



Public Open Space

Zone Text Amendment

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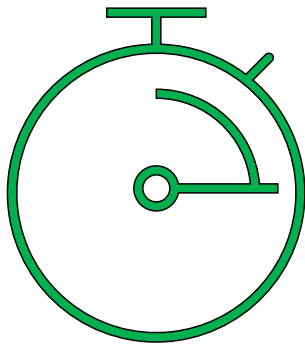
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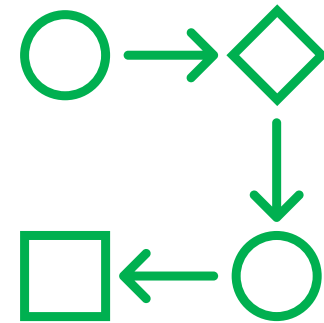
Project Goals



Create efficiencies



**Implement typical
recreational uses and
park safety**



**Implement approved
plans**

Summary of Amendment



1. Update the definition of park to include a diversity of uses;
2. Update the definition of congregate recreation facilities to include congregate uses;
3. Update building and structure heights to 30 feet before a requiring a Special Use Permit to better reflect current open space uses;

Summary of Amendment



4. Permit standardized accessory uses and structures of parks;

5. Permit pathway and parking lot lighting for safety; and

6. Update the uses requiring a Special Use Permit to reflect the above changes

Project Timeline

- **March:** Public engagement
- **April:** Public Hearing at the Virtual Open Space Steering Committee meeting
- **April:** Public engagement findings and edits to text amendment
- **May:** File text amendment application
- **June:** Planning Commission and City Council hearings





Ways to Get Involved

- Virtual community kickoff meeting
- Connect with community leaders
- Project webpage
- eNews release
- Community comment period
- Public Hearing
- Committees and Commissions
 - Open Space Steering Committee
 - Beautification Commission
 - Park and Recreation Commission
 - Waterfront Commission
 - Arts Commission
 - Alexandria City Public Schools
 - Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
 - Archeology Commission
 - Federation of Civic Associations



Q+A

Thank you

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