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**Big Elk Creek State Park
November 6, 2023 Public Meeting
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback
at tonight's meeting unfortunately I did not know
that there was a survey as I do not have a cell phone,
computer or internet. With that being said I am concerned
that other means of communicating were not used to
obtain feedback on your survey. I also learned that
stakeholders were invited to share information. It
was not shared as to who those stakeholders were but I
spoke with several people who have property adjoining
the park and they were not invited or contacted. As
a long time resident and tax payer I feel that there
was a lack of effort to reach out to the greater

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Community and that decisions are being made by
Selected groups from which you choose to hear
from and are already apart of the plan versus
those in the community who live hear.

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We are disappointed you chose to
exclude / prevent real public
discourse going into this project's
plan.

As you said, it is our parks
why there is a draft that disturbs
preserved land at all is.

Did you know when there are droughts
the town wells in Lewisville run dry?

200 people added adds an incredible toll on the

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Land, the resources, the water.

Really - what about traffic?

road damage - already Penn DOT cant
keep Smethersville Road open year round.

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CAMP SITES -
Please consider AIR QUALITY when
designing any camping areas ~~for~~
70+ campfires would generate significant
air quality issues. Smoke settles into the
Elk creek valley and would then be carried
up to the houses and road area to the ... to

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East side (Brother Ridge, Crossan Estates)

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No Buildings! No Camping!!!
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Leave Equestrian Recreation Sports available
at Big Elk Creek SP!! Doing the proposed
buildings/campgrounds will ruin this opportunity.
Hunters and horses use Big Elk Creek SP + it
is their haven! Why was equestrian + horse
back riding not highlighted in your presentation.
There are SO MANY Equestrians here tonight
representing the importance of this land to the
horse community

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Too many roads and campsites.
Worried about erosion? birds? plants?
Pollution from cars, RV's, human traffic?
Makes no sense! Fair Hill has Nature Center and
educational programs - why do we need another
one 1 mile down the road. The Forum

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was b.s. You have already planned this and really don't care about the

Who is going to

People who live here. Who is going to

monitor all the campers at night? The traffic coming in and out? Our roads

Can't support the crowds. You are raining a pristine environment.

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I have had the privilege of hiking the Strawbridge Property in its natural state and experienced the true beauty of the meadows, streams, vistas, fauna, flora and wildlife. In the presentation the feedback that appeared on your slide as the most important things were nature, hiking, trails, fishing and wildlife. No where did I see camping. This land was touted as being kept as "wilderness" a word that was ^(park) used often in tonight's presentation. The proposed camp ground will use a significant portion of the park, it will destroy native plants, it will create large amounts of waste (trash & sewage), it will disturb wildlife and it will take away an amazing area. In addition, the construction of the roadways will create runoff that will go into the Elk and flow to the Chesapeake. The park should be enjoyed

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as a natural wonder, not another playground!

We do not have enough open land to sacrifice
to development and I consider this plan development
not preservation of the wilderness



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We support preserving the land, species, & maintaining trails for responsible use & recreation

~~Who~~ The cabins, warts, camping is very unwelcome - ~~the~~ reportedly DCNR has stated the presence of land would be minimal impact.

That's not camping for thru-hikers who are covering long distances; those look like party sites. It looks like a development w/ roads, parking, showers, RVs. That's not low impact. We are neighbors - we don't use our door lights for the sake of wild life. We have only just gotten the bald eagle population up a little.

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We don't want ~~camping~~ - there's a campsite
in Fair hill that is clean, has a porta-potty &
gets used about 3x a year. If people want to
camp, & like through - let them use that lonely
maintained, out of sight, minimal impact campground.

We also don't want jungle gyms, "entertainment" -
it's a preserve. Preserve it please. That was
the commitment made to the public.

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The draft plan ^{must be} adjusted based on all the concerns were hearing & not tweaked, to get the public members on board please change this drastically!



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For such a small park;

this plan is a lot of development & impact

Another thing as a small park - this should be done with only to respect the residents, the wildlife. There are plenty of hotels nearby so people to stay in, however, not to come use the park.

We want data - that shows our inputs being fairly weighted. No one in the comments I've heard is even remotely positive about camping. We don't want it

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2 name centers = redundant
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exposure
of a liability for you
↳ bad behavior

a large site so that people can collect & camp
together, that's partying not enjoying nature, not
"low impact"

You already can't get & keep staff, the
data says you won't be able to maintain this.
Rob is the busiest guy I've ever met in a park
uniform. He's great, don't stress him to quit.

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WHAT IS THE UNDERLYING CONCEPTUAL FRAME
FOR THE RELATIVE PROPORTIONS / AREAS OF
MEADOW VERSUS FOREST? ARE MINIMUM AREAS
FOR GROUND-NESTING MEADOW BIRDS BEING CONSIDERED?

MANAGEMENT OF A PARK OF THIS SIZE WILL REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT
STAFFING. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT BOTH MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC-
FACING ELEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE OF NATURAL SYSTEMS ARE
FULLY SUPPORTED WITH STAFF.

THERE ARE INVASIVE PLANTS THROUGHOUT THE PARK. THEY WILL ALSO
REQUIRE MANAGEMENT, AND MANAGING THEM WILL BE PART OF SUCCESSFUL PLANTINGS

OVER →

USING CAMERAS?

WHAT IS THE INTENDED AUDIENCE / COMMUNITY
THAT WILL BE DRAWN TO CAMERAS HERE?

WHAT CONCEPTS ARE DRIVING
THE LOCATIONS OF TRAILS?

