

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: **OCTOBER 27, 2014**

TO: **ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

FROM: **JENNIFER ATKINS AND JUDITH COLEMAN, CO-CHAIRS**

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION PUBLIC
HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

The Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the Synthesis Plan for Cameron Run Regional Park and the surrounding open space on Thursday, November 20, 2014, followed by its regular meeting. The meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please email Co-Chairs, Jennifer Atkins at jennifer.atkins@cloudigylaw.com and Judith Coleman at judycolemanalexprc@gmail.com

Thank you

City of Alexandria, Virginia

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Charles Houston Center

901 Wythe Street

Alexandria, VA 22314

Agenda

- I. Call to Order: by Jennifer Akins and Judith Coleman, Co-Chairs
- II. Public Hearing on the Synthesis Plan for Cameron Run Regional Park and the surrounding open space.
- III. Public Comments: The Commission will receive brief comments on non-agenda items.
- IV. Items for Action:
 - a. Approval of Summary Minutes: October 9, 2014
- V. Items for Information and discussion:
- VI. Division Updates:
 - A. Recreation Programs and Service Update - William Chesley, Deputy Director
 - B. Park Operations Report - Dinesh Tiwari, Deputy Director
 - C. Public Relations, Special Events and Waterfront Operations - Jack Browand, Division Chief
 - D. Park Planning, Design & Capital Development Reports – Ron Kagawa, Division Chief
 - Update on Oakville Triangle/Mt. Jefferson Greenway.
 - Update on Neighborhood Park Plans.
- VII. Director's Report – James Spengler.
 - a. Update on the Diamond Field Study (Initial Analysis).
- VIII. Reports from Commissioners (verbal updates):
 - A. Waterfront Commission - Gina Baum
 - B. Youth Sport Committee - Brian McPherson
 - C. Eisenhower West - Judy Coleman
 - D. Aquatics Update - Jennifer Atkins
 - E. Four Mile Run - Ripley Forbes
 - F. Ft. Ward - Ripley Forbes
 - G. Braddock Plan Park.
 - H. Patrick Henry School Update
 - I. Jefferson Houston School - William Cromley
 - J. Open Space - Jennifer Atkins
 - K. ACPS & Capital Improvements.

- L. ACPS School Projects
- M. Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group
- N. Dominion Power Transmission Line Work Group – Catherine Poulin

IX. Agenda items for January 15, 2015 meeting.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2014

TO: CHAIRS & MEMBERS OF THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN+CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: RECEIPT AND ENDORSEMENT OF A COORDINATED PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN FOR THE CAMERON RUN AREA - ITEM II

ISSUE: Park and Recreation Commission receipt of a proposed coordinated plan for the park and open space in the Cameron Run area, including Joseph “Hensley” Park, Great Waves Water Park and Lake Cook (Cameron Run Regional Park), Clermont Natural Area, and the connecting trail system to nearby open space at Tarleton Park and Ben Brenman Park.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Park and Recreation Commission:

1. Receive and hold a public hearing on the draft plan; and
2. Endorse the plan to guide ongoing planning efforts in the area and to include with any future lease documents with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

BACKGROUND:

In 1981, the City of Alexandria signed a forty year lease with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA) to enhance recreational opportunities for Alexandria citizens by allowing the use of City land in exchange for the construction and operation of major recreational facilities. The original lease involved 53 acres of land, including the current Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, the Hensley Park site and the triangular piece of land opposite Hensley, currently used as the City’s mulch site. Attached to the lease was a “synthesis plan” for improvements to the property. The lease was modified over time and the current lease is for 31 acres of the Cameron Run Regional Park property that includes the Great Waves Water Park, batting cages, miniature golf, picnic shelters, an outdoor play feature, and 4.3 acres of native woodland. The site also includes Lake Cook.

NVRPA recently submitted a proposal to the City for additional capital improvements to the site, including a new significant water feature and reconfigured parking, both requiring a

Development Special Use Permit. Prior to making a significant capital investment in the property, NVRPA also requested a forty year extension of the existing lease. Forty years is the longest period the City can authorize a lease of public property, and any lease must be approved by the Alexandria City Council.

The City of Alexandria is committed to the long term protection and provision of public open space for residents and visitors. There will be a higher demand in the future on existing park areas. The quality, extent, and variety of recreation uses sought by the public are changing with the demographics of the City. Due to the long-term nature of the requested lease of public open space, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) initiated a public process to develop a coordinated park and open space plan that best meet public recreation and open space needs in the Cameron Run area, including the currently leased property (June 2014 memorandum, Attachment 1).

The planning effort considers a number of items related to the future of the Cameron Run area, including:

- Stormwater Requirements in the Chesapeake Bay Water Quality Act and related design improvements to Lake Cook;
- Additional improvements considered for the nearby Clermont Natural Area and Clermont Cove properties to compliment improvements to Lake Cook;
- The boundary of the Eisenhower West Small Area Planning process now underway includes Hensley Park and the Clermont properties, but not Cameron Run Regional Park. Community feedback and surveys from that planning process show significant support for natural areas, parks, trails and recreation opportunities;
- The recently endorsed Citywide Parks Plan for Hensley;
- The Synthesis Plan currently referenced in the lease with NVRPA is out of date and does not reflect current conditions or needs; and
- Growing population places increasing demands on existing public open space and recreational facilities. The 31 acres of open space included in the current lease, along with the nearby open space, parks and trails must be planned to best meet the needs of a growing Alexandria.

The planning process included a review and inventory of current and future plans for the study area, meetings with NVRPA and the public, and a citywide statistically representative survey on residents' regional park needs (Leisure Vision 2014 Regional Parks Survey, Attachment 2). Based on this process staff developed a draft Coordinated Park and Open Space Plan for the Cameron Run Area (Attachment 3).

DISCUSSION: The draft Cameron Run Area Coordinated Park and Open Space Plan addresses findings from the public process and supports other approved City Plans such as the *Eco-City Action Plan*, the *Urban Forestry Master Plan* and the *Open Space Master Plan*. The Regional

Parks Survey showed that approximately 55% of Alexandrians visit Cameron Run Regional Park at least once a year. In addition, the survey identified the following regional park facilities that would be most used by Alexandrians:

- Walking and biking trails (85%)
- Natural areas and wildlife habitat (56%)
- Picnic shelters and meeting space (43%)
- Miniature golf course (35%)
- Outdoor swimming pool (35%)
- Leisure pool/water park (34%).

These findings support the current uses at Cameron Run Regional Park, as well as improved access to and protection of Lake Cook and the surrounding natural areas and additional trail connections throughout the study area. The findings are also closely associated with the City's 2013 Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment.

The draft Coordinated Park Plan shows the existing Cameron Run Regional Park site as well as NVRPA's currently proposed improvements to the park. In addition, the plan includes:

- The Office of Environmental Quality's draft plan for stormwater improvements to, enhanced public amenities and trail access at Lake Cook;
- Protection of and potential nature trail connection in 4.3 acre wooded area on the Cameron Run Regional Park site;
- Improved connectivity throughout the park and open space system,
- Improved accessibility at the Clermont Natural Area and reserved future connection to the Clermont Cove site; and
- Future reservation of the City Mulch site for expanded active recreation, compatible with Hensley and Cameron Run Regional Park, if an alternative site is found for the mulch and recycling activities.

Following the public hearing held on the draft plan, staff requests comments from the Park and Recreation Commission and endorsement of a final plan that will better inform the related decision making and planning process occurring concurrently (Eisenhower West, Chesapeake Bay/stormwater improvements, and the NVRPA improvement and lease extension request). As with the recently endorsed Citywide Parks plan, implementation of the improvements would be phased over time and funded through the City Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Eisenhower West redevelopment, and other funding partnerships.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 13, 2014

TO: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER

THROUGH: MARK JINKS, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
DEBRA COLLINS, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

FROM: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY LEASE OF
PUBLIC OPEN SPACE 4001 EISEHHOWER AVENUE

This memorandum discusses the proposed process for the public review and consideration of a request from the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA) to extend its lease of City owned public open space at 4001 Eisenhower Avenue.

The City Strategic Plan and the City Manager's work plan assign the long-term outcome of improving the quality of resident's leisure time to the Healthy and Thriving Residents work group. A regional authority provides residents with additional benefits not available locally. It is important that the City and NVRPA work closely together to ensure the highest level of local benefit possible. The FY15 budget authorizes \$275,949 for NVRPA membership and \$375,976 in capital improvement contributions. NVRPA operates the Cameron Run Regional Park, and Carlyle Historic House Park in Alexandria.

BACKGROUND:

In 1981, the City of Alexandria signed a forty-year lease with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to enhance recreational opportunities for Alexandria citizens by allowing the use of City land in exchange for the construction and operation of major recreational facilities. The original lease involved 53 acres of land, including the current Joseph "Hensley" Park site and the triangular piece of land opposite Hensley, currently used as the City's mulch site. Modification of the lease occurred in 1991 to exclude the Hensley Park and City mulch site. Additionally, modification happened in 2000 to exclude the animal shelter. The current lease includes approximately 31 acres of City owned land, and is known as the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's Cameron Run Regional Park.

NVRPA Lease of Open Space

According to the lease terms, the use of the property includes the following:

“Subject to the conditions hereinafter set out, during the Lease Term, the Authority may construct on the Property such improvements, facilities, sports fields, picnic areas and such other amenities as are shown on the “Synthesis Plan” or as are consistent with the development of a regional park, and shall maintain the Property, the improvements and the park in a quality and state of repair comparable to similarly developed regional parks in Northern Virginia. The park shall remain open to the public at hours and days generally comparable to similarly developed regional parks. Further, the Authority shall have the right to charge admission, use and concession fees which it may establish from time to time in a manner similar to its establishing of such fees elsewhere in the regional park system.”

Pursuant to the above terms, Cameron Run Regional Park includes a waterpark (wave pool, children’s area, and water slides), picnic shelters/pavilions, a play structure, miniature golf, batting cages, concessions, and associated parking. The fee-based park is open seasonally (see attachment). In addition, the property includes Lake Cook, a manmade, stocked pond available to the public year round for fishing. The term of the existing lease expires in 2021.

NVRPA recently submitted a proposal to the City for additional capital improvements to the waterpark, including a new significant slide feature and reconfigured parking lot, both requiring a Development Special Use Permit. Prior to making a significant capital investment in the property, NVRPA also requested a forty-year extension of the existing lease. Forty years is the longest period the City can authorize a lease of its property, and the Alexandria City Council must approve any lease.

