

City of Alexandria, Virginia

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2015, 7 pm
Charles Houston Recreation Center
901 Wythe Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Agenda

- I. Call to Order:** by Jennifer Akins, Chair.
- II. Public Hearing:** Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan, RPCA.
- III. Presentations:**
 - A. Update on Potomac Yard Metro Station Program
 - C. Final Update Eisenhower West Small Area Plan
 - D. Update Site-Plan for Mount Jefferson Park
 - E. Waterfront Small Area Plan Common Elements: Lighting & Paving
- IV. Items for Information:**
 - A. Public Comments. The Commission will receive brief comments on non-agenda items. Commenters should arrive promptly at the start of the meeting and prepare to keep comments to three minutes or less.
 - B. West End Transitway Memorandum (T&ES)
- V. Items for Action:**
 - A. Approval of Minutes: September 17, 2015.
- VI. RPCA Staff Updates:**
 - A. Director's Report: FY17 Budget.
 - B. Division Updates: Recreation Services; Park Operations; Public Information, Special Events, Waterfront Operations; and Park Planning, Design and Capital Projects
- VII. Commission Business and Reports from Commissioners by District (verbal updates):**
 - A. Civic Awards Sub-Committee Update
 - B. NOVA Parks
 - C. Chinquapin 50 Meter Pool Proposal
- VIII. Next Meeting:** Agenda items and location for November 19, 2015.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2015
TO: CHAIR & MEMBERS OF THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN+CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
SUBJECT: DRAFT NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

RECOMMENDATION: That the Park and Recreation Commission receive the Draft Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan, hear public comment, and endorse the plan with items for revision

BACKGROUND: In Fall 2014, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities began a public process to develop a Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan for the 17 neighborhood-serving parks throughout the City. We characterize these parks as being 0.5 - 10 acres with a service area of up to 0.5 miles. Staff developed the following draft plans for all seventeen parks after an extensive existing condition, use analysis, and community feedback: [Draft Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan \(click here to view plan\)](#).

The Plan aims to reflect the community feedback we received over the twelve month process, and will serve as a guide in setting priorities and budgeting for enhancing our parks and, subsequently, improving the health of Alexandria's natural environment and its people.

The Department has set forth the following public review process to finalize the Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan:

October 15, 2015 Present and hold public hearing on the Draft Plan to the Park and Recreation (PRC) Commission

October – December Staff will revise the plans as advised by the PRC

January, 2015 City Council Receipt of the Plan (*if endorsed by PRC*)

Note: This Plan supports the implementation of the approved 2002 Strategic Master Plan for Open Space, Parks & Recreation and therefore does not require Planning Commission approval

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2015

TO: ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

THROUGH: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN+CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

ITEM: UPDATE ON POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL PROJECT

On May 20, 2015 City Council selected Alternative B as the locally preferred alternative, with construction access Option 2 (no access from the George Washington Memorial Parkway). City Council also authorized the City Manager to negotiate a Net Benefits Agreement with the National Park Service (NPS) based on the mitigation framework for impacts to the George Washington Memorial Parkway that was outlined in the staff report.

Alternative B will impact Potomac Greens Park and Potomac Yard Park where the Metrorail station and bridges are located. These impacts are covered in detail in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the Final Environmental Impact Statement that is currently in progress. These impacts will require amendments to the Development Special Use Permits on each of the parks.

On September 29, 2015, City Council voted to modify and expand the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group (PYMIG). PYMIG will serve as the primary forum for the public outreach process throughout the duration of the project. The newly reconfigured PYMIG membership will include one representative from the Park and Recreation Commission.

The agenda for the PYMIG meeting on October 28th will include station and bridge precedents and a discussion of park programming for Potomac Greens Park and Potomac Yard Park.

As the project begins the next phase of implementation, staff has recommended establishing a design approval process that will provide for thorough community engagement to include a series of public meetings where public input will be sought. The attached schedule is a working draft of that engagement process.

Staff will update the Commission on the outcome of the PYMIG discussions throughout this process. For more information on the project, please visit www.alexandriava.gov/potomacyard.

West End Transitway Update – Parks & Recreation Commission – October 15, 2015

Project Background

In October 2012 Alexandria City Council adopted the *Transitway Corridors Feasibility Study* and established three high capacity transit corridors in the City:

- Corridor A – opened in August 2014 as Metroway providing service along US 1,
- Corridor B – proposed service along the Duke Street corridor, and
- Corridor C – now known as the West End Transitway.

The current West End Transitway Project planning effort is the next step towards implementation and includes the following tasks: an Alternatives Analysis (AA), Conceptual Engineering, Environmental Documentation, and updated Capital and Operating Cost Estimates.

Initially, the FTA (Federal Transit Administration) recommended an Environmental Assessment as the class of action for the project, based on an understanding of high-level findings of the *Transitway Corridors Feasibility Study*. Based on ongoing coordination with FTA and the communication of the ongoing work's findings of environmental effect, FTA has recommended that the City prepare the environmental document as a Documented Categorical Exclusion (CE).

The modification of the class of action for the West End Transitway Project's environmental document allows the FTA to undertake a more expeditious review and approval process and aligns with the level of anticipated effect of the project on corridor communities. FTA's expeditious review and anticipated approval of the Documented CE also represents an opportunity for the City to advance the project in a timely fashion.

Project Benefits

The West End Transitway will provide direct benefits to both the immediate corridor and the entire City, including improved transit access to parks and recreation facilities, better bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and frequent, reliable transit connections to jobs and City services. This project will also serve as a catalyst for many City planning initiatives and both public and private sector investments.

Section 4(F) Review

Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act of 1966 is a key element of the environmental documentation process. Section 4(f) requires the assessment of potential 'uses' of public parks and recreation lands, wildlife refuges, and historic resources.

The Section 4(f) evaluation identified 19 resources within ¼ mile of the proposed Transitway corridor (see Table 2 and Map 1). The West End Transitway project would not result in a permanent use, temporary use, or a construction-related use of any of resources identified along the corridor.

Based on the standard practice for 4(f) resource assessments, the Transitway project is not anticipated to impact identified historic resources or contribute to substantive noise, vibration, or visual impacts. Land acquisition and parking effects associated with the project also would not impact 4(f) resources.

Other Resources

Trees

Construction of the West End Transitway will require the removal of existing trees along the corridor. Preliminary evaluations have identified a potential impact to approximately 640 trees along the corridor. Further estimates of tree impacts will be prepared as a part of additional design and engineering as the project progresses.

Analyses as a part of conceptual engineering currently underway have identified that approximately 1,050 trees will be planted within the right-of-way for the project. The planting of these trees would result in an increase of trees in the corridor by more than 60 percent. Buffers and other areas of the project where trees will be planted are planned in a manner that will contribute to a healthy growing environment for the trees.

Water Resources

Analyses as a part of the study process identified three water resources in the study area (see Table 1 and Map 2). The project will not have a direct physical impact to these water resources.

Water quantity and quality effects of the project attributed to its proposed increase in impervious surface area (approximately 20 to 25% increase above existing) will be mitigated to meet or exceed relevant local and state requirements. Stormwater would be treated through a wide range of features consistent with City guidelines. The potential right-of-way needed for stormwater treatment and mitigation is included in the project's current proposed right-of-way.

No parks will be impacted by proposed stormwater management measures or other project infrastructure.

Table 1 – Water Resources

Surface Water	Description	Location within Study Corridor
Backlick Run	Tributary to Cameron Run	The proposed transit corridor crosses over Backlick Run on South Van Dorn Street in proximity to the southern terminus.
Holmes Run	Tributary to Cameron Run	The proposed transit corridor crosses over Holmes Run on North Van Dorn Street in proximity to Holmes Run Parkway.
Four Mile Run	Tributary to the Potomac River	The proposed transit corridor travels on South Arlington Mill Drive adjacent to Four Mile Run in Arlington County.

Project Next Steps

This stage of project development is nearly complete. City staff will seek re-concurrence by City Council during upcoming months regarding the recommended Transitway project. The next step is to initiate the preliminary design and engineering phase.

The Project Schedule (See Figure 1) provides an overview of the planned public outreach, stakeholder briefings, and review and approval process by City Council. The events scheduled through November 2015 are finalized, but planned events starting in December will be finalized over time. All events will be added to the West End Transitway project website:

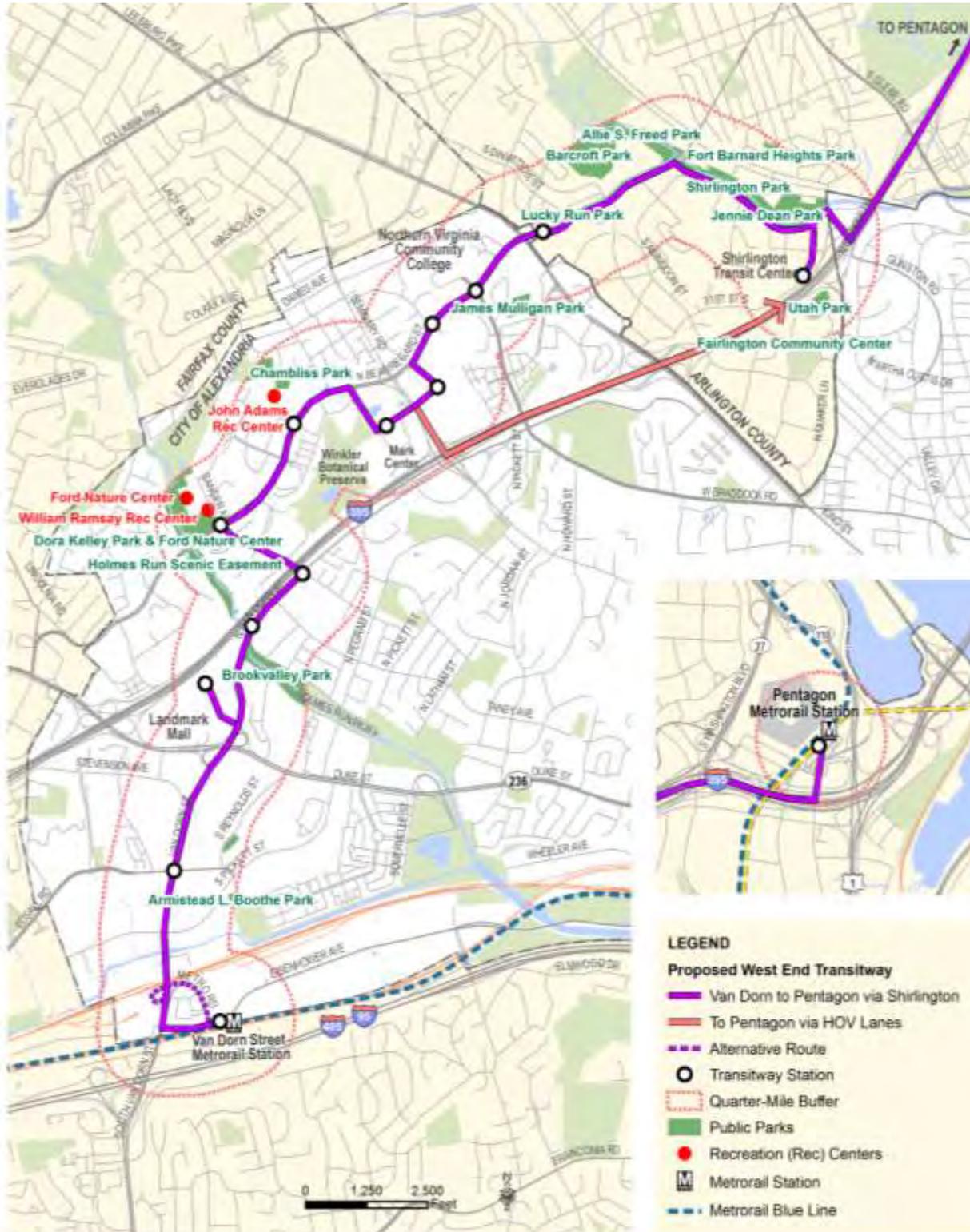
<http://alexandriava.gov/WestEndTransitway>.

