

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** JUNE 15, 2023  
**TO:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS  
**FROM:** LAURA DURHAM, DEPUTY DIRECTOR,  
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION  
**SUBJECT:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE ITEM

**2022-2023 OSTP Update:**

The Out of School Time Program (OSTP) hosted its **Annual Summer Staff Training**. The theme for the training was Get Your Adventure On! OSTP staff participated in team bonding activities, DIY Obstacles courses, and STEM Challenges. This year's guest presenter was Shana Townes who presented and facilitated discussions focused on Restorative Justice and Social and Emotional Learning. Plans are already in motion for the OSTP Winter Staff Training and upcoming Professional Development days.



## **Program Wrap-ups:**

- On May 25, the **Community Cookouts** for the 2023 season ended at Mount Vernon Recreation Center. These events are designed to provide an outreach opportunity to the community to help educate and provide resources about summer camp opportunities, outreach programs, Safe Place, City-Wide resources and services, community events and updates as well as building the relationship between the community and law enforcement. The Community Cookouts are provided in partnership with RPCA, Alexandria Police Department, Alexandria Sheriff Department, Alexandria Fire Department, DCHS, ARHA, and other City agencies and local non-profits. They were hosted at (10) designated locations throughout the City of Alexandria. Over 3,000 residents attended the events collectively, plans are underway for next year's events.

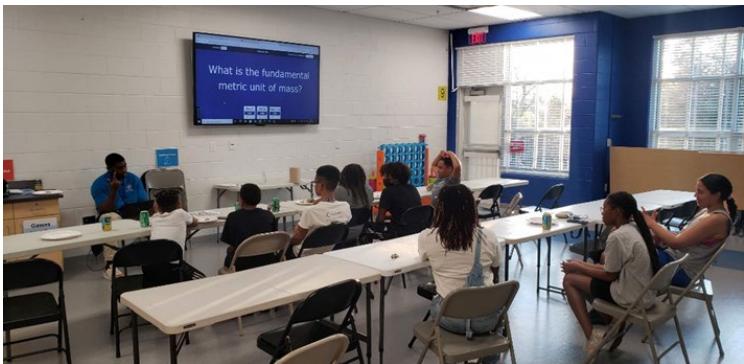


## **Program Updates:**

- On May 5, Mount Vernon Recreation Center teamed up with the Mount Vernon Community School PTA, to host “**Cinco de Mile**” a community fundraiser. The Mount Vernon Community School uses the event to engage students in a healthy activity, while raising funds for teacher mini grants, teacher appreciation activities, and recreation. More than 300 students participated in a 1-mile run and field day activities. The staff of the recreation center co-hosted this event, providing equipment, and decorations. Adding to the festive atmosphere, a DJ emceed the event, and the PTA hosted a water station and bake sale.
- On May 11, the Patrick Henry **Teen Focus Group** held a regular meeting. The discussion centered around Mother's Day and how mothers have shaped their lives. The group consisted of teenagers from various backgrounds and ages, and the conversation was engaging and insightful. We discussed the importance of showing appreciation for our mothers, not just on Mother's Day but throughout the year. Some participants shared



ideas for meaningful gifts or gestures that they have given to their mothers, while others discussed the value of spending quality time together.



- On May 17, staff from the **Buddy Ford Nature Center** paid a visit to participants of Patrick Henry's daytime and senior programs. The seniors from the morning class along with youth participants from the soft playroom, enjoyed the animal presentations.



- On May 27, the **Outdoor Pool Season** began with the opening of Warwick and Old Town Pools. We had a steady flow of patrons throughout the days, but the cooler temperatures kept crowds low.



- On June 2, Charles Houston Teen Center hosted its first **Teen Sneaker Ball**. Special thanks to Mia Parks (Nannie J. Lee) and Ms. Sheila Whiting for helping with beautiful décor. Teens got to enjoy a 360 photobooth, an inflatable photobooth, a DJ, and refreshments. They also got to partake in mocktails complete with a mixologist and a bar. It was a wonderful experience!



