

# Ewald Park Improvement Recommendations

## Comments received during the Public Comment Period from April 21, 2025 – May 21, 2025

Please select from the short-term recommendations for which you would like to provide feedback on. Write feedback below.

### Park Safety & Security (relocate & update the playground)

- important
- this is much appreciated as a nearby parent with young kids. we've gone to this playground several times and found adults using drugs in the current play area
- Support this
- Playground needs updating, and should probably be close to bathrooms and parking.
- Recommend FENCED playground area. Even if it's an open playground concept the fencing is important for younger kids or for kids with several siblings.
- Area is unsafe for anyone due to men loitering
- Good
- This design looks great. I would love to see more, but this is a great start! Please get this built and we can figure out more in the future. My kids are getting older. I want them to enjoy this park while they still can.
- Very important to have it in a space that can be viewed anywhere in the park. This helps keep the kids safe.
- The park definitely needs more safety. Relocating the playground will help with this
- New playground equipment and lighting are the top priorities for me. Walking paths also a plus!
- Looks good
- I love the idea of a splash pad. I also think restrooms would be helpful
- I love the new location. Great for safety, visibility, road noise
- Big improvement
- Playground equipment changes continuously. Let's make this PG as nice as the ones on the Potomac Yard Bike trail.
- Ewald
- Yes, a new playground is needed urgently
- yes the playground is far back and it feels scary and unsafe
- Please update the playground and make it a safe zone for little ones in the area. Much needed
- Definitely agree. Putting the playground far away from the street. Widening the sidewalk, adding fencing. Updating the playground - really important. Please make it really cool playground equipment. Stuff to inspire climbing and swinging , jumping and shining, focusing on creative and active play. If it's an awesome playground definitely it will be something that kids will ask to go to. Cool slides, challenging climbing. Adding a summertime splash pad would also be a huge benefit since there is no longer a pool.
- It is very important that this park have enhanced safety features due to the location near a busy road and next to 7-11 where people congregate thus should be a priority.
- In favor
- Would be great if it were more family friendly targeted towards the young children who live in the area
- I support this plan.
- Yes, please implement asap!
- Yes!
- Improving safety in the park is a top concern as a parent with kids that is the main reason I don't go there more often
- I think adding lighting is a great idea.
- park lights, visibility
- This is a top priority for our family.
- Update the playground and make it accessible for multi-generational families
- The recommendations are great. Please conclude community input collection and move forward. I live in this neighborhood and the majority of the neighborhood is supportive of the proposed changes and would like to see this project move forward rather than continue excessive cycles of community engagement. We've been fully engaged! Please do not let a small minority who frankly don't even use park try to slow down or kill this project.
- Park safety is paramount. Relocating and updating the playground space is great.
- Happy to see a renewed playground. Concerned that lighting will continue to contribute to light pollution light at Ben brenman. Also so much disturbance will impact trees. Need to have a robust planting plan to make park usable.
- Agree
- The playground design and its new location seems fine.
- proposal seems okay

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**Park Safety & Security (relocate parking)**

This is better than current situation. Would be nice if parking was eliminated but I understand the need

update parking if possible

a little concerned about the safety of turning left out of this lot onto duke st. the hill and treeline will make it hard to see traffic coming westbound, and drivers turning left often dont look for pedestrians. consider a right turn only restriction

Needs more parking from what is currently at the park

This seems like a big waste of time and money. I don't think the parking lot needs to be moved or be larger.

I think the option 1 parking lot looks safer (one-way entrance and exit)

That's fine, also provides more parking.

Away from convenience storeScary to park here

Moving parking seems unnecessary??? Many neighbors expressed concerns over moving parking after merge area of Duke St. How will transitway planning impact this?

Great!

Please don't relocate the parking. This is a waiste of money and there is no reason to remove the current green space for more cars.

The new parking lot and playground location are perfect! The at better!

You should relocate the parking

Lighting is important

I like it

I think parking should be relocated to provide adequate viewing of the park from the street for safety.

I love the new location, better visibility

Big improvement

I don't even understand how the parking works now. I love putting it further along Duke st.

New playground and safety lighting

Yes, a safe parking lot with more visibility is great

I didn't even know there was parking. I could walk to this playground but I never do because it is not appealing

Yes to relocating parking for better and safer access

I don't really mind about relocating parking or not. I think the design of the area should take precedence. Safe and exciting playground, new equipment, bathroom& clear sightings and grading of the site for better visibility. The parking lot should go wherever it fits best. It would be nice to ensure it is easy for drivers to enter and exit the park safely along Duke.

