Eastern Glades

The design of this area is a reinterpretation of the entry sequence proposed in the Hare & Hare plan, the first master plan for the park drafted in the 1920s. That plan proposed a formal garden space near the eastern edge of the park, and this plan proposes a series of formal landscape spaces. The glades are envisioned as two large spaces where the grass is mown, but existing trees are preserved to create a shady and quiet space for picnicking and other passive uses. Wide promenades around these spaces allow for pleasure walking and orientation. To the west of the garden spaces, the plan proposes a large pond that will be a visual amenity, providing views to water and a shelf planted with wetland plants across the water. It will also serve a practical purpose, holding stormwater to be used for irrigation in landscaped spaces.

1. Eastern Glade
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3. Pond Esplanade
4. Pond and Cypress Grove
5. Parking
6. Multi-use Trail
7. Seymour Lieberman Trail
Proposed Entry and Gardens, golf course, and scenic roads by Hare & Hare Landscape Architects. Approved during the time of the park’s founders.

Although many parts of the plan were never built, the proposed organization of spaces remains relevant and culturally significant.

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