- On June 3, William Ramsay Recreation Center hosted an **Amharic language class** led by the Ethiopian Community Support and Advocacy Center (ECSAC) for youth that want to learn the language. Around 40 students were in attendance. The class will continue for 5 more sessions.
- On June 5, Chinquapin kicked off the summer camp season with a **Preschool Swim camp and Preschool Tennis camp**. The tennis camp took place indoors on Wednesday and Thursday due to air quality, but the participants still had fun!

### **Upcoming Events:**

- On June 16, from 4:30-7:45pm, the Aquatics staff in partnership with Charles Houston Recreation Center will throw a Memorial Pool **opening day party**.
- On June 16, from 7-9pm, Old Town Pool will host “**Teen Night**”. The event will have a DJ, the sheriff department will have food on the grill, and the health department will be onsite for teen education. This event is free for all teens providing they have a teen form on file!
- On June 17, the **Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Sports Alliance Regional Track Meet** will be held at Quince Orchard High School. Fifty-three participants from Alexandria advanced to the regional meet by placing first or second in the local meet. Alexandria will be competing against other jurisdictions such as Gaithersburg, Rockville, Prince George’s County, Montgomery County and Baltimore City.

- On June 17, William Ramsay Recreation Center will host a **CPR class** for adults that want to start their own childcare programs.
- On June 22, all pools will feature “**The World’s Largest Swim Lesson**”. This is a free water safety lesson for all participants. We are partnering with pools and organizations all over the world to educate as many people as possible about water safety!
- On July 7, Charles Houston Teen Center is hosting a **Glow Party** from 7-10pm. This event is complete with glow in the dark volleyball, music, snacks & drinks. This event is free for teens!
- On July 8, Mt. Vernon Recreation Center will host their annual **Senior 4<sup>th</sup> of July cookout**. The seniors will enjoy live musical entertainment, line dancing, games, giveaways, and lots of barbequed foods with side dishes and other refreshments. This event is in partnership with the America Restaurant Group and Jen Walker & Associates.

### **Special Features:**

- Chinquapin recently completed the installation of new floors in the club rooms and will complete new carpeting in the administrative offices the following week.
- The **Alexandria Sportsman’s Club** held their 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet on May 30. The event honors outstanding high school athletes and coaches from the four high schools in Alexandria and the Alexandria Recreation Department. This year, RPCA nominated two athletes for Recreation Athletes of the Year.

**Kylie Moore** is a ten-year old who attends James K. Polk Elementary School where she is an honor roll student. Kylie has been cheering since 2018 and is currently a member of the William Ramsay Recreation Center Junior Division team. Kylie’s team placed first in their division in the City’s Alexandria Invitational in December and placed second in April. Not only does Kylie cheer for her recreation team, but she is also a member of the cheer and dance team at Polk. Kylie participated in the annual Alexandria youth track meet and placed second in the softball throw in her age group, which earned her an opportunity to compete in the Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Parks Sports Alliance regional track meet. Her favorite professional teams are the Commanders & Nationals. She's an avid reader and loves drawing, crafting, and helping others.



**Calvin Clarke** is a rising fifth grader at Douglas MacArthur where his favorite subjects are math, social studies, and PE class. His favorite sports are baseball and track, and he also plays basketball. Calvin is currently on two baseball teams, one with Alexandria Little League and the other with the Alexandria Reds. In the local track meet, Calvin placed first in the 50 meters and 100 meters and second in the standing long jump earning him an opportunity to compete in the Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Parks Sports Alliance regional track meet. His relay team also placed first. His favorite professional teams are the Nationals and the Red Sox. When he's not playing sports Calvin likes to play with his friends in the creek and has read the entire Harry Potter series four times so far.



