

City of Alexandria, Virginia
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
Charles Houston Community Center
901 Wythe Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Summary Minutes

Commission Members: Jennifer Atkins, Chair; Judith Coleman, Vice Chair, Danielle Baker, Gina Baum, Rich Brune, Secretary, Jesse O’Connell, Catherine Poulin.

Excused: Ripley Forbes, Angela Lalwani, Brian McPherson, Stephen Beggs.

RPCA Staff: James Spengler, Director; William Chesley, Deputy Director, Recreation Services; Jack Browand, Division Chief, Planning, CIP, and Waterfront Operations; Dinesh Tiwari, Deputy Director, Park Operations, Robin DeShields, Executive Assistant.

Absent: Dana Wedeles, Park Planner, Bethany Znidersic, Park Planner, Laura Durham, Open Space Coordinator, Acting Director Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility.

Other City Staff: Jason Kacamburas, Coordinator Potomac Yard Metrorail Station, Department of Project Implementation (DPI).

Guests: Gary Carr, Rod Belcher.

I. **Call to Order:** Jennifer Atkins, Chair called the meeting to order at 7.03 p.m.

II. **Presentations:**

A. **Potomac Yard (P.Y.) Metrorail Project Update:** Briefing is posted to:
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/20160218PRCMetroUpdate.pdf>

Jason Kacamburas, Project Coordinator, P.Y. Metrorail station, DPI, provided an update with details of the Concept Plans for the Station Design, Potomac Greens Park, Potomac Yard Park, plus information about the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being reviewed by National Park Service and Federal Transit Administration, the DSUP process and Next Steps. He said the past four weeks included civic engagement briefings to various groups and commissions and feedback is being received. He said some agreements have been made (the platform, mezzanine, and potential station design), with the goal of minimizing station visibility from the George Washington Parkway. See Option 1 and Option 1A. He said they are trying to determine the design for the material to be used for the connector portion of station, and they are now looking at the design of the facade.

Dinesh Tiwari noted 2 alternative concepts for Potomac Greens Park and overall plan were presented at the January P&RC meeting. He said the project will include three Development Special Use Permits (DSUPs): Potomac Greens Park, the Metrorail Station, and Potomac Yard Park. The initial DSUP process is ongoing, and the preliminary plan for the whole project will come back to the P&RC in May for public comments. Tiwari said Concept Designs should be finalized by May 2016.

Tiwari reviewed the Concept Plans for Potomac Greens one-acre park [See briefing for details]. He said community feedback is that the park should retain its existing character as a neighborhood park, with flexible space in the middle and other existing park elements, i.e. trail, playground, picnic area, gazebo, plantings and buffer. He said the existing trail will connect to the new access road which will run parallel to the Metrorail station. The access road will be used by WMATA staff only, and there will be no public access. There will be a bike and pedestrian ramp and an overpass connecting east and west entrances to the metro station. He said the goal is to make the bike and pedestrian entrance area look like part of the park. There will be landscaping and green spaces which will serve as a buffer for the entrance point, and there is a place for bike parking. The bike and pedestrian overpass is planned to be open 24/7 and will connect the project's eastern and western sections for bike and pedestrian access. The current plan is for the City to own and manage the overpass.

Potomac Yard Park. [See briefing for details.] Tiwari said the concept plan options for this park are coming to the commission for the first time. He reviewed the two concepts (Options A and B) for the redesign of the northern portion of the existing park. He said the construction is almost finished on the northern end of this park. The proposed metro pavilion structure aligns with Glebe Rd., and is the entrance to the Metrorail station on the west side. There will be elevators, escalators, and bike parking inside this structure, and it will connect to the pedestrian bridge. He said Option A keeps the northern end of the park as it is currently designed and constructed, and Option B offers larger flexible space that can be programmed for different activities. He said the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group (PYMIG) members preferred Option A with some minor changes to make it more flexible, and community members liked Option B, with a softer edge and add more landscaping there.

Tiwari said the other design elements will maintain the existing character of the parks, with new landscaping and materials that blend in with the Metrorail station design. He said the plans are still at concept level; and staff is working with the architect to refine the plans by March. The goal is to ensure the park design maintains one contiguous park. Once the Metro terminal building is finalized the design will show how features will be incorporated i.e. signage, bike share facilities.

Bicycle Parking: Atkins asked if bike parking will be included and noted the P&RC previously drafted a letter highlighting two major issues: 1. ensuring bike paths are continuous, and 2. having significant bike parking at the station, since there will be no parking lot.

Kacamburas said bike parking was discussed at the PYMIG meeting and with other commissions and groups. Tiwari said bike parking will be provided behind the terminal structures with potential controlled access. He said they are working with WMATA to take advantage of the covered areas below the overpass on east and west sides for bike parking. Tiwari said the second pedestrian bridge on the north is not shown, and is not part of the park DSUP, but part of the station DSUP.

Kacamburas said concepts plans are expected to be refined and finalized by spring 2016. He said the draft of the Final EIS was sent out for review to the National Park Service (NPS) and Federal Transit Administration. The City's DSUP process is moving forward, and the preliminary submission is planned for March 31. The Department of DPI is the applicant and WMATA is the co-applicant. A presentation will be given to the P&RC in May in anticipation of the June public hearing by Planning Commission and City Council.

Work is continuing on developing a design/build Request for Proposal and concept level

cost estimates for the entire project.

Baum requested that a scaled down overlay be provided to the P&RC. Kacamburas said he would provide. Tiwari said drawings are also posted on the Potomac Yard Website, along with videos.

III. **Items for Information:**

A. **Public Comments non-agenda items:**

Gary Carr, 216 Aspen St., said he has been a longtime advocate for increasing the number of running tracks, in the City, and submitted a written statement for the record (See Attachments). He said the City should reconstruct the track at George Washington Middle School, where a small track previously existed. He said a quality 6-8 lane regulation-size running track should be built in the City. T.C. Williams H.S. currently has the City's only regulation-size track. He said the School Board is in the initial stages of planning the renovation of the Parker Gray Stadium, and when this occurs it will impact use of the track.

Carr referenced two documents: 1. The 2008 Running Track Suitability Study (RTSS), and 2. The 2008 All City Sports Facility Update. He requested that the P&RC and staff review these documents and issue new report, with the goal of evaluating and creating a comprehensive list of all potential sites for tracks in the City. He said the City's Community Needs Assessment consistently rates the need for more running, walking and jogging paths as high priorities, and tracks can be done cost effectively and can be used by all socio-economic groups.

He asked the P&RC to look at the potential for creating a comprehensive athletic facility at the George Washington Middle School and Braddock Road site (See Attachments). Carr provided a "Running Track Initiative" proposal which shows the types of running facilities and initiatives he believes should be built in the City. (See Attachments and Supporting Statement.) He said "If You Build It They Will Run".

Aquatics: Carr strongly supports the City's renovation of Warwick Pool, and said every child should learn how to swim. He said the Chinquapin 50-meter pool plan's site/design is flawed by its inadequate parking, accessibility, potential to increase traffic congestion, and high cost.

B. **Updates:**

Ben Brenman Park Dog Park Lights: See Staff Report.

Background: The original Special Use Permit for Ben Brenman Park (SUP 98-0048) allows for operating hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., but actual operating hours have been limited in large portions of the park to sunrise to sunset, except by permitted use. New lights are proposed for the dog park, and RPCA plans to change the posted hours of operation to 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. in all lighted areas of the park. Letters will be mailed to all adjacent homeowners prior to the April 5, Planning Commission meeting, to receive public comments on consideration of the request to add lights and to expand the Ben Brenman Dog Park.

Discussion: Browand said on February 2, 2016 the Planning Commission voted to defer this item (SUP #2015-0128), to allow for more community input on the proposed change in park operating hours. Coleman said Mindy Lyle, member of the Eisenhower West Steering Committee, and Planning Commission wants to hold a community meeting in the City's West End. Coleman said improved lighting for the dog area was planned as part of RPCA's Citywide Large Parks Master Plan implementation for the park. Browand said City Code allows staff to change the park's operating hours

administratively. He said the plan is to take this before the Planning Commission and City Council in April. Spengler said the 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. hours were approved by the Planning Commission and City Council as part of the original DSUP.

Coleman suggested a presentation be given before the P&RC, with time allowed for public comment, rather than holding a separate public hearing.

ACTION: Atkins requested that a presentation be given at the March meeting, to include a description of the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan.

Aquatics: See Staff Report.

- **Chinquapin 50-Meter Pool proposal:** Browand said City Council was updated at its February 9, 2016 meeting. Spengler said more information will be known after City Council approves the FY17 Operating, and 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budgets on May 4th.
- **Warwick Pool: Background:** On January 30, 2016 City Council authorized the City Manager to proceed with the next steps to replace the pool and bath house (Item #14-4907). The preferred Alternative #3 for the pools consists of replacement of the existing facilities with new construction of similar design. The bath house will be a new one-story seasonal replacement facility. Total anticipated construction costs for the project, as in the recent feasibility study, range from \$1.7 to \$2.1 Million. RPCA will proceed to contract for architecture/engineering designs services and construction, so that the new facilities can open by Memorial Day 2017.

