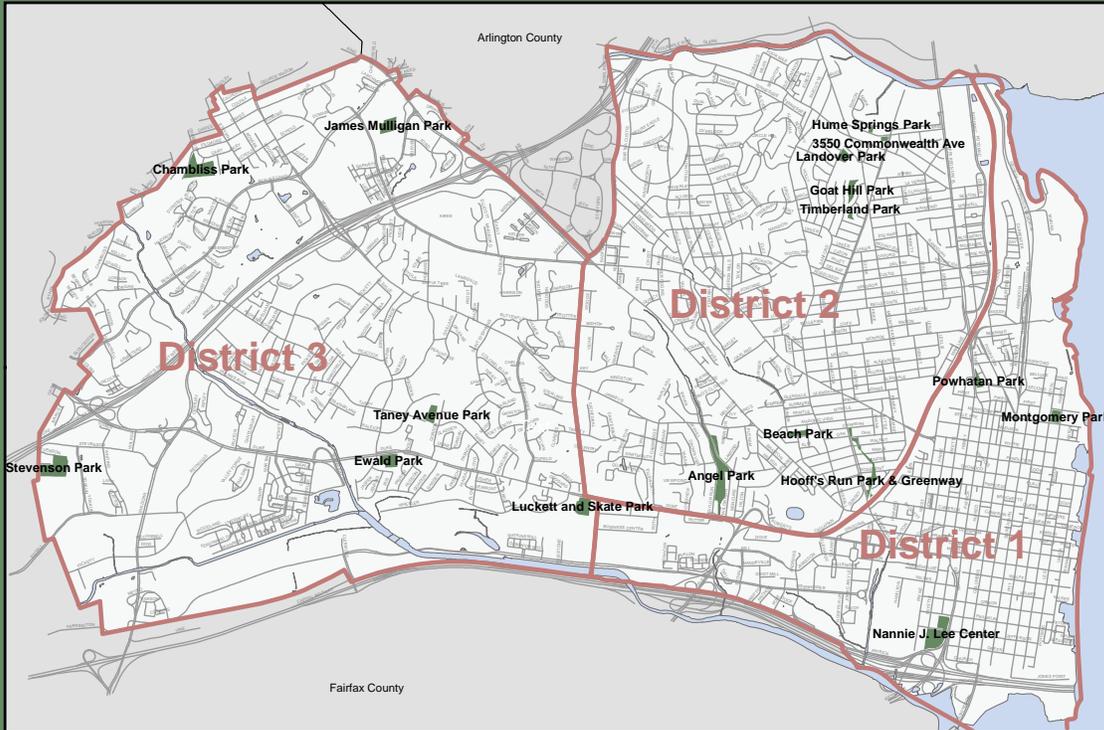


2015 Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan: Appendix



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

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Tell us about your park using one or more of the methods below:

Take a survey about the neighborhood park you use at <http://alexva.us/80193>

Attend one of the following Park Planning Workshops:

District 1: Lee Center, Montgomery Park and Powhatan Park

Saturday, September 27, 2014 9:30-11:30a.m.

Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe Street

District 2: Beach Park, Hooffs Run Park & Greenway, Timberland Park, Goat Hill Park, Landover Park, Angel Park, Hume Springs Park and 3550 Commonwealth Avenue

Saturday, October 25, 2014 9-11a.m.

Mt. Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Avenue

District 3: Mulligan Park, Stevenson Park, Lockett Field & Skate Park, Ewald Park, Taney Ave Park and Chambliss Park

Saturday, November 1, 2014 9-11a.m.

William Ramsay Recreation Center, 5650 Sanger Avenue

Use **#PlanYourParkAlexVA** to send us park photos on Twitter or Facebook to show us how you use your park or what you'd like improved.

For more information on the Neighborhood Parks Plan, please visit alexandriava.gov/recreation or contact Dana Wedeles at 703.746.5491 or dana.wedeles@alexandriava.gov

For Immediate Release: April 27, 2015

Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities releases Draft Neighborhood Parks Plans

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Staff developed the following draft plans for seventeen parks in spring 2015 after an extensive existing condition, use analysis, and community feedback period: [Draft Neighborhood Park Plans](#)

To provide feedback on the plan, [please click here to take a survey](#). The survey will be available until the end of June 2015. Park Planning will also hold community workshops to review the plans and receive feedback on the following dates:

District 1: May 14, 7pm

Charles Houston

Recreation Center

Includes: Montgomery Park, Powhatan Park, Lee Center

District 2: May 27, 7pm

Mount Vernon

Recreation Center

Includes: Hume Springs Park, 3550 Commonwealth Ave, Landover Park, Goat Hill Park, Timberland Park, Hooffs Run Park & Greenway, Beach Park, Angel Park

