

Charrette Instructions and Purpose

Monday, March 28, 2005
3701 Branch Center Road, Room 128
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

The purpose of this land use planning charrette is to work together with your fellow UCAC members to consider the desirability of possible locations for land uses and program elements that have been identified by UCAC members, community members, and City and County staff. This exercise builds upon the strong foundation that the 1985 Parkway Plan and RCMP provide. We are faced with the challenge to design with nature, emphasizing the importance of maintaining natural habitat areas while providing recreational opportunities that could not otherwise be made available outside the Parkway. The UCAC is being asked to consider all possibilities put forth to date. *This is not the final decision*; rather, it is an opportunity to brainstorm about the best locations and adjacencies.

During the breakout group session you will be asked to:

1. Work with your team to identify the most desirable program elements and locations.
2. Consider the conditions that might be required to make some program elements acceptable.
3. Decide with your team whether you need to produce an alternative map.
4. Fill out your own individual location card that allows you to be more specific about where you personally would locate the program elements, if at all.

In keeping with the UCAC Charter Ground Rules, remember to:

1. Strive for consensus.
2. Consider and attempt to accommodate all possible ideas with an open mind.
3. Vote only when necessary.
4. Understand this is a beginning, not an end.

The Resource Management base map provides a simplified view of the natural systems within the Parkway that are either off-limits or limited due to the quality or sensitivity of the habitat. These areas were determined by the 1985 Parkway Plan, the River Corridor Management Plan, and by recent habitat analysis. Three categories of habitat quality, along with the existing conditions, are identified on the base map.

Starting Points:

- Habitat Areas
 - Existing High Quality Habitat Areas (new uses will be highly constrained by environmental requirements).
 - Proposed Restoration and Enhancement Areas (new uses must be compatible with restoration and enhancement goals).
 - Diminished Habitat Areas (new uses are least constrained).
- Existing Trails and Roadways
- Approved Projects
- Utility Sites
 - Transmission towers
 - Drainage sumps
 - Fire breaks/trails