

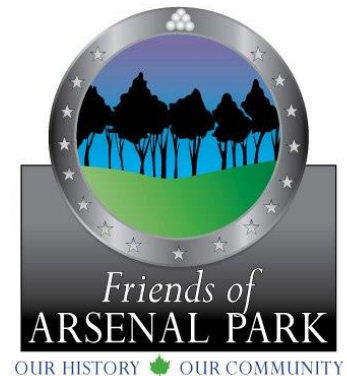
Arsenal Park Master Plan Kickoff Meeting

November 21, 2013

Pittsburgh Arsenal 6-8 Auditorium

Friends of Arsenal Park (FAP)

- A partnership of local residents, businesses, organizations, elected officials, and institutions
- Dedicated to rehabilitating and maintaining Arsenal Park for the enjoyment of generations to come
- Getting people into the park through volunteer projects and family programming
- Stewarding Arsenal Park Master Plan with support from community partners



Arsenal Park

- **April, 1814:** The US Government purchases the land that is now Arsenal Park
- **March, 1907:** The city of Pittsburgh obtains a lease for this land and builds what is now Arsenal Park
- **1934-1941:** The WPA and the City of Pittsburgh work to rehabilitate Arsenal Park
- **1989:** Lawrenceville residents lead effort to improve conditions of park.
- **2014 - Master Plan Complete!**



FAP has worked with partners to advocate for more regular maintenance in the park, and other improvements over the last year.

Before...



After...

Improvements and Progress!

Volunteer Clean-ups



Tree Inventory!



Regular Maintenance



New Playground Surface

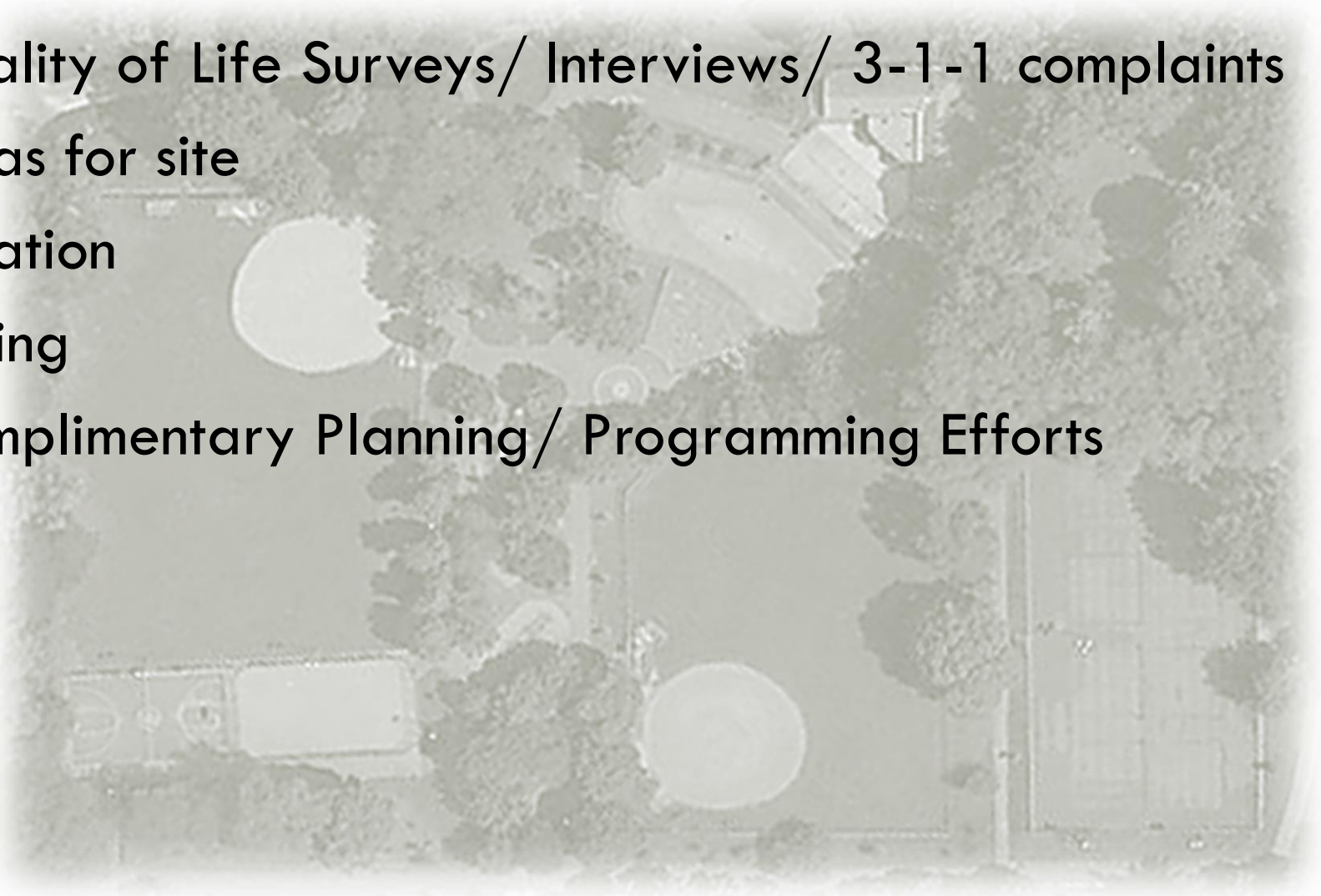


People in the Park!



Arsenal Park is a Community Priority

- ❑ Quality of Life Surveys/ Interviews/ 3-1-1 complaints
- ❑ Ideas for site
- ❑ Location
- ❑ Timing
- ❑ Complimentary Planning/ Programming Efforts



Master Plan

- Funding a Master Plan
- Former Councilman Dowd's Grant Award
- Community Driven Process and Plan
- Partnership with PPC





Our Mission:

Improving quality of life for the people of Pittsburgh by restoring the park system to excellence in partnership with the City.