After an initial time in processing the DSUP, the City determined to suspend the process given the outcome of the FY15 budget process, emerging impacts from compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Water Quality Act, the newly initiated Eisenhower West Small Area Plan, and the update to the Open Space Master Plan.

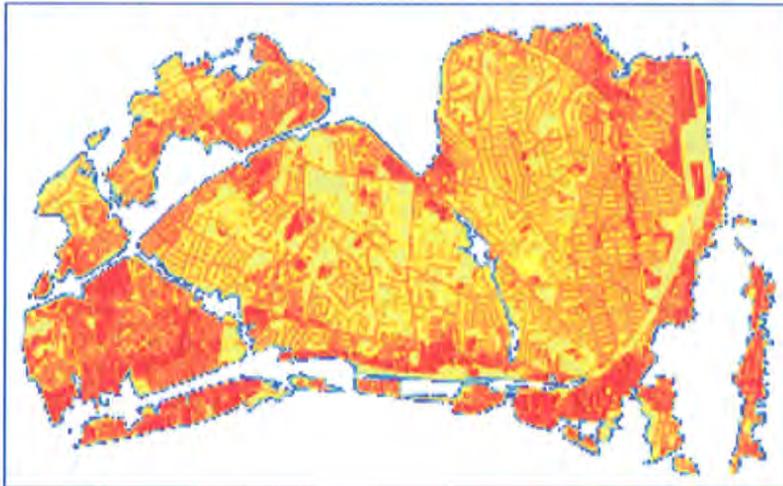
ISSUES:

There are several important local issues to consider in the request by NVRPA as they may influence the terms of a lease, land areas included, or facilities developed.

- Lake Cook serves as a strategically important property for current and future stormwater management and compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Water Quality Act. The facility serves 391.5 acres of drainage area. There is current approval to expand the size and function of the facility to meet phase 1 requirements of the Act. The current project budget is \$2.5 million for FY15. Additionally, staff forecasts that sufficient benefit will occur to improve the facility further. This improvement would expand the facility by at least a third.
- The Office of Environmental Quality is also exploring the design improvement in complimenting work at Lake Cook with areas upstream known as Clermont Cove. The Northern Virginia Conservation Trust is actively working on acquisition of this property as additional open space. The open space area is the confluence of the Strawberry Run, Holmes Run, Cameron Run, and Backlick Run drainage areas (map attached). This general area also

has a significant pollutant load given the presence of large amount of impervious surface in older commercial development.

City Pollutant Load Map



- The Eisenhower West Small Area Plan recently commenced work with an appointed citizens work group. While Cameron Run Regional Park is not included in the Plan's boundary, its adjacency to potential new development in the area is important. A study area boundary approved by the group includes Hensley Park but excludes Cameron Run Regional Park. The initial community survey shows significant support for recreation activities, natural open space, parks, and trails as items citizens' value highly. The City will not know until the end of the study process what additional open space or recreation improvements are required.
- The original "Synthesis Plan" referred to in the current NVRPA lease is out of date. The plan does not reflect land excluded with lease amendments and it does not incorporate potential new demands from the Small Area Plan or new stormwater features. Recently, City Council approved the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan that included Hensley Park. An updated "Synthesis Plan" should include the components of Hensley Park, Cameron Run Regional Park, Lake Cook, Claremont Cove, the Animal Shelter, and Cameron Run bike/pedestrian trail. A holistic plan using information from the Small Area Plan, City Recreation Needs Assessment, and NVRPA regional needs assessment would potentially provide a higher level of benefit.
- RPCA is currently updating the implementation strategies for the Open Space Plan in response to local recreation demands. The City's open space goal is 7.3 acres per 1,000 residents. We currently maintain this ratio. We project that in order to maintain this ratio 10 years from now, we must obtain an additional 183 acres of open space. Development

NVRPA Lease of Open Space

contribution in upcoming development projects accounts for 58 acres of this amount. We anticipate obtaining the remaining 125 acres through a combination of roughly 30% acquisition and 70% contribution. Land acquisition and park development averages \$2.2 million per acre in the City. If purchased, we estimate that the City needs \$82,500,000 to meet its open space goal over the next 10 years. However, the approved CIP has \$26,300,000 identified for open space acquisition. Given this gap, it will be increasingly difficult to maintain the current open space acreage in the future.

- With increasing recreation demand and a future shortage of open space, RPCA is planning for intensification of use. This was the underlying reason for the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan study recently concluded with acceptance by City Council, June 11, 2014. The component units in a new “Synthesis Plan” form a “city-wide” park. It is important that RPCA pursue every opportunity to enhance local recreation. Cameron Run Regional Park occupies 31 acres of open space that provides a seasonal benefit. Through the Park and Recreation Commission and other local recreation organizations, we need to determine how the property can provide greater year-round benefit. Additionally, there may be opportunities to provide greater in-season local benefits.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City of Alexandria is committed to the long-term protection and provision of public open space for residents and visitors. There will be higher demand in the future on existing park areas. The quality, extent, and variety of recreation use sought by the public are changing with the demographics of the City. Due to the long-term nature of the requested lease, and the unknown nature of recreation and park uses in this area, RPCA recommends a public study process concurrent with lease negotiations. This is in keeping with Alexandria’s adopted Civic Engagement principles and practices. The deliverable of the process would be a new Synthesis Plan for recommendation by the Park and Recreation Commission and adoption by City Council. RPCA will work with NVRPA, other departments, community organizations, and other stakeholders throughout the study period. The planning process must explore the future needs for local and regional recreation needs by the Alexandria public.

A new Synthesis Plan could influence the terms and conditions of a renewed NVRPA lease. However, it is less likely that a plan would affect the waterpark feature itself. An alternative approach could be to exclude the Lake Cook area from the lease and proceed with terms and conditions for the waterpark and parking lot. The stormwater planning around the lake, and the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan consideration of recreation and open space would delay lease extension considerations.

SUGGESTED TIMETABLE:

Work to develop the Synthesis Plan would be conducted by the Planning Division of RPCA in coordination with NVRPA staff, other City departments, and limited external consultant engagement (survey work).

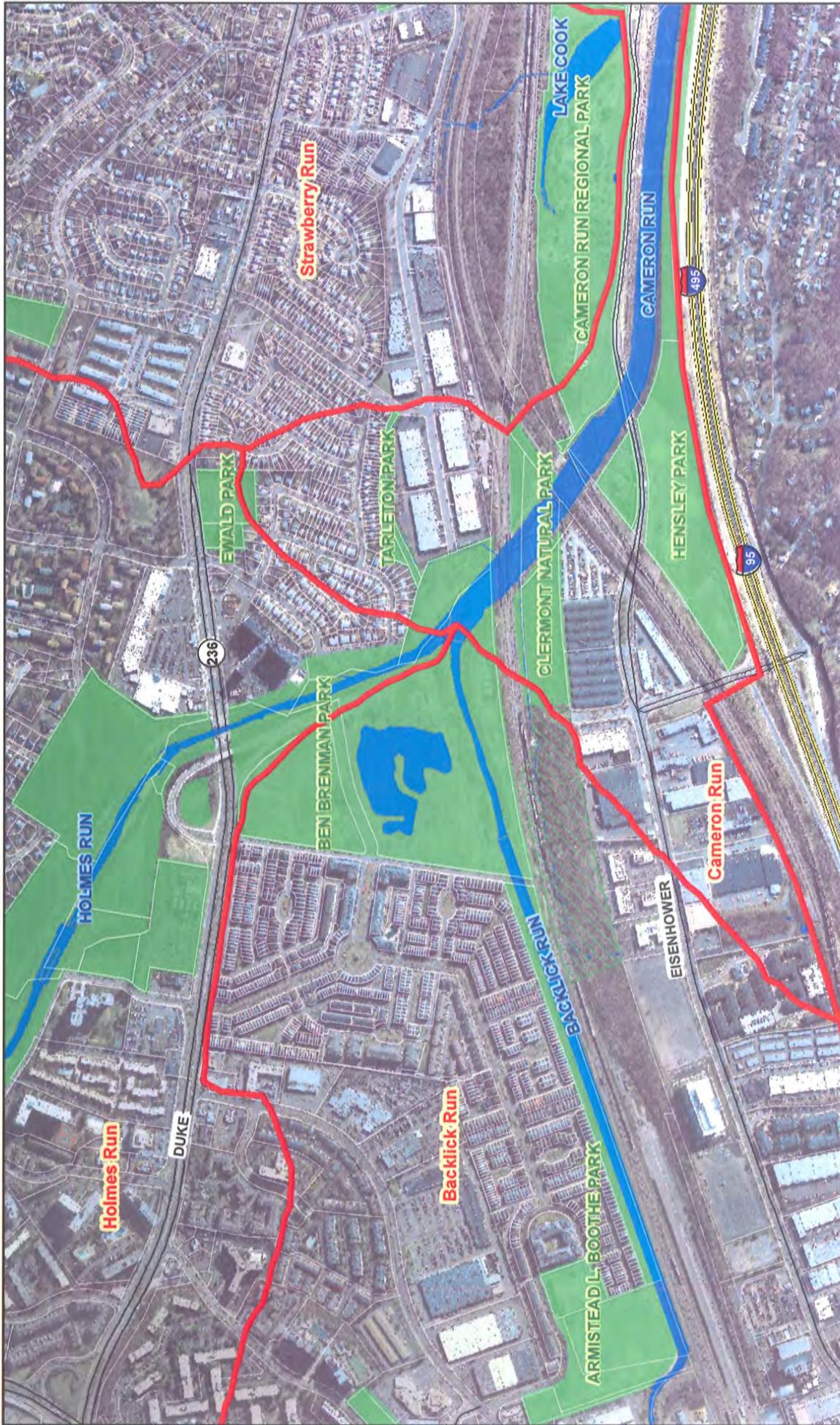
- June 2014 – Inventory of current and future plans for the study area.

NVRPA Lease of Open Space

- July 2014 – Meetings of inter-departmental staff with NVRPA to determine future planning impacts on the study area.
- September 2014 – Community Survey regarding current and potential use of the sites in the study area and resident needs for regional recreation activities.
- October 2014 – Joint City/NVRPA Public Meeting(s) to discuss survey results and options for future use of the site.
- November 2014 – Park and Recreation Commission Public Hearing and recommendation regarding the use of the site.
- December 2014 – report to City Council and adoption of a Synthesis Plan for the study area.

