

County: Prince William
 Locality:
 Original Owner:
 Present Owner:
 Address:
 Tenant:
 Attitude of Owner:

Name: Fairfax House Site 44PW6
 Apparent nature and period:
 Zone 18 E 303990 N 4273670
 Accession Number:

DESCRIPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: *19th century*
 House site down hill from Leesylvania site. ~~Said to be 18th century, but surviving chimney is 19th century.~~ Stone foundation. Burned 1910.

CONDITION OF THE SITE:
 Erosion _____
 Cultivation _____
 Encroachment _____
 Destruction: _____

Chimney = 5 course American sand
Photos & other documentary mat. available.

PRIORITIES:
 Preserve _____
 Lease _____
 Salvage _____
 Abandon _____

Use reverse side or separate sheet if more space is needed

USGS sheet: Quantico 7.5
 SKETCH MAP (cite historic structures)
 Indicate North
 Informant: Mrs. Eleanor Lee Templeman
 Templeman, Arlington Heritage, p. 40
 Documentation

Site collections held by:
 Photograph files:
 Drawings:
 Name, address and title of recorder
 Chappell
 Date surveyed March, 1973

F R E E S T O N E P O I N T

A Proposed County Park

Freestone Point contains approximately 500 acres and is owned by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company. In attempting to find suitable park land for Prince William County residents along the Potomac, it became evident that the Freestone Point is the best, and probably the only site for a County park on the Potomac River. The actual site was proposed in the County-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan ("Open Space 1990") which was submitted to the Board of Supervisors in 1970. The plan shown above is a development scheme which incorporates revenue producing facilities such as a golf course, a marina for small boats, a miniature railroad, and a campground. The plan is a proposal and not an officially accepted site plan.

The land east of the railroad tracks contains the actual site of the Leesylvania Plantation which was the home of the grandparents of General Robert E. Lee, and the birthplace of "Light Horse Harry" Lee, a Revolutionary War hero and the Governor of Virginia; Charles Lee, Attorney General of the United States; Richard Bland Lee, the first Congressman from Northern Virginia; Edmund Jennings Lee, Mayor of Alexandria; and other members of the Henry Lee family. The property also contains the Lee-Fairfax cemetery; the home of Henry Fairfax; and the site of Civil War gun emplacements which were located at the tip of Freestone Point to control Yankee shipping to and from Washington, D. C.

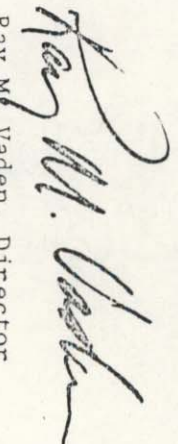
The design concept of the park involves day use and week-end facilities for total family recreational opportunities. The plan includes, among other things, a day camp area for the Boy Scout, Girl Scout, church and civic organizations; athletic fields for adult and youth recreation; an amphitheater for educational and recreational purposes; a

children's zoo, to be built by private donations; and a nature center and nature-historical trail system. A large swimming pool exists on the site and it appears the pool could be renovated at a cost much less than that of building a new facility.