- A new partnership was created between the Recreation Services Division, Price Point Solutions and Women's Initiative to host their annual **Alexandria's Community Spelling Bee**. On June 4, at the Lee Center, youth in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade participated in this unique and special event. Each participant received a swag bag, books, a medal, and certificate for their participation. First, Second and Third Place winners in each grade level received a trophy. The event even brought out a few special guests, Mayor Justin Wilson, and Mrs. District of Columbia. The awards ceremony was followed by a reception with yummy delights from Matchbox Restaurants and Nothing Bundt Cake.
- OSTP is working to create better processes for customers during registration. The pre-registration process is something that was started during the pandemic and since then we have seen successes with providing equitable registration opportunities for families receiving federal assistance. In addition to the pre-registration process, we will be re-implementing the **multiple child discount**. This feature will give families a 10% discount for each child they register for OSTP. Customers can also apply for the discount when registering online. The multiple child discount will be implemented during the upcoming 23-24 School Year registration period, which begins Wednesday, June 28.
- Recreation Services collaborated with City HR to host a **Virtual Hiring Fair** on May 26, and teamed with Workforce Development to host an **additional hiring event** on May 30. During the Virtual Hiring event RPCA representative presented a PowerPoint presentation on the career opportunities within Recreation Services. Attendees were able



to ask questions and participate in the discussion about opportunities the City offers. During the WFD Hiring Event, attendees participated in on-the-spot interviews for Recreation Leader positions and Aquatic positions (lifeguard, and Pool Operator).

### **Staff Updates:**

- Chinquapin is finishing up an **American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification** course that will result in 12 new local teen lifeguards. All will join our staff upon successful completion of the course.

### **JEROME “BUDDIE” FORD NATURE CENTER**

#### **a. Programs/Updates**

- The Nature Center had 567 visitors in May and provided 62 impromptu programs.
- Throughout the month we conducted 90 interpretive programs for 1,285 patrons.
- The Nature Center also hosted 6 birthday parties with 111 participants during the month of May.

#### **School Programs:**

- In May, nature center staff conducted 65 programs in line with the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) reaching 935 Alexandria City Public School students.
- George Mason Elementary School’s kindergarten classes also visited the Nature Center this month to learn about some of Virginia’s native animals. We met some of our animals and then went out on a hike to learn about other native species, including plants.
- William Ramsay Elementary PreK accompanied staff on a hike through Dora Kelley Nature Park to look at the seasonal changes between April and May.
- The first-grade students at Patrick Henry Elementary School visited the Nature Center in May to learn about Living Systems. We led them on a hike through the park and talked to the students about the differences between plants and animals and what they both need to survive.
- The second-grade students at Mt. Vernon Community school visited the Nature Center to learn about Life Cycles. We took them on a hike to our marsh to look for amphibians and learned about how amphibians and insects have distinct Life Cycles but other animals such as birds do not.



- Nature center staff also had the opportunity to visit the first-grade classrooms at Mt. Vernon Community School. We told them about the various animals we house at the Nature Center and educated them on some of the animals we brought to their school.
- Naomi Brooks kindergarten also visited the Nature Center to learn about some of Virginia's native animals including our corn snake and millipedes. We lead them on a hike through the park in search of other native plants and animals.
- The second-grade students from James K. Polk visited the Nature Center to learn about various adaptations animals must be able to survive in their habitats. We learned about animals who live in the forest, in the water, and in the desert.



### ***Outreach Programs***

- Nature center staff had the opportunity to participate in RecFest held by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities. We spoke with 257 people and informed them all about the Nature Center and what we offer.
- Our staff also visited four recreation centers and reached 152 children and 7 adults. We talked to these groups about where certain animals live and what they need in their homes to survive.
- We visited with Patrick Henry's senior group of 20 people to talk to them about reptiles. We brought our ambassador uromastyx and box turtle to meet them and talked about the general characteristics of all reptiles.
- We attended the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria's Pets and People Community event and talked to 22 people. We talked to them about native wildlife and ways they can keep their pets and animals in the wild, safe.
- Nature Center staff visited the Earth Club at James K. Polk Elementary school to teach them about the various habitats we find in Alexandria. We focused on terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and had the opportunity to meet some of our native animals.