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- Trail connections are my biggest interest. I currently commute on Mt Olivet regularly and would love to connect through to Fair Hill more easily on the bike. I also enjoy the possibility of adventure by hiking a long string of trails (say from white clay and camping in Big Elk).
- Middle Run has amazing trail running, these free flowing trails would be nice to see
- I am glad to hear of the design considerations to minimize the visual/ecological impact of the infrastructure.
- Strickersville road feels fairly hostile to ped/bike traffic, calming would help make the park more cohesive.
- Connections:- east trail to Appleton ✓
 - walker rd to springlawn ✓ (great access for neighborhoods w/o driving!)
 - all three connections south to Fair Hill for great loops. ✓

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- I appreciate the safety zones so I can get out there
w/ kids w/ less risk of an accident during the season

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Hello,
Not happy with any type of Building or Campgrounds
I do understand you would like to be able
to have more enjoy this park.
Primitive camping area's would not over take landscape
for hunting has been a staple in the history
of this property this should not be banned at all.
Please open trail ~~area~~ up trails so riders, hikers
can enjoy.

hikers
walkers

I would really like to use trail from FH
to Strawbridge home for a ride in June 2024 -

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I'd love to let me know if we will have any chance of passing this. Thank you.

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Safety concerns for parking lot on
welder road.

This lot is located on a small
narrow road near a sharp turn.

potentially very dangerous.

please, no camp grounds

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I have concerns about the planned access to the park from Walker Road. I do not agree with the planned parking lot access from Walker Road because that area is a residential area. I do not see the value of attracting traffic to that area. The looking trail should be accessed from Mount Olivet Road and one creek crossing bridge only. Let's protect the residential area currently settled along Walker Road. Let's protect it from traffic, from noise and from pedestrian activity. Thank you for considering.

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Parking by sidewalks is a concern for residents
utilization of pipeline on eastern edge

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camp sites will be a great addition to our
area. ~~Fair Hill~~ Fair Hill only offers limited
group primitive camping. Campsites at Big Elk
could help more people visit both Big Elk
and Fair Hill

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Hi, my name is [REDACTED]. I am
13 and I love to do activities like fishing
and mountain biking. I am a part of the Hellbenders
and I am excited to ride at your new Park.
I recommend the implementation of single track
trails. I also think you should scrap camping
ideas mainly because of the tax on the environment.

I your best Pal,
[REDACTED]

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I am here representing a local mountain
bike race team. We practice during our season
in Fair Hill and would love the opportunity
to have multi-use trails in Big Elk Creek SP.
Please also look to expand the Springtown trailhead
parking lot off of Chesterville Road. Our team
would gladly do trail maintenance if given
the opportunity. We have 40 student Athletes
grades 6-12 and 25 parent coaches.

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Thank you for making it Big Elk State Park

Shared use trails and multi-use trails are great. It would be great if you also created single track trails that are 3 foot wide. Please allow mountain bikes on all the trails. e-bikes aren't a problem since most people ride with respect and stop for hikers. It's been cool to even see people on single wheel hover board. They ride slow and enjoy exploring the park. I understand certain areas shouldn't have trails. Would it be possible to have higher density single track trails in areas that are okay to use? Would it be possible to build double black diamond, single black diamond, blue square, green circle and white circle trails? It's great the Pennsylvania is building bike parks for the community. Not sure if this would work in the park. I'll stop for

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Very much in favor of multi-use single track
packed earth trails. Minimal paved trails please!

A bridge near the mason dixon line will provide a vital
crossing once the "sunken concrete" bridge in Fair Hill
finally deteriorates completely

Stakeholder meetings discussed primitive camping
not 40' RVs. Please reconsider

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Please NO RV or Car accessible camping! It is not consistent with land use in our area. Walk in camp sites are OK! bike hike equestrian trails like those in Fairhill a White clay encouraged! especially on the Pendulate side. Bridge across big elk from spring lawn trail to connect allows massive infrastructure connecting to Fairhill. Bikers want this park! Let us build purpose built bike trails & PLEASE NO CAR/RV CAMPING!

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I wish there was more less developed trails for mountain
bikers and backpackers/hikers

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PLEASE INCLUDE MORE SINGLE TRACK (MINIMALLY
DEVELOPED) FOR HIKING AND MOUNTAIN BIKING

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Maximize connecting to existing trails at
Fair Hill. Marking and creating single track
mountain bike trails will help our area become
a destination for mountain bikers. Additional
parking in the southeast corner of the
park could help access more trails.
There are efforts underway to develop more
multi-use trails in Chester County. Linking Big
Elk to these potential future trails could
create a massive inter-linked trail network.

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Multi use trails are best
horses, bikes & hikers

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I think having a wide variety of trail uses is important to the people of the community. With White clay's and fair hills successful implementation of multiple uses. I like small the surrounding areas and mountain bike trails at Big Elk would be a significant boon to the community

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This is one of the largest open
meadows in our region. It is therefore
ideal for mountain biking. Please
keep it open. Winter day is too
restrictive. Thanks [REDACTED]

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I would advocate for multi use trails and
access for mountain bikes on more 3ft wide
trails. I would like primitive camping.
I would like trail connectivity to Fair Hill &
White Clay Creek

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Process seems park driven. Emphases on camping did not register at all on the "thought bubbles" meant to represent stakeholder input. Andrew's Bridges Hunt a historical user of the land and major player in the preservation of the land was not included as a stakeholder group. Please consult with them. Horse camping should be included as there is a major equestrian interest in using the land.