Attachments

cc: Rich Baier, Director, Department of Transportation and Environmental Services
Faroll Hamer, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning
Laura Durham, Principal Planner and Open Space Coordinator, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities



Lake Cook - Drainage Area Map

Parks
 Property of Interest
 Watershed Boundary

1 inch = 906 feet

Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority 2014 Annual Waterpark Pass Agreement

Email to frontdesk@nvrpa.org or print and mail or drop off at NVRPA Headquarters, 5400 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039 703-352-5900

1. Additional family members are restricted to members of same household and a maximum of 6 family members. Proof of residency will be required by each adult member of household.
2. To ensure accuracy, please print clearly and complete the application in its entirety.
3. Payment is required at the time the application is submitted. For your convenience we accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

2014 Annual Pass Rates

	In-Jurisdiction Rates*	Out of Jurisdiction Rates
Individual	\$85.00	\$95.00
Each Additional Family Member	\$70.00	\$80.00
Senior Individual**	\$75.00	\$85.00

*In-Jurisdiction refers to residents of Fairfax County, City of Fairfax, Loudoun County, Arlington County, City of Alexandria and City of Falls Church.

** Senior membership may not be used in conjunction with a family membership. It is intended for individual purchase only.

4. A \$10 fee will be assessed for all lost cards.

Applicant agrees to assume responsibility and hold NVRPA, its officers, agents and employees harmless for any legal liability, injury or damage to the person or property of the applicant, its members and/or guests. Applicant assumes full responsibility for any damage to NVRPA property or person in connection with the use of NVRPA facilities. Patron agrees to abide by all waterpark rules and regulations. NVRPA reserves the right to revoke passes from patrons abusing rules, regulations or facilities.

I have received, read and understand NVRPA Waterpark Rules and Regulations.

Applicant Signature (Parent must sign if under 16)

_____/_____/_____
Date: Month/Day/Year

Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority 2014 Annual Waterpark Pass Agreement

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MEMBERSHIP IS RESTRICTED TO MEMBERS OF THE SAME HOUSEHOLD.

(Please complete the application in its entirety – Print Clearly – Information Must Be Legible and Complete)

Applicant (Head of Household) _____

First MI Last

Household Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

In emergency, notify: _____ Phone _____ Relationship: _____

Primary Waterpark (Circle One): Atlantis Great Waves Ocean Dunes Pirates Cove Volcano Island

How did you hear about us? _____

Including applicant above, list each household member to be included in membership.

(Please print clearly – information must be legible)

Name	Sex (M or F)	Birthdate Month/Year	Member in 2013	New Member	Current or Newly Issued Pass Number (Number is Name Specific)
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					

Please Include Payment Information when emailing or mailing. Will not be processed without payment.

# Passes	Amount Paid	Cash/Check/CC	Check or Credit Card Number	Expiration Date

Office Use Only:

Accepted at (circle one): ATL GW OD PC VI Employee's Full Name: _____

Processed by Headquarters: _____ Date _____ By (Initials): _____ Exp. Date: _____

Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Annual Waterpark Pass
Terms and Conditions

1. The annual Pass is valid at all 5 NVRPA Waterparks which include- Volcano Island at Algonkian, Atlantis at Bull Run, Great Waves at Cameron Run, Pirate's Cove at Pohick Bay, and Ocean Dunes at Upton Hill.
2. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Non-swimmers and small children must have an adult within arms reach at all times. Lifeguards are on duty to respond to aquatic emergencies. Parents, please watch your children.
3. Annual Pass holders are responsible for reading and following all rules and regulations pertaining to waterpark and park use.
4. Outside food or beverage is not permitted in the waterparks. Baby food and water is allowed. Parks are not permitted to store food for guests.
5. Annual Pass purchase does not guarantee admission. If capacity is reached, guests are admitted as others leave for the day. The Park reserves the right to close due to inclement weather or forecasted inclement weather.
6. NVRPA reserves the right to close the park for private rentals. Please visit our website for dates.
7. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the park or in the shelters outside the park. Alcohol consumption is only allowed with catering services offered by Great Blue Heron Catering.
8. Annual Passes are not valid for miniature golf or batting cages. A discount may apply to miniature golf with a valid Annual Pass. Paradise Play at Great Waves is included with Annual Pass purchase from Memorial Day-Labor Day. Additional use may be purchased separately.
9. Annual Passes are non-transferrable.
10. Rain checks are not issued to Annual Passholders.
11. Hours are not the same at all NVRPA waterparks. Please visit the website for specific park and waterpark hours.
12. Swimsuits are required to enter all aquatic areas. Gym pants, cutoffs, and street clothes are not considered swimming attire. Non-toilet trained guests must wear a swim diaper.
13. Please shower before entering the water.
14. NVRPA waterparks are smoke-free facilities.
15. Guests with open sores or evidence of a communicable disease will be denied entry into water areas.
16. Annual Passes are considered a discounted admission. It cannot be combined with any other discount, coupon, or promotion.
17. NVRPA is not responsible for lost or stolen articles. Lockers are available for rental.

www.novawaterparks.com

Cameron Run Regional Park Fees

Weekdays (non-Holidays) – Per Person

Height/Age	Jurisdiction	Non-Jurisdiction
Under Age 2	Free	Free
Individual (Less than 48" Height)	\$11.50	\$11.75
Individual (48" or More Height)	\$14.50	\$14.75
Age 55 & Over	\$8.00	\$8.00
After 4:00 P.M., Weekdays, Per Person	\$8.00	\$8.00

Weekends & Holidays – Per Person

Height/Age		
Under Age 2	Free	Free
Individual (Less than 48" Height)	\$12.00	\$12.50
Individual (48" or More Height)	\$15.00	\$15.50
Age 55 & Over	\$9.00	\$10.00

Play Feature

March – Memorial Day

Under Age 2	Free	Free
Individual Age 2-12	3.95	3.95

Memorial Day – Labor Day

Under Age 2	Free	Free
Individual Age 2-12	4.95	4.95

Labor Day – October 31st

Under Age 2	Free	Free
Individual Age 2-12	3.95	3.95

BOUNCE PASS – Valid at all 5 NVRPA Waterparks

[Click here to fill out a Bounce Pass Application](#)

Individual	\$85.00	\$95.00
Each Additional Family Member	\$70.00	\$80.00
Senior Individual	\$75.00	\$85.00

****All Facility Pass, Per Person, Per Day**

***Unlimited Use of Waterpark, Miniature Golf and Batting Cage, Per Day.*

Individual (48" or More Height)	\$18.50	\$18.50
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Play Feature Pass* (Ages 2-12, March – October)

**Discounts apply when multiple passes are purchased*

	\$40.00	\$40.00
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Play Feature Bounce Pass Add

	\$25.00	\$25.00
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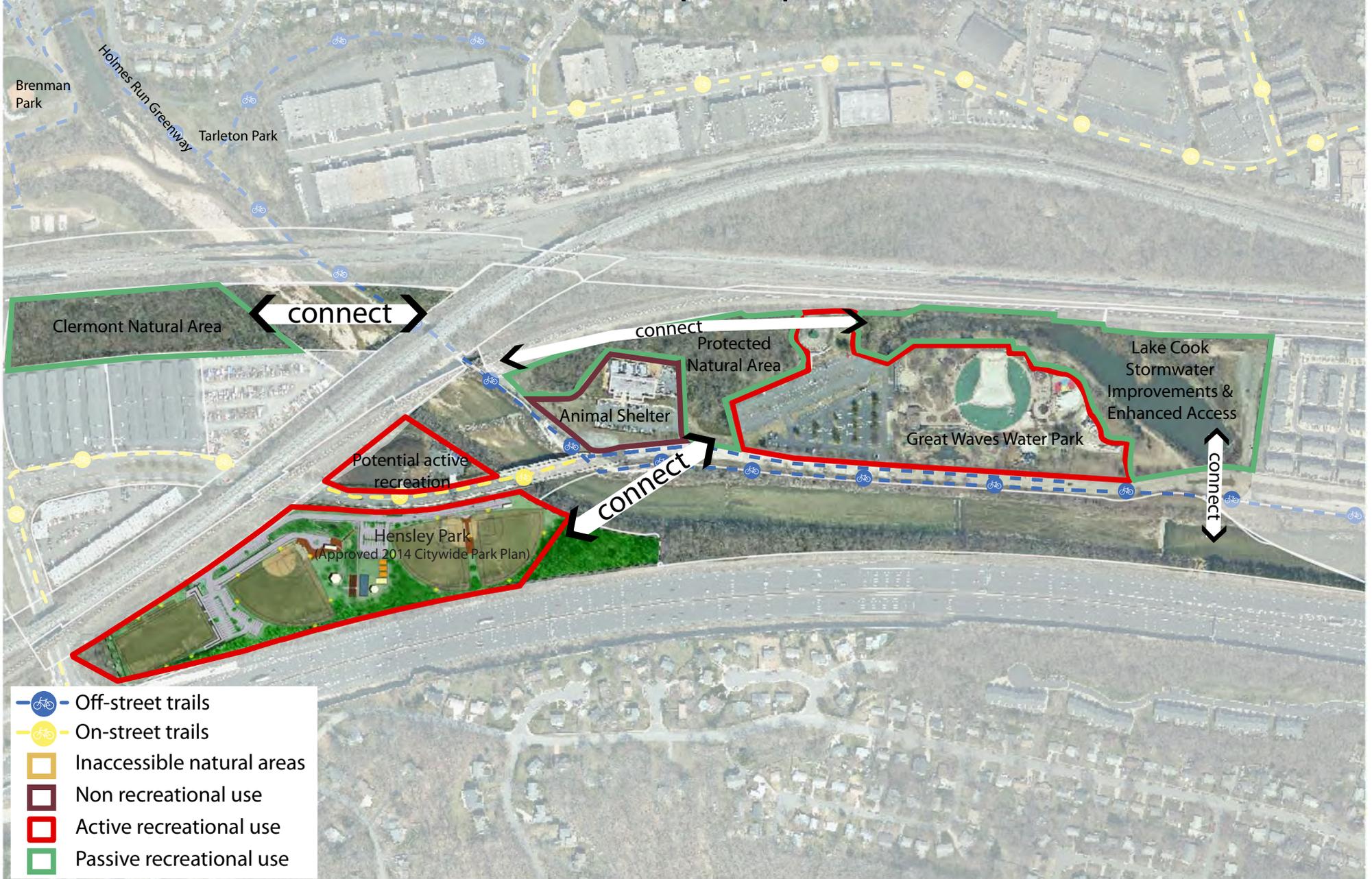
Group Rates

