02/104 & 11.04/110 **Country Farms** 47 Croft Farm 31/8.07,9 41/19,20,21,23,26 **Density Transfer** 26/10-11 Downs Tract 10/3.06 Eisenhower Park 40/2 & 41/12,12.01,12.03 Evans Tract 9/9.02 **Evesboro Downs** 33.07/28,29 & 33.09/1 Glen Eayre Greenlane Farms 7.04/41 1.08/34,76 & 3.30/21 Greentree Village 47/2 & 48/4-16 Hamilton Georgetown Road 28.16/10 20 Heritage 29/3,3.01 & 29.12/1 **Indian Springs** 30/2 Johnston Tract Kenilworth 47/1 & 52/1 & 53/1-2 & 54/1,1.01,2 & 57/1.01 Kings Grant II Koppenhaver Tract 54.04/22 Little Mill London Square Park 20.11/25 4.11/5 Kain Memorial Park Marlgreen Tract 6.17/11.01 & 20.15/7 81.04/18-22,56,60 & 81.07/15 & 82/3 & 82.01/2 & 83/1 & 86.01/1 & 90/15,16 Marlton Lakes Memorial Park 44/5-8,11.01 Musulin 11/1 90/11 Pachoango 38/6,16.01 Project Heal Camp 90/9,9.01 Rancocas Watershed (56) Savich Tract 28.20/6-10 36 34.07/7 37 Tara The Maples 6.15/1 1 Town Clock 4.05/17.05 Vineyards 9.01/124,190 Westbury Chase Park 8.06/18 Wiley Tract 26/8-9 Willow Ridge 35.03/4 & 35.09/31 & 35.11/29 & 35.15/12.01,12.02,12.03 & 35.19/26 Woodstream 1.01/2 & 3.01/1,44 & 3.07/1 & 3.13/25 30/2.04 Morrison Parcel 44.31/2-3 **Barton Road** Vacant Land 44.26/110 8.07/26 Open Space 20.07/1 Open Space Church Rd Farm 8.18/5 Park 13.64/13 Open Space 13.64/53 38.02/1 Vacant Land 42/16,18,23 Density Transfer **Density Transfer** 46/1,3,4 57/3.04 Open Space Tot Lot 8.02/30 Park (Formally Beagle Club) 11.52/2 & Mount Laurel Twp 703/6 Open Space Legend Open Space/Park Parcel Waterbody Municipal Boundary State Highway County Road Waterford Township **Recreational and Open Space** ---- Ramp **Evesham Township REVISIONS** BY CHK DATE New Jersey **DESCRIPTION Burlington County** DATE: 12/15/2022 September 17th, 2021 Scale 1:1500 Dec 7th, 2022 ES KZ 1 Added Former Beagle Club & 387 Evesboro-Medford Road JENIZZA CORBIN, PP **REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS** 2059 SPRINGDALE ROAD, CHERRY HILL, NJ 08003 1,500 6,000 ft NJ PROFESSIONAL PLANNER NO. 33LI00651200 (856) 795-9595, FAX (856) 795-1882, RVE.COM Certificate of Authorization: 24 GA 28003300 Page 1/2 Excellence • Innovation • Service Printed On: 12/20/2022 $P:\GIS\ Projects\NJ\Burlington\ County\Evesham\ Township\0313T191\03_Maps\ROSI.qgz$







