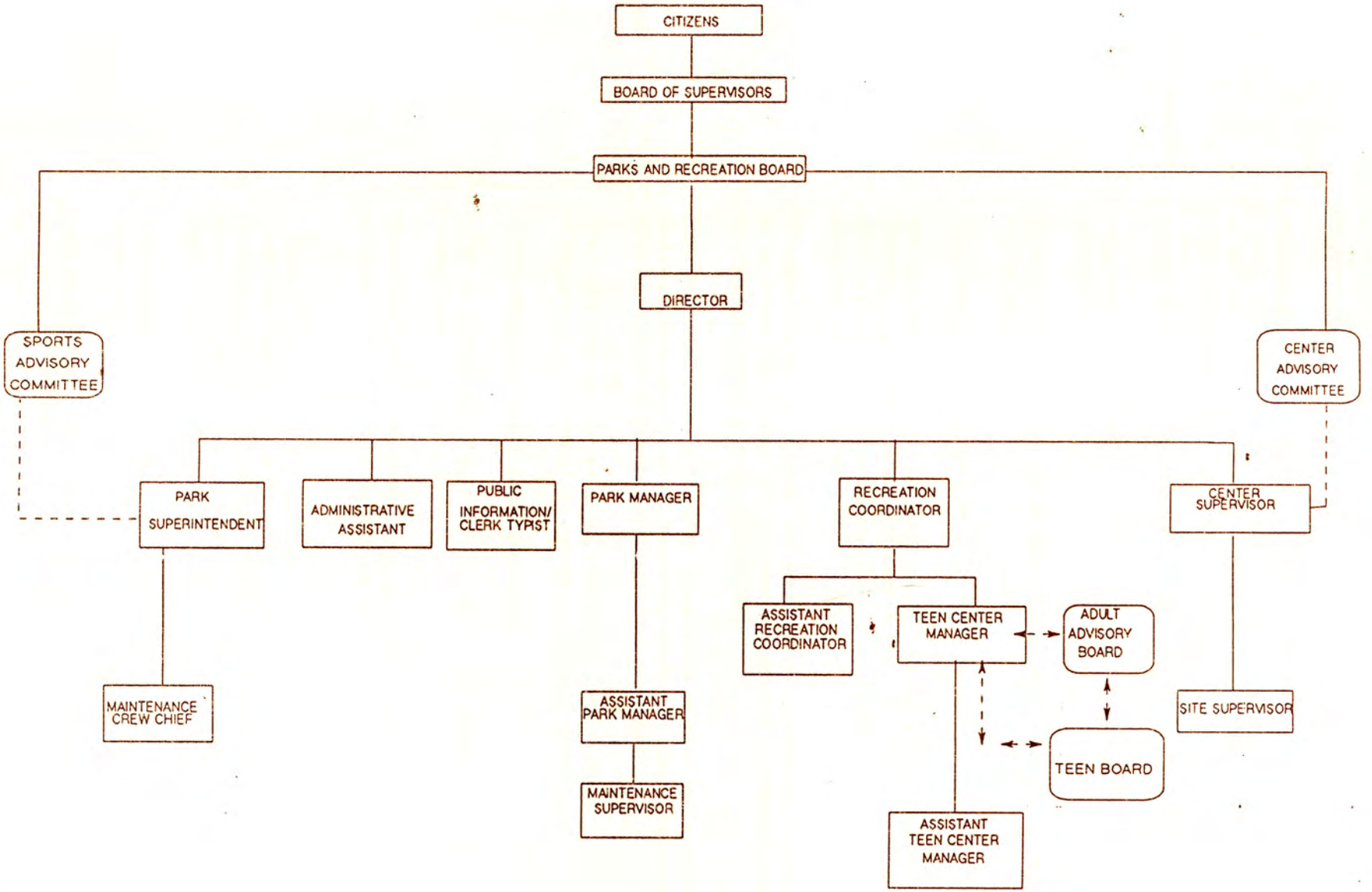
# EXISTING CONDITIONS

# PARKS AND RECREATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## BACKGROUND

As mentioned earlier park and recreation services have been traditionally provided by clubs, civic organizations, schools and private enterprises. In 1970 the Fauquier County-Warrenton Parks and Recreation Study Commission was created by the Board of Supervisors and Town Council. The Commission made a report on April 27, 1972, after extensive study. Observations, suggestions and recommendations of the report are as follows.

