



**HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 12, 2025, at 7:30pm**

**Meeting recording:**

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Members Present: Kristine Amari, Mark Covington, Steve Hannan, Mike McGarity, Mariah Robertson and Skye Anderson.

Staff Present: Laura Mayton & Emily Rieger

Guests: 18 attendees

Call to Order: 7:30pm

1. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Amari made a motion to approve the agenda and Ms. Anderson seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
2. Approval of December 8, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes: Ms. Amari made a motion to approve the December 8, 2025, meeting minutes. Dr. Robertson seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Board Update: Dr. McGarity mentioned several concerns related to the Hickory Ridge Village Center, including repairs to the fountain, a wobbly bike rack, and a request for a stop sign near Domino's. Ms. Mayton stated that she would follow up and note the bike rack concern.
4. Resident Speak-Out: Mr. Brennan, a Currycomb Court resident, addressed multiple issues concerning a neighboring property. Ms. Mayton stated that the matter is an active violation case and is under review.
5. CA Board of Directors Report—Skye Anderson: Ms. Anderson invited Board members and residents to attend a CA Town Hall meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
6. New Business:
  - a. Donation Requests: Clemens Crossing Elementary School, Community Ecology Institute (Freetown Farm). Representatives from Clemens Crossing Elementary School and the Community Ecology Institute addressed the Board to request donations in support of their respective organizations. Ms. Mayton recommended that the Board donate \$500 to each organization. For Clemens Crossing Elementary School, Mr. Hannan made a motion to donate \$500, which was seconded by Mr. Covington. The motion passed with Mr. Hannan and Mr. Covington voting in favor. Dr. Robertson, Ms. Amari and Mr. McGarity abstained due to conflicts of interest. For the Community Ecology Institute, Dr. Robertson made a motion to donate \$500, which was seconded by Mr. Hannan. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Cluster Play Area Program, Replacement of HR-08 Crossbeam Play Area (Clemens Crossing) and HR-17 Play Meadow (Clary's Forest), Steve Boswell, Operations Manager, Capital Improvements, Community Operations, Columbia Association: Mr. Heath described the proposed changes to HR-17 Play Meadow, which include the addition of new and enhanced play features, picnic tables, and an overall more inviting outdoor

space for both children and adults. He also addressed planned changes to the Cross Beam area, noting that the existing structure will be removed and replaced with a sway bench.

- c. Splashpads: Ms. Anderson noted that the Columbia Association is considering eliminating one pool and converting it into a splash pad. Ms. Wessner expressed concerns regarding safety and parking. Dr. McGarity stated that he values the current pool locations and expressed concern that a neighborhood could be left without a pool.
- d. Proposed Projects for Cash Reserves Returned to CA (CARES): Ms. Mayton requested that the Board table this topic. Dr. McGarity made a motion to table the topic. Dr. Robertson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Review of FY26 Q2 Financials: Ms. Mayton reviewed the Q2 financials with the Board and noted that the Association is in good overall financial shape. Dr. Robertson made a motion to approve the Q2 financials and Mr. Hannan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Old Business:

- a. Candidate Documents: Ms. Mayton reported that the Election Committee met last week to review candidate documents. Dr. Robertson made a motion to approve the candidate documents for this election year. Dr. McGarity seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Board Meeting Schedule: The Board is continuing its trial period of holding one Board meeting per month. Ms. Mayton noted that the Board is scheduled to meet on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm virtually.

8. Manager Report—Laura Mayton: Ms. Mayton shared information on several upcoming events and encouraged Board members and residents to attend, as well as to visit the website and social media channels for additional details.

9. Action Items:

- a. Ms. Mayton will follow-up with donation requests.

10. Adjournment: Dr. Robertson made a motion to adjourn. Dr. McGarity seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.



## Hickory Ridge Community Association

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### DONATION REQUEST FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please answer the following questions:***

The Hickory Ridge Board prefers that the donation be used primarily for Hickory Ridge residents.

Who will receive the service?

How many people?

What will the donation be used for?

What is the total budgeted amount of the project?

How are other funds being obtained? What other organizations have made or will be making donations?

***Please use another page for any additional information.***

Amount requested: \_\_\_\_\_

My name is Emily VanHouten and I'm the current Clemens Crossing PTA President. Our PTA consists of several hundred CCES families and staff members who work together to provide enriching and community-building events and experiences for our kiddos at Clemens. Our mission is to make sure all students and their families experience a sense of belonging at our school. CCES reflects the diversity of our greater Hickory Ridge community, and we work hard to make sure everyone feels welcome in our school community.

There are many time-honored traditions at CCES that are made possible by our PTA. To name a few family favorites:

- Back to school picnic
- Fall festival / Trunk-or-treat
- Bingo night
- Science fair
- International night
- Spring carnival

There are also several "behind the scenes" initiatives that offer care and support to our entire school community:

- Backpack Bundles - our ongoing food drive to ensure kids experiencing food insecurity have meals on the weekends
- Teacher Appreciation - regular events to make sure our staff at CCES feel appreciated and valued
- Financial support to all grade levels for field trips
- Financial support for teacher and classroom supplies beyond what is provided by HCPSS

While we do hold several fundraisers throughout the school year, all of this is made possible through donations from our families and the greater Hickory Ridge community. I'm wondering if the Hickory Ridge Village would be interested in making a \$1,000 donation to CCES PTA to support these enrichment and community-building efforts?

If you or folks on your team would like to learn more about the CCES PTA, please visit our [website](#). And feel free to swing by our Holiday Shop in the afternoons on Dec. 2-4 to meet some of our students and families!

## **Hickory Ridge FY26 Donation Request**

The Community Ecology Institute

8000 Harriet Tubman Lane, Columbia, MD 21042

1/5/2026

Angela Nichols, [anichols@cei.earth](mailto:anichols@cei.earth)

443-472-3175

*Who will receive the service?*

Howard County high school students, particularly those attending Atholton, Wilde Lake and Oakland Mills, who participate in CEI's Green SEEDS Internship program (please see below).