Urban Forestry Master Plan (UFMP):

[See briefing for budget details and progress implementing UFMP recommendations]
Briefing is posted to:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/UrbanForestryUpdatePRC_2_18_16.pdf

Dinesh Tiwari, Deputy Director Park Operations, gave an update on the UFMP adopted by City Council in 2009. The UFMP recommendations cover the City's Urban Forest of 20,000 trees and activities related to the Tree canopy, Tree planting, Tree maintenance, RPCA's coordination with other City Departments, Public Education, and Trees on public and private lands. Tiwari said RPCA is working with the Environmental Policy Commission (EPC) to implement UFMP goals in the City's Environmental Action Plan. The EPC is concerned about how to address the number of trees lost during the development process.

Tiwari said the UFMP recommendations include expanding the City's tree canopy from 34% to 40%, and improving tree maintenance. He said RPCA has been planting over 500 trees annually, and a tree maintenance clause will be included in the contracts for new tree plantings. He said additional FY19 CIP funding is proposed for tree maintenance and using contractors to maintain City trees has created savings and improved response time for Call.Click.Connect tree concerns. RPCA is being more proactive and has implemented initiatives such as block-to-block pruning. Staff also works with organizations such as Tree Stewards on tree sales. Tiwari said the City is primarily responsible for trees on public land, but many trees and issues are on private land. This requires working with the Planning & Zoning staff on preservation. The City's Landscape Guidelines will be updated in 2017, and state new trees planted should be native. Tiwari said another issue is how trees are replaced in dense areas of

Old Town, because some tree wells may be too small to sustain new trees.

Commission discussion:

Chair Atkins said the EPC is concerned that the UFMP was put into place after the Planning Guidelines (“Guidelines”) were completed, but the Guidelines were not revised again. She believes the UFMP implementation could benefit from cross-commission collaboration between the EPC, P&RC, Beautification Commission, and the Department of Planning and Zoning (P&Z), to help ensure the Guidelines are consistent, and to make recommendations to City Council. She said this is particularly important for new development plans.

Coleman asked if this should be included in the Open Space Master Plan (OSP) review. **Spengler** said the OSP focuses on the ratio of open space acres per 1000 residents and securing new open space during the development process, not tree canopy coverage. He said RPCA’s Park Planning staff is working to secure a consultant to finish the open space document, and issues concerning the development process will be handled by P&Z.

Atkins said the P&RC should determine if: 1. It will support a cross-commission workgroup, if directed by City Council to work on the UFMP, and 2. How the group can work with the City’s Planning Department regarding updating their “Guidelines”.

Coleman agreed with establishing a cross-commission group to work on the UFMP. However, she said she doesn’t want the issue of open space and the development process to get lost in the discussion. Baum agreed. O’Connell asked if the OSP is a ten-year master plan document, unless it needs to be changed. Spengler said the OSP is a permanent document, but each Master Plan has an implementation phase that is time bound. Brune said the open space plan should be updated separately, but in conjunction with the UFMP. Poulin agreed.

Atkins said she will circulate a draft letter to the Chair Environmental Policy Commission, and to P&RC members. The letter will ask City Council to direct the P&RC and the EPC to work together on the UFMP, and the project will have a defined time period.

ACTION: Baum moved that the P&RC write a joint letter with the EPC and other commissions to work together on the UFMP. Brune seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Atkins asked that open space be added to a future P&RC agenda for an update and that a discussion of best practices be held at a later meeting.

The City’s Open Space Master Plan is posted at:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/StrategicMasterPlan.pdf>

Coleman asked if the tree inventory includes trees in Resource Protection Areas (RPA’s), and said she is concerned with trees being damaged or removed due to invasive vines. **Tiwari** said the inventory only covers street trees in the City right-of-way. **Spengler** said the tree canopy includes total tree coverage on public and private City land.

Waterfront: Jack Browand, Division Chief, Park Planning, Design, Capital Development & Marina, See Staff Report.

- Windmill Hill Park Shoreline: See Staff Report. Browand said the design is 90% complete, and a community update meeting is planned for Saturday, February 27. He said some trees will be removed the week of February 29, and the project is on schedule for July construction. In response to Baum's question about waterfront stepping stones for the public, Browand said the sill is not for pedestrian access but to support the aquatic vegetation and to assist staff with maintenance. He said a northern deck was proposed that would be over the water, and there may be a lower deck on the southern side. Right now the base construction will replace the entire shoreline.
- Interim Fitzgerald Square: See Staff Report. The City held a community meeting on February 16 to present information and gather input on the Interim Fitzgerald Square design options. The City's Waterfront SAP envisions a new public plaza at the foot of King Street so staff is developing options to open the space to the public after the Old Dominion Boat Club moves. Construction of the interim space will likely begin in late calendar year 2017 with the park opening in summer 2018. Discussion: Browand said attendees at the February 16 meeting did not favor very large active events. He said the civic engagement process will continue with groups inside and outside Old Town. A community meeting is also planned for April to refine the design concept. The plan will then come back to the P&RC for a public hearing, and then go to the Planning Commission and City Council for final approval.

Update Recreation, Out of School Time (OSTP) Program: William Chesley, Deputy Director - See Staff Report. Chesley gave an update on the OSTP. He said the first phase of implementing the Children and Youth Master Plan is about after-school programs run in the City's recreation centers, during the school year. The Workgroup, which was formed in August/September 2015, will begin a mapping program to see where City and non-City Campagna programs exist in the City using data from ACPS and the Alexandria Community Survey. He said the primary role is to look at where programs are offered, and their costs, with the ultimate goal of identifying program gaps. He said the work will be done in four phases, with the most significant phase being the mapping. The project will not only focus on City-funded programs, but will expand to all out of school time providers in the City. Chair **Atkins** said the Recreation Services Scorecard is very useful.

- **Lease of the Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run, 4109 Mt. Vernon Avenue: See Staff Report.** Chesley said the City is in the final stages of negotiating a lease with Casa Chirilagua. The lease is being reviewed by the City Attorney's Office, and staff expects it to be signed within the next two weeks. He said RPCA staff worked with Casa Chirilagua last year on the City's Multi-cultural festival which was a huge success. Spengler said space in the building is maintained for community use, and farmer's market.

Commissioner comments:

- **O'Connell** asked about the "Scorecard" and OSTP revenue increases, and if this is related to policy changes. **Chesley** said RPCA has been implementing a Cost Recovery Policy since 2013. He said field usage requests are increasing for City and non-City programs, and additionally, the number of birthday party space rentals have increased.
- **Baum** asked if non-residents are still allowed to play soccer in Alexandria and how fees are applied. **Chesley** said the Alexandria Soccer Association (ASA) has always included non-residents in their programs, and non-residents have to pay \$35 and a non-resident

fee. Chesley said for City run youth sports programs you must be a resident. Staff is looking for space i.e. right now for youth basketball, which has 115 teams. **Baum** said Alexandria Lacrosse has some participants who are grandfathered in, but they do not actively allow non-residents. Chesley said Alexandria Lacrosse is an Affiliate Group.

- **Spengler** thanked Recreation staff for their efforts implementing the Resource Allocation and Cost Recovery Program, which has increased revenue. He said that the fee policy combined with a strong fee waiver policy, based on income or need is working well, as evidenced by the increased registrations. He said from a marketing standpoint, price adds value for some people. He said RPCA's first priority is programming, and revenue raised helps pay for the discounts.
- **Chesley** said that summer space has been requested and approved by Alexandria City Public Schools, and that the school leadership has been very supportive. He said the goal is to get the 2016/17 space request in by March 2016.

IV. **Items for Action:**

- A. **Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2015:** Deferred.

V. **RPCA Staff Updates:**

- A. **Director's Report:** James Spengler, Director gave a brief update on the **FY17 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program:** Spengler said, City Manager Mark Jinks, will release his recommended FY17 Operating, and ten year CIP budgets next week, and deliver his budget message. The P&RC will be provided with copies of RPCA's FY17 proposed budget and CIP. He said there will be significant reductions. Spengler said the City's overall revenue forecast has improved since September/October 2015. Original guidance to Department Heads was to plan for a 5% target reduction; this was later adjusted to an actual average of 2.5% across departments with some variance. Spengler attended the City/School Board Meeting on Tuesday, ACPS presented their proposed 10-year CIP. He said there were no impacts for RPCA, and Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center are still a top priority. Commissioners discussed whether to hold a separate meeting on the budget in advance of the City's public hearings and May 4th vote. The P&RC came to a consensus to hold one meeting in March, and discuss the budget at that time.

