



**Date of Council Work Session: May 11, 2015**

**TOWN OF LEESBURG  
TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**Subject:** Skatepark – Joint committee meeting with Board of Supervisors and School Board

**Staff Contact:** Keith Markel, Deputy Town Manager  
Rich Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation

**Council Action Requested:** A clear, unified direction regarding the potential relocation of the Catoctin Skatepark to the Douglas School property be provided to the three Town Council representatives attending the quarterly Joint Board of Supervisors/School Board Committee meeting.

**Staff Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Council provide clear, unified direction to the Council representatives attending the Joint Board of Supervisors/School Board Committee meeting regarding the potential relocation of the Catoctin Skatepark to the Douglas School property.

**Commission Recommendation:** Commission recommendation not needed for this item.

**Fiscal Impact:** A detailed fiscal impact analysis has not been conducted for the Skatepark relocation to the Douglass School site.

**Executive Summary:** As part of the approved Fiscal Year 2016 – 2021 Capital Improvement Program, renovation work in the amount of \$544,000 at the Catoctin Skatepark was accelerated from Fiscal Year 2019 to Fiscal Year 2016. Council directed staff to schedule a meeting with representatives from the Town Council, County Board of Supervisors, and County School Board to discuss the possible relocation of the Skatepark to the Douglass School site. The meeting will be June 4, 2015.

**Background:** The existing Catoctin Skatepark, located at 141 Catoctin Circle, is a 12,000 square foot lighted skating facility that consists of wooden ramp features set atop an asphalt skating surface. The park is located within a 2.9 acre parcel of land consisting of the Skatepark and an adjacent gravel lot that is currently being used as overflow parking. The facility was developed in 1998 through a collaborative effort of a non-profit group consisting of local skaters and the Town of Leesburg.

Due to the current condition of the original asphalt and wooden ramp features, redevelopment of the park was planned for Fiscal Year 2019 as part of the Fiscal Year

2014 – 2019 Capital Improvements Program. As part of the approved Fiscal Year 2016 – 2021 Capital Improvement Program, the \$544,000 redevelopment project at its current location was accelerated to Fiscal Year 2016.

The Douglass School, located at 407 East Market Street, currently serves as the alternative high school for the Loudoun County Public School System. The site is also improved with various recreational amenities that are operated by the Loudoun County Parks Recreation and Community Services Department. If improvements to other county facilities take place in the future, the alternative high school students may be relocated to the renovated Monroe School and the Douglass School site would be re-designated as surplus property by the School Board. The land would then transfer to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.

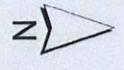
The existing 2.9 acre Catoctin Skatepark site is listed on County tax records as having a value of \$2,900,000. If the Skatepark is re-located to the Douglas School site or any other location it is estimated that the project costs will escalate in excess of \$770,000 due to storm water engineering, the re-location of utilities, and general infrastructure development. It has been discussed that the increased development costs could be offset through the sale of the current site.

Town staff recently met with County and School Board staff to plan for the upcoming joint meeting. County staff wants to make sure that there is broad Council support for any request made of the School Board and Board of Supervisors. The County will be interested in the Town's proposed plans for the facility, including hours of operation, parking needs, site lighting, and space requirements.

County staff stressed that many elements of County planning would need to come together to allow such a partnership to take place on the Douglass School site. Current School Board Plans have the Douglass site being used until 2020.

