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Re: Garrett County POS Annual Plan, FY 2026

Dear Deputy Director Bell, Ms. DePaoli, and Ms. Cornwell,

On behalf of the Garrett County Commissioners, I am pleased to submit our FY 2026 Program Open Space Annual Plan for development projects. The total requested POS allocation of **\$146,379** will support four community-driven enhancement projects:

1. **Piney Reservoir Accessible Overlook & Picnic Area** (City of Frostburg)
Construct an ADA-compliant scenic overlook and sheltered picnic seating in partnership with Scouts USA.
2. **McHenry Park Pavilion Pad & Trail Enhancements** (Deep Creek Lake Lions Club)
Install a concrete pavilion slab and refresh standardized trail markers.
3. **Broadford Park Improvements** (Town of Oakland)
Seal amphitheater surfaces, install a parking-payment kiosk, and replace the bathhouse metal roof.
4. **Arts & Athletics Community Space Upgrades** (Garrett College)
Enhance main entrances, accessible pathways, wayfinding, and modular outdoor gathering patios.

These projects reinforce Garrett County's 2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan goals—providing diverse, accessible recreational opportunities; revitalizing community spaces; and fostering partnerships to expand safe, inclusive amenities.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with both the Department of Natural Resources and the Maryland Department of Planning to carry out the County's long-range recreation objectives. Should you have any questions regarding the Annual Plan, please do not hesitate to contact me at 301-334-7477.

Sincerely,

Siera Wigfield, Senior Planner

Attachment

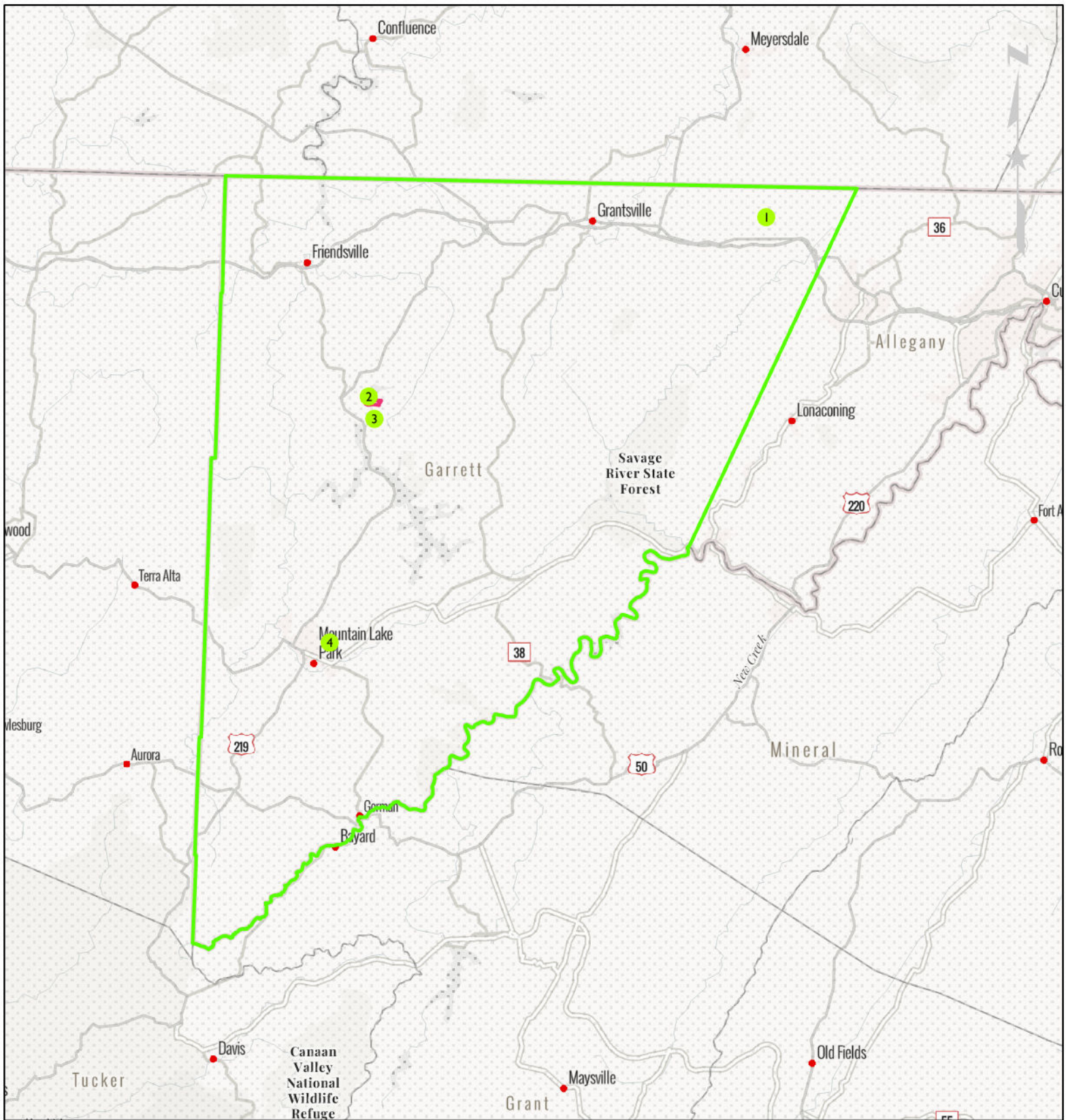
cc: Elizabeth Hughes, Director, Division of Historic and Cultural Programs
Garrett County Commissioners
Kevin Null, County Administrator