Table 2 – Section 4(f) Resources

Resource	Location	Ownership/ Operated By	Use
Armistead L. Boothe Park	520 Cameron Station Boulevard	City of Alexandria	Athletic fields, basketball court, playground, picnic pavilion with grill, restrooms, tennis courts, and walking/biking trails.
Brookvalley Park	5599 Holmes Run Parkway	City of Alexandria	Garden plots, natural area, playground, picnic areas, walking/biking trails.
Chambliss Park	2505 North Chambliss Street	City of Alexandria	Parking, tennis courts, wooded nature area with a walking trail.
Dora Kelley Park and Ford Nature Center*	5750 Sanger Avenue	City of Alexandria	Environmental programs, sitting areas, walking/biking trail, and wooded natural area.
Holmes Run Scenic Easement*	Holmes Run Parkway	City of Alexandria	Natural wooded area, walking and biking paths. Holmes Run Parkway connects Dora Kelley Nature Park at its northern most point to Brookvalley Park in the southern end.
James Mulligan Park	3300 28th Street	City of Alexandria	Natural wooded area, picnic area, and playground.

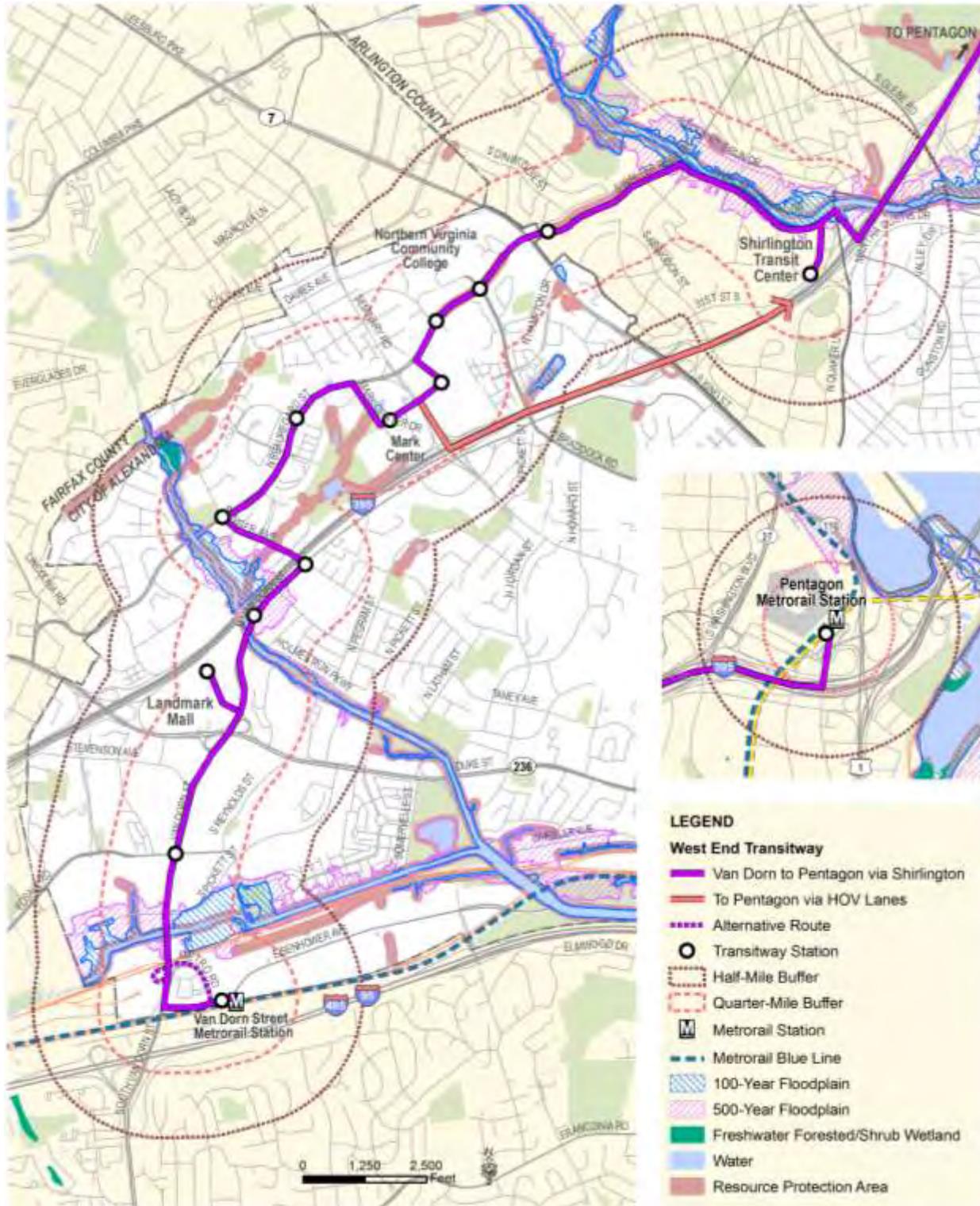
Resource	Location	Ownership/ Operated By	Use
John Adams Park and Recreation Center	5651 Rayburn Avenue	City of Alexandria	Athletic fields, basketball court, playground, and adjacent recreation center.
William Ramsay Recreation Center	5700 Sanger Avenue	City of Alexandria	Recreation center with full basketball court and adjacent activity/game room. There are also athletic fields, tennis courts, and a playground.
Unnamed	270 S Reynolds Street	City of Alexandria	Inactive park space; mostly woodlands.
Allie S. Freed Park	2465 South Culpeper Street	Arlington County	Green space bordering Four Mile Run with a path and bridge.
Barcroft Park	4200 South Four Mile Run Drive	Arlington County	Active recreational park. Variety of sports fields and courts, such as handball, tennis, baseball, softball and basketball. Scenic trail through the park for bicyclists and pedestrians. Sheltered picnic areas, charcoal grills and playgrounds. Home to the GWU baseball team. Adjacent Barcroft Sports and Fitness Center, which is a multi-purpose gymnasium, wellness studio, gymnastics area, and boxing training gym.
Bicentennial Garden	Arlington Mill Drive	Arlington County	Gardening.
Douglas Park	1718 South Quincy Street	Arlington County	Open space with playground, nature trails, gazebo, stream, a picnic shelter, volleyball court, and a stone fireplace.
Fairlington Community Center and Park	3308 South Stafford Street	Arlington County	Fairlington Community Center has six multipurpose rooms, art studios, a gymnasium, and fitness room. The park features playgrounds, outdoor basketball courts, a fitness trail, a rectangular field, and a picnic shelter with charcoal grills.
Fort Barnard Heights Park	2448 24th Road South	Arlington County	Open green space with picnic table and benches.
Jennie Dean Park	3630 27th Street South	Arlington County	Park features a picnic shelter, playground, two youth baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, basketball court, and an open drop-in field.
Lucky Run Park	2620 South Walter Reed Drive	Arlington County	Passive park with a stream, benches, open green space, and a trail linking to the Four Mile Run Trail.
Shirlington Park	2601 South Arlington Mill Drive	Arlington County	Park features a stream, a path with benches staggered alongside, and a dog park.
Utah Park	3191 South Utah Street	Arlington County	Features a baseball/softball field, a volleyball court, and dog park. The park also has open green space and picnic tables.

Map 1 - Map of Section 4(f) Resources



- LEGEND**
- Proposed West End Transitway**
 - Van Dorn to Pentagon via Shirlington
 - To Pentagon via HOV Lanes
 - - - Alternative Route
 - Transitway Station
 - - - Quarter-Mile Buffer
 - Public Parks
 - Recreation (Rec) Centers
 - M Metrorail Station
 - - - Metrorail Blue Line