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- Please provide a poll with number of people who actually live in franklin township in favor of the proposed ideas vs. people who do not live in franklin township and pay municipality tax.
- Park rangers will be onsite to address concerns 24/7?
- Hay and crops that are harvested from this land and provide pennsylvania crops for food consumption what happens to that food stream?
- Tributaries to the Chesapeake are sensitive to erosion from their rolling hills what happens when they are utilized multiple times a day by thousands of people?

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I WOULD PREFER THE PARK BE MORE MANAGED
AS A PRESERVE WITH LOW IMPACT ACTIVITIES
(HIKING, HORSE BACK RIDING, FISHING, HUNTING, RESPONSIBLE
FORAGING)

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The current plan is completely over-developed and chops up resources that are currently contiguous (with out development). State Parks is unable to staff current local holdings with Law Enforcement. WCCP misuse is rampant and response time is a very long, if any response at all. ~~How will DCNR enforce rules?~~ How will DCNR enforce rules?

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While the campground would be an income source,
it takes up about 20% of the park and
is not consistent with the goals of low-impact recreation.
A smaller, primitive and/or youth group camping area
with limited amenities would be a better fit.

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Andrews bridge Foxhounds

We have been left out of the loop

We hunt in CONSERVATION LAND currently
AND it's PART of our Mission to preserve
the land

We need to be heard before you continue

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PA EQUESTRIAN COUNCIL TRAIN STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

EQUESTRIAN CAMP GROUND - SEPERATE FROM OTHER SITES

SINGLE TRACK TRAILS - SHARED USE

ACCESS TO & FROM FAWN HILL

KEEP SHARED USE TRAILS

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WIESEL STATE FOREST HAS A GREAT
CAMP GROUND SAMPLE.

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I ride my horses on the fields and trails in the Park several days every week, I bought my home nearby mainly for this purpose. I feel strongly that equestrians should be not just allowed, but encouraged to enjoy the beauty of this park in its current beautiful state.

I suggest that if you decide to leave the meadows grow tall that you mow paths to allow equestrians and hikers a path where the ticks aren't as likely to jump on the people. Was not...

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Keep southern part along MD line for horse use,
as they do now at Fair Hill, so able to trail ride and
also have regular hunts a few times a year



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*Please preserve horseback riding and
fox chasing (historic use of property).*

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*Fox chasing is a historical use of this property.
Please preserve this activity.*

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Interested in fox hunting ^{Chasing} again
like back in the Day

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*Multituse for Equestrians
NO ATV'S - ✓ E Bikes*

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The amount of people who came
tonight overwhelmingly represent
the horse community. We strongly feel
that horse accessibility to trails is
rapidly disappearing.

Please continue to allow horses
access to the park!



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This ^{land} has always been used by equestrians dating back to Mr DuPont. It is very important to our equestrian community to keep this land open for their use. Many parks ~~have~~ now are closed for horse back riding. Please DO NOT shut us out of this one!!!!



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I FULLY SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION OF THE
LAND! AND I FULLY AGREE WITH THE OPEN SPACE
CONCEPT - KUDOS TO ALL OF YOU.

I DO WANT YOU TO CONSIDER THE LONG STANDING
TRADITIONS OF EQUESTRIAN USE AS YOU MAKE
PLANS. THE DUPONTS & STRAWBRIDGES WOULD
CERTAINLY WANT THE LAND TO CONTINUE TO
SERVE THE EQUESTRIANS - INCLUDING THE FOXHUNTERS



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The reason all these people came out
tonight was to represent the horse
community! We are taxpayers and
landowners.
Please keep access for horses!



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Need to allow trail access to all equestrians
& camping with horses.

*The proposed plan is disheartening & is more
about accommodating city people rather than
truly preserving nature.

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Where is your plan for
equestrian trails? This area
has always been used for
horse back riding - Now you are
going to kick us out



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(talk to April
for more comment
from him)

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Dept. of Earth + Environmental Science
Univ. of Pennsylvania

member of Andrews Bridge Foxhounds
(George Strawbrdee's Hunt Club)

[Redacted]

Video of Andrews Bridge Foxhounds
conservation efforts

AB Foxhounds won a National award for
its conservation efforts detailed
in the video



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I know they respect other users of the park and greatly appreciate your consideration.

I hope you endorse their request. Even though I represent the Maryland horse industry, we work closely with our neighboring states and are strong supporters of regional equestrian efforts.

Please let me know if you need further information or have any questions or concerns.

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maximize habitat, reduce impervious cover

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Pls maximize management for grassland birds,
and for threatened species (flora, fauna).

Minimize handscaping

Don't implement camping

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Looks forward to working to support
Restoration. Love to see the plantings on
the map

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*I would like it to stay the way it
~~was~~ was*

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The amenities need to be limited to trails perhaps
with some additional trail head parking.

I've lived near this area for 25 years. This land, when acquired,
was never intended to be a campground or have buildings.

The state needs to leave this like the rest of the White
Clay Creek Preserve. State doesn't have money for development.

NO CAMPGROUNDS NO BUILDINGS



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JLH

- 1) Don't people but this is not preservation. It is development.
- 2) The notes seems to be to direct people to designated areas (overlook) as opposed to letting people explore.
- 3) To talk downwards the generations of land owners who created the area and preserved it for future use. I got in Dugout and Stroudbridge ~~area~~ consolidation the parcel and preserve it to hand over it would not expect. Honor that heritage and share it

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I think there should be more walk in camping than 5 sites and some area for primitive camping for for scouting groups

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ALLOWING THRU HIGHWAYS SEEMS
OKAY FOR CAMPING - SEEMS LOW IMPACT.