- Suggested the initiation of a parks and recreation program at the earliest opportunity.
- Emphasized quality of life, preservation, and conservation of environment that is irreplaceable.
- Established preservation as a priority for parks and recreation.
- Recognized that because Fauquier County was still largely rural and open space seemed to be abundant, the need for preserving permanent open space was perhaps not apparent to the average citizen and was taken for granted. Urged responsible action while there was still time.
- "The twin of open space/public recreation" was almost nonexistent in the town of Warrenton and Fauquier County. Cited a total lack of open space for public recreation in Warrenton and Fauquier County.
- Called for stewardship of the land, preservation of open space, historical features, scenic areas, green valleys and the provision of other types of outdoor recreation spaces as a fundamental part of this stewardship.
- "The natural resources in the county lie largely in stream valleys, forest lands, foot hills, and scenic vistas. Once these are lost they cannot be recovered."
- Control development to maintain open space.
- Need to protect the Rappahannock River and control the flood plain development.
- Densely populated areas needed playgrounds, picnic areas, fishing ponds, trails, and other forms of family and group recreation, none of which existed at that time.
- Conservation of scenic areas was given first priority by citizens of the town and county who responded to a questionnaire published by the study commission. Provision of recreation teams, youth centers and preservation of stream valley were in order of preference of the other items of citizen interest which "should command our immediate attention."
- Cited another rule of thumb: 1 acre of park land per 100 population in high density areas.
- Cited the Virginia Outdoors Recreation Commission standard of 90 acres of park land based on 1000 population based on following in local areas: playgrounds 4-7 acres each - 1.25 acres per 1000 population; playing fields 12-20 acres

each - 1.25 acres per 1000; planter parks at least 2 acres each - 2.5 acres per 1000; major parks 100 acres each - 5 acres per 1000 population; county wide regional parks intensive use areas 5 acres per 1000 population; parks of natural areas 15 acres per 1000 population; regional recreational lands 15 acres per 1000 population.

- Of the 90 acres per 1000 population suggested by the state, 45 acres per 1000 are suggested for acquisition by local jurisdictions. Using the study projections for the year 1990, the town population would be 5200 and the county population would be 32,000. Based on these projections, the town should have 234 acres and the county should have 1440 acres of locally provided park land by 1990.

- Need for inclusion of parks and recreation in planned capital improvements program for both the town and the county.

The study commission report contained numerous findings and recommendations which are as valid today as they were in 1972 and these have been incorporated into the appropriate sections of this study.

**Fauquier County Comprehensive Plan**

The original plan cited the need for public recreational facilities and improved conservation programs as urgent. It called for the preparation and adoption of a plan which serves the county's needs in terms of recreation, preservation and conservation, and which indicated the general sites and areas in the county which will be best allocated for future federal, state and local parks including financing programs to assist the achievement of these goals. In 1967, the parks and recreation program of Fauquier County was nonexistent, and the plan cites "as a rural county" Fauquier didn't recognize parks as being a major need of the population. The plan notes that:

- "the county is completely deficient in local parks" and cites the need to "recognize the coming growth of the county and to provide advanced acquisition of land areas to be used as local parks for local people.

- To participate actively in historical preservation programs since many of our future visitors will come to Virginia strictly to enjoy historic and recreational facilities.

- To participate with adjoining jurisdictions in establishing and enlarging the regional park system.

- To provide, through comprehensive plans, encouragement to federal; and state agencies to enlarge and develop the present and proposed system of state and federal parks adjacent to Fauquier County. The plan suggests possible acquisition of various park categories including: community and district parks, neighborhood parks, flood plain parks, historic preservation areas, regional parks, state and federal parks, and recommends preservation of conservation, scenic and open space areas through easements, land use taxation and zoning.

## EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES

### Public Sites - Schools

Fauquier County is very fortunate in that a good cooperative working relationship has been established between the Parks and Recreation and the School Board for the shared development and use of recreational facilities. This shared use is one of the major cornerstones to providing efficient and economical recreational facilities for county residents. Schools are already the focus of communities and are logical sites to provide compatible recreational opportunities. Existing school sites or recreational facilities are included on the following list and map.

**CEDAR RUN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

H. M. PEARSON ELEMENTARY - 36 classrooms, 1 multi-purpose room with stage and kitchen, 1 gym with stage, 1 library, 1 office complex, 1 playground, 1 multi-purpose court, 3 baseball diamonds.

SOUTHEASTERN ELEMENTARY - 10 classrooms, 1 office complex, 1 multi-purpose room with kitchen, 1 library, 5 trailers, 1 playground, 1 multi-purpose court.

**CENTER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

C. M. BRADLEY ELEMENTARY - 36 classrooms, 1 multi-purpose room with stage and kitchen, 1 gym with stage, 1 library, 1 trailer, 1 office complex, 2 baseball diamonds, multi-purpose court, playground, 2 basketball courts, 1 multi-purpose field, fitness equipment.

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY - 25 classrooms, 1 office complex, 1 multi-purpose room with stage and kitchen, 1 boardroom, 3 trailers, 1 2-room schoolhouse, 1 library, playground, 2 picnic tables, multi-purpose court.

FAUQUIER ANNEX - 24 classrooms, 1 auto shop, 1 wood shop, 1 metal shop, 1 horticulture building with 3 classrooms and greenhouse.

FAUQUIER HIGH - 59 classrooms, 1 office complex, 2 gyms with showers, 1 weight room, 1 library, 1 cafeteria with kitchen, 1 auditorium, 21 trailers, 1 hockey field, 2 baseball diamonds, 1 lighted football field, 6 tennis courts, 2 football fields, 2 soccer fields, jogging trail, track, evening Adult Education.

P.B. SMITH ELEMENTARY - 36 classrooms, 1 multi-purpose room with stage and kitchen, 1 gym with stage, 1 library, 1 restroom building with lounge, 1 office complex, 3 multi-purpose fields, playground, 1 baseball diamond, 2 multi-purpose courts, 1 volleyball court, community building.

W. C. TAYLOR JR. HIGH - 33 classrooms, 1 cafeteria with kitchen, 1 library, 1 gym with locker room and showers, 1 office complex, 3 trailers, 1 wood shop with equipment, 1 weight room, 1 softball, 2 basketball courts, 1 multi-purpose field, 1 football/soccer field, 2 tennis courts.

WARRENTON JR. HIGH - 32 classrooms, 1 office complex, 1 gym with shower facilities, 1 library, 1 cafeteria with kitchen, 1 woodshop, 1 auditorium, 1 lighted baseball/softball diamond, 1 football/soccer, 1 basketball court, 1 volleyball, 2 tennis courts.

## LEE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

CEDAR LEE JR. HIGH - 29 classrooms, 1 office complex, 1 gym with showers, 1 multi-purpose room with stage and kitchen, 1 shop building with 2 classrooms and greenhouse, 7 trailers, 1 library, 1 lighted softball diamond/football/soccer, 1 basketball court, 2 volleyball courts, 1 football/soccer field, 2 tennis courts.

GRACE MILLER - 28 classrooms, 1 multi-purpose room with stage and kitchen, 1 office complex, 1 library, 1 trailer, 2 baseball, 1 soccer/football, 2 multi-purpose courts, 1 playground.

MARY WALTER ELEMENTARY - 36 classrooms, 1 multi-purpose room with stage and kitchen, 1 office complex, 1 library, 5 trailers, 3 baseball/softball fields, 2 multi-purpose fields, 1 multi-purpose court, playground.

M. M. PIERCE ELEMENTARY - 21 classrooms, 1 multi-purpose room with stage and kitchen, 1 office complex, 1 library, 5 trailers, 1 baseball/softball, 1 multi-purpose court, 1 playground, picnic tables.