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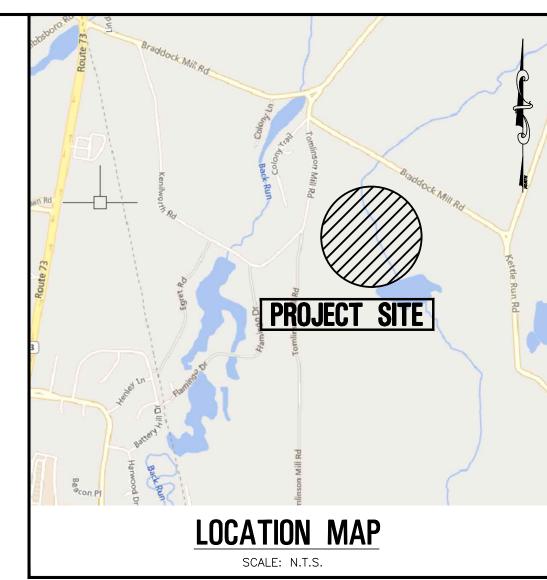
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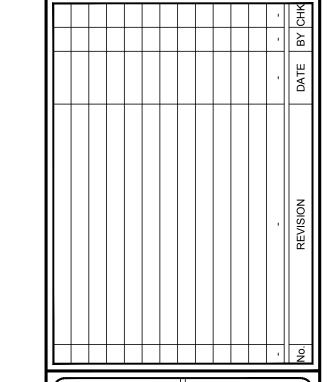
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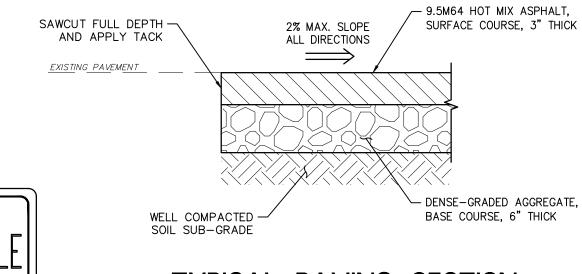
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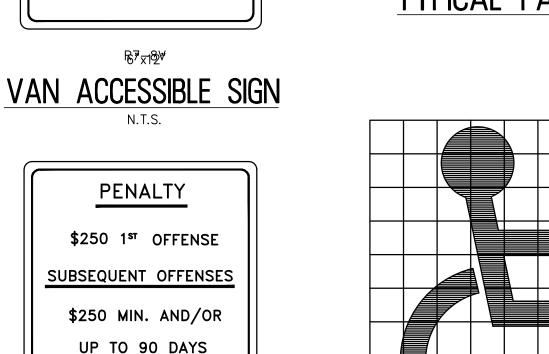