ACTION: Brune moved that the March 17, meeting be moved to March 10, 2016, O'Connell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Atkins said agenda items will include the FY17 Operating and CIP budgets and Dog Park lights. Staff will research West End meeting locations.

- B. **Division Updates:** Recreation Services; Park Operations; Park Planning and Waterfront: **See Full Staff Reports posted at:**
<http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation/info/default.aspx?id=25560#2016MeetingInformation>

VI. **Commission Business and Commissioners Reports by District (verbal updates):**

- **Commission Liaison Group Review & Assignments:** Atkins will send out the updated list of assignments. She noted that Ripley Forbes' term has expired, and said he will be invited

back for a final farewell. Atkins and McPherson have been reappointed to the P&RC, and Michael Peter will be a new member, and will take on some assignments. Atkins said she would also like to increase student member's participation.

- **Planning District I** - Baum, O'Connell, Poulin:

Waterfront Commission: Baum said the February meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Old Town North (OTN): O'Connell said the P&RC will have a significant role and parks will be very important, and the OTN group will have sub-committees on open space and historic preservation. He said they want diversity of open space. There is a lot of hardscape, and interest in converting it into public use space and there is a need for public restrooms. He said both sub-committees don't want a sports facility at the NRG owned site (formerly GenOn), and are looking for open space along the waterfront and parks that open up into the water:

Dominion Power Transmission Group: Poulin said there are no updates at this time.

- **Planning District II**- Atkins, Beggs, Forbes (absent).
- **Planning District III** - Brune, Coleman, McPherson (absent).

Civic Awards Update: Brune said the 2015 Civic Awards were presented at the February 9, 2016 City Council Meeting. Atkins said that presenting the awards at the City Council meeting was very meaningful to recipients.

Combined Sewers System: Brune said the last discussion was about tanks, and the U.S. government and National Park Service (NPS) don't support this.

Patrick Henry new School and Recreation Center Update: Atkins shared McPherson's email update from the last Patrick Henry Advisory Committee meeting. She said he raised many issues, including the loss of a field, and the need to maintain open space. He said there were many questions about what will be in the new Neighborhood Recreation Center. He said some neighbors oppose athletic field lights, and are concerned with traffic flow, and want a grass rather than synthetic turf field. Atkins said the original document contained lights but it was taken out of the plan. McPherson pointed out the need for lights on fields due to increasing population density, and the growth in school enrollment. Another Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled in a few weeks, and community meetings are planned for March 2 and March 9.

Browand said the construction firm mistakenly put a statement in from another project. He said lights are not being considered as part of the design at this time, but there is nothing that would preclude lights in the future. A Cost Benefit Analysis is being requested for natural vs. synthetic turf. On March 2, the design team will bring back three concept designs, to the Advisory Board, for a final selection. Atkins said she plans to attend the next City/Schools Meeting on March 2.

VII. **Next Meeting**: March 10, 2016, moved from March 17, for budget discussion.

VII. **Adjourned**: 9:02 p.m.

Attachments: Item III-A Gary Carr, Written Statement and Supporting Documents.

Attachments to Public Comments: Gary Carr, 216 Aspen St., Alexandria, VA

1. Statement by Gary J. Carr, to the Park and Recreation Commission, February 18, 2016
2. The Running Track Initiative by Gary J. Carr
3. Supporting Statement
4. Current Witter Field Design Serves only Small Park of Community
5. Drawing – The George Washington Sports Complex, A Presidential Sports and Fitness Facility
6. Running Track Suitability Study, March 3, 2008
7. All City Sports Facility Update, March 3, 2008

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Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission,

My name is Gary Carr. I have a few comments for your evaluation.

1. I have been an advocate for over twenty years for the reconstruction of the historic running track at the current George Washington Middle School site. I remain steadfast in my support in the restoration of this running track and urge your support for this project. I also want to make you aware that the School Board is in the initial stages of planning for the renovation of Park-Gray Memorial Stadium. As it holds the only regulation running track in the City, when that occurs, the citizens and especially the children will be without a place to train in play an undetermined amount of time.
2. Eight years ago there was a Running Track Suitability Study to evaluate where a running track might be built. I am requesting you revisit that study and issue a new report with a eye toward creating a comprehensive list of every suitable running venue in the City. The need for addition running, walking and jogging paths consistently ranks at the top of survey of community needs.
3. Look at the potential for comprehensive athletic facility at the George Washington/Braddock Road Site. How long is this site going to remain without a small area plan?

I would also like to state for the record my strong support for the reconstruction of the Warwick Pool. At the same time I think that the site for the Chinquapin Pool is flawed on many levels, including parking, traffic, accessibility by the community, not to mention prohibitive cost. It's probably too late, but it really needs to be reconsidered.

*Please see Attachments
submitted for the record*

The Running Track Initiative

by Gary J. Carr

The Goals of the Running Track Initiative:

*To build an **8 lane NCAA regulation running track and field complex** within the city limits,*

*To construct **highest-quality running track anywhere..***

*To construct **running tracks at the two middle school***

*To construct a **indoor short track (200meters)** within the city limits*

*To have the **latest technological timing devices** and track and field implements.*

To incorporate running tracks into the playing field design citywide whenever possible

To encourage competitive running in elementary schools through creative playground & field designs

To design running tracks for quick snow removal and immediately clear them in the winter months

To measure and mark distances for runners and walkers of the hiking and biking trails citywide

To enlist the support of sports advocates to the importance of running tracks, running and walking

To co-sponsor mini-marathons in the spring and fall one week prior to nationally road race events (The Marine Corps Marathon and the Army Ten miler) that will serve as a warm-up to these races.

To local businesses to support race day activities with special meals, deals and activities

To host a Special Olympics competition and amateur and professional track events

To Return the State Championship in Track & Field to the City of Alexandria

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Running tracks represent the essential expression of locomotion, exercise and cardio-vascular fitness

Every other sport or physical activity incorporates running or is enhanced by engaging in running.

Running tracks are more inclusive than any other type of outdoor or indoor activity.

Running tracks can be used by a majority of the population a majority of the time.

No other sports facility can make this claim.

A playing field of any type, football, baseball, lacrosse or soccer, allows for a most 25 patrons to participate at one time. The contest generally last several hours during which the field cannot be used for any other purpose. They generally require a significant amount of equipment, expertise and practice to participate.

Running tracks can be used by a solitary individual or by several hundred at the same time. All other outdoor sports demand skill and innumerable rules. Running, jogging or walking requires none.

Running tracks require no equipment excepting shoes, and even they are optional. All ages, sexes and physical abilities can participate together or separately with few accommodations.

Running tracks have few vocal advocates. In spite of this, they are used by a wide variety of the populace when available. Advocates of every sport should support of running track proliferation.

Runners will use the tracks in all types of weather, day and night. They will be used in the pouring rain and in the heat of summer. They will even be used during the winter months if snow is expeditiously removed from the surface.

Running tracks serve an important social function causing interaction among groups that may not normally interact.

Running is a required activity for many employment opportunities including the armed services, police and firemen and the FBI.

