

Draft Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan  
Park and Recreation Commission  
October, 15 2015

## Neighborhood Park Plans Progress

**Spring/Summer 2014:** Internal research, site observations, and public outreach preparation

**Fall 2014:** Public outreach and information gathering

**Winter 2014:** Develop recommendations and conceptual draft plans

**Spring 2014:** Public outreach and feedback on draft plans

**Summer 2015:** Plan revisions & implementation strategy

**Fall 2015:**           Public hearing  
                          Seek PRC and City Council endorsement

**PRC, OCTOBER 15 ACTION ITEM: following public hearing, advise staff on revisions and next steps for endorsement**

## Recommendations for all Neighborhood Park Plans

Throughout the community feedback process, RPCA found that many of the existing conditions and improvement needs were consistent in all seventeen parks. To efficiently use resources, RPCA recommends addressing the following issues in coordination:

- 1.Improve Wayfinding throughout the Park System
- 2.Complete a Documentary Study and Archaeological Evaluation and Incorporate Interpretive Elements
- 3.Provide Improved Trash Receptacle Locations and Recycling Program
- 4.Include Universal Accessibility in all Plans

## 6 factors for prioritization:

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 the existing conditions
4. Potential for non-city funding sources
5. Level of user impact
6. Relationship to other projects

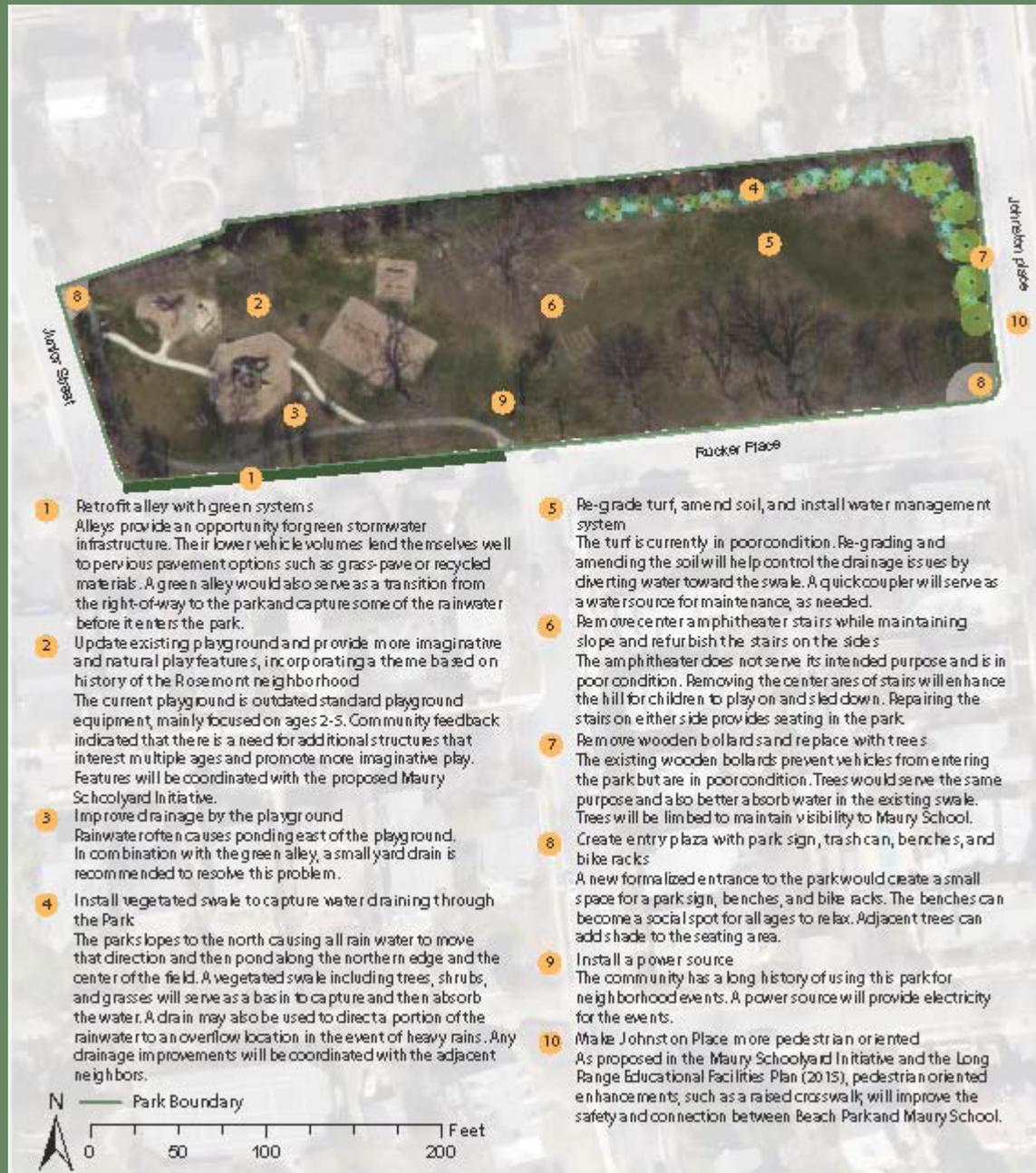
# Angel Park Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Associated Recommendations	Dept Lead
1	Add swings or similar play equipment and upgrade play equipment to include climbing features	Medium	10,000-15,000		RPCA
2	Continue invasive species management	Medium	Underway		RPCA
3	Develop enforceable guidelines for park shelter use	High	N/A		RPCA
4	Install accessible pathways to connect park shelter and basketball court	High	50,000-75,000		RPCA
5	Improve access from Taylor Run Parkway	High		Transportation analysis needed prior to cost estimates	TES
6	Improve edge between the park and the sidewalk	Low	up to 35,000		RPCA



