



Public Open Space

Zone Text Amendment

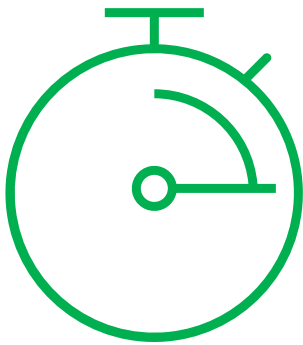
Public Arts Commission

Braddock Interim Park

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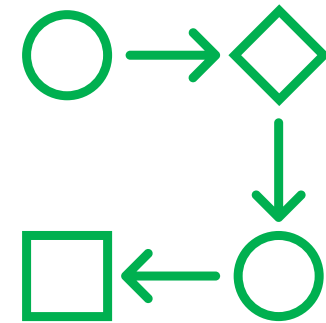
Project Goals



Create efficiencies



**Implement typical
recreational uses and
park safety**



**Implement approved
plans**

Summary of Amendments

1. Update the definition of park to reflect common uses, including playgrounds, sports courts & fitness equipment;
2. Update the definition of congregate recreation facilities to add community recreation buildings, skating and miniature golf uses;
3. Permit standardized accessory uses and structures of parks, including restrooms, storage sheds, scoreboards, netting, shade structure;



Ewald Park Plan – Approved 2015

Summary of Amendments

4. Update allowable building and structure heights from 15 to 30 feet, and up to 50 feet with a Special Use Permit;
5. Allow pathway and parking lot lighting for safety;
6. Reduce the amount of uses requiring a Special Use Permit but continue to require congregate recreation facilities; and
7. Clean zoning ordinance language for consistency.



Hensley Park – SUP Request for Netting (Sept. 2022)

Amendment Benefits

Reduce

- Implementation
- Time Costs

Playground relocation at Four Mile Run Park

- Park since 1970s, playground built in 1995
- SUP required for Congregate Recreation Facilities
- Initiated February 2019, SUP approval May 2019





Angel Park



Armistead Boothe Park



Project Timeline & Outreach

Project Time

- **March and April:** Public engagement
- **May:** Finalize edits to amendment
- **June:** Planning Commission and City Council hearings



Committees/Commissions Meetings

- Park and Recreation Commission - March 16 (Patrick Henry Recreation Center)
- Community Meeting - March 20 (Virtual)
- Waterfront Commission - March 21 (City Hall)
- Public Arts Commission - March 21 (Lee Center)
- Open Space Steering Committee - March 28 (Virtual)
- Federation of Civic Associations - March 29 (Virtual)
- Youth Sports Advisory Board - April 10 (Mt. Vernon Recreation Center)
- Beautification Commission - April 13 (Charles Houston Recreation Center)
- Historic Alexandria Resources Commission - April 18 (Llyod House)
- Park and Recreation Commission - April 20 (location TBD)
- Alexandria City Public Schools - internal coordination meetings

Project Timeline & Outreach



Mt Jefferson Park

Thank you



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Project webpage: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/rpca/project/public-open-space-zone-text-amendment>

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