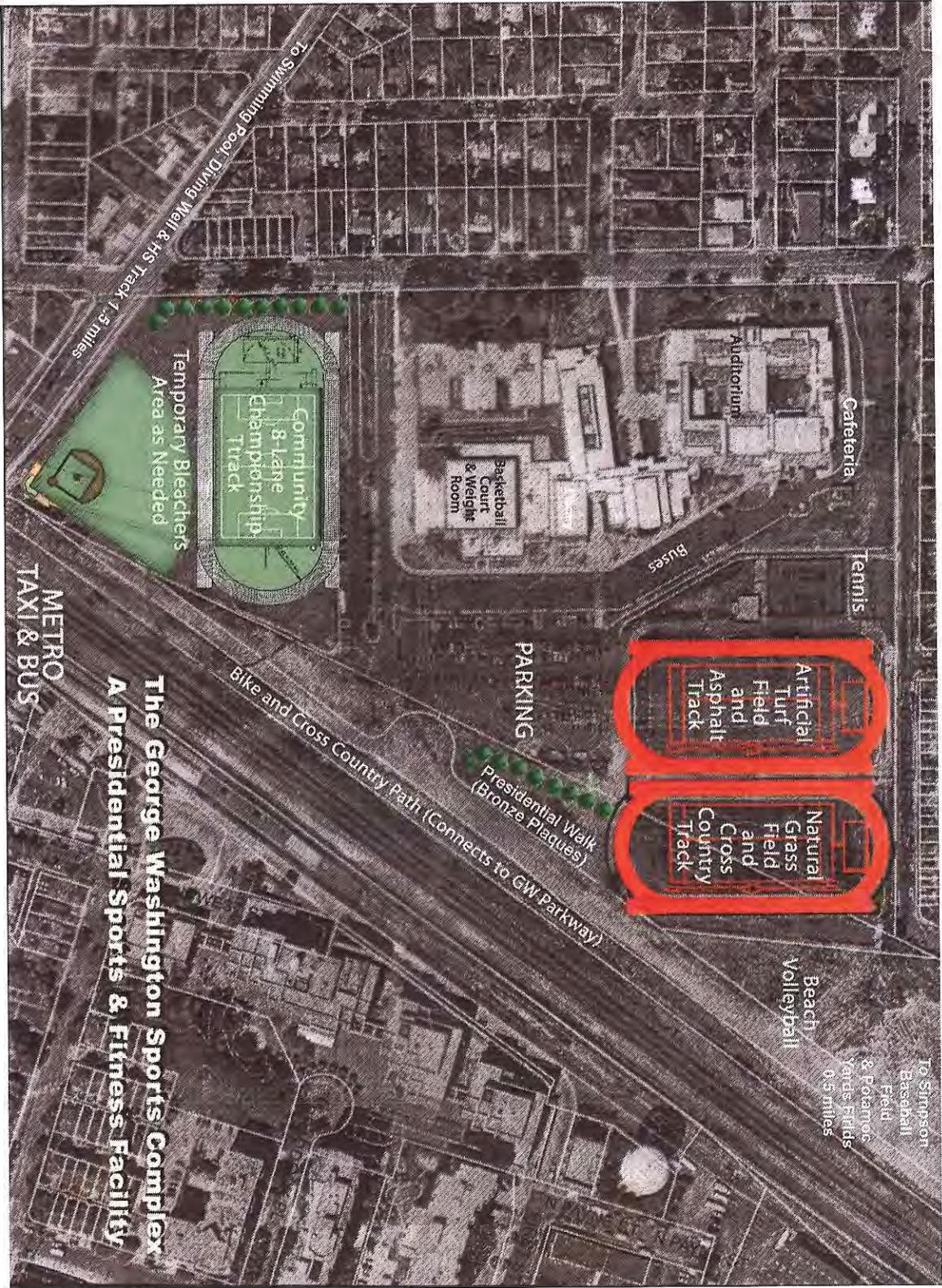
Running is the foundation for the conditioning necessary to participate in all sport activities.

**Current Witter Field Design
Serves only small part of community**



**Witter Field with a Running Track
Serves the entire community**





METRO
TAXI & BUS

**The George Washington Sports Complex
A Presidential Sports & Fitness Facility**

PARKING
Bike and Cross Country Path (Connects to GW Parkway)
Presidential Walk (Bronze Plaques)

Artificial Turf Field and Asphalt Track
Natural Grass Field and Cross Country Track

Community 8-Lane Championship Track
Temporary Bleachers Area as Needed

Basketball Court & Weight Room

Auditorium

Cafeteria

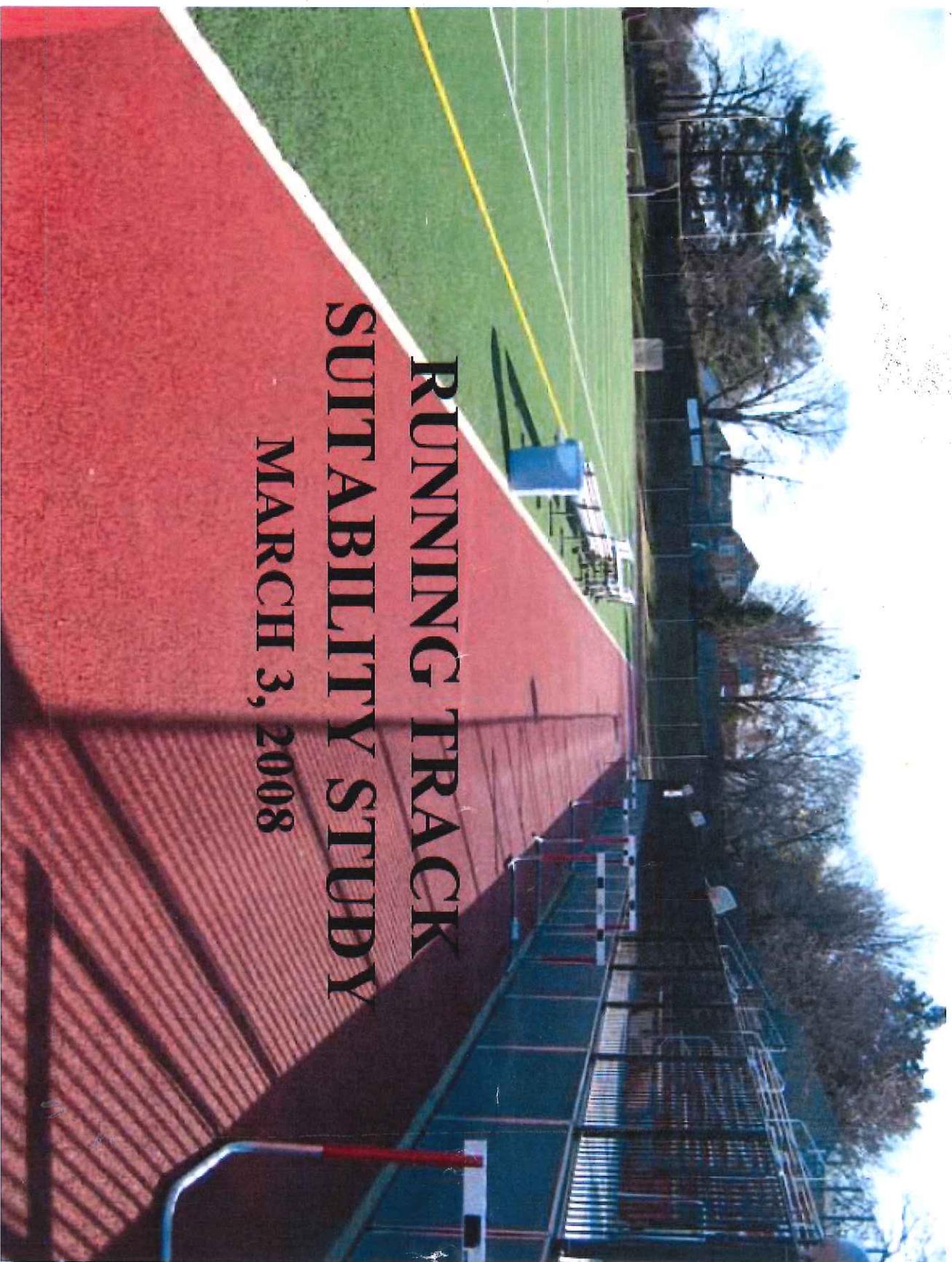
Tennis

Beach Volleyball

To Simpson Baseball Field & Potomac Yards Fields (0.5 miles)

To Swimming Pool, Diving Well & HS Track (1.5 miles)

2/18/12 PNC - Gary Carr
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**RUNNING TRACK
SUSTAINABILITY STUDY
MARCH 3, 2008**

RUNNING TRACK SUITABILITY STUDY

- Using available GIS data to determine which sites could best fit a running track facility.
- Standard running track is 400M (meters) in length (National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the International Amateur Athletic Foundation)
- Standard 400M running track is approx. 530 ft. x 280 ft.
- The only standard 400M track on City owned property is at **TC Williams High School**.