*How many people?*

More than 100 high school students over the four sessions of 2026, most of whom attend Atholton, Wilde Lake, and Oakland Mills high schools.

*What will the donation be used for?*

CEI's Green SEEDS internship program, which provides service-based experiential education for a diverse group of Howard County students. CEI seeks to expand and enhance this existing program in ways that increase youth engagement, as described below.

*What is the total budgeted amount of the project?*

\$50,000.

*How are other funds being obtained? What other organizations have made or will be making donations?*

Howard County Government Youth Engagement Programming grant.

*Amount requested:* \$5,000

### **Additional Information:**

The mission of the Community Ecology Institute ("CEI") is to cultivate communities where people and nature thrive together. Our work is uniquely focused on tangible, community-level impacts at the intersections of environment, education, equity and health. Our Green SEEDS (Service, Experiential Education, and Design for Sustainability) Internship Program emerged out of the acute needs of the pandemic and, going into its sixth year, continues to provide service-based experiential education for a diverse group of Howard County high school students. This donation request seeks to expand on and enhance this program in ways that increase youth engagement as described below.

Recruitment for CEI's Green SEEDS Internship Program is intended to engage students that reflect the diversity of Howard County. While students from all schools are welcome, we

prioritize recruitment at the three high schools closest to Hickory Ridge – Atholton, Wilde Lake, and Oakland Mills. We also work with various community partners including OhanaHC and S.T.A.N.D Mentoring Program to identify students who would most benefit from a Green SEEDS Internship. Green SEEDS is a great opportunity for students interested in a variety of academic and career paths including environmental science, public health, education, agriculture, and social work. Students do not need to meet a certain grade point average or have a specific academic interest to join our internship program, making it a unique opportunity for students who are less sure of their path and need a supportive space to explore opportunities.

***Intern testimonial: “A great way to get involved in a community that works to create a better society and can help you form a sense of belonging. We learned about world-wide problems like food insecurity, food deserts, sustainable farming, and climate change. We also learned about solutions to these problems and how to implement them in our community and everyday life. Your input makes these problems less and helps you be a better person.”***

In 2026 CEI’s Internship Program will accept up to 25 students per season. Each season of the program has a foundational curriculum that is designed to be in rhythm with the work of CEI’s land stewardship, food security, and climate action during that time of year. This curriculum is rooted in strategic activities, guest educators, community collaborations, and a group capstone project. The Internship Program also offers open events including monthly STEAM socials, career panels, and seasonal safety workshops, available to all Hickory Ridge high school students. Across these events we expect to meaningfully engage a minimum of 100 unique (unduplicated) youth in 2026. This number accounts for the fact that we expect about a third to a quarter of our interns to repeat between seasons and social events. When considering the total program impact, we will be offering more than 134 opportunities for internship program engagement in 2026, which should engage more than 3,350 people (including repeats) over more than 6,700 educational impact hours. There is no cost for any student to participate in the Green SEEDS Internship Program.



A significant aspect of teenage development is cultivating a sense of self and personal identity, which is fostered by developing a philosophy of life through peer-connected commitments to causes of interest. CEI's interns benefit from a safe and supportive community where they can build peer-to-peer relationships within their cohort, expand their collaboration and team building skills, engage in impactful physical activities, develop relationships with numerous program mentors, gain knowledge and make a positive impact, and develop their social emotional learning and executive function skills. Our program further builds on research conducted by CEI founder Dr. Chiara D'Amore to support our interns in growing their executive function skills through research and nature-based activities including physical and mental challenges, creative and service activities, goal setting, planning and monitoring, and safe risk taking. To learn more please visit [C&NN ExecutiveFunctionToolkit 8-14 15 final \(childrenandnature.org\)](https://www.childrenandnature.org).

***Parent Testimonial: “This program has offered my son a platform to see education in action: how hands on learning can be rewarding and good for the community as well as the self. He has worked collaboratively with a diverse group of people and gotten better at making himself heard in a group.”***

CEI is a champion of diversity, equity and inclusion and incorporates social justice into the fabric of all our programming. We extend an invitation to participate regardless of academic grades, socio-economic status, race, religion, culture, ethnicity, or gender identity. Our curriculum encourages service, teambuilding, and inclusivity, and we have the flexibility and expertise to adjust our activities as needed to ensure we are creating a welcoming space for all our interns. We are very intentional about creating a safe space for each intern to feel seen, known, and valued and have seen an increase in interns who are differently abled and have diverse fears. We continually have a high number of students in the LGBTQIA+ community and diverse familial, racial and cultural backgrounds. We invite and use the preferred names and pronouns of each intern and offer support for students whose cultural or religious backgrounds need accommodations. This summer we witnessed students sharing everything from bug spray to personal fans and drinks as well as holding hands on hikes and encouraging each other through fears to achieve a common goal. In addition to honoring food allergies for our shared culturally inclusive meals, CEI also honors dietary restrictions based on personal beliefs and religious practices.

***Parent Testimonial: I believe this internship program had a significant impact on my daughter. It can be very challenging to find opportunities where teens feel motivated to attend without prompting . . . [m]y daughter is self-conscious, apprehensive about being in environments with new people and is not one to volunteer for public speaking. She was excited to learn that the other interns were nice, kind, and welcoming. She met friends this summer and continues to communicate with them outside of the internship. . . [she has] grown in confidence and leadership in such a short period of time. Clearly a testament to the leadership of Ms. Nicki and the inclusive and supportive spaces she has created in partnership with other CEI staff.***

CEI tracks data including but not limited to the number of young people served, geographic impact of programs, and age of youth served. In addition to these performance metrics, CEI has developed pre- and post-surveys to capture information from our interns. Parents are also given an opportunity to provide feedback on their child's experience in the program at the end of each session. All data is used to improve programming and student impact. We would be happy to share any of that data with the Hickory Ridge Board whenever requested.

