

Surveyors Introduction and a Few FAQs

Hello, we have been asked by the Fairfax County Park Authority and our Riverside Estates Civic Association to help gather neighborhood opinion on the idea of adding some park amenities to the vacant lot on the bottom side of Battersea Lane. The lot is owned by the County and controlled by the Park Authority. RECA is involved to help facilitate the process of communicating with the neighborhood.

A group of neighbors has suggested that the vacant lot might serve, with a few amenities, as a nice meeting and play area for neighbors with their children. There are no plans made up for this project yet; we are only trying to get a sense of the neighborhood on the general desirability of the project. Should the consensus be to try to move forward with the idea, there will be a very inclusive process managed by the County for any planning and execution, including a Public Hearing at some point to ensure all ideas and positions are considered.

There are only two blocks on this assessment: Yes, or No. The results will determine whether the County will agree to explore the idea.

FAQs

Question: Who will pay for this idea?

Answer: Like parks of all types in the County, the lot would be paid for and maintained by the County through the normal budget process.

Question: When would this happen?

Answer: The normal process for this type of project to be funded after approval can take from many months (very optimistic) to a couple of years. One way to accelerate the process would be through private fund-raising and matching grant money from the County, up to \$20,000.

Question: What would be the operating hours?

Answer: The lot would only be available from dawn to dusk, as in the case of most areas controlled by the Park Authority and as provided in County ordinances.

Question: What would be the impact on parking in that part of the neighborhood?

Answer: As in the case of the neighborhood area adjacent to the high school, the County can make provisions to ensure that parking is controlled in the area of the lot to ensure that neighbors adjacent to the lot retain parking space for their visitors.

Question: Who would be liable for injuries?

Answer: The liability issues would be the same as for any Park Authority land.

Other Questions: Please do not attempt to answer any questions dealing with personal opinions or viewpoints.

Note to surveyors: The credibility of this effort will be directly affected by the manner in which the survey is presented. Please try to stay with the script. This entire process will be obviated if you take a position or convey, by tone or attitude, a particular preference. It will come out if that happens and we will have wasted the effort.

RECA Survey

Dear Fellow Neighbor of Riverside Estates,

Fairfax County Park Authority recently reviewed parkland at 3115 Battersea Lane (the vacant lot) to assess its appropriateness for park amenities, at the request of the Riverside Estates Civic Association.

The property is owned by the County and comes under the authority of the FCPA. Most of the lot in question is protected by the Chesapeake Watershed Protection Act. However, there is a small portion of land at the front of the property which is not protected land, and thus a viable location for a community park.

All amenities and use must satisfy Fairfax County facility standards and accessibility requirements, in addition to meeting applicable protected land requirements. If the community is willing to support funding through private fund-raising projects, the county would make a matching grant of up to \$20,000.00 available for the project.

The county would like to assess neighbors' interest in this project, via vote. Please indicate your interest in this project below. These surveys and a tally of neighborhood interest will be presented to the county.

- Yes, I would like the county to consider placing park amenities at this site.
- No, I would not like the county to consider placing park amenities at this site.

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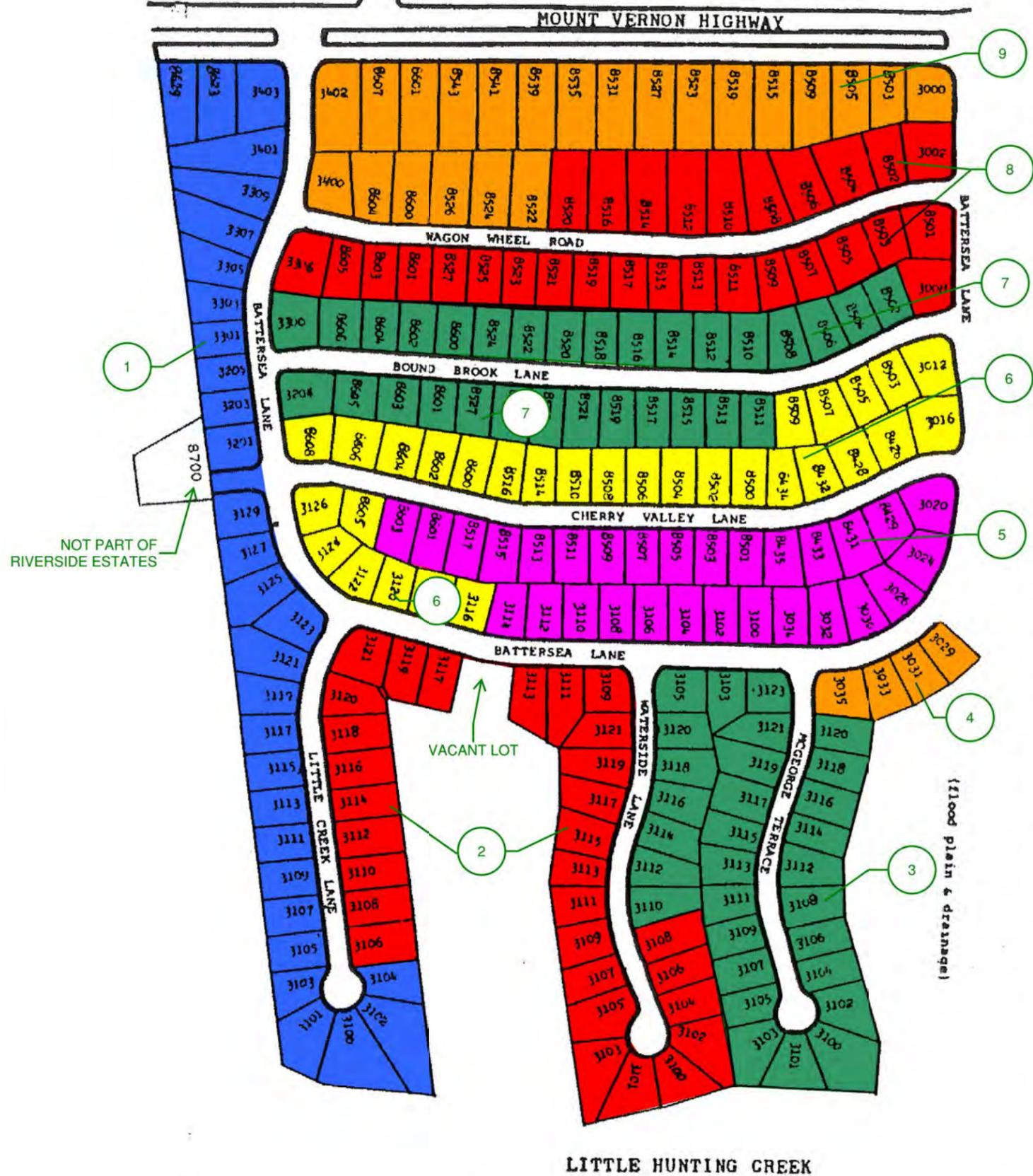
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Local Area Map

