



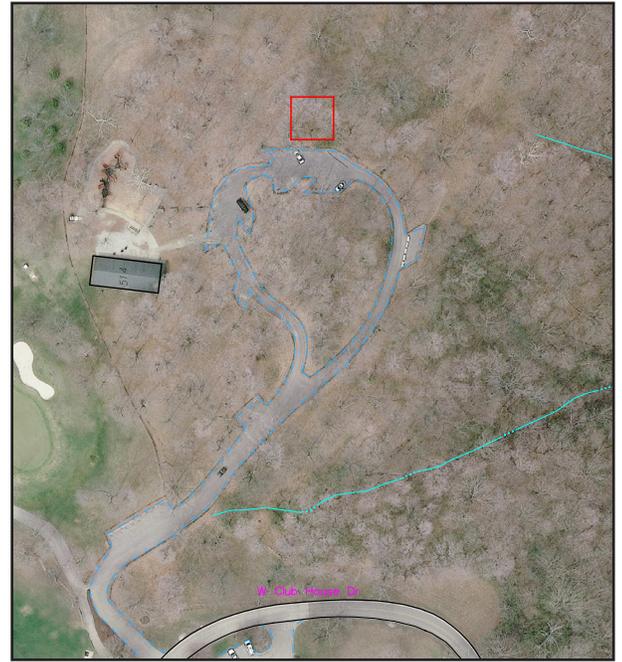
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## Proposed Cell Tower Site at Upper Cascades Park January 19, 2016

The City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department was approached in 2013 by a cell tower ownership and development company who was interested in acquiring a cell tower site at Cascades Golf Course, 3550 N. Kinser Pike.

The cell tower company, Horvath Communications, covets cell tower locations on the north side of Bloomington, due to an increase in demand for cellular services. Horvath Communications also contacted several private landowners in the same area.

The Parks and Recreation Department rejected Horvath Communication's initial location proposal, primarily due to its proximity to existing residences. The Department has conditionally agreed to lease a second proposed site, in Upper Cascades Park near the Lion's Den picnic shelter. Horvath Communications will lease the site from the Parks and Recreation Department for \$18,000 per year for 10 years, with an option to renew.



**Site of Proposed Cell Tower  
Upper Cascades Park Lion's Den Shelter**

The proposed site is 50' x 50', or about .06 acre. The cell tower, if constructed, will be no more than 190' tall. Construction of a cell tower on the Upper Cascades site complies with all zoning ordinances.

The purchase of land for Upper Cascades Park was originally funded with assistance through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). A restriction that applies to land purchases from these funds requires that, if any land purchased through the LWCF should be converted to a use other than public park property, then it must be replaced by another parcel of land, of equal or greater value. The parcel of land may be in a different location.

The Parks and Recreation Department identified the Renwick Trail, a 7.1-acre parcel of land intended for donation to the Bloomington Park Foundation, as an ideal match for the "swap." The Renwick Trail is a paved, .36-mile pedestrian and bike trail that links the nearby Southeast Park to the Renwick neighborhood.

The proposed land "swap" of the .06 acre at Upper Cascades for the 7.1-acre Renwick Trail must be approved by the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a process that is anticipated to take at least six months. If approved, the Department will accept the donation of the Renwick Trail, and lease the .06 acre parcel to Horvath Communications for a period of 10 years, with an option for the company to renew the lease.



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For more information about the Upper Cascades Park proposed cell tower site or land swap, contact project manager John Turnbull at 812.349.3712 or [turnbulj@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:turnbulj@bloomington.in.gov).

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