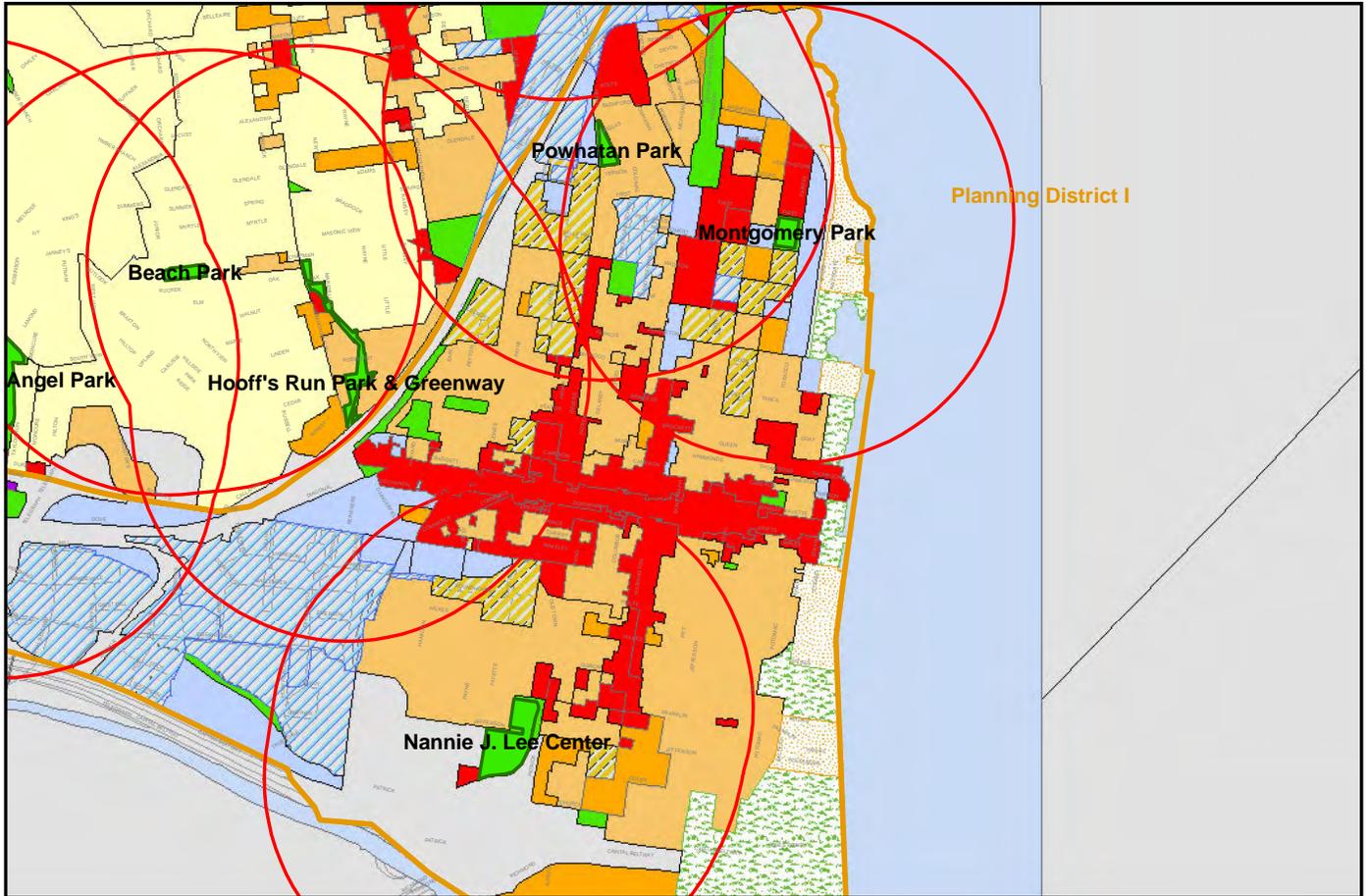
District 3: June 4, 7pm

Patrick Henry Recreation Center

Includes: Luckett/Skate Park, Taney Ave Park, Ewald Park, Mulligan Park, Chambliss Park, Stevenson Park

Following the community input, Park Planning Staff will make changes to the draft plans and complete the document, including cost estimates. In fall 2015, Staff will present the final draft plan to the Park and Recreation Commission and City Council for endorsement.