# Beach Park Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Associated Recommendations	Dept Lead
1	Retrofit alley with green systems	Low	75,000-100,000		TES
2	Update existing playground and provide more imaginative and natural play features, incorporating a theme based on history of the Rosemont neighborhood	Low	200,000 - 350,000	Play elements should be coordinated with Maury School Initiative to ensure they are not too similar.	RPCA
3	Improve drainage by the playground	High	3,500-5,000	Should be implemented at the same time as vegetaged swale (recommendation #4)	RPCA
4	Install vegetated swale to capture water draining through the Park	High	50,000-75,000	Should be implemented at the same time as vegetaged swale (recommendation #7)	RPCA
5	Re-grade turf, amend soil, and install water management system	Medium	50,000-80,000		RPCA
6	Remove center amphitheater stairs while maintaining slope and refurbish the stairs on the sides	High	20,000-30,000		RPCA
7	Remove wooden bollards and replace with trees	Medium	7,500-10,000	Should be implemented at the same time as vegetaged swale (recommendation #4)	RPCA
8	Create entry plaza with park sign, trash can, benches, and bike racks	Low	50,000-75,000		RPCA
9	Install a power source	Low	20,000-30,000		RPCA
10	Make Johnston Place more pedestrian oriented	Medium	12,500-15,000		TES/ACPS/ RPCA



# Chambliss Park Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Associated Recommendations	Dept Lead
1	Construct mulched trail	Medium	50,000-70,000		RPCA
2	Install play features along mulch trail (recommendation #1)	Medium	12,500-15,000	Should be installed after mulch trail or with trail design complete.	RPCA
3	Reconfigure the existing east-west pathway	High	30,000-40,000		RPCA
4	Install bike racks	Low	5,000-7,500		TES
5	Re-examine the dog area location through updating the Dog Park Master Plan	Medium	N/A at this time		RPCA
6	Create park entrance and pervious trail from Scott Street	Medium	25,000-35,000	Should be completed after John Adams parking lot improvements and re-establishment of grass space next to the baseball field.	RPCA
7	Plant trees to serve as barrier	Medium	1,500-2,500		RPCA



# 3550 Commonwealth Park Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Associated Recommendations	Dept Lead
1	Install plaza with game tables and seat wall	High	50,000 - 65,000		RPCA
2	Retain the two landscape gardens at the corner of the park	N/A			RPCA
3	Add a park sign and kiosk to create a defined entrance	High	8,000 - 10,000		RPCA
4	Plant trees around park	Medium	5,000 - 10,000	Should be done after recommendation #6	RPCA
5	Install tricycle track/walking path	Medium	50,000 - 65,000		RPCA
6	Create unprogrammed play space by re-grading and installing irrigation in the center green space	Medium	40,000 - 50,000	Recommendations #5 and #6 should be done together	RPCA
7	Create shaded play areas	Medium	10,000 - 15,000		RPCA
8	Install two picnic areas	Medium	25,000 - 30,000	Recommendations #7 and #8 should be done together	RPCA
9	Install water fountain	Low	10,000 - 15,000		RPCA
10	Install low fence along parking lot	Medium	10,000 - 15,000		RPCA

- 1 Install plaza with game tables and seat wall**  
This plan recommends constructing a plaza of pervious pavers on the corner of Reed and Commonwealth. Along the edge of the plaza would be a seating wall with built-in game tables, such as chess tables and foosball, and secured chairs. The plaza will serve as a community gathering spot, visible from all sides. Game pieces, such as dominos, chess, checkers, and foosball soccer balls, could be checked out from Cora Kelly Recreation Center, creating a connection between the two facilities. Trees along the edges would provide shade for the seating.
- 2 Retain the two landscape gardens at the corner of the Park**  
When the City acquired this Park in 2009, a community group volunteered their services to create and maintain two gardens on the corner of Reed and Commonwealth. This plan recommends retaining the site and adding irrigation to them.
- 3 Add a park sign and kiosk to create a defined entrance**  
A formal sign would define the entrance and recognize the site as a recreational space. The sign would be most visible along Commonwealth Avenue. A kiosk will provide space for community and park notices.
- 4 Plant trees around park**  
Planting trees along Commonwealth Avenue and around the park will provide shade and define the edge of the Park. The trees should be limbed up to 5 feet to allow clear visibility into the Park.
- 5 Install tricycle track/walking path**  
A curvy tricycle track will provide a space for children to weave and race around the site on a marked route. The track can also be used as a walking path for adults.
- 6 Create unprogrammed play space by re-grading and installing irrigation in the center green space**  
The center of this park is currently wide open, however, it is not in the condition for recreational use. Re-grading the open area and installing irrigation within the tricycle track will provide an open lawn for a variety of active and passive uses. Programmed sports would not be permitted here in order to maintain the grass for more universal use by the community. The park will remain unfenced.
- 7 Create shaded play areas**  
This plan recommends creating a space with trees and interactive and/or climbing features, such as boulders, movable bench (such as a joggle board), or stepping stones. The features are meant to be used by both children and adults and are located between the two picnic area to allow direct access during picnic gatherings.
- 8 Install two picnic area**  
The two picnic areas would each include four tables and two grills. The picnic areas could be used for small multi-generational gatherings. Trees and shade structures will be located to provide shade while also maintaining visibility from Commonwealth and Reed to ensure safe use.
- 9 Install water fountain**  
A new water fountain will have a spout for both humans and dogs.
- 10 Install low fence along parking lot**  
A two foot fence will be visually unobtrusive but will keep children and soccer balls out of the adjacent parking lot.