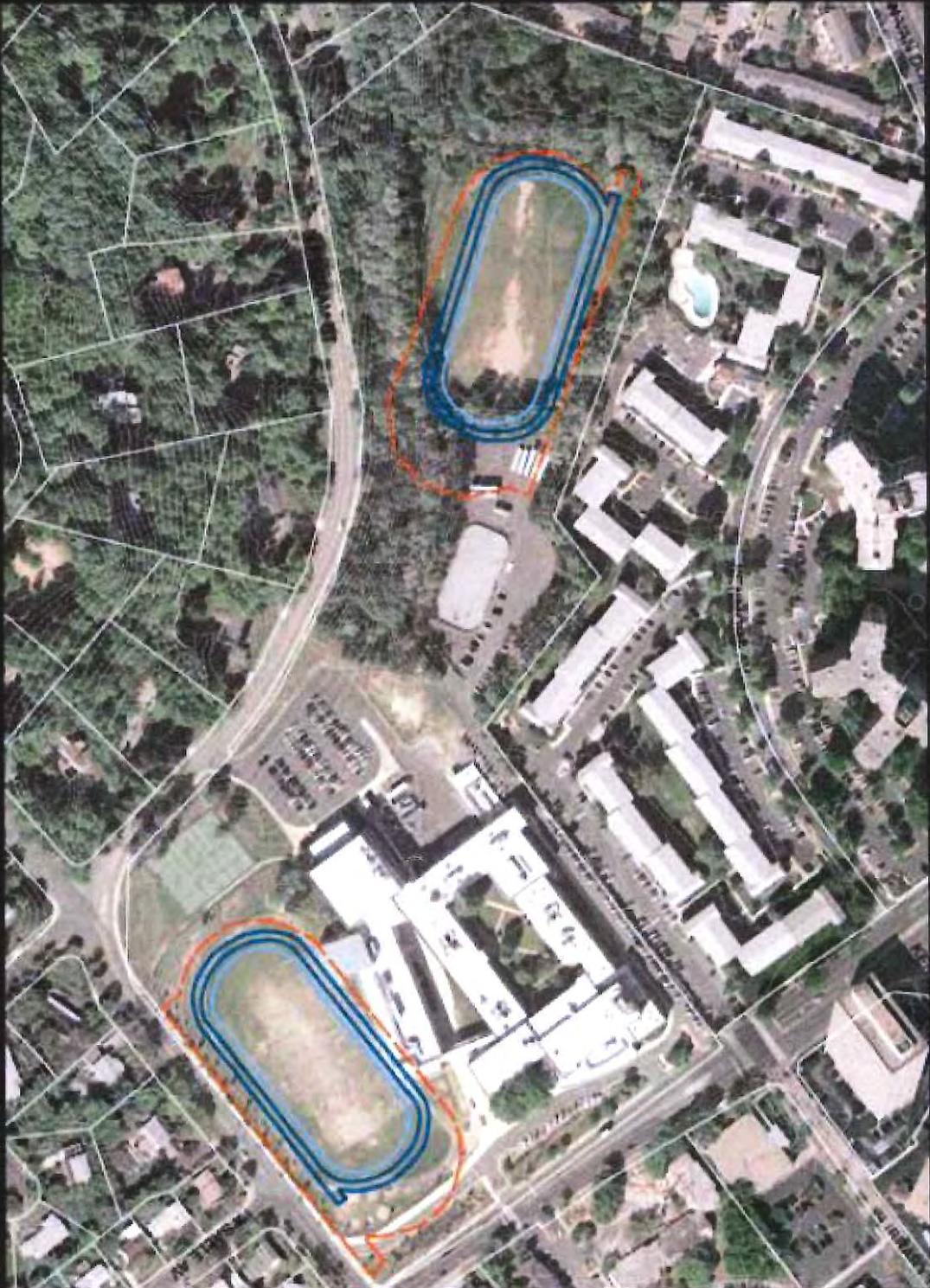
TC WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL

-  400M TRACK/120 YD X 66 YD FIELD (TC WILLIAMS EXISTING)
-  350M TRACK/ 120 YD X 58 YD FIELD (APPROX. 4.5 LAPS = 1 MI.)
-  320M TRACK/ 100 YD X 53 YD FIELD (APPROX. 5.5 LAPS = 1 MI.)

BRADDOCK FIELD AND GW SCHOOL



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MINNIE HOWARD SCHOOL

200M TRACK/ 100 YD X .45 YD FIELD
(APPROX. 7-8 LAPS = 1 MI.)

JOHN ADAMS SCHOOL



- 6 LANE TRACK & HS FOOTBALL FIELD (TC WILLIAMS EXISTING)
- 4 LANE TRACK & 190' X 390' FIELD (B. IRETON EXISTING)
- 4 LANE TRACK & 160' X 300' FIELD (MAXIMUM)



JAMES POLK SCHOOL

- 6 LANE TRACK & HS FOOTBALL FIELD (TC WILLIAMS EXISTING)
- 4 LANE TRACK & 190' X 360' FIELD (B. IRETON EXISTING)
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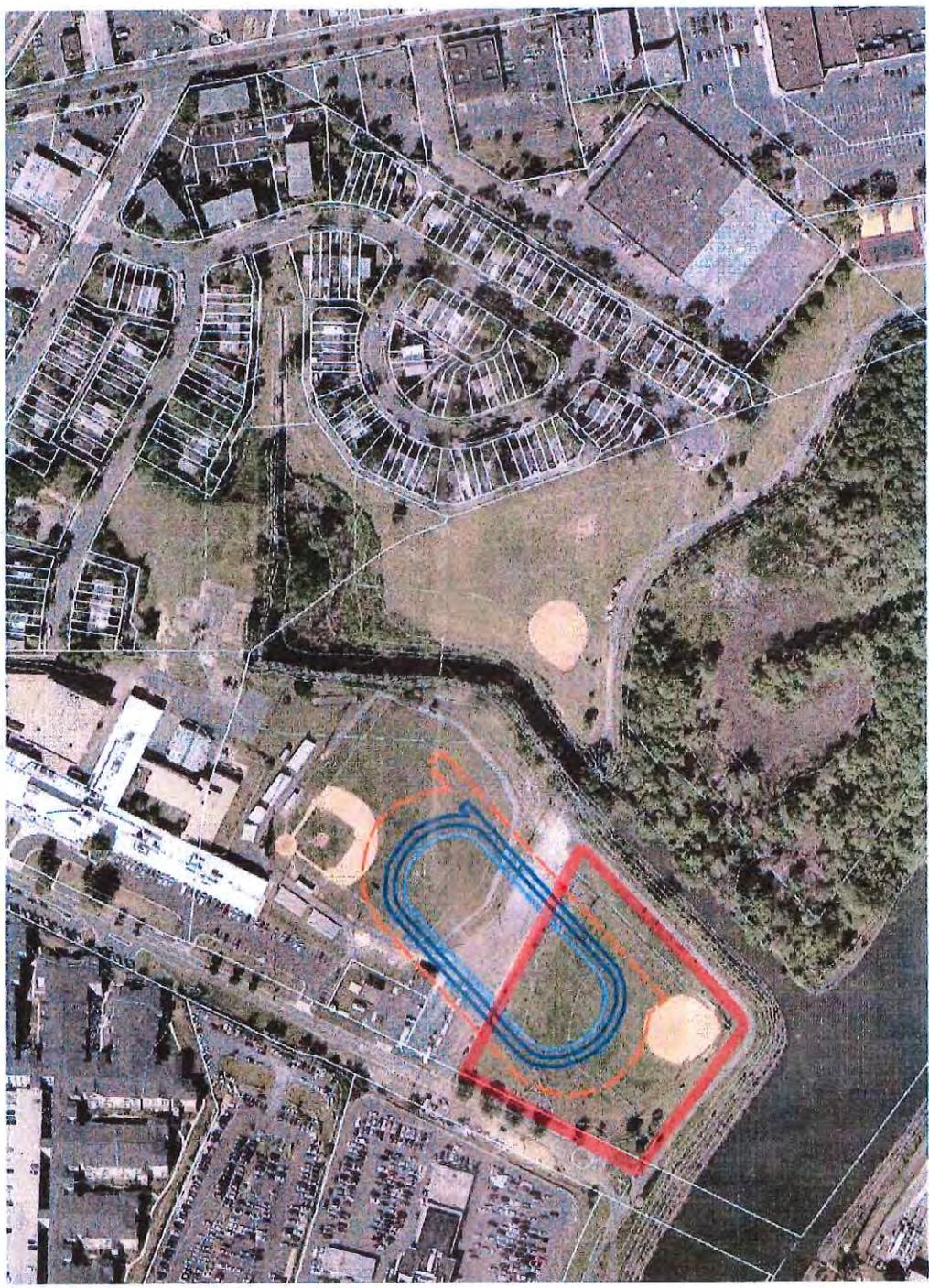
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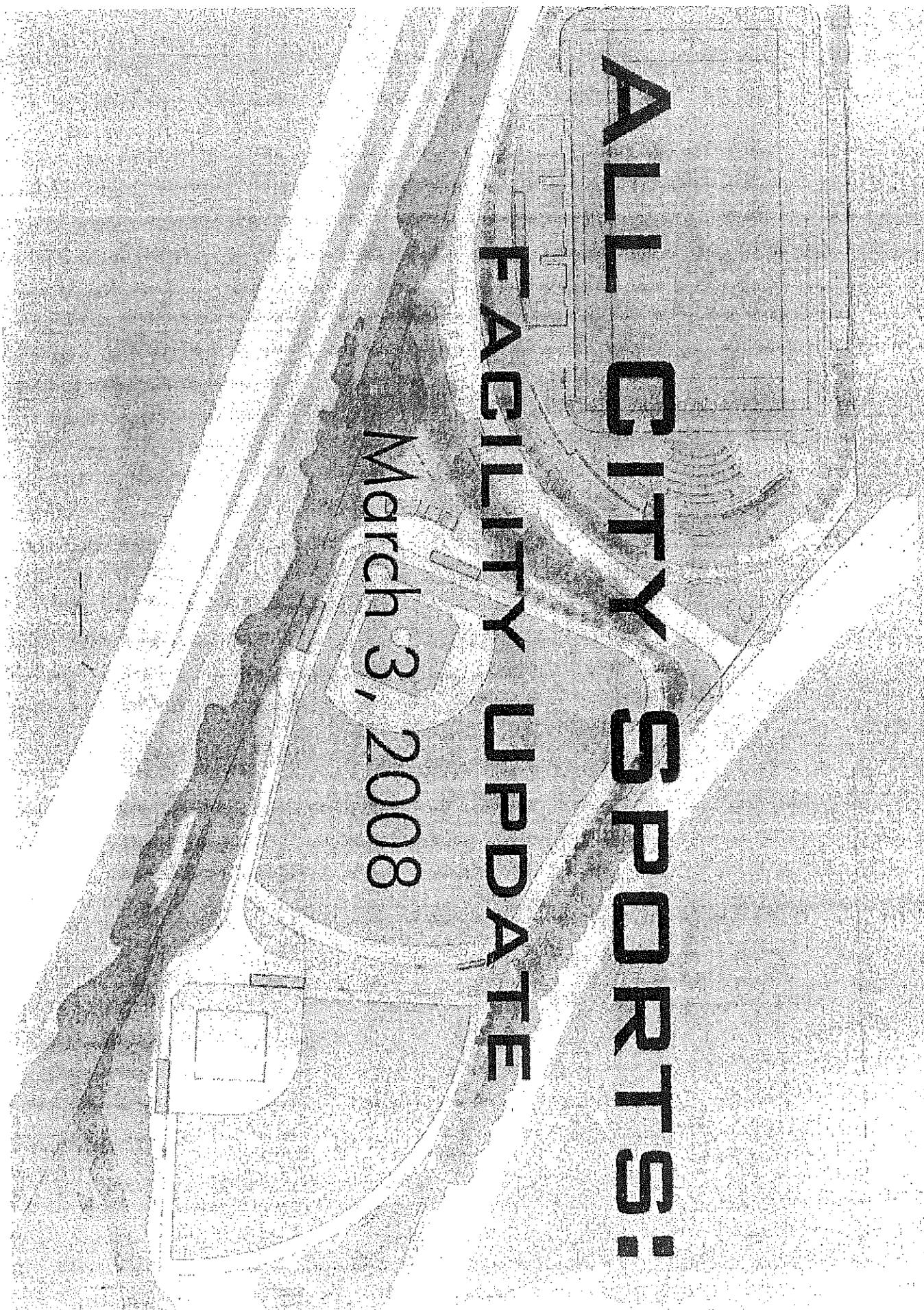
FOUR MILE RUN PARK

