Neighborhood Park Improvements
District III Park Planning Workshop: November 1, 2014

Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Activities Park Planning, Design & Capital Development Division
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
## Framework and Timeline

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Community Input

What should YOUR neighborhood park look like in 5, 10 or 20 years? Tell the City, plan your park.

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs is currently planning for the City’s existing neighborhood Parks, which are characterized as being 0.5 – 10 acres and serving only those within half a mile. This plan will help determine budgeting priorities and recommendations for both short- and long-term improvements, ensuring that neighborhood parks serve their needs in any way possible for.

You can help by informing us of YOUR neighborhood park needs. Write what you would like to preserve, enhance, or develop in this park.

- Lights
- 7 Stairs/ Hondial
- Pool/Bowl
- Bathrooms
- Vending Machine
- Filter Water-Fountain
- Access to electricity
- More benches to sit
- More trash cans
- More Roam/Space
- More Shade Trees
- More Trees
- New Bats
- A Bowl

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District III - Age Distribution Within 0.5-Mile Radius

Note: Analysis based on the 2010 US Census Data
Luckett Field/ Schuyler Hamilton Skate Park

Park Area = 4.3 acres
Existing Conditions & Site Observations

- Skaters more often enter from the eastern side of Duke Street rather than the park entrance.
- No clear path to the field from the parking lot; some drainage issues along 3rd base; field mainly used for adult sports.
- Heavily used by many ages throughout the day.
Density within \( \frac{1}{4} \) mile of Park
Accessibility within ¼ mile of Park
Taney Avenue Park

Park Area = 2.58 acres
Existing Conditions & Site Observations

- Park furniture is not standard
- No park signage
- Evidence of picnic area used for grilling and events
- Path connecting Taney Ave is narrow and hidden
Density within ¼ mile of Park
Accessibility within ¼ mile of Park
Ewald Park

Park Area = 3.88
Existing Conditions & Site Observations

Basketball court heavily used. Highly visible from Duke St

Trees and typography block view of former tennis court

Playground hidden behind closed pool and pool house

Open lawn one of the highest used for unprogrammed soccer in City, as shown by worn field
Density within ¼ mile of Park

Access Points

#people/sq.mi.

- No residential population
- <1000
- >1,000 - <5,000
- >5,000- <10,000
- >10,000

Conversion factor: 0.25 mile = 1320 ft
Accessibility within ¼ mile of Park
Stevenson Park

Park Area = 8.49 acres
Valuable natural resources in wooded area. No trails.

Temporary air quality monitoring station scheduled to be installed this fall as part of HOV lane project

Park shelter, playground, and ball court recently renovated

Ballfield is not as heavily programmed as it used to be; backstop needs replacement
Density within ¼ mile of Park
Accessibility within ¼ mile of Park
Chambliss Park

Park Area = 8.08 acres
Trails need some repairs. Poor connectivity.

Ballfield used by school during day & RPCA during non-school hours. Otherwise closed.

School has been using open space for parking; Plan for expanded parking lot to be presented to Planning Commission in November.
Density within ¼ mile of Park
Accessibility within ¼ mile of Park

Fairfax County

Legend:
- Access Points
- On Street Bike Route
- Off Street Bike Route
- Walking Routes - Alexandria
- Walking Route - Fairfax Cty

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- No residential population
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Mulligan Park

Park Area = 3.51 acres
Existing Conditions & Site Observations

All access through private property; Steps are owned by ARHA

Playground accessed through Bolling Brook Condominiums

Wooded area is full of invasive species
Density within ¼ mile of Park

Access Point

#people/sq.mi.

- No population
- 0.0001-1000 - 1000
- <1,000 - >5,000
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Accessibility within ¼ mile of Park
Open House Participation

Each table has a park map. Visit the tables with the parks you use and provide the following feedback:

1. Draw a line 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. Synthesis and Analysis

3. Spring workshops to review recommendation