Scheduled Groups of 20 or More Persons, per person	\$10.50	\$11.00
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Parks & Recreation Depts. from Member Jurisdictions for
Scheduled Group Use, Weekdays Only, per person



Cameron Run Recreational Area Initial Coordinated Park and Open Space Plan



MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2014

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: WILLIAM CHESLEY, ^{WC} DEPUTY DIRECTOR
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 20, COMMISSION MEETING
RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORT-
ITEM VI-A

Program Wrap-Ups

- **Lil Titans Flag Football** ran from September 27 to November 1 and was designed to be an introduction to football with many of its participants progressing into the Alexandria Titan's Tackle Football League. This season the program participated in NFL Flag, which provided players with a jersey representing an NFL team (Saints, Broncos, Falcons, Colts and Packers). This program reached a revenue total of \$2,364.
- The **Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football** program concluded on October 25. The 2014 season included 170 participants, an increase from 163 in 2013. Total revenue for the season was \$8,061.
- The **Fashion and Food (FAFO)** event took place on Saturday, October 18, at the Lee Center. 50 participants enjoyed workshops on cooking, photography, cosmetology and fashion design; a social media room for taking selfies with props; and a fashion show by the Food and Fashion Club at Hammond Power-Up.
- On Saturday, October 25, over 100 people participated in the **Annual Sticker Shock** program. Lead by the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria (SAPCA), in collaboration with Police, Sheriff and DCHS, staff were grouped with teens from T.C. Williams High School to visit stores and place stickers on multi-packs of beer and wine reminding adults that it is a criminal offense to purchase alcohol for minors.
- The National **Lights On Afterschool** program took place on October 23 at our Out of School Time locations to call attention to the importance of afterschool programs for America's children, families and communities. Activities included bingo, arts & crafts, group games, a skit by the children, a puppet show for ages 5-8 and a 4-H Rocket Launcher activity for ages 9-12.

- On Saturday, October 11, Cora Kelly Recreation Center co-sponsored a **Fall Festival** at the Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run. Families participated in carnival games, face painting, moon bounces, piñatas and pumpkin patch photos. They enjoyed free popcorn, cotton candy and live music.
- Throughout the month of October, Mount Vernon Recreation Center hosted 175 participants to celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month** with special activities, food tasting samples from different counties and a puppet show.
- In the spirit of Halloween, the following recreation centers sponsored events for city residents:

- Mount Vernon Recreation Center’s **Annual Masquerade Ball** hosted 150 parents and children dressed in Halloween costumes and masquerade ball attire. The night consisted of music, dancing, costume contest, pictures and refreshments. Virginia Co-operative extension contributed healthy snacks including smoothie and trail mix stations.



- Cora Kelly Recreation Center sponsored their **Halloween Festival**, a family-friendly event for all ages. Parents and children dressed in costumes and participated in Halloween games, face painting, costume and dance contests and a haunted house constructed by the Teen Club.
- Patrick Henry Recreation Center hosted its **Halloween Celebration** with 131 youth participating in a costume contest, games and music.
- 126 participants enjoyed William Ramsay Recreation Center’s **2014 October Fest** featuring spooky musical chairs, face painting, arts & crafts, scary movies, a Halloween dance and a Haunted House of Screams.
- The **Halloween Spooky Fest** and **Teen Monster Jam** were held at Charles Houston Recreation Center. Nearly 100 youth and teens enjoyed contests, “haunted refreshments,” spooky cookie decorating, dance contests and families visited the center to Trick-or-Treat.

- Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center celebrated with their **Annual Halloween Parade** around the Lee Center and trick-or-treat safety tips. This year Trunk or Treat was added to the fun. City staff, parents and volunteers decorated their trunks for participants to trick-or-treat in a safe and worry-free environment. The new Mobile Art Lab joined in by providing crayons and treats.



- The **Horsing Around** program ended on November 7 at Charles Houston Recreation Center. Youth involved in the program had a great time learning how to care for and ride horses. There is a parent meeting on November 11 to discuss continuation of the program. The program yielded \$1,000 in revenue with 15 participants, resulting in a 53% increase over last year.



Program Update

- The **Jr. Minecraft Modding program** has shown a vast increase in interest and participation, with both the September and October sessions meeting their maximum capacity. For every junior session, we offer a Minecraft Modding session for participants to enhance and further their programming skills. We hope to continue the tiered process with this class and continue to grow this program. Fall revenue total: \$3,278.
- Thirty additional **Learn to Swim** classes have been added to the Fall season offerings and will take place November 22 through January 4. These additional classes for ages 6 months and up were created to provide opportunities for our customers on waitlists and existing participants to continue swimming development. Contact with our customers in-person, via email and through social media have served as effective marketing tools to promote these classes not advertised in our Fall program guide. Registration is on-going with over 100 enrollments in just two weeks and classes are filling quickly. We hope to serve more than 150 participants and generate an additional \$15,000 in revenue.
- Therapeutic Recreation's **Mainstream** program runs the 10 months of the school year at Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center. During the month of October, participants engaged in a physical fitness challenge, Life Skills 101, Creative Movement, Heart of Rhythm Drum Workshops and Creative Writing. Revenue for this program is \$2,800 with a slight increase in participation over the previous year.

- **The Alexandria City Employees' Cup Series** is in full swing with kickball teams from RPCA, T&ES/Finance and the Alexandria Police Department. Registration for basketball and volleyball are open until November 30. The Employee's Cup series allows employees to compete in a friendly and fun-filled atmosphere, while promoting the City Manager's employee health initiative. Coed leagues are available throughout the fiscal year, including kickball, basketball, volleyball and softball. The agency with the highest total points at the end of the fiscal year will win the Employees' Cup and will be able to display the award for a period of one year.



- **Tumbletastic Tumblers** is a new program for children ages 6-12 at Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center. This program was so successful that both sessions offered this Fall were close to reaching their maximum capacity.
- William Ramsay Recreation Center is offering two new fitness programs in the Fall. **Senior Body Part Aerobics** is a low-impact chair aerobics workout with slow everyday movements to increase balance, coordination and flexibility. **Adult Weight Training** is a cardio and weight training exercise program designed to increase endurance, burn calories, strengthen muscles and improve flexibility.
- **Therapeutic Recreation's Adult Social Club** is in full swing! They recently wrapped up its participation in the Miracle League Program, and is now starting a fitness challenge. This program has seen a revenue increase of over \$1000 in the past year.
- Only a few months into the school year **Power-On/Up program** attendance is over 1,100 and still rising. Youth receive opportunities to learn, play, socialize, be creative and improve physical fitness through a variety of quality afterschool program offerings. The 2014-15 school year theme is "Tune in 2 Power-On/Up" where the program will switch stations and focus on monthly themes including: Mantente Alerte (Be Aware) TV, Holijams 101, DREAM FM, Soul Mix XM and more!

FY13 through FY15 Summer/School Year Participant and Revenue Comparison

	FY-15 School YTD 10/31/14	FY-14 Actuals School YTD 10/31/13	FY-14 Actuals School Year 13- 14	FY-13 Actuals School Year 12-13	FY-15 Actuals Summer 2014	FY-14 Actuals Summer 2013	FY-13 Actuals Summer 2012
Program Fee	\$415	\$300	\$300	\$250	\$100	\$50	\$50
Satisfaction %	N/A	N/A	92%	92%	96%	92%	95%
Registration #	1,119	1,145	1,243	1,296	1,332	1,373	1,422
OSTP Revenue	\$246,538	\$192,613	\$268,536	\$212,225	\$103,100	\$54,352	\$32,067
Fee Assistance (Discounts)	\$105,814	\$74,473	\$87,608	\$73,050	\$28,715	\$13,798	\$3,870
Fees Charged	*\$422,466	*\$337,360	\$366,071	\$308,031	\$133,965	\$68,622	\$36,205

*Fees paid in installments.

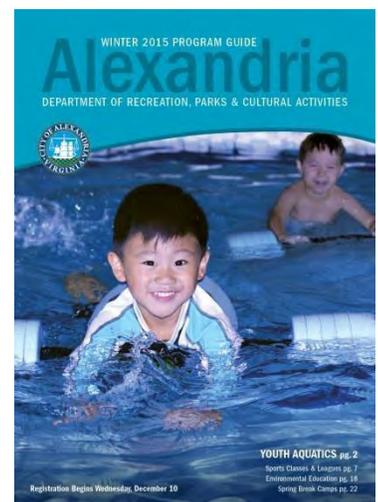
Upcoming Events

- The **Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner**, hosted by Cora Kelly Recreation Center will take place on November 21. This is a free event for the public and store-bought food donations are encouraged.

- On November 22, the Charles Houston Recreation Center is sponsoring their **Coat & Shoe Distribution/Turkey Basket Giveaway**. Families in need of assistance are required to register at their local community recreation centers to receive the items at Charles Houston on November 22. The Keith Burns Foundation is also distributing Turkey Dinner Baskets to five families per location.
- November 10 through December 19, the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center will host 3 separate charity drives:
 - **Canned Food Drive** - collecting canned foods and non-perishable items to donate to local shelter and food banks within the City of Alexandria.
 - **Trimming the Trees with Toiletries** - collecting toiletry items for seniors and shelter programs in the City of Alexandria area.
 - **Socks for Seniors** - collecting socks for seniors residing in home based care programs and assisted living programs. We will also be accepting hat, scarves, and glove donations as well.
- The **Annual Alexandria Holiday Cheer Competition** will take place on Saturday, December 13, at T.C. Williams High School. The competition features 3 age categories of youth cheerleading teams from neighborhood recreation centers and the metropolitan area, such as Prince William County, Fairfax County and Maryland. Each team will receive a team trophy at the awards presentation immediately following the competition.