***Onsite Programs***

- The Nature Center hosted 11 participants and 3 volunteers at our 4-H Club meeting in May and were given the opportunity to explore Dora Kelley. We spent our hike looking for and identifying various species of fungi and then discussed our projects for the 4-H fair.
- St. Paul's Preschool visited the Nature Center to learn about reptiles and had the opportunity to meet some of the reptiles we have at the Nature Center. They also accompanied staff on a hike through Dora Kelley Nature Park.
- We had 10 participants from a local homeschool group come to the Nature Center to learn about the life cycles of plants and animals. They met some resident amphibians and reptiles and took a hike to the marsh in our park to look for signs of frogs and toads.

**b. Volunteers Hours**

- In April, our garden volunteers from the Northern Virginia Master Gardener group and our animal care volunteers contributed 58 hours.
- Staff hosted another Invasive Plant Pull with the Master Gardener Group and had 5 volunteers who contributed 10 hours in total.

**c. Noteeworthy**

- A slight realignment of RPCA's organizational structure in May will see the Nature Center rejoining the Recreational Services Division effective June 1<sup>st</sup> after several years under Park Operations.

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## Memorandum

DATE: June 12, 2023  
TO: Park and Recreation Commission Members  
THROUGH: Jack Broward, Deputy Director, Park Services  
FROM: Oscar Mendoza, Division Chief, Park Services  
SUBJECT: Park Services – Park Maintenance and Support Monthly Update

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### 1. PARK AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

#### a. Park Maintenance



Interactive Fountain at Potomac Yard

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## b. Park Facilities Maintenance



These photos are at Ewald Playground. We converted the old existing metal halide lights to LED



This photo is a backflow preventer we replaced at the Linear Trail at Cameron Station.

## 2. URBAN FORESTRY & HORTICULTURE

### a. Urban Forestry

#### 2023 Tree Planting Program

Urban Forestry continued the 2023 Street Tree Planting during which more than 1,100 trees will be planted on public land throughout the city of Alexandria.

### b. Horticulture

Staff has attended Community Gardens Board monthly meetings for both Holmes Run Gardens and Chinquapin Community Gardens for this 2023 season. All Holmes Run

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Garden plots have remained filled and the two recently relinquished plots at Chinquapin Community Gardens have been filled. All plots are now again rented. Both Gardens have held their first monitoring session with the second planned for June 10.

The contractor has completed the first two months of mowing and landscaping for the City and will continue through the end of October. In addition, the contractor works to provide resolution for 311 Service Requests.

## 3. NATURAL LANDS MANAGEMENT

### a. Invasive Plant Management and Ecological Restoration

- Staff removed Porcelain-berry, Garlic Mustard, and other non-native invasive plants from Chinquapin Park, Dora Kelley Nature Park, Forest Park, Fort Ward Park, Fort Williams Park, and Robinson Landing Promenade.
- Staff supervised our contractor, Invasive Plant Control (IPC), in treating Privet, Dock, Mugwort, Himalayan Blackberry, Golden Rain Tree, and other non-native invasive plants at Fort Ward Park Meadow, Rivergate Park, Tide Lock Park, and Windmill Hill Park.
- Staff supervised the annual mowing of the Fort Ward Park Meadow.
- Staff assisted Wakefield-Tarleton Civic Association volunteers in removing weeds and other vegetation from the trunks of ecological restoration plantings at Tarleton Park.



Elderberry in bloom at  
Tarleton Park



Narrow-leaf Sundrops



Tall Indigo-bush in tidal  
shores and shrub swamps  
along the Potomac River



Possum Grape in bloom at  
Four Mile Run Park

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## b. Cooperative Initiatives