Increased parking is good

Yes

I support this.

Yes, please implement asap!

I prefer this option with the East side parking.

I like the improved site lines for the new parking lot location. I think it makes a lot of sense.

organized Sunday marketplace

It's a great idea to relocate parking.

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More lights and relocated parking with a clear entrance seen from street are great

A lot of disturbance. A lot of impervious surface. Is this park for the neighborhood or people commuting there by car? Losing planting spaces for trees.

Agree

The parking location seems acceptable but the turnaround seems to be taking up a lot of space that could be additional parking spots.

How do the folks who live in the house that's next to the proposed parking lot feel about it? Not sure we need that much parking for a "neighborhood" park.

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**Park Safety & Security (enhance lighting)**

Agree!

important

great. i live nearby and more lights wont bother me at all. i hope the city can use darksky compliant lighting to reduce light pollution

Yes

Definitely need more lights for safety at night

This is good.

Important

Increase security

dark sky compliant; and not interfere with houses that back up to park

Good

The lighting is great! Huge improvement for safety!

Better lighting is definitely needed to keep the park safe for evening use.

Enhancing the lighting would greatly help with safety

Please!

Lighting is great

Lighting is crucial for safety, but also for allowing patrons to utilize the park in the evening hours

I love the lighting, better visibility and security

Big improvement

Yes- more lighting, kids and adults need a third place to be a community. Lighting makes it safe!!

New playground and safety lighting

Yes, safety lighting is needed urgently

Yes please. Lighting in the evening would be so nice.

Absolutely, please let's enhance lighting and all possible safety criteria. This is quite a scary location to walk by at night and not even ideal for children in its current state during the day.

As long as it is the dark sky approved, lighting would be good. Maybe make the color of the LEDs more yellow or reddish - the bright blue-white light is really bad for bats, birds, insects.

Very important to have good lighting to provide safety for kids.

Lighting would be good

Yes

I support this.

Yes, please implement asap!

Yes!

I think that adding enhances lighting is a key safety feature for the park. This along with more use and improved amenities will make a big difference.

yes and yes

Good

This is a must to avoid the shady characters at 711 from using the park improperly

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This seems to be the same I just commented on. I'm wondering if this survey is poorly written on purpose.

Install low-glare, pedestrian-level lighting along all main walking paths and at crosswalks.

Lighting doesn't equate to safety and there are detrimental side effects to too much lighting. I hope this is being considered.

Agree

Having lighting across the park seems good.

Lighting is good, but make sure it's pointed downward.

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**Pedestrian Safety**

important but may be part of a broader topic of duke street pedestrian safety

access from other points than Duke St would be helpful

it'd help to put a small pedestrian entrance at the Northwest Corner, to let people avoid walking along duke street and instead enter the park immediately. people coming from the east can already do this, at the parking lot. otherwise i like the recommendations.

Sidewalk needs to be farther back from Duke street

I don't think pedestrian safety is an issue. The sidewalks are plenty wide here.

Need more accessible entrances because of the steep hill it sits on.

ADA compliance and stroller friendly

Nead increased police presence

I would love to see more for pedestrian safety but this is a great start. I hope that an entrance from Jordan can eventually be added when the shops redevelop.

Yes

Great plan

Access to the park is important. It should be easily accessible with safe crosswalks

It's an improvement, but I would love to see more

Good improvement, would like more in the future

Yes- wide sidewalks everywhere.

Yes, an improved walkway to the park is essential

Yes please. it is only about two blocks from my house but I never go to the playground with my toddler. I don't like walking on Duke

N/A

Wider sidewalk, fencing. A loop walking path around the site would be a really amazing resource for older people and families, anyone who wants to walk a dog and get a bit of exercise.

Having an alternative entrance off duke st would be helpful.

Yes

I support this.

Yes, please implement asap!

Important!

I would like to see more done with this, but what you are proposing is an improvement. In the long-term, a larger realignment of the street and further enhancements to pedestrian safety, as well as multimodal routes would be ideal.

I'll always support pedestrian safety!

Police?

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I like the pathways and want to emphasize that what we need in alexandria is GREEN SPACE- an open lawn where people can choose their own recreation (soccer, frisbee, kickball, picnic, yoga, sunbathing, etc)

Keep landscaping low near walkways and crossings to maintain clear visibility. Include pedestrian safety messages on signs or art installations.

