Neighborhood Park Improvements
DISTRICT I: Lee Center, Montgomery Park, and Powhatan

Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Activities Park Planning, Design & Capital Development Division
Park Typology Plans

Park Typology Planning Goal:

Ensure a citywide open space system that equitably responds to the City’s recreational and natural resource needs while efficiently utilizing available resources.

How?

1. Create typology Plans based on community feedback. Typologies include:
   1. Citywide Parks
   2. Neighborhood Parks
   3. Pocket Parks
   4. Natural Resource parks
   5. Regional
   6. Destination/Historical
   7. Corridors/trails/linear parks

2. Prioritize budget opportunities according to the plan recommendations
What is a Neighborhood Park?
0.50 – 10 Acre
Multi-use
Municipally-owned
Service Area: 0.0 – 0.5 mile

Goals and Criteria

Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan Goal
Create a plan that identifies the priorities for future park enhancements and uses in Alexandria’s municipally-owned neighborhood parks, balancing the City’s recreational, cultural, environmental, and passive use needs.
## Framework and Timeline

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District I Demographics

Note: Analysis based on the 2010 US Census Data
District I - Age Distribution

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- % of children less than 17 is below the City average, particularly around the Lee Center
- % of adults 18 to 39 and 55 and up are above the City average.
Existing Conditions, Future Projects and Site Observations

Courts well used by regular players and rec programs

Access to back area is hidden behind Fire Dept vehicles

Miracle field built in 2012, Turf is worn in north field; Pool closed due to budgetary constraints

Occasionally used by Fire Dept for training.

Playground expansion to include accessible play equipment in 2015
Accessibility
Existing Conditions, Future Projects and Site Observations

Playground used by both, community and St. Anthony’s Day School (Pre-K).

Parking meters & park sign scheduled to be replaced.

Renovated dog park & new path.

Recently renovated courts.
Density
Powhatan Park
Tennis Courts used for other ball sports. Charles Houston brings summer camp kids here.

Open lawn used for passive recreation.

Playground in need of renovation.

Hardscape in poor condition.

Access through alley is poor.
Accessibility

Population Density [#ppl/sq.mi.]
- No residential population
- <1000
- 1,000 - <5,000
- 5,000 - <10,000
- >10,000

Access Points
- On Street Bike Route
- Off Street Bike Route
- Access Routes

Conversion factor: 0.25 mile = 1320 ft
Each table has a park map. Visit the tables with the parks you use and provide the following feedback:

1. Draw a line in blue to show how you currently access the park. Draw a line in red to show how you would PREFER to enter the park, if different.

2. Use the dot stickers to show the following:
   * RED dot on area of park you want to PRESERVE AS IS
   * YELLOW dot on area of park you want to ENHANCE
   * GREEN dot on area of park you want to TRANSFORM

   Number each dot and explain on the corresponding worksheet.

3. Use the blue dot to identify on the worksheet your #1 priority for the Park
Next Steps

1. Tell your friends and neighbors to take the survey before the end of November: http://alexva.us/80193

2. Attend other workshops:
   - District II: October 25 from 9am-11am at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center
   - District III: November 1 from 9am-11am at Ramsay Recreation Center

3. Synthesis and Analysis

4. Spring workshops to review recommendations