Map 2 - Map of Water Resources



ALEXANDRIA WEST END TRANSITWAY PROJECT

Draft Public/Stakeholder Outreach and Project Re-concurrence Process

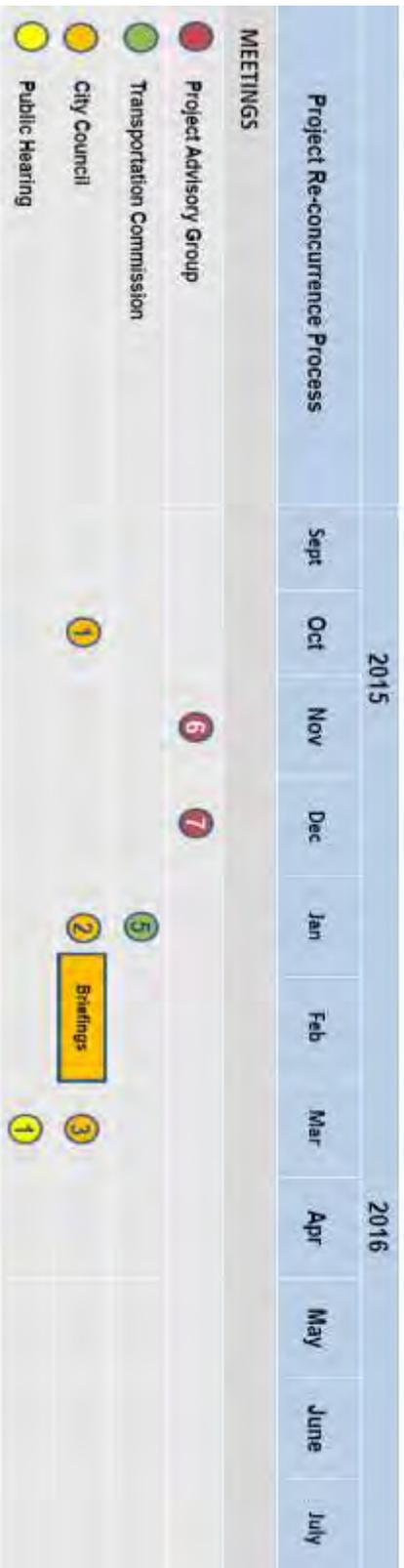
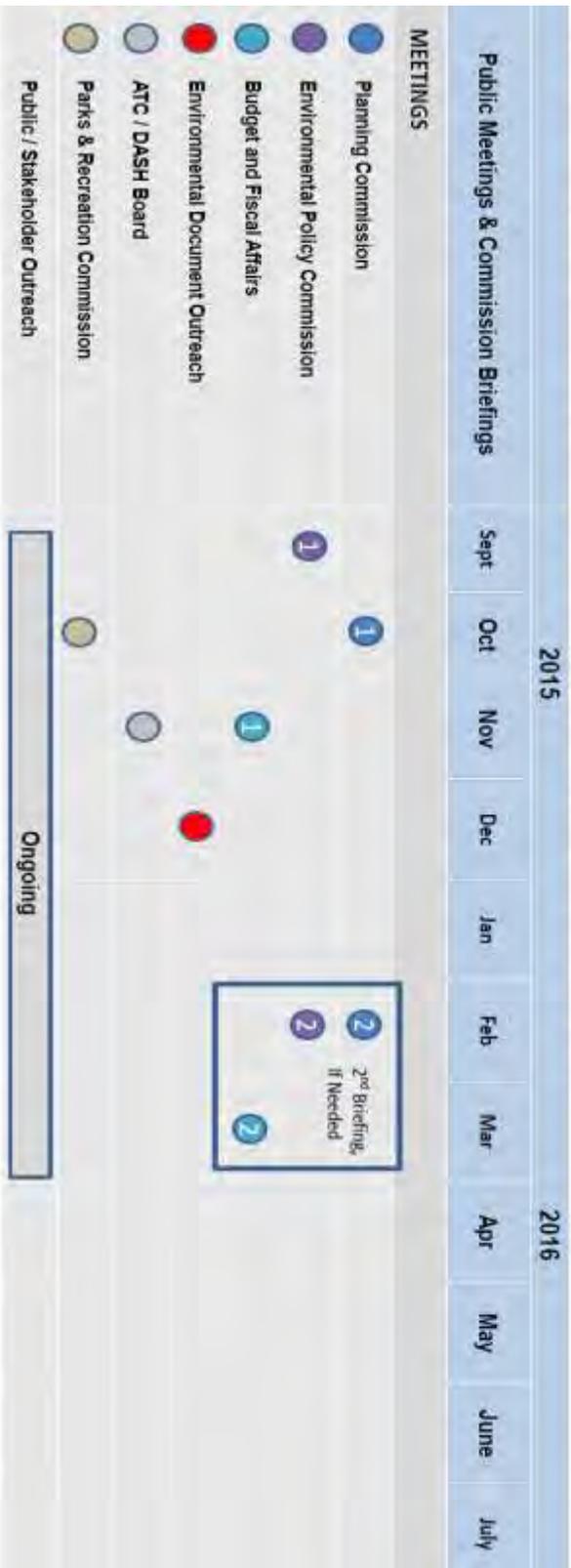


Figure 1 - Project Schedule

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City Manager

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September 28, 2015

Dear Community Leaders:

This fall the City will kick-off the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 budget process with a series of meetings to get public input into the priorities for next year's budget, and we would like to invite you to participate. The City Manager's Office and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will hold four community meetings, at different times and in different parts of the City, for interested members of the public to provide their input on the City's budget priorities for FY 2017. City Council will hear the results of these efforts at their annual retreat in November as they develop their FY 2017 budget guidance to the City Manager.

The meetings will provide an overview of the FY 2017 budget process and some of the major budgetary challenges currently faced by the City. After this brief overview, participants will break up into small facilitated groups to identify budget priorities for FY 2017.

We would like you and your organization's members to join us at one of these public meetings to provide input on the FY 2017 budget process. Please help us by spreading the word about these upcoming meetings and encouraging other City residents to attend and participate as well. With your help, we hope to obtain valuable feedback from a broad and diverse set of participants.

Please join us at one of the dates listed below, for an overview of the FY 2017 budget process, our civic engagement efforts, and to inform the budget to help us achieve results! All of the meetings will follow the same format and cover the same material.

Thursday, October 15 th	7:30 p.m.	Durant Arts Center 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria, VA 22314
Tuesday, October 20 th	7:00 p.m.	Beatley Central Library 5005 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22304
Saturday, October 24 th	10:00 a.m.	Minnie Howard Campus 3801 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA 22302
Wednesday, November 4 th	7:00 p.m.	Cora Kelly Recreation Center 25 W. Reed Ave., Alexandria, VA 22305

If you are unable to join us in person, you can virtually attend by using Virtual Table. Virtual Table allows you to view the meeting via streaming video and communicate via text chat messaging.

Please email Arthur Wicks (Arthur.Wicks@alexandriava.gov) in the Office of Management and Budget if you would like to attend via Virtual Table and you will be sent the appropriate information/web link on the day of the meeting you plan to virtually attend.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Management and Budget at 703.746.3737.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark B. Jinks', followed by a horizontal line with a small flourish at the end.

Mark B. Jinks
City Manager

Operating Budget Timeline

Budgeting for Results	
July/Aug	Begin thinking about initiatives and service reductions
Sept	Civic Engagement Position Budgeting
October	Current Services Budget Initiatives & Reductions Forms & Instructions Budget Targets
Nov 7 th	Council Retreat
Mid-Nov	Budget Proposals Due
Nov 24 th	Council Guidance (Option 1)
Early Dec	OMB / OPA Review Complete
Early Dec	Budget Proposals and OMB / OPA Review to Focus Area Teams

CIP

- Short titles due September 10th
- Full submissions due September 30th
- OMB review in October
- Technical Review Committee in Nov/Dec
- CIP Steering Committee in Nov/Dec (NEW)
- Presentation to Focus Areas in December
- First Draft Distributed January 8th

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2015

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: WILLIAM CHESLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR^{WC}
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

SUBJECT: OCTOBER 15 COMMISSION MEETING, ITEM VI-B
RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORT

Program Wrap-Ups

- On September 11, Out of School Time participants at Charles Houston Recreation Center took part in “**We Remember - United We Stand.**” This event was a tribute to the heroes and individuals who served in a time of need in response to the events of September 11, 2001.
- On September 11, Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility hosted a **DASH Sponsor Reception** to thank the sponsors that helped support the “Splash with DASH” initiative, raising \$15,000. Over 25 sponsors and their families enjoyed dinner and an evening of swimming.
- On September 18, Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center hosted **Parents Bounce Out**, where parents had the opportunity to drop their children off for a kid free evening to enjoy a night on the town. Meanwhile, participants were engaged in arts and crafts, moon bounce fun, physical fitness, music and movement activities And a meal consisting of pizza, chips and juice. At the end of the night, the parents were thrilled that their children enjoyed a fun, structured and safe environment.
- As part of the Annual Doggie Day Swims, the **Big Dog Day Swim** was held on September 19 at Old Town Pool for dogs of all breeds and sizes. The **Itty Bitty Doggie Dive** took place on September 13 at Charles Houston’s Memorial Pool for small dogs 25 pounds and under. These annual



events provide dogs with the opportunity to swim and play in the City's pools. The events included 240 dogs, and generated \$1500 in revenue.

- On September 25, Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center hosted its **BIG Book Giveaway**. 46 participants in the Youth Achieving Greatness program received gently used books donated by the staff, to emphasize the joy of reading. The theme of the event was "Books Come in All Flavors," and each child was able to choose a book and receive a flavorful popsicle as a reminder that reading is fundamental.



- **Excite Soccer** started its Fall session on September 26. Enrollment has climbed from 19 to 27 participants since last year, generating \$3,550 in revenue.



- On September 26, Cora Kelly Recreation Center hosted its annual **Multicultural Health Fair**. The event offered free health screenings, medical resources, flu shots and a live zumba class. Approximately 300 participants received services and information from vendors while enjoying live music.

- The **Robust Walk-a-thon** took place on October 7 at Ben Brenman Park. Guest instructors showed participants how to weave low-intensity exercises into a walk and use environmental objects as exercise props to gain balance, strength, agility, flexibility and endurance. Sponsors of the event included RPCA, the Successful Aging Committee, DCHS' Aging & Adult Services, ARHA and Senior Services of Alexandria.



- The **Be Enchanted About Reading (B.E.A.R) program** recently wrapped up its first fall section at Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center. Participants were engaged in sing-alongs, music and movement, story time and arts and crafts activities. During the month of September, the participants were mesmerized by Mickey and Minnie Mouse, dazzled by wild jungle cats and clowned around with colorful clowns. This first section included 15 participants and generated \$525 in revenue.



Program Updates

Out of School Time FY13 through FY15 Summer/School Year Participant and Revenue Comparison

	FY-16 YTD School Year 15-16 9-30-15	FY-15 Actuals School Year 14-15 9-30-14	FY-14 Actuals School Year 13-14	FY-13 Actuals School Year 12-13	FY-16 Summer 2015 YTD	FY-15 Actuals Summer 2014	FY-14 Actuals Summer 2013
Program Fee	\$415	\$415	\$300	\$250	\$125/\$300 (as of 7/1)	\$100	\$50
Satisfaction %	N/A	92%	92%	92%	90%	96%	92%
Registration #	1,081	1,041	1,243	1,296	1,352	1,332	1,373
OSTP Revenue	\$265,544	\$212,804	\$268,536	\$212,225	\$130,750	\$103,100	\$54,352
Fee Assistance (Discounts)	\$102,462	\$87,565	\$87,608	\$73,050	\$41,060	\$28,715	\$13,798
Fees Charged	\$450,648*	\$389,822*	\$366,071	\$308,031	\$174,060	\$133,965	\$68,622

*Fees paid in installments.

- During the Fall season, the **Youth Achieving Greatness Program** is offering a choice of three interactive clubs for its participants. The **Lego Masters Club** engages participants in a variety of activities that enhance their problem solving skills and stimulate their creative side. The **Master Chef Club** meets weekly to introduce children to the basics of cooking and teaches kids about the importance of healthy eating. The **Fashion By You (F.B.Y) Club** is an enrichment club, which encourages participants to express themselves by designing and creating unique and original fashion pieces. Each club has weekly independent and group projects, and their goals are to foster socialization, creativity, self-esteem, independence and comradery.



- The **Therapeutic Recreation Mainstream Program (TR)** at Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center continues to keep participants engaged in a variety of specialized enrichment activities. TR participants have been working diligently on Independent Living Skills. These activities are designed to give participants the opportunity to become more independent and self-sufficient. Some of the activities include, but are not limited to, cooking, ironing, washing and sorting clothes, vacuuming and telephone etiquette.
- The **American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program** is essential to the water safety of the community. Fall group classes began September 21 and many individual swim lessons began September 14. Currently, 160 classes have 772 enrolled, 52 waitlisted and \$78,636 in gross revenue. At the end of the first quarter of the Fall season, swim classes are already surpassing the previous year's end-of-season total of \$69,352.
- **Outdoor Pools** closed on September 13, with an extended week at Old Town Pool. With the closing of the Warwick Pool location and the expansion of operational hours at Old Town Pool, total revenues increased from \$57,856 to \$67,036 with staff expenses dropping from \$177,406 to \$104,950, and attendance decreased from 17,305 to 14,710. Despite only 2 pools operating, the Summer 2015 season saw a 16% increase in revenue due to pool rentals and season pass sales.