## SCOTT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

C. HUNTER RITCHIE ELEMENTARY - 28 classrooms, 1 library, 1 multi-purpose room with stage and kitchen, 1 trailer, 1 office complex, 2 baseball fields, 1 soccer, 2 multi-purpose courts, 1 playground

MARSHALL JR. HIGH - 28 classrooms, 1 multi-purpose room with stage and kitchen, 1 library, 1 office complex, 6 trailers, 1 baseball diamond, 1 football/soccer field, 2 tennis courts.

W. C. COLEMAN ELEMENTARY - 28 classrooms, 1 multi-purpose room with stage and kitchen, 1 library, 1 office complex, 6 trailers, 1 playground, 1 lighted baseball diamond, 1 softball diamond, 2 multi-purpose fields, 1 multi-purpose court.

NORTHWESTERN ELEMENTARY - 18 classrooms, 1 multi-purpose room with stage and kitchen, 1 library, 1 office complex, 3 trailers, 1 basketball court, playground.

**Municipally Owned Recreational Sites**

Fauquier County's only major dedicated park is C.M. Crockett Park. This park, near Midland, takes advantage of Germantown Lake as its major site amenity. Other parks in Fauquier are more local in scope and smaller in size. These small parks are appropriate to the scales of the communities of which they are a part.

**CEDAR RUN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

JOHN MARSHALL BIRTHPLACE PARK - 6.6 acres, historic site, hiking trail, 4 picnic tables, barbecue grills.

VINT HILL PARK - 10.43 acres, hiking trails, 2 picnic tables, barbecue grills, 2 horseshoe pits, 2 volleyball courts.

**CENTER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

ACADEMY HILL PARK - 11 acres, 1 softball field, 1 multi-use field.

EVA WALKER PARK - 5.7 acres, 1 basketball court, 4 picnic tables, 1 playground.

RADY PARK - 7.2 acres, 1 multipurpose field.

SHADOWLAWN CENTER - .25 acre, senior citizen center.

**LEE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

CROCKETT PARK - 100 land acres, 109 boating acres, 1 boat ramp, boat rental, fishing pier with handicapped access, 2 miles hiking trails, 45 picnic tables, 3 picnic shelters, small outdoor amphitheater, concession building, restrooms, barbecue grills.

**MARSHALL MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

MARSHALL COMMUNITY CENTER - Old Marshall High School, 2 baseball fields, 1 gymnasium.