**ALTERNATIVE RUNNING AREA
SURROUNDING BASEBALL FIELD**

9/10/16 PRC - Group Cont. -
C. [unclear]

ALL CITY SPORTS: FACILITY UPDATE

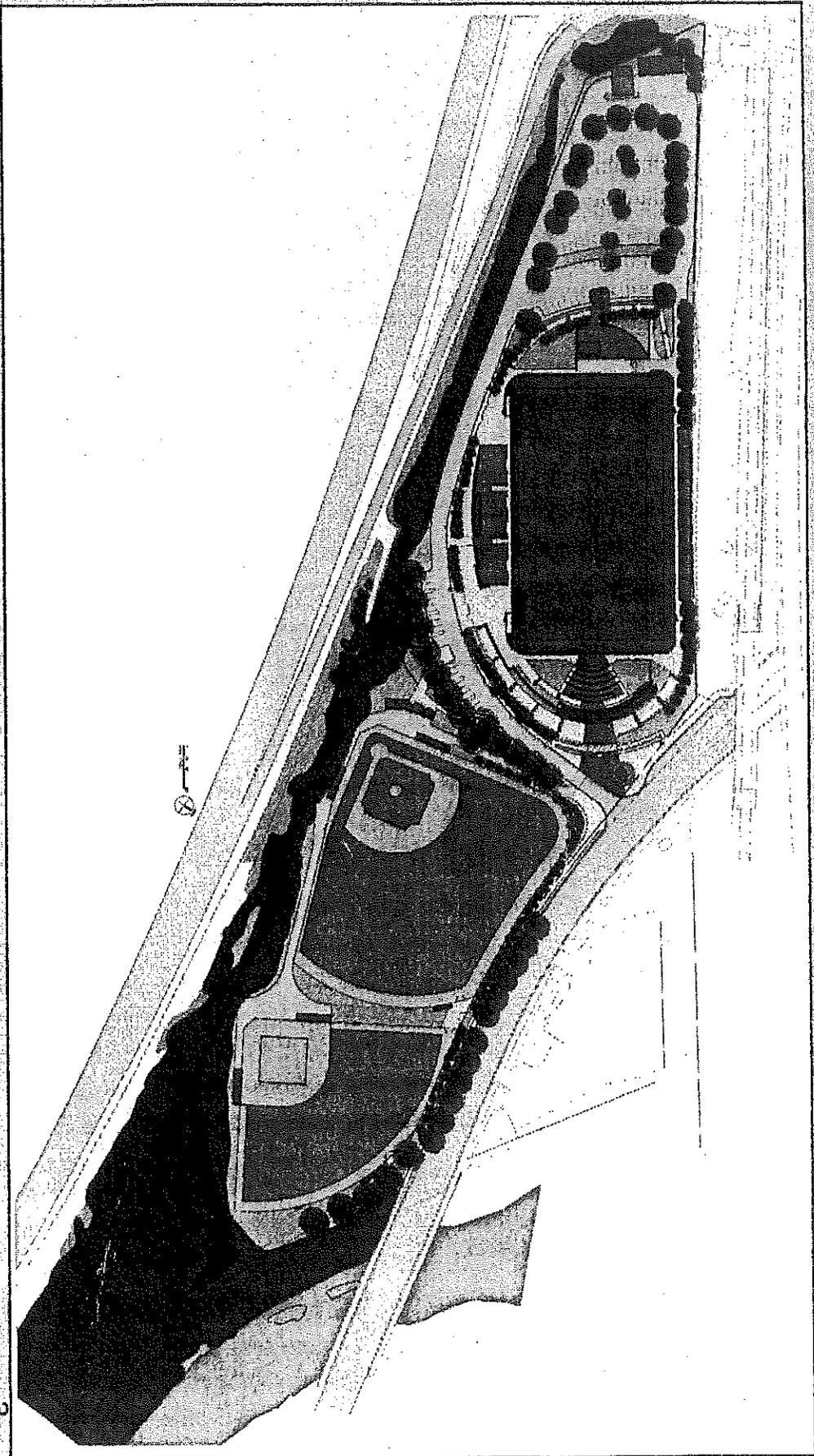
March 3, 2008



BACKGROUND

- Alexandrians for an All-City Sports Stadium group formed
- Feasibility Study for Site Selections
- Hensley selected as best site
- Site design feasibility study at Hensley
- Concept plan developed and submitted for City's SUP process

CONCEPT SITE PLAN



FACILITY FEATURES

- 1 Multi-use, synthetic field
- 2 Diamond natural turf fields (baseball and softball)
- 194 on-site parking spaces
- Full ADA access
- Home and visitor stadium seating for 3000
- Amphitheater-style end zone seating for overflow
- Concession stand/ Restrooms
- Field house with lockers and change rooms