Upcoming Programs & Events

- Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility will host its **Family Fun Spooktacular** Halloween event on Friday, October 23, 6-9 p.m. Pumpkins will be provided for participants to decorate and take home. All ages are invited to enjoy swimming, music and sweet Halloween treats.
- The City of Alexandria and AlexRenew (formerly Alexandria Sanitation Authority) will host two events as part of the opening of the new multi-purpose field. The **Multi-Purpose Field Dedication Ceremony** will be held on October 23 for invited guests including City dignitaries, AlexRenew officials, and Virginia state officials, as well as representatives of RPCA and the Alexandria sports community. As a part of the ceremony, children from local youth organizations will participate in the dedication ceremony. Following the ceremony there will be a barbeque dinner and music. The **Family Field Fest** will be held on October 24 and is open to the public. RPCA and its Affiliate Groups will host informational tables and class, camp and sports demonstrations in the event's Energy Zone. Both events are being held at the AlexRenew site on Eisenhower Road. 300-400 attendees are expected.
- On October 24, Charles Houston Recreation Center presents **Paint and Sip Date Night**. This unique event gives participants an opportunity to tap into their artistic side while unwinding with a glass of wine or a non-alcoholic beverage.

- Mount Vernon Recreation Center and its Advisory Council will host their annual **Family Masquerade Ball** on Friday, October 30. All City of Alexandria residents and families are invited to the social engagement of the year, including dancing, photo opportunities, a best-dressed costume contest and refreshments. Tickets may be purchased for \$9 at the door or in advance at Mount Vernon Recreation Center.
- On October 30, from 5 to 8 p.m., William Ramsay Recreation Center will host its **2015 October Fest** featuring a haunted house, arts & crafts, spooky musical chairs, face painting, scary movies, spooky dance and other fun activities for families. Admission is \$7 at the door.

Special Features

- Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility closed from September 8 – September 13 for **annual maintenance and cleaning**. Both Memorial and Old Town Pools have been winterized. Renovations to Old Town Pool included the installation of security lighting and bathhouse interior paint touchups. Plans for exterior doors and training pool fencing replacement are currently underway. Memorial Pool is scheduled to have tiling installed in the ramp entry area. Alexandria Health Department scored RPCA Aquatics in the top 5 of **Excellent Swimming Pool Operations** out of approximately 20 Swimming Pool Management Companies.

Staff Updates

- September's Employee of the Month is **Joseph Jennings**. According to his supervisor, Mr. Jennings personifies the title "Employee Extraordinaire." The Department's Customer Service mantra, Responsive, Professional, Courteous and Accountable are accurate descriptions of his work ethics. He inspires fellow employees to work efficiently and effectively.

Admin

- RecTrac, the Department's registration and reservation management software, was updated in Fall 2014 making data collection and reporting more reliable. Key metrics are being tracked weekly and quarterly in the form of a **Recreation Services Scorecard**. Beginning with Fall 2015, seasonal totals will be compared to the previous season for more informative weekly progress comparisons, allowing Recreation Services the ability to make adjustments "on the fly" to meet or exceed previous years' participation and revenue scores.

Recreation Services had a record summer with more than one million dollars in combined revenue, which is approximately 50% above the seasonal average of \$720,000. The summer's registration success can be attributed to: the return of staple camps to their original

school facility locations; strategic placement and scheduling of specialty camps according to historic success data; full deployment of the Registration & Reservation Office to enhance the registration process; and increased promotion of summer programs for youth including camps and youth sport leagues. Programs promoted using the Summer of Smiles brochure and its marketing campaign saw a 63% registration increase over the previous year, resulting in a \$280,966 revenue increase and a 61% increase in unique participants.

Recreation Services SCORECARD					
	Fall FY15 16 weeks	Winter FY15 13 weeks	Spring FY15 11 weeks	Summer FY16 11 weeks	Change
Registration Revenue	\$482,876	\$249,678	\$162,515	\$794,485	Most registrations per season, doubling next closest (Fall)
# of Registrations	3,537	2,358	1,908	7,422	
Avg. Value per Registration	\$137	\$106	\$85	\$107	
Adult League Revenue	\$54,025	\$26,975	\$66,350	\$7,525	Avg Value/Team and summer revenues consistent
# Teams	110	50	105	15	
Avg Value per Adult Team	\$491	\$540	\$632	\$502	
# Free Drop-in Programs	38	12	25	27	On par with avg.
# of Active Households	7,837	9,843	11,514	13,492	Increase in # HH steady at 17%
Increase	N/A	26%	17%	17%	
# of Programs Offered	381	365	268	521	Highest success rate to date
Program Success Rate	73%	79%	78%	91%	
Overall Satisfaction Rate	90%	90%	88%	88%	Low response rate makes data less reliable
Evaluation Response Rate	10%	19%	19%	8%	
Likelihood to Recommend	92%	92%	91%	90%	
Passes Sold	752	558	501	360	Lowest to date - 36% below season avg.
Pass Revenue	\$73,245	\$48,219	\$43,866	\$31,336	
Avg. Value per Pass	\$97	\$86	\$88	\$87	30% above season avg.
Daily Visit Revenue	\$51,707	\$66,260	\$50,518	\$80,682	
Reservation Revenue	\$211,309	\$96,665	\$108,031	\$178,845	20% above season avg.
Combined Revenue	\$873,162	\$487,797	\$431,280	\$1,092,873	52% above season avg.

Chart reflects information managed using RecTrac.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2015

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: DINESH TIWARI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR - PARK OPERATIONS RECREATION,
PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

THROUGH: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR, RPCA

SUBJECT: PARK OPERATIONS MONTHLY UPDATE-ITEM VI-B

1. PARK AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

a) Park Maintenance:

- The renovations at Hume Springs Playground are ongoing with the help of many volunteers, young and old. The volunteers worked diligently as they painted and spruced up the park.
- Staff completed the annual renovation of the play surface at 18 playgrounds city wide. In addition to adding tons of new mulch, staff completed a comprehensive inspection of all playground borders and will be working to replace/repair those, as needed.
- RPCA & ARHA staff renovated the steps and walkway leading from the 28th Street to the rear of James Mulligan Park. The scope of work consisted of installation of additional steps and a stone-dust walkway. Hand rails will be added to the existing concrete steps. Project will improve pedestrian access to the park and the adjoining neighborhood.
- Witter Park received an Annual Beautification Award from the Alexandria Beautification Commission. RPCA staff responsible for the excellent care of this park was recognized in a separate ceremony for their efforts.



Playground



James Mulligan Park



James Mulligan Park



- 33 Park kiosks have been updated throughout the City with new information boards. The new kiosk design features a yellow background with “Welcome Center” heading. Each kiosk has an informational flyer which provides park feature information, emergency phone numbers, and Call Click Connect information. Direct phone numbers to Park Mangers are also provided to further encourage resident feedback. In addition, staff is gradually replacing the old kiosk structures with new PRCA standards kiosks.



Park kiosk

b) Park Facilities Maintenance

- As part of an energy-saving initiative, new Player Activated Control (PAC) devices have been installed to control lights in the following locations:
 - Boothe tennis courts
 - Four mile run soccer
 - Minnie Howard tennis courts
 - Patrick Henry tennis courts
 - William Ramsay tennis courts
 - Simpson basketball court
 - Lockett softball field
 - Hensley soccer/softball field



PAC

PAC device allows the user to use the sport facilities with a pre-set light duration, typically for 1 hour, after that the light system shut off automatically to conserve energy. Staff is inspecting all devices and installing standard signs explaining the operation of the lights at these locations.

- Mowing program for rights-of-way, schools, and public facilities on schedule as posted on City's website for public information <http://www.alexandriava.gov/18076>



Site Preparation for Supper Under the Stars event.
King Street Garden

- Staff continues inspecting playgrounds as part of our Playground Safety Program. The second annual Playground Safety Inspection started on September 9, 2015.
- Work continues on alley cleanup as requested by T&ES and Code Administration. The scope of work is to maintenance alleys accessible for the City’s refuse vehicles.
- Staff continues monitoring the growth of the hedges, and notifies the Contractor when the work needs to be done.

2. NATURAL LANDS MANAGEMENT

a. Invasive Plant Management and Ecological Restoration

- Staff supervised our contractor in foliar-treating all the Kudzu at the upper half of Goat Hill Park (app. 1-acre) and the giant Kudzu infestation at Patrick Henry Park (app. 1.5 acres).
- At Polk Avenue Park on September 26, 2015 National Public Lands Day, staff and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust worked with 42 volunteers from Messiah Lutheran Church and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Alexandria 2nd Ward) who scoured the old footprint of the former house on site and upper driveway of bits of glass, tile, metal, plastics, brick and asphalt fragments, etc., as well as hand-pulled and bagged all Mulberry-weed and Long-bristled Smartweed. Volunteers removed 13 heavy, stuffed bags of weed seeds and debris and litter. One truckload (app. 1/2 ton) of rubble, metal, and large debris was also removed.
- Volunteers also planted 20 locally-sourced and propagated Chinquapin, 10 Grass-leaf Blazing Star, and 1 Sweet Crabapple.

b. Cooperative Initiatives

- Staff completed the much revised and improved “Native Vascular Flora of the City of Alexandria, Virginia” - to be posted online on the Alexandria Flora, Natural Communities, and Geology webpage later this fall.
- City of Alexandria Herbarium (AVCH) assisted Virginia DCR, Natural Heritage Division, and Virginia Botanical Associates in adding 15 new plant records for the City of Alexandria to the Digital Atlas of the Virginia Flora and one new record for Fairfax County. (City of Alexandria – the old capital of Fairfax County – doubles as Fairfax County in the Atlas.)
- Staff led two field trips for the Maryland Native Plant



Trimming back and cleaning Landover Path



National Public Lands Day volunteers at Polk Avenue Park.



Ecological restoration plantings at Polk Avenue Park



MNPS Fall Conference Field Trip to Hickory Point Cypress Swamp.

Society (MNPS) Annual Fall Conference on Maryland's Eastern Shore September 19 and 20, 2015.

c. Environmental Review

- Staff met with contractors and Park Planning onsite to discuss ecological restoration plantings at the Four Mile Run Park Restoration Project area.

3. JEROME "BUDDIE" FORD NATURE CENTER

a. Programs/Updates:

The Naturalist staff of the Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center conducted 50 interpretive programs in September which, were attended by 717 participants. These nature center programs included 5 weekend birthday parties, 2 programs for recreation center children, a program for seniors at the Lee Center, a Fishing Program and 2 weekday programs for toddlers- Nature Story Time and Little Adventures. The combined total of visitors and program participants for September was 1,232 people.

Nature Buddies Afterschool Program:

The Nature Center's afterschool program began on September 8. This school year, the students have been divided into groups according to age. Eight students are enrolled in the kindergarten/1st grade group and thirteen children are enrolled in 2nd thru 5th graders group. The program has expanded into center's two classes. Program topics and activities covered this month included predator and prey, influences of weather and hands on animal care. The children take daily hikes along the trails of Dora Kelley Nature Park. We have received very positive feedback from the parents.

b. Volunteers and Interns:

A total of 4 volunteers provided 22 hours of service during the month of September.



Submerged tidal aquatic beds at Windmill Hill Park.



Relay races in the field



Children learn how bacteria are transferred.