**SCOTT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

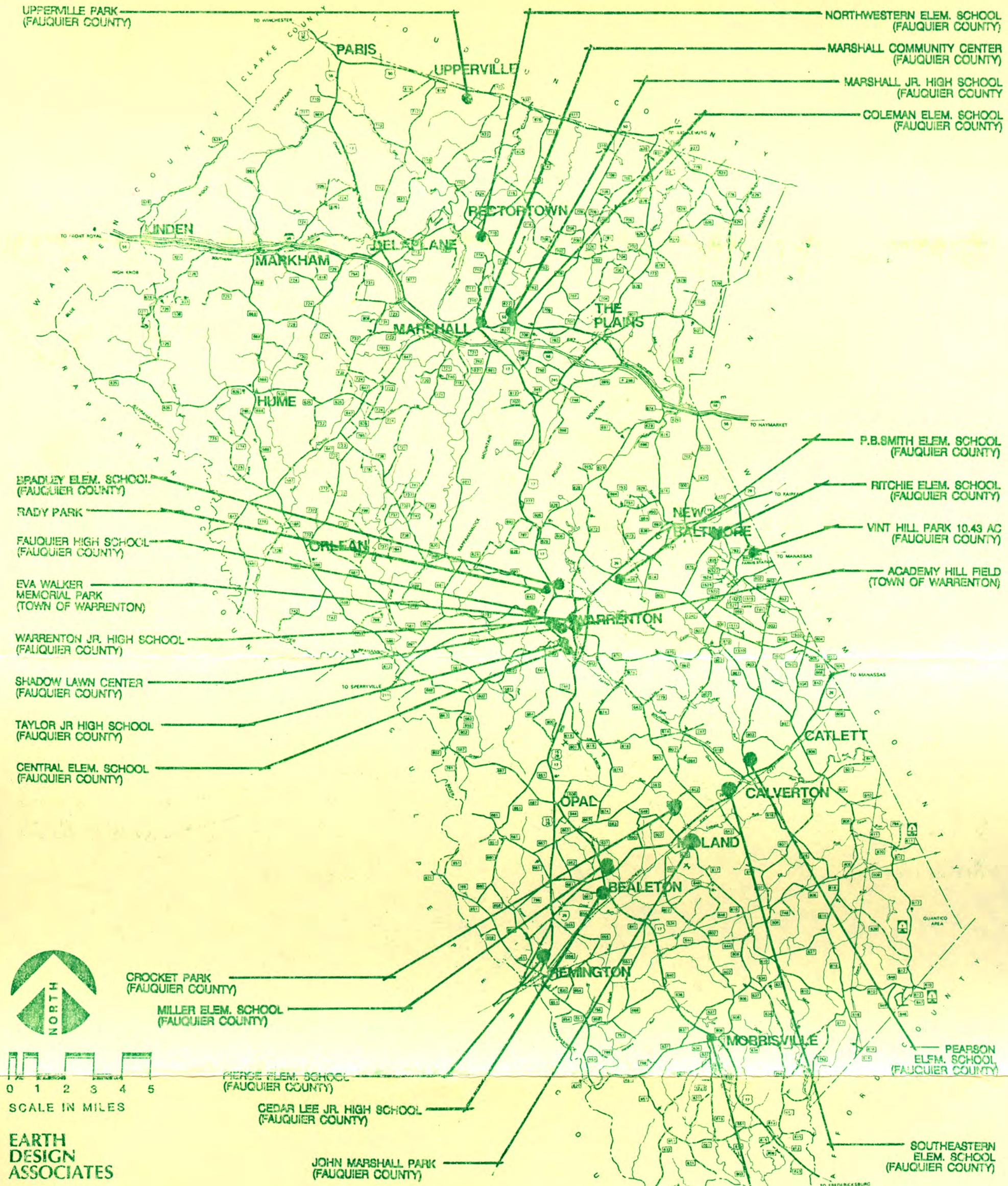
UPPERVILLE PARK - 4.7 acres, 4 picnic tables, 1 baseball field, restrooms (portable).

- Because Fauquier continues to fall farther behind the state average in funding parks and recreation and especially in the area of capital improvements, county government must "bite the bullet" and face its obligation to properly fund the parks and recreation department. A properly planned, timed and promoted bond referendum is the most logical funding source to meet current deficiencies whereas a significant amount of future needs should be met through proffers, other development contributions, and the private sector.

- A balance between acquisition and facility development must be kept in focus, however, land purchases must be early and timely in the process before the land is financially out of reach.

- Creative, efficient programs must continue to be developed which make maximum use of existing facilities, facilities owned by others, private property and staff and volunteer availability.

- Operations and administration must maintain broad based community support through effective and efficient facilities and programs.




# SCHOOLS AND MUNICIPALLY OWNED RECREATIONAL SITES

## PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA

## EXISTING PRIVATE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

As mentioned earlier, until recent years, the sole source of recreational opportunities in Fauquier County have been provided by civic organizations, private clubs and commercial enterprises. These organizations continue as the major provider. However, as our population continues to grow, expectations for government services grow also. Fauquier County's role in providing recreation opportunities becomes more apparent as pockets of population density appear. Private recreation providers will always play a major role in county recreation, particularly in those areas traditionally served by such organizations as horse sports which have such an established tradition and presence in the county. Private recreational facilities generally fall into two categories: those accessible to the public at large and those which are restricted by membership, expensive fees, etc. In determining facility needs from the county standards, private recreational facilities are factored in at a rate of one half their actual number. Private recreational facilities are listed in this section and located on the accompanying map "Private Recreation Sites".