No comment

Agree

The current intersection doesn't seem bad to me.

seems ok; don't have just one "gate type entry into the park", keep the whole front open please.

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Park Utilities

great

Na

Love the inclusion of bathrooms!

Water stations and I don't think I saw any bathrooms in the presentation

splash pad would be great feature

Great improvement!

Yes

People need an appropriate place to use the bathroom

This works

Bathrooms are important if children are expected to visit. Parents don't want to have to leave because of a potty break or dirty hands

Good improvement, would love to see more with bathrooms, etc

Water fountains and bathrooms are key.

N/A

Please make sure there is a bathroom that is well maintained. Also a water fountain. One of those bicycle pump/tool stations would be awesome as well.

More utilities would make this park more useful for families

Yes

Yes, please implement asap!

Not seeing any reason for adult gym, it's not relevant anymore, no one ever uses any. Recommendation for splash pad in kids area

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Def need restrooms and lighting (water and electricity)

A bathroom would be great. Hope to see that. How could a family use this park without one?

More shelters

Having drinking fountains and outlets for charging electronics (like what was done at North Potomac Yards Park) would be great.

keep them simple unless you KNOW you'll have money for them.

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Repurpose Existing Parking

great. appreciate adding the turnaround. please plant a tree in the middle of it if possible

Na

Yes

why does it need to move?

Great!

Keep parking as it is.

Great plan, 100% support!

Relocate it

Great idea

Love the idea of flex court usage

Good improvement

Good plan

Yes- see above.

Yes

Already made a comment about the parking lot. Design the site, foot parking where it fits best, but make sure that it's easy for drivers to enter and exit and no pedestrian blinds spots.

Yes

Yes, please implement asap!

police station like in ban brandon

Can you please make this an additional basketball space with lower hoops for kids?

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I like the new parking idea

Please enlarge the existing parking area to double the parking area

Great if it lowers extent of disturbance.

Whatever option for parking allows the most spaces possible seems ideal.

until we see what they're really going to do to Duke St this is heard to comment on.

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Multiuse Sports Courts

I am VERY interested in this and believe it is very important

love this, especially having them along duke street to activate that space. may need fencing to prevent balls going out into traffic

This is fine, need to have a dedicated basketball court though. Don't let pickle ball take everything

Yes, please!

please add tennis courts

Yes great idea

No basketball

yes please

This is a great concept

Great for more use. Anyone in the community can choose how they want to use it. Options are always great instead of it just being for one sport.

Those would be great

Pickleball would be nice

These will be popular, yay!

It should accommodate the popular sports in the city to include basketball, soccer, etc

Nice versatile design

Useful

Pickleball is the new rage.

New playground and safety lighting

Yes, a return of additional courts to the park is great

The courts are good

Multipurpose sports courts would be great

Yes! Please put in multi use sport courts! Especially since we lost the tennis courts at Patrick Henry, there is a dire need for courts. Pickle ball, basketball, tennis, etc. multiple courts so there can be different sets of users would be awesome.

Yes please

Agree

I like the multi-sports courts but would also like to have a dedicated pickleball court on the west end.

Yes, please implement asap!

The pickleball folks will love this.

It will be good to have courts at this park again. It's a shame that they were taken out years ago and never replaced.

sure

I think this is a great idea

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Multi use sport court is great. I think the parkour park would be underused.

Good

Agree

while may be nice they're crowding out the space for the soccer field

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Parkour Fitness

i like that this is next to the basketball court, those uses fit together well

Meh, don't really need it. Would love a splash pad instead

This seems like a done deal and I think it will get used by all ages.

I know there is money tied to this but it seems like a waste of any city funds to continue pursuing this.

Not sure how much interest there is to this. You may want to check with Scramble Parkour to see how much interest there is here.

Not family friendly

why why why

My kids can't wait

Not interested

This item I don't think would be used much

Can't wait to try it

Interesting concept

Interesting concept

Not my thing, but it makes Ewald park unique.

NA

Looking forward to this concept

N/A

I love this idea. Kids and adults alike would use it for playing and working out.

Not as important

Indifferent

Yes, please implement asap!

Can't wait to see this installed!

This is an interesting concept, I'm excited to see what it's like

no!!!terrible idea, please stand back

I wonder if there is still the desire for this that there was when it was first discussed

We're very happy to see Parkour equipment at the park!