	Park Name	Project Title	Project Description
1	Piney Reservoir	Accessible Overlook and Picnic Area	Construct an ADA-compliant scenic overlook and picnic area at Piney Reservoir in partnership with the Local Scouts of America Troop, providing accessible elevated viewing platforms and sheltered picnic seating overlooking the reservoir.
2	McHenry Park	Pavilion Pad & Trail Enhancements	Install a durable, 6"-thick reinforced concrete slab for the new pavilion, providing a stable, low-maintenance gathering space. Refresh and standardize trail markers throughout the Browning History Center grounds—aligned with County Owned Park signage—to improve visitor orientation, safety, and interpretive continuity.
3	Broadford Lake Recreation Area	Broadford Park Improvements 2026	Seal the recently constructed wooden amphitheater surfaces to extend structure's life, install a parking-payment kiosk to streamline visitor access, and replace the main bathhouse's metal roof to ensure long-term durability and weather protection.
4	Garrett College McHenry Campus	Arts & Athletics Community Space Upgrades	Renovate public outdoor areas and public entracnes to the renovated arts and athletics facilities install accessible pathways, seating, and landscaping—to enhance campus connectivity, aesthetic appeal, and community engagement.

	Local Sponsor	Park Name	Project Title	Project Description	LPPRP Goals	Acres	Ultimate	Project	Total Project Cost	POS 2026	POS Acquisition Funds	Local Sponsor 10%*	Other Funds
1	City of Frostburg	Piney Reservoir	Accessible Overlook and Picnic Area	Construct an ADA-compliant scenic overlook and picnic area at Piney Reservoir in partnership with the Local Scouts of America Troop, providing accessible elevated viewing platforms and sheltered picnic seating overlooking the reservoir.	1,2,4,5,7	151	same	same	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 7,920.00	\$ -	\$ 880.00	\$ -
2	Deep Creek Lake Lions Club	McHenry Park	Pavilion Pad & Trail Enhancements	Install a durable, 6"-thick reinforced concrete slab for the new pavilion, providing a stable, low-maintenance gathering space. Refresh and standardize trail markers throughout the Browning History Center grounds—aligned with County Owned Park signage—to improve visitor orientation, safety, and interpretive continuity.	1,4,5,6,7	32	same	same	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 42,300.00		\$ 4,700.00	\$ -
3	Town of Oakland	Broadford Lake Recreation Area	Broadford Park Improvements	Seal the recently constructed wooden amphitheater surfaces to extend structure's life, install a parking-payment kiosk to streamline visitor access, and replace the main bathhouse's metal roof to ensure long-term durability and weather protection.	1,2,5	400	same	same	\$ 52,695.00	\$ 49,359.00		\$ 5,269.50	\$ -
4	Garrett College	Garrett College McHenry Campus	Arts & Athletics Community Space Upgrades	Renovate public outdoor areas and public entrances to the renovated arts and athletics facilities install accessible pathways, seating, and landscaping—to enhance campus connectivity, aesthetic appeal, and community engagement.	1,3,5	62.3	same	same	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 46,800.00		\$ 5,200.00	\$ -
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LPPRP 2022 Recreation Goals

- GOAL 1: Provide diverse recreational experiences and opportunities readily accessible to residents and visitors, meeting current and future community needs.
- GOAL 2: Revitalize municipalities and community spaces to enhance residents' quality of life making Garrett County a desirable place to live work, play, and visit.
- GOAL 3: Maximize investments in public school facilities to support and complement community recreation opportunities to learn, play, and connect.
- GOAL 4: Promote non-profit organizations to provide inclusive recreation programming that contribute to the health and well-being of residents of all ages and abilities
- GOAL 5: Foster collaborative partnerships to leverage strengths and resources to expand, maintain, and promote an identifiable image of Garrett County recreation experiences for residents and tourists.
- GOAL 6: Expand the network of multi-use trails linking parks, schools, and community destinations to provide safe connections for transportation and recreation whilst decreasing the reliance on automobiles.
- GOAL 7: Determine the need for an oversight for County parks and recreation. Work with the local municipalities and other local agencies to collectively market, maintain and develop resources and services to provide the best recreational experience for residents and visitors of Garrett County