### CEDAR RUN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

CATLETT FIRE HALL - 1 meeting room with kitchen, capacity 300.

CHILD'S FIELD - 1 baseball field (Right Baseline 190', Left Baseline 190', Center 230').

POPLAR SPRINGS - Ballroom facilities.

VINT HILL FARM STATION - Swimming #1 (capacity 85), Pool #2 (capacity ) bowling (capacity 100), 2 ballfields (capacity 80), indoor gym (capacity ) movie theater (capacity 300), skeet shooting range (capacity 5 per station).

### CENTER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

AMERICAN LEGION HALL - 1 large room, (126 with tables, 252 without tables), softball, soccer.

BARN (FAUQUIER CENTER) - 4 classrooms, (25-30 people each).

BEN FRANKLIN - 1 multi purpose room (100 max).

BLACKBELT COLLEGE OF TAE KWON DO - Activity room (capacity 38), warm-up, dressing room, weight room (capacity 12).

BOXWOOD SCHOOL - 1 playground, 1 tennis court, 1 small family pool, 2 classrooms (1 small, 1 large).

CHESTNUT FORKS - 25 meter pool (capacity 275), 4 Indoor/Outdoor Tennis courts (capacity 32), activity room (capacity 25), weight room (capacity 50), 2 racquetball courts (capacity 8).

COMFORT INN - Function room - conference (will seat 25), hospitality (45), kitchen, visual center, flys chart, screen.

COMMUNITY ACTION - 1 playground.

FAUQUIER CLUB - Literary club (members only) reading room (30 max).

FAUQUIER COMMUNITY THEATER - stage plays, loft.

FAUQUIER SWIM CLUB - 2 tennis courts (cap. 8), 1 25-meter pool (capacity 275).

GYMDAZE - gymnastic studio (capacity 30).

HAMPTON INN - function room, hospitality room (20 max).

HIGHLAND SCHOOL - 1 field hockey field (capacity 100), 1 indoor gym (capacity 200) 1 function room/meeting space (cap. 50) 1 soccer field (cap. 150).

HUMPTY DUMPTY DAY CARE - 1 playground.

JEFFERSON SAVINGS BANK - meeting room that holds 25 people max.

IN MOTION - 1 activity room (cap. 30).

KARATE SPORTS ACADEMY - 1 multi-purpose room (capacity 40).

LEEDS SQUARE CONDO ASSOCIATION - 25 meter pool, 2 tennis courts.

LEGENDS - 2 meeting rooms, 1 seats 100, other seats 75.

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY - Large function room (capacity 500), kitchen (capacity 10), 1 multi-purpose field.

NEW BALTIMORE FIRE HALL - 1 room, capacity 300 with kitchen.

PEOPLES BANK - 1 meeting room that holds 40 people.

PIKES PEAK - Weight room with aerobic equipment (65-70), Locker Rooms with showers (capacity 20).

SIMPLY AEROBICS - 1 activity room (capacity 30), 1 fitness room (capacity 20).

ST. JAMES PARISH HALL - large function room (200 max), kitchen, 1 playground.

ST. JOHN'S - 1 playground.

STITCHING POST - Classrooms (8 max).

TINY TOTS - 1 playground.

TOWN & COUNTRY - 1 meeting room (50-60 people).

WALNUT GROVE - 1 playground, 3 classrooms.

WARRENTON FIRE DEPARTMENT - meeting room (250 people max).

WARRENTON GYM CENTER

WARRENTON HORSE SHOW - Grandstand, show ring, bleachers (200 max).

WARRENTON LANES BOWLING - Bowling alley.

WARRENTON LAKES - Game room (capacity 150), activity room (capacity 30).

WARRENTON MOOSE LODGE - 1 activity room (capacity 150), 1 Junior pool (capacity 65).

WARRENTON RESCUE SQUAD - meeting room (225 people max).

WARRENTON SWIM CLUB - Swimming.

WESTERN SIZZLIN - 2 meeting rooms (one holds up to 80 people, other holds 30 people).

**LEE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

BEALETON DAY CARE - 1 playground.