# Ewald Park Improvement Plan

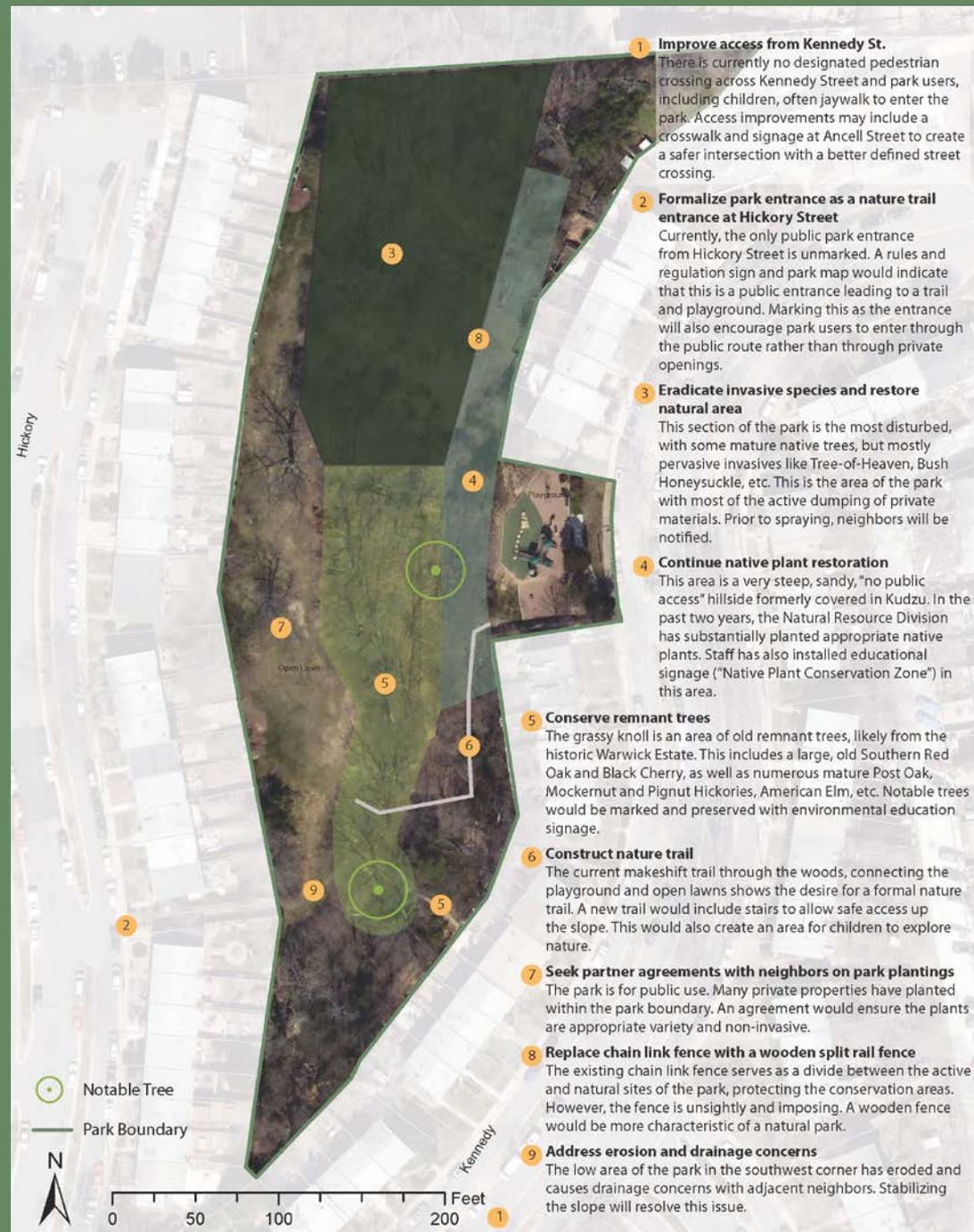
#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Associated Recommendations	Dept Lead
1	Create a turnaround and landscaped median in the parking lot	Low	450,000-550,000	This recommendation will be considered if there is increased need for drop-off/pick up space after the multi-use courts are installed (recommendation #5)	RPCA
2	Create pedestrian entrance near Duke St./Jordan intersection	High	50,000-75,000		RPCA
3	Install a second basketball court and maintenance path	Medium	150,000-250,000		RPCA
4	Renovate the turf and install a walking path	High	500,000-650,000		RPCA
5	Replace the pool and poolhouse with two multi-use courts	Medium	550,000-650,000	Removal of the poolhouse should ideally precede the playground construction (recommendation #8) to provide visibility to the site from Duke Street.	RPCA
6	Restore the existing playground to forest area	High	35,000-50,000	Will follow the construction of the new playground (recommendation #8)	RPCA
7	Work with Alexandria Police Department to improve park safety, particularly in areas not visible from Duke St.	High	N/A at this time		APD/RPCA
8	Move the playground to the former tennis court area	High	350,000-500,000		RPCA
9	Install shade structure and picnic area	Medium	25,000-35,000		RPCA
10	Reserve space for community building	Low	N/A at this time		RPCA

