

Background

As identified in the Crozet Master Plan, the creation of Western Park in Old Trail is an essential part of the network of public parks and greenways envisioned for the Crozet Development Area. The future parks and greenways network will provide recreational opportunities for the community, protect sensitive natural systems, preserve public areas that characterize Crozet, and link neighborhoods to downtown and other areas in Crozet and the region. Western Park, along with the proposed Eastern Park, will help preserve special areas for the entire community to enjoy, such as the area's scenic stream valleys, and the high points and views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. 35.8 acres have been established for the Western Park greenway and park area, to include a mix of recreational uses such as sports fields, trails, picnicking, and preserved areas. The first step towards the creation of Western Park is the development of a master plan for the park and greenway area.

Highlights

The Crozet Master Plan identified Western park as a high priority for the community.

The Western Park greenway and park area will cover 35.8 acres.

The park will feature a mix of passive and active recreational uses.

Current Status

Rieley and Associates, a local landscape architectural firm, has been selected to develop the Western Park Master Plan.

Next Steps

Now that the landscape architects have been selected, a committee consisting of County staff, Old Trail staff, and representatives of the Crozet Park Board and the Crozet Community Advisory Council will meet regularly to provide direction to the consultant throughout the Western Park Master Plan process.

Community Involvement Opportunities

Community involvement is critical to the success of the Western Park Master Plan. The consultant along with the committee mentioned above will work together to better define the public process which will work best for the Crozet Community. It is anticipated the process will include at least one design workshop with key stakeholders and a variety of other opportunities for public comment including focus groups and other public meetings.

Contact Information

The Albemarle County Parks and Recreation Department will serve as a contact point for the Western Park Master Plan project. Please feel free to contact Pat Mullaney or Bob Crickenberger at (434) 296-5844 or by email at pmullaney@albemarle.org or bcricke@albemarle.org.