

# Elbert Triangle Park

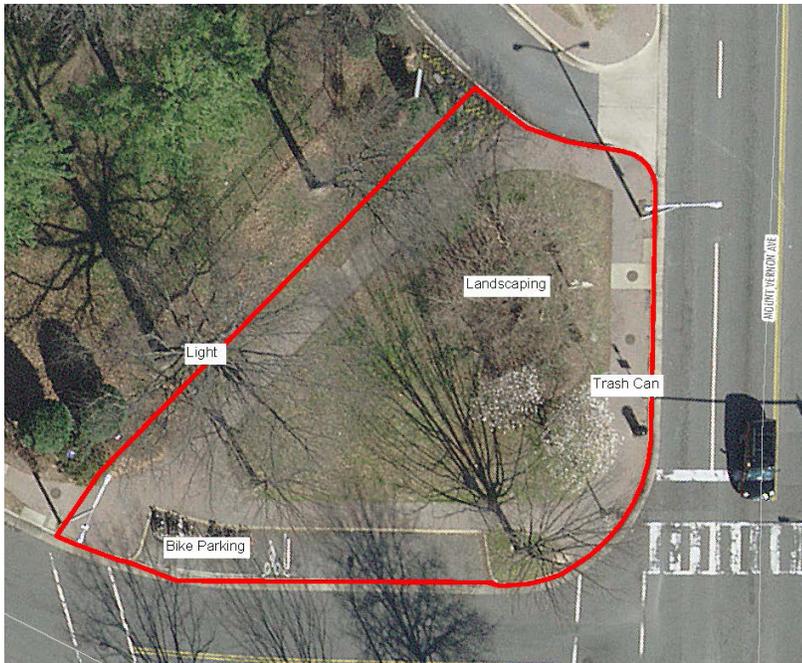
## History and Character

Elbert Triangle Square Park is located at 4000 Mount Vernon Avenue in the Arlandria neighborhood.

The park is 0.18 acres and is located across Mount Vernon Avenue from Four Mile Run Park and the Four Mile Run Conservatory. The surrounding neighborhood is diverse and includes numerous apartment complexes and a commercial area along Mount Vernon Avenue. The park features bike parking, a flower bed, shade trees, and a walking path.

The park is bordered by a fence to the west that separates the adjacent privately-owned open space from the park. The Park Vue of Alexandria apartment complex owns and maintains the American and State of Virginia flags.

## Existing Conditions Map



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Which of the following existing park elements would you like to preserve, enhance, or transform?

Element	Paths		Element	Landscaping	
Number of responses	9		Number of responses	10	
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it	6	67	Preserve it	8	80
Enhance it	3	33	Enhance it	0	0
Transform it	0	0	Transform it	2	20

Element	Lighting		Element	Open lawn	
Number of responses	11		Number of responses	9	
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it	3	27	Preserve it	2	22
Enhance it	6	55	Enhance it	5	56
Transform it	2	18	Transform it	2	22

## What is currently NOT in the park that you would like to see there?

1. A rain catch/butterfly sanctuary. Seating. Anything.
2. Play equipment. Plantings
3. Public art of some kind
4. I'm not sure it's the Parks fault but as soon as you turn on Mount Vernon from Glebe, the area announces "bad area". The storefronts could be cleaned up to look nicer and it wouldn't set the theme for what you entering as a run down area.
5. Benches! I was sorry to see the former benches removed. It is a popular spot to wait for the school bus and metro buses.
6. Interesting history about the neighborhood or nature.
7. A nice lawn and landscaping
8. Tables, benches

## Community Feedback

In Fall 2018, staff collected community feedback to understand how the park is used and how it could be improved in the future. The following information summarizes what we heard through an online survey and community workshop. Over 400 people responded to the survey in total, 13 of which were specific to Elbert Triangle Park. Staff used the collected information to develop the draft park plans.

## In 10 years, I would like this Park to...

(Top three rankings shown, based on a weighted score)

1. *Help reduce environmental impacts from urban surroundings*
2. *Be a place to create social connections with neighbors*
3. *Be a safe place for children to explore*



*The image above is an example of a bike repair station, located in Waterfront Park. A bike repair station provides users with all the tools needed to perform basic bike repairs and maintenance. The tools are attached to the stand and the station allows for a bike to be hung while it is being repaired.*

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Which of the following existing proposed park elements do you love, like, or not like?

Recommendation Park welcome sign			Recommendation Bike study		
Number of responses			Number of responses		
5			5		
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
I love it!	3	60	I love it!	2	40
I like it	2	40	I like it	3	60
I don't like it	0	0	I don't like it	0	0

Recommendation Bike amenities			Recommendation Parklet		
Number of responses			Number of responses		
5			5		
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
I love it!	3	60	I love it!	5	100
I like it	2	40	I like it	0	0
I don't like it	0	0	I don't like it	0	0

Recommendation City welcome sign			Recommendation Seating		
Number of responses			Number of responses		
5			5		
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
I love it!	1	20	I love it!	5	100
I like it	2	40	I like it	0	0
I don't like it	2	40	I don't like it	0	0

In the summer of 2019 RPCA staff collected community feedback on the draft recommendations for improving this pocket park. The following information summarizes what was heard through online surveys and community feedback (see appendix for full results). The city received 716 responses in total, five of which were specific to Elbert Triangle Park.

Based on information from the summer input phase, staff updated the plan to best represent current and future community needs. A major change to the draft park plan is the substitution of traditional Victor Stanley benches to a curved concrete bench intended to encourage social interactions.

## Improvement Recommendations

- 1 Add a park welcome sign**  
Add a park welcome sign to meet the City's wayfinding standards and invite park users into the park.
- 2 Conduct a bike study**  
Study the bike use and storage at the bike parking area to determine additional storage needs.
- 3 Add bike amenities**  
Consider building a bike shelter, adding a bike fix-it-station, and/or expand the bike parking area as needed based on the results of the bike study.
- 4 Add a parklet to the taxi stand**  
T&ES staff studied this taxi stand in 2013 for the Traffic and Parking Board. Findings showed that taxis were not using the space during the course of the study, and half of the taxi stand was converted to bike parking. Conduct a study of the remaining taxi stand to determine if it still needed at this location. If not, convert the taxi stand to a parklet. Potential uses for the parklet include a stormwater BMP, additional bike parking, or amenities based on the results bike study.
- 5 Replace the gateway welcome sign to the City**  
Replace the "Welcome to Alexandria" sign along Mount Vernon Avenue to meet the City's wayfinding standards and create a gateway to welcome visitors to the City.
- 6 Add seating**  
Add benches to create a social spot for all ages to relax.

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## Improvement Recommendations



Recommendations and Rankings				
#	Recommendation	Dept. Lead	Priority	Cost
1	Park signage	RPCA	Medium	\$1,800 - \$2,419
2	Bike study	RPCA/TES	Low	\$0
3	Bike amenities	RPCA/TES	Low	\$6,800 - \$9,139
4	Parklet	RPCA	Low	\$9,500 - \$12,767
5	City welcome sign	RPCA/TES	High	\$1,600 - \$2,150
6	Seating	RPCA	Medium	\$17,040 - \$22,900
7	Intersection improvements	RPCA/TES	Medium	\$16,00 - \$21,503
8	Update curb ramps	RPCA	Medium	\$1,360 - \$1,828