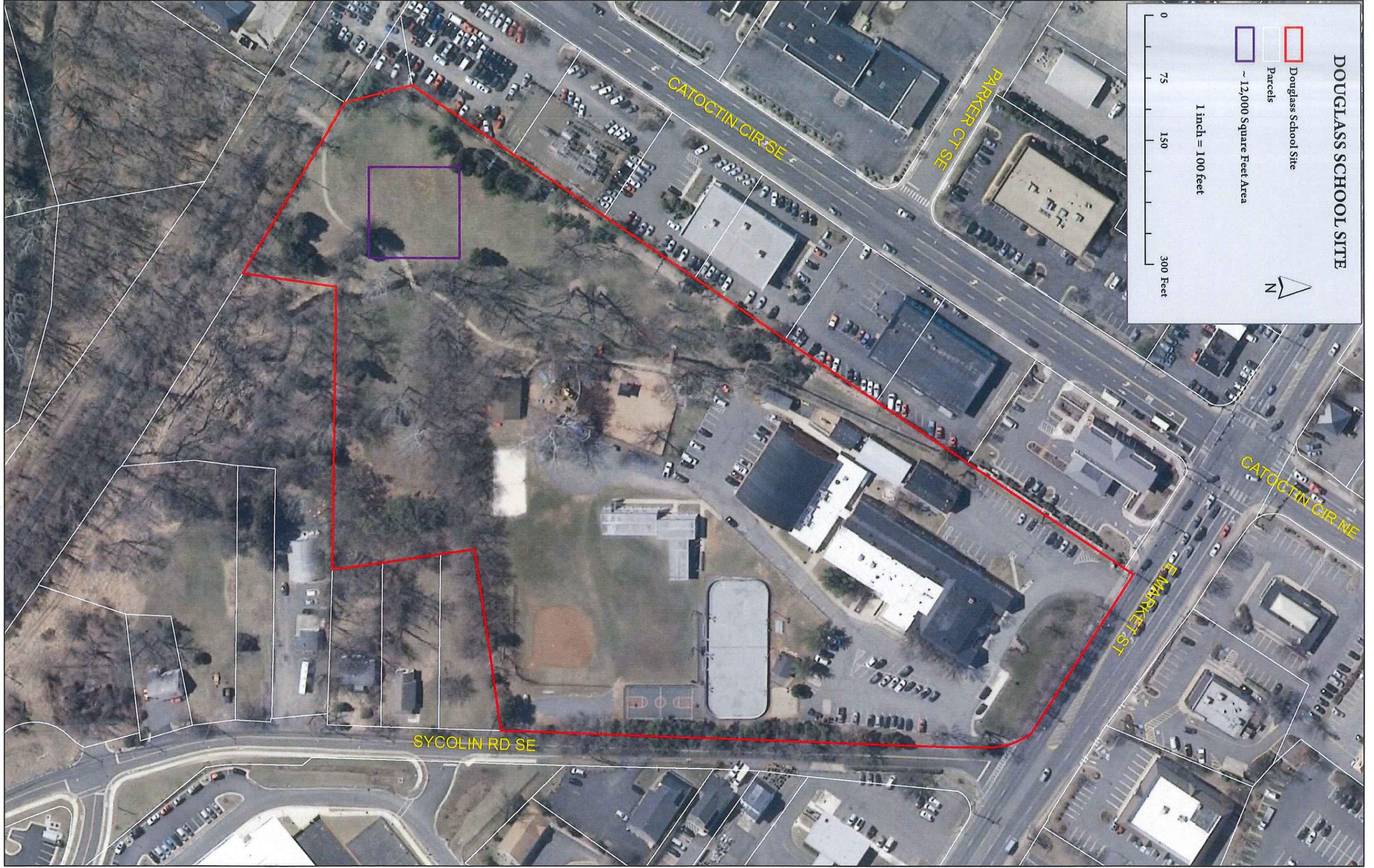
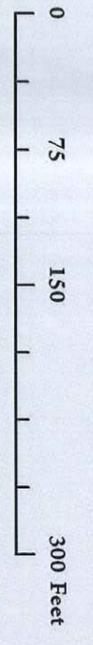
**Attachments:** Site photos of Catoctin Skatepark and the Douglas School Site.