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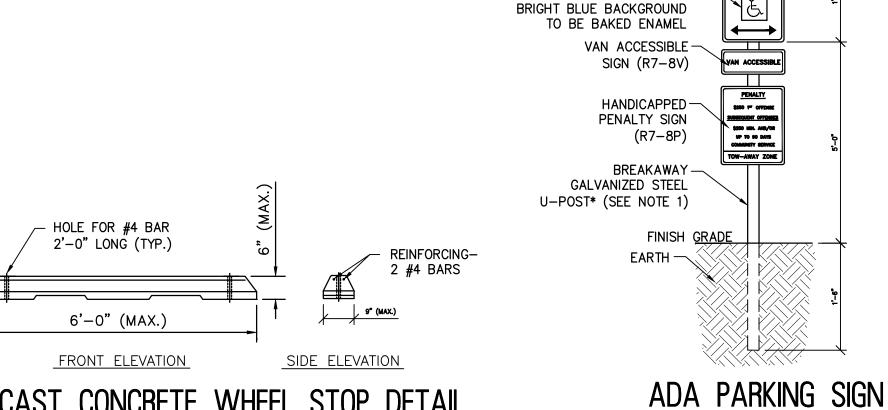
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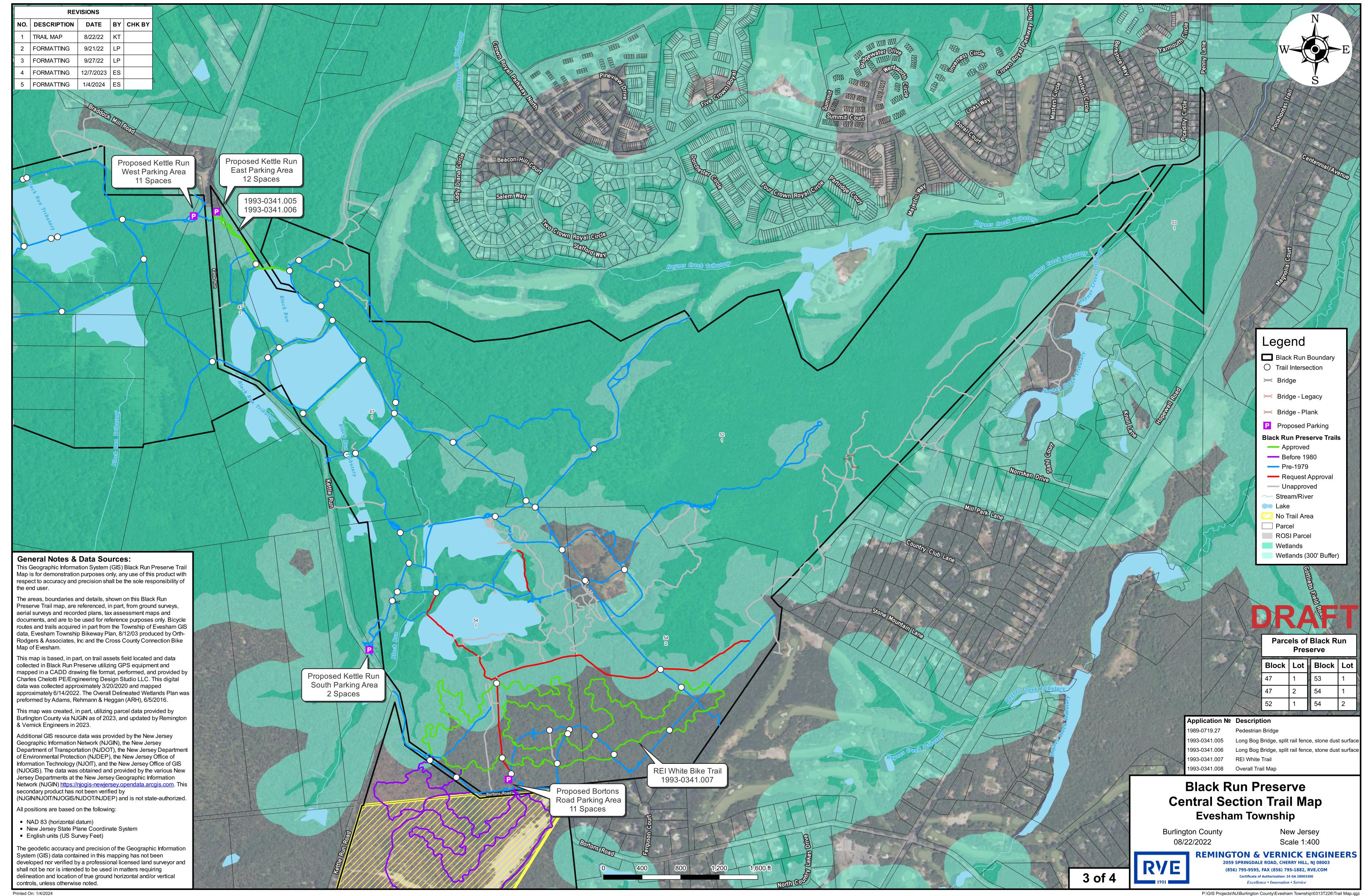
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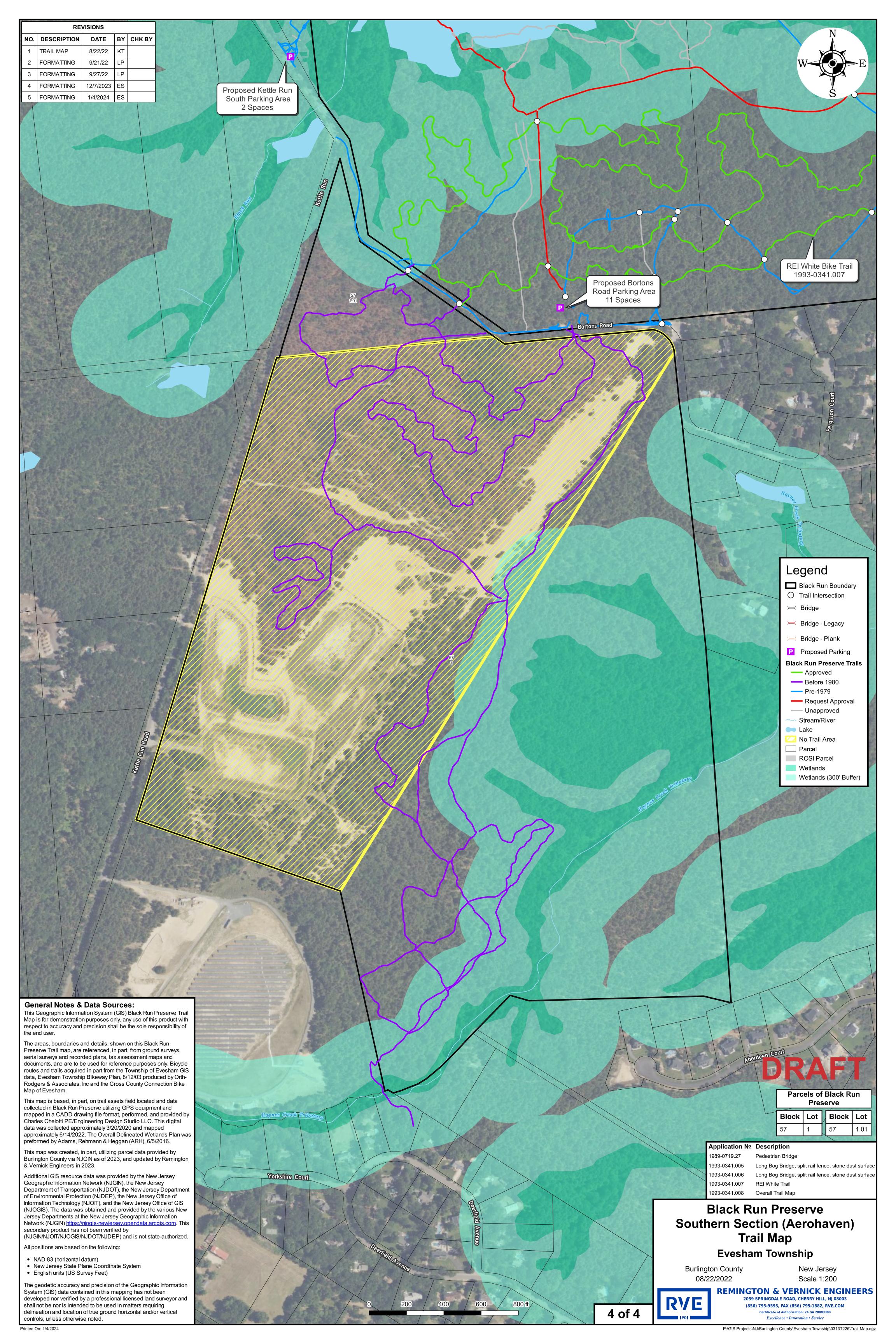
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3. Proposed MOA Summary:

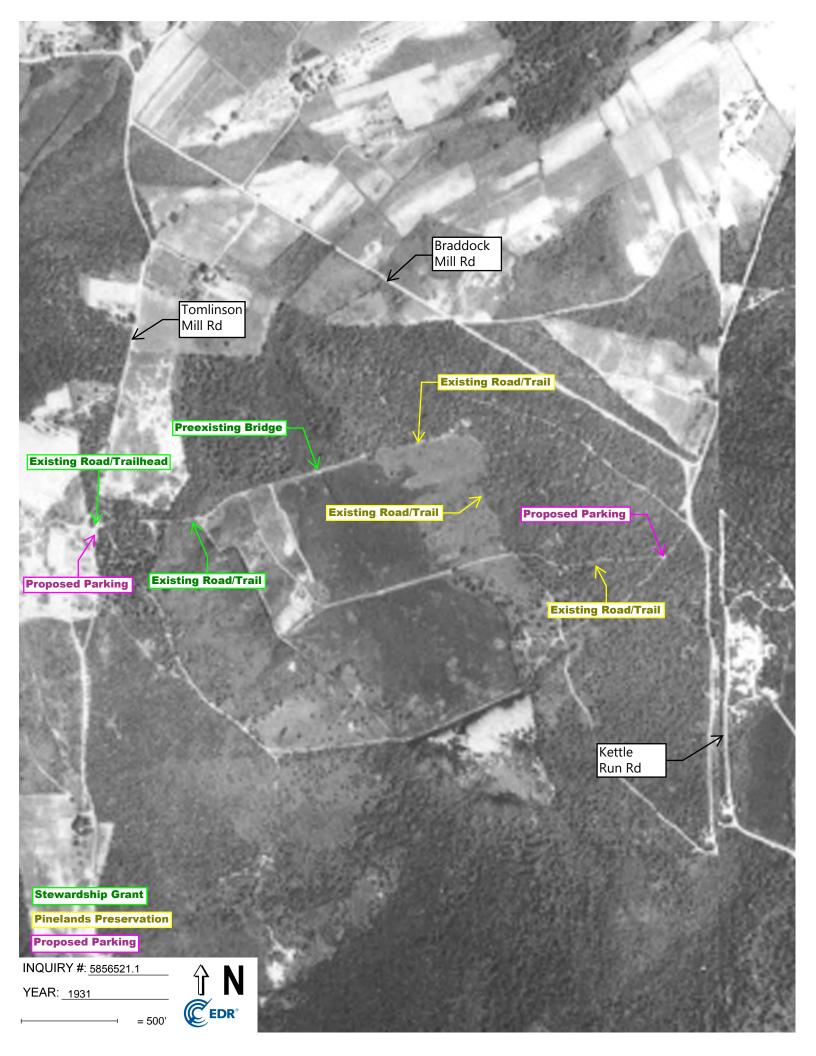
In effort to address the overall permitting status of the 700+ acre park, the Township proposes to keep moving forward to document all the trails, parking areas, and items within the park to the Township is seeking permission to remain (kiosk signage and benches). As evidenced by historic aerial imagery most of the trails have existed in the BRP since pre 1979. Additionally, the request includes an existing trail (shown in red on the overall map for the southern section) for permission to remain.