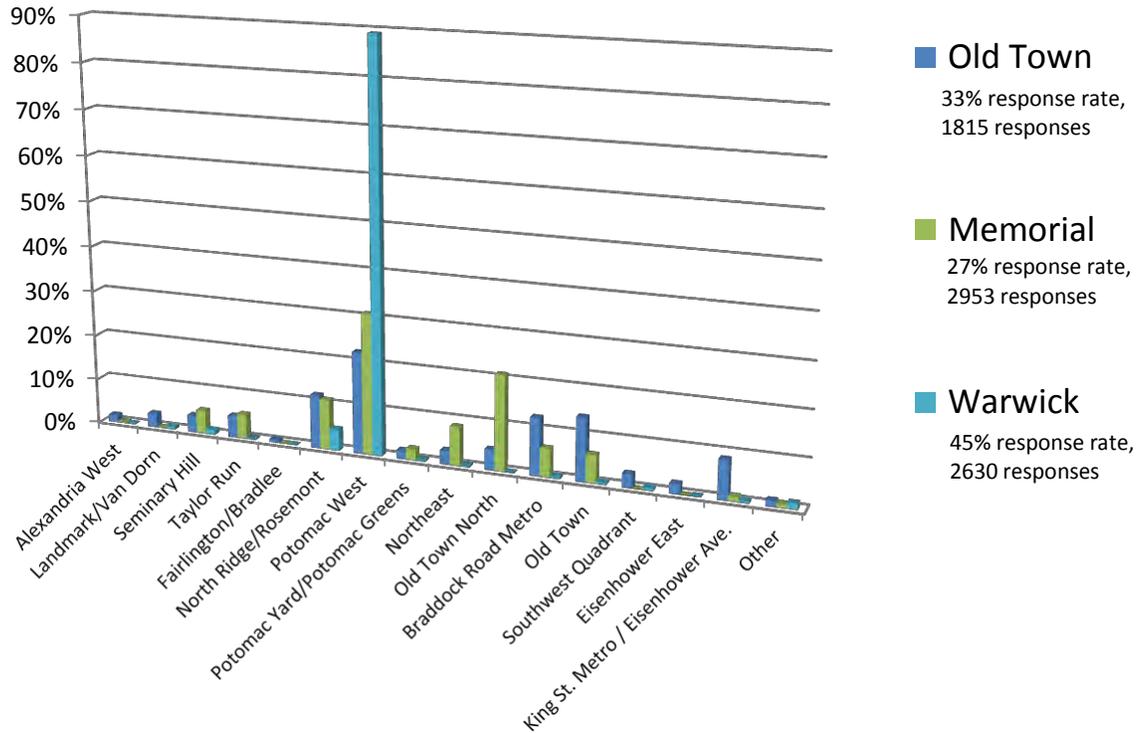
Marketing

- The cover of the **Winter 2015 Program Guide** features youth swimming lessons to appeal to one of the department's top and most demographically diverse market segments, while promoting a great indoor winter activity for all ages. In addition to our on-going successful programs, 35 new programs are available including underwater robotics, jewelry making for adults, family wellness, video game tournaments and a new fitness program continuum. Full-color advertisements include "New Year. New You." promoting the City's convenient fitness rooms and affordable fitness passes; announcement of the Office of the Arts' new Mobile Art Lab; and the range of party packages available at Alexandria community centers. The new GIS-based online ParksViewer and the Alexandria Plays website are highlighted to make it easier to find places for fun, get directions and link to pertinent information on the City's website. The Winter Program Guide will be available online beginning Wednesday, Nov. 26 and in recreation centers by Dec. 3. Registration begins Wednesday, Dec. 10 for residents and Friday, Dec. 10 for non-residents.



- The **Outdoor Pool Traffic Study**, previously reported on for Warwick Pool, was conducted at all three outdoor pools May through July of 2014 to determine where pool patrons reside. The results are below.

Outdoor Pool Patron Residence by Neighborhood May - July 2014



Special Features

- The installation of the new heating/air conditioning unit at Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center is scheduled to take place Tuesday, November 18 through December 2 and may have a minor impact on parking and walkway access. Any impacted programs may be relocated to the Lee Center.

Staff Updates

- Division Chief **David A. Miller** received the “Achievement Award” from the Ethnic Minority Society of the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) at the 2014 NRPA Congress in Charlotte, NC. The award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated sustained leadership in the recreation profession and contributions to the profession through volunteerism.
- Division Chief **Joseph Petrella** recently accepted the position of Director of the Great Falls, Montana Parks and Recreation Department. Joe joined RPCA in October 2012 and

has played a key role in helping the division improve and expand recreation programs and services during his tenure. He has helped with a number of new initiatives and helped to improve the Recreation Services Division's capacity to improve and expand programs and services. Joe's last day with the City of Alexandria will be December 19, 2014.

- **Michael Johnson**, Community Outreach Leader, received the division's Employee of the Month Award for September. Michael has received kudos from residents and employees in the form of phone calls and emails voicing their appreciation for his hard work.
- **Hawa Belleh**, Therapeutic Recreation Leader III at Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center, received the Nannie J. Lee Employee of the Month Award for the month of September.
- **Shawnta Diggins** recently accepted a position as Recreation Leader III in the Registration & Reservation Office. Shawnta has worked as a Seasonal employee for close to five years with Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, Charles Houston Recreation Center, Classes & Camps section, and Summer Camps and is now joining us as a permanent part-time employee.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 14, 2014

TO: Alexandria Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Recreation Services Division

SUBJECT: Cost Recovery Implementation- Public Sorting Results

As required by the Resource Allocation and Cost Recovery Policy, the Recreation Services Division has completed the public sorting process. We will use the results, which are in the chart below, in the FY 16 budget process to determine resource allocation priorities and any fee adjustments for the coming fiscal year.

The division conducted four public sorting meetings, as well as one staff-sorting meeting. Sixty-five citizens participated in the public sorting meetings, and 24 employees participated in the staff-sorting meeting. The scoring for this year's sorting is below.

Alexandria, VA - Pyramid Consensus	AVERAGE SCORE	FINAL SCORE	AVERAGE SCORE	FINAL SCORE	AVERAGE SCORE	FINAL SCORE
CATEGORIES	Public		Staff		Averaged	
Concession and Vending	4.80	5	5.00	5	4.90	5
Merchandise	4.70	5	5.00	5	4.85	5
Classes, Programs, Workshops and Clinics – Beginning/Multi-Level	2.30	2	2.80	3	2.55	3
Classes, Programs, Workshops and Clinics – Intermediate	3.20	3	3.80	4	3.50	4
Classes, Programs, Workshops and Clinics – Advanced/Competitive	4.40	4	4.80	5	4.60	5
Private/Semi-Private Lessons	5.00	5	5.00	5	5.00	5
Rentals/Exclusive Use – Private	4.50	5	5.00	5	4.75	5
Rentals/Exclusive Use – Inter-Government Agency	2.20	2	1.60	2	1.90	2
Rentals/Exclusive Use – Affiliates/Grantees	1.90	2	2.60	3	2.25	2
Long-term Tenant Leases	4.40	4	4.00	4	4.20	4
Equipment Rentals	4.50	5	5.00	5	4.75	5
Non-Monitored Park/Facility Usage	1.10	1	1.00	1	1.05	1

Monitored Park/Facility Usage	1.50	2	2.60	3	2.05	2
Trips	4.40	4	4.80	5	4.60	5
Party Packages	4.80	5	5.00	5	4.90	5
Tournaments and Leagues	3.00	3	3.40	3	3.20	3
Community-wide Events	1.50	2	1.20	1	1.35	1
Specialized Activities/Camps	4.10	4	4.80	5	4.45	4
Camps	2.20	2	3.60	4	2.90	3
Out-of-School Time Program	1.90	2	3.00	3	2.45	2
Professional Services	4.50	5	4.80	5	4.65	5
Permitted Services	4.80	5	5.00	5	4.90	5
Volunteer Program/Internship/Work Study Program	1.80	2	1.20	1	1.50	2
Therapeutic/Adapted/Special Recreation Services	2.10	2	3.20	3	2.65	3
Social Clubs/Affinity Groups	3.20	3	3.40	4	3.30	3
1 Inclusion Services (These are mandated by the American with Disabilities Act)						1
1 Support Services (These serves will be shown on the pyramid and are considered in-direct costs)						1

Changes from 2012:

- Rentals for government use went down to tier 2. This is an opportunity to recoup some costs. Currently we would not charge for governmental use.
- Equipment rental went up to tier 5. Currently we operate at tier 5
- Therapeutic Recreation went up to tier 3. We are currently at this tier in our fees (50% Cost Recovery).
- Out of School Time Program stayed at tier 2. However, our current pricing is at tier 3 (50%). If we have to price at tier 2, this would cause an increase subsidy of about \$90 per child or about \$101,000.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2014

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: DINESH TIWARI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR - PARK OPERATIONS
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

THROUGH: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR, RPCA

SUBJECT: **PARK OPERATIONS UPDATE - ITEM VI-B**

1. PARK AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE:

- Updated Facilities Maintenance and Use Agreement with City schools
The updated agreement was finalized and signed by both the City Manager and the School Superintendent. The agreement details shared maintenance roles and responsibilities of various City agencies and the Alexandria City Public Schools. The agreement is posted on City's website. It will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.
http://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/parks/ApprovedMOU_COA_ACP_S.pdf
- King Street Holiday Light Installation Begins
Installation of the annual King Street Seasonal Lighting began in late October, and will continue through the end of November. The holiday light display will energize approximately one week in advance of the City's Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 28, and will remain energized through March 31, 2015. This year, lighting will return to the tree canopies instead of tree trunks and lower limbs, as recommended by business and community members last year. The City's Holiday Tree will be set up at Market Square on November 19; lights will be installed by November 25, including wreaths and other decorations at City Hall and Market Square.
- Environmental Sustainability Management System (ESMS) Audit
Auditors from Virginia Tech conducted a preliminary audit of the RPCA's initiative to implement ESMS to reduce the impact of its operations on the environment. Initially RPCA's efforts are focused on hazardous waste, agro-chemicals, use of water and

stormwater discharging into waterways. Goal is for the RPCA's ESMS program to comply with international standards (ISO 14001) and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's E4 Certification requirements.

- Park Furniture Replacement

Staff continued with replacement of park benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles, etc. The replacement process began last year and expected to continue through spring 2015. So far about 225 items have been replaced using capital maintenance (CFMP) funds.

- Pedestrian Bridge Repairs - Ben Brenman/Tarleton Park

Staff is in the process to replace the 20-plus year old decking of the bridge. These repairs are scheduled to be completed by the end of December.