CHILDS CARE INC. - 1 playground.

CLARK BROTHERS - Skeet shooting range serves two shooters at a time, pistol, rifle, archery.

FLYING CIRCUS - 2,600 length flying field (capacity 2,000).

F.O.R.E. - 3 meeting rooms, 1 baseball field (Right Field 185', Center Field 215', Left 185'), 10x10 storage/concession building, bleachers (capacity: 60).

GLENDALE COUNTRY CLUB - 8,400 sq. feet total building (seating 180), dance floor.

GOLDVEIN FIRE DEPARTMENT - 1 large room (100 w/tables, 200 without tables).

HEFLIN FIELD - Baseball.

HUGO'S - Roller Skating Rink (capacity 350), game room (capacity 20), dance hall (capacity 150), 1 lighted softball field (capacity 75), play area (tot lot - capacity 50), concession area (capacity 25).

MORRISVILLE VFW BUILDING - 2 rooms - upper level (80 max), lower level (80 max) w/kitchen.

RAPPAHANNOCK SWIM CLUB - 25 meter outdoor pool, Kiddie pool.

REMINGTON FIRE HALL - has kitchen, 1 large function room, (150-160 people without chairs, 100-110 people with chairs).

REMINGTON LIONS CLUB - 2 meeting rooms (one seats 500, 650 without tables, the other seats 40).

SOAR GLIDING PORT - Glider field.

SUMERDUCK DRAG STRIP - Track size is 1/4 mile, bleacher seating is 2,500.
SUMERDUCK RURITAN CLUB - 1 meeting room with kitchen, (90 people max).

WARRENTON AIR PARK - no rooms available, landing field with hangers.

## MARSHALL MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

BELLEVUE FARMS COUNCIL - Private swimming, stables, stalls for rent (homeowners only), riding, trails, multi purpose room (max 50 people).

BEN & MARY'S STEAK HOUSE - 2 meeting rooms (80 people, 30 people).

FAUQUIER SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB - 2 kitchens, 2 tennis courts, 18 hole golf course, olympic size swimming pool, banquet room (366 split in 1/3s), main room - dining (75-80 people), grill room (65 people).

FRESTA VALLEY - 1 playground, 1 multi purpose cafe/auditorium, 11 classrooms.

LEEDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH - 100 max.

LEEDS RURITAN PARK - 3 meeting rooms, Pavilion 30x96, storage building 10x16 ballfield (Right 200', Left 200', Center 240'), playground.

MARIOTT RANCHES - Guided trails (over 20), can include lunch. Pavilion, horseshoes, volleyball.

MARSHALL RURITAN - 1 meeting room (capacity 400), 1 meeting room (capacity 100), kitchen.

MARSHALL SWIM CLUB - 1 pool, not regulation any size. Playground, tennis courts, horseshoes, ping pong table.

OLD VIRGINIA STEAK HOUSE - meeting room (capacity 50, free if eating, $45 if not eating).

ORLEAN FIRE HALL - meeting room (capacity 100), kitchen.

## SCOTT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

AIRLIE - 17 meeting rooms - largest theater style (seats 225), 1 free form pool (25-30 people), 2 lighted tennis courts, 3,000 acres for hiking & biking, 4 lakes fishing (no boats), 1 weight room, moveable non standard softball field, badminton, volleyball, shuffleboard, bike rentals.

ARLINGTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - 1 lab, 1 meeting cottage (50-120 people), 1 observatory, 1 picnic shelter, trails - 6 miles hiking, 205 acres.

BUCHANAN HALL - 1 large meeting room, (100 seating capacity).

GRACE CHURCH - hall, stage, building, meeting room (max 35), soccer field, small auditorium (seats 200), baseball fields, playground.

GREAT MEADOWS - 223-500 people, summer house (max 25), multi purpose room, field events.

MAD CAP FARMS - Riding trail.