Collecting rocks for a geology lesson

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2015

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF
PUBLIC RELATIONS, SPECIAL EVENTS & WATERFRONT OPERATIONS
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION: ITEM VI-B. DIVISION UPDATE

MARINA FEASIBILITY STUDY

With the adoption of the Waterfront Small Area Concept Plan in June 2014, City Council directed staff to identify and evaluate potential locations along the City's waterfront to support recreational boating facilities. In August 2015, RPCA and Department of Project Implementation (DPI), working with the Olin Team, including Moffatt & Nichol, kicked off the study. In addition to identifying potential recreational boating locations, the study will:

1. Update the previously completed market assessment to provide guidance in developing facilities of the appropriate size, configuration, and amenities;
2. Assess the feasibility of constructing recreational boating facilities from physical, environmental, operational, and capital cost considerations; and
3. Develop a framework plan for implementation of new boating facilities including phasing related to the Waterfront Plan and the Old Dominion Boat Club relocation.

On October 8, RPCA, DPI, and the study consultants held a Stakeholder meeting with recreational and commercial boat operators. The Commission may provide input on the study by completing the [Marina Feasibility Study Survey](#) by October 30, 2015.

WATERFRONT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES

- www.alexandriava.gov/Waterfront

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES – October through November 2015

Oct 17, 2015 Sat 8:30 AM [Judy Lowe Neighborhood Park Dedication](#)
City Council dedication of the Judy Lowe Neighborhood Park at 1&7 East Del Ray Avenue

Oct 17, 2015 Sat 10:00 AM [Family Fall Festival](#)
A family favorite event featuring fall activities such as scarecrow making, pumpkin and face painting, arts and crafts, exhibitors, food vendors, puppet show, pony rides, and performing groups.

Oct 17, 2015 Sat 11:00 AM [Parker-Gray High School Marker Dedication](#)
Learn about the segregation era high school built in 1950 at the old school site-1200 block of Madison Street.

Oct 18, 2015 Sun 10:00 AM [4MRStage Concert Series - Mike Elosh](#)
Mike Elosh plays guitar, piano & harmonica to accompany his roots-based music.

Oct 24, 2015 Sat 11:00 AM [Alexandria Renew's Family Field Fest](#)
Event features exhibitor booths, arts & crafts, fitness activities, food, and live music. Sponsored by Alexandria Renew and the City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. Come celebrate the opening of the new field located at Alexandria Renew Enterprises!

Oct 24, 2015 Sat 12:00 PM [Alexandria International Festival](#)
The City will collaborate with various groups to present a festival featuring foods, vendors and entertainment from different countries.

Oct 25, 2015 Sun 10:00 AM [4MRStage Concert Series - Back Alley Blues Boys](#)
Back Alley Blues Boys is a Metro DC based trio comprised of Art Hildebrand, Shawn Askin and Joe Weber. They play acoustic and electric guitar-driven blues, folk, and roots music, as well as some softer acoustic numbers and rock and roll tunes.

Oct 25, 2015 Sun 2:00 PM [19th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade](#)
One of Del Ray's favorite traditions is the Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade down Mt. Vernon Avenue to the field at Mt. Vernon Recreation Center. Costumed children, adults, strollers and pets are all invited to march and show off their finest and scariest Halloween garb.

Nov 1, 2015 Sun 10:00 AM [4MRStage Concert Series – Emily Henry](#)
Emily Henry is a Virginia-based acoustic folk-pop singer/songwriter with a lovely voice and lots of original music to please the ears on a Sunday morning.

- Nov 6, Fri 6:00 PM [Family Fun Night](#)
2015 Bring the whole family to Family Fun Nights for swimming and fun for all ages on Friday evenings. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes and fun on the 'Aqua Challenge' floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth; learn pool safety tips and more.
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- Nov 7, Sat 10:00 AM [Soldier-led Tours of Fort Ward](#)
2015 In honor of Veteran's Day.
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- Nov 7, Sat 2:00 PM [Soldier-led Tours of Fort Ward](#)
2015 In honor of Veteran's Day.
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- Nov 8, Sun 10:00 AM [4MRStage Concert Series - Dan Barry](#)
2015 Dan Barry is a NY native singer/writer living in the DC area in same vein as Ben Harper, Jack Johnson, or Dave Matthews Band.
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- Nov 14, Sat 8:00 AM [St. Rita School Annual 5k](#)
2015 A 5K Run/Walk School PTO fundraiser to support school Academics and athletics facility.
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- Nov 15, Sun 7:00 AM [U S A T F 12k National Race Championships](#)
2015 USA Track & Field Championship Race. Featured running event uniting road racers and local fitness enthusiasts along with some of the best athletes in USA Track & Field. There are three racing opportunities: an open 12K for all ages and abilities, a 1-mile road race and a kids' fun run. You can also watch some of the best runners in the world compete.
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- Nov 15, Sun 10:00 AM [4MRStage Concert Series - The Scrub Pines](#)
2015 The Scrub Pines are Andrea and Nelson of Hyattsville, MD, sharing a collection of acoustic ballads and instrumentals, gathered from deep in the woods, along the river and up in the hills.
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- Nov 22, Sun 8:00 AM [Carpenter's Shelter 10k, 5k And Fun Run](#)
2015 A charity run that will help benefit the Carpenter's Shelter. Will utilize the USAFT certified courses VA-12002 and VA-12062.
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- Nov 26, Thu 9:00 AM [40th Annual Alexandria Turkey Trot](#)
2015 A Thanksgiving morning tradition, the 40th annual Alexandria Turkey Trot is the city's premiere Turkey Trot.
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- Nov 27, Fri 6:00 PM [Tree Lighting Ceremony](#)
2015 An official City event at which the City tree is lit and a visit by Santa to open the holiday season. Program to include welcome by the Town Crier, the Mayor and other City Officials.
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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2015

TO: ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN+CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

ITEM: MONTHLY UPDATE FOR PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION;
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 2015 – ITEM VI-B

ISSUE:

The following items are provided to the Park & Recreation Commission as information at its October 15, 2015 meeting:

- Selected Capital Projects Overview Update
- Selected Capital Facilities Maintenance Projects Update
- Potomac Yard Metro Update
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan Update
- Mount Jefferson Park DSP Update
- Mount Jefferson Park Plan
- Selected Images from Oakville Triangle Submission

Active Park Planning Projects

Thursday, October 08, 2015

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Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
VDOT				
	Four Mile Pedestrian Bridge	DW RK	55% Design	31-Dec-15
	Notes: New landing location approved by Dominion. Buro Happold has provided scope to resume work, however new scope asks for additional funding. Alexandria and Arlington staff working to determine next steps			
TE&S				
	Oronoco Outfall Project	JB		
	Notes: Dredging is anticipated in the winter.			
T&ES				
	Holmes Run trail Feasibility Study	DW JL		01-Mar-16
	Notes: T&ES is at 60% with design to put pedestrian bridge at the stairs from the fair weather crossing at Ripley Street.			
RPCA/ACPS				
	Patrick Henry Recreation Center Renovation	Ron, Beth, Laura, D	20%	01-Jun-16
	Notes: ACPS School Board decision on June 11 to build new school around existing school. Neighborhood Recreation Center recommended by City Council June 23. Staff will update the public in Sept. 2015.			
RPCA				
	Add Canopy Structure at All Veterans Park	Judy	10% Design	31-Oct-15
	Notes: Identified in Holmes Run Plan. Design options under evaluation by Staff. Outreach to community groups to occur late Aug./Early Sept. Information Sign posted in park by 9/14			
	Armistead L. Boothe Park Restrooms	DG	95% Design	30-Jun-16
	Notes: Restroom CDs are 99% completed. The RFP is currently in review.			
	Ben Brenman Trail Improvements	BZ, CW	100% Design	04-Sep-15
	Notes: Trail improvements were installed on August 31. Project punchlist items and closeout in progress.			
	Beverley Playground Renovation	JL	5% Construction Docs	01-Dec-16
	Notes: Construction budget allocation completed in April 2015. 30% plans complete. Further evaluation/redesign needed to mitigate tree impacts. Contract modification in progress.			
	Carlyle Dog Park Improvements	DR JN	5%	01-Nov-15
	Notes: This project will improve surfacing and park facilities, and combine with Living Landscape Dedicated Contributions. The bids are under review.			
	Chinquapin Feasibility Study	RMK LD	in progress	30-Sep-15
	Notes: Hughes Group is analyzing alternative construction methods and completing the geotechnical analysis to determine if the estimated cost can be significantly reduced. Work will be completed by Fall15			

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
	Chinquapin Pavilion ADA Access Ramp	BZ, DG	90%	11-Sep-15
	Notes: Project is completed and approved by City Code Admin. Railing painting complete and in the punch list stage.			
	Chinquapin Playground Repair-Upgrade	JL	80%	01-Oct-15
	Notes: Replacement parts installed July 30, 2015. Fence repairs and one additional equipment to be completed in the fall. Playground recommended to be re-located in 10 years--full renovation on hold.			
	CIP Planning/Budget	BZ, DW		
	Notes: The budget was adopted May 7. Planning for FY 2017 is underway. Departmental forms were submitted to OMB on September 30.			
	City Marina Seawalls Planning	JB	5%	01-Jan-16
	Notes: Engineering study to evaluate the condition of the existing seawalls in order to determine the priority and level of repair needed. Project is being coordinated with DPI.			
	City Marina Utility Upgrade	JB	0%	30-Jun-17
	Notes: Engineering/planning in FY16. The project contract has been awarded.			
	Del Ray Community Plaza Trees	DW	0%	30-Sep-15
	Notes: TES completed pavers and community group installed new picnic tables. Trees will be tagged in September.			
	Entry portals and signs	RT, OM	0% Construction	31-Dec-15
	Notes: The purchase of new signs per the City's Wayfinding guidelines will be coordinated with T&ES and P&Z.			
	Four Mile Run Connector Design and EA	DW	0%	30-Jun-16
	Notes: Bridge needed to connect new wetlands to ballfields. Funding for design allocated. Needs construction funding. RPCA drafting DPI charter for project management.			
	Four Mile Run Restoration	Dana/Ron	25%	31-Dec-15
	Notes: Wetland restoration underway and on schedule. Grading and plantings complete. Trails to be complete in november. Ribbon cutting anticipated in Spring.			
	Four Mile Run Trail Improvements and Mile Ma	Dan R. and DW	5%	31-Dec-15
	Notes: Mile Markers at warehouse and will be installed after the Four Mile Run Restoration project is complete.			
	FY16 Tree Planting - Fall	JN	0%	18-Dec-15
	Notes: 452 trees along City rights of way, in parks and at public facilities			
	Holmes Run Fitness Equipment Phase 2	Judy	20%	15-Oct-15
	Notes: Purchase order request for two pieces of fitness equipment to be submitted by 8/15/2015. Quotes exceed estimated cost--scope revisions under evaluation.			