STRICKESVILLE ROAD CAN NOT HANDLE TRUCK
ADDED TRAFFIC - I SEE WEEKLY FLAT TIRES
FROM LARGE POT HOLES

80 CAMP SITE WILL LOOK LIKE A DEVELOPMENT
WITH ALL THE CARS → NOT LOW IMPACT

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Trails yes uneven
even
wide
ada

YES

Playgrounds Showers, Cabins, RVs

80-200 people NO!

Parties NO, interrupting wild life NO!

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LOSE THE CAMPGROUNDS IDEA!

MAYBE PRIMITIVE & WALK IN OK BUT NO
FULL SERVICE RV HOOK-UPS.

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I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE RESULTS OF
THE ON-LINE SURVEY. (RAW DATA IF POSSIBLE)

I AM AGAINST CAMPING ON SUCH A SMALL STATE PARK.

THE PARK SHOULD BE MANAGED AS THE "WHITE CLAY
CREEK PRESERVE"

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC WILL BE UNTOLERABLE ON THE
SMALL ROADS SURROUNDING THE PARK.



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- There needs to be locked gates and barriers along Road to prevent driving around gates
- This is critical to prevent the constant crime that occurs after dark in the South parking lot.
- No Camping
- No Building

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There should not be a parking lot
on Walker Road due to safety
concerns. The road is too narrow
for heavy traffic + the sharp
turns near the proposed parking lot
would surely cause an accident!

There are parking lots on Strickersville
+ Peacedale so no need for another
on Walker Rd

Also please no campgrounds or buildings!!

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Please call me for more details

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- This land was intended for fox hunting and Equestrian use. No one in Franklin Townships wants the Traffic and crime this proposal will attract.
- My daughter has already been assaulted by someone illegally camping in this area.
- = There has been NO oversight of police to prevent or deter the increase in crime we have already seen.
- NO Camping
NO Buildings
NO Bridges.

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I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT CAMPING, AND ALL
OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY TO
SUPPORT IT, MAKES ANY SENSE AT ALL.
IT CERTAINLY DOES NOTHING TO PRESERVE
THE NATURAL RESOURCES.
THE PLAN AS PRESENTED IS HORRIBLE.
IT DOES NOTHING TO HONOR THE HISTORY
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Preserve means leave in
natural state.

NO CAMPING

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NO playgrounds!

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I understand the concept of the proposed ideas for the park. However I do not believe the camping is a good idea. Not enough room for large camping sites or vehicles.

The land is beautiful as is need to keep it very minimal and rustic for the environment and wild life.

Keeping the carbon footprint small is better for the environment. Large campsites bring more vehicle traffic. More people & more activity is harmful for wild life.

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No camping what so ever!!!
Leave land as is!
Natural land should not be developed into campsites!
Allow trails for ~~hiking~~ hiking + equestrian use!
No buildings or permit structures.

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Keep the land open. No campgrounds or welcome centers. Fair Hill doesn't allow campers, it's the same animals, insects and plants in both state parks. Big Elk Creek should remain an open space. The real outdoors don't have blazed trails, if people want to explore, let them do just that and explore without designated areas and trails. Traffic control for the amount of vehicles is currently not sufficient, increased vehicle and people generated noise i.e. overnight will impact wildlife, nesting, breeding, migration and have an overall negative impact on all of the "great" attractions that draw people to the great outdoors.

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WHAT ABOUT Hunting.

NO Camping. Day Time Only

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Camping is defunct to the reserve
- the % of the overall park acreage
proposed as camping is too extensive

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I'm somewhat alarmed about the major "development"
on the office complex. It seems more than the
lovely small park can sustain.

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Suggest you site a couple of small camp sites
were you carry in your camping gear on your
back! No permit/camp sites with parking.
Follow the Fair Hill model!

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WAS SURPRISED, AND DISAPPOINTED, THAT CAMPING SEEMS TO BE AN ESTABLISHED ACTIVITY. PERHAPS THIS SITUATION HAS BEEN ANTICIPATED SINCE THE PREVIOUS SURVEY DID NOT HAVE A CHOICE FOR CAMPING "NOT APPLICABLE" OR "NO CAMPING"

DCNR HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO SUPPORT THE WHITE CLAY CREEK PRESERVE WITHOUT EXTENSIVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE FRIENDS OF WHITE CLAY CREEK. IT THEREFORE SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT DCNR WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ANYTHING BUT MINIMUM MAINTENANCE OF FIELDS, STREAM BANKS, AND TRAILS

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Not sure how a State Park lands in my back yard without neighbors to the land having input. Someone in Harrisburg is making decisions about my community/back yard without my input. That's NOT OK. We do not want camping. We want to preserve the natural state. Problem is, you have already invited the world to this space, you can't uninvite them.

LEAVE IT ALONE!

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RVs are not low impact, cabins w/ facilities
showers, parking are development.
We don't want camping

You seem to want to "develop" & justify
higher stress on the land.
We don't want that

preserve
protect
enjoy
DON'T DEVELOP!

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Dislike "Camping idea" especially dislike
permanent structures !!
Can you control Big "Parties" - drinks etc
Structures are intrusive to environment

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No permanent structures for camping, gathering or
overlooks, or asphalt trails

Yes - mounted rangers

Hunters must abide by state laws - no hunting w/in
150 yds of residential structures, or enclosures.

No spraying of fields

No additional parking south of Strickersville

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OUTRAGEOUS PLANS FOR RV CAMPING - 4 CAMPING
AREAS PLANNED WITH ASSOCIATED PARKING, BUILDINGS
ETC.

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE SURVEY KNOWLEDGE
RESIDENTS WANTED RUDIMENTARY CAMPING?