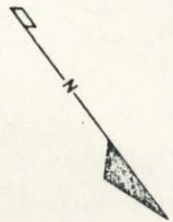
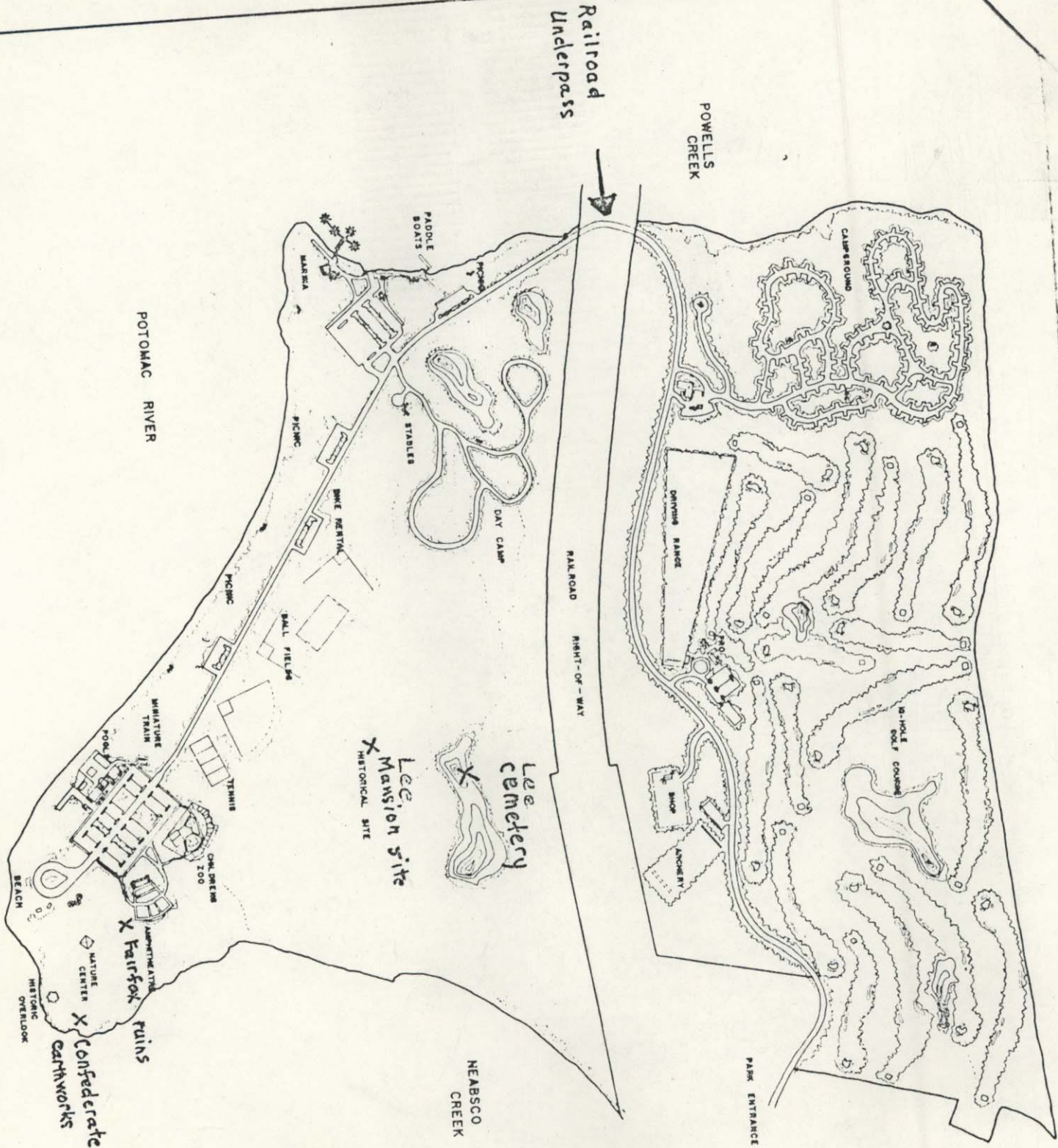
The present entrance to the "Point" is under the railroad trestle which spans Powells Creek. An entrance gate could be established at this point and a fee could be charged for non-County residents. Individuals entering the park in a vehicle with a Prince William County sticker or one of Prince William County's towns' tags, would be admitted free of charge.

The owners of the property were contacted in November of 1970 and are interested in seeing the property become a County park. However, the land is under development pressure and may also go into single family housing or condominium dwellings.

The design of the park incorporates many revenue producing facilities. In essence, these facilities require no tax dollars and the operating costs of the facilities is paid by the park patrons. Profits from these facilities can be used to offset the cost of maintaining other "free" areas of the park such as ballfields, nature trails, and picnic areas.


Ray M. Vaden, Director
Prince William County
Parks and Recreation Department

FREESTONE POINT COUNTY PARK
 PROPOSED RECREATION FACILITY



SCALE: 1" = 200'-0"

PROJECT: WALLACE COUNTY
 PARK AND RECREATION