For additional information, including a map of the neighborhood parks, visit the project website <http://alexandriava.gov/65170> or contact Dana Wedeles, Park Planner, at 703.746.5491 or Dana.Wedeles@alexandriava.gov.

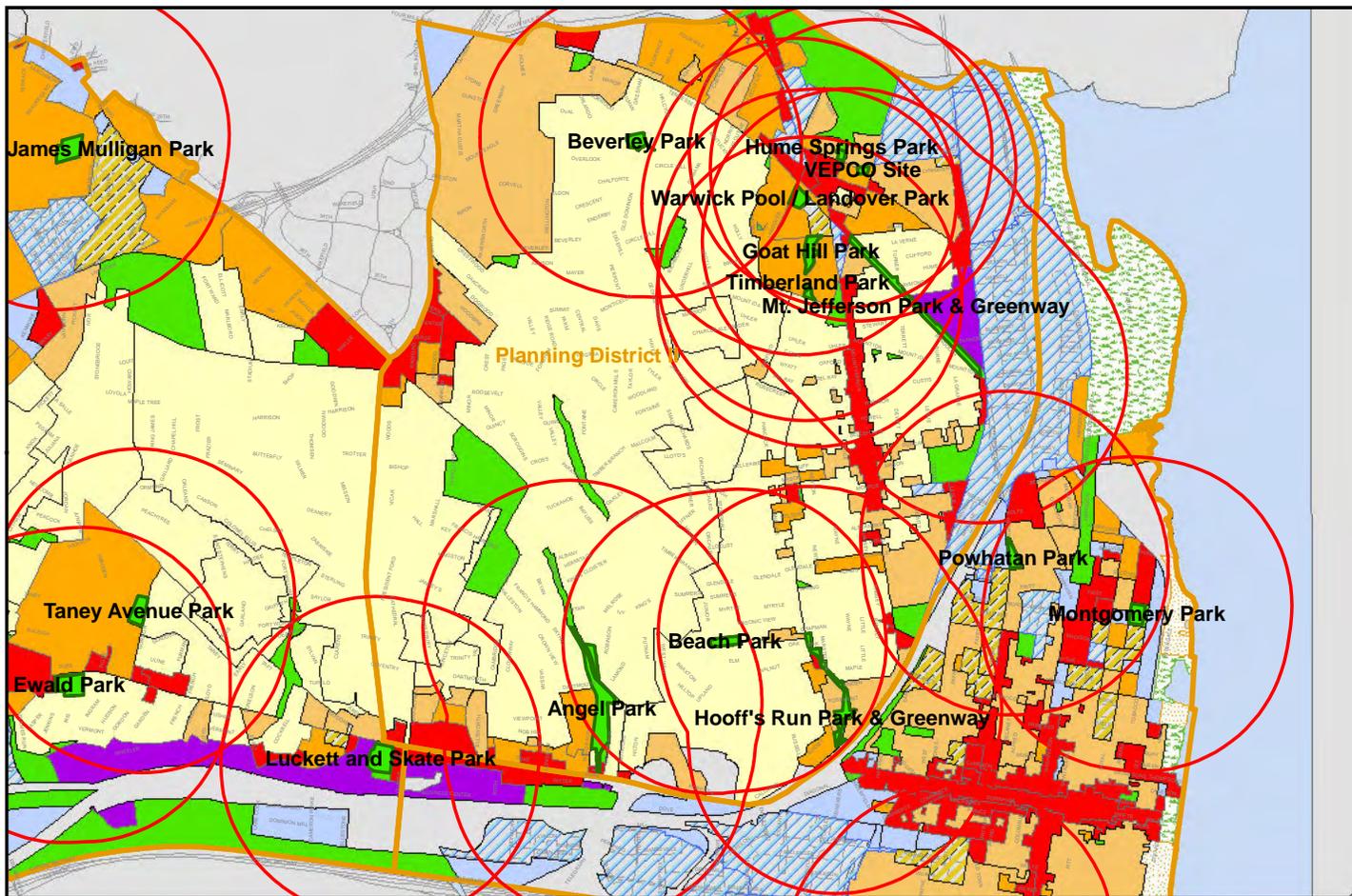


**City of Alexandria
Neighborhood Parks
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Mixed Use	Public Open Space	Utility and Transportation
Coordinated Development Districts	Residential Low	Waterfront Mixed Use
Industrial	Residential High	Waterfront Parks

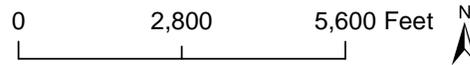


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