

Taney Avenue Neighborhood Park Improvements

Park and Recreation Commission
Presentation

May 19, 2016

Existing Conditions



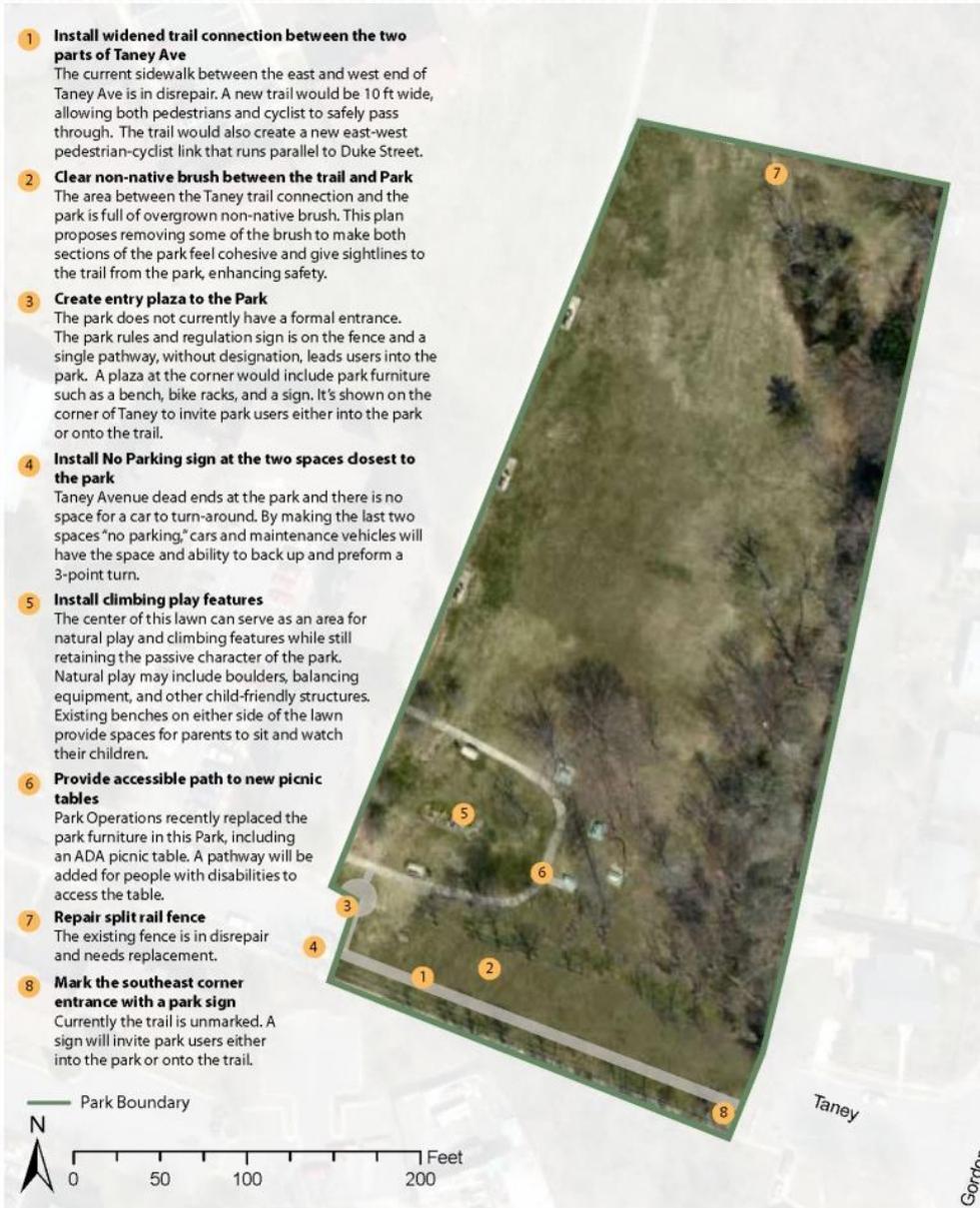
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2015 Neighborhood Park Improvement Recommendations



*Endorsed by
Park and
Recreation,
November 2015,
Commission and
City Council,
March 2016

2016 Proposed Park Improvement Plan

- Install play areas, climbing equipment, and natural play.
- Install widened trail connection between Taney Avenue.
- Clear non-native brush to improve sightlines.
- Add entry plaza with park sign, water fountain, and kiosk.
- Establish native tree grove.
- Add soft trails.
- Add swing bench.
- Improve accessibility to picnic areas.
- Add secondary park entrance at bottom of Taney Avenue.



2016 Proposed Park Improvement Plan

Wildflower Meadow / Low Mow Grasses

Underbrush and invasive plants will be cleared beneath this grouping of existing trees. Low mow grasses and wildflowers will be established. These low plantings will improve sightlines into the northeast corner of the park, which is currently hidden from view.



Play Areas

New play areas will include a pre-school area with stepping columns, platforms, and small pieces of spring and rocking equipment. The pre-school area will be defined by a stone boulder seat wall and low grass berm, and incorporate shade trees. The play areas will be surfaced with engineered wood fiber.



Spring riders



Spinning Plate



Stepping columns and platforms



Climbing equipment for school age children will be located within the tree grove.



The natural play areas will consist of informal boulders, salvaged logs and other natural materials.

Soft Trail Loop Pathway

A semi-formal trail constructed from soft materials, such as wood chips and stone dust, would follow existing dirt paths, creating a small network of looping paths around the grass areas.



Seating

City standard park benches will be located along the existing sidewalk, and will include a swing bench such as the one shown below.



Low Berm

Next Steps/Process

- Community Open House--at the Park, May 26.
- Online Survey:
<https://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/TaneyAvenueNeighborhoodParkPlan>
- Special Use Permit (SUP) required for children's play area, on property zoned Public Open Space (POS).
- SUP docketed for June 9 Planning Commission and June 18 City Council meetings.

Phased Implementation

- RunningBrooke and Rebuilding Together Alexandria Partnership
- September 2016 Volunteer Build Events
- City Capital Funds FY2017