ALSO MENTIONED PARKING - RIDICULOUS,
SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AS MORE LIKE
WILDERNESS =



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Removing the historic agriculture of
this park does not offset the environmental
impact of campsite development. It
would be better suited to keep supporting
agriculture not develop a campground system
Park needs bridges + trails + better parking
near the big elk creek/springlawn trail
NOT a campground or other accessory structures

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DO NOT think this park/land mass is appropriate for
Campsites. It is more of a community park/trail
system. The local roads are not sufficient
for a large build out. Campsites would mean
hours of operation beyond sunrise → sunset, not
fair to community neighbors. The lands are
not vast enough or unique enough for a developed
campground. ~~lastly~~ this level of build out
will not be fair to all historical users of the park

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DID NOT PUT IN FULL SERVICE
CAMP GROUND. STRICKERSVILLE ROAD
IS NOT WIDE ENOUGH FOR TRAILERS
AND MOTOR HOMES. LINE OF SIGHT IS
VERY LIMITED ON THE ROAD.

KEEP THE WINDLANDS FEELING TO
THE PARK. NO OR VERY LIMITED
DEVELOPMENT IS PREFERRED BY
THE FOLKS WHO LIVE AROUND THE
PARK

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NO WALKING IN

CAMPING

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The large turn-out tonight shows strong equestrian support. Horses must be allowed on the trails + camping with horses. Access to trails should be for everyone which includes horses.

Less camping, less day activities + things like concerts. Keep it rural + open. Emphasis should be on trails for all users.



The proposed plan is very disappointing.

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- What Was the Survey outcome
- Why Are We Not Preserving the Park, it looks like Acidus
- Why Are We putting A parking lot/outlook Area Next to A Residence
- NO CAMPING, NO Yurts
- Future traffic on Strickersville Rd. Needs to Be Evaluated + Addressed
- NO CAMPING - Brings trash or Destroys the Preserve

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NO BIG CAMPGROUND. NO BIG BUILDINGS.

We need more deep forest - right now it is wonderful - a few of the agricultural fields could be planted as forest so that we could have deep forest, and not just fringe.

Glad to hear there are some meadows planned please more meadows and habitat, and LOW IMPACT trails for humans to enjoy.
Thanks.

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NO CAMPING. GREAT GATHERING = PARTY ZONE
WHERE'S THE BIKE TRAILS?
WHY DO THIS AT ALL? IT WASNT BROKE? RUINING A ALREADY PERFECT AREA
LESS DEVELOPED, ITS ALREADY PERFECT
TRAFFIC CONTROL ON STRICKERSVILLE
LEAVE AS IS!

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We do not need any buildings,
tents, cottages, structures of
any kind in this property !!

Nobody at this meeting wants a
campground so why are we
building one?

Publish the survey results!

All we need are trails + bridges over

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Please don't build any buildings on this preserve. That would not support the preservation efforts that George Strawbridge wanted for this land. Nobody wants campgrounds or buildings on this land! We should only be putting trails and nothing else to support the multitude of endangered species of flora + fauna that call this land home. Please reconsider your plans!

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Highly opposed to Camp grounds
Minimal Environmental Impact
Please give us trails + a few bridges
(small)
No Building / Structures in camp grounds
— please —

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No Camping!!! No Buildings!!! The point of Big Elk Creek State Park (BECSP) is to preserve the beauty of the land. There is not enough space in the proposed area for ALL of that development. The proposed plans are a WASTE of the space + quality of the land. Trail maintenance is a great idea but playgrounds, cabins, quarts, Great gatherings, shower houses is NOT the way to preserve the quiet of BECSP. This land is a gem. ~~Also~~ Additionally the permanent residences along Sticklersville will be so negatively impacted and disturbed.

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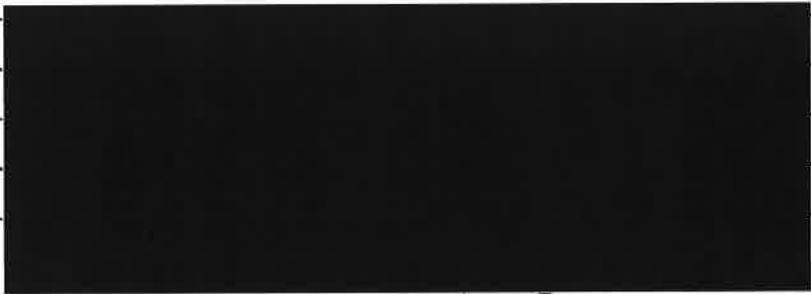


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NO DEVELOPED CAMPING !!
NO Electricity

NO CABINS
NO YURTS
MINIMAL PAVED ROADS



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Having the open space to enjoy nature on foot or on
horseback is ~~what~~ missing from this plan:

This plan dissects 1700 acres. - too much of the
beautiful farm fields will be converted to camping.
There is plenty of camping elsewhere nearby -

As a foxhunter who loves riding in this open space
~~the proposed plan~~ I propose incorporating
the history (a living history) of foxhunting on
site for people to enjoy viewing or partaking in.

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DO NOT want Amphitheater because I live
VERY CLOSE and the noise + traffic would be
very bothersome.

NO CAMPGROUNDS - Too many people already
around there.



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Very wonderful ideas for different future uses.

Very very nice presentation. It was all quite interesting

I get poison ivy very easily so I like the wide hiking trails so not to scrape my ankles

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It is nice to preserve the land but is
a more natural area (not so much camping)
more private use would be nice
for local people.

