

**SDP-26-003**

**Faulkner Ridge Center Early Learning Center**

Planning Board Meeting  
March 5, 2026



# Planning Board Evaluation and Approval

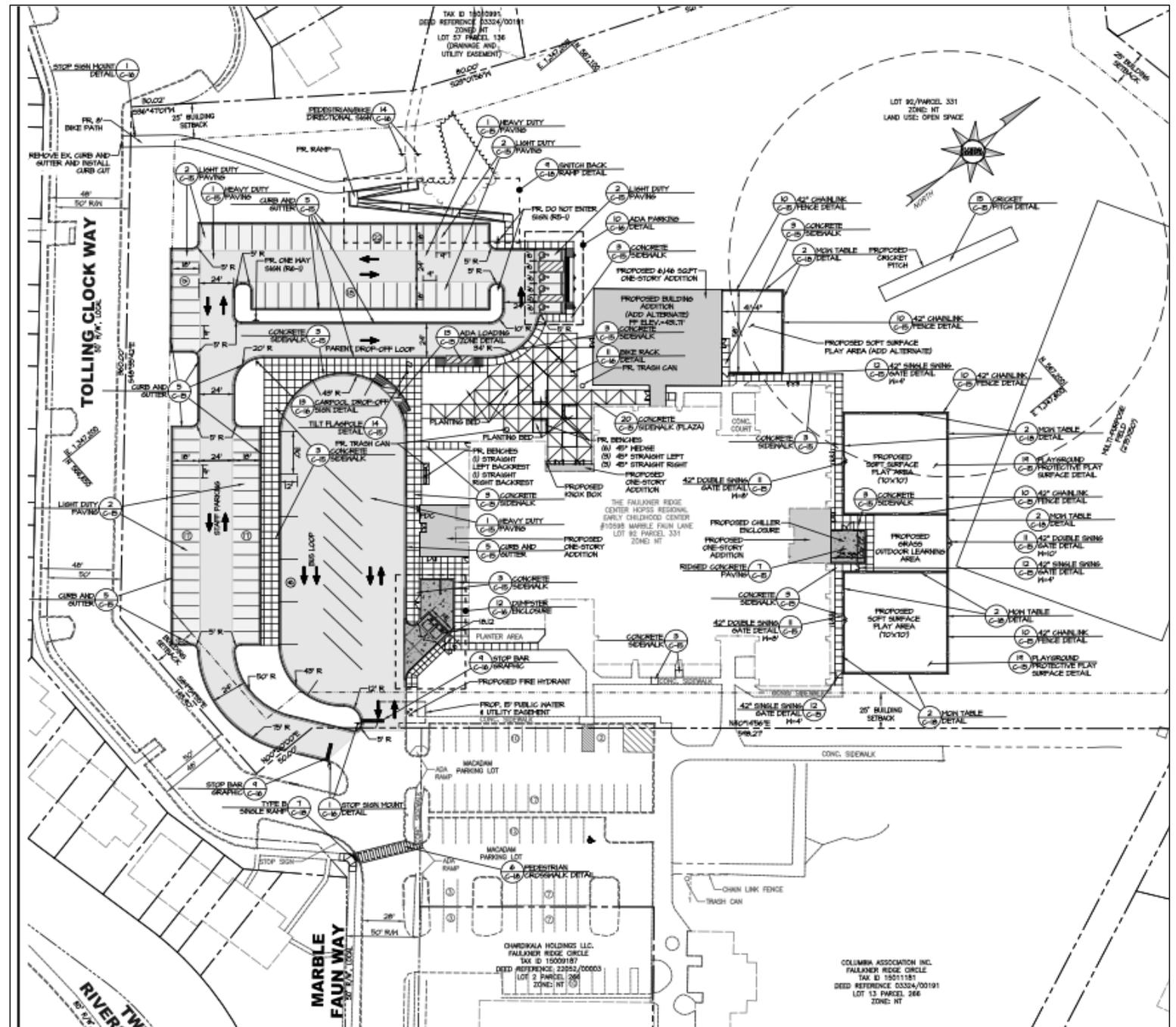
- Section 125.0.G. of the Howard County Zoning Regulations.
- NT- School Sites Open Space Land Use Areas per FDP-11-A-I
- Planning Board review criteria in accordance with FDP-11-A-I and Section 125.0.G. of the Zoning Regulations.

# Existing Aerial Site



# Project Proposal

The applicant propose to construct a one-story, 6,146 SF building addition; two 4,900 SF soft-surface outdoor play areas and one 2,400 SF soft-surface outdoor play area; a 1,036 SF utility space addition; a 1,063 SF mechanical space addition; a 328 S.F. vestibule space addition; a proposed grass outdoor learning area, a paved-surface parking lot addition, a carpool drive aisle loop and a school bus drive aisle loop and an 8' wide asphalt bike path.