Thank you for considering this donation request! Please contact Angela Nichols at [anichols@cei.earth](mailto:anichols@cei.earth) if you have any questions.

# Hickory Ridge Play Area Cluster Program



# Presentation Outline

- Brief historical background of the Play Area Cluster Program
- Implementation Flow Chart
- Cluster play area overview
- Isochrone GIS analysis
- Proposed play area improvements

# Historical Background – Cluster Play Area Program

- Meetings with the playground work group began in the summer of 2023 and a Columbia-wide survey was initiated
- Based on the results of the survey and input from the work group, the cluster play area policy was developed
- Columbia Board approved the policy on April 25, 2024

*"It is resolved that the corporation will accept the Cluster Play Area Program Policy as the strategic plan for play areas to serve Columbia for the next 20 years. Any deviation or changes to the guidance document will be sent to the board in an annual play area update. The policy will be reviewed and updated every five years."*

# Program Flow Chart



Use GIS to create 10-min walk isochrones (forming a cluster)



Assess play areas in each cluster for unique aspects



Prioritize 5-12 age group, climbing, and expanded seating

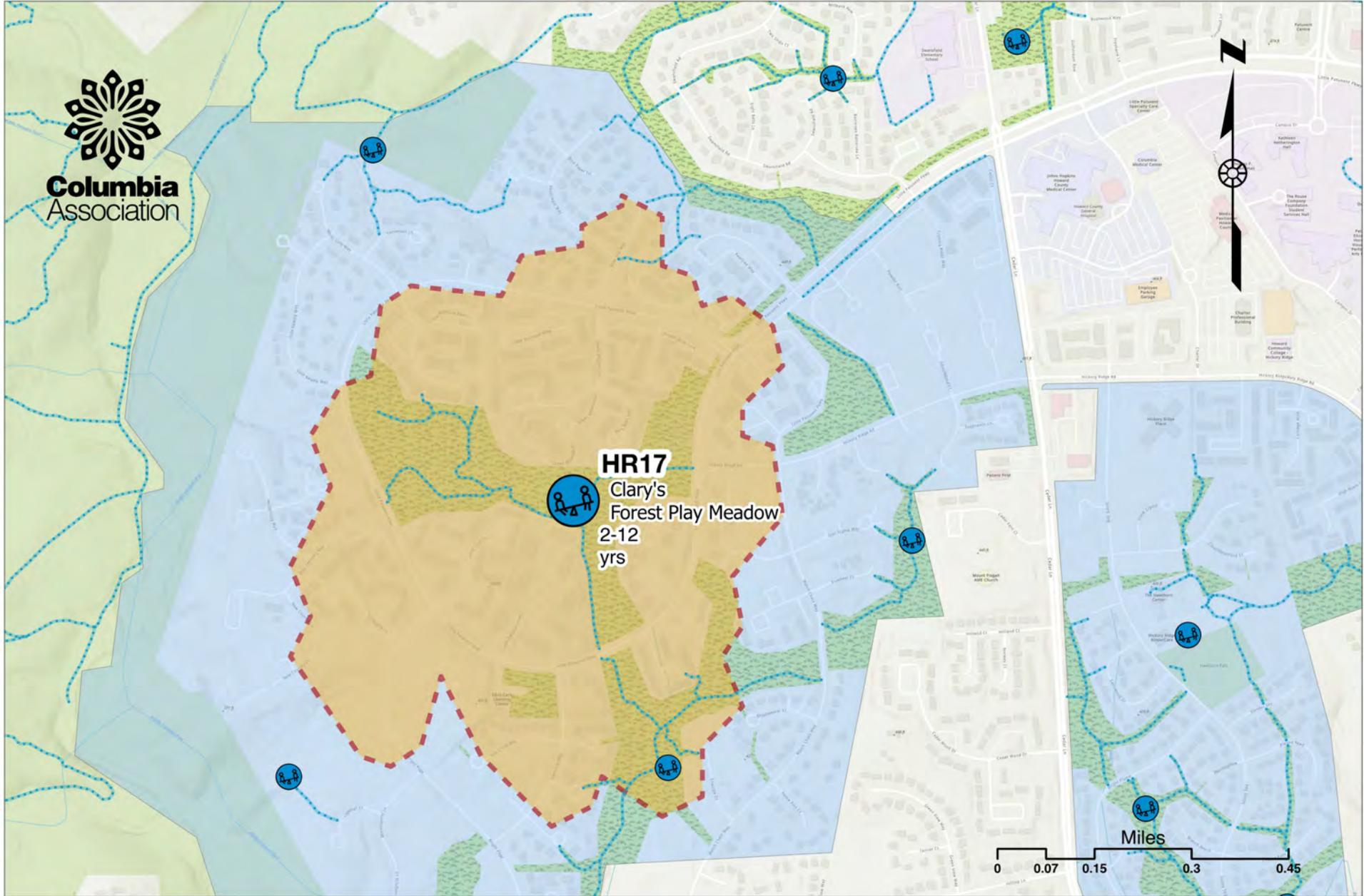


Repurpose play areas that cannot meet safety standards (seating area)