FUNDING SCHEDULE

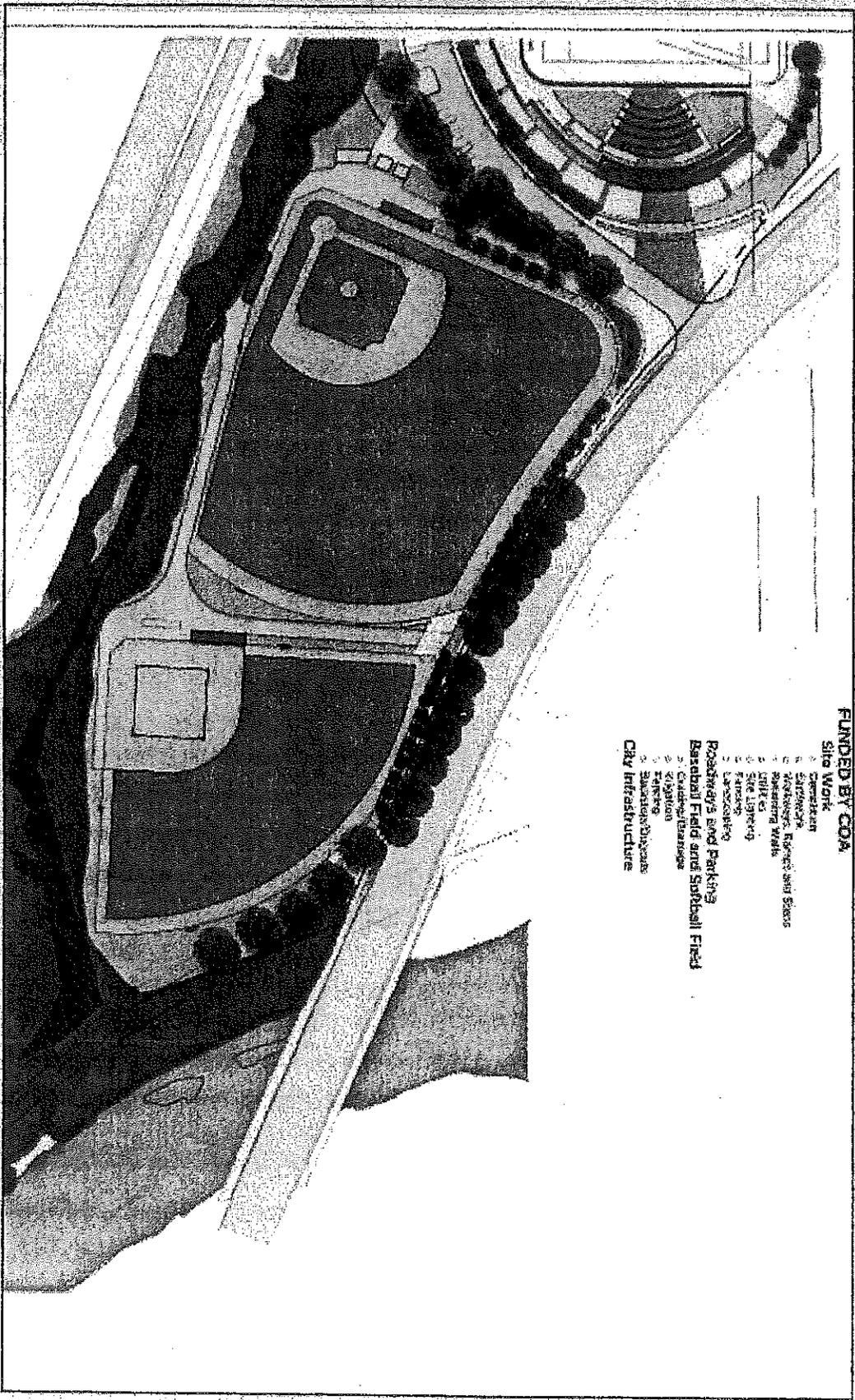
	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011
Preliminary Plan and SUP Process	Construction Documents	Construction ¹		
Facility Costs				
	City Funding:		\$6,800,000	
	Private Funding: ^{1,2}	<u>\$5,000,000</u>		
		\$11,800,000		

¹ Construction would be bid when at least 75% of the private funds were in hand or pledged.

² Includes potential naming rights and sponsorship revenues.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

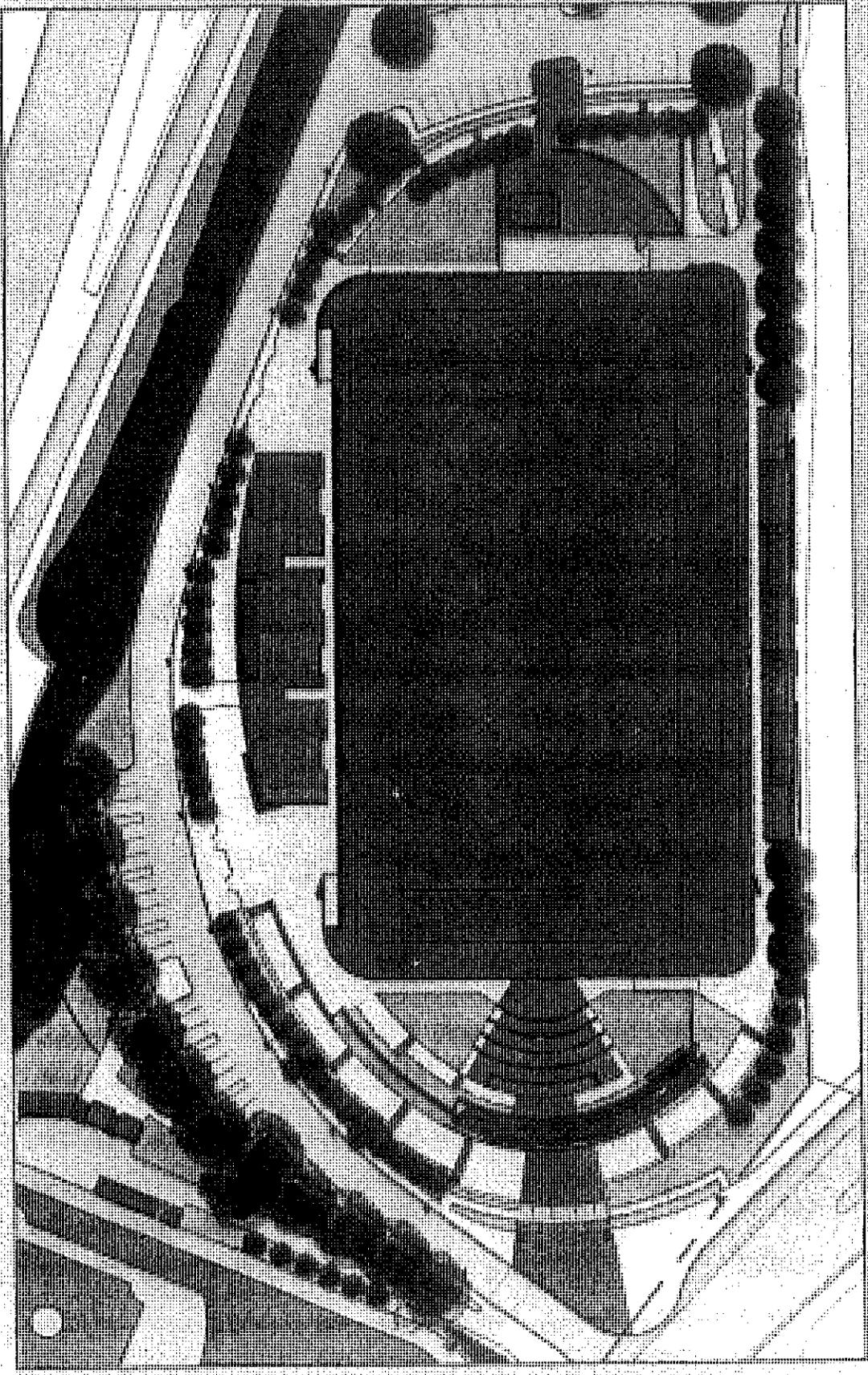
DIAMONDS



FUNDED BY COA

- Site Work
 - 1. Clearing
 - 2. Grading
 - 3. Retention, Erosion and Storm
 - 4. Retention Walls
 - 5. Utility
 - 6. Site Lighting
 - 7. Fencing
 - 8. Landscaping
- Pavedways and Parking
- Baseball Field and Softball Field
 - 1. Clearing/Grading
 - 2. Foundation
 - 3. Retention
 - 4. Structure/Beams
- City Infrastructure

MULTI-USE FIELD AND STADIUM



PRIORITY USES*

- Tier 1 – Community Use (90%)
- Tier 2 – Interscholastic Sports and Games (7%)
- Tier 3 – Outside Vendors and
Special Events (3%)

*Estimated use allocations

PROJECTED USAGE

CALENDAR

All City Sports Projected Usage Calendar

-  Spring Season
-  Fall Season
-  Football

JANUARY

MO	7	14	21	28	
TU	1	8	15	22	29
WE	2	9	16	23	30
TH	3	10	17	24	31
FR	4	11	18	25	
SA	5	12	19	26	
SU	6	13	20	27	

FEBRUARY

MO	4	11	18	25	
TU	5	12	19	26	
WE	6	13	20	27	
TH	7	14	21	28	
FR	1	8	15	22	29
SA	2	9	16	23	
SU	3	10	17	24	

MARCH

MO	31	3	10	17	24
TU	4	11	18	25	
WE	5	12	19	26	
TH	6	13	20	27	
FR	7	14	21	28	
SA	1	8	15	22	29
SU	2	9	16	23	30

JULY

MO	7	14	21	28	
TU	1	8	15	22	29
WE	2	9	16	23	30
TH	3	10	17	24	31
FR	4	11	18	25	
SA	5	12	19	26	
SU	6	13	20	27	

AUGUST

MO	4	11	18	25	
TU	5	12	19	26	
WE	6	13	20	27	
TH	7	14	21	28	
FR	1	8	15	22	29
SA	2	9	16	23	30
SU	3	10	17	24	31

SEPTEMBER

MO	1	8	15	22	29
TU	2	9	16	23	30
WE	3	10	17	24	
TH	4	11	18	25	
FR	5	12	19	26	
SA	6	13	20	27	
SU	7	14	21	28	

APRIL

MO	7	14	21	28	
TU	1	8	15	22	29
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TH	3	10	17	24	
FR	4	11	18	25	
SA	5	12	19	26	
SU	6	13	20	27	