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I was hoping that there would be more
camping / campsites and a casino with a bar

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THE AMOUNT OF PROPOSED REFORESTATION IS SIGNIFICANT.
WHAT MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO AVOID COMMON PITFALLS
OF LARGE-SCALE REFORESTATION AND ENSURE APPROPRIATE
DIVERSITY, SPECIES SELECTION, AND LONG-TERM FOREST
STRUCTURE?
WHO WILL MAINTAIN THE PLANTINGS?
HOW WILL PLANTINGS BE PHASED?

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What is the time frame for completion?

Will there be an over pass trail over Strickesville Rd (like the Fair Hill crossover)?

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- Provide Access to West Side of RT 841, small parcel
MARTIN Parcel
- TRAILS IN MEADOW Require MORE MAINTENANCE
THAN TRAILS IN WOODS OR HEDGE ROWS. ~~MINIMIZE~~
Especially mowing! MINIMIZE TRAILS IN
MEADOW.

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Just to make you aware -- at the bottom of the
hill on ~~St~~ Walker Rd there is a partial stone wall
still standing which has graves and grave stones
around it. Very OLD graves.

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CONCERNED W/ LEVEL, TYPE + QUANTITY OF CAMPSITES

*** WANT TO BE PART OF SOLUTION FOR BROTHERS RIDING COMMUNITY ***

NEED TO BE SURE OF NO ADDITIONAL NOISE + LIGHT POLLUTION

CONCERNED W/ TRAIL PATHS AS WE'VE ALREADY HAD PEOPLE WANDER INTO
MY YARD AND GO THROUGH MY GARDEN

ARE THE LOCAL AMISH AWARE AND HOW WILL THE TRAFFIC BE MANAGED SO
THAT THEY REMAIN SAFE

15 UNIQUE / RARE / ENDANGERED PLANTS, THEN WHY SPRAY ROUND-UP IN THE
FIELD BEHIND BROTHERS RIDING? THERE ARE NATURAL WAYS TO
ACHIEVE THE SAME GOAL

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Two comments.

① A park of this size should support at least 2 loop walking trails in the 3-4 mile range. I only see plans for a single such trail. Please consider to add more simple hiking trails.

② Please carefully survey the biologically sensitive areas, especially for rare plants and keep all the trails well away from them. There seems to be room for great walking trails without damaging sensitive plant communities.

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- Will plants used for restoration be local collected + grown?
- This helps preserve local genetics, better plant establishment and more resilience to environmental conditions.
- Will there be areas for hunting to control the deer population?
- Has the Lenape Nation been contacted to see if they have any interest in managing section of the park for ~~traditional~~ ^{traditional} crops/materials/ceremonies/education?
- Pennsylvania historically was heavily forested. The plan shows a lot of area for ~~built~~ ^{built} structures + meadow. ~~composed~~ ^{there} is a large amount of edge habit. Recommendation to connect more of the forests together for continuous forest habitat.
- ~~Were~~ Were the oldest forests on the site identified?
- Are there plans to reintroduce historically present species?
- The presented plans are heavily people focused. Are there

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I WANT TO START OFF BY SAYING I AM A
COMMITTED PENNSYLVANIA OUTDOORSMAN AND THOROUGHLY
UTILIZE THE PUBLIC LANDS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.
THIS BEING SAID, THIS LITTLE GEM OF OPEN SPACE
LOCATED WITHIN THE TAWS OF DEVELOPMENT,
I FEEL WOULD BETTER SERVE THE AREA LEFT IN
A NATURAL STATE AND NOT PART OF THE MASSIVE
GRID,
THERE ARE PLENTY OF CAMPING PARKS AND
STRUCTURED FACILITIES WITHIN A 2 HOUR DRIVE
WHICH BETTER SERVE THE GET AWAY EXPERIENCE,
I PERSONALLY FEEL LEAVING THIS AREA AS
PRIMITIVE AS POSSIBLE WOULD BENEFIT A
HIGHLY CONGESTED LOCATION.



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A better concept - Improvements
planned are modest & fit well w/ the
landscape. Beware of "change"
concept - many people are used to what
is there now - also "not in my back
yard" people. Hang tough w/ what
is proposed.

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I would like to see the park changed as minimally as possible - No Yurts or cabins and as few roads built within the park - It is beautiful as it is and should only be changed to help wildlife. Parking areas on the ~~the~~ existing roads and some creek crossings and rustic trails would be fine by me - any major changes would spoil a beautiful place.

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* IMPORTANT TO HAVE WELL MARKED TRAILS. FAIRHILL
IS NOT MARKED WELL, ESPECIALLY FOR BIKING. FRUSTRATING.
WHITE CLAY CREEK IS MARKED WELL. CONSIDER GOOD MARKING.

* CAMPING - NOT THRILLED WITH THE TRAFFIC IT WILL GENERATE
FOR RV'S AND TRUCKS PULLING TRAILERS. NOISE FOR
RESIDENTS AROUND THE PARK.

IF CAMPING - TENT CAMPING PREFERRED.

LIKE THE CONCEPTS FOR TRAILS TO ACCOMMODATE ALL TYPES
OF VISITORS + ADA FRIENDLY. HOPE TO SEE BIKING TRAILS
ALONG W/ THE HIKING TRAILS.

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I am concerned about the iron overhead bridge - This butts up to my property. Please inform me of plans if any. I believe also it is the only iron bridge in PA the other 3 are in MD Fair Hill.

I am very concerned about camping & buildings on the land. I have seen in middle of night - fires started, property destroyed, cars set on fire, people on my property that are juiking. Stealing & break ins - Bring over night camping might very well increase these.

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1) PLEASE MAKE TRAIL LOOPS & SMALL PARKING LOTS
AROUND THE PERIMETER SO THAT THE MAIN DRIVE
IS NOT OVERLOADED. EASY ACCESS FOR LOCALS.

