City of Alexandria, Virginia

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 17, 2018
7 p.m.

Charles Houston Recreation Center - 901 Wythe St.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order: Jennifer Atkins, Chair

II. Public Comments – non-agenda items

III. Public Hearing
   a. FY 2019 Community Matching Fund
      Dana Wedeles, Principal Planner

IV. Regular Meeting Begins

   Presentations/Information:
   a. King Street Park at the Waterfront Activation Update
      Jack Browand, Division Chief, Park Planning

V. Items for Action:
   a. Approval of Minutes: April 19, 2018

VI. Project Updates – Jack Browand, Division Chief, Park Planning
   a. Potomac Yard Metro – Bethany Znidersic, Principal Planner, Park Planning
   b. Waterfront Projects Update
   c. Cameron Run Regional Park Planning Process
   d. Warwick Pool Update

VII. Director’s Report
   a. FY19 Budget and CIP final
   b. RPCA Department strategies

VIII. Division Updates: Recreation Services; Park Operations; Park Planning, CIP & Marina

IX. Commission Reports (verbal reports by District)

X. Next Month Meeting Items – Working Draft Attached

XI. Next Meeting: June 21, 2018 – TBD

XII. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings/Activities

- **Thursday, May 24** – Warwick Pool Dedication & Open House
  6 p.m. – Warwick Pool, 3301 Landover St.

- **Monday, May 28** – 41st Annual Memorial Day Jazz Festival
  1 p.m. - 6 p.m. – Waterfront Park, 1 A Prince St.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 17, 2018
TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS
FROM: WILLIAM CHESLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR WC
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION
SUBJECT: RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORT - ITEM VIII

Program Wrap-Ups

- On April 7, William Ramsay Recreation Center kicked off their Lil Kickers program. Nine youth and their families were engaged in physical fitness through skills such as sharing, taking turns, and sportsmanship.

- On April 25, Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center and the Therapeutic Recreation program held its Spring2Action event. The families and staff raised over $9,000 for the Kelley Cares Foundation.

- On April 25, Mount Vernon Recreation Center’s afterschool participants took part in the statewide Rev Your Bev campaign. Children participated in exercises that increased their awareness of sugar content in beverages, and encouraged them to drink more water throughout the day.

- On April 27, Chick Armstrong Recreation Center held its Family Cosmic Skate Night. Children and their families had a great time, skating in the gym and participating in family friendly activities.

- On April 27, Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility hosted its Family Splash Night. Over 200 children from John Adams Elementary School and Patrick
Henry Elementary School enjoyed swimming, a floating obstacle course, games, relays, nature exhibits, demos, and more!

- During the month of April, William Ramsay Recreation held its **Body Part Aerobic Class**. With growing popularity, the class had 14 seniors registered.

- On April 30, **Afterschool Dance Class** (session II) concluded at Chick Armstrong Recreation Center. This was a free class that provided youth exposure to the arts through dance. The program consisted of beginner and intermediate level instruction. 18 Children completed 4 months of ballet and modern dance training.

- During the month of April, Chick Armstrong Recreation Center’s **Cheerleading team** participated in the Bowie State University Cheerstarz Cheerleading Competition at A.C. Jordan Arena. The girls competed as Traditional Rec Level 1, in accordance with USASF guidelines. They competed against 2 other teams, taking 1st place in their division. The team also competed in the Spring Invitational Cheerleading Competition at T.C. Williams High School on April 21 against 2 other teams, taking first place.

- During the month of April, Chick Armstrong Recreation Center concluded its **Spring into Tennis** program. Children in the beginner class learned basic tennis skills. Students were instructed on hand-eye coordination, agility, and racquet-handling skills.

- On May 5, **RecFest** was held at Armistead Boothe Park. There were over 200 youth and their families who participated in the event. Families were greeted with 12 of our contractors and engaged in entertainment, demos and giveaways. The weather was beautiful and we received positive feedback about the event.

- On May 5, Mount Vernon Recreation Center held its **Mother’s Day Spa** event. This event celebrated moms as they bonded with their daughters over food, facials, massages and manicures.