- Urban Forestry completed annual Emerald Ash Borer treatments for all designated Ash trees within the City. For more information and to learn about ‘Abigail’ the Virginia State Champion Green Ash please visit <https://dof.virginia.gov/abigail-the-green-ash-in-alexandria/>
- Staff supervised city contractor, Davey Tree Expert Company, in the proactive rotational pruning of all street trees along Washington Street. In addition, to improve the experience of visitors to Founders Park, Urban Forestry prescribed the proactive pruning of volunteer undergrowth along the shoreline as well as for all trees throughout the park. Urban Forestry prescribed the removal of dead and dying trees within Fort Ward Park.
- City Natural Resource Manager attended the National Capital PRISM Annual Training and pesticide applicators recertification event on June 6, 2023.
- Per request of the Alexandria Beautification Commission, City Natural Resource Manager drafted “A Brief Introduction to Some of Alexandria’s Rarest Habitats” for the June 2023 edition of The Zebra Press.
- Urban Forestry prescribed the removal of dead and dying trees within Fort Ward Park
- Acting City Urban Forest Manager Scott Graham met with representatives from Safer Country to discuss plans for the Virginia Tech memorial tree planting, including the possible addition of trees in the future

## c. Environmental Review

- Urban Forestry provided recommendations and performed on site inspections of all tree work being done within WestEnd, Potomac Yard Metrorail, and Potomac Avenue developments.
- City Natural Resource Manager reviewed the North Potomac Yard Park Interpretive Signage.
- City Natural Resource Manager served as a panelist on the Fort Ward Playground Community Meeting #5.

## d. Park Encroachment and Code Enforcement

- No park encroachment issues this period.

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**DATE:** JUNE 15, 2023

**TO:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

**THROUGH:** JACK BROWAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR *9B*  
PARK SERVICES

**FROM:** BETHANY ZNIDERSIC, DIVISION CHIEF *BZ*  
PARK SERVICES - PARK PLANNING & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

**ITEM:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE  
PARK SERVICES - PARK PLANNING & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

### Action Items

- Proposed 2014 Ben Brenman Park, Armistead L. Boothe Park and Cameron Run Linear Station Park Citywide Parks Plan Amendment (*Item 4 - Attached*)

### Capital Improvement Project Updates

- June Park Planning & Capital Development, Park Services (*Attached*)

### Small Area Plan & ACPS Modernization Coordination

- Alexandria West
- Landmark Mall
- Eisenhower East
- North Potomac Yard
- Arlandria-Chirilagua
- Potomac River Generating Station
- High School Project Minnie Howard Campus
- Douglas MacArthur Elementary School
- Patrick Henry K-8 & Recreation Center Restart (FY 2024)

### Sites Currently Closed or Partially Closed to Public Use for Capital Projects

#### Closed

- Holmes Run Trail (four locations)
- Four Mile Run Park Bridge
- Eugene Simpson Stadium Park Dog Park

#### Partially Closed

- Mount Jefferson Park Dog Exercise Area closed
- Lee Center Playground (5-12 play area closed)

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**DATE:** JUNE 15, 2023

**TO:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**FROM:** BETHANY ZNIDERSIC, DIVISION CHIEF, PARK SERVICES, RPCA  
JUDY LO, PRINCIPAL PLANNER, PARK SERVICES, RPCA

**THROUGH:** JACK BROWAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PARK SERVICES, RPCA *98*

**ITEM 2:** AMENDMENT TO THE 2014 BEN BRENMAN PARK, ARMISTEAD L.  
BOOTHE PARK & CAMERON STATION LINEAR PARK CITYWIDE  
PARKS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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**ISSUE:** Park and Recreation Commission consideration of an amendment to adjust the location of the potential school community garden located in Armistead L. Boothe Park. The garden is identified as Recommendation 12 of the [2014 Citywide Parks Improvement Plan](#) for Ben Brenman Park, Armistead L. Boothe Park and Cameron Station Linear Park.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Park and Recreation Commission hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 15, 2023, and approve the staff recommendation.

**DISCUSSION:** In FY 2023, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities received a Community Matching Fund application for the Tucker Community Garden project. This project would develop and green an underutilized open space adjacent to the Samuel Tucker Elementary School and provide an outdoor learning classroom for students. At the October 20, 2022 [Public Hearing for the FY 2023 Community Matching Fund](#), the Commission approved the Tucker Community Garden project.

