

City of Alexandria, Virginia

Citywide Park Improvement Plans

Public Hearing



February 20, 2014

Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Activities
Park Planning, Design & Capital Development Division

Citywide Park Planning

Reading the Recommendations



READING THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The number to the left of each recommendation corresponds to the legend on the Park Plan.



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Renovate open passive use area

This area is one of the largest non-programmed spaces. Children and adults use this space for pick-up games, practices, and lounging. Retaining it as a passive use area will help to balance the different activities in the park and provide recreational opportunities for non-sports team users. Increased maintenance and site amenities can help facilitate these uses.

The estimated cost range (in 2013 dollars) shown for each recommendation includes soft costs if the project were implemented independent of other projects. Estimates in the back of each Park Plan show a cost scenario in which all the recommendations are implemented together.



ESTIMATED COST: \$78,000 - \$95,000

PRIORITY: Medium

PROPOSED TIMEFRAME: 3 - 10 years



The priority for each recommendation is shown as "low," "medium," or "high." RPCA determined these rankings based upon three factors: 1) park user safety, 2) community prioritization feedback and the results of the 2011 and 2013 Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, 3) life span of existing facility.



RPCA proposed a timeline for each recommendation by considering the project priority, the project cost with relation to the Department budget and contingent upon the Capital Improvement Plan, and the construction sequencing of the recommendation amongst other park projects.

Recommendations for all Citywide Parks



1. Improve wayfinding signage throughout the park system
2. Provide improved trash receptacle locations and recycling program
3. Include universal accessibility in all plans
4. Locate public art in collaboration with the Office of the Arts Public Art Master Plan
5. Establish parking policy and standards
6. Upgrade utilities in the Parks to support uses and special events
7. Install additional bicycle racks in Parks
8. Complete a documentary study and archaeological evaluation and incorporate interpretive elements



CHINQUAPIN PARK: EXISTING CONDITIONS

- HARD TRAILS
- SOFT TRAILS
- PARK BOUNDS

- ENTRANCE PLAZAS
- COMMUNITY GARDEN
- ATHLETIC FIELDS



The Plan

KEYED LEGEND

1. EXPAND AND/OR RENOVATE CHINQUAPIN POOL ACCORDING TO FEASIBILITY STUDY
2. CONSOLIDATE & EXPAND REC CENTER PARKING ACCORDING TO FEASIBILITY STUDY
3. CONSTRUCT NEW PARK SHELTER
4. RELOCATE PLAYGROUND
5. RELOCATE AND ENCLOSE DOG PARK
6. CREATE ADULT FITNESS AREA AND MULTI-USE COURTS
7. CREATE GROVE OF NATIVE PLANTS RELATING TO SITE HISTORY
8. CONSTRUCT 1/4 MILE MARKED WALKING LOOP AT PERIMETER OF FIELD
9. RE-GRADE OPEN FIELD IN CENTER OF LOOP
10. MAKE WEST HALF OF LOOP PERVIOUS MATERIAL AND ONE-WAY WITH OVERFLOW PARKING LANES
11. MAKE EAST HALF OF LOOP TWO-WAY WITH TURN-AROUND AND PARKING
12. ESTABLISH ACCESSIBLE PARKING & ENTRANCE TO AQUATICS FACILITY
13. STUDY POSSIBLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE
14. CONTINUE INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL
15. PLANT ADDITIONAL TREES
16. ADD TURN-AROUND AND RENOVATE ROAD AROUND GARDEN WITH PERVIOUS PAVING