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1. Piney Reservoir Accessible Overlook and Picnic Area
2. McHenry Park Pavilion Pad & Trail Enhancements
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4. Garrett College McHenry Campus Arts & Athletics Community Space Upgrades

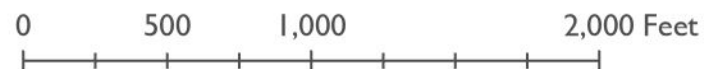




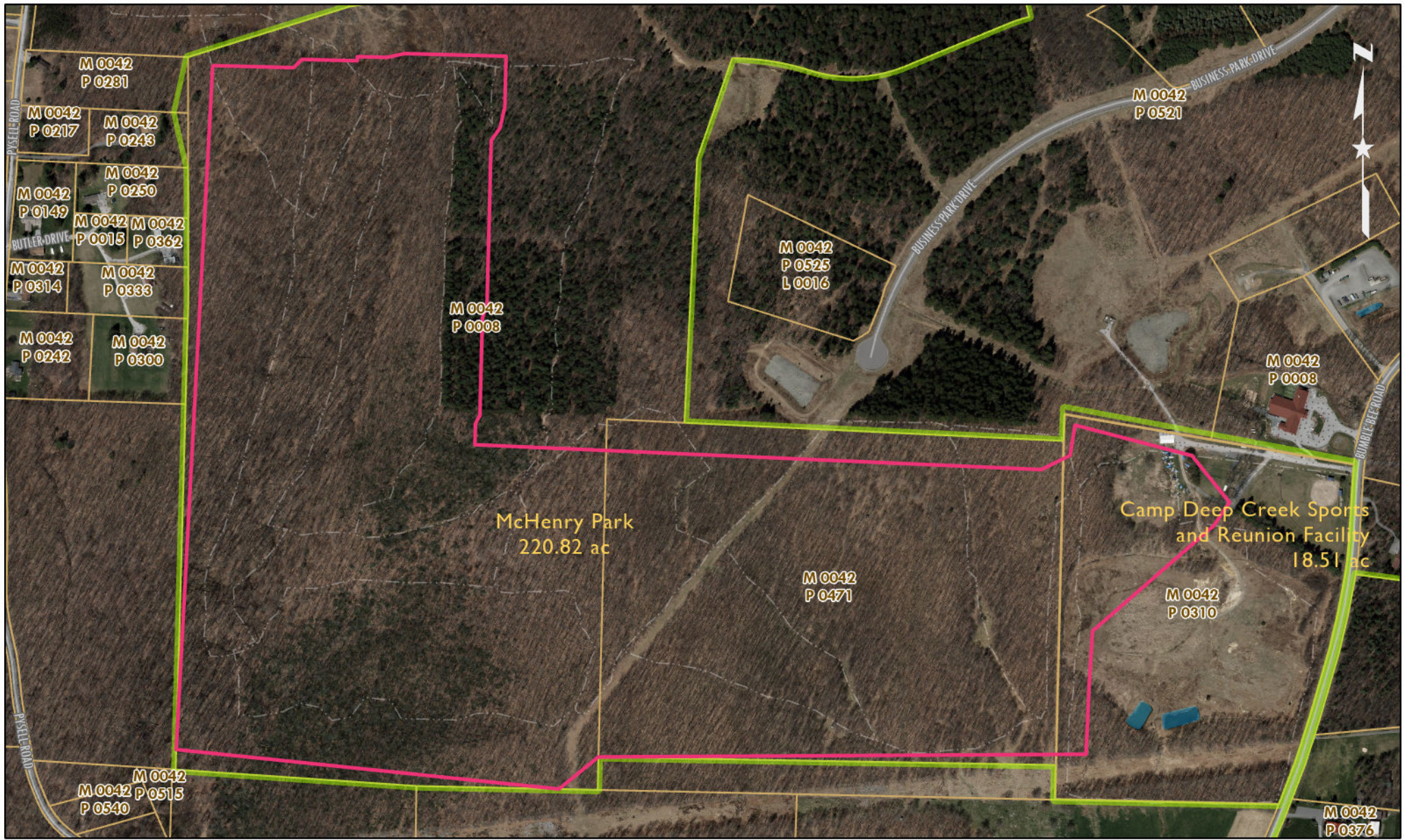
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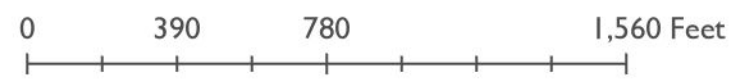
Site Map for POS
Park: Piney Reservoir
Local Sponsor: City of Frostburg