- On May 12, Chick Armstrong Recreation Center held its annual **Mother & Daughter Tea** event for Mother's Day. Women of all ages connected with their family members and friends. The event featured a tea menu, a “styles” show with the latest hats, hair and make-up and craft activities for mothers and daughters.
Program Updates
Out of School Time FY16 through FY18 Summer/School Year Participant and Revenue Comparison

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*Fees paid in installments.

**Lowest scoring measures related to the in-person and online registration processes at 78% and 76% bringing overall score down from previous years.

Upcoming Events

- The **Senior Lunch Cruise** will take place on May 17 on the Spirit of Washington. All aboard for a historic tour of Washington DC's landmarks, while enjoying creative dishes from the lunch buffet. The Spirit of Washington rooftop lounge provides a great view of these attractions and the opportunity to snap photos to remember the experience.

- The **Alexandria City Track & Field Meet** will take place on May 19 at T.C. Williams High School. Participants can enter two track events plus a relay and one field event. The first and second place winners in each group event will advance to the regional meet. This program is only open to City of Alexandria residents.

- A **Memorial Day Ceremony** will take place at Mount Vernon Recreation Center. The Ceremony will include a performance by The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, the recitation of the names of Alexandria’s 67 Vietnam War Fallen Heroes, a presentation to Gold Star Families, reading a tribute to Captain Versace, a wreath-laying by Rocky Versace’s USMA 1959 classmates, sounding of Taps and a stirring rendition of God Bless America.

- On June 2, RPCA, ACPS and other community partners will join the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority to host the **9th Annual Youth Arts Festival** at...
Mt. Vernon Recreation Center from 1-5p.m. This event showcases young visual and performing arts artists from the City through visual arts displays, interactive arts activities and stage performances including song, dance, instrumental music and spoken word.

- On June 8, Mount Vernon Recreation Center will host its **Youth Prom**. This annual semi-formal event will include a live DJ, food, and formal photos.

- On June 16, **Annual Community Day** will take place at Chick Armstrong Recreation Center. The community day celebration is a fun-filled event for the entire family to enjoy. There will be plenty of activities, arts & crafts, food, vendors, community resources, and more.
City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 17, 2018

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: DINESH TIWARI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR - PARK OPERATIONS, RPCA

SUBJECT: PARK OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT – ITEM VIII

1. ALEXANDRIA EARTH DAY 2018
   On April 28, 2018, many staff participated to support the event and share program information with the public:
   
   • Adopt-A-Park program and available parks open for adoption.
   • The benefits of Synthetic and Natural Turf on stormwater runoff
   • Ben Brenman pond retrofit and the effects of its stormwater runoff on the Chesapeake Bay
   • Alexandria Beautification Commission strategic plans, sustainable landscape and the Beautification Awards nominations process
   • Natural Lands Management
   • Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center community programming and an interactive display of a variety of live animals

2. PARK AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE
   a. Park Maintenance
      • Staff completed plans for the Park Operations’ 5th Annual Spring Field Day and Equipment Rodeo on May 30. This event will provide training, team building and leadership development activities.
      • Staff completed driftwood mitigation after a very high tide on the weekend of April 14. Key maintenance staff traditionally serving in other
areas of the City pulled together in preparation for upcoming special events scheduled on the waterfront.

- Efforts to level out and resurface the Montgomery Dog Park stone dust surface and add sand to the Windmill Hill and Armory Tot Lot sandboxes were completed.
- This summer the retention pond at Ben Brenman Park will be retrofitted. The final stages of preparation for this project are close to completion. A few of the benefits of this retrofit will be better treatment of stormwater runoff to comply with Chesapeake Bay cleanup mandates, protection of downstream waterways, native plant landscaping to discourage geese and provide habitat for riparian birds and animals, and new educational signage on trails with ecological and stormwater information.

b. Park Facility Maintenance

- A design for an informal entrance feature leading to Fort Ward Historic Park’s Oakland Baptist Cemetery is complete and in queue for implementation.
- Bid solicitation documents are being prepared for the restorations of the African American Heritage Park Memorial Gazebo. Restoration is tentatively scheduled for mid-July 2018.
- In partnership with Recreation Services’ Aquatics Management, repairs and upgrades to the Old Town Pool are being finalized for the opening of the swimming season later this month.
- Irrigation system de-winterization and water fountain turn on were completed in all parks.
- Equipment conversions, general inspection and corrective maintenance for all turf equipment were completed in preparation for the mowing season.
- Staff continues work on park light inspection and timer management.
- The third playground safety inspection of the year is underway and expected to be complete by
the end of June.