Before (with old decking)



After (with new decking)

- Routine Park Maintenance

Staff continues to inspect and maintain all park facilities through a combination of routine and preventative maintenance activities, provide support for City Special Events and respond to service requests generated from the City's Call, Click, Connect portal.

- Seasonal Transition

Over the past month staff completed the grass cutting season and began preparing for transition into leaf collection and winter operations. Landscaped beds are being prepped with weeding, trimming and mulching. Irrigation and water fountain winterization is in progress. Equipment needed for snow/ice operations have been checked, needed repairs are being made, and materials and supplies (salt, snowmelt, etc.) have been secured. Snow and Ice Management Training (SIMA) is scheduled to continue through November to prepare staff for the snow season. Some staff have also continued or begun the certification process for attaining credentials in; Playground Safety Inspection (CSPI), Certified Grounds Technician (CGT), OSHA 10 hour Safety Training, the Virginia Fertilizer Applicators Certification and the Virginia Pesticide Applicators Certification.

2 NATURAL LAND MANAGEMENT

- On October 13, 2014, staff conducted an introduction to ecological communities and native flora at Dora Kelley Nature Park for the 2014-2015 George Washington University Landscape Design Graduate Certificate or Master's Degree Program class.
- Per request of the Environmental Policy Commission, staff reviewed and provided comments on the proposed planting plans for the Robinson Terminal North development in the Waterfront and Open Space Plan.
- Staff delivered native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees to Tarleton Park for the October 25, 2014 ecological restoration workday and removed cut brush and debris from the park after the workday.



Tarleton Park Workday



Fall Foliage Hike

- On November 1, 2014, staff led a Fall Foliage Hike through Dora Kelley Nature Park and the Holmes Run Scenic Easement.
- Staff provided environmental review and comments regarding appropriate native species selection and ecological restoration for the massive VDOT re-vegetation and landscaping project along Shirley Memorial Highway (I-395) in Alexandria.



I-395

- On November 3, 2014, staff gave an update of the lower Four Mile Run Restoration Project regarding Four Mile Run Park in the City of Alexandria to the Arlington County Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG).
- On November 8, 2014, VBA member staff attended the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Botanical Associates (VBA) in Charlottesville to discuss and update Alexandria and Northern Virginia non-native invasive plants; delivered dozens of collected herbarium voucher specimens of new plant records mounted by the Friends of the City of Alexandria Herbarium to the curators of the College of William and Mary Herbarium, George Mason University Herbarium, Virginia Tech Herbarium, and University of Richmond Herbarium.

3 JEROME “BUDDIE” FORD NATURE CENTER

- Staff conducted 54 interpretive programs in October - 964 participants attended the programs, including four revenue generating weekend birthday parties. Some program and operational highlights are described below:
- Programs throughout the Month Focusing on the Topic of Fall - The month began with two programs for William Ramsay Elementary School first graders – one hike in Dora Kelley Nature Park and another in the school garden. The outreach program at the Duncan Library focused on migration, hibernation and how animals prepare for the change in seasons. Throughout October, classes, hikes and crafts were conducted for various groups who scheduled programs at the nature center- Grace Episcopal School, Del Ray Montessori School and a local homeschool group. In the monthly program for preschoolers, *Little Adventures*, the children met turtles, snakes and other animals at the center that hibernate for the winter, collected leaves and acorns on their hike and created a basic guide for leaf identification. See photos below.



Students learn about the seasons by observing the “Wildlife of the Dora Kelley Nature Park” mural.



The colors of autumn in Dora Kelley Nature Park

- Family Fall Festival - On October 18, the Nature Center staff attended the City’s annual Family Fall Festival at Armistead L. Boothe Park. The beautiful weather brought many families to this event.



Visitors to the Nature Center’s exhibit



An article in the October 21st *Alexandria Gazette*

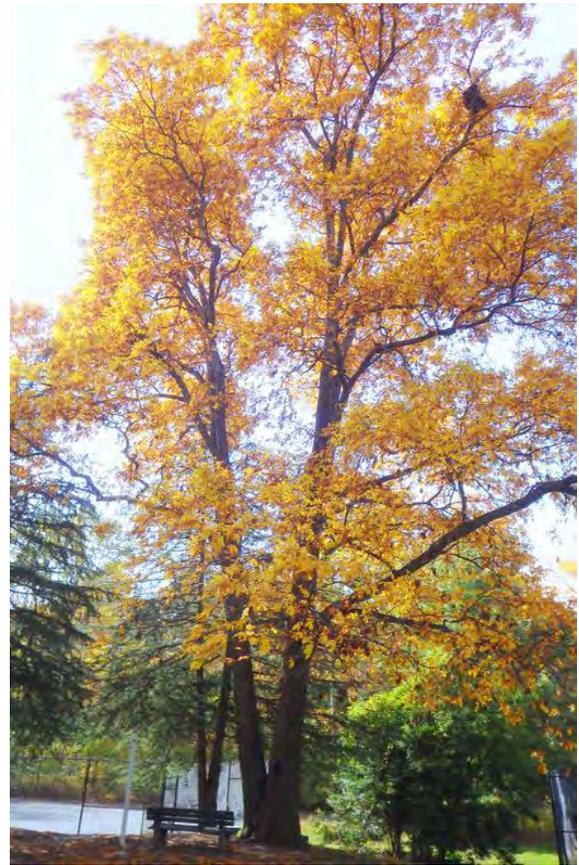
- Nature Center updates - Permit renewal and Nature Center annual report were sent to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. All lives specimens as well as mounted specimens were approved for the state “Permit to Exhibit Wild Animals in Virginia”.
- Volunteers and Interns - A total of 22 volunteers collectively provided 70.5 hours of service during the month of October. This total includes 18 girl scouts who cleaned up trash and wood chipped the trails on Sunday, October 5.

4 URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT

- Staff located, evaluated (scored) and nominated the new State Champion Silverbell at 8 West Maple Street in the Rosemont section of Alexandria! See link to Virginia Big Tree Register at http://bigtree.cnre.vt.edu/bigtree_detail.cfm?AutofieldforPrimaryKey=2290.



Silverbell



Mockernut Hickory

- Staff located, evaluated (scored) and nominated the new State Champion Mockernut Hickory along an ancient stream bank of Holmes Run just north of the Holmes Run Scenic Easement in the Beaugard Street Corridor of Alexandria! See link to Virginia Big Tree Register at http://bigtree.cnre.vt.edu/bigtree_detail.cfm?AutofieldforPrimaryKey=2291

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2014

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF *Jack Browand*
PUBLIC RELATIONS, SPECIAL EVENTS & WATERFRONT OPERATIONS
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION: ITEM VI-C
PUBLIC RELATIONS, SPECIAL EVENTS & WATERFRONT OPERATIONS
UPDATE

Windmill Hill Park Bulkhead Replacement Project

This project is for planning and permitting services for the design of the Windmill Hill Bulkhead replacement. A design contract has been executed with Kimley-Horn and a Notice to Proceed has occurred. City staff held a kick-off meeting the week of November 10 with Kimley-Horn. First steps include information gathering from City staff, public involvement meetings will begin in January/February 2015.

Marina Dredging Project

A construction contract has been awarded to McLean Contracting Company and a Notice to Proceed has occurred. Dredging is scheduled to begin the week of December 3, with equipment arriving the week of November 24. Substantial completion of dredging activities is scheduled by January 31, 2015.

- [City Marina Dredging Presentation](#)

City Marina Wharf Strengthening Project

A construction contract has been awarded to Marine Technologies, Inc. to provide strengthening activities consistent with the findings of the Marina Conditions Assessment Report. City staff will hold a pre-construction meeting with the contractor on Friday, November 21. It is anticipated that planned repairs will begin in mid-December with completion within 21-days. Construction activities will not result in service disruptions in the City Marina.

Blackwall Hitch Restaurant (Food Court Pavilion) Redevelopment

Construction for the Blackwall Hitch Restaurant is underway and anticipated completion is mid-March 2015. Consistent with the SUP application, the City will renovate existing restrooms for community use. Construction activities will not result in service disruptions in the City Marina.

Waterfront Plan Implementation

On Wednesday, December 3, the City will host a Waterfront Community Open House at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. beginning at 6 p.m. The public and all stakeholders are invited to attend. The Open House will include (1) A Program to review draft proposed phasing options for Waterfront Implementation and to provide the community with an opportunity to express their priorities for implementation; and (2) Exhibitor tables, accessible prior to and after the Program, to provide the public with up-to-date information regarding public initiatives and private development projects planned at the Waterfront. For additional information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/Waterfront.

Special Events Calendar November through December 2014

- <http://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/?show=RecreationCommunity>

Date		Time	Event
Nov 22, 2014	Sat	7:30 AM	Run For Shelter 10k, 5k And 1 Mile Fun Run A charity run that will help benefit the Carpenter's Shelter. Will utilize the USAFT certified courses VA-12002.
Nov 28, 2014	Fri	6:00 PM	Alexandria Tree Lighting Ceremony Annual event at which the City tree is lit, performances and a visit by Santa to open the Holiday season. Pre-show concert will begin at 5:15 pm.
Dec 5, 2014	Fri	11:00 AM	Alexandria Christmas Market Vendors from all over come together for a tasteful event that gives the feeling of a unique European Christmas celebration. Food, beverages and merchandise will be available.
Dec 6, 2014	Sat	11:00 AM	Scottish Christmas Walk Parade 44th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Parade
Dec 6, 2014	Sat	6:00 PM	Del Ray Celebration of the Holidays Santa will be at the location. There will be Christmas carols and a chance to take your picture with Santa.
Dec 12, 2014	Fri	11:00 AM	Alexandria Christmas Market Vendors from all over come together for a tasteful event that gives the feeling of a unique European Christmas celebration. Food, beverage and merchandise will be available.
Dec 13, 2014	Sat	10:00 AM	Art League Raku Firing A demonstration of the art of ceramic Raku firing.
Dec 13, 2014	Sat	11:00 AM	Alexandria Christmas Market Vendors from all over come together for a tasteful event that gives the feeling of a unique European Christmas celebration. Food, beverage and merchandise will be available.
Dec 13, 2014	Sat	12:00 PM	Civil War Christmas in Camp Open House Event is based in and around the Museum and historic fort. Holiday event interprets how Christmas was observed during the Civil War. Features a patriotic Santa Claus, living history interpreters, a Victorian tree, the Officers' Hut decorated for the season, crafts for children, and light refreshments. On-going activities from 12-4 p.m., with soldier-guided ...