- Create a turnaround and landscaped median in the parking lot**  
The current parking lot is, unstriped and does not allow for turnaround space or landscaped medians. This plan proposes installing a landscaped median and trees to provide a turnaround. It would also include parking spaces for disabled park users. The lot would be designed to not impact healthy existing trees.
- Create pedestrian entrance near Duke St./Jordan intersection**  
A new formalized entrance to the park would create a small space for a park sign, benches, and bike racks. It would also provide park access close to the Duke Street and S. Jordan intersection, encouraging safer pedestrian access.
- Install a second basketball court and maintenance path**  
The existing basketball court is one of the most popular in the City. The addition of lights will require a special use permit and may be added at a later stage of implementation due to cost.
- Renovate the turf and install a walking path**  
The park holds one of the largest and most popular unfenced turf areas in the City. This plan proposes adding irrigation and re-turfing the field to better sustain the active use. Steps from the multi-use courts to the open turf area may also serve as spectator seating. A path around the field will create a location for running and walking. Walking the path seven times would equal a mile.
- Replace the pool and poolhouse with two multi-use courts**  
The pool has been closed since 2011. When it was open there was low use as the site is not conducive to a high capacity aquatics facility. The current poolhouse blocks visibility from Duke Street creating an unsafe setting behind it. This plan recommends replacing the pool and poolhouse with sport courts to meet the increasing demand in the city. One of the courts will be a multi-use court and include a movable net for tennis and pickleball. The other court would be used for futsal (court soccer).
- Restore the existing playground to forest area**  
This area is hidden from the street and difficult to access. Planting new trees in this site will help increase the tree canopy in the City, per the Urban Forestry Master Plan.
- Work with Alexandria Police Department (APD) to improve park safety, particularly in areas not visible from Duke St.**  
This plan recommends on-going community group involvement and cooperation to keep "eyes on the park." This can occur through regularly scheduled events in the park, communication with APD and increased park use. Over time, these strategies and crime reports will be measured to ensure safety and determine if other Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design tactics should be pursued while not impacting healthy existing trees.
- Move the playground to the former tennis court area**  
Moving the playground to the former tennis court area will increase its visibility from Duke St and encourage greater use. It will also include new and modern equipment and may integrate water features.
- Install shade structure and picnic area**  
A shaded area with seating will provide a community gathering space. The shade structures will be integrated within the existing trees to provide year round shade.
- Reserve space for community building**  
A community building can provide space for civic meetings, restrooms, and recreation offices. The location of the building allows for sightlines throughout the park to increase surveillance. It is also located next to the picnic area to allow for joint uses.



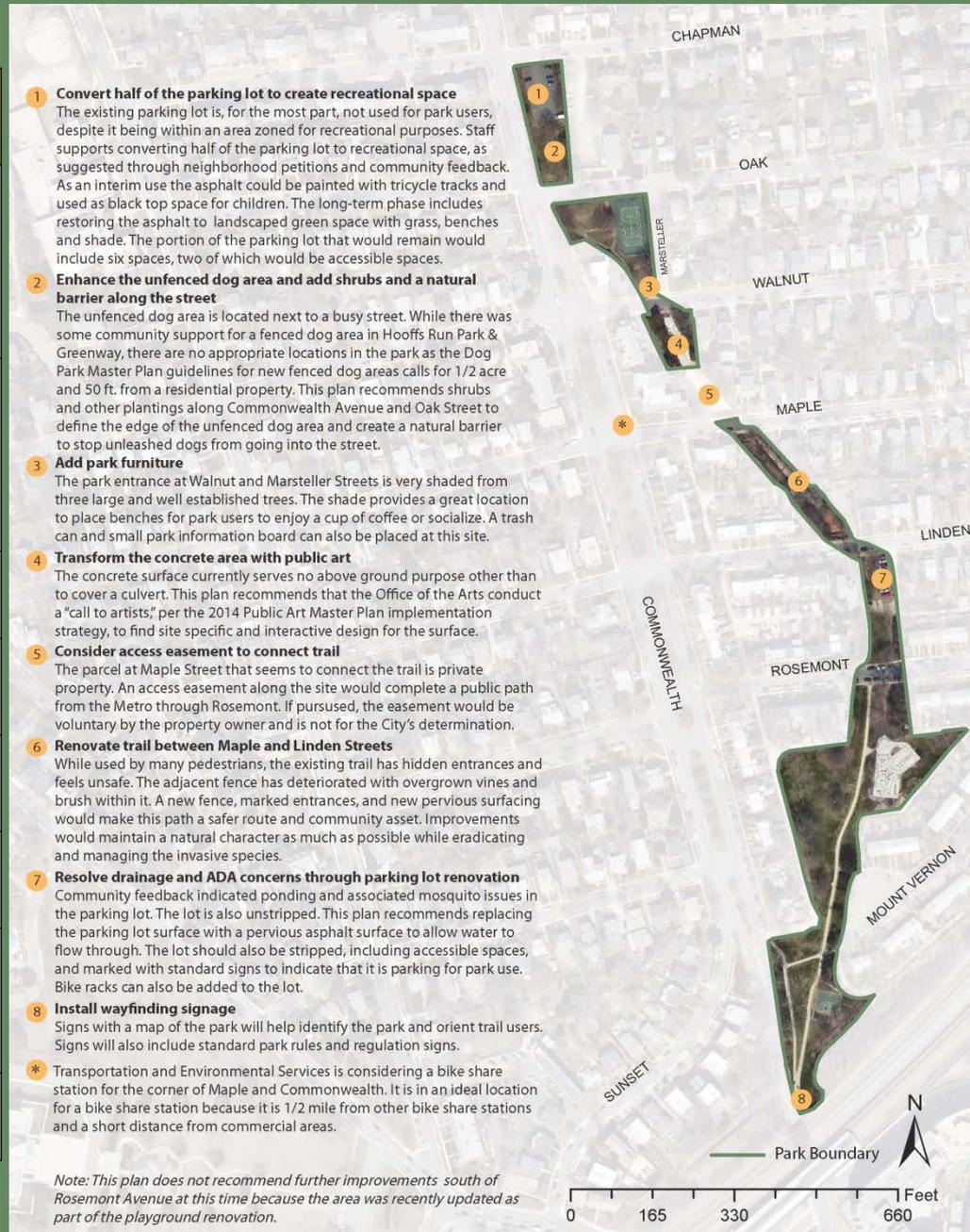
# Goat Hill Park Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Dept Lead
1	Improve access from Kennedy St	Low	5,000-7,500	RPCA
2	Formalize Park Entrance as a nature trail at Hickory St	Medium	7,500-10,000	RPCA
3	Eradicate invasive species and restore natural area	High	15,000 - 25,000	RPCA
4	Continue native plant restoration	Medium	5,000 - 10,000	RPCA
5	Conserve remnant trees	High	5,000 - 7,500	RPCA
6	Construct nature trail	High	10,000-12,500	RPCA
7	Seek partner agreements with neighbors on park plantings	Medium	N/A	RPCA
8	Replace chain link fence with a wooden split rail fence	Low	10,000-20,000	RPCA
9	Address erosion and drainage concerns	Medium	100,000 allowance	RPCA/TES