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
	Hume Springs Playground Renovation	JL		15-Oct-15
	Notes: Purchase Order submitted August 6. Installation began August 26. Volunteer work days scheduled for 9/11 and 9/19.			
	Hunter Miller Basketball Renovation (lights and	BZ, JN	100% Design	23-Oct-15
	Notes: The replacement lights have been installed and the court will be repaved in October.			
	Improve Landscape beds around Rec Centers	BT OM	10% Design	31-Dec-15
	Notes: Plans are being coordinated with Recreation Center Directors.			
	King Street Gardens Improvements	DR/MH		01-Jun-19
	Notes: RPCA and OEQ are working on the rain garden restoration to bring that part of the artwork back to its original design/purpose. Staff will work with an art conservator and the artist on the restoration			
	Lee Center Diagonal Path	JL	10%	30-Oct-15
	Notes: Design to be finalized. Estimates to be obtained early September. Finalizing scopes with City sidewalk contractor.			
	Lee Center Landscape Renovation	JL RMK		30-Oct-15
	Notes: Draft Landscape Plan recommendations to be completed Winter 2015			
	Maxicom Audit	OM	80%	31-Oct-15
	Notes: The contractor has completed the data analysis. The physical audit was completed in June. The preliminary report was submitted in September.			
	Native Plant Conservation Zone Enhancement	Bob, John W.	0%	30-Sep-14
	Notes: This project will provide long-term improvements to better-define and protect eight NPCZs throughout the City. Design/Procurement in Summer.			
	Neighborhood Parks Plan	DW LD	75%	01-Jan-16
	Notes: Draft Park Plan complete and for PRC to review.			
	Old Town Pool Door Replacement	DG, RB	5%	31-Dec-15
	Notes: The scope is out for quotes.			
	Oronoco Bay Stair Replacement	EL	50% Design	30-Nov-15
	Notes: The project is in procurement.			
	Potomac Yard Park	BZ	80% Construction	29-Feb-16
	Notes: Phase I (main body) opened December 14. Phase II (south trail) anticipated to be complete fall 2015 (punch lists are in progress). Phase III (North Pond) to be separated and complete winter 2015/2016.			

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
	Recreation Facilities Security Review	RMK		
	Notes: Internal analysis of the original APD assessment was completed on 8/24/2015. Tasks were prioritized and bundled per work category with highest priority bundle designated for immediate implementation.			
	Replace Old Town training pool fence	DG, RB	0%	30-Nov-15
	Notes: This project will replace the Old Town Pool fence around the training pool. The project is currently in procurement.			
	Rubber Surface Repairs	JL, SR,OM		20-Nov-15
	Notes: On-going project. Needed FY2016 repairs are being identified through the quarterly and weekly playground inspections, repairs to be scheduled weather permitting.			
	Simpson Little Building Demolition/Backstop	DG	90% Design	30-Jun-16
	Notes: CDs are completed. The project is currently out for bid.			
	Simpson Park Duncan Ave Entrance Improveme	DG, DW	60% Design	30-Jun-16
	Notes: See Simpson Park Plan. Construction drawings are in progress in coordination with the little simpson press box project.			
	Simpson Playground & Passive Area Renovatio	JL, DW	0%	01-Apr-16
	Notes: LWCF grant approved for project. RFP for design and construction documents in procurement. Proposals expected back at end of October.			
	Tarleton Trail Improvements	LD		31-Oct-15
	Notes: Boulders placed along trail to prevent vehicular traffic on grass/lawn areas. Upcoming soft trail resurfacing planned for connector from South Jordan in Sept.			
	Trail Signage	DW	0%	30-Oct-15
	Notes:			
	Warwick Pool Renovation	RMK		
	Notes: Geotechnical and structural analysis for the site was completed in July. First draft of final facility assessment report received September 01.			
	Wayfinding for Citywide Parks	DW	0%	31-May-16
	Notes: RFP in progress.			
	Windmill Hill Bulkhead Replacement	JB, BZ	10% Design	01-Jan-17
	Notes: City Council approved an amendment to the 2003 Park Master Plan to build a living shoreline to provide stabilization to the failed bulkhead and shore erosion. Staff will begin CDs in the fall.			
P&Z				
	Braddock Small Area Plan	LD	90% Planning	
	Notes: Andropogon hired to complete concept design for one-acre neighborhood park. Concept alternatives will be presented at second community/AG September 29 2015.			

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
	Eisenhower ASA/Alexandria Renew Restrooms	BZ, DG	30% Construction	31-Oct-15
	Notes: RPCA is reviewing shop drawings and submittals during construction. Construction is anticipated to be complete in October 2015.			
	Eisenhower ASA/AlexRenew Field	BZ, RMK	90 % Construction	30-Oct-15
	Notes: Construction is underway and is anticipated to be complete Oct, 2015. Initial punch list inspections were done in September. Project website is http://www.alexrenewnmf.com/			
	Eisenhower Avenue Widening	Beth Z.	90% Design	01-Oct-16
	Notes: Project is expected to be under construction for 18 months starting late 2015. 90% Drawings reviewed.			
	Eisenhower West	LD	100% Planning	
	Notes: Draft plan available in July 2015. AG continues to meet monthly. Final community meeting September 16 2015. City Council delivery in November 2015.			
	Fitzgerald Square	RMK		
	Notes: Initial SOW in progress. Consultant proposal in first draft.			
	Mount Vernon Village Center	RK JL LD	75% Design	
	Notes: Project canceled for financial reasons. RPCA needs to re-evaluate funding for park improvements previously expected through project conditions.			
	Potomac Greens Park	BZ	100% Construction	30-Oct-15
	Notes: Construction complete. RPCA has accepted the as-builts. Performance Bond was to be released June 17. Site walk with Elm Street occurred the first week of July and a punch list was submitted for remedy.			
	Potomac Yard I/J West and L	BZ	60% Construction	
	Notes: Plan approved in Sept. 2011. RPCA staff consulted on the play areas, but the application is not officially reviewed by RPCA due to lack of public land. Construction of Leslie connection in progress.			
	Potomac Yard Landbay I/J Parks	BZ	75% Construction	30-Oct-15
	Notes: Phase I (Custis) complete/under maintenance bond. Construction of phase II (Howell) complete/under performance bond. As-built punch lists relayed to Pulte. Custis work is complete.			
	Waterfront Plan	LD RMK		30-Sep-13
	Notes: Plan implementation underway including Phase II engineering and flood mitigation. Fitzgerald Square interim design commenced June, 2015			

General Services

	Community Building Renovation Completion	LD, DG	100%	
	Notes: Improvements to the building are complete. Staff are reviewing and negotiating a final proposal for a non-profit management lease of the building, including newHVAC. Decision pending late summer 2015.			

ACPS

	Jefferson-Houston	DW RMK, DHG	90% Construction	01-Sep-15
	Notes: School is completed and fully occupied. Project Consultant PM is coordinating outstanding issues closeouts for City Assets at the site.			

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
	John Adams Transportation Improvements	DW		31-Aug-15
	Notes: CC approved plan on 11/15. Parking lot expansion set to begin in summer. Bids came back over budget - ACPS is reducing Scope of Work.			



Active Rec CFMP Projects

Parks, Recreation + Cultural Activities /
Department of General Services

October 15, 2015

FY	Project Name	Project Code	Facility Name	Status	% Complete
FY 2014	Restrooms Upgrade	CB-14-01	Charles Barrett Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Replace fitness equipment with new	CB-14-01	Charles Barrett Center	Canceled	-0-
FY 2014	Kitchen-Multi Purpose Upgrade	CB-14-02	Charles Barrett Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Gym Doors Replacment	CK-14-04	Cora Kelly Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	HVAC Commissioning	CK-14-02	Cora Kelly Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2014	Bleachers Replacement	CK-14-03	Cora Kelly Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Windows Repair-Glazing	CN-14-02	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	On Hold	-0-
FY 2014	Lockers in Pool Office, Ph I	CN-14-01	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	Completed FY12	100%
FY 2014	Fabric Acoustic Panels	OD-14-03	Oswald Durant Arts Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	HVAC Work - New Chillers	LC-14-03	Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Restroom Renovations	LC-14-04	Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Fire Alarm Upgrade	LC-14-05	Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Restroom Lighting Upgrade	LC-14-06	Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	HVAC Unit Replacement	MV-14-01	Mt. Vernon Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Resurface Gym Floor	MV-14-03	Mt. Vernon Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Repair Curtain Motor, Gym	MV-14-04	Mt. Vernon Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Bleachers Replacement	MV-14-05	Mt. Vernon Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	New Reception Counter	NL-14-04	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Gym Bleacher Replacement	NL-14-01	Nannie J. Lee Center	Canceled	
FY 2014	Gym Curtain	NL-14-03	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%

FY	Project Name	Project Code	Facility Name	Status	% Complete
FY 2014	Restrooms Renovations	NL-14-05	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Gym Floor Resurface	NL-14-02	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2014	Replace Damaged Dance Floor	WR-14-01	William Ramsay Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Window sealing	BF-15-01	Buddie Ford Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Multipurpose Rm Upgrade	CB-15-03	Charles Barrett Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Window sealing	CB-15-02	Charles Barrett Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Hot water heater	CK-15-04	Cora Kelly Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Lobby Floor Finish Replacement	CK-15-01	Cora Kelly Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	New HVAC Controls	CK-14-05	Cora Kelly Center	On Hold	-0-
FY 2015	Restroom lighting	CK-15-03	Cora Kelly Center	In procurement	-0-
FY 2015	Restroom upgrades	CK-15-02	Cora Kelly Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Natatorium Door Replacement	CN-15-03	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	On Hold	-0-
FY 2015	Windows Repair-Glazing	CN-15-01	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	Lockers in Pool Office, Ph. 2	CN-15-02	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	LED Lighting Upgrade	CN-15-04	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Natatorium Doors Replacement	CN-15-05	Chinquapin Park Rec Center	In Procuremnt	-0-
FY 2015	Floor system repairs	CO--15-01	Colasanto Arts Center	Executing	50%
FY 2015	New Flooring and Wall base	OD-15-02	Oswald Durant Arts Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	Sump Pump Installation	OD-15-01	Oswald Durant Arts Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Decommission AC Units	OD-13-01	Oswald Durant Arts Center		-0-
FY 2015	New Flooring in Corridor	OD-15-01	Oswald Durant Arts Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	Stage Lighting System	OD-14-02	Oswald Durant Arts Center	On Hold/Delayed	-0-
FY 2015	Water Damage-Fan Coil Unit	OD-15-05	Oswald Durant Arts Center	Equipment on Order	-0-

FY	Project Name	Project Code	Facility Name	Status	% Complete
FY 2015	Interior Painting	OD-15-04	Oswald Durant Arts Center	Executing	100%
FY 2015	Restrooms Wall covering Replacement	LC-15-03	Lee Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	Replace Corridor Water Cooler	LC-15-01	Lee Center	Preliminary Phase	-0-
FY 2015	Cooling tower replaement	LC-15-07	Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Paint corridor	LC-15-06	Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Window replacement	LC-15-06	Lee Center	Executing	-0-
FY 2015	Replace Cabinets in Kitchen	LC-14-02	Lee Center	On Hikd	-0-
FY 2015	Millwork Replacement (Multiple Areas)	LC-14-01	Lee Center	On Hold	-0-
FY 2015	RTU#2 replacement	LC-15-06	Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Fire Panel Replacement	LC-13-04	Lee Center	Executing	90%
FY 2015	Exterior lighting upgrades	LC-15-05	Lee Center	Executing	80%
FY 2015	Fenestration System Replacement	LC-15-02	Lee Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	Ceiling Upgrade	MV-15-04	Mt. Vernon Center	Executing	25%
FY 2015	Roof replacememt	MV-15-02	Mt. Vernon Center	Executing	65%
FY 2015	Exterior lighting upgrades	MV-15-03	Mt. Vernon Center	Executing	-0-
FY 2015	Reception desk upgrade	MV-15-01	Mt. Vernon Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	Activity Room Ceiling Replacement	MV-14-02	Mt. Vernon Center	Old Hold	-0-
FY 2015	New Fitness Equipment	NL-15-01	Nannie J. Lee Center	In Queue (Outlying FY)	-0-
FY 2015	Painting - Interiors	NL-15-02	Nannie J. Lee Center	Completed	100%
FY 2015	New Fitness Equipment	WR-15-03	William Ramsay Center	On Hold/Delayed	-0-
FY 2015	Restroom Renovations	WR-15-01	William Ramsay Center	Completed	100%