Dec 14, 2014	Sun	11:00 AM	Alexandria Christmas Market Vendors from all over come together for a tasteful event that gives the feeling of a unique European Christmas celebration. Food, beverage and merchandise will be available.
Dec 19, 2014	Fri	11:00 AM	Alexandria Christmas Market Vendors from all over come together for a tasteful event that gives the feeling of a unique European Christmas celebration. Food, beverages and merchandise will be available.
Dec 20, 2014	Sat	11:00 AM	Alexandria Christmas Market Vendors from all over come together for a tasteful event that gives the feeling of a unique European Christmas celebration. Food, beverages and merchandise will be available.
Dec 21, 2014	Sun	11:00 AM	Alexandria Christmas Market Vendors from all over come together for a tasteful event that gives the feeling of a unique European Christmas celebration. Food, beverages and merchandise will be available.
Dec 22, 2014	Mon	11:00 AM	Alexandria Christmas Market Vendors from all over come together for a tasteful event that gives the feeling of a unique European Christmas celebration. Food, beverages and merchandise will be available.
Dec 23, 2014	Tue	11:00 AM	Alexandria Christmas Market Vendors from all over come together for a tasteful event that gives the feeling of a unique European Christmas celebration. Food, beverages and merchandise will be available.
Dec 24, 2014	Wed	11:00 AM	Alexandria Christmas Market Vendors from all over come together for a tasteful event that gives the feeling of a unique European Christmas celebration. Food, beverages and merchandise will be available.
Dec 31, 2014	Wed	12:00 PM	First Night Alexandria Family friendly celebration of the new year through the performing arts.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2014

TO: ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN+CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

ITEM: MONTHLY UPDATE FOR PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION;
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER, 2014 - ITEM V1-D

ISSUE:

The following items are provided to the Park & Recreation Commission as information at its July 17, 2014 meeting:

- Memorandum to the City Manager on Citywide Park Plan Alternative Funding
- Capital Projects Update
- Capital Facilities Maintenance Projects Update

HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS IN BRIEF:

Hoof's Run Playground

Renovation of Hoof's Run Playground was completed in mid-October and opened to the public. Plantings related to the site will be installed this Fall. The renovation project benefitted from a 20 month public input and construction process.

Witter Athletic Fields

RPCA staff is proposing a nylon netting system along the north side of the diamond and rectangular fields at Witter Recreational Fields. The purpose of this work is to provide additional safety enhancements for neighboring property and City Right of Way.

The existing Witter facility was approved by the City under Development Special Use Permit #2007-0014. A Special Use Permit is required for construction of the safety netting and was approved by the Planning Commission on October 07, 2014 and City Council on October 18, 2014 as SUP #2014-0078. The Park & Recreation Commission and Land Rover-Alexandria provided letters in support of the application request.

Beverly Park Renovation

Renovation of Beverly Park playground is a part of the City's Capital Improvement Program for playgrounds. The work includes renovation of the playground, picnic shelter and remedy of the park's eroded slope areas. Staff is working with the North Ridge Civic Association, obtaining information via a community survey and open houses are scheduled for November 15 and 19. For additional information see <http://alexandriava.gov/27060#Beverley> and the attached schematic plan.

Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor - Planning Process Update

Detailed information about the planning process and the Advisory Group/public meetings can be found online at: <http://www.alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=76672>.

Braddock Neighborhood Interim Open Space (600 N. Henry St.)

The Park and Recreation Commission approved a concept plan for interim improvements to the Braddock Open Space in January 2014. Following demolition of the existing building and surrounding site this past August and September, implementation of the approved interim open space plan is underway, with completion expected late this fall. A group of neighbors from Braddock Lofts submitted an agreement to adopt the new open space once it's complete. The firm Andropogon, Inc. of Philadelphia, PA was selected to complete the concept design for the one-acre park. A meeting with the consultant will be held early Spring 2015.

Chinquapin Feasibility Study

The final Task 1B Report was completed by the consultant firm (Hughes Group). The Final Report includes the market analysis and development of three (3) site alternatives, as well as results from the September 4 public meeting, was completed on September 30. Task 2 of the study will begin in December, ending with a preferred alternative, refined cost estimates, and a recommended operating plan.

STAFF: Park Planning, Design + Capital Development Division

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 11, 2014

TO: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

FROM: JIM SPENGLER, DIRECTOR, RPCA
DANA WEDELES, PARK PLANNER, RPCA

RE: CITYWIDE PARK PLAN ALTERNATIVE FUNDING

The Park and Recreation Commission and City Council endorsed the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan in June 2014. The Plan included a list of recommendations to improve the City's six large (over 10 acres), multi-use parks and the cost estimates for each improvement. Staff aimed to use the list to prioritize the Capital Improvement Plan while also seeking funds from alternative sources.

Since the Council's endorsement, the Department has successfully worked with the community and sought grants to raise, in total, \$218,000 to implement the following Plan recommendations:

- 1. Four Mile Run Park "Green Alley," amount raised: \$3,000**
The Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market raised \$3,000 using an online crowdsourcing platform called Citizinvestor. The City and community group entered into a partnership agreement to formalize the efforts and document the fundraising goals and funding uses. Staff used the funds, supplementing it with an additional \$2,000, to purchase and plant 28 trees along the Four Mile Run Park border to the Edison Street alley. On November 11, 2014, the community held a mulching and clean-up day at the site.
- 2. Simpson Dog Park Improvements, amount raised: \$15,000**
Using a partnership agreement template from the Four Mile Run project, the City and community group entered into a partnership agreement with the Simpson Park Dog Owners Group (SPDOG), outlining project goals and expectations. SPDOG raised \$15,000 for dog park improvements, surpassing their phase 1 goal of \$10,000. The City will supplement the \$10,000 with \$18,000 to install lights in the dog area, which we expect to install over the winter. SPDOG aims to use the remaining \$5,000 towards a future project to create terracing and stabilize the hill in the Park.
- 3. Simpson Park Playground & Open Lawn, amount of grant award: \$200,000**
On November 10, 2014 Staff received a confirmation letter from the Department of Conservation and Recreation to approve a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant in

the amount of \$200,000 for renovation of the Simpson Park Playground and Open Lawn. The City will equally match this grant through funds in the Capital Improvement Plan playground account. The project is set to begin July 1, 2015.

Staff will continue to seek alternative funding sources and partnership opportunities for the Park Plan implementation while also using the plan as a guide to budget the Capital Improvement Plan.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter from the Department of Conservation and Recreation

STAFF:

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Bethany Carton, Park Planner

Active Park Planning Projects

Monday, November 17, 2014

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Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
RPCA/ACPS				
	Patrick Henry Recreation Center Renovation	Ron and Beth	5%	01-Jun-16
	Notes: ACPS school replacement study community meetings on-going. Feasibility Study RFP approved by ACPS School Board 11.07. RFP anticipated to be awarded September, 2014.			
RPCA				
	Boothe Park Playground Renovations	JL, BC, RMK	100% Construction	15-Jul-14
	Notes: Due to weather delays and new work, anticipated completion early July 2014. Park re-opened July 23. Tree plantings and turf restoration scheduled October 2014.			
	Chinquapin Feasibility Study	RMK LD	in progress	30-Apr-14
	Notes: Contract Task One-A completed. First public meeting held June 12. Task 1B June through September.			
	Fort Ward Park	LD		31-Jan-14
	Notes: Lardner/Klein began work May 2013 on management plan. URS began work June 2013 on stormwater master plan. Draft Plans released January 2014. Public hearing with PRC July 2014.			
	Four Mile Run Restoration	Dana/Ron	60% CD	31-Dec-15
	Notes: 100% design received. Construction manager selected and contract in review. Construction contractor RFP in purchasing. Start date to be March 2.			
	Hooffs Run Playground Renovation	Judy	40% Construction	06-Oct-14
	Notes: Re-bid of construction services advertised June 5, proposals due July 5. Bid Awarded July 15. Community Pre-Con held August 6. Construction commenced August 13.			
	Kelly Cares Playground Expansion	JL DW	50% cdocs	01-Oct-14
	Notes: Kelley Cares fundraising complete. Contribution of \$90,000 anticipated 6/25/2014. Initial concept plan reviewed and approved. Moving to CDs for project delivery Fall 2014.			
	Neighborhood Parks Plan	DW LD		01-Jan-16
	Notes: Community outreach phase complete. Summaries underway and design phase to begin.			
	Potomac Yard Park	Beth and Ron	70% Construction	31-Dec-14
	Notes: Phase I (main body) opened December 14. Phase II (south trail) anticipated to be complete Fall 2014. Phase III (North Pond) to be separated and complete early 2015.			
	Simpson Dog Park Lights	DW		01-Mar-15
	Notes: SUP approved. CIP funds of \$18,000 available. Community fundraising for \$10,000 complete. MOU signed. Lights to be installed this winter.			
ACPS				
	Long Range Educational Facilities Plan	DW		15-Jan-15
	Notes: Ed specs complete. Outdoor site assessments underway, followed by gap analysis. Will come to PRC in January.			



