

## Meeting Minutes: Chickies Creek Day Use Area

### Master Site Development Plan

### Study Committee Meeting #3

**Date:** August 10, 2021  
**Time:** 6:30 PM  
**Location:** East Donegal Township Municipal Building  
**By:** Chuck Strodoski, RLA  
**Project No.:** 20EDT-01

**Persons Attending:** Jeff Butler, East Donegal Township Manager  
Cory Sine, Chairman, EDT Park Commission  
Alan Kaylor, EDT Park Commission  
Nickolas Ebersole, EDT Park Commission  
Paul Weiss, Lancaster Co. Parks and Recreation Department  
Skip Nell, Maytown Historical Society  
Rose Madar, EDT Park Commission  
Ann Yost, YSM  
Chuck Strodoski, YSM

**Purpose of Meeting:** To review the input received from the open house and present the conceptual alternative designs for the park and receive input.

#### Of Record:

1. A. Yost provided a brief overview of the finding of the Open House. The open house was well attended. Generally, most attendees like the park the way it is. The Open House meeting minutes summarized the input and the results of the facility preference exercise.
2. C. Strodoski provided a summary of a meeting with the Maytown Historical Society. Highlights include:
  - A trolley line passed thru the site, travelling from the square in Marietta to downtown Columbia. Historic photographs of the former trolley line were shared. The concrete piers from the trolley bridge structure remain on site. Trolley operations ceased in 1932.
  - The site was a former campground known as Circle Creek Campground. Remnants of a former swimming pool, adjacent to the existing picnic pavilion remain.

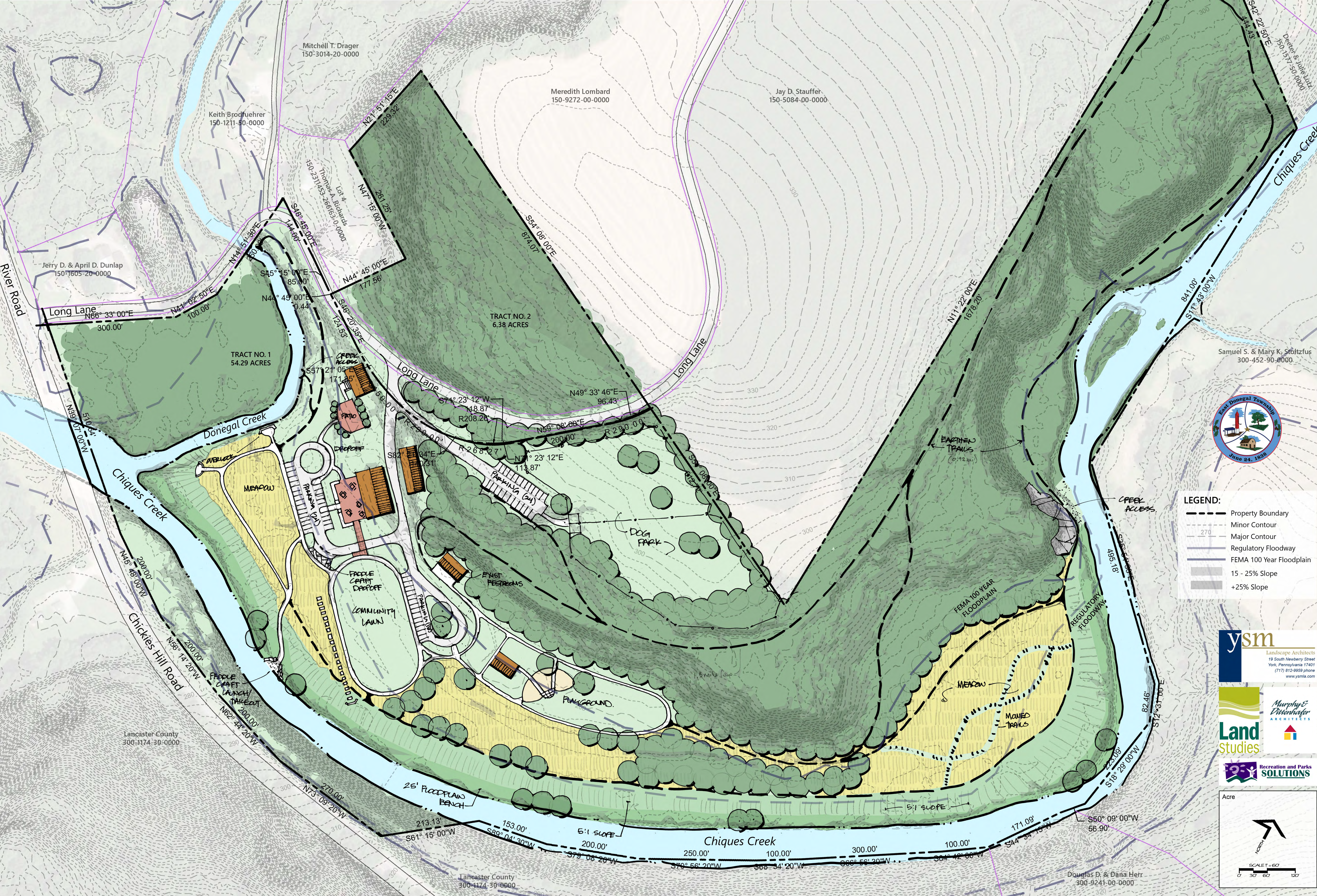
3. C. Strodoski presented two conceptual alternatives for the park site. The creek is a major attraction and issue for the site. The alternatives were guided by the recommendations from LandStudies from their creek assessment. LandStudies recommended two levels of creek improvement that will help restore the floodplain. Conceptual Alternative A (Alt A) creates a 25' wide bench in the floodplain with the creek edge laid back at a 5 to 1 slope. Conceptual Alternative B (Alt B) includes a full floodplain restoration, where most of the flood plain is excavated and the creek bed is narrower, with braided streams crisscrossing the floodplain floor. The discussions regarding the conceptual alternative designs are highlighted below.
- The Floodplain in Alt B is ambitious and there is concern regarding the loss of usable parkland. A. Yost noted that large scale floodplain restoration may attract interest from funding partners pursuing water quality improvements in this watershed.
  - Floodplain improvement in Alt B would offer more flood water capacity and improve stream flow and aquatic life. Wetlands could be developed to capture and treat runoff. Depressions could be designed to capture sediment. The floodplain would gather sediment and overtime the depressions and braided stream would fill with sediment, as intended to stop sediment from reaching the river.
  - The proposed parking area should be closer to the existing picnic pavilion.
  - The house and barn improvements are ambitious. Weddings and special event venues were not widely requested. The improvement associated with the house and barn should be scaled back. Improvements to the house and barn were viewed as requiring major investment and the investment timeline would occur over a long period of time. The master plan should illustrate an accessible route from the parking to the barn and house but not illustrate extensive improvement to the surrounding landscape.
  - Club meetings and small events could occur in the restored Ranger Station.
  - Disc golf is preferred in the open northern field over the dog park. Disc golf is very popular in the region, and relatively low cost to install.
  - The disc golf course area should be connected to the lower portion of the park by trails.
  - Consider adding fitness equipment around the upper loop trail in Alt B.
  - Prefer the parking area in Alt B, but it should be located closer to the pavilion and expanded to the number of spaces shown in Alt. A.
  - Maintain the community lawn in Alt A.
  - Add a second pavilion in the in the community lawn area.
  - Do not include parking area behind the barn as shown in Alt A.
  - Floodplain improvements shown in Alt B are best for the environment but may only be feasible with funding assistance. The idea should be retained, but the Pre-Final design should show a more modest floodplain improvement, aligning closer to Alt A.
  - Provide ADA fishing access to the Donegal Creek.
  - Maintain an accessible paddle craft launch and creek access on Chickies Creek.

4. The next meeting will be a study committee meeting to present a pre-final design, followed by a public meeting in September. A. Yost will coordinate the date and time for the next two meetings with the Township manager.
5. Please provide changes or corrections to these meeting minutes to [anny@ysmla.com](mailto:anny@ysmla.com) YSM within one week of receipt.



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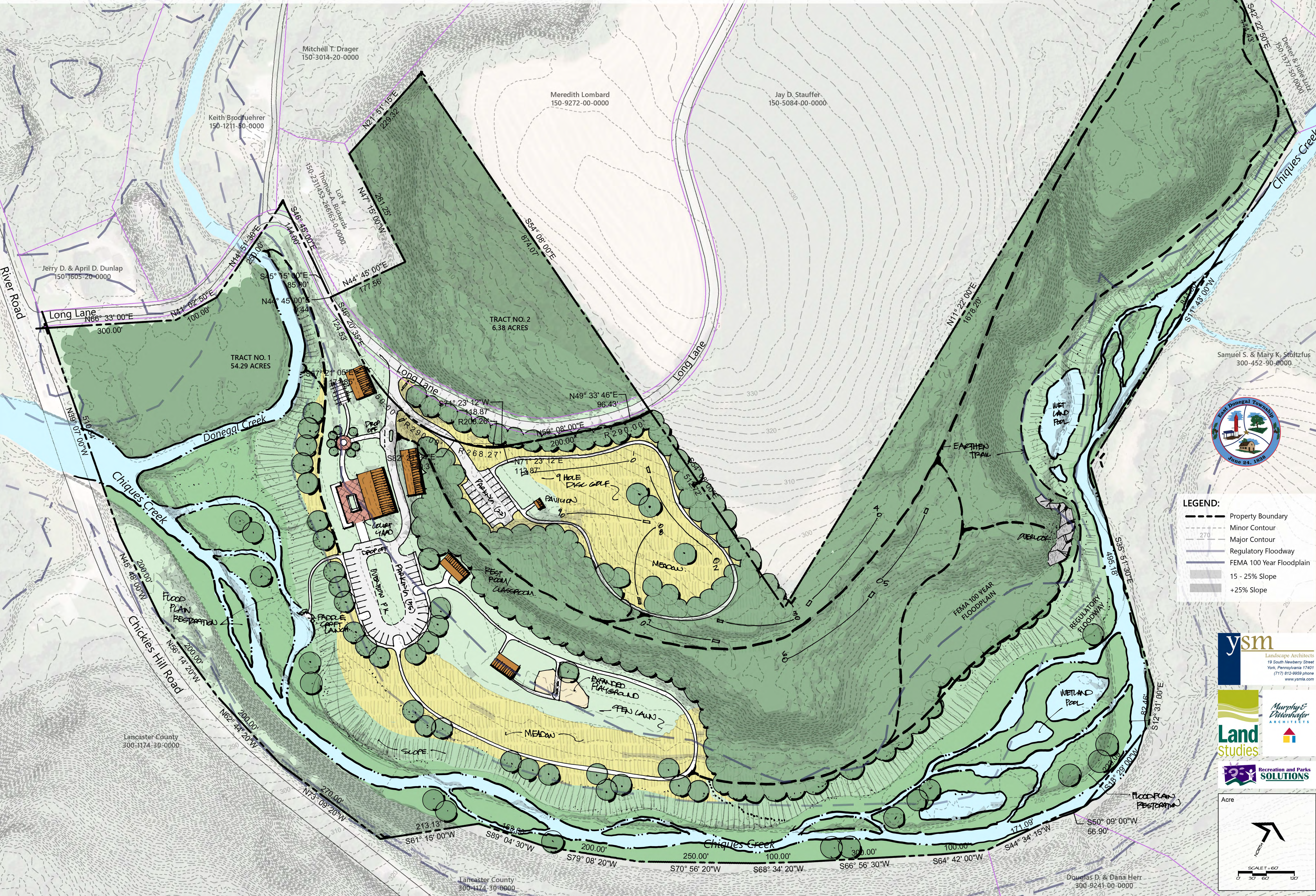
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CONCEPTUAL ALTERNATIVE A





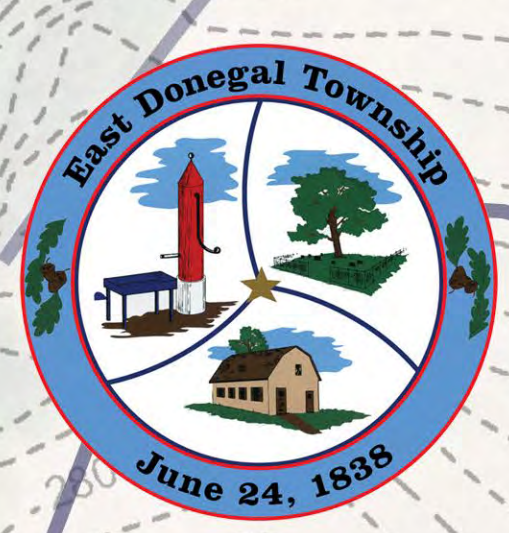
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CONCEPTUAL ALTERNATIVE B



**LEGEND:**

- Property Boundary
- Minor Contour
- Major Contour
- Regulatory Floodway
- FEMA 100 Year Floodplain
- 15 - 25% Slope
- +25% Slope



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