2) FOCUS ON EQUESTRIAN & CONNECT TO FAIR HILL
NO ONE WILL SEE THIS AS A DESTINATION, THERE IS
NO BIG ATTRACTION LIKE A WATERFALL OR LAKE OR
MOUNTAIN PEAK TO CLIMB. YOUR MARKETING SHOULD BE
AS A EQUESTRIAN DESTINATION. BIG LOTS FOR HORSE TRAILERS.



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What is capital budget? Looker expensive.
With 80 camp sites going to need 24 hr staff
Big Elk is in an expensive area. Many residents
have horses. Don't appear plan includes horse
riding.

Fair Hill MD is mostly equestrian. Have you looked
at being compatible with FH MD.

Equestrian environment have existed here together
for over 100 years.

Equestrians like the greatest use, like FH MD
Is there a market for 80 camp sites

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I was appalled at the plan for the Park.
Congratulations for making the most
beautiful property into a cheap theme
park.

You haven't listened to one single
person. You decided to do only
what you wanted to do.

Follow the money...

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Traffic must be addressed. Adding
more will not help the speeds
on these roads. I witnessed several
near misses at the small lot near

Camping while interesting plan. Unfortunately
it also brings transients. Will there
be a means to monitor that?
Overlook seems strange near
a residential property.

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Where will farmers find
materials for local
Mushroom
BUSINESSES.

Not sustainable options
when local companies
need to truck materials.

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*So sad to see you went to Harley
swell on bus.
There is no place like this place*

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- 1) WHO WERE STAKEHOLDERS?
- 2) WHY WERE PARTICIPANTS TOLD WE WOULD BE UPDATED BEFORE PLANS WERE DEVELOPED?
- 3) IF THE GOAL IS PRESERVATION, WHY INDUCE SO MUCH IMPACT?
- 4) GEORGE STRAWBRIDGE WOULD BE SHOCKED
- 5) IF I HAD CAMPED AT A STATE PARK THAT HAD BEEN PRESERVED FOR THE INTENDED PURPOSES + WOULD BE A...

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All camping is totally
unacceptable.

NO RV'S NO yurts no tent
structures. No permanent
structures.

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NO RV Camping
~~NO RV~~
Keep it simple

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I am not in favor of campground —

too much impact for the area —

It would be better to keep the park for
day use only

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In the survey - Where were requests
for camping? Did not see it in the word
display.

Seems like way too much camping
& too many trails.

No RV camping -

Reduce # of proposed trails.

How can you create natural habitat
and place so many interrupted areas.

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Concerned about Campfire & Campsites
Perhaps primitive camping only!
No RV's! or swimming pool -



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Only primitive camping - no RVs
no structures!

Fairhill camp sites are great

How will you "police" the parts
Vans

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I strongly think that
camping is ~~to~~ to much space cut the
camping in half.

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- CAMPGROUND IS WAY TOO BIG. PLEASE
TONE IT DOWN, PRIMITIVE CAMPING, WITH RESTROOMS
NEAR THE OFFICE.

- NO PLAYGROUND OR AMPHITHEATRE. PLEASE LEAVE
AS NATURAL AS POSSIBLE. THERE ARE PLAYGROUNDS
AT MANY LOCAL PARKS.

- NO HUNTING.



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CAMPING AREA TOO EARLY
MAKE IT RUSTIC CAMPING ONLY
NO CAMPERS - THIS CAMPGROUND
IS LIKE A COMMERCIAL ONE

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Too many camp sites!

Too many trails + roads breaking up the natural areas.

Strickensville Rd. + the town roads through Lewisville
are not designed to accomodate campers.



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The plans for 3 or 4 loops of camping sites
seems like too much. It doesn't preserve the
quiet, calm of the natural parkland. It's
overkill!

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I LIVE IN THIS AREA AND HAVE NO NEED TO CAMP 2 MILES
FROM MY HOUSE. FAIR HILL + WHITE CLAY HAVE NO CAMPING SO
I AM GUESSING THAT YOUR TARGET CUSTOMERS ARE MD + DE RESIDENTS?
DOG CAMPING AND LARGE GROUPS WILL DESTROY THIS AREA AND NOT
MAINTAIN THE NATURAL BEAUTY + ENVIRONMENT.
YOU ARE TAKING THE ABSOLUTE WORST APPROACH BY
IMPLEMENTING CAMP SITES. PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY
THIS BEAUTIFUL AREA!



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NO Camping yurts - or Cabins
RVs etc.

Residents of Brothers Riding are
against all types of camping!

We like the peace & quiet!

Smoke from campers can make air ~~unsafe~~
unsafe!

Save the Animals!

No More Round up

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No Camping! Especially yurts, cabins,
RV's, etc. Residents of Brothers Ridge and
surrounding neighborhoods DO NOT WANT THIS!
The roads cannot handle the added traffic, the
noise from campsites will ruin our quiet
surroundings, not to mention smoke from campfires
making air quality dangerous for those w/ asthma, etc.
Lighting would diminish our night sky.
And for the Love of Nature →
STOP SPRAYING ROUND UP!
Let us (locals) be part of the
solution



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[REDACTED]
- Brothers Riding

Where's the \$ coming from?
This board talks about environment
& then tells us how they will
destroy it.

Two of these trails go right by
my house. What about my safety?
Who will clean up the trash?

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NO CAMPING PLEASE!
It will ruin our park, and springlawn
Develop the trails. - no paving of springlawn
→ It is too much camping in a
small area. The flora will be
destroyed

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Pa Park should be like Fair Hill - No
Overnight camping

Equestrian Activities like Trail riding & Fox Hunting
should be allowed - like Fair Hill

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NOT

No way this will work and impact
the ELK RIVER.