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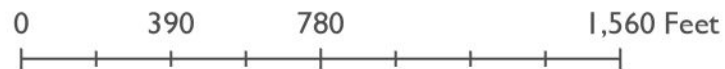


Site Map for POS
 Park: McHenry Park
 Project: Pavilion Pad & Trail Enhancements
 Local Sponsor: Deep Creek Lions Club

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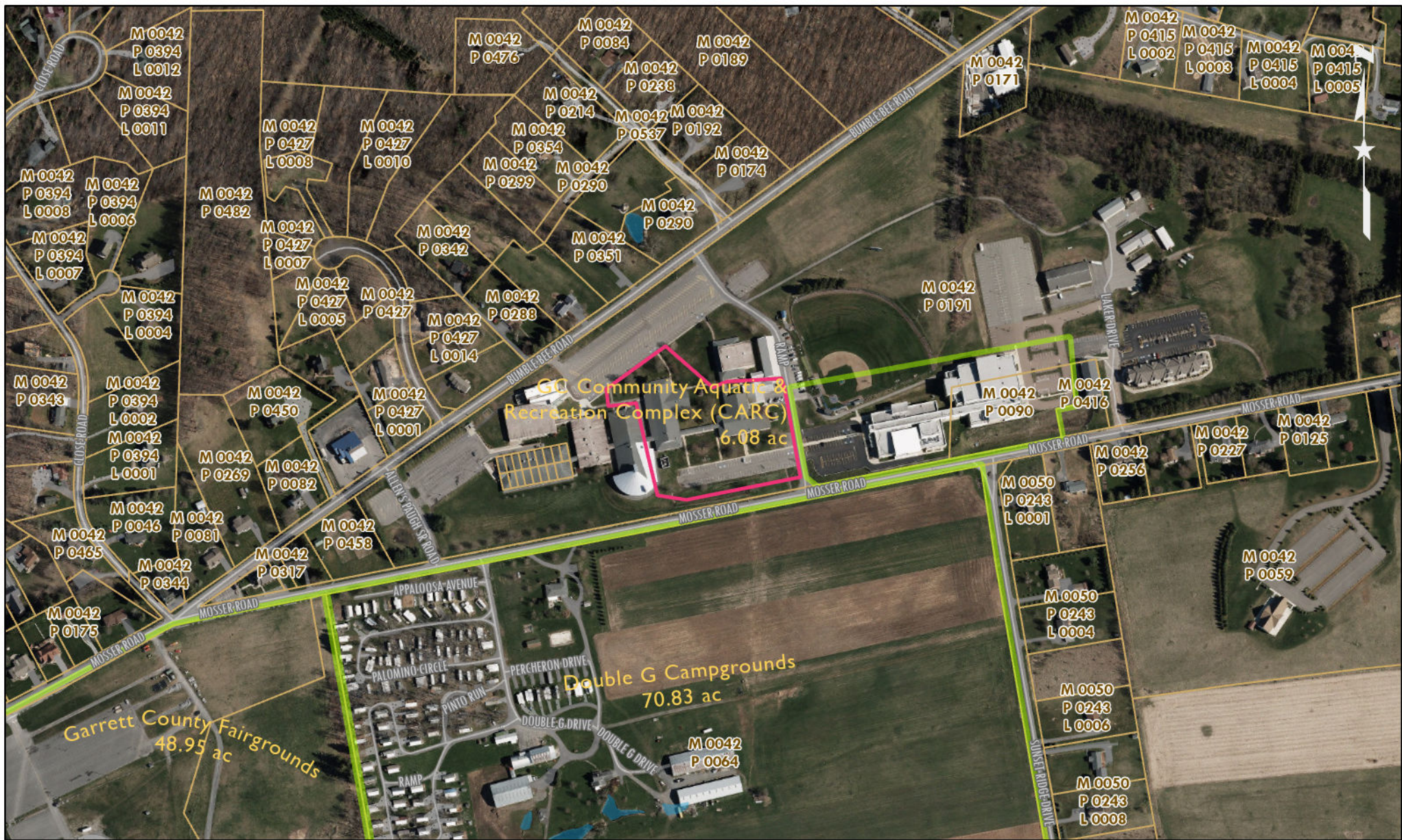


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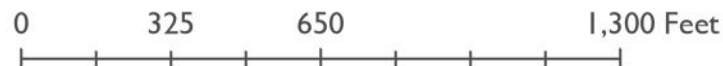


Site Map for POS
 Park: Broadford Lake Recreation Area
 Project: Broadford Park Improvements
 Local Sponsor: Town of Oakland

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Site Map for POS
 Park: Garrett College Campus
 Project: Garrett College Outdoor Space Upgrades
 Local Sponsor: Garrett College

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