- Landscape Services and ROW mowing schedules are now posted on the City’s website. Currently, no delays have been reported.
- Annual update of the ACPS/City of Alexandria Shared Facility Use and Grounds keeping MOU was completed and currently with ACPS for approval and signatures. The final signed MOU will be accessible on City’s website.
- The recreation center renovations are during implementation. New plantings have been installed at Armstrong and Chinquapin Recreation Centers. The electrical work at Armstrong and Barrett is complete along with the first phase of irrigation installation at Armstrong Recreation Center.
- Several facility enhancement projects have been initiated for completion by June 2017:
  - Radio-Handsets for security/emergency communications between staff at Chinquapin Recreation Center and TC Williams H.S. Security.
  - Installation of remote exit door alarm at Chick Armstrong Rec Center.
  - Refurbishing elevator at the Lee Center.
  - Repainting Angel and Stevenson Park picnic shelters.
  - Installation of anti-bird roosting spikes at entry canopy to Charles Houston.

**c. Horticulture**

- The City Horticulturalist attended the first monitoring session at Holmes Run Community Garden and spoke at the annual Spring event at the Chinquapin Organic Gardens.
- Phase 3 of the partnership agreement with Chinquapin Organic Gardens is complete with the purchase and delivery of 10 fruit trees for the Dale May Memorial Grove.
• A new Adopt-a-Garden partnership has been signed with the Founders Park Community Association (FPCA). The City Horticulturalist attended the April meeting to discuss the project in detail and the annual FPCA meeting to formally accept a $6,000 donation to the Living Landscape Fund. This donation will help support the Adopt-a-Garden project with the renovation of the center garden at Founders Park.

• Responses are in for the 2018 Community Garden survey. We were pleased to receive a 92.4% completion rate for the online survey. The results showed that 79.7% of respondents were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with the Community Garden program. There were several helpful data points that will be used to shape the program including ideas for additional training/programming, sources of participant motivation and the identification of obstacles to participation.

3. URBAN FORESTRY

Urban Forestry

• The spring tree-planting program is steadily moving forward with 224 trees planted along City streets and in parks during the month of April. To date, 498 trees have been planted to meet our goal of 800 by the end of June.

• City Arborist John Noelle achieved recertification as a Certified Treecare Safety Professional granted by the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA). TCIA’s Certified Treecare Safety Professional (CTSP) program is the only safety-credentialing program in the industry and is designed to address the safety challenges that tree care companies and tree workers face. Certified Tree Care Safety Professionals must recertify every three years by passing an examination or by attaining CEUs in Professional Development, Safety Program Development, and Safety Training.
• Data collection of Street tree inventory is scheduled to begin in May. This will be the fourth of the five-year inventory program. Over the first three years of data collection, 19,463 records of trees planted in the City’s rights-of-way, in parks and at public facilities have been created. This data is being used to identify and prioritize tree maintenance needs.

4. NATURAL LANDS MANAGEMENT
   a. Invasive Plant Management & Restoration
   • Staff removed thousands of English Ivy, Higan Cherry, Burning Bush, Oriental Bittersweet, Callery Pear, and other invasive seedlings and saplings, as well as thousands of Garlic Mustard plants from Rynex Natural Area, Dora Kelley Nature Park, Chinquapin Park, Forest Park, and the Ford Nature Center native pollinator garden. They also picked up litter and debris from the 5-acre Telegraph and Duke Meadow Complex.
   • Staff supervised our contractor, Invasive Plant Control (IPC), with the treatment of Lesser Celandine, Garlic Mustard, Periwinkle, Greater Periwinkle, English Ivy, Bush Honeysuckle, Callery Pear, and many other non-native invasive plants at Dora Kelley Nature Park, Holmes Run Scenic Easement, Tarleton Park, INOVA Alexandria Hospital Scenic Easement – East, Fort Williams Park, Chinquapin Park, Taylor Run Park, and Angel Park.
   • Staff installed 13 site-appropriate, native woody plants and 6 native wildflowers on the steep south bank of Holmes Run at Dora Kelley Nature Park behind 5909 Jewell Court.
   • Staff sowed 1 lb. of Wild Sensitive Plant on the old Orange and Alexandria Railroad embankment at Windmill Hill Park. This steep slope with ecological restoration plantings is a “Native Plant Conservation Zone”.
   