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Even though I advocate for parkour, it think this is a waste of money. Should be a practical structure that can be used for multiple purposes, NOT just parkour/functional fitness training.

Fine I guess. I think more people would have used a pool than a parkour course.

Agree

The design seems a bit strange compared to previous designs shown. There does not need to be so many benches crowding the space on all sides (even just two benches on one side would be okay), the concrete ridge at the perimeter of the space could be made slightly farther away from the space if it must be there, and the turf flooring below the setup should not be thin with hard concrete immediately below it, even rubber flooring or something at least slightly soft would be better for landings and falls. I think much like how the sports courts are being considered for expansion, the parkour space should be considered for future expansion into the open lawn as well or instead.

Most of us don't want it and feel like it's being forced on us. Ugh!



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Open/Lawn

Is this a big enough soccer field?

strongly support

glad this is preserved as it's often used for pickup games. i like the walking path around it

Fine

this should remain available as a soccer pitch as it's used today if possible. Explore better drainage to ensure grass longevity.

The space is so big I think there are so many things that this area can be used for. I do see ppl trying to play soccer at this particular park. Also have you thought about adding a jogging/track path around the open/lawn

It will be used for dog walking

Great!

This park should keep as much green space as possible without cutting down any mature trees. The city is loosing too many mature trees to development projects.

This is nice to preserve. My kids learned to ride bikes here, fly kites here, and lots of people play soccer

Great for families and friends to picnic and play games together

Yes

Great

Open green space for open ended usage

Very important, some of the major uses for the park rely on open space

Important to have open spaces for mixed use

Great for pickup soccer and volleyball;

Yes, the open lawn is used by many. Great to preserve

Yes to open lawn for kids to run, nature, picnics etc

Yes! So important to have open space for picnics, Freeform play, pickup soccer or football, allowing kids to practice or play with friends.

Having natural green space for the community to gather is important. This should be grass not turf.

Yes

I support this.

Yes, please implement asap!

Love that it's as open as possible for drop-in play.

Very important to maintain some open green space for soccer and mixed use

yes

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YES !!! 1000x YES we desperately need open green space. The fact that this city counts rooftops as "green space" is a sham. Give us green space PLEASE! (No artificial turf either, real grass and trees, please. And do not plop your art works in the middle of it like you did at Durant Center, effectively destroying a much used green space for the neighborhood)

Install benches and trash bins.

Would like more trees around the edges.

Agree

Create turf field

It seems possible that those using the open lawn might encroach on other areas such as the parkour space, so it being large enough to encourage people to keep distance from those spaces would be good.

By putting stuff around it, you're making it no longer useful for what MOST folks came to the park to do - play soccer. Keep it big and don't make it a lawn, put a playing field for soccer.

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**Walking Paths**

strongly support

i love the multiple branching paths, and that the park includes a full loop around the lawn area

Fine

This would be a great feature and I think help with general use by neighbors.

More walking/jogging paths, could be one large circle or looping around the areas.

Safety needs to be a priority, especially at night

Yes but without benches for homeless to camp out on

yes please

Great!

Nice addition

Having an area with walking paths and great lighting is a plus and very important.

Those would be great

Please

Wonderful

Any opportunity for people to walk and stay active is important!

I love this concept

Nice concept

Yes- making the park accessible for all ages, 2 year olds to 82 year olds

Nice addition

Walking paths would be good

Yes

Yes - paths connecting various use spaces but also a path walking around the periphery would be ideal.

Yes

I support this.

Yes, please implement asap!

Yes!

I like the proposed walking paths, very nice addition

I love this idea, especially if it has visibility to playground d

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Yes great idea for those with impaired mobility

Walkways should be clearly defined; they should be paved, well-maintained paths and there should be separation of pedestrians and cyclists. Paths should support users of all ages and abilities, including seniors, children, and people using walkers or strollers.

Good. Would like to be sure there will be plenty of trees planted along this path to make it usable.

Agree

I think the walking paths may be taking up more space from the activity areas than they are worth, but they are good in certain areas.

they seem ok

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**Basketball Court**

half court play should be possible

great. this is a core part of the current park.

Yes

This is the most used and an additional court would be wonderful!

Good

No

gets so much use. two courts would be better!

Great! The most used part of the park currently

Yes

A must have

We really need another basketball court! I'm surprised this isn't a given, that basketball court is the only consistently and frequently used things at that park.