**DOUGLASS SCHOOL SITE**



-  Douglass School Site
-  Parcels
-  ~ 12,000 Square Feet Area

1 inch = 100 feet



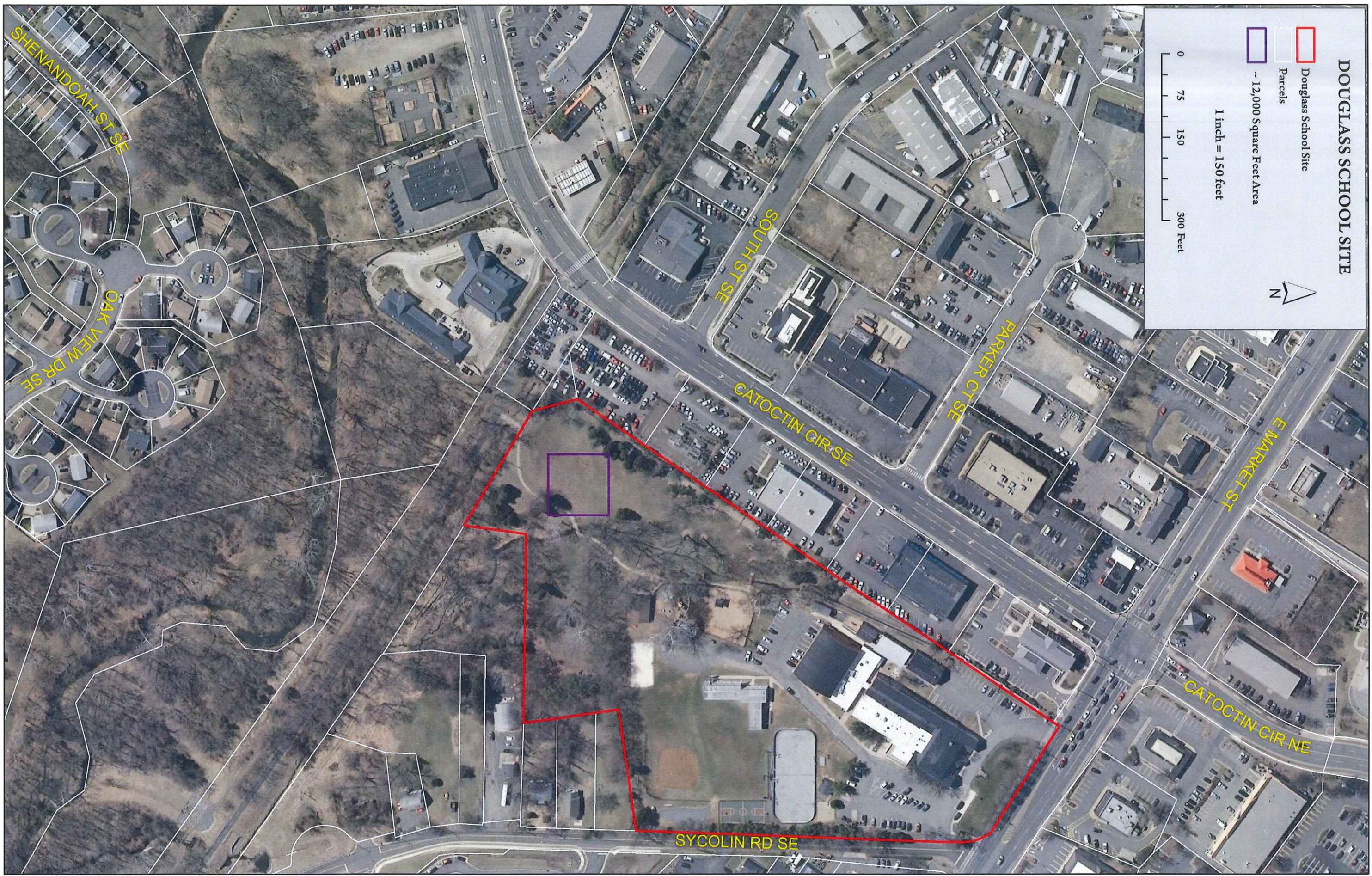
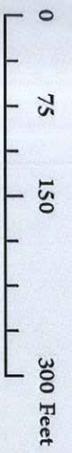
**DOUGLASS SCHOOL SITE**

 Douglass School Site

 Parcels

 ~ 12,000 Square Feet Area

1 inch = 150 feet





**SKATE PARK  
(Catoclin Circle)**

 SkatePark  
 Parcels

1 inch = 50 feet

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