TOD MUCH DEVELOPMENT PLANNED

FAR TO MANY CAMPSITES

LOOKS LIKE A DISNEYLAND MAP!

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A campground is completely out
of ~~the~~ character for the natural area.

A primitive youth camping area might be
acceptable but not a full RV-type one

Handwritten lines for additional comments.

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Strickersville Rd is NOT equiped for large RV's
campers, etc. The parking areas proposed are across from
residential homes that have been here for years.

NO CAMPING NO CABINS NO YURTS

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Drastically reduce camping opportunities



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Limit RV Sites

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Really disappointed to see so much
trail proposed to be in the middle of
the grasslands you are taking. I am a
member/leader for WEST CHESTER BIRD
CLUB and you will never get the nesting you
might desire with so much human disturbance



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No Camping, Handicap Road and
Access Great Idea. Grass Lands for
wildlife Great Idea. Keep Development
Roads Building to a minimum. No Parking
Areas should be near Homes. Should keep
it the same or close to the way it
is now Natural.

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I SEE & HEAR COYOTE IN THE AREA
PROPOSED FOR CAMP SITE
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PREVIOUSLY HUNTING WAS LIMITED TO A SMALL GROUP OF LICENSEES OF
LOCALS. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE PARK HAS A LARGER # OF LICENSEES
AND OUR HOUSE IS VERY CLOSE. WARNING SIGNS ARE JUST A FEW FEET
FROM MY FENCE LINE & BRINGS FEAR OF GUN FIRE IN OUR BACKYARD.

DO NOT WANT MODERN CAMPING

PREFER BASIC CAMPING AT MOST TO BE SOUTH OF STRICKLERSVILLE RD

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Comments: Who wanted RV camping?
This is used by locals + trails - yes
- save it as a Natural Resource Not
a HOA alternative camping site.
History of park includes alot of equestrian
use + fox hunting - none of this is
really included in this plan.
I + many other equestrians found this
plan totally insulting

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TRAILS NOT CAMPSITES!
NO CABINS!
No Amphitheaters

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If this land is so ecologically important, why are we building up on it?

No camping !! I didn't even see camping in the word cloud.

Love the grassland preservation / management

Pls MINIMIZE build out. Why are we changing from preserve to multi use?

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Q: I believe the vast majority in the audience tonight does NOT want any camping in this park. How do I protest the camping in the plan.



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This plan eats away at too much of
the beautiful landscape.

PLEASE change the plan to impact only
a minimal amount of the 1700 acres.

No camping. More riding ~~and~~ on horseback.

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Proposed plans for Big Elk Creek State Park are totally inconsistent with why and how this tract of land was originally preserved. "Big Elk Creek Park" was donated/sold by Mr George Strawbridge with the intent that it continue as an open wild tract of land, part of a "greenway" contiguous with White Clay Preserve.

No need for group gathering camping maintenance sheds and Amphitheatres!!!

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LET ME START BY SAYING THAT I HAVE BEEN ENJOYING THE
"WILDERNESS" EXPERIENCE OF THE STRAWBRIDGE PROPERTY SINCE
I WAS ALLOWED TO TRESPASS THE BEAUTIFULL WOODS AND FIELDS.
I NOW KNOW THAT THE SEMI FINAL PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT
OF CAMPING AND DAY USE AREAS AND OFFICE BUILDING AND
MAINTENANCE AREAS AND ROAD AND TRAIL INFRASTRUCTURE
WILL FOREVER CHANGE THAT EXPERIENCE. I HOPE THAT PUBLIC
HUNTING AND FOX HUNTING ACTIVITIES ARE NOT COMPLETELY
ELIMINATED BY THIS GENTRIFICATION. THESE PURSUITS ARE
LEGITIMATE FORMS OF RECREATION THAT LOOK TO BE SURLY
LOST TO PROGRESS!



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THE LARGE CAMPING AREA LOOK LIKE A
SET OF CUL DE SACS -> A DEVELOPMENT

DCNR ~~SAYS~~ THIS PARK IS FOR LOW IMPACT RECREATION
- HOW IS THAT DEFINED
- HOW DOES ALL THE PROPOSED CAMP SITES
ALIGN W/ LOW IMPACT

QUOTA DEVELOPED

NO CAMPING

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Please no!! leave things as they are.
I live on Wakker Road. I moved to Southern
Chester Co for a reason. I love the rolling
fields, the woods, the creeks, the wildlife.
I see Southern Chester Co going the way that
Del Co went. I don't want an amphitheater.
The traffic which our country road can't handle
so we would probably have to widen the roads
and possibly eminent domain our lawns. I don't
want the traffic, the people, the noise, the
trash, and all that a park will bring.
The reforestation and making sure the creeks are
clean is great. No park where is all the

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Hi, I'm [REDACTED] I think that
it is to built up, and that will take
away from the park. And I hope there
will be no camping or bathhouse.

I think to small to even consider camping.

My thouts [REDACTED]

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my name is [REDACTED] I've
lived here all my
life. I am not happy with any camping here at all.
we have been loving this open property. I have no problems
with trails and open meadows. I have been walking
this property on mt alivet to stricksville rd into spring lawn
for 20 years almost 5 days out of 7. I enjoy the way it
has been. Camping is not a thing we need out here. Go to
the Pocono's to camp. Keep it simple. Did you take in
consideration of the traffic and trash that comes with
all this. No! You didn't. You guys never even let anyone

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Please - no permitted Camp Sites - Bad for the
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