   b. Cooperative Initiatives
   • On April 14, staff supervised the TreeStewards of Arlington and Alexandria ecological restoration planting at Ben Brenman Park. Twenty-two volunteers planted 49 site-appropriate native trees. Staff sowed 2.5 lbs. of

Volunteers planting a large Black Gum tree at the April 29, 2018, Virginia Tech Volunteer planting day.

Pink Lady’s-slipper – one of Alexandria’s rarest plants that Natural Lands Management Section tracks and protects.

Nursery delivery of trees for the Virginia Tech Volunteer planting.
native wildflower seed.

- On April 19, 2018, City Natural Resource Manager presented and discussed Best Management Practices for land restoration at the Blue Ridge PRISM quarterly meeting at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, Virginia. Fifty persons were in attendance.
- April 27-29, 2018, staff prepared the Virginia Tech Volunteer planting site at Chinquapin Park; received nursery deliveries; and dug the holes with a large auger. Fifty-one volunteers planted 49 large native trees at the April 29, 2018, dedication ceremony and volunteer planting.
- On May 4, 2018, City Natural Resource Manager and Arlington County Natural Resources Manager Alonso Abugattas co-led a field trip to the Barcroft Bog nearby in Arlington County. This site and environs are virtually identical to similar wetlands and forests along the Beauregard Street corridor in Alexandria.

c. Environmental Review
- Staff reviewed the area to be restored at the entrance to Tarleton Park and recommended appropriate native species to plant.
- In the month of April, inspections were conducted at Chambliss Park, Fort Williams Park, Armistead Boothe Park, Lake Cook, Ben Brenman Park, Rynex Natural Area, and the median at Eisenhower Avenue and Mill Road.

5. JEROME “BUDDIE” FORD NATURE CENTER
   a. Programs/Updates
   For the month of April, there were 156 interpretive programs attended by 4,517 people. The combined total number of visitors and participants for April was 5,433 people. This was the largest number of programs conducted in one month since the Nature Center has been compiling statistics over the past eight years.
**School Programs:**
For the month of April, the Naturalists conducted 30 school programs reaching 794 students and teachers.
- **April 5** - The Naturalist went to Polk Elementary School to conduct 3-second grade programs about “Animal Adaptations”. The 163 children learned about migration, hibernation, mimicry, warning colors and camouflage. A variety of animals came to the school- including fire-bellied toads, a uromastyx and a fat tailed African gecko.
- **April 19** - Five programs were conducted at Patrick Henry Elementary School for the kindergarten. The 116 students learned about spring.
- **April 30** - The Naturalist went to Samuel Tucker Elementary School to conduct five programs on the topic of “Animal Adaptations”. These 132 fourth graders were interested to see a variety of live animals including a uromastyx, a snapping turtle, Chinese warty newt and a gecko.
- Throughout April - Students from William Ramsay Elementary School came to the Nature Center. Pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade classes came to explore a variety of topics including, animal life cycles, signs of spring, plant life cycles, and insects, living vs non-living and recycling. More than 375 students and teachers took part in these programs.

**Nature Center Programs:**
During the month of April, there were 6 birthday parties, 82 impromptu programs, 2 weekday programs for preschool age children, 1 weekend program for children, a private school program, a meeting and tour for the Arlington Regional Master Naturalists (ARMN) and 1 weekend program for adults. The total participation for these programs was more than 750 people.
- **April 7** - Six participants conducted water quality tests to access the health of Holmes Run Stream in the “Stream Exploration” program. Parameters were tested such as pH, dissolved oxygen, phosphates and nitrates by using test tablets. In addition to chemical tests, the group searched for aquatic macro invertebrates and amphibians using aquatic sampling techniques.
- **April 13** - The first of three programs in the spring “Little Adventures” series was conducted for three to
five-year old. The children learned about signs of spring. They also created flower blossom art and went on a hike.

