City of Alexandria, Virginia

Citywide Park Improvement Plans
Brenman and Boothe Park

November 14, 2012

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

Create plans that identify the priorities for future park enhancements and uses in Alexandria’s large, multi-use, municipally-owned parks, balancing the City’s recreational, cultural, environmental, and passive use needs.

What is a Citywide Park?
Over 20 acres
Multi-use
Municipally-owned
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Q15. Actions That Households Are Most Willing to Support with Their Tax Dollars

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices

- Improve existing walking, hiking and biking trails: 44%
- Purchase land to preserve natural areas, wildlife: 42%
- Develop walking & biking trails that connect parks: 41%
- Improve existing passive use neighborhood parks: 36%
- Purchase land to develop passive use parks: 22%
- Improve existing swimming pools: 19%
- Develop new swimming pools: 17%
- Improve existing athletic fields: 13%
- Improve existing indoor recreation facilities: 12%
- Improve existing marina facilities: 11%
- Develop new special event/performance venue: 10%
- Develop new indoor recreation facilities: 10%
- Provide lighted athletic fields: 9%
- Improve existing basketball and tennis courts: 8%
- Develop space for large gatherings: 8%
- Develop new basketball & tennis courts: 6%
- Purchase land to develop athletic fields: 5%

Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute (July 2011)
Q7. Parks, Recreation, or Cultural Amenities That Are Most Important to Households

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<td>Biking trails</td>
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<td>Natural areas and wildlife habitats</td>
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<td>Playgrounds</td>
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<td>Indoor swimming pool</td>
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<td>Running/walking track</td>
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<td>Marina/waterfront</td>
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<td>Indoor exercise and fitness facilities</td>
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<td>Facilities for people with disabilities</td>
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<td>Ball fields with 50 foot bases</td>
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<td>Football fields</td>
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<td>Racquetball/aquash courts</td>
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<td>Ball fields with 90 foot bases</td>
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Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute (July 2011)
Consistent Findings in all Citywide Parks

Develop strategy or implementation for:

1. Natural and Historic resource protection
2. Universal ADA accessibility
3. Multi-use paths to reflect user patterns
4. Parking management strategies
5. Upgrade and maintain sports fields
6. Trash receptacle locations and recycling program
7. Standardized way-finding and park regulation signage
8. Locations for public art, in collaboration with the Office of the Arts
9. Infrastructure for event spaces (hard surfaces, electrical outlets, restroom access, water)
Brenman and Boothe Park
Existing Conditions
Path around the pond is consistently the most active area of the park.

Concert attracts visitors passing through the park, children play in open space.

Small groups picnic and play in open space area.

Bridge is an active connection to Holmes Run.

Playground heavily used.

Dog park is the least-used area of the park.

Visitors picnic, play in open space area, and utilize the playground.
Brenman and Boothe Park
Anticipated Projects

- Playground renovation and other park improvements (Mid 2013 commencement).
- Storm water pond maintenance.
- Linear park improvements.
- Picnic shelter repair (FY13).
- Playground renovation and other park improvements (Mid 2013 commencement).
Density of Children Ages 0-4

Legend:
- Large Parks
- Fort Ward & Waterfront Parks
- Non-City-owned Parks
- All City Parks

Density Children Ages 0-4 per Sq. Mile

- 0 - 970
- 580 - 1700
- 1850 - 3600
- 3750 - 8500
- 8800 - 26000

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Citywide Large Parks
Population Density of Children Ages 0-4 (per sq. mile)
Brenman and Boothe Park
Density of Children Ages 5-14

Legend:
- Large Parks
- Fort Ward & Waterfront Parks*
- Non-city-owned Parks
- All City Parks
- Density Children Ages 5-14 per Sq. Mile**
  - 0 - 500
  - 500 - 1600
  - 1700 - 3200
  - 3300 - 6900
  - 6900 - 15000

City of Alexandria
Citywide Large Parks
Population Density of Children Ages 5-14 (per sq. mile)

*Fort Ward and the Waterfront Parks system meet the criteria for Citywide Parks but are currently being evaluated through separate management/programming processes that will be incorporated into the Park Planning Framework.
**Source: 2010 U.S. Census
Brenman and Boothe Park
Density of Teens ages 15-19

Legend
- 6 Large Parks
- Fort Ward & Waterfront Parks*
- Non-city-owned Parks
- All City Parks
- Density Teens Ages 15-19 per Sq. Mile**
  - 0 - 260
  - 270 - 820
  - 830 - 1800
  - 1800 - 4100
  - 4200 - 7200

*Fort Ward and the Waterfront Park sites meet the criteria for Citywide Parks but are currently being evaluated through separate management/planning processes that will be incorporated into the Park Rating Framework.

**Source: 2010 U.S. Census
Brenman and Boothe Park
Density of Adults
Brenman and Boothe Park
Density of Seniors

Legend
- 6 Large Parks
- Fort Ward & Waterfront Parks*
- Non-city-owned Parks
- All City Parks
- Seniors (Ages 60+) per Sq. Mile**
  - 0 - 1100
  - 1200 - 1500
  - 1600 - 2500
  - 2600 - 21000
  - 22000 - 50000

*Fort Ward and the Waterfront Park systems meet the criteria for Citywide Parks but are currently being evaluated through separate management/plan processes that will be incorporated into the Park Master Plan.
**Source: 2010 U.S. Census.
1. Complete individual surveys
   *(for those who have not filled out the online survey)*

2. As a group, Identify:
   a) The top five park assets
   b) Where pathways should be for optimal park circulation
   c) Existing conditions that need improvement
   d) Programs/facilities that are not in the park, but should be

3. Review both the list of improvements and program needs, prioritize the top five.
Next Steps

1. Tell your friends and neighbors to take the survey before the end of November:
   
   www.alexva.us/aw7

2. Workshops in four other Citywide Parks:
   - Hensley, November 19, @ Lee Center

3. Synthesis and Analysis

4. Spring Workshops