Showing Common Locations near Riverside Estates

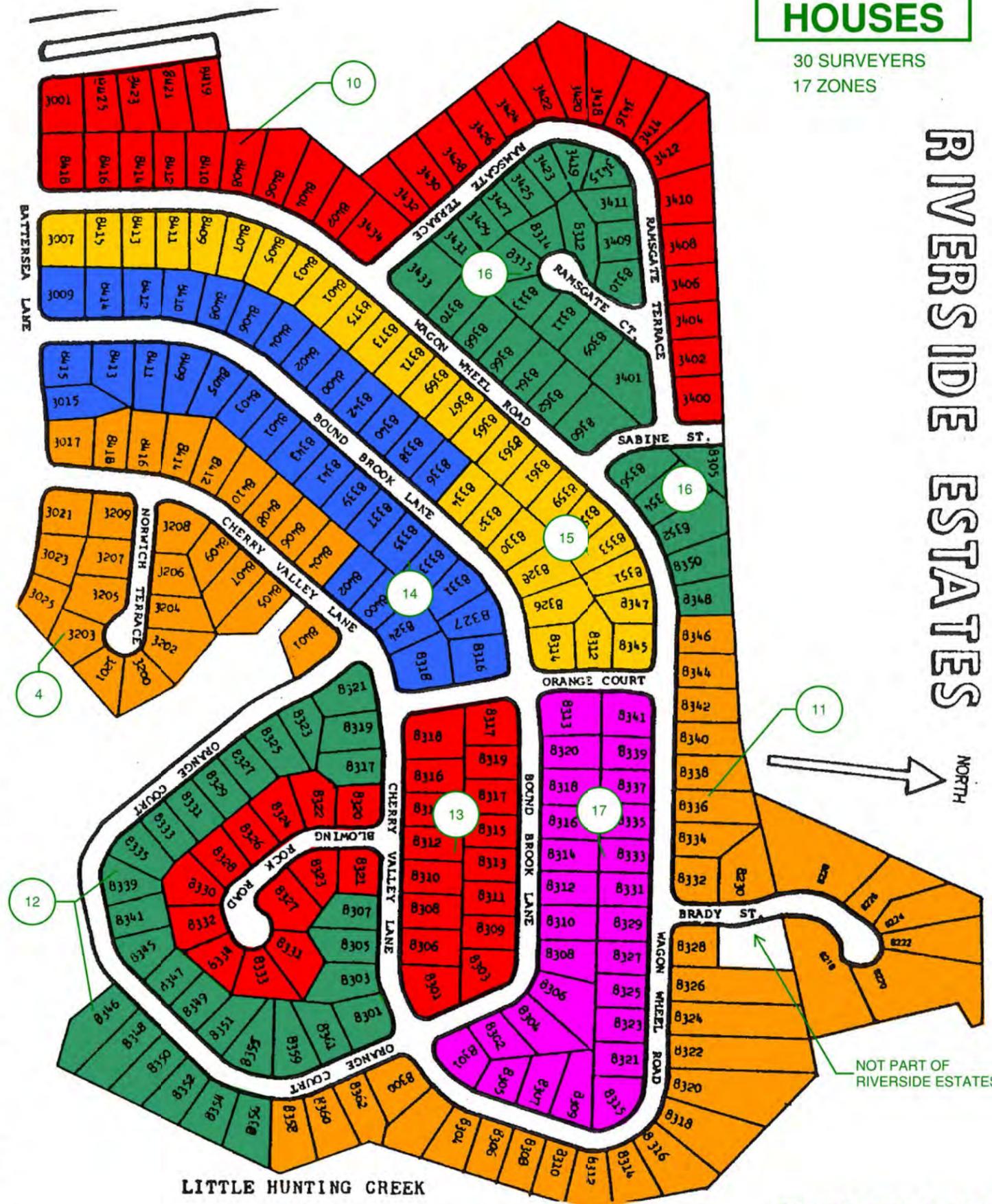


LITTLE HUNTING CREEK

**504
HOUSES**

30 SURVEYERS
17 ZONES

RIVERSIDE ESTATES



LITTLE HUNTING CREEK

1. Christa Cook
2. Allegra Hampton
3. Andy Lovorn
4. Cecilia Franceski
5. Cheryl Hilton
6. Daniel Weichert
7. Christa Doherty
8. Christy McFarland
9. David Plate
10. John Cook
11. Kendell Hatjis
12. Kristin Eare
13. Sarah VonHarten
14. Shelly Good-Cook
15. Stephen Kuhn
16. Tom Myers
17. Elizabeth Swank