MAY

MO	5	12	19	26	
TU	6	13	20	27	
WE	7	14	21	28	
TH	1	8	15	22	29
FR	2	9	16	23	30
SA	3	10	17	24	31
SU	4	11	18	25	

JUNE

MO	30	2	9	16	23
TU	3	10	17	24	
WE	4	11	18	25	
TH	5	12	19	26	
FR	6	13	20	27	
SA	7	14	21	28	
SU	1	8	15	22	29

OCTOBER

MO	6	13	20	27	
TU	7	14	21	28	
WE	1	8	15	22	29
TH	2	9	16	23	30
FR	3	10	17	24	31
SA	4	11	18	25	
SU	5	12	19	26	

NOVEMBER

MO	3	10	17	24	
TU	4	11	18	25	
WE	5	12	19	26	
TH	6	13	20	27	
FR	7	14	21	28	
SA	1	8	15	22	29
SU	2	9	16	23	30

DECEMBER

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WE	3	10	17	24	31
TH	4	11	18	25	
FR	5	12	19	26	
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Calendar includes Adult Sports, Alexandria Soccer Association, Little League, TC Williams Football, Soccer and Lacrosse games, and Bishop Ireton Softball 9

PARKING

*750 – 1,000 Parking spaces needed for Tier 2 and 3 events
(assuming 3,000 patrons; 1 car per 4 patrons)

Parking Areas

Spaces

Tier 1 use (on site parking)

194

Tier 2 and 3 use (off-site)

- Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority

405

- Eisenhower Avenue (on street)

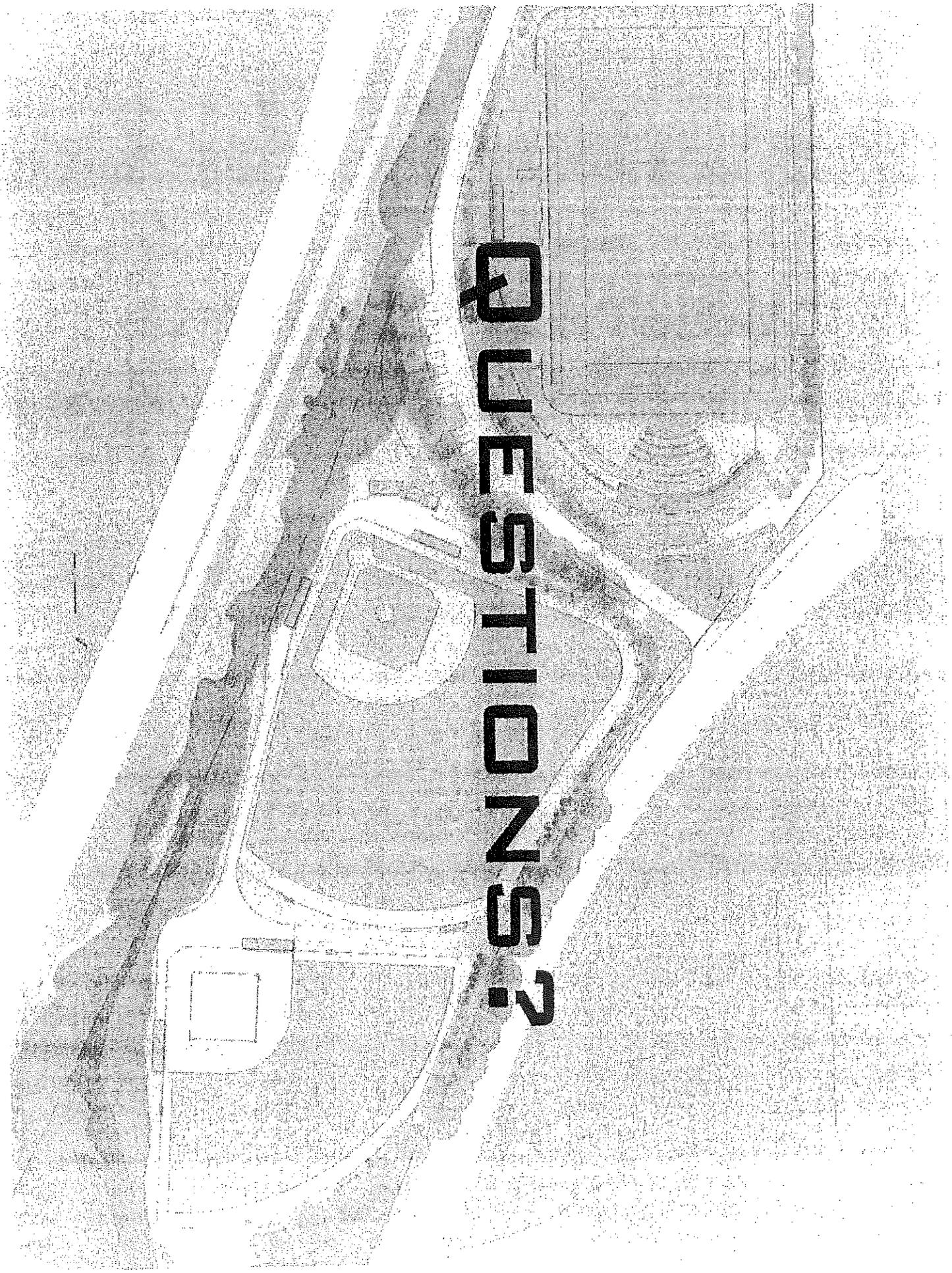
50

- Other Options

351+

1,000+

QUESTIONS?



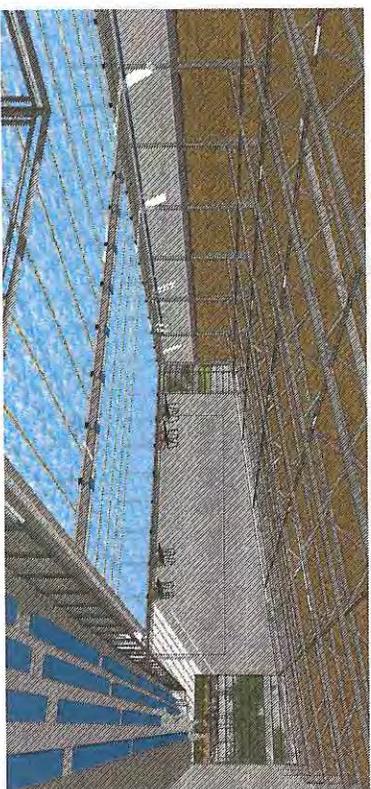
BUDGET COMPARISON



One-Story

Conventional Construction	Pre-Engineered	Translucent Enclosure	Architectural Membrane	Conventional Construction	Pre-Engineered	Translucent Enclosure
\$ 24,534,343	\$ 22,792,415	\$ 25,445,833	\$ 22,026,048	\$ 27,085,318	\$ 25,478,742	\$ 28,281,484

Two-Story



*2/18/16 PRC
Gary Carter documents*

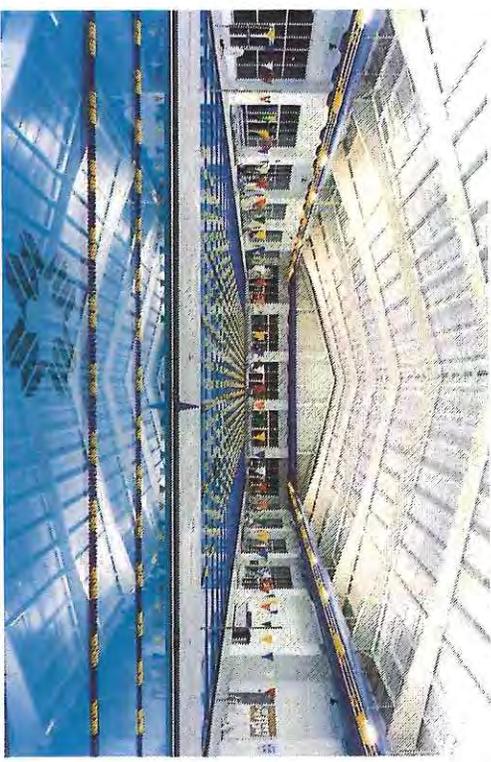
CHINQUAPIN SWIM CENTER
REVISED CONCEPTS 12-31-15



- At this time, staff recommends pursuing the pre-engineered building (Option B) to move forward through design and construction, if approved in the FY2017-FY2026 budget.
- Option B provides design alternatives that can address more seamless integration with the existing building and an appropriate neighborhood context.



Pre-engineered Structure (YMCA, South Carolina)



Pre-engineered Structure (YMCA, South Carolina)

CHINQUAPIN SWIM CENTER
REVISED CONCEPTS 12-31-15

The feasibility study is now complete, providing seven alternatives for expanding the Chinqwapin Aquatics Center with a new 50 meter indoor pool. Following this update, the next steps for the project are:

- Project updates with the community and the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics;
- FY2017-FY2026 budget discussions and CIP approval; and
- If approved, begin design and construction of new facility.