

APPENDIX 18: RECREATION NEEDS

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Currently, the Germantown area is served by several public recreation facilities. The Germantown Community Recreation Center and Germantown Outdoor Pool were built on a single site in combination with the Kings View Middle School. The site includes outdoor recreation facilities and is located southwest and outside of the study area. The Germantown Indoor Pool, located at South Germantown Regional Park is a large full service aquatic facility drawing from a regional audience. The last facility is the Plum Gar Neighborhood Recreation Center situated at the farthest southeast corner of the study area. An additional small facility is also operated near the intersection of MD 355 & Middlebrook Road by the Boys and Girls Club.

Based on the population of Germantown as well as the increased development of the mixed use “town center” areas, there is a significant need to locate additional community serving recreation facilities in this vicinity. Geographically, sites in the central and northeastern sections of Germantown would be most complimentary to the existing facilities and serve both the “in-town” urban center residents in the vicinity of the Transit Corridor and those in growth areas north and east of the core study area.

Facilities would generally take the form of a multipurpose building blending community service with active and passive recreation/leisure activities. Service populations include all ages – Preschool thru Senior from a surrounding 30,000 minimum resident area. By taking advantage of the future development it may be possible to integrate facilities into the initial conceptual design of some mixed use parcels. It may even be possible to conceive of a full service facility including outdoor features at the eastern edge of the Germantown community and a “downtown annex” in the Milestone/I-270 area that would provide residents of the higher density central sections with smaller facility focused on basic key recreational elements.

RECOMMENDATION: M-NCPPC should work closely with the Department of Recreation to incorporate community recreational facilities into a detailed land use plan for the further development of Germantown.

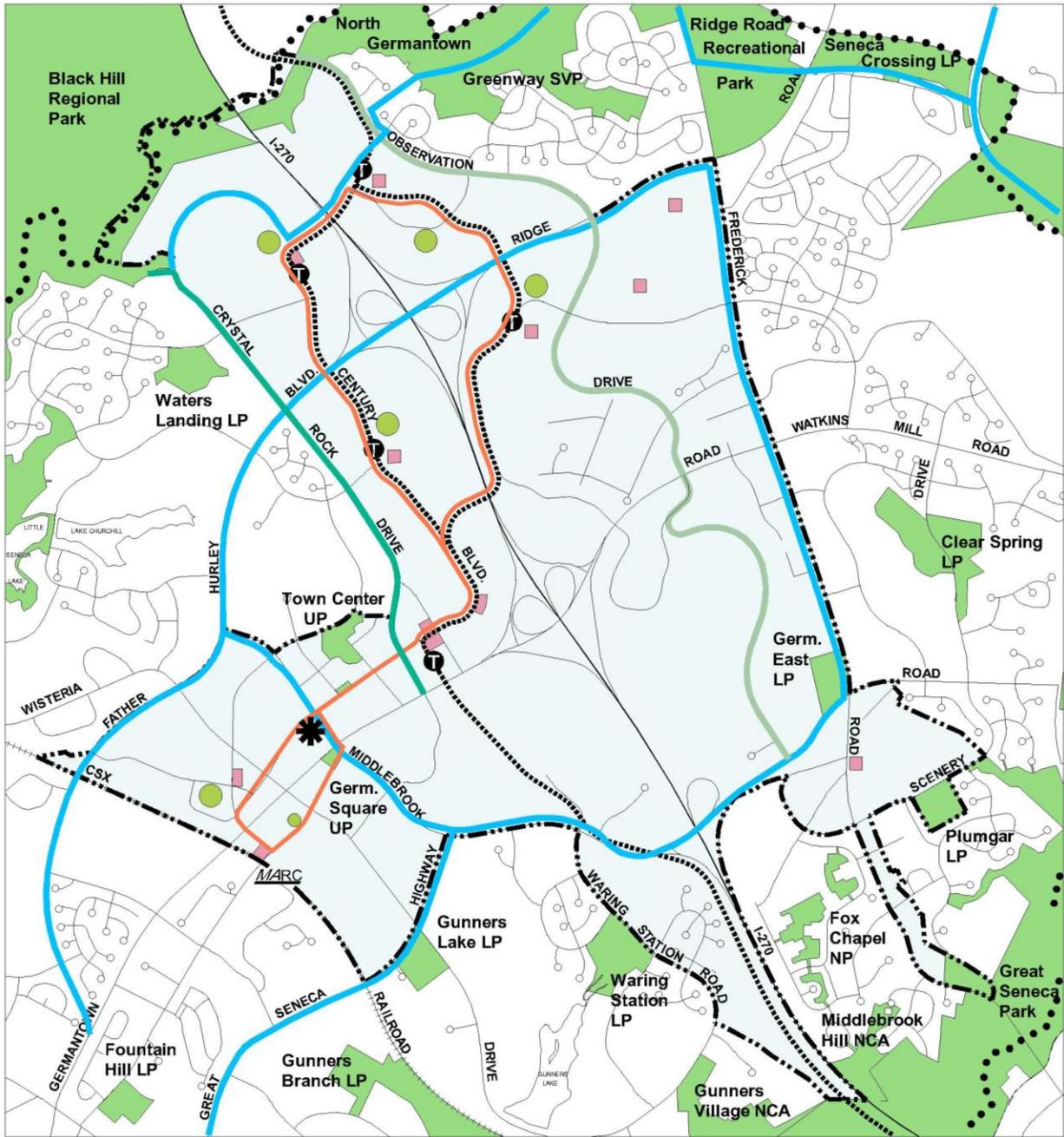


Figure 1
Urban Open Spaces and Trails Concept

- Legend
- Existing Public Parks
 - Proposed Urban Open Space
 - Proposed Green Commons
 - Proposed Public Park
 - Proposed Transit Sidewalk Network
 - Proposed Bicycle Beltway
 - Proposed Black Hill Greenway
 - Proposed Observation Drive Pathway
 - Germantown Planning Area
 - Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan
 - Proposed Corridor Cities Transitway and Stations
 - MARC** Commuter Train