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Subject: Outdoor Classroom opening

The opening of the outdoor classrooms, with the 0.3 mile “pink trail” connecting them was a success. 350 kids walked through it, one class at a time. happy chaos. nobody broke anything by falling off the logs.

While running through it with me the previous day, one kid said in wonderment: “it’s quiet”. Yesterday a little girl was afraid the first time to walk on stepping stones over a one inch puddle, did it just fine the second puddle.

Almost everybody was able to find two identical leaves (maples). Almost nobody guessed right as to who was older, me or the trees. (It was a farm field in 1955).

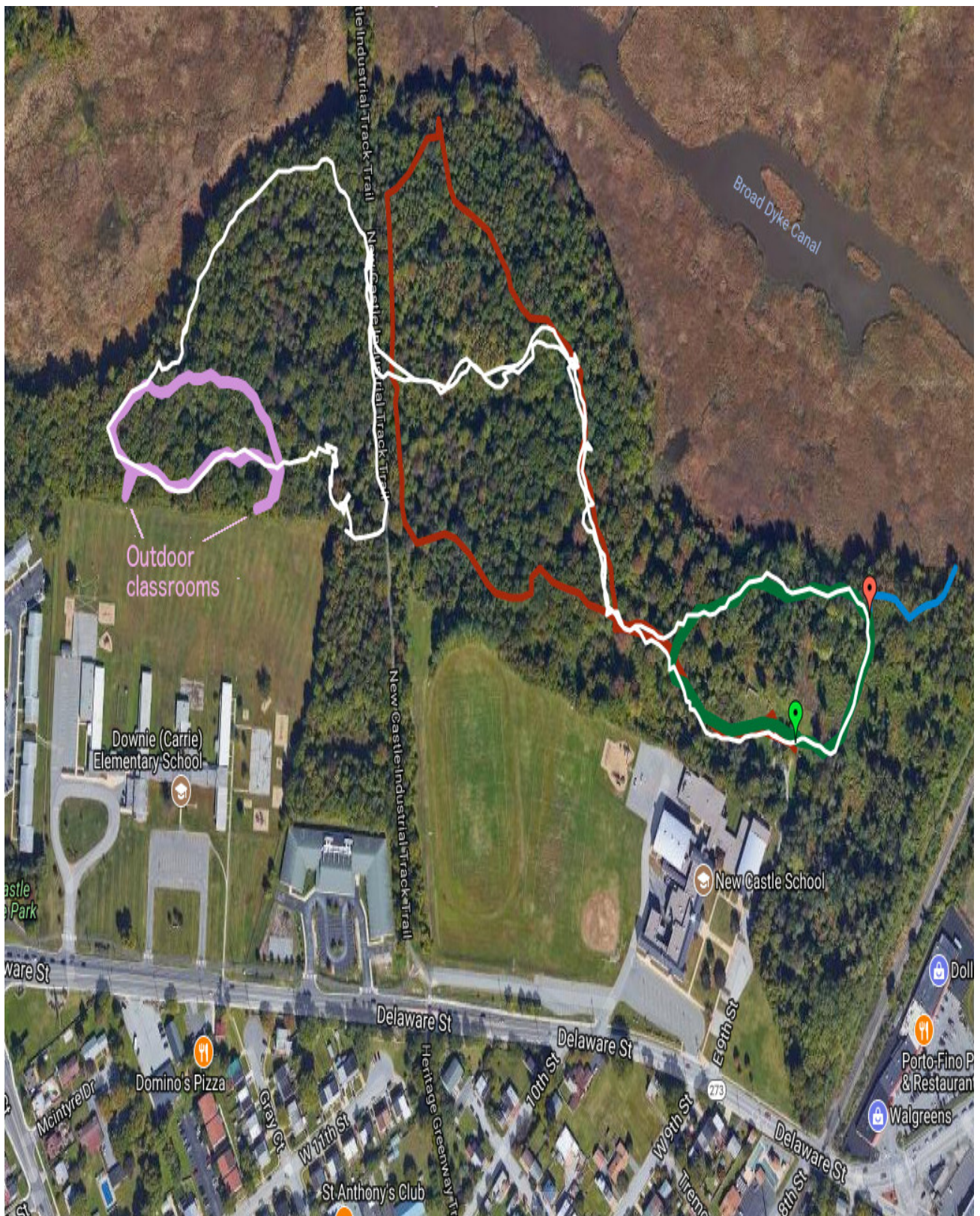
The white trail is the probable 1.6 mile running trail. I’ll run/walk it with the kids, next week to test it out in practice. In spring it will be the activity for a “Girls on the run” program.

A fox (last picture) looked bemused as it appeared at the entrance just after the ribbon cutting. What would it’s food be like? I don’t think the school has accessible garbage. I’m wondering about whether, and at what point, we

could introduce some wild turkeys. What environment do they need: woods, fields (still in progress), and from where?

A few teachers asked me if I could lead their classes around in the future :) I wouldn't want to duplicate the core curriculum topics and am not sure my ideas of what's interesting would work with kids (k-5). Do you know of a good online guide to nature walks for kids?











Lots of plants and bugs identified in the meadow garden on the east side, now I and the teachers will start on the west side of the property.