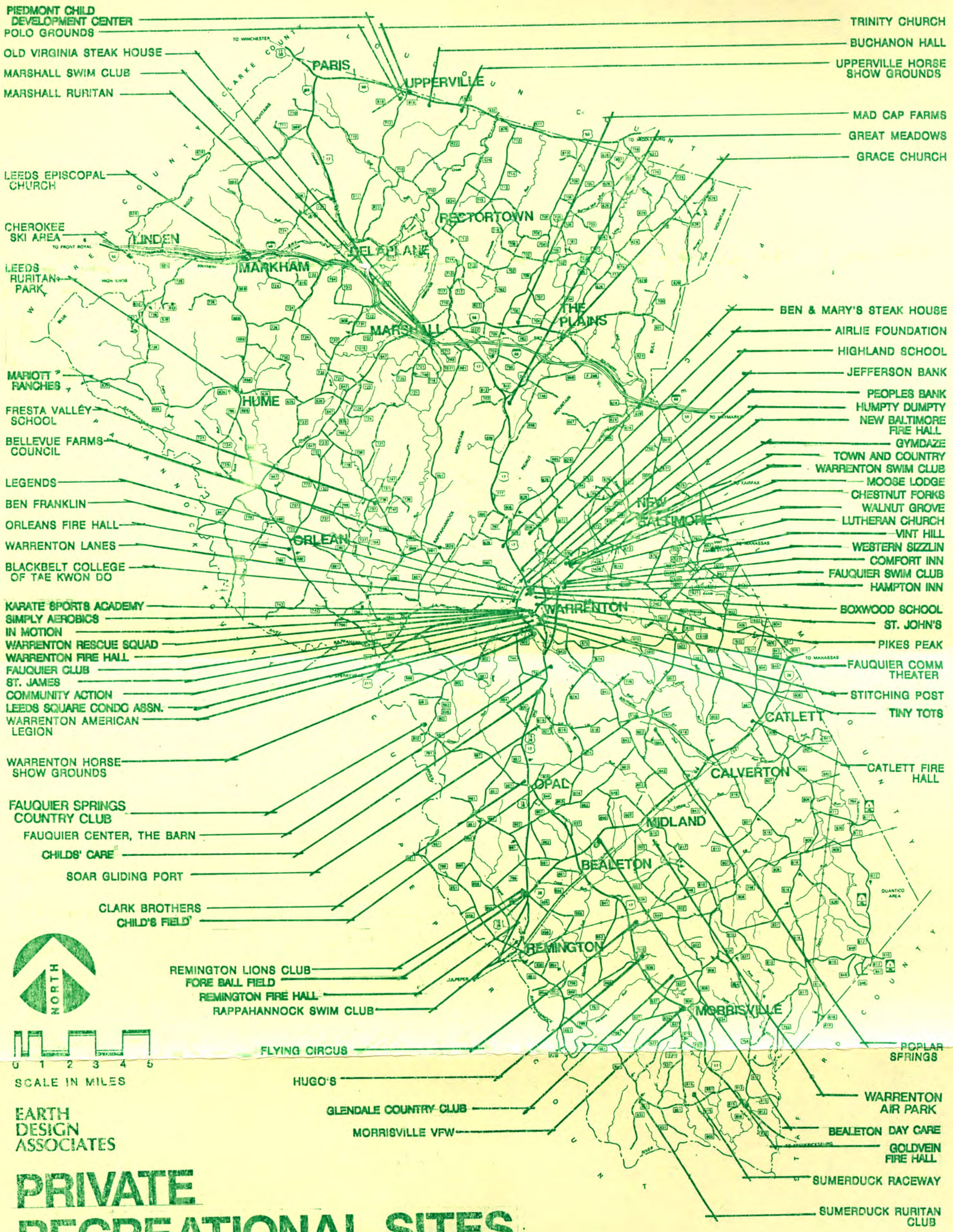
PIEDMONT CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER - 1 playground.

POLO GROUNDS - Polo.

TRINITY CHURCH - Function room with stage (80 max) w/kitchen.

UPPERVILLE HORSE SHOW - Equestrian show grounds.

**NOTE:** Existing private recreational facilities have been inventoried at .5 of actual count.

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# PRIVATE RECREATIONAL SITES

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