GRAPHIC KEY



SIMPSON PARK: EXISTING CONDITIONS

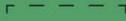
HARD TRAILS



BIKE ROUTE



PARK BOUNDS



ATHLETIC FIELDS



The Plan

KEYED LEGEND

1. WIDEN PATH 6-8 FEET TO ENABLE NORTH-SOUTH STANDARD PATHWAY
2. ADJUST PLAYGROUND BORDERS, IMPROVE ENTRANCES, AND ADD NATURAL PLAY
3. ADD STROLLER PARKING AND PLAZA AT PLAYGROUND ENTRANCE
4. CREATE OPEN-USE AREA AND IMPROVE PLANTINGS IN PASSIVE USE AREAS
5. CONNECT PATHWAY TO E. DUNCAN AVE
6. USE BOLLARDS TO LIMIT PATHWAY DRIVING ACCESS TO MAINTENANCE VEHICLES
7. PLANT PERIMETER TREES TO CREATE "GREEN ALLEY"
8. PROVIDE NEW HARD TRAILS IN EAST HALF OF PARK
9. PROVIDE NEW FIELD ENTRANCE AND RAMP
10. IMPROVE MAINTENANCE ROUTE TO SOCCER FIELDS
11. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH EQUIPMENT STORAGE UNDERNEATH
12. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH CONCESSIONS BOOTHS UNDERNEATH
13. CREATE PICNIC AREA NEAR CONCESSIONS
14. EXPAND PARKING LOT
15. ENCOURAGE USE OF FORTY FIVE TOTAL ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ALONG E MONROE AVE AND MAIN LINE BLVD FOR SOCCER FIELD USE
16. IMPROVE DOG PARK TO INCLUDE LIGHTING, TERRACED HILL, TREES, AND PLAY FEATURES
17. ADD MAINTENANCE STORAGE SHELTER AND YARD BETWEEN FIELDS
18. ADD VEGETATED BIOSWALE ALONG DOG PARK EDGE AND AT MAINTENANCE YARD



Note: CIP Funds have already been allocated to install stairs at Monroe Avenue/basketball court and to replace the Little Simpson Press Box in 2014.

GRAPHIC KEY

HARD TRAILS	PARK BOUNDS	OPEN USE AREAS	ENTRANCE PLAZAS	ATHLETIC FIELDS	DOG PARK
BIKE ROUTE					

HOLMES RUN PARK: EXISTING CONDITIONS

-  HARD TRAILS
-  SOFT TRAILS
-  PARK BOUNDS



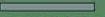
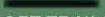
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KEYED LEGEND

1. MINIMIZE FLOOD IMPACT FOR TRAIL UNDERPASSES
2. PROTECT AGAINST EROSION ALONG BANKS
3. IMPROVE STORAGE AND EDGING FOR COMMUNITY GARDENS
4. REMOVE INVASIVE SPECIES AND CREATE OPEN VIEWSHEDS THROUGHOUT PARK FOR SAFETY AND ECOLOGICAL HEALTH
5. REPLACE AND RENOVATE PICNIC AREAS
6. CONSTRUCT ACCESSIBLE SOUTH SIDE TRAIL AND INCREASE ACCESS FROM HOLMES RUN PARKWAY
7. ADD NATURAL PLAY AREAS
8. EXPAND FITNESS STATION
9. ADD LIGHTS TO BEATLEY BRIDGE AND TO THE ADJOINING SECTION OF THE NORTH SIDE TRAIL
10. DIVIDE DOG PARK FOR LARGE AND SMALL DOGS
11. FORMALIZE SOFT TRAIL
12. ADD TRAIL MARKINGS FOR IMPROVED SAFETY AT N. JORDAN ST.
13. CONNECT JAMES MARX-ALL VETERANS PARK WITH HOLMES RUN TRAIL CIRCULATION AND DUKE ST. DOG PARK
14. MODIFY JAMES MARX-ALL VETERANS PARK TO PROVIDE ENHANCED VISIBILITY AND PASSIVE PARK USE
15. MOVE JAMES MARX MEMORIAL TO ENHANCE VISIBILITY FROM STREET IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARK MODIFICATIONS
16. INSTALL BRIDGE TO CONNECT JAMES MARX-ALL VETERANS PARK TO CHARLES BEATLEY LIBRARY
17. INSTALL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SITE WITH EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT
18. ADD NEW PICNIC SHELTER TO JAMES MARX-ALL VETERANS PARK