Staff analysis found the Tucker Community Garden project to be consistent with Recommendation 12 of the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan to establish a student garden at Armistead L. Boothe Park. While the 2014 plan suggests locating the garden along Cameron Station Blvd. (Attachment A), the community group has proposed locating the garden further south directly adjacent to the school-age playground and north of Ferdinand Day Dr. (Attachment A). This proposed location has an existing water meter, whereas the 2014 location does not have a water supply. This location also provides convenient access to the school loading dock, where existing trash and recycling dumpsters are located.

Staff concurred with the community group's proposed location and rationale, with the understanding that an update to the 2014 Citywide Parks Improvement Plan would be needed. In

addition, staff recommended the raised planter boxes are located to minimize conflicts with the underground utilities in this location.

As of June 2023, the community group has completed fundraising and has developed a concept garden layout that is currently in review by staff (Attachment A). Implementation of the garden is anticipated to begin this summer.

Overall, staff support the new garden location because of access to water and maintenance facilities, and the cost effectiveness of installing the new water connection in this location. This location is also conducive to maintenance of the garden, which will be maintained by the community group through an Adopt-a-Garden agreement.

Staff recommend approval to locate the Tucker Community Garden north of Ferdinand Day Dr., adjacent to the school-age playground, and to amend Recommendation 12 of the 2014 Citywide Parks Improvement Plan for Ben Brenman Park, Armistead L. Boothe Park and Cameron Station Linear Park.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Tucker Community Garden is funded with approved FY 2023 Community Matching Funds. The City and the community group are each providing a match of \$10,619.19 for the project. The total available project funding is \$21,238.38.

**STAFF:**

Jack Browand, Deputy Director, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities  
Bethany Znidersic, Division Chief, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities  
Judy Lo, Principal Planner, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