# Hooff's Run Park & Greenway Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Dept Lead
1	Convert half the parking lot to create recreational space	High	75,000-100,000	TES/RPCA
2	Enhance the unfenced dog area and add shrubs and a natural barrier along the street	High	15,000-25,000	RPCA
3	Add park furniture	Medium	10,000-15,000	RPCA
4	Transform the concrete area with public art	Medium	20,000-50,000	RPCA
5	Consider access easement to connect trail	Low	N/A	RPCA
6	Renovate trail between Maple and Linden Streets	High	50,000-65,000	RPCA
7	Resolve drainage and ADA concerns through parking lot renovation	Medium	75,000-100,000	RPCA/TES
8	Install wayfinding signage	Medium	5,000-10,000	RPCA



# Hume Springs Park Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Dept Lead
1	Renovate Playground	Completed Fall 2015		RPCA
2	Replace the fence and enhance entrance	Completed Fall 2015		RPCA
3	Install outdoor fitness equipment	Completed Fall 2015		RPCA
4	Transform asphalt into painted stroller parking area	Completed Fall 2015		RPCA
5	Provide rain gardens	Medium	25,000 - 35,000	RPCA
6	Create shaded social seating areas	Completed Fall 2015		RPCA
7	Provide butterfly garden	Completed Fall 2015		RPCA
8	Install a water fountain	Completed Fall 2015		RPCA
9	Upgrade the light fixtures	Medium	50,000 - 80,000	RPCA/Dominion

**1 Renovate playground - COMPLETED FALL 2015**  
The existing playground is outdated and does not meet the community needs, particularly for non-school aged children that cannot use the Cora Kelly playground during the day. A renovated playground will include more natural features that promote imaginative play and exploration.

**2 Replace the fence and enhance entrance - COMPLETED FALL 2015**  
Currently, the park is surrounded by a 12 foot high chain link fence. While originally installed to address safety concerns in the past, the fence today serves as a physical, visual, and social barrier to the park. This plan recommends replacing the fence with a 4 foot black picket fence. The fence will prevent children from running into the street, but will not be a defining characteristic of the park, as the existing fence is today.

**3 Install outdoor fitness equipment - COMPLETED FALL 2015**  
There is a desire for outdoor fitness equipment throughout the city. Providing the fixtures in this park will create a destination for a diversity of park users, ranging in age, and promote fitness and health. While there are currently two pull up bars in the playground, the new features will be separated from the child-oriented area within the park.

**4 Transform asphalt into painted stroller parking area - COMPLETED FALL 2015**  
The asphalt area, currently an eyesore, will be painted and designated as a stroller parking area. Bright colors will add cheerfulness to the site. It will remain a flat hardscape so that it can continue to be used as event space for neighborhood gatherings.

**5 Provide rain gardens**  
There are two covered drains in the Park that often collect debris and have standing water surrounding them after rain events. This often creates mosquito breeding areas. Creating rain gardens around these drains will provide a better system to address water and be attractive planted areas.

**6 Create shaded social seating areas - COMPLETED FALL 2015**  
This plan recommends installing round tables to provide places to relax, picnic, and socialize. They can also be used as seating for neighborhood events.

**7 Provide butterfly garden - COMPLETED FALL 2015**  
A butterfly garden near the playground and Reed Street entrance will be visually pleasing and provide an area for natural habitat within a largely urban setting. A small path system through the garden will encourage children to interact with nature.

**8 Install a water fountain - COMPLETED FALL 2015**  
A water fountain near the Reed Street entrance will be an asset to the community and park users.

**9 Upgrade the light fixtures**  
The existing light fixtures will be upgraded with energy efficient light bulbs. In addition to using less energy, these bulbs have a longer life span and will reduce maintenance and replacement costs.

**Note:** The City partnered with RunningBrooke to fund this Playground renovation in Fall 2015. As a result, the City and Organization developed the Park Conceptual Plan in greater detail than other Neighborhood Park Plans.

# Landover Park Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Dept Lead
1	Install crosswalks from Burgess Ave across Landover St	Medium	5,000-7,500	TES
2	Plant a new line of healthy trees and replace the fence along Landover St	Medium	10,000-20,000	RPCA
3	Renovate park entrance	High	10,000-12,500	RPCA
4	Install stairs to connect to the Warwick Pool picnic area	Medium	15,000-17,500	RPCA
5	Enhance picnic area	Medium	5,000-7,500	RPCA
6	Wrap the wooden poles with colorful material	Low	1,500-2,500	RPCA
7	Install railroad ties or other low barrier that can serve as a seating wall along playground	Medium	3,000-4,000	RPCA
8	Install shade structures over benches	High	10,000-15,000	RPCA