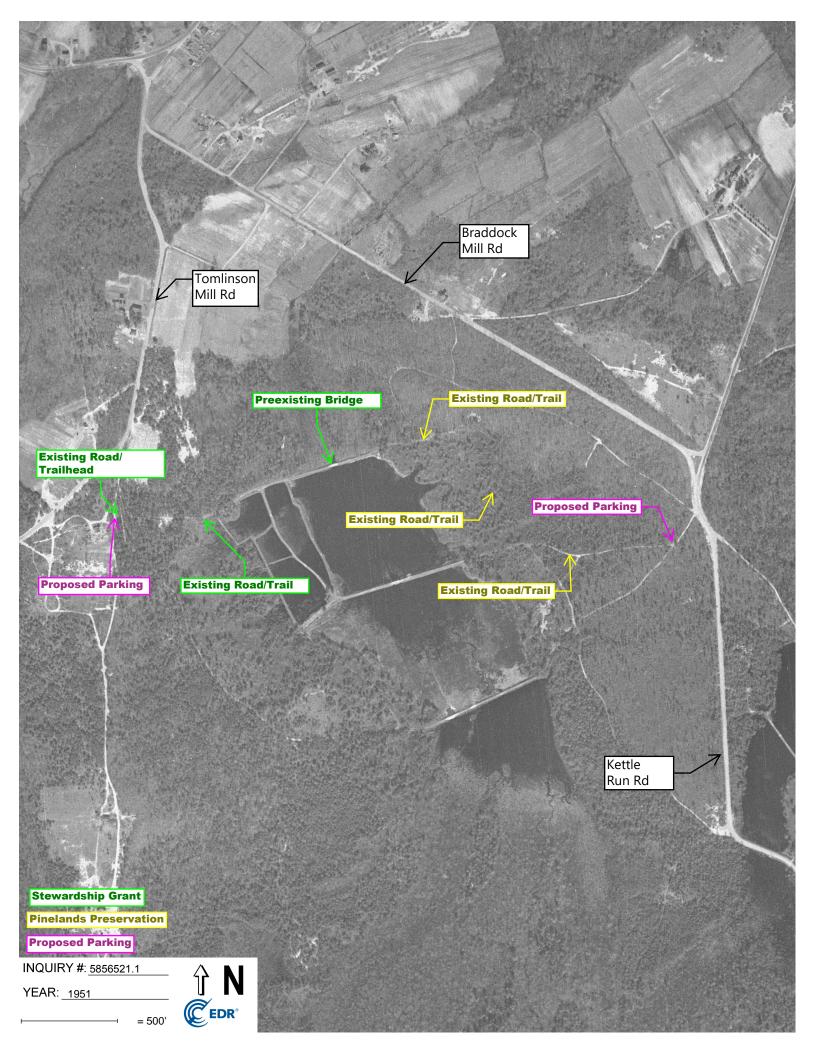
The request includes consideration for direction to continue moving forward with a MOA project that will include approval of the following:

- 1) Western Section: Change in existing trail material surface from earthen to crushed gravel (as was approved for Pemberton Lakes Trail). 4,640 linear feet @ a width of 5 feet, the proposed disturbance is 23,200 square feet, or 0.53 acres. The proposed trail improvements would make the existing trail firm, stable and flat from side to side so it is more accessible to individuals with mobility issues.
- 2) Western Section: Installation of one pedestrian ADA compliant bridge to reconnect two existing trails (that are proposed to be include ADA upgrades).

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- 3) To permit existing park amenities to remain including board walks, kiosk signage at parking area, park signage, and benches. To allow additional newly proposed park amenities including park signage and benches as appropriate.
- 4) To permit 5 existing parking areas to remain and to include changes in surface material to allow the installation of ADA compliant parking spaces.
- 5) To permit the existing trail shown in red (southern section) to remain.
- 4. Partners involved in this effort to address permitting within the BRP:
 - i. Evesham Township
 - ii. Friends of Black Run Preserve
 - iii. Pinelands Preservation Alliance







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Black Run Preserve Accessibility Trail Enhancement





Proposal by Pinelands Preservation Alliance and Evesham Twp.

The importance of this project

- 1. Create an inclusive low-impact recreation site for the community.
- 2. Promote community health and wellness.
- 3. Provide a safe space for gathering and activity for everyone.
- 4. Encourage low-impact activity for all members of the community.
- 5. Provide inclusive access to conserved wild areas with great scenic views.
- 7. Help all residents connect with Evesham's natural places.
- 8. Improve overall value of the preserve for the community.

Scouting the Site





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Examples of Similar Work: County Park Level





Boundary Creek – Burlington County Parks

Examples of Similar Work: County Park Level







Eno's Pond – Ocean County Parks

Examples of Similar Work: State Park Level



Wharton State Forest, Batsto Village – Red Trail



Atsion Recreation Area – Red/Blue Trail

Examples of Similar Work: State Park Level









Brendan T. Byrne State Forest – Cranberry Trail

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5. Offset Approximate Work Area = 8+ Acres. Restoration of former MUA basins.



