



BENEFITS OF OPEN SPACE

Open space is one of the central organizing features of the Neck area and the Partnership for Prosperity Master Plan.

A connected series of open spaces and recreational uses throughout the Neck that is accessible to all people **provides gathering places, opportunities for social interaction** and **preserves key natural resources**.

OPEN SPACE FACILITIES

Open space fulfills many functions within the Neck area and includes a hierarchy of uses based on location and need.

Developed Open Spaces

Enhanced or developed landscape set aside for the purpose of active or passive recreation and includes greenways, gardens, parks, playgrounds, plazas and special use areas.



Parks and Recreation Areas

Natural Open Spaces

Landscape set aside for the purpose of conservation of natural resources, buffering or scenic quality and includes preserves, waterways and recreational trails.



Natural Open Spaces



PROPOSED OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS

Based on the existing Neck open space, use standards for different types of open space, and projected need over the next two decades, there are several large-scale network deficiencies that need to be addressed. Proposed open space improvements are described below:

Natural Open Spaces

- ❖ Preserve upland areas adjacent to critical natural areas to protect habitat and biodiversity
- ❖ Add trails to connect open spaces and provide access to waterways

Developed Open Spaces

- ❖ Fill in gaps to create a network of playgrounds accessible within a five minute walk
- ❖ Fill in gaps in neighborhood parks and community parks to serve the active recreation needs of residents
- ❖ Incorporate plazas and outdoor spaces as part of transit cores and mixed use areas
- ❖ Create special use areas such as community centers and skate parks

Existing and Proposed Open Space Network