# Lee Center Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Associated Recommendations	Dept Lead
1	Provide standard wayfinding signage	High	10,000-11,000		RPCA
2	Develop landscape plan, including seating and vegetation, in front of the building	Low	30,000-40,000	May be impacted by construction staging for HVAC and window replacement to the Lee Center	RPCA
3	Install pathway to connect the outdoor facilities in the front and back of the building	High	25,000-35,000		RPCA
4	Repurpose the pool in both the short and long term	Medium			RPCA
4a	Short-term: Hold design competition to determine interim use for the closed pool		250,000 allowance		
4b	Long-term: Renovate the pool for an indoor therapy program and senior use		4,300,000		
5	Install new path to connect the Lee Center back entrance to the courts and playgrounds		Currently underway		RPCA
6	Install new path to connect the miracle field to the northwest corner of the park	Low	25,000-30,000		RPCA
7	Install fitness equipment	Medium	10,000-15,000		RPCA/AFD
8	Renovate the parking lot, including a new path and landscape tree islands	Low	60,000-80,000		RPCA/TES
9	Irrigate field and, if possible, use condensation from the building's HVAC system	Low	35,000-50,000	Should be evaluated as part of the HVAC and window replacement project at the Lee Center	RPCA/GS



# Luckett Ballfield & Schuyler Hamilton Skate Park Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Dept Lead
1	Route a bike path through the parking lot to Quaker Lane	Medium	15,000 - 30,000	TES
2	Extend pathway and provide ADA access to dugouts and seating	High	35,000-50,000	RPCA
3	Upgrade ballfield facilities	Medium	200,000-300,000	RPCA
4	Re-grade the ballfield and improve drainage	Currently underway		RPCA
5	Replace the modular skate park features with a concrete design	Medium	900,000-1,250,000	RPCA
6	Improve plantings along Duke Street	Low	25,000-35,000	RPCA



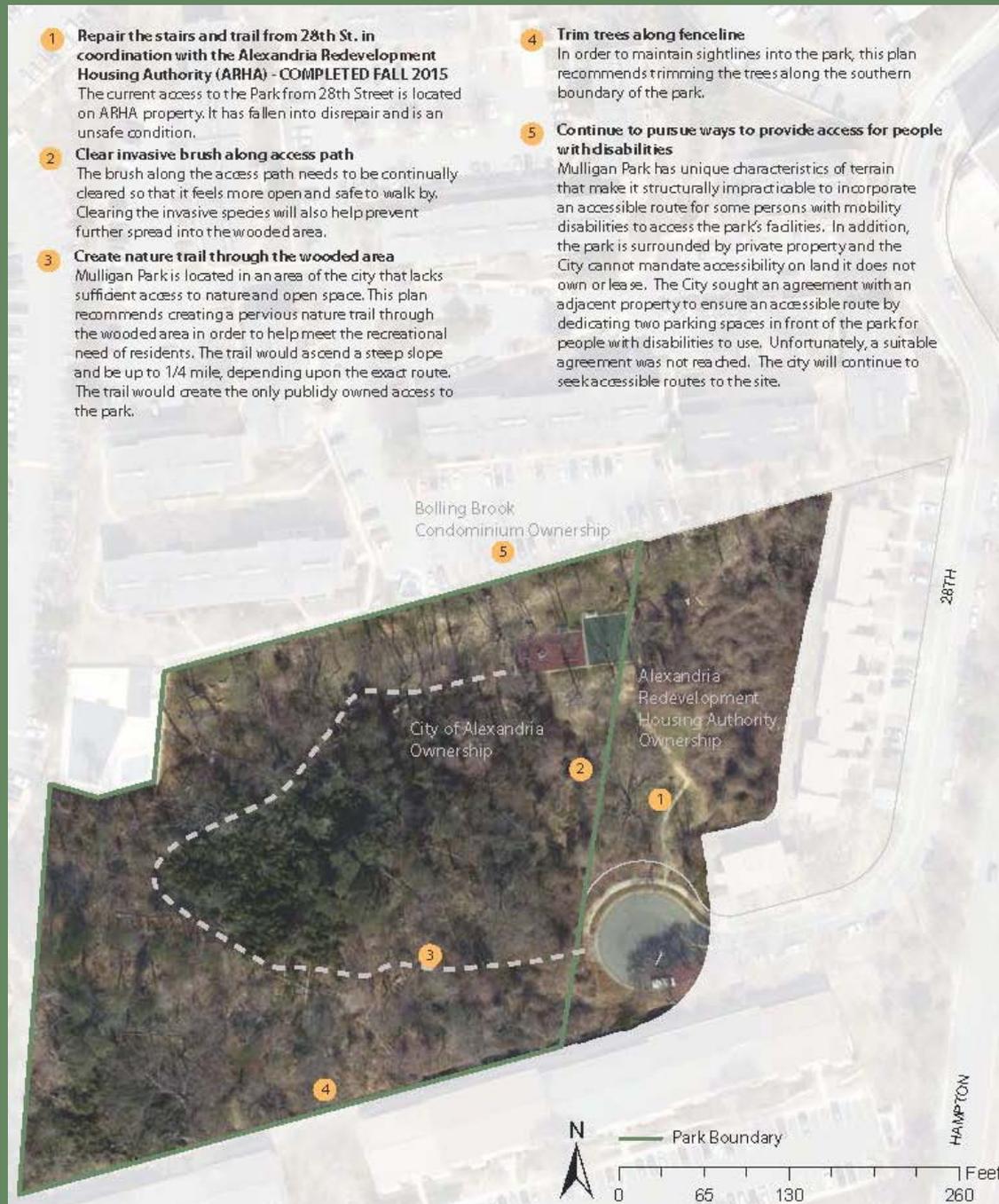
# Montgomery Park Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Associated Recommendations
1	Renovate, expand, and reconfigure the playground	Medium	500,000-800,000	Should be constructed at same time as passive lawn (recommendation #5). Cost will depend upon stormwater management needs.
2	Improve plantings along Royal Street	Low	50,000-65,000	Should be constructed at same time as playground renovation (recommendation #1)
3	Install pathway to connect the south side of the park	Medium	5,000-7,500	Should be constructed at same time as playground renovation (recommendation #1)
4	Fix drainage issues along Fairfax St	High	75,000-100,000	
5	Grade the center of the park and create a passive lawn with shade trees	Medium	275,000-350,000	Should be constructed at same time as playground renovation (recommendation #1)
6	Renovate the parking lot and include green infrastructure	low	75,000-125,000	Should be constructed at same time as solo court (recommendation #7)
7	Convert half the parking lot into a half-tennis court with backboard for solo play	Medium	250,000-350,000	Should be constructed at same time as parking lot (recommendation #6)