Pinelands Conservation Fund Priorities, Funding & Schedule

Policy & Implementation Committee February 23, 2024

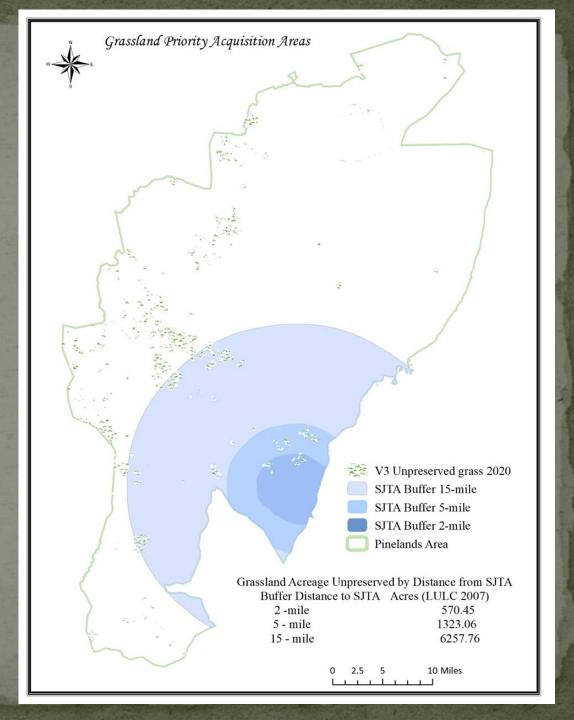
Background

- Permanent land protection:
 - 51% of Pinelands Area
- 20 Planning & Section 502 Acquisition Target Areas
 - All appropriated Federal funding for Section 502 areas expended
 - Rely on PCF to achieve Permanent Land Protection goals (\$9.5 M/8,971 acres preserved to date)
- Additional \$3 M funding added to PCF through SJTA MOA 2019-2024
- PCF acquisition priorities revised in 2021, but few projects

Land Acquisition Priorities -2021

- Grassland habitats
- Impacts of climate change
 - Fire hazard
 - Flood hazard
 - Carbon sequestration
- "Traditional" acquisitions
 - 502 Fund Areas
 - 20 Acquistion Target Areas

Grassland Focus Area



Project Evaluation Matrix 2021 & 2022

Factor	Low (1)	Medium (3)	High (5)	
Location: Is the project in PCF focus area	In RGA, Town, Village or Rural Development Area AND none of the designated focus areas	In designated focus areas and PAD, SAPA, APA or Forest Area	Within a five-mile radius of SJTA and inside the State Pinelands Area	
T&E Habitats:	No state/federal T&E habitat per NJDEP Landscape Model AND no NJPC and ENSP sightings	T&E habitat exists based upon NJDEP Landscape model and/or NJPC and ENSP sightings	Grassland habitat exists based upon NJDEP Landscape model and/or NJPC and ENSP sightings	
Size:	Less than 50 acres	Between 50 and 100 acres	100 acres or more; add 3 additional points if greater than 500 acres	
Contiguity:	Greater than one mile from preserved habitat or open space	Less than one mile from known grassland T&E habitats but not contiguous	Contiguous with preserved habitat or open space	
Partner Contribution:	67.7% of acquisition costs	At least 75% acquisition costs	Greater than 75% acquisition costs	
Long-Term Maintenance Capability:	No monitoring or maintenance plan/ no identified land steward	Proposed Monitoring and maintenance plan; Not previously implemented	Established Monitoring and maintenance program / Gov't. agency or NGO is prepared to manage land	
Climate Change Mitigation:	Flood hazard mitigation	Wildfire Management	Carbon Sequestration/ Storage	
Purpose:	Historic Preservation	Open Space	T & E or Climate Change	
Extra points for carbon sequestration involving Atlantic cedar swamps.				

2024 Changes

Goals to be achieved

- Increase project participation over recent years' PCF rounds
- Support climate mitigation identified by Climate Committee PMA boundary analysis
- Address environmental justice initiatives
- Continue to build successful stewardship of preserved lands
- Add two Acquisition Target "planning" areas

Project Priorities - 2024

Acquisition target areas

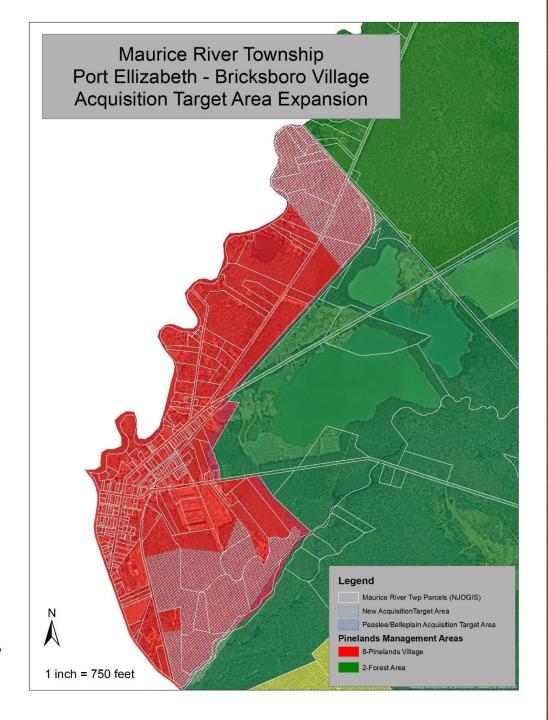
- Climate committee recommendations for one expanded and one new acquisition target area
 - Maurice River Township Port <u>Elizabeth-Bricksboro</u> Village
 - Pemberton Township RGA