FY	Project Name	Project Code	Facility Name	Status	% Complete
FY 2015	Install Sound Baffles	WR-15-02	William Ramsay Center	On Hold/Delayed	-0-
FY 2015	Kitchen renovation/upgrade	WR-15-04	William Ramsay Center	Completed	100%

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2015

TO: ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

THROUGH: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN+CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

ITEM: UPDATE ON POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL PROJECT

On May 20, 2015 City Council selected Alternative B as the locally preferred alternative, with construction access Option 2 (no access from the George Washington Memorial Parkway). City Council also authorized the City Manager to negotiate a Net Benefits Agreement with the National Park Service (NPS) based on the mitigation framework for impacts to the George Washington Memorial Parkway that was outlined in the staff report.

Alternative B will impact Potomac Greens Park and Potomac Yard Park where the Metrorail station and bridges are located. These impacts are covered in detail in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the Final Environmental Impact Statement that is currently in progress. These impacts will require amendments to the Development Special Use Permits on each of the parks.

On September 29, 2015, City Council voted to modify and expand the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group (PYMIG). PYMIG will serve as the primary forum for the public outreach process throughout the duration of the project. The newly reconfigured PYMIG membership will include one representative from the Park and Recreation Commission.

The agenda for the PYMIG meeting on October 28th will include station and bridge precedents and a discussion of park programming for Potomac Greens Park and Potomac Yard Park.

As the project begins the next phase of implementation, staff has recommended establishing a design approval process that will provide for thorough community engagement to include a series of public meetings where public input will be sought. The attached schedule is a working draft of that engagement process.

Staff will update the Commission on the outcome of the PYMIG discussions throughout this process. For more information on the project, please visit www.alexandriava.gov/potomacyard.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2015

TO: ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN+CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

ITEM: PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The City is updating the Pedestrian and Bicycle chapters of the Transportation Master Plan to reflect changes that have occurred since the City's 2008 Transportation Master Plan, including the Complete Streets policy, the development of various Small Area Plans throughout the City, the Capital Bikeshare program, and a move toward implementing on-street bicycle facilities. In addition, the City will be developing a Complete Streets Design Guidelines Manual.

Highlights of the draft Master Plan include a pedestrian priority project list, on-street bicycle priority list, and trails priority list (attached). The Consultant, Toole Design Group, and City Staff developed the project priorities based upon project evaluation criteria that was endorsed by the project's Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, with input from staff and the public. The evaluation criteria addressed safety, demand, geography and connectivity, and was supported by on-site observation.

Of particular importance to park interests is: (1) the highest ranked priority for trail projects in the plan is the trail along the south side of Holmes Run Parkway. This was also amongst the highest priority of the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan; and (2) The Complete Streets Design Guidelines Manual includes a Parkway Typology outlining specific treatment of roadways next to parks. A map in the manual highlights existing and proposed locations for this treatment.

City Staff expect to present the plan recommendations to the Park and Recreation Commission in November for input, and approved by City Council in Spring 2016.

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Alexandria Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update - Priority Projects* (September 2, 2015)

Priority Pedestrian Projects

Rank No.**	Street	Segment	Recommendation	Notes
1	King Street	Quaker Lane to N. Hampton Drive	New sidewalks along the north and south sides of King Street, including over I-395, where missing. This project improves important pedestrian safety and connectivity along a street with higher volumes and speeds, and a history of pedestrian fatalities.	
2	Van Dorn Street	Kenmore Avenue to the north of Braddock Road	New sidewalk along the west side of Van Dorn Street. This project improves pedestrian safety and connectivity in west Alexandria.	Additional analysis needed to determine treatments, which may include traffic calming, signage and other methods to slow vehicles and give priority to bicyclists. No removal of parking or travel lane is anticipated. Coordinate with the Old Town North Small Area Plan.
3	Payne Street / Jefferson St.	300 block of S. Payne St.; 700 block of S. Payne St.; 1200 block of Jefferson St.	New sidewalk on the east side of the 300 block of S. Payne Street where missing; new sidewalk on the east side of the 700 block of S. Payne Street where missing; new sidewalk on the south side of the 1200 block of Jefferson Street where missing.	
4	Cameron Station Boulevard	S. Pickett Street to Armistead Boothe Park	New sidewalk on the east side of Cameron Station Boulevard where missing. Provides an important connection to Armistead Boothe Park / Cameron Station and future redevelopment along S. Pickett Street and areas to the north.	Will be constructed as part of adjacent redevelopment. Being coordinated with the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan.
5	Fayette Street	Route 1 and First Street	New sidewalk on the west side of Fayette Street, south of Route 1 to First Street.	Was recommended in the Braddock Metro Station Small Area Plan. May be constructed as part of future redevelopment.
6	Eisenhower Avenue	Van Dorn Street to Van Dorn Metrorail Station	New sidewalk on the south side of Eisenhower Avenue where missing. Provides an important connection to the Van Dorn Metrorail Station.	Being coordinated with the West End Transitway and the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan. Will be constructed as part of the West End Transitway project.
7	N. Paxton Street	North of Duke Street	New sidewalk on the west side of N. Paxton Street along the curve. Provides connectivity between residential along N. Paxton Street to Duke Street.	
8	N. Jordan Street	Howard Street to Seminary Road	New sidewalk along the east side of N. Jordan Street where missing. Provides connectivity between multifamily residential uses and Seminary Road and Hammond Middle School.	
9	Russell Road	King Street to W. Cedar Street	New sidewalk along the west side of Russell Road where missing. Provides connectivity between the Rosemont neighborhood and Union Station and King Street Metrorail station.	
10	Seminary Road	West of Quaker Lane to west of Ft. Williams Parkway	New sidewalk along the north side of Seminary Road where missing. Provides connectivity to the Episcopal High School, and to the Virginia Theological Seminary.	

* Project priorities were based on evaluation criteria that was endorsed by the Ad Hoc Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Advisory Committee

** Project rankings are based on the total score received based on the evaluation, however, the rankings are subject to change based on additional input.

Alexandria Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update - Priority Projects* (September 2, 2015)

Priority On-Street Bicycle Projects

Rank No.**	Street	Segment	Recommendation	Notes
1	Madison Street / West Street / Oronoco Street	West Street to Mt. Vernon Trail / Union Street	Provides east-west connectivity in North Old Town and to the Mt. Vernon Trail and Braddock Metrorail Station. Madison Street would be an enhanced bicycle corridor that may remove one travel lane; Oronoco Street would include shared on-street facilities.	Coordinate with Pavement program. Would need to do traffic study to determine facility type and the right sizing of the travel lanes. Also coordinate with the Old Town North Small Area Plan.No removal of on-street parking is anticipated.
2	Royal Street	Jones Point Drive to Bashford Lane	Neighborhood bikeway to provide north-south connectivity in Old Town and provide link for the Mt. Vernon Trail. This improvement would provide a safer and more desirable route for bicyclists, leading to less walking and bicycling conflicts on Union Street and parallel sidewalks.	Additional analysis needed to determine treatments, which may include traffic calming, signage and other methods to slow vehicles and give priority to bicyclists. No removal of parking or travel lane is anticipated. Coordinate with the Old Town North Small Area Plan.
3	Van Dorn Street	Eisenhower Avenue to Sanger Avenue	Enhanced bicycle corridor (Specific facility type to be determined through further study) to provide north-south connectivity in west Alexandria and provide a connection to the Van Dorn Metrorail station. A sidepath on the east side of Van Dorn Street is recommended.	This improvement is being coordinated with the West End Transitway project, currently underway.
4	Duke Street	Callahan Drive to W. Taylor Run Parkway	Enhanced bicycle corridor (Specific facility type to be determined through further study) to provide east-west connectivity in central Alexandria. This facility will be beneficial in providing connectivity to the future transitway corridor along Duke Street.	This improvement will need to be coordinated with the analysis and design of the Duke Street transitway (Corridor B).
5	Prince / Cameron Streets	Reinkers Lane to Union Street	Bike lanes to provide east-west connectivity in Old Town and as a connection between the King Street Metrorail Station and the waterfront.	This project is currently in the City's Capital Improvement Program. Will be coordinated with the Pavement program. No removal of parking or travel lanes is anticipated.
6	Beauregard Street	Holmes Run Parkway to King Street	Enhanced bicycle corridor (Specific facility type to be determined through further study) to provide north-south connectivity in west Alexandria and the West End Transitway. A minimum 10' sidepath along either side of Van Dorn Street is recommended.	This facility was planned during the Beauregard Small Area Plan and is being further defined as part of the West End Transitway project, currently underway.
7	Payne / Fayette Streets	Old Cameron Run Trail to Slaters Lane	Shared on-street facility or neighborhood bikeway to provide north-south connectivity in west Old Town and improved connections to the Old Cameron Run Trail and Mt. Vernon Trail.	Additional analysis needed to determine treatments, which may include traffic calming, signage and other methods to slow vehicles and give priority to bicyclists. No removal of parking or travel lane is anticipated.
8	S. Pickett Street	City/County line to Duke Street	Enhanced bicycle corridor (Specific facility type to be determined through further study) to provide east-west connectivity in west Alexandria. Also provides connectivity to the future Multi-modal bridge which will connect to the Van Dorn Metrorail station.	This improvement is being coordinated with the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan.
9	King Street	Janney's Lane to Menokin Drive	Enhanced bicycle corridor (Specific facility type to be determined through further study) to provide east-west connectivity in central and west Alexandria. Provides a connection to existing bike lanes on King Street east of Janney's Lane and connects to the Bradlee shopping area.	Additional analysis is needed to determine treatment, which may include a bicycle lane,or protected / buffered bicycle lane. This improvement would be coordinated with road resurfacing. Additional analysis is needed to determine if right sizing of travel lanes is feasible. No removal of parking is anticipated.
10	Duke Street	S. Quaker Lane to Holmes Run	Enhanced bicycle corridor (Specific facility type to be determined through further study) to provide east-west connectivity in central / west Alexandria. This facility will be beneficial in providing connectivity to the future transitway corridor along Duke Street.	This improvement will need to be coordinated with the analysis and design of the Duke Street transitway (Corridor B).