# Mulligan Park Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Associated Recommendations	Dept Lead
1	Repair the stairs and trail from 28th St. in coordination with the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority			Complete as of September 2015	ARHA
2	Clear invasive brush along access path	Medium	Underway		RPCA
3	Create nature trail through the wooded area	Low	\$250,000 - \$300,000		RPCA
4	Trim trees along fenceline	Medium	10,000 - 20,000	includes eradicating Porcelainberry flume and bamboo	RPCA
5	Continue to pursue ways to provide access for people with disabilities	Medium	N/A at this time		RPCA



# Powhatan Park Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Associated Recommendations
1	Renovate and expand playground	High	\$250,000 - \$400,000	Staff recommends this project be pursued with a portion of the \$250,000 development contributions from Braddock Gateway (CDD2015 - 00005).
2	Move the sidewalk within the park and create a landscape barrier between the pedestrian route and North Henry Street	Medium	\$100,000 - \$150,000	Staff recommends this project be pursued with a portion of the \$250,000 development contributions from Braddock Gateway (CDD2015 - 00005).
3	Create plaza at the end of Douglas Street	Medium	\$20,000 - \$30,000	
4	Resurface tennis court and line it for multiple sport uses (includes pivot or retractable net and new fence)	High	\$75,000 - \$100,000	
5	Create green alley	Low	\$450,000 - \$600,000	Seek stormwater benefit grants
6	Re-pave pathway and add measured marks	Medium	\$70,000 - \$80,000	
7	Install shade structure and game tables at hard-surface/plaza	Medium	\$30,000 - \$50,000	
8	Plant consistent line of shrubs along the alley	High	\$25,000 - \$45,000	Highest priority set by community
9	Install water line and water fountain with spigot	low	\$15,000 - \$20,000	May need to be installed with recommendation #8 to ensure establishment of shrubs



# Stevenson Park Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Associated Recommendations	Dept Lead
1	Improve and increase access to the park	High	Review after streetscape improvements		TES/RPCA
2	Create soft surface trails through the wooded area	Medium	50,000-70,000		RPCA
3	Continue to address and manage native and non-native species	Medium	5,000 - 8,000		RPCA
4	Line the outfield for soccer and provide portable goals	Medium	5,000-7,500		RPCA
5	Upgrade the ballfield to hold up to a 70ft diamond field with bleachers, dugouts, foul poles, and press box	High	500,000-600,000	Should be done at same time as parking lot re-design (recommendation #6), though not dependent upon it.	RPCA
6	Re-design the parking lot to increase use and visibility	Low	250,000-300,000	Should be done at same time as parking lot re-design (recommendation #6), though not dependent upon it.	RPCA
7	Convert the four square area into a feature that interests teens	Medium	10,000-35,000		RPCA
8	Improve the grill area with additional shade and water fountain	High	50,000-60,000		RPCA

- 1 Improve and increase access to the park**  
Stevenson Park is located in a dense area of the City with few public parks, yet it is a difficult park to access. Unless users are coming from the adjacent properties, pedestrians must walk a long distance along Stevenson Avenue or drive from elsewhere in the City. The path to get to the park is unmarked with directional signage and is not pedestrian friendly. This plan proposes access improvements by 1) developing a wayfinding strategy to direct pedestrians and users to the park from Stevenson Avenue and 2) working with Transportation and Environmental Services on their upcoming project (summer/fall 2015) to improve pedestrian conditions along Stevenson Avenue and Stultz Road. If these two methods do not fully succeed in providing improved access, a long-term solution may be to consider an access easement to create a nature trail connection to Yoakum Parkway. This would involve an agreement with adjacent property owners.
- 2 Create soft surface trails through the wooded area**  
This Park provides an opportunity to increase access to nature, a desired park use, as indicated in the 2013 Citywide Parks Needs Assessment. This need is particularly great in the City's West End. The trails could also connect to the condominiums south of the park, as many of the residents currently walk through the woods in its condition without trails. The locations shown are illustrative only and need precise field verification when designed.
- 3 Continue to address and manage native and non-native species**  
The Division of Natural Resources has ongoing plans and projects to address the non-native invasive species at Stevenson Park, notably the large colony of Wisteria near the western corner of the park. The other two main areas with invasive exotics to be addressed are near the City champion Bush's Oak at the south corner of the park and the weedy area around the Sweet Cherry and the City champion Frosted Hawthorne. The plan will also protect the numerous old-age trees and remnant forest stands, as well as a diversity of native species.