# Park & Recreation Commission -Park Planning Report



June 15, 2023

Project	Project Description	Monthly Update	Status	Planning District	Target Completion Date	Assigned To
1 Open Space Policy Plan	This project will develop a framework for explaining Open Space and identifying policy change needs. City Council reinstated the Open Space Steering Committee with charge of work to be completed by FY 2023.	The Open Space Steering Committee approved all three tasks of the Open Space Policy Plan.  Staff is creating a scope of work for economic analysis relating to open space in the City of Alexandria. This analysis will help inform the contribution policy for unmet open space per the zoning ordinance (Task 3).  Staff presented and received approval of the proposed text amendments to the Public Open Space Zone at the Planning Commission hearing on June 6. The zone text amendment was a subtask of Task 1 of the Open Space Policy Plan. The text amendments are docketed for City Council on June 17.	Implementation	Citywide	06/30/23	Ana Vicinanza
2 Witter Recreational Fields Netting	This project will design and install netting along all four sides of the two rectangular fields.	The fencing contract was awarded. Soil boring and soil testing is scheduled for mid-June. Staff is obtaining concrete repair quotes.	Planning	District 1	07/31/23	Daniel Unkle
3 Infrastructure - Old Town North Manhole Covers	This project will retrofit ubiquitous features of infrastructure in Old Town North with public art such as manhole covers, parking garages, and utility boxes. This is recommended in the Small Area Plan to help identify the Old Town North Arts and Culture District.	The six designs have been completed by three artists, and a fabricator has been identified/selected. Work is expected to be completed by August 2023.	Planning	District 1	08/31/23	Diane Ruggiero
4 Wilkes Street Park	Develop plan for Wilkes Street Park in anticipation of building redevelopments	Tree protection fencing has been placed around trees in Wilkes Street Park in preparation for demolition of the adjacent buildings.  The grading plan for the eastern parcel is under review.	Planning	District 1	02/18/21	Ana Vicinanza
5 Windmill Hill Park Playground Design	This project consists of the full replacement of existing playground and addresses ADA compliance. The project is managed by DPI and is known as Windmill Hill Park Phase II	Staff is soliciting design services and expects the design team to be in place this summer. Project information webpage: <a href="https://www.alexandriava.gov/capital-projects/project/windmill-hill-park-project-phase-ii">https://www.alexandriava.gov/capital-projects/project/windmill-hill-park-project-phase-ii</a>	Planning	District 1	12/01/23	Judy Lo
6 Lee Center Tennis Court Lighting Replacement	This project will replace the existing tennis court lights with a new LED lighting system with remote lighting controls.	New lights and lights posts have been installed. The contractor is working on commissioning the system. An evening light test will be scheduled for late June.	Implementation	District 1	06/30/23	Daniel Unkle
7 Lee Center Basketball Court Lighting Replacement	This project will replace the existing basketball court lights with a new LED lighting system with remote lighting controls.	New lights and lights posts have been installed. The contractor is working on commissioning the system. An evening light test will be scheduled for late June.	Implementation	District 1	06/29/23	Daniel Unkle
8 Simpson Dog Park Renovation	This project will address erosion and drainage issues in the Simpson Park dog park per the 2014 Citywide Parks Improvements Plan.	The contractor has made progress on the retaining wall and grading work. The landscape boulders were delivered to the site and staged within the fence. Construction is anticipated to be complete fall 2023 with the park opening in late 2023.	Implementation	District 2	12/01/23	Bethany Znidarsic
9 Charles Barrett Rec Playground Construction	This project will implement and construct the approved design for the playground renovation.	The construction Invitation To Bid was issued in March. The bid opening was held in early May. The procurement due diligence process is ongoing to finalize an award.	Procurement	District 2	01/31/24	Judy Lo
10 Potomac Yard Metrorail Station	This project will install an inline metro station in Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens.	WMATA and the City of Alexandria opened the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station to passenger service on May 19. Work is ongoing to complete final site improvements with additional planting anticipated this fall.	Implementation	District 2	12/29/23	Bethany Znidarsic
11 Colasanto Interactive Fountain Construction	This project phase includes funding for construction of interactive fountain.	The solicitation documents are in review and the Invitation To Bid date will be finalized with Procurement staff.	Initiation	District 2	08/31/23	Bethany Znidarsic
12 Braddock and Commonwealth Drainage Improvements	Improve drainage within park and install pollinator garden.	Park Planning has created design documents based on the 2020 Pocket Park Plan recommendations and is obtaining quotes for construction.	Design	District 2	08/31/23	Daniel Unkle
13 Four Mile Run Park Trail Bridge	This project will replace the existing bridge in Four Mile Run Park near the parking area for the two diamond fields at the end of Commonwealth Avenue.	Bridge and site design is complete. Construction proposals due June 22. Substantial completion between October 2023 and February 2024. Due to current market conditions, bridge fabrication is estimated at 30-40 weeks.	Planning	District 2	03/01/24	Jack Browand
14 Fort Ward Park Picnic Shelter Access Improvements	Provide barrier free accessible route that connects picnic shelter, picnic tables, and parking. The ADA accessible path will also connect to the sidewalk on Van Dorn Street	The picnic tables, grill and kiosk were put back into place and picnic rentals have resumed. Punchlist items are near completion. Tree plantings to establish the forest conservation area will be done this fall.	Close-out	District 3	05/31/23	Judy Lo
15 Hensley Park Renovation Phase I	This project will renovate Hensley Park based on the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan concept (2014).	The construction Invitation To Bid was advertised in May. Bids are due in July and construction is anticipated to begin this fall.	Planning	District 3	12/01/24	Bethany Znidarsic
16 Fort Ward Playground Relocation	Relocate playground to an accessible location as recommended in the Fort Ward Management Plan	A community meeting was held on May 11 to present the final playground location based on community feedback. Staff is recommending Site B, which is located near the existing playground, at the top of the hill. Design development will commence this summer. Additional project information: <a href="https://www.alexandriava.gov/parks/fort-ward-park-and-museum-area-management-plan#CommunityEngagement">https://www.alexandriava.gov/parks/fort-ward-park-and-museum-area-management-plan#CommunityEngagement</a>	Design	District 3		Judy Lo