Priority Trail Projects (Shared Pedestrian and Bicycle)

1	Holmes Run Trail	South side of Holmes Run between Ripley Street and N. Pickett Street	Construct a new trail along the south side of Holmes Run to provide improved connectivity of the existing trail system.	
2	Cameron Run Trail	Cameron Station to Fairfax County	Extend the existing Cameron Run Trail to the west along the north side of Cameron Run to the Alexandria / Fairfax County line.	This project is currently funded in the City's Capital Improvement Program. Additional analysis and design is needed to determine exact alignment. This project is being coordinated with the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan.
3	Old Cameron Run Trail	Eisenhower Avenue / Stovall St. to where approximately Holland Lane alignment is located	Construct a new trail from Eisenhower Avenue at Stovall Lane to the east along future development in Eisenhower East, continuing along the south side of the Alex Renew plant where the previous trail was located. This trail provides an important connection from Eisenhower East and the Eisenhower Metrorail station to Old Town and the Mt. Vernon Trail.	This project is currently funded in the City's Capital Improvement Program. Additional analysis and design is needed to determine exact alignment.

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2015

TO: CHAIR & MEMBERS OF THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN+CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN FOR MOUNT JEFFERSON
PARK

ISSUE: Staff update to the Park and Recreation Commission on the proposed Development Site Plan for the section of Mount Jefferson Park from East Raymond Avenue to Route 1.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Park and Recreation Commission receive the update.

BACKGROUND: In April 2015, after a thirteen month public planning effort, the Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Advisory Group unanimously approved the concept plan for Mount Jefferson Park. Following that endorsement, in May 2015, the Park and Recreation Commission received and held a public hearing on the draft concept plan. The May 2015 staff report (attached) contains detailed background information regarding the planning process, the public feedback received, and the concept plan itself. Staff also presented the next steps, based on the Park and Recreation Commission's endorsement and recommendation(s) for the concept plan, which included:

- Develop an engineered stormwater/drainage and grading plan for the concept plan;
- Further develop the plans for Oakville Triangle on site open space;
- Incorporate any interpretive elements based on Mount Jefferson Park's history and character;and
- Submit a Development Site Plan for approval by the Planning Commission.

Staff and the development team for the Oakville Triangle site worked over the summer to complete the above items, and submitted the Preliminary Development Site Plan for the December 1 Planning Commission meeting.

DISCUSSION: The site plan for the park is based on the concept plan, which represented an effort to balance the community needs with the understanding that the adjacent Oakville Triangle property will likely be redeveloped in the future. The site plan addresses the following goals and improvements:

- Maintaining the character of the park, including keeping the existing topography created by the old rail line;
- Addressing the stormwater/drainage issues;
- Enhancing and expanding the off-leash dog area;
- Providing better separation between the dog exercise area and the trail;
- Enhancing the trail with a pervious surface treatment;
- Providing 3' landscaped berms along the new Park Road (Oakville Triangle site) and the park;
- Improving access and wayfinding at East Raymond Avenue and Route 1;
- Improving a new pedestrian/bicycle access point at Stewart Avenue; and
- Enhancing native buffer plantings along the trail.

In addition, with its endorsement of the concept plan, the Park and Recreation Commission asked that staff ensure that:

- Street trees (along the Park Road portion of the park) are not provided/designed in a straight line;
- Evergreen trees are provided to help maintain the secluded forest-feel; and
- Half the trail (along the highest point of the existing berm) is permeable as it is today, without specialize paving.

All of the above items are addressed in the site plan. The improvements to the existing off-leash dog area are also shown in the site plan, including:

- Fencing between East Raymond Avenue and the off-leash dog area per the Dog Park Master Plan (2000) recommendation;
- Separation between the trail and the off-leash dog area through use of fencing, planting, and a retaining/seal wall; and
- Extending the dog area per the Dog Park Master Plan (2000) recommendation.

Implementation of the Plan:

The Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Advisory Group, along with the involved community, identified community benefits associated with the proposed redevelopment of the Oakville Triangle site. The Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Plan shows improvements to this section of Mount Jefferson Park as one of the highest priority community benefits. Implementation of this park plan is planned occur in conjunction with the first phase of development of Oakville

Triangle site, if approved by the City. In the absence of Oakville Triangle redevelopment, the plan would be included with the 17 Neighborhood Park Plans currently underway, and considered through the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in future years.

Attachment

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 21, 2015

TO: CHAIR & MEMBERS OF THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN+CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: RECEIPT AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN FOR
THE EAST RAYMOND AVENUE TO ROUTE 1 SECTION OF MOUNT
JEFFERSON PARK

ISSUE: Park and Recreation Commission public hearing on and endorsement of a proposed concept plan for the section of Mount Jefferson Park from East Raymond Avenue to Route 1.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Park and Recreation Commission:

1. Hold a public hearing on the draft plan;
2. Recommend any final changes to be included in the plan; and
3. Endorse the Mount Jefferson Park Concept Plan (including recommended changes) to guide the final site plan for improvements to the section of the park from East Raymond Avenue to Route 1.

BACKGROUND: The City of Alexandria's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently planning for the City's existing Neighborhood Parks, including parks similar in size and service area to Mount Jefferson Park. Due to the active planning for the Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor, however, planning for the section of Mount Jefferson Park between East Raymond Avenue and Route 1 is occurring in conjunction with that planning initiative. The proposed redevelopment of the Oakville Triangle site is immediately adjacent and will include connections to this section of Mount Jefferson Park, therefore the development team for the Oakville Triangle site is working with City staff to provide additional resources in the development of the park concept plan. Information about the overall Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor planning process can be found online at:

<http://www.alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=76672>

This section of Mount Jefferson Park is adopted by the Del Ray Citizens Association, and currently includes:

- An unpaved/unimproved trail along the abandoned rail line with access at East Raymond Avenue and at Route 1 only;
- An unfenced off leash dog exercise area adjacent to East Raymond Avenue;
- Trees and plantings along the edges, as well as a native plant conservation area;
- An open, grassy area adjacent to some of the existing warehouse buildings in Oakville Triangle;
- Areas known for poor drainage, including the dog exercise area; and
- A leased area occupied by Oakville Triangle buildings.

The park is enjoyed for its “naturalistic” character and is not ADA accessible due to the trail surface and steep grade throughout much of the park.

DISCUSSION: As part of the planning process for this section of Mount Jefferson Park, staff worked with current park users and neighbors, the Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Advisory Group, as well as the broader community interested in the park. At their first public meeting in April 2014, the Advisory Group heard from the community that preserving the character of, while at the same time providing access and connections to Mount Jefferson Park was a priority if/when the Oakville Triangle site redeveloped. Subsequent Advisory Group and park planning meetings reinforced those initial themes.

The planning process and timeline included:

- Advisory Group meetings beginning in April 2014 included discussions about the importance of Mount Jefferson Park and its relationship to the potential new development helped to develop a conceptual framework for park improvements.
- September 22, 2014: Advisory Group presentation and feedback on conceptual framework (based on feedback April-August 2014).
- October 25, 2014: Neighborhood Park Planning Workshop presentation and feedback on conceptual framework.
- November 18, 2014: Community Meeting to present planning process, existing conditions, 2013 Needs Assessment information, feedback received through the Oakville Triangle process, and the conceptual framework shown at the September 22 Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Advisory Group (AG) meeting. Staff received public comments and ideas regarding what they like about this section of Mount Jefferson Park, what needs improvement, and what they would like to see added (if anything). Received feedback regarding the conceptual framework.
- December 2014 to February 2015: Developed draft park plan based on community and Advisory Group feedback.

- March 12, 2015: Community Meeting on draft plan; received feedback on alternatives for each trail section and overall improvement plan.
- March 16 to April 15, 2015: Online survey on draft plan and trail section alternatives.
- March 26, 2015: Advisory Group meeting on draft plan; the group agreed that the plan reflected and balanced community needs and comments received for the park.
- April 15 to May 15, 2015: Develop final draft plan based on community meeting, Advisory Group feedback, and survey results.

Summary of Community Ideas and Feedback:

Throughout the planning process, the community expressed that a key priority for this section of Mount Jefferson Park was to maintain the character of the park to the extent possible - in light of likely redevelopment of Oakville Triangle. The current proposed development includes a residential serving road adjacent to the park, along with removal of the buildings and fence currently separating the park from the Oakville Triangle site. The challenge of maintaining the character of the park given these proposed new conditions is reflected in the final draft plan (Attachment 1). Another priority identified by current users and neighbors to this section of the park was to improve the drainage problems that exist today throughout much of the park.

Addressing concerns about the off leash dog area was a third consistent priority. Currently the area has very poor drainage and no barrier from Raymond Avenue. Many current users run their dogs off leash throughout the park (outside of the designated area), and hoped the park plan would allow them to continue to do so. Other neighbors wanted to see the current rules enforced, more separation between the dog area and the trail, and less overall off leash activity. The final draft of the plan attempts to balance these two, somewhat conflicting needs for the park.

The trail, and the degree of connectedness to Oakville Triangle, is another interest point raised during the planning process. A number of current park users identified a preference for maintaining only the current access points to this section of the park (East Raymond Avenue and Route 1), while the Advisory Group and some neighbors desired connections to and from the Oakville Triangle site. Again, the final draft of the plan provides the latter desired connections to Oakville Triangle, while using landscape and topography to minimize and emphasize the points of access.

The results of the online survey regarding the draft plan showed that the majority of respondents agreed that the draft plan does “reflect and balance the community needs and comments received to date.” The unedited, completed survey responses are attached (Attachment 2), and can be found online at: <http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation/info/default.aspx?id=83168>.

Details of the Final Draft Plan:

The final draft plan before the Park and Recreation Commission represents an effort to balance the community needs with the understanding that the adjacent Oakville Triangle property will likely be redeveloped in the future. The overall goals and improvements shown in the plan include:

- Maintaining the character of the park, including keeping the existing topography created by the old rail line;
- Addressing the stormwater/drainage issues;
- Enhancing and expanding the off-leash dog area;
- Providing better separation between the dog exercise area and the trail;
- Enhancing the trail with a pervious surface treatment;
- Providing 3' landscaped berms along the new Park Road (Oakville Triangle site) and the park;
- Improving access and wayfinding at East Raymond Avenue and Route 1;
- Improving a new pedestrian/bicycle access point at Stewart Avenue; and
- Enhancing native buffer plantings along the trail.

Implementation of the Plan:

The Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Advisory Group, along with the involved community, are working to identify community benefits associated with the proposed redevelopment of the Oakville Triangle. To date, the Advisory Group and community have expressed interest in improvements to this section of Mount Jefferson Park as one of the highest priority community benefits. Implementation of this park plan could then occur in conjunction with the first phased development of Oakville Triangle, if approved by the City. In the absence of Oakville Triangle redevelopment, the plan would be included with the 17 Neighborhood Park Plans currently underway, and considered through the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in future years.



LIMITS OF DISURPTIVE DISTURBANCE FOR OVERALL TRAVEL SITE PROVIDED FOR REFERENCE ONLY.

FOR REFERENCE ONLY: MOUNT JEFFERSON PARK DISTANCE BY TRIMBLE SQUARE CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS PROVIDED BY RP&A

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See Separate Attachments: Selected Images from Oakville Triangle
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