Coordinate with the village on design specifics for the cluster

# HR 17 Play Meadow



**HR17**  
Clary's  
Forest Play Meadow  
2-12  
yrs

# Play Cluster Overview

Existing – HR 17 Play Meadow





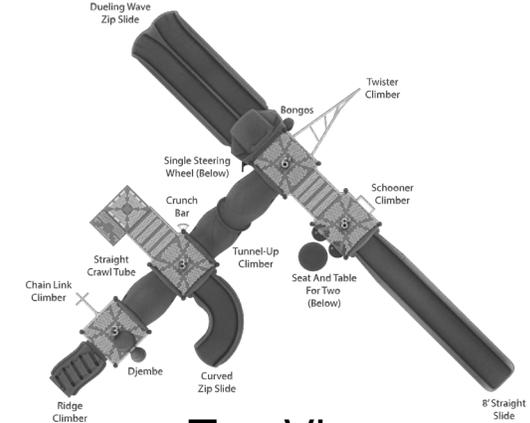
# HR 17 Play Meadow- Walkers Ridge



View 1



View 2



Top View

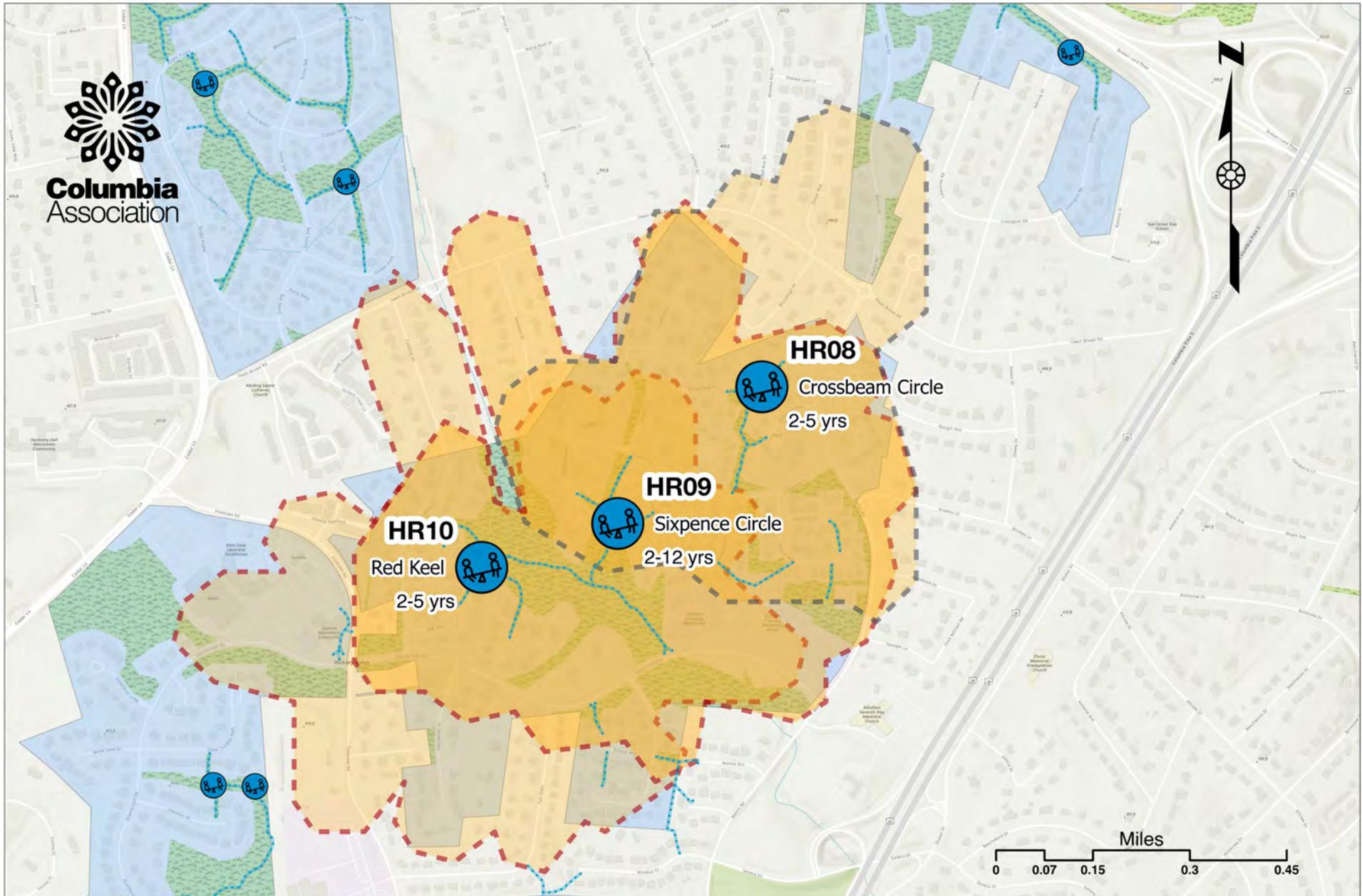
## **Play Elements**

- Dueling Wave Zip Slide
- Curved Zip Slide
- 8' Straight Slide
- Ridge Climber
- Chain Link Climber
- Straight Crawl Tube
- Tunnel-Up Climber
- Twister Climber
- Schooner Climber
- Djembe Drum
- Bongo Drums
- Crunch Bar
- Single Steering Wheel
- Seat and Table for Two