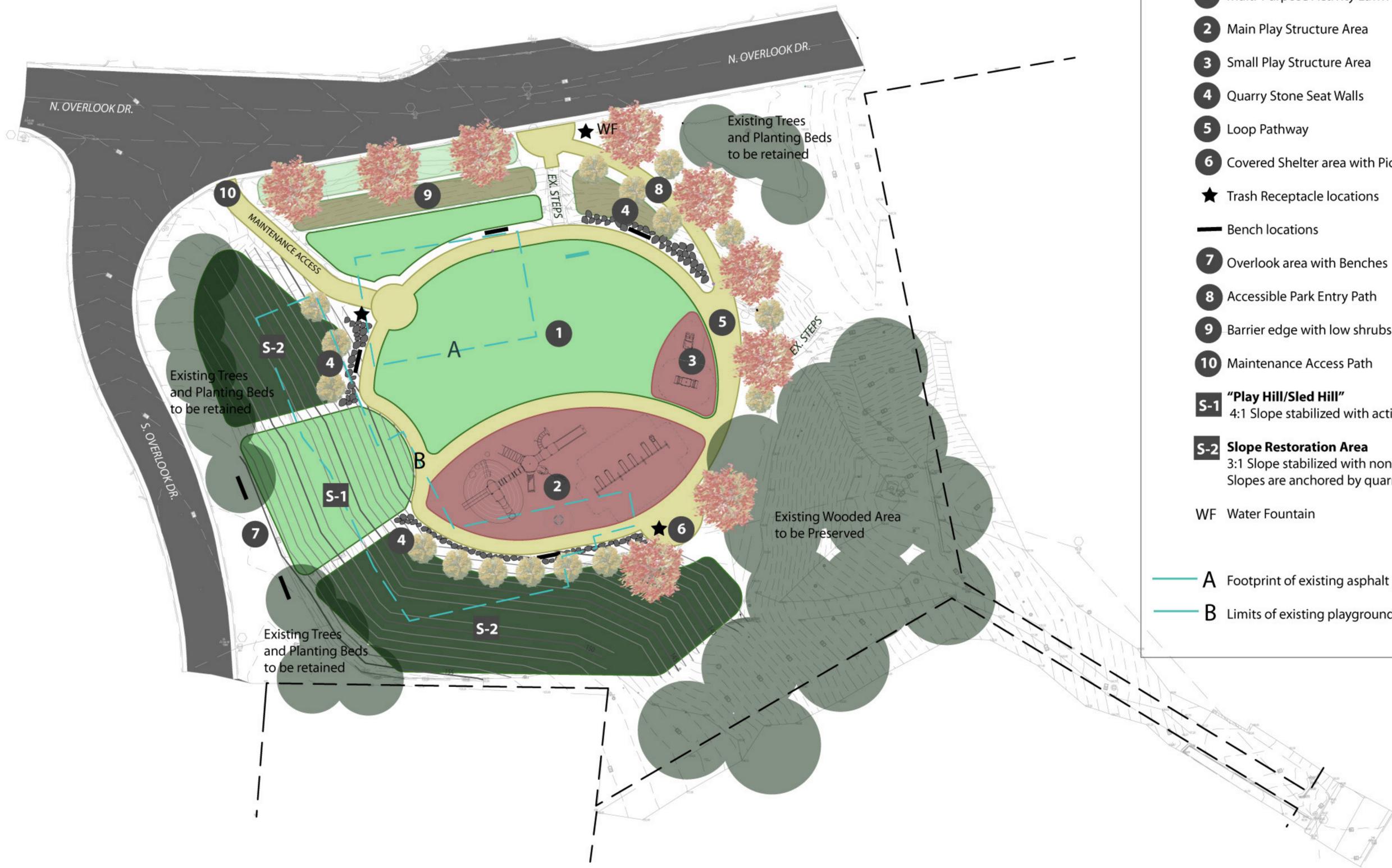
Active Rec CFMP Projects

Parks, Recreation + Cultural Activities /
Department of General Services

November 20, 2014

FY	Project Name	Project Code	Facility Name	Status	% Complete	Actual Cost
FY 2014	Kitchen-Multi Purpose Upgrade	CB-14-02	Charles Barrett Center	On Hold/Delayed	-0-	
FY 2014	Restrooms Upgrade	CB-14-01	Charles Barrett Center	Executing	10%	
FY 2014	HVAC Commissioning	CK-14-02	Cora Kelly Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2014	New HVAC Controls	CK-14-05	Cora Kelly Center	Pending Funds	-0-	\$79,186
FY 2014	Gym Doors Replacment	CK-14-04	Cora Kelly Center	Executing	85%	
FY 2014	Bleachers Replacement	CK-14-03	Cora Kelly Center	Completed	100%	\$36,040
FY 2014	Windows Repair-Glazing	CN-14-02	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	On Hold	-0-	
FY 2014	Lockers in Pool Office, Ph I	CN-14-01	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	Completed FY12	100%	
FY 2014	Fabric Acoustic Panels	OD-14-03	Oswald Durant Arts Center	Completed	100%	
FY 2014	HVAC Work - New Chillers	LC-14-03	Lee Center	Completed	100%	\$139,256
FY 2014	Restroom Lighting Upgrade	LC-14-06	Lee Center	Completed	100%	\$8,535.16
FY 2014	Fire Alarm Upgrade	LC-14-05	Lee Center	Executing	95%	\$55,780
FY 2014	Restroom Renovations	LC-14-04	Lee Center	Completed	100%	\$88,754.00
FY 2014	HVAC Unit Replacement	MV-14-01	Mt. Vernon Center	Executing	15%	\$160,848.00
FY 2014	Repair Curtain Motor, Gym	MV-14-04	Mt. Vernon Center	Completed	100%	
FY 2014	Bleachers Replacement	MV-14-05	Mt. Vernon Center	Completed	100%	\$25,730
FY 2014	Resurface Gym Floor	MV-14-03	Mt. Vernon Center	Completed	100%	\$57,344
FY 2014	Gym Bleacher Replacement	NL-14-01	Nannie J. Lee Center	Canceled		
FY 2014	New Reception Counter	NL-14-04	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%	
FY 2014	Gym Floor Resurface	NL-14-02	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%	\$25,730
FY 2014	Gym Curtain	NL-14-03	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%	\$3,880

FY	Project Name	Project Code	Facility Name	Status	% Complete	Actual Cost
FY 2014	Restrooms Renovations	NL-14-05	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%	\$92,500
FY 2014	Replace Damaged Dance Floor	WR-14-01	William Ramsay Center	Completed	100%	\$33,379.00
FY 2015	Replace fitness equipment with new	CB-14-01	Charles Barrett Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2015	Lobby Floor Finish Replacement	CK-15-01	Cora Kelly Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2015	Natatorium Doors Replacement	CN-15-05	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	In Procuremnt	-0-	
FY 2015	Windows Repair-Glazing	CN-15-01	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2015	Natatorium Door Replacement	CN-15-03	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	In Proucurement	-0-	
FY 2015	LED Lighting Upgrade	CN-15-04	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	Executing	-0-	
FY 2015	Lockers in Pool Office, Ph. 2	CN-15-02	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2015	Stage Lighting System	DU-14-02	Oswald Durant Arts Center	On Hold/Delayed		77,737.00
FY 2015	Decommission AC Units	DU-13-01	Oswald Durant Arts Center			
FY 2015	New Flooring and Wall base	OD-15-02	Oswald Durant Arts Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2015	New Flooring in Corridor	OD-15-01	Oswald Durant Arts Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2015	Fenestration System Replacement	LC-15-02	Lee Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2015	Restrooms Wall covering Replacement	LC-15-03	Lee Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-	
FY 2015	Replace Corridor Water Cooler	LC-15-01	Lee Center	Preliminary Phase	-0-	
FY 2015	Replace Cabinets in Kitchen	LC-14-02	Lee Center	On Hikd	-0-	
FY 2015	Millwork Replacement (Multiple Areas)	LC-14-01	Lee Center	On Hold	-0-	
FY 2015	Activity Room Ceiling Replacement	MV-14-02	Mt. Vernon Center	Old Hold	-0-	



LEGEND

- 1 Multi-Purpose Activity Lawn
- 2 Main Play Structure Area
- 3 Small Play Structure Area
- 4 Quarry Stone Seat Walls
- 5 Loop Pathway
- 6 Covered Shelter area with Picnic Tables
- ★ Trash Receptacle locations
- Bench locations
- 7 Overlook area with Benches
- 8 Accessible Park Entry Path
- 9 Barrier edge with low shrubs and/or fence
- 10 Maintenance Access Path
- S-1 "Play Hill/Sled Hill"
4:1 Slope stabilized with actively mowed turf grass
- S-2 Slope Restoration Area
3:1 Slope stabilized with non-invasive successional plantings
Slopes are anchored by quarry stone seat walls
- WF Water Fountain
- A Footprint of existing asphalt pad, shown for contextual purposes
- B Limits of existing playground area, shown for contextual purposes





1 Multi-Purpose Activity Lawn

The park's central turf grass area, shown above, will be preserved. The area will be re-graded for proper drainage and the turf will be restored. The space can accommodate youth soccer or other athletic activities.



4 Quarry Stone Seat Walls

Low natural stone walls are proposed at the base of the 3:1 slopes. The low walls will provide structural support, function as seating and complement the nature based play equipment.



5 Loop Pathway

A proposed perimeter pathway connects and provides required ADA access to park features. The surfacing will be firm, stable and will incorporate sustainable materials as feasible.

8 Accessible Park Entry Path

A new accessible park entrance is proposed on North Overlook Drive, near the existing timber steps.

2 Main Play Structure Area

The main play area incorporates traditional modular play equipment with a nature-based theme, additional swings, and other equipment. To meet accessibility requirements, the play areas will have rubberized surfacing.

The new equipment will incorporate components such as:



Cable bridges



Log and Boulder climbers



Large spinning equipment appropriate for all abilities and ages



Additional swings with (6) seats



Roofs and small fabric shade sails



Embankment slides and climbing mound

3 Small Play Structure Area

The existing Fire Truck and Play House equipment, shown below, were funded with neighborhood contributions in 2008. The equipment will be re-furnished and/or replaced as feasible.



Plan Symbols: Site Furnishings

Proposed site furnishings include a drinking fountain, additional benches and trash receptacles.



6 Covered Shelter area with Picnic Tables

The existing shelter, shown above, will be replaced with a new shelter that is similar in size and compliant with ADA and Code.



9 Barrier edge with low shrubs and/or fence

Along North Overlook Drive, a barrier of low shrubs or a fence is proposed to minimize potential conflicts with vehicular traffic.



7 Overlook area with Benches

The upper area of the park, shown above, will have new seating to take advantage of expansive views.



10 Maintenance Access Path

The existing maintenance access path, shown above, will be re-graded and include safety bollards.



S-1 "Play Hill/ Sled Hill"

The proposed grass slope will be stabilized with fescue turf and planted with specimen shade trees. Intended to be an extension of the play areas, the slope will provide multi-season use.



S-2 Slope Restoration Areas

The proposed 3:1 slopes will be stabilized with low maintenance non-invasive plantings. Faster growing tree species will be selected. Planting stock will be varied, to include seed mixes, saplings, larger tree stock, and groundcovers. Planting design will include a water management plan to ensure establishment of the new plantings.



Shade Study Legend

- 10:00 AM Approximate Shade Boundary
- 5:00 PM Approximate Shade Boundary