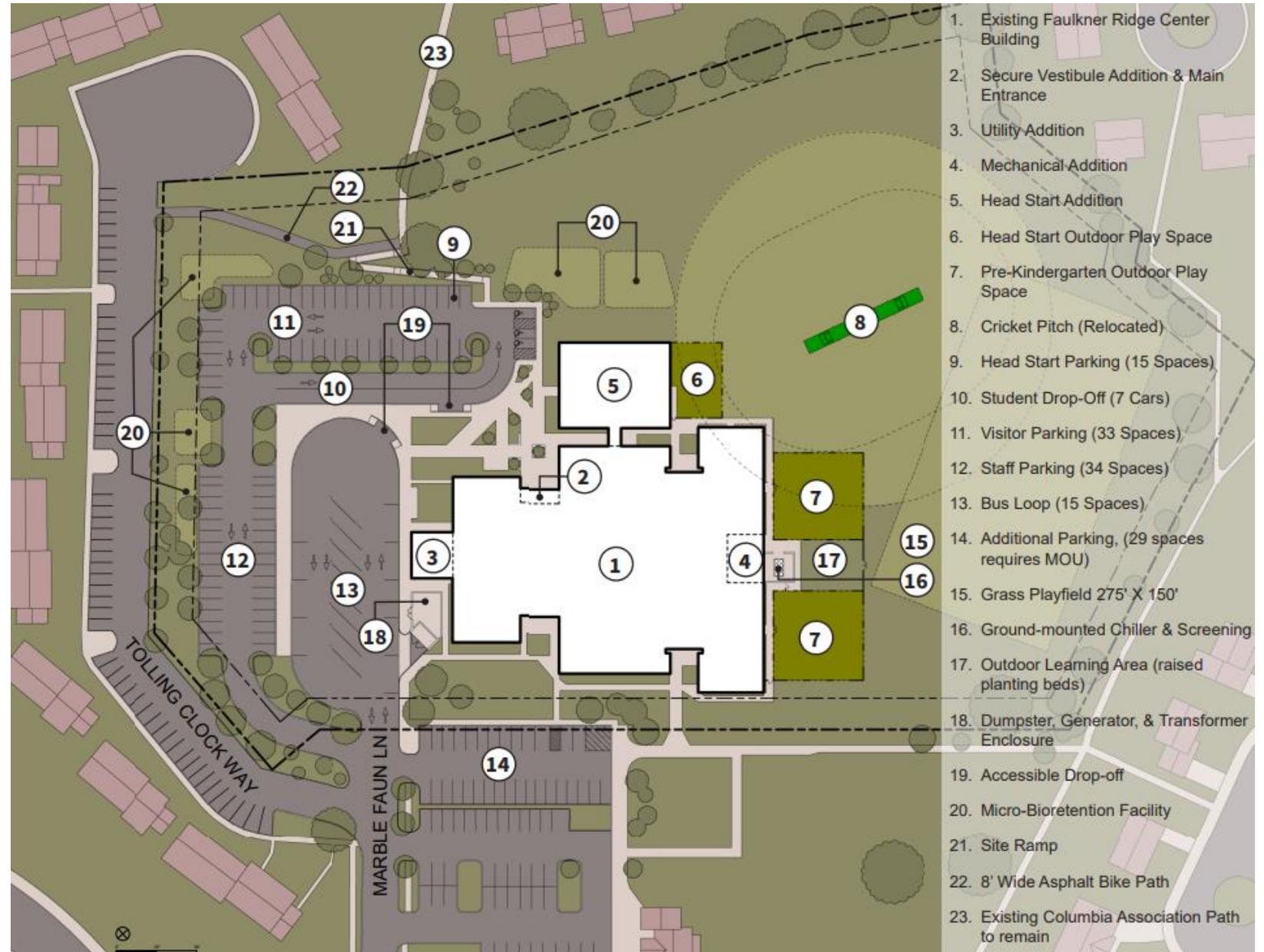


# Visual Assessment

## *Existing Conditions*



# Site Development



# Planning Board Criteria and Regulatory Requirements

## Permitted Uses:

Per FDP-11-A-I and pursuant to Section 7-E7 of the FDP Criteria, Lot 92 shall be used for public schools and recreational fields.

# Planning Board Criteria

**Setbacks and Bulk Requirements:** The bulk requirements for the subject property are contained in the Development Criteria on the approved Final Development Plan (FDP-11-A-I).

- 30' structure setback from a public highway, road, or street right of way, unless otherwise approved by the Planning Board.
- 25' structure setback from any property boundary line unless otherwise approved by the Planning Board.
- No height limitation imposed upon structures constructed with Open Space Land Use Areas provided improvements thereon are constructed in accordance with a Site Development Plan approved by the Planning Board.
- 10% maximum lot coverage of buildings or other major structures unless otherwise approved by the Planning Board.

# Planning Board Criteria

**Parking:** In accordance with FDP-11-A-I, no parking requirements are imposed upon any of the land within this final development plan phase devoted to open space uses. The Howard County School System has determined that for this proposed early learning school use, a total of 80 parking spaces is required. The School System based this number on the data that were evaluated for educational specification. A total of 86 parking spaces shall be provided.

**Stormwater Management:** Stormwater Management for this site will be met with micro-bioretenention facilities in accordance with the 2010 Stormwater Management Act. All stormwater management facilities will be privately owned and maintained.

# Planning Board Criteria

**Forest Conservation:** In accordance with Section 16.1202(b)(1)(iii) of the County Code, this project is exempt from the Forest Conservation program being that the subject property is owned by the Howard County Public School System.

**Landscaping:** The proposed landscaping is in accordance with the Landscape Manual which requires 16 shade trees and 20 evergreen trees for perimeter landscaping purposes and 10 landscape trees for the surface parking area. The project complies with the requirements and provides 16 shade trees and 20 evergreen trees for the perimeter landscaping and 13 landscape trees for the surface parking area.

# Summary of Action

Approve or deny the plan according to the Section 125.0.G. of the Zoning Regulations and the Development Criteria as required on the approved Final Development Plan (FDP-11-A-I).