• April 14 - The weather was perfect for the “Champion Tree Bicycle Ride”. The group, led by Arlington County Arborist Vincent Verweij, rode throughout the City noting champion trees along their way. A quote from the group—“Along with the awesome trees, we saw a huge colony of trout lilies and a giant bald eagle along Cameron Run.”

• April 24 - The Afterschool Nature Buddies and students from the William Ramsay Recreation Center’s afterschool program participated in the American Red Cross Pillowcase Project. This interactive program helps children prepare for emergencies by increasing awareness and understanding of natural hazards and teaches safety, emotional coping skills, and personal preparedness. After the program, students had the opportunity to decorate and personalize a pillowcase where they can keep their own emergency supply kits.

• April 27 - The “Fledglings” program for the Nature Center’s youngest audience introduced the children to flowers. The group read the book “Spring Things” by Bob Raccka. After, the children potted seeds and brought them home to care for on their own.

Outreach Programs:

• April 6 - Nature Center staff attended Family Splash Night at Chinquapin. More than 94 children and their parents were at the event.

• April 14 - William Ramsay Elementary School held an afternoon event called “Touch a Truck”. This PTA-sponsored event brought many vehicles to the school parking lot including mail truck, fire engine, ambulance, military vehicles, plows and sanitation trucks, for students and their families to explore. The Nature Center had an information table with a few live animals. After visiting our information table, many of the families walked over to the Nature Center to explore further.

• April 25 - The Nature Center was invited to participate in Northern Virginia Community College- Alexandria campus’ annual Earth Day celebration. Students enjoyed seeing native animals up-close- millipedes, snapping turtle, patent leather beetles and American toad. Despite
the cool, rainy weather, more than 120 people came to the table.

- April 26 - The Nature Center was invited to partake in Earth Day celebrations at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in Arlington. This event coincided with “Bring your Child to Work” Day, so attendance that day was very high. More than 220 parents and children visited the Nature Center’s table.

**Afterschool Buddies Program:**
This month the Buddies went on several adventure hikes, discussed forest community ecology, and measured the diameter at chest height of forty trees in the park. This activity gave the Buddies an idea of how scientists study the forest. The Buddies were also able to harvest their garden this month, bringing home kale to their families. Now they are waiting to harvest carrots and strawberries. The children worked on developing more “Naturalist” skills by practicing the correct way to use binoculars to study animals high in the canopy trees and magnifying glasses to study native ant colonies low on the ground.

**Noteworthy**

*Exhibits at the Nature Center:* Two of the Nature Center’s new exhibits are now installed and ready for the public to enjoy. There is a wall-mounted display of “Insects from Dora Kelley Nature Park”. The second exhibit is “Ants”.

*City Nature Challenge through iNaturalist:* The Naturalists guided two hikes with a total number of 18 participants to gather data (photos of any living organism) in Dora Kelley Nature Park for the worldwide citizen scientist challenge. In this year, over 65 cities in 14 countries participated. Our observation results were included in the data collected in Washington DC metro area.

*Volunteers and Interns:* 49 volunteers provided 129 hours of service during the month of April. The annual Spring Clean-Up in Dora Kelley Nature Park was held on Saturday, April 14. This event was organized by the Friends of Dora Kelley Nature Park. More than 30 neighbors along with a girl scout troop joined in to help collect trash.
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<td>Total number of Volunteer hours dedicated to Invasive Plant Management projects</td>
<td>1,390</td>
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Warwick Pool Dedication & Community Open House May 24
Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief
The Alexandria City Council will celebrate the reopening of Warwick Pool on Thursday, May 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. The new Warwick Pool features a 4,100-square-foot pool with water depths ranging from zero to five feet; five 25-yard lap lanes; an accessible ramp for persons with disabilities; a seasonal bathhouse; lockers; and recreational amenities for family and community activities. Following the dedication by City Council, the open house will feature family-friendly activities from the Mobile Art Lab and Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center; child and family summer program offerings; and a “meet and greet” with pool staff. Light refreshments will be available. The Warwick Pool will open for full service on Saturday, May 26.

