

A landscape photograph showing a field of tall, dark green grasses in the foreground. In the background, there are several trees with green foliage under a clear blue sky. The word "CONCLUSION" is overlaid in white text on the right side of the image.

**CONCLUSION**

## MAKING IT HAPPEN

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Included in Appendix D to this plan is a detailed Cost Estimate for the Master Plan and its implementation strategy. It is envisioned that implementation will cost \$3.6 million through Phase I, and \$4.4 million through Phase II, with funding coming through a variety of sources, including grants and the County capital improvement plan, and work implemented through a mixture of external experts, internal staff abilities, and park volunteers. The funding packages are further broken out within the phases and by service.

Beyond fifteen years, costs will largely depend on scenarios and circumstances that cannot be foreseen, but it is imagined that by then the Park will be deeply engrained in the system of regional parks of Chester County, and will be able to justify the outlay of necessary funding and resources to keep it held to this high standard.

### *GMMP*

The General Maintenance Management Plan (GMMP) is also included as Appendix C, to serve as a guideline for the upkeep of the Park and its operations regime going forward. The GMMP provides guidance for the staff involved in park and facility maintenance to manage the Park moving forward in an efficient manner. It identifies operational costs and maintenance standards for the site's development. The process involved a review of the amenities and square footage for Phase I and II, as well as existing data for park maintenance costs to reflect best management practices to be applied to Wolf's Hollow.

## A RESERVE FOR THE FUTURE

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The Wolf's Hollow Master Plan is intended to serve as a guiding document for the management, maintenance, and future development of the Park. It's goals seek to capture the desires of the existing park visitors and nearby residents, and the concerns of Chester County officials and naturalists. While many of the intended interventions provide location and alignment, they should only be seen as visionary and inspirational, as there are many more considerations to be understood before the larger projects would be constructed. Readers of this plan may take clues from it that can be applied as deemed necessary and appropriate, in order to fulfill the needs and wants of future stakeholders and interested parties. It is our hope that the strategies herein are given careful review, not necessarily for their form or image, but for their big picture impact and their ability to encapsulate a responsible and rewarding future for the Park.

Beyond this plan, it is suggested that a substantial historical inquiry be made to fully understand the extent of the property's involvement with early colonial settlement and iron manufacturing, along with its transition to agriculture and penultimate existence as a country estate. Each layer can contribute to the story of the Park, and this is an asset that can be shared without too much intervention or expense.

As it is under County control and will not be developed, the Park should take care to ensure it is providing the kind of respite and experience that visitors will seek. Pastoral paths, deep woods, and a sparkling stream are not easily found in our neighborhoods and cities, and Wolf's Hollow will continue to attract those seeking relief and fresh air, just as it will does for the birds and other wildlife that already call it home. As a guiding principal, first and foremost the Park should provide optimal habitat conditions in a region that continues to see growth and development creep further from Philadelphia. Secondly, it should be able show a visitor something different each time, whether they visit in a different season, choose to walk a different path, or are able to spot a new species of bird. Finally, Wolf's Hollow should act as a resource, to school groups, naturalists, and community members, and be seen as a place that exists to educate and improve our understanding of our relationship with the natural environment.