- 4 Line the outfield for soccer and provide portable goals**  
As indicated by neighbors, many park users come to this area to play pick up soccer, using trash cans or other makeshift items as goals. Lining the field and providing portable goals would help promote impromptu use of the Park for recreational activity. A full size regulated field will not fit on the site. The field centerline would overlap with the first base foul line of the ballfield.
- 5 Upgrade the ballfield to hold up to a 70ft diamond field with bleachers, dugouts, foul poles, and press box**  
This plan calls to upgrade the diamond field to have similar amenities as Luckett Field, as shown in the image below. While the outfield cannot be beyond 250 ft., a shorter outfield could still sufficiently be used for Little League games and help meet the increasing demand for ballfield space. RPCA installed irrigation to this field in 2015, which will provide improved site conditions.
- 6 Re-design the parking lot to increase use and visibility**  
The current parking lot does not have enough spaces to support programmed little league games at the ballfield. However, the circle in the center of the lot can be replaced with eight additional spaces, without expanding the existing hard surface, and a planted green island to make a more efficient and attractive use of the space. The green island will also hold a prominent park sign that recognizes the lot as an entrance to the park. Bike parking can also be added to the lot.
- 7 Convert the four square area into a feature that interests teens**  
The adjacent neighborhoods has a high demographic of teenagers and community members have acknowledged the need for more park features that interests this age group. The underused four square area will be converted into a feature such as a modular skateboard piece, bouldering element, or concrete ping pong table. The exact element will be determined after further outreach to teenage neighbors.



**8 Improve the grill area with additional shade and water fountain**  
The area around the grill has very tall trees, but they do not provide enough shade. A combination of shade trees and shade structures and a water fountain will help make this a more desirable area for social gatherings.

# Taney Park Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Associated Recommendations	Dept Lead
1	Install widened trail connection between the two parts of Taney Ave	High	20,000-25,000		TES
2	Clear non-native brush between the trail and Park	High	5,000 - 7,500	Should immediately follow trail widening (recommendation #1)	RPCA
3	Create entry plaza to the Park	Medium	10,000-15,000		RPCA
4	Install No Parking sign at the two spaces closest to the park	Low	N/A		RPCA/TESS
5	Install climbing play features	High	25,000 - 30,000		RPCA
6	Provide accessible path to new benches	High	20,000-25,000		RPCA
7	Repair split rail fence	Low	1,500-2000		RPCA
8	Mark the southeast corner entrance with a park sign	Medium	3,000-3,250		RPCA

**1 Install widened trail connection between the two parts of Taney Ave**  
The current sidewalk between the east and west end of Taney Ave is in disrepair. A new trail would be 10 ft wide, allowing both pedestrians and cyclist to safely pass through. The trail would also create a new east-west pedestrian-cyclist link that runs parallel to Duke Street.

**2 Clear non-native brush between the trail and Park**  
The area between the Taney trail connection and the park is full of overgrown non-native brush. This plan proposes removing some of the brush to make both sections of the park feel cohesive and give sightlines to the trail from the park, enhancing safety.

**3 Create entry plaza to the Park**  
The park does not currently have a formal entrance. The park rules and regulation sign is on the fence and a single pathway, without designation, leads users into the park. A plaza at the corner would include park furniture such as a bench, bike racks, and a sign. It's shown on the corner of Taney to invite park users either into the park or onto the trail.

**4 Install No Parking sign at the two spaces closest to the park**  
Taney Avenue dead ends at the park and there is no space for a car to turn-around. By making the last two spaces "no parking," cars and maintenance vehicles will have the space and ability to back up and perform a 3-point turn.

**5 Install climbing play features**  
The center of this lawn can serve as an area for natural play and climbing features while still retaining the passive character of the park. Natural play may include boulders, balancing equipment, and other child-friendly structures. Existing benches on either side of the lawn provide spaces for parents to sit and watch their children.

**6 Provide accessible path to new picnic tables**  
Park Operations recently replaced the park furniture in this Park, including an ADA picnic table. A pathway will be added for people with disabilities to access the table.

**7 Repair split rail fence**  
The existing fence is in disrepair and needs replacement.

**8 Mark the southeast corner entrance with a park sign**  
Currently the trail is unmarked. A sign will invite park users either into the park or onto the trail.

— Park Boundary

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0 50 100 200 Feet

Taney

# Timberland Park Improvement Plan

#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Dept Lead
1	Install park entrance and regulations sign on Kennedy Street	Medium	5,000-7,500	RPCA
2	Improve the park access trail	Medium	5,000-7,500	RPCA
3	Install trash can and dog pick-up station	Medium	2,000-3,000	RPCA
4	Eradicate invasive species, including bamboo, and plant native plants	Low	1,000 - 1,500	RPCA
5	Remedy drainage issues	High	10,000-15,000	RPCA/TES
6	Secure the foundation of the wooden structure and include seating and rails along the edge	High	35,000-50,000	RPCA



# Totals

Neighborhood Park	Average estimated cost	
Beach Park	\$ 640,500.00	
Chambliss	\$ 146,000.00	
Ewald Park	\$ 2,430,000.00	
Goat Hill Park	\$ 149,500.00	
Hume Springs Park	\$ 105,000.00	
Landover Park	\$ 72,000.00	
Lee Center	\$ 4,783,000.00	Includes therapuetic pool
Lockett	\$ 1,340,000.00	
Montgomery Park	\$ 1,601,000.00	
Mulligan Park	\$ 290,000.00	
Stevenson Park	\$ 973,000.00	
Taney Ave Park	\$ 95,500.00	
Timberland Park	\$ 74,500.00	
Angel Park	\$ 125,000.00	
Commonwealth Ave	\$ 251,500.00	
Hooffs Run	\$ 317,500.00	
Powhatan Park	\$ 1,215,000.00	
<b>Neighborhood Parks Improvement Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,609,000.00</b>	

## **Next Steps**

- 1. Public Hearing**
- 2. Park and Recreation Commission Discussion**
- 3. Action: PRC to advise staff on revisions to Park Plan for endorsement**

Once PRC endorse the plan, staff will schedule a City Council presentation for receipt of the plan