All Veterans Park Picnic Area Improvements
Project Manager: Judy Lo, Urban Planner III
The shade structure and picnic improvements at All Veterans Park, 299 North Pickett Street, will be under construction from May 21-June 11. Located along North Pickett Street for visibility, these improvements are recommended in the 2014 Citywide Parks Plans. The improvements support a need for informal picnic and family gathering areas throughout the Holmes Run Park System. Other improvements include an additional ADA accessible picnic table, a grill, and an accessible pathway to the picnic area.

Simpson Park Playground and Lawn Renovation
Project Manager: Dana Wedeles, Principal Planner & Judy Lo, Urban Planner III
The City’s Purchasing Department has completed the solicitation for construction, and the contract will be awarded in May. Construction will begin this summer. The renovation replaces the playground equipment, adds natural play features, and integrates public art sculptures into the playground design. The work also includes renovation of the turf areas from the tennis courts to the playground. A new accessible path will improve connectivity within the park. Construction is anticipated to take 6-8 months. For additional information, visit the Project Website.
POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL STATION  
**Project Manager: Bethany Znidersic, Principal Planner**  
On May 8, the City Council received an update on the new Potomac Yard Metrorail Station project and the revised project scope. The Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Workgroup (PYMIG) met on May 9 to discuss and hold a public meeting on the reduction in project scope. The reductions include the elimination of the southern entrance at Glebe Road and the southern mezzanine, the west ramp, south pedestrian/bicycle bridge and east ramp. The reductions also eliminated park improvements (other than restoration required due to construction impacts). The full impacts on the parks will be known once the contract is awarded, anticipated in mid-2018. Once WMATA awards the contract, the contractor will apply for an amendment to the previously approved development special use permit for the station to incorporate cost-saving solutions. The process will require extensive public outreach in fall 2018 and will include approvals by the City’s Planning Commission, Board of Architectural Review, and City Council. Construction activities are expected to begin in late 2018, with the new station in service in late 2021 or early 2022. The full memo on the revised project scope and the presentation from the PYMIG meeting are posted on the [Project Website](#).

BEN BRENMAN DOG PARK  
**Project Manager: Robert Narvaez, Urban Planner II**  
A community meeting was held on April 16, 2017 at Patrick Henry Recreation Center. No additional comments were received. Notifications will go out late May 2018. The SUP for the solar lights will go to the Planning Commission on June 5 and to City Council on June 23. If approved by council, the solar lights will go out to bid in June with anticipated construction completion in Fall 2018.

FOUR MILE RUN WETLANDS BRIDGE  
**Project Manager: Dana Wedeles, Principal Planner**  
The City received a federal Recreational Trail Program grant to construct a bridge from the Four Mile Run Park Ballfields to the wetlands. The Department of Project Implementation is currently putting the scope of work out to bid with the intent of starting construction in Fall 2018 and completion of Spring 2019.

ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- **HOLMES RUN PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**  
  Project Manager: Dana Wedeles, Principal Planner  
  DPI expects the bridge to be delivered in Mid-May and the project to be complete in Summer 2018. For additional information, visit the [Project Website](#).  

- **WARWICK POOL REPLACEMENT PROJECT**  
  Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief  
  For additional information, visit the [Project Website](#).  

- **WINDMILL HILL PARK SHORELINE PROJECT**  
  Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief  
  For additional information, visit the [Project Website](#).  

- **KING STREET PARK AT THE WATERFRONT**  
  Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief  
  For additional information, visit the [Project Website](#).
• PATRICK HENRY K-8 SCHOOL & RECREATION CENTER
  Project Manager: Jack Browand, Division Chief & Margaret Orlando, Division Chief
  For additional information, visit the Project Website.

Patrick Henry K-8 School and Recreation Center - May 10, 2018

Warwick Pool – May 7, 2018