Priority Matrix changes

- Add PCF criteria for location in or adjacent to overburdened communities
- Maintenance agreement
- Additional points awarded for grassland maintenance objective

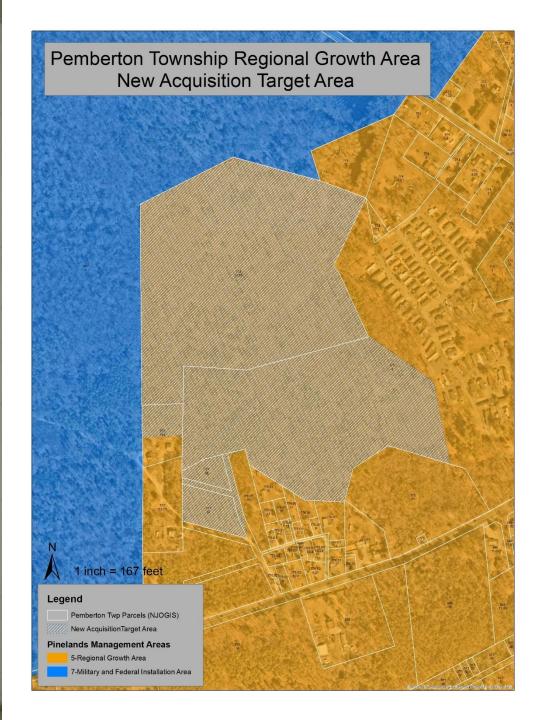
Expanded Acquisition Target Area

- Came from Pinelands
 Management Area analysis for climate change impacts
- Endorsed by the Climate Committee



New Acquisition Target Area

- Came from Pinelands
 Management Area analysis for climate change impacts
- Endorsed by the Climate Committee



Project Evaluation Matrix 2024

Factor	Low (1)	Medium (3)	High (5)
Location ¹ : Is the project in PCF focus areas for flood or wildfire	In RGA, Town, Village or Rural Development Area AND one of the designated focus areas	In designated focus areas and PAD, SAPA, APA or Forest Area	Within a five-mile radius of SJTA and inside the State Pinelands Area
T&E Habitats ² :	No state/federal T&E habitat per NJDEP Landscape Model AND no NJPC and ENSP sightings	T&E habitat exists based upon NJDEP Landscape model and/or NJPC and ENSP sightings	Grassland habitat exists based upon NJDEP Landscape model and/or NJPC and ENSP sightings
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Partner Contribution:	66.7% of acquisition costs	At least 75% of acquisition costs	Greater than 75% of acquisition costs
Maintenance & Stewardship:	Written maintenance /stewardship plan	Written maintenance/ stewardship plan and specific stewardship project proposal	Written maintenance/ stewardship plan and agreement to partner on future grant proposal for stewardship projects
Environmental Justice Communities Stressors ³ :	One stressor identified	Three or four stressors identified	More than five stressors identified

Add'l Evaluation Notes

- Projects must be located in Section 502 acquisition target areas or in one of the Pinelands Commission identified 21 acquisition target areas
- An additional three points will be awarded for projects that are intended to preserve open space with the objective of maintaining grassland habitat.
- Environmental Justice Community stressors are identified by NJDEP and include: high ozone, heavy traffic, known contaminated sites, solid waste facilities, and impaired surface water among other stressors.

Funding Structure Changes

- Enhance stewardship success
 - Increase traditional 33% PCF match for projects with specific stewardship plans
 - Allow partner to set aside funds for stewardship
 - No change in funding for other projects
- Build a better grant proposal (future ATB?)
 - Identify sites
 - Partners
 - Projects
 - Costs
 - Benefits

Permanent Land Protection Schedule (2024)

- P & I Authorization of PCF Priorities February
- Preservation Summit early April
- Report on Summit April P & I Committee
- Open application round ~ early May
- Deadline for submitting proposals ~ September
- Project Recommendations to P & I ~ October