

# Chopra details more plans for Elkton

## Hopes to break ground for Shenandoah Wellness Park by next fall

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Pham Chopra's plans for the properties he has purchased in Elkton came further into focus earlier this fall, when he released his vision for the proposed Shenandoah Wellness Park.

Chopra said, via cell from his current consulting work in New Delhi, India, that he is proposing to break ground on the land he acquired from

the town of Elkton, situated behind the Kite Mansion, by next fall.

The formal proposal will be presented to town officials next spring.

The wellness park has extensive plans which are reflective of his philosophy of life to give back and help others.

"What is the point of all this money when you don't have a quiet mind?" he explained.

"A smile doesn't cost money" he said laughing

through the somewhat muffled connection to India in the early morning hours.

Chopra has released a detailed master plan of the project, which according to him, "will encompass just over 700 acres."

He added, "The proposed hospitality center, itself will be about 45 acres."

There will also be an Athletic Village, which is

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# Park plan would include athletic, hospitality areas

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expected to include football, lacrosse, soccer and track fields as well as indoor basketball courts and volleyball courts.

The Wellness Village will be supporting those who are in need of not only physical therapy, but emotional and psychological therapy as well as the medical offices for the hired personal.

The Hospitality Center will have hotel and restaurant facilities.

"Naturally there are regulatory procedures involved in the gameplan such as different kinds of government surveys such as an environmental inspection," Chopra said. "However, I expect to present my plan to the town and the county by spring and should be ready to go to work to build by fall."

The Shenandoah Wellness Park, from bullet points on its "Our Mission" page included in the master plan, is being proposed to treat military veterans and former professional athletes with "Advanced Medical Treatment, Psychological and Emotional Treatment, Spiritual Counseling, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Services and Employment and Career Opportunities"

Chopra who serves as CEO and Chairman of CORDEV, Inc in Falls Church, graduated with a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

He began his career in residential real estate and then shifted to commercial real estate.

Since then, he owns a private corporation which has several projects and partnerships with the government and military.

Chopra's inspiration to start the wellness park is simple.

"I live a life which is as honestly as is possible," he said.

"I have always wanted to help others," he added and stressed he believes in two major components to life, which are love and service.

"I am true to my own mission," he emphasized.

Chopra stresses his belief in spiritualism as the core of his life. Discussing why he chose Elkton and the Blue Ridge Mountains, he explains that he met Elkton native June Dean early on in his life and became very interested in the area where her family has deep roots.

It is also an ideal spot for quiet reflection and healing, he noted.

In addition to the proposed wellness park, Chopra has also purchased various buildings in the downtown area of Elkton, such as the Elkton Theatre and the building that once was known Conrad's Store.

His intentions are to renovate all of the properties, Chopra said.