GRAPHIC KEY

						
PRIMARY TRAILS	SECONDARY TRAILS	SOFT TRAILS	PARK BOUNDS	PROPOSED ENTRANCE PLAZA	PROPOSED PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS	ACTIVITY AREA (PLAYGROUND, PICNIC AREA, GARDENS)



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KEYED LEGEND

1. IMPROVE CONNECTIONS TO HOLMES RUN TRAILS
2. RESERVE SPACE TO ADDRESS LONG-RANGE NEED FOR COMMUNITY CENTER
3. RENOVATE OPEN PASSIVE USE AREA
4. INCREASE BICYCLE PARKING
5. RETROFIT CAMERON STATION POND
6. OPEN VIEWSHEDS
7. RELOCATE MAINTENANCE BUILDING AND PROVIDE VEHICULAR ACCESS BRIDGE
8. ADD TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS AND SHADE STRUCTURES
9. STUDY FEASIBILITY OF BIKE-FRIENDLY PATH
10. CONSOLIDATE FIVE SMALL PLAYGROUNDS INTO TWO LARGE PLAYGROUNDS
11. PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ACROSS TRACKS TO EISENHOWER AVENUE
12. HOLD LOCATION FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE SCHOOL GARDEN
13. PROVIDE DOG PARK LIGHTING (PUSH-BUTTON ACTIVATED, TIMED) AND EXPAND DOG PARK TO INCLUDE DOG EXERCISE FEATURES
14. LIGHT BRIDGE EXIT (MOTION-SENSOR ACTIVATED, TIMED)
15. RENOVATE COURTS TO INCLUDE MULTI-USE SPACES
16. INSTALL NATURAL PLAY FEATURES TO CREATE PICNIC ACTIVITY CENTER
17. PLANT TREES TO CLOSE GAP LEADING TO RAIL TRACKS



GRAPHIC KEY



ATHLETIC
FIELDS



PARK BOUNDS

HARD TRAILS



ENTRANCE
PLAZAS

PARK PLAY
FEATURES



The Plan

KEYED LEGEND

1. UPGRADE FIELDS WITH STANDARD DIMENSIONS OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS OR OTHER GOVERNING BODY FOR ADULT SPORTS
2. REPLACE, UPGRADE, AND REORGANIZE SPORT LIGHTING TO ACCOMMODATE NEW FIELDS
3. CONVERT SOCCER FIELD TO ARTIFICIAL TURF AND REPLACE SLOPE WITH RETAINING WALL & ACCESS RAMPS
4. EXPAND AND INCREASE CAPACITY OF PARKING LOT
5. FORMALIZE DRIVEWAY WITH TURNAROUND AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING
6. RELOCATE RESTROOMS CENTRAL TO ENTRY AREAS
7. PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE RAMP TO CONNECT UPPER AND LOWER AREAS
8. PROVIDE NEW SHELTER, PLAY FEATURES, MULTI-USE COURTS, AND ADULT FITNESS EQUIPMENT
9. PLANT NEW TREES TO REPLACE TREES REMOVED IN FIELD REORIENTATIONS AND EXPANSIONS
10. PROVIDE NEW PARKING LOT
11. EXTEND DRIVEWAY TO ALLOW ONE-WAY TRAFFIC EXIT AND ADDITIONAL WEEKEND PARALLEL PARKING
12. PROVIDE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT PARK ENTRANCE
13. RELOCATE EQUIPMENT STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE AREA
14. PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE WALKWAY TO PAVILION AND ACCESSIBLE VIEWING AREAS AT STAIRS
- A. **ALTERNATE PLAN:** BUILD INDOOR ATHLETIC FIELD HOUSE AT FIELD #2



GRAPHIC KEY



Next Steps



1. Receive endorsement or changes from Park and Recreation Commission based on public hearing
2. Staff will make changes to the plan as advised by the PRC
3. Provide plan to City Council Members to seek acceptance as an implementation strategy of the Open Space Master Plan
4. Integrate recommendations into FY16 CIP process and seek alternative funding sources