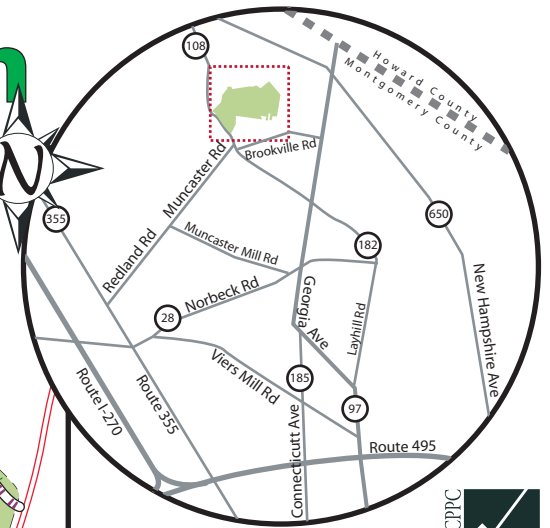
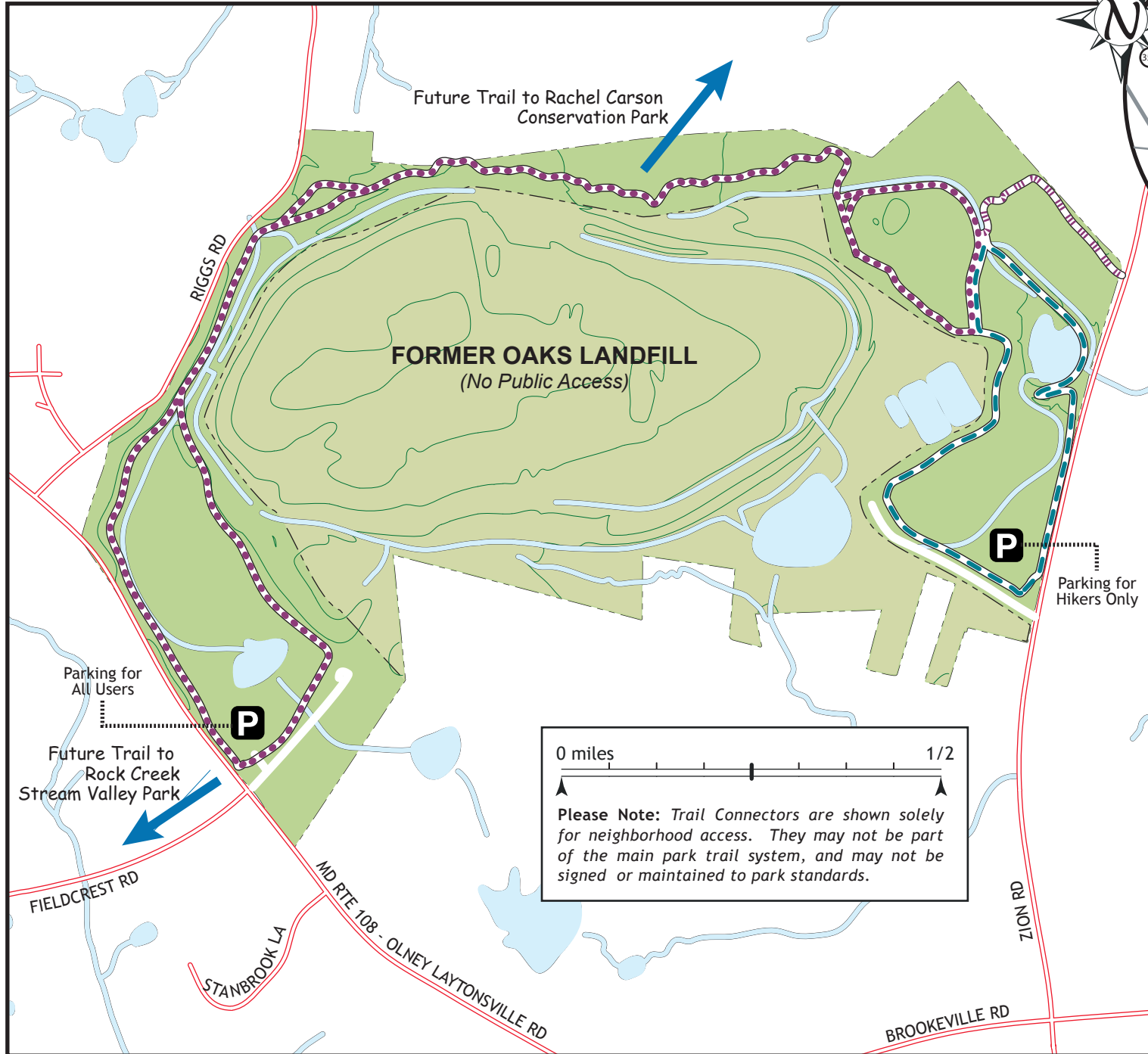


Blue Mash Trail System

Length: 3.75 miles of natural surface & 1.25 hiking only trails

Updated: Sep. 02



Trail Features

The Blue Mash natural surface trails are located in the buffer area surrounding the site of the former Oaks Landfill, near Mt. Zion. The Blue Mash Nature Trail commemorates the pre-Civil War settlement called Blue Mash inhabited for many years by freed slaves. "Mash" was the colloquial pronunciation of marsh. Before emancipation, the Blue Mash swamp was known to have been a hiding place for fugitive slaves.

The Nature Trail traverses easy but diverse natural terrain and offers many birding opportunities. To date, a total of 32 bird species have been identified in the trail area. The Shared Use Trail, open to hikers, equestrians and cyclists, includes considerable field terrain and forest land. Access and parking

The Zion Road entrance provides parking for the Nature Trail (hikers only). Parking for the Shared Use Trail Circuit is provided along Md 108.

The trails are maintained by the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation.

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