Updates needed. It is falling apart and doesn't have adequate lighting

Good improvements, might be nice to have some kid height hoops as well, just mid court for shooting practice

Very important, most used aspect of park currently

Let's go Wizards!!!!

Yes, very used. Needs repairs

This is the main use of the park right now. Good to keep it. It is popular

Keep a basketball court. Is one of the only ones on the area and very popular

Yes. Including basketball but also ensure multi sport like pickle ball and tennis are also built.

Yes

The one that is there seems to get a lot of use. I do not believe this should be taken away.

Yes, please implement asap!

Any improvements would be great - it's heavily used

This is one of the most used amenities at the park currently, and well worth enhancing.

Need more and lower hoops for kids

Yes please! We don't have them in any other close spaces!

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Love a basketball court, much used

Fine

Agree

Keeping the existing court seems sensible.

Keep it, not sure it's beneficial to do all that other multi use stuff to it. Keep it simple! It and the soccer are the main reasons folks use this park.

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**Picnic Pavilion/Shade Structure**

Great!

great

Yes

This would be great

Great! I don't know if there is a grill. If so, recommend ELECTRIC grill

This area is unsafe and shelters will attract loiteres

Nice design

Absolutely needed

Looks really nice

More shade! It's hot in the summer.

Love the ideas

Nice concept, will be enjoyed by the community

Nice concept

It's hot. Shade is good.

Nice addition

Yes please. I would love to spend time here.

A shaded structure but on a visible zone to deter from less than ideal transactions and behavior so close to a playground

Yes, this would be amazing for kids busy parties - adjacent to the playground would be really perfect for families.

Yes, would love

I love this idea.

Yes, please implement asap!

Love that it's next to parking for accessibility.

I like this idea

I think this is great!

BBQ and restroom

This would be great!

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Great idea love it

Picnic pavilion should have a pitched or gabled METAL roof. Install anchored picnic tables and benches and include ADA-accessible seating. Install built-in charcoal grills. Install trash and recycling receptacles with animal-proof lids, placed just outside the pavilion but within easy reach. Make sure pavilion is within easy walking distance to bathrooms. Provide a small sign noting capacity, reservation policies, and park rules to keep the space well-used and respected.

Hopefully we will have trees here and not rely solely on these structures for shade.

More shelters

The location and size of the pavilion seems acceptable.

ok.

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Children's Play Area

great

Yes, need a much bigger and better playground, for both young and older kids

I recommend looking at the new tall playground in Shirlington at Jennie Dean park. They build theirs very high. I also think the playground area should be larger. At least the kids under 5 area should be FENCED.

Yes

Awesome! Please get it built!

Important for it to be geared towards kids of all ages. Our neighborhood is very diverse.

That needs updating

High priority for me

Can't wait to see children playing there

Love the ideas

Great concept, much needed improvement

Very excited for this improvement!

See above

New playground

Great design

It would be great to improve the children's play area or playground to make it feel appealing and safe and comfortable

Please please consider making this a great area for children, we need more of them

Already wrote some comments. Please install existing play equipment - something different and creating, as well as challenging to engage kids physically and mentally. Climbing structure, swings. Please use real wood chips and not the awful rubber play surface that deteriorates and falls apart (also hotter surface in the summer and super unhealthy for kids).

A natural and sustainable play area is important. I would like to see a more nature based play area that allows for creative play and lasts longer. A fenced in play area for younger kids would be good for safety since it is near duke st.

Very important

Yes, we absolutely need

I support this.

Yes, please implement asap!

Love the relocation closer to Duke for safety, visibility, sight lines.

A new playground is much needed, I like the location and circular design

splash pad to be added

An update to this is imperative. The current equipment is dated and not great for kids

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Good

Separate areas for toddlers (2-5) and older children (5-12) to ensure safety and appropriate challenges, using gentle gradations in elevatioin or low hedges, logs, or fences to define zones without enclosing them harshly. Include shaded seating around the perimeter for caregivers with clear sightlines to both age zones. Install a mix of climbing structures, swings (including bucket and accessible swings), and slides. Include ground-level features like sensory panels, drums, spinners, and crawl-throughs. Provide ramps and transfer stations so children with mobility limitations can access elevated elements. Consider a storytelling circle or amphitheater-style seating for reading events or performances. Install low fencing (if needed) to define the space and prevent children from wandering away from play area. Provide clear signage about age groups, supervision guidelines, and hours of use. Provide wide paths for wheelchairs and strollers. Include inclusive seesaws, sensory paths, and quiet zones for children who might get overstimulated. Use contrasting colors and textures to help children with visual impairments navigate. Restrooms should be nearby.

Fine

Agree

I have heard that there are plans to level out the park by lowering or raising one side of the park to remove the natural hill feature. I think that the hill (difference in elevation) should be kept as it is currently and the play areas should be constructed to incorporate the slope into its design. There are other parks which handle changes in elevation well such as Angel Park and Goat Hill Park. More play structures should be considered or the existing structures could be spread out slightly more.

I'll leave it to the parents to comment. Seems okay to me.

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Park Building

Thank you for including this! Would love to see this in the future.

less interested in addititonal infrastructure requiring staffing and maintenance

current location might reduce visibility of the play area, reducing safety. but the idea is good in general

Ok

Fine

This is a great concept

A park building would be great

Let's build!

Interesting concept, could be great. The West End needs more rec buildings for programing

Interesting idea, could be great! This end of the city needs more rec buildings

YES

N/A

Please ensure there is a bathroom and water fountains!!

Not as important unless it has bathrooms

Yes

I support this.

Yes, please implement asap!

Would be nice if it could be well-staffed.

I like this concept, we need more rec centers and facilities on the West End. There is a lot of iniquity in the way RPCA serves Alexandria.

I think bathrooms would be really important for families

This would be wonderful.

Restrooms, police substations, community room with kitchen if you want to rent out for park events

Could be useful. Not sure what they'd use it for but could be a benefit to the neighborhood. Hopefully building it wouldn't remove too many trees.

is this for restrooms or staff or what? Keep it small if you have it.

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Duke Street Realignment

support

improving safety at Duke & Jordan is hugely important

Ok

Fine

This is horrible and a waste of money, just leave the road alone.

no

Yes please! Pedestrian safety and comfort is neede

Yes

Wonderful

Yes, please!

Very good idea!

DSIM is #1!!!

Yes!

N/A

Honestly I don't know much about this part of it. Maximize the park, access, safety, etc.

I don't understand this aspect

Yes

I do not believe we should decrease lanes on Duke street

Yes, please implement asap!

As a pedestrian, would love nicer sidewalk access.

Yes, I think this is very important. We need a comfortable 10 foot wide pedestrian space, as well as a separate space for bicycles and scooters so that everyone feels like they can comfortably get to the park.

Since Duke Street narrows to two lanes here anyway, why not just get rid of that partial lane and use it for the wider sidewalk and additional park space? I don't see why the road needs to be realigned.

Strongly support this - without an access to the back of the park from the neighborhood, improving safety along Duke will be critical.

Do not like this you are screwing up traffic flow on duke

Street redesign could allow for wider planting strips for trees

It may be good to adjust how the rightmost lane is.

I wouldn't do anything to make the frontage prettier until they decide what they're going to do with Duke St, you'll probably just end up having it all taken away or destroyed and that would be a waste of money.

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Park Access

access by means other than automobile from the surrounding neighborhood, both pedestrian and bicycle important priority

please add a pedestrian entrance at the NW corner of the park, so people coming from the south or west can access the park without walking along duke street

Ok

Good ADA compliance

Park access shouldn't be through the neighborhood behind it, that would just increase crime once again.

keep the same

We need more entrances, so that would be awesome long-term

Is there a way to access the park directly from the Wakefield/Tarleton community? Walking by the 7-11 often feels unsafe

The park needs to be easier to access

So important

Yes, please! Especially something connecting to Jordan or Underwood

Very good idea

YES

Yes!

must improve

N/A

Please do add pedestrian access from the neighborhood side. Connectivity via path network from the homes run trails would be ideal. Also ensure that it's easy and safe to enter/exit driveway. Fencing to separate parking and streets from park for safety, but ensure open gates/fence openings so pedestrian connectivity is retained.

Yes

Yes, please implement asap!

Not sure about access via private property - is that even doable? As long as Duke access is made very well, do we need access from the residential side of the park?

Yes, alternative access routes from the neighborhood would be great if we can create them

Great idea!

This would be very beneficial to our adjacent neighborhood.

Rearrange park entrance to make easier access

That would be cool but I don't think the Duke street entrance is that much of a hassle.

Alternate paths to access the park sounds good.

Up to the neighbors who live along Venable since it would be their property folks would be using to get to the park.



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Interactive Fountain/Sprayground

support

this would be huge for our community. there are no public water features in the area. being able to walk to a water feature would be a huge help for parents, who currently have to bus or bike all the way to old town

Yes! We need a splash pad. There is no water play area nearby for MILES

There is not one on this side of the city- and this part of the City is a heat island. What a great idea!

I don't think this park is large enough/enough space for parking. This would be a much better feature at Ben Brenman Park.

Great! Though keep in mind sometimes this may require an employee. Honestly this park could look a lot like Chessie's Big Back Playard you have the space huge for the neighborhood! big yes

Waste of money.

no

Would LOVE a water feature as we do not have anything like that in our community. Summers are getting hotter and hotter.

This would be an amazing addition to the neighborhood. We don't have any water features in this part of Alexandria that are free and open to the public

Hopefully it is ready before my kids are too old

Heck yes, that would be AWESOME.

Could be good, but I think Ben Brennman would also be good

Maybe

YES

Maybe

this would be so fun

The west end needs one too! An interactive spray ground fountain for kids to enjoy in the summer

Yes!! We desperately need something like this!!

I think this would be better for Ben Brenman park location.

This would be great!

Yes, would love

While this is a nice feature right now because the adjacent Wakefield-Tarleton neighborhood has many small children, it may not be a highlight feature if demographics change.

I like this idea, but I also understand that it might make more sense to put a spray park facility at another park.

I think this is a great idea.

A great idea! But not as important as a playground that can be used year round

This would be nice but it may make more sense in Brenman Park if there's not sufficient space/infrastructure at Ewald.

Love this idea

Good feature.

Agree

It might take up too much space unless it is added within the play area.

I think this would be a great idea since the nearest pool is in old town or over at Cinquapin

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**Restrooms:**

Appreciate the note on potential temporary intermediary structures for this!

Restroom accessibility would be most important

same as comment above for park building; this is not a large park with fields for games

this would be appreciated long term, especially for parents

Yes

Please do provide restrooms!

Nice but not nessicary if this is supposed to be a neighborhood park.

Absolutely needed!

Needed. Men/women

No this brings homeless that camp under bridges down duke street

big yes-- as long as city can provide cleaning and maintenance

This would just encourage more crime and homeless to hangout here and completely go against the other safety improvements.

Yes!

Yes

Important to avoid people making their own. I recommend Kohler plumbing.

So key to usability

Yes, please!

Yes, very important

YES

Cleaner

Yes!

I'm skeptical to say yes let's have restrooms because of how sketchy this particular park can be and the types of use that it may lead to.

This is also a huge NEED. For all the park amenities, people we'll be starting longer at the park. If Bathroom is not built onsite, people will try to walk to the shops to use facilities - not safe for little kids and the shops won't like it. This is an essential addition to this park.

Yes!

Yes

This would be nice to have if they can be maintained and safe.

Yes, please implement asap!

Important!

Yes, I think comfortable clean safe. Restrooms are very important.

This is also a great idea, especially for people using the shade structure for longer gatherings.

This is a necessity

Will there be restroom access in the shopping center across the street?

Please! We really need them, and would like to ensure that facilities management would ensure they stay in an acceptable condition.

Yes!!!

They should be near high-use areas like the playground, picnic pavilion, trails, or sports fields. There should be ADA-compliant paths leading to restrooms, with gentle slopes and non-slip surfaces. Include, men's, women's and a least one unisex/family restroom. Each restroom should include at least one ADA-accessible stall; a baby changing station in ALL restrooms, not just women's; hooks and shelves inside each stall; touchless sinks, soap dispensers, and hand dryers or paper towel dispensers. Install motion-sensor lighting inside and outside the building. Consider security cameras nearby--not inside--but covering entrances and surrounding areas.

Great to see it

Agree

Restrooms would be a great addition to the park.

never a bad idea but the logistics might make them impractical.

**Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the plan and recommendations?**

Love to see native trees and plants to increase shade coverage

Thank you for taking into account resident feedback! Really excited about the potential for a building/restrooms soon. Would a refillable water station be possible in the interim? There are always TONs of empty water bottles in that park.

Is there a way to possibly have a field placed here/incorporated with the plans? In addition to the sports courts?

Plant lots of trees! while infrastructure pavilions and sails are effective for shade, trees are important elements for creating an inviting park. More people can enjoy open lawn and walking paths in a variety of age groups and as a community gathering space. Look at the popularity of Bob Brenman.

the process has been far too feedback intensive. the proposal here is great, but it's also not THAT much better than the original proposals or than what was approved in 2015. some feedback is important, but there's a balance needed. the staff time and money spent on so much engagement slows down our ability to improve other parks in Alexandria. Future processes should be much faster and more nimble, and not make perfect the enemy of good

We really need a splash pad. The closest one is Potomac yards. We're in a free water activity desert.

I don't think you need so much open grass area. You can really build out the playground area more.

This is an unsafe area at anytime and any investment will not be enjoyed by families that need play areas due to homeless and. Drunks that hang out in park. Walking or waiting for bus here is scary

It seems the parking lot moving is a done deal? Many WTCA neighbors are concerned about this and loss of the trees in these areas. Planting new trees does not replace the large canopy trees currently in the park. But I don't think the City really seems to care about this or really what the people who live nearby seem to want.

I like the new park layout but the long-term improvements are bad. Just reorganize the park and the parking and don't waste money on the other long-term recommendations.

Please get it implemented as soon as possible. We've been waiting forever.

Any improvement is better than nothing

I am looking forward to this park being completed. It has been in progress almost the whole time we have lived in the neighborhood.

A water fountain for humans and dogs!!

Thank you for coming up with this plan. Let's get it build asap! The kids have been waiting!

I like everything in this plan. Let's get it moving. This process is taking too long.

Get it moving!! This park is in a prime location for use by neighbors and other folks. Kids- from toddlers to teens and adults need outdoor third spaces to connect and communicate. Break ground before my teen becomes an adult.

A new playground and safety lighting would do a lot of good for the kids around here.

I would use this park a lot if it were improved. It is a great initiative and idea.

Yes, please enhance this area to be a safe and fun zone for children primarily, and the community. With a stronger effort on security due to its current reputation

I love that this park is being redone and appreciate the attention to detail. I hope you take my comments into serious consideration! Thank you!!

Please prioritize safety enhancements to make this space safe for kids and communities to gather and grow.

This is an area with a growing number of young families. Would love to have somewhere in the neighborhood to take our children that is safe and geared towards them

I am not sure of the intention of the sport courts, but I hope playing pickleball at this location will be an option. I would also like safety of the area to be addressed. There has been a lot of crime and even a fire - at the 7-11 that has caused many citizens to avoid going to this space. It will be a great addition to the area but if you put in a park it won't change the area over night - it is not our field of dreams.

It's taking too long. Let's get this moving! Thank you

Overall, I love this final proposal. Let's get it over the finish line! I've been a neighborhood resident since 1977 and am pleased how the park continues to evolve over the decades. One thing I've noted is that whomever are the current residents "want what they want" for their kids, but they don't stay here long-term and/or the kids grow up. What was a "must have" when the neighborhood is full of small children isn't what teenagers want once they grow up. When my kids were little, there were not many kids, but now there are a ton. The demographics of this neighborhood constantly changes each decade so longer-term use might be better use of monies instead of implementing things that will be obsolete in 10 years.

It's great to live in a city that's always continuing to improve what it provides to the public. Thank you for your work on this.

It would be great to talk more and determine flexibility in materials use for the structural components in the park.

Please move forward. I have given input on this project more times than I can count. I am an officer of the civic association in the adjacent neighborhood and despite what others may say, I am in regular contact with the majority of the neighborhood and they strongly desire to see this move forward as quickly as possible. People are tired of filling out surveys.

I like Plan #1 but the city needs more REAL green space and also that parkour park should not be designed as such which turns it into a use area. Parkour "grew up" in actually suburbs and cities using commonly found objects- picnic tables, benches, stairs, awnings that can support body weight - why not have it serve two purposes? I would extend it out from the shaded picnic/awning area and continue that theme just make is able to be weight bearing. How often is the skatepark used? The parkour park will likely receive 10% of that amount of usage if you're lucky. (In fact, parkour can be done at the skate park) I want parkour in Alexandria parks, but the only thing we need is existing normal park equipment made strong enough to support body weight.

Would have loved more trees and screening from road and a walking path in a more wooded area.

Proper Signage

Please don't level out the park! The current change in elevation is a good thing as it can make the park more unique, especially when features such as the playground are built around it.

Shopping center next to playground. Do not knock down trees. Thank you.

They've gotten waaay too complicated over way too many years. All we ever wanted was a nicer soccer field, maybe a small bleacher for it, and maybe an extra basketball court. And a safer tot lot.