THE PAST 10 YEARS IN THE PARKS



Education and Volunteer Programs



Natural Areas Study



Frick Park Gate House



Highland Park Reservoir



Schenley Plaza



Schenley Park Cafe and Visitors Center



The Rabbits Brook



Riverside Park Chapel Shelter



Highland Entry Gardens



Trail restoration



Improved maintenance

Building on Momentum – Seizing Opportunities

- The Conservancy has raised over \$65 million for park improvements
- Park use has increased by more than 10% since 2000
- 93% of people use parks on their own time, not for sports



Why a Parks Master Plan?

- ❑ Establishes shared values
- ❑ Sets out a long-range vision (20-year timeframe) for future development, programming, and management.
- ❑ Determines appropriate park uses and locations with public input
- ❑ Addresses planned park elements, natural and cultural resource management, and general design concerns.
- ❑ Focuses on conceptual level – not detailed site design or park operations
- ❑ Just one of many steps in the process that leads to park improvements



Primary Objective of a Park Master Plan

Balance the qualities of use, history and ecology within Arsenal Park



Visitor Needs



**Historic
Preservation**



**Ecological
Integrity**



General Principles

- ❑ Foster **connections** between the park and the neighborhood, other important community.
- ❑ Build **sustainable landscapes** that preserve and restore ecology and history.
- ❑ Emphasize **park uses and recreation** over vehicles.
- ❑ Restore the primacy of **park maintenance**.

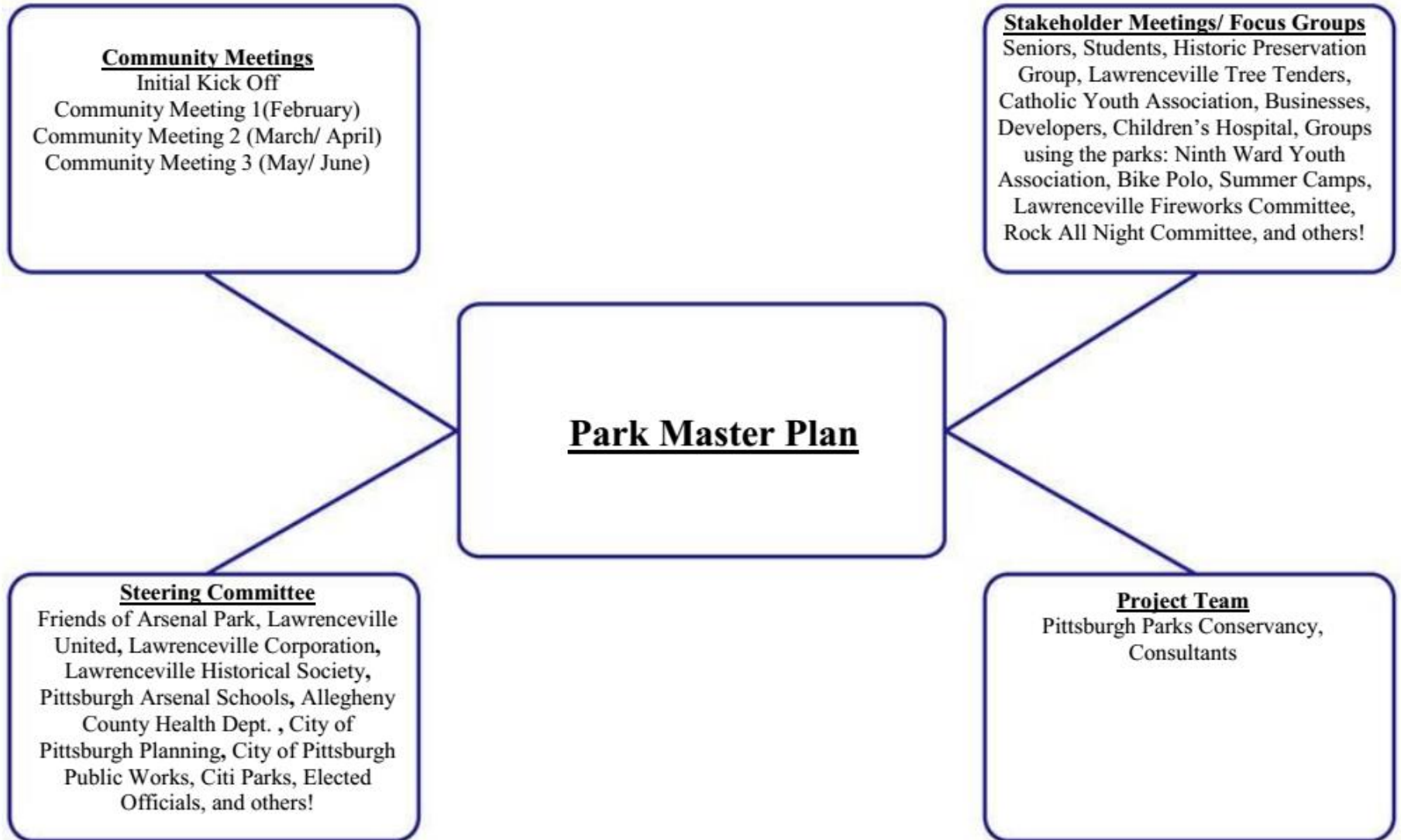


Let's Go!

- ❑ Additional Fundraising
- ❑ Community-driven Process
 - Steering Committee
 - Community Meetings
- ❑ Timeframe
- ❑ Participate!



Community – Driven Plan



QUESTIONS?

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