# HR 08 Crossbeam Circle

Existing



# Play Cluster Overview

Existing – HR 08, HR 09, HR 10



HR 08  
Crossbeam Circle



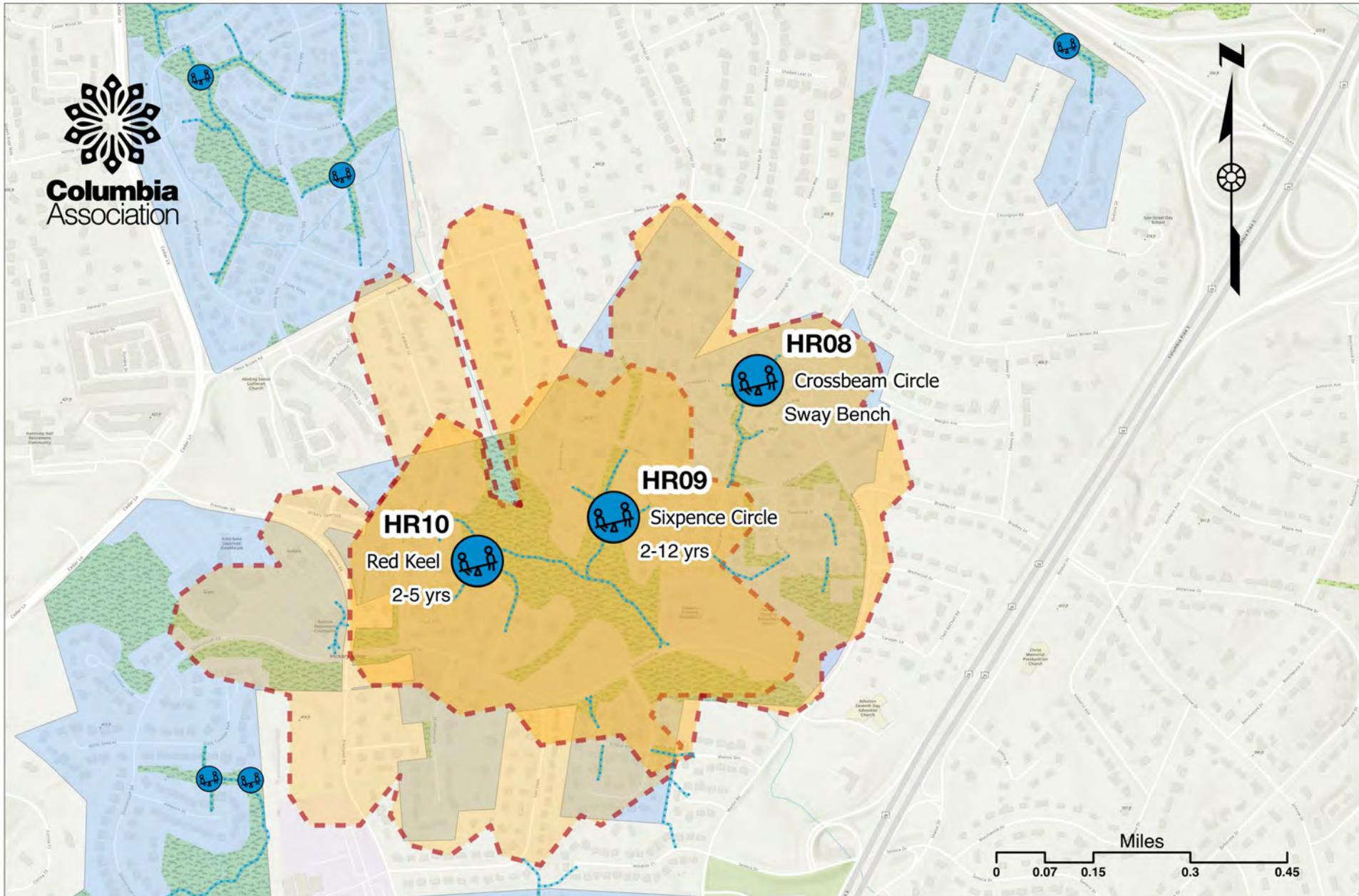
HR 10 Red Keel



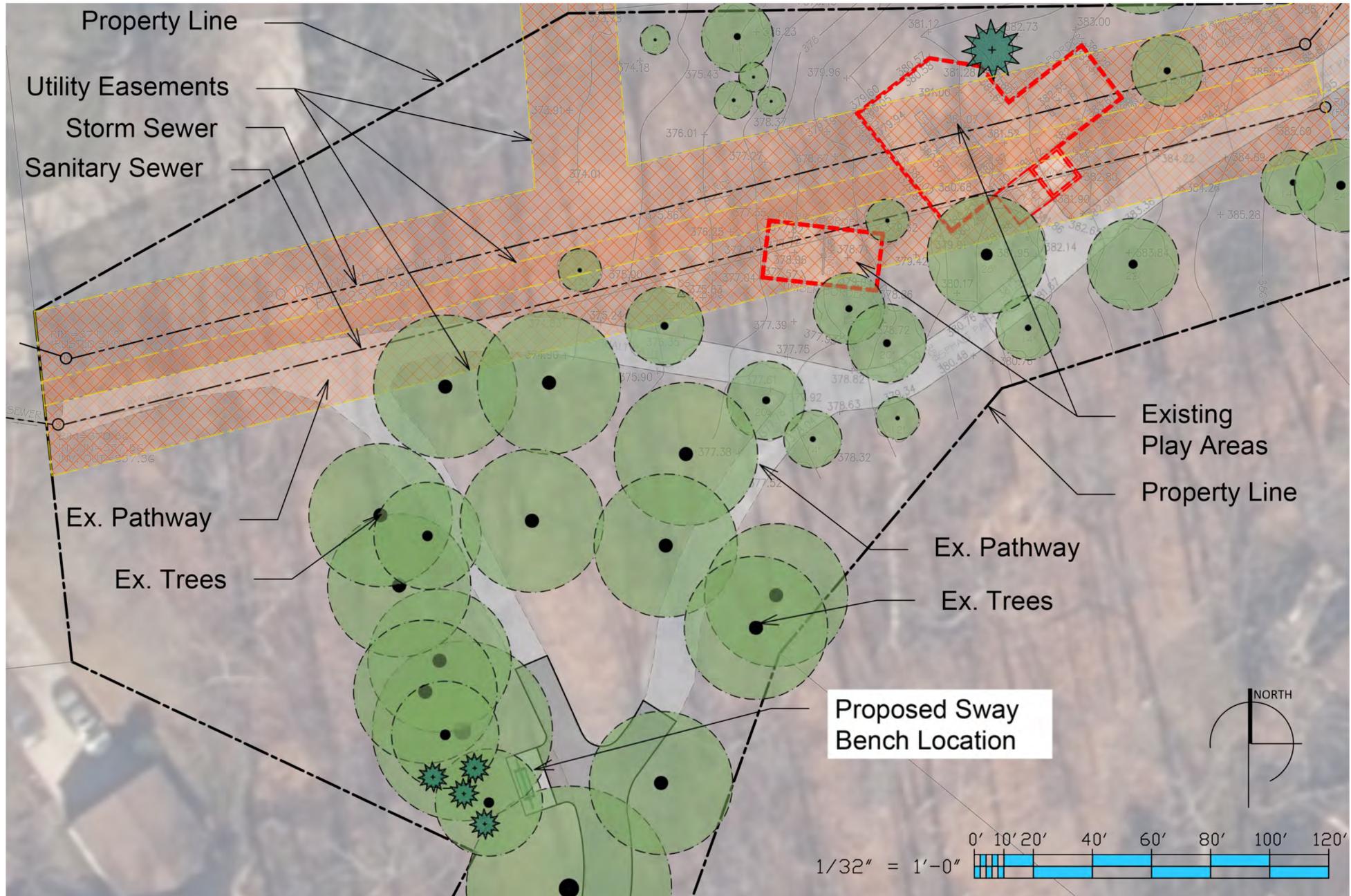
HR 09  
Sixpence Circle

# HR 08 Crossbeam Circle

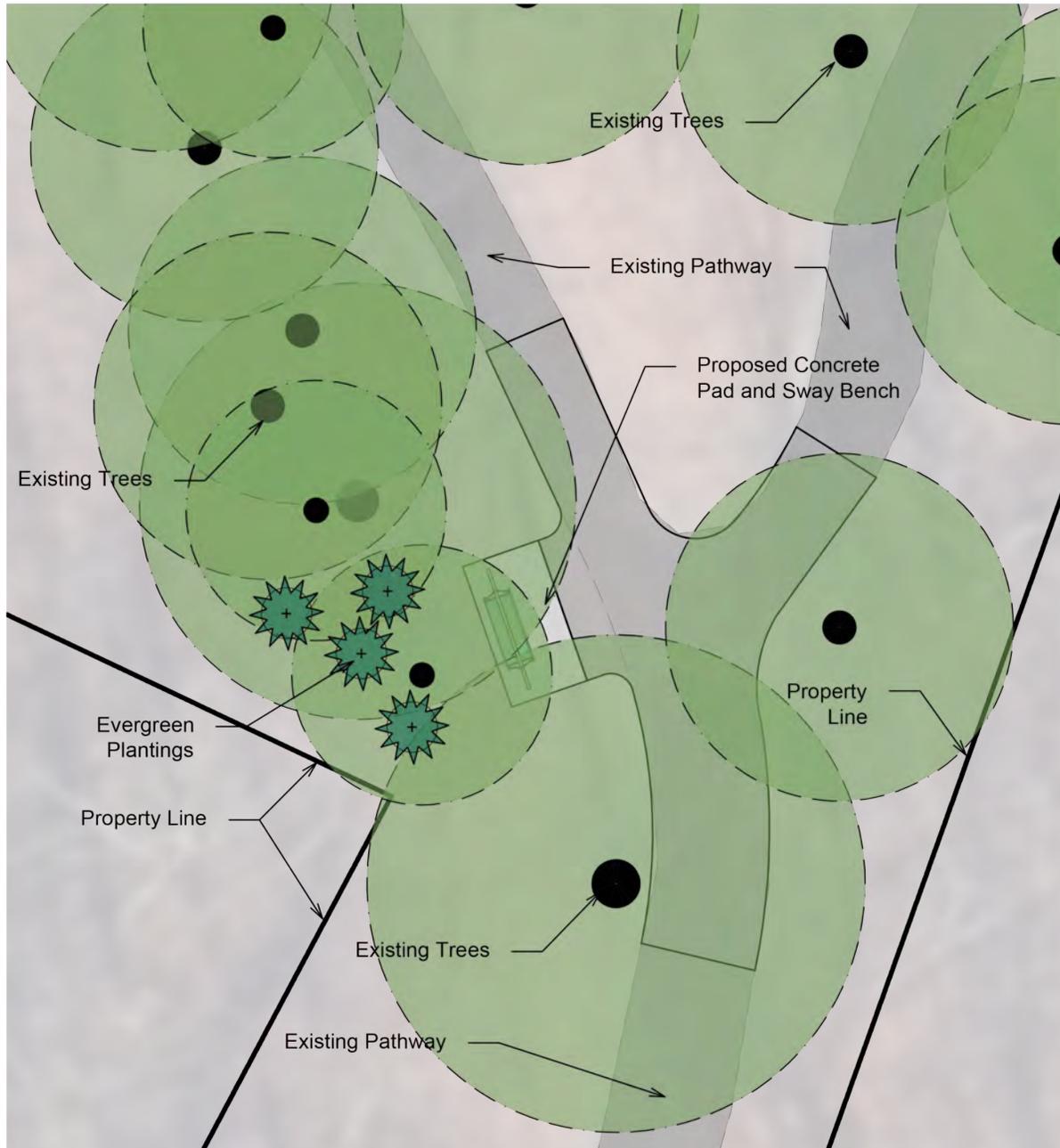
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# HR 08 Existing Play Area



# HR 08 Concept



Sway Bench Example - Kennedy Gardens



Sway Bench Concept Sketch



Village: Hickory Ridge  
 Fiscal Year: FY26  
 Quarter: 2  
 Date Prepared: 7-Jan-26

**SUMMARY STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**  
**May 1 - October 31**

	Actual Quarter	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	YTD Prior Year
<b>REVENUES</b>					
1 CA Annual Charge Share Grant	83,906	167,813	167,813	0	162,938
2 Lease & Rental	35,489	78,654	83,830	(5,176)	67,146
3 Tuition & Enrollment	0	0	0	0	0
4 Interest	382	444	90	354	68
5 Special Events	605	1,370	2,715	(1,346) Requires Comment	3,015
6 Fees	20	40	48	(9)	29
7 Miscellaneous	420	1,495	1,780	(286)	1,815
8 Gain/loss on Disposal of Asset	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	<u>120,822</u>	<u>249,814</u>	<u>256,276</u>	<u>(6,462)</u>	<u>235,010</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
9 Staff Salaries	53,177	129,588	144,475	(14,887)	130,142
10 Janitorial Wages	0	0	0	0	0
11 Contract Labor	1,500	3,000	3,300	(300)	0
12 Payroll Benefits	4,345	11,392	11,850	(458)	10,711
13 Payroll Taxes	4,276	10,325	11,000	(675)	8,905
14 Janitorial Expense	7,415	14,618	16,098	(1,480)	14,783
15 Fees	16,752	20,462	17,885	2,577	7,404
16 Operating Expenses	2,837	6,729	5,755	974	5,474
17 Business Expenses	0	280	1,280	(1,000) Requires Comment	738
18 Insurance	1,918	10,202	8,300	1,902	8,102
19 Advertising	101	101	150	(49)	805
20 Newsletter	5,121	9,196	9,400	(204)	13,221
21 Other Printing	0	0	0	0	0
22 Donations/Contributions	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	3,100
23 Special Events	2,330	6,041	9,210	(3,169) Requires Comment	11,051
24 Taxes	903	903	1,600	(697) Requires Comment	333
25 Utilities	3,458	7,219	7,355	(136)	4,884
26 Repairs & Maintenance	2,797	4,298	3,215	1,083 Requires Comment	2,819
27 Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	2,591	2,591	1,000	1,591 Requires Comment	1,544
28 Total Expenses Before Depreciation	<u>110,523</u>	<u>237,945</u>	<u>252,873</u>	<u>(14,928)</u>	<u>224,014</u>
29 Depreciation	534	1,068	1,067	1	2,718
30 Total Expenses	<u>111,056</u>	<u>239,013</u>	<u>253,940</u>	<u>(14,927)</u>	<u>226,732</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>9,766</u>	<u>10,801</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>8,465</u>	<u>8,278</u>

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**Candidate's Acknowledgement**

To be *completed by each applicant* for candidacy.

To be submitted *at the time of Candidate's Statement submission*.

1. Candidate's Statement Acknowledgment

I agree and acknowledge that in order to qualify as a candidate in the 20254 Hickory Ridge Village Association ("Association") election, I am required to:

- (a) Be a member of the Association, and
- (b) Submit a *Candidate's Statement* consisting of the following three parts, each of which must be completed and submitted together no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 101, 20254:
  - 150-word Personal Campaign Statement
  - Candidate Disclosure Statement
  - Campaign Pledge

2. Candidate's Handbook

I acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the Association's:

- *Candidate's Handbook* setting forth information and requirements related to applying for candidacy, the election process, the governing election guidelines and procedures, and the certification of a winning candidate's election. The Candidate's Handbook includes the current *Conflict of Interest Policy* and the current *Election Guidelines and Procedures* describing the governing election guidelines and procedures.

Print first and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for: \_\_\_\_\_ Village Board \_\_\_\_\_ Columbia Association Representative

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR USE BY VILLAGE OFFICE ONLY:

Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Village Manager/Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

**Campaign Pledge**

This Campaign Pledge is part of the Candidate’s Statement and is to be *completed by each applicant* for candidacy. Completed Campaign Pledge is required to be submitted *at the time of Candidate’s Statement submission*.

**Purpose.** Purposes of this Pledge include removing barriers to full participation by candidates and voters in Hickory Ridge Community Association, Inc. (“Association”) elections and promoting diversity, equity and inclusion in Association elections and their outcomes through (a) ~~equalizing the relative eliminating the~~ cost of a candidate’s election campaign so participation is within reach of all Association members; (b) equalizing the relative ability of Association members to affect the outcome of Association elections; and (c) promoting transparency of Association campaigns and elections.

**Who is required to submit Pledge, When and Where.** This Pledge is one of the three parts of the *Candidate’s Statement*, all of which together are to be completed and submitted by each applicant for candidacy no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2025, via email to [manager@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:manager@hickoryridgevillage.org).

**PLEDGE**

I am a member of the Association and an applicant for candidacy to serve in elected office representing Association residents. In connection with my candidacy and campaign for the 2025 Association elections, I hereby pledge and agree that, to the best of my ability and after exercising reasonable and good faith due diligence:

The Hickory Ridge Village ~~Board~~ election process seeks to facilitate maximum access and participation for all Village residents. Therefore, the Village stipulates that there be no expenditures funds/donations for the promotion of an individual candidate or group of candidates during the election cycle. Materials to promote election awareness will be provided by the Village to candidates.

**1. I pledge that I will ~~only use~~~~not produce or accept~~ campaign materials ~~not produced by Hickory Ridge the Village, or~~**

**2. I will not** accept campaign monetary contributions.

**3. Those who campaign on my behalf will only use campaign materials produced by Hickory Ridge.**

~~1.~~

**2. Violation of Pledge: Action by Board.** If, even after exercising reasonable and good faith due diligence, I knowingly violate this Pledge, I agree that the Hickory Ridge Village Association, Inc. Board of Directors may take such action as they deem appropriate, including, but not limited to (a) requiring I return all contributions accepted in violation of this pledge; (b) a public reprimand or public censure (including, to the extent practical, a permanent posting of such reprimand or censure on the Associations’ website, in the *The Log* newsletter, and on the Association’s

Facebook and Twitter); or (d) requesting I resign or requesting I recuse myself from the discussion and vote on any matters giving rise to such violation and before the Association; and/or (e) calling for a vote of the Association members to remove me from office.

By my signature below, I hereby agree to fulfill each and every provision of this Pledge to the best of my ability and to use reasonable and good faith efforts in doing so.

Print first and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign first and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Candidate's Handbook

All candidates for the Columbia Council and Village Board will receive a copy of this handbook.

To run for either the Village Board or the Columbia Association Board of Directors (Columbia Council), candidates must submit the following by **Monday, ~~March 10, 2025~~, at 5pm:**

1. A statement of no more than 150 words, as counted in the Microsoft Word software program. If a candidate's statement is greater than 150 words, Village staff will notify the candidate via email and give them 24 hours to revise the statement to 150 words. If the candidate does not respond within 24 hours, the statement will be cut to 150 words as it is.
2. A signed copy of the *Candidate's Acknowledgement*.
3. A signed copy of the *Candidate Disclosure Statement*.
4. Completed *Candidate Application*.
5. A signed copy of the *Campaign Pledge*.

The documents listed above are in this Handbook.

### Information Candidates should know:

- Village staff will verify that candidates are members of the Association. If homeownership cannot be verified using state information, a deed should be provided. Renters must provide a valid lease, in their name, for ~~a property~~ [property](#) in the Village.
- ~~Signs may not be placed on Columbia Association property or public property. Candidate signs may be placed on private property, with permission. On Election Day, please follow the Election Day Sign map for sign placement and electioneering at The Hawthorn Center. See Election Day Sign Map. Candidates must use signs supplied by Hickory Ridge Community Association (HRCA).~~
- ~~Signs may not be placed on Columbia Association property or public property. Candidate signs may be placed on private property, with permission. On Election Day, please follow the Election Day Sign map for sign placement and electioneering at The Hawthorn Center. See Election Day Sign Map.~~
- Please read the Campaign Pledge carefully. A brief summary of the main points is below, but the documents themselves should be read thoroughly.
  - Candidates are not to accept monetary contributions of any kind, nor are they allowed to self-finance their campaign.
  - ~~Contributions of a volunteer's time consisting of canvassing on a candidate's behalf shall not be considered an in-kind contribution. Volunteers are~~

[welcome to canvas on behalf of candidates provided they use materials produced by Hickory Ridge Community Association.](#)

- Candidates are encouraged to distribute HRCA-provided flyers and signs which promote election activities.
- ~~Candidates should encourage those campaigning on their behalf to distribute HRCA provided flyers and signs.~~

Also included in this Handbook are the following documents that Candidates should review:

- Election Calendar 2025<sup>4</sup>
- Who Can Run
- Election Day Sign Map
- Election Procedures and Guidelines



## Hickory Ridge Community Association

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### Application for Candidates

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Village Board \_\_\_\_\_ Columbia Association Board \_\_\_\_\_

*Candidates may run for either the Hickory Ridge Village Board **OR** the Columbia Association Board of Directors, but candidates **MAY NOT** run both seats in the same election. Please note that a Board member's property must be in compliance with the Covenants of Hickory Ridge. After the election, a winning candidate's property will be inspected for compliance.*

Commented [LM1]: Should this be changed?

Please submit the following items, **including this completed form**, to the Village Manager at [manager@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:manager@hickoryridgevillage.org) no later than Monday, March 10, ~~2023~~, 2023, at 5pm.

1. *Application for Candidates.*
2. A statement of no more than 150 words, as counted in the Microsoft Word software program. If your statement is greater than 150 words, the Village staff will notify you via email and give you 24 hours to revise the statement to 150 words. If you do not respond within 24 hours, the statement will be cut to 150 words as it is.
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4. A signed copy of the *Candidate Disclosure Statement.*
5. A signed copy of the *Campaign Pledge.*



## Manager's Report January 12, 2026

### 1. Dates to Note:

- **January 12**, 7:30pm, Board meeting, virtual
- **January 13 & 14**, 9:30am, Snowman Story Time
- **January 14**, 7:00pm, What to Throw Where
- **January 15**, e-issue of The Log newsletter
- **January 15**, 7:00pm, CARES meeting, virtual
- **January 21**, 7:30pm, RAC meeting, virtual
- **January 26**, 7:30pm, Board meeting, *if needed*
- **January 27**, 6:30pm, Wills Trusts and Estate Planning Basics

**2. Columbia Association Town Hall:** Join CA's senior leadership team and Board of Directors for a Town Hall on January 22 at 7:00 pm at Slayton House in Wilde Lake. Learn more about the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 budget and share your feedback. They invite you to stick around for casual conversations and questions in the Slayton House lobby. [RSVP is encouraged](#) (required for complimentary childcare).

**3. Monday Community Walks:** On Monday mornings, walk the Hawthorn neighborhood paths with members of the community. Meet at The Hawthorn Center at 10:00am, take a walk, and enjoy a coffee at The Hawthorn Center on us! Happening almost every Monday. Follow Hickory Ridge on Facebook or Instagram using the QR code below for weekly updates or email [community@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:community@hickoryridgevillage.org) for more information!

**4. Howard County Police, Community Outreach & Pathways Division:** Do you know that Howard County Police are rebuilding their Community Outreach & Pathways Division? If you have community or pathway concerns, you can call 410-313-2207 or email [HCPDOutreach@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:HCPDOutreach@howardcountymd.gov).

**5. Open Space Issues:** Report issues on CA Open Space via a form on their web site. Photos may be included. It is also helpful to note the location, if possible. Tot lots and bridges are marked with identification numbers. Visit CA's web site here: <https://columbiaassociation.org/open-space/contact-us/> To view current CA Open Space projects, visit <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/400d4f61a51e4db6acebe2daf5971244>

**6. Follow Hickory Ridge:** Find all the ways to connect with [Hickory Ridge here](#):



### 7. Committee Reports:

- **Resident Architectural Committee:** The RAC continues to review applications as usual.
- **CARES Committee:** CARES meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. For meeting information, see the calendar on our website.
- **Aging Well in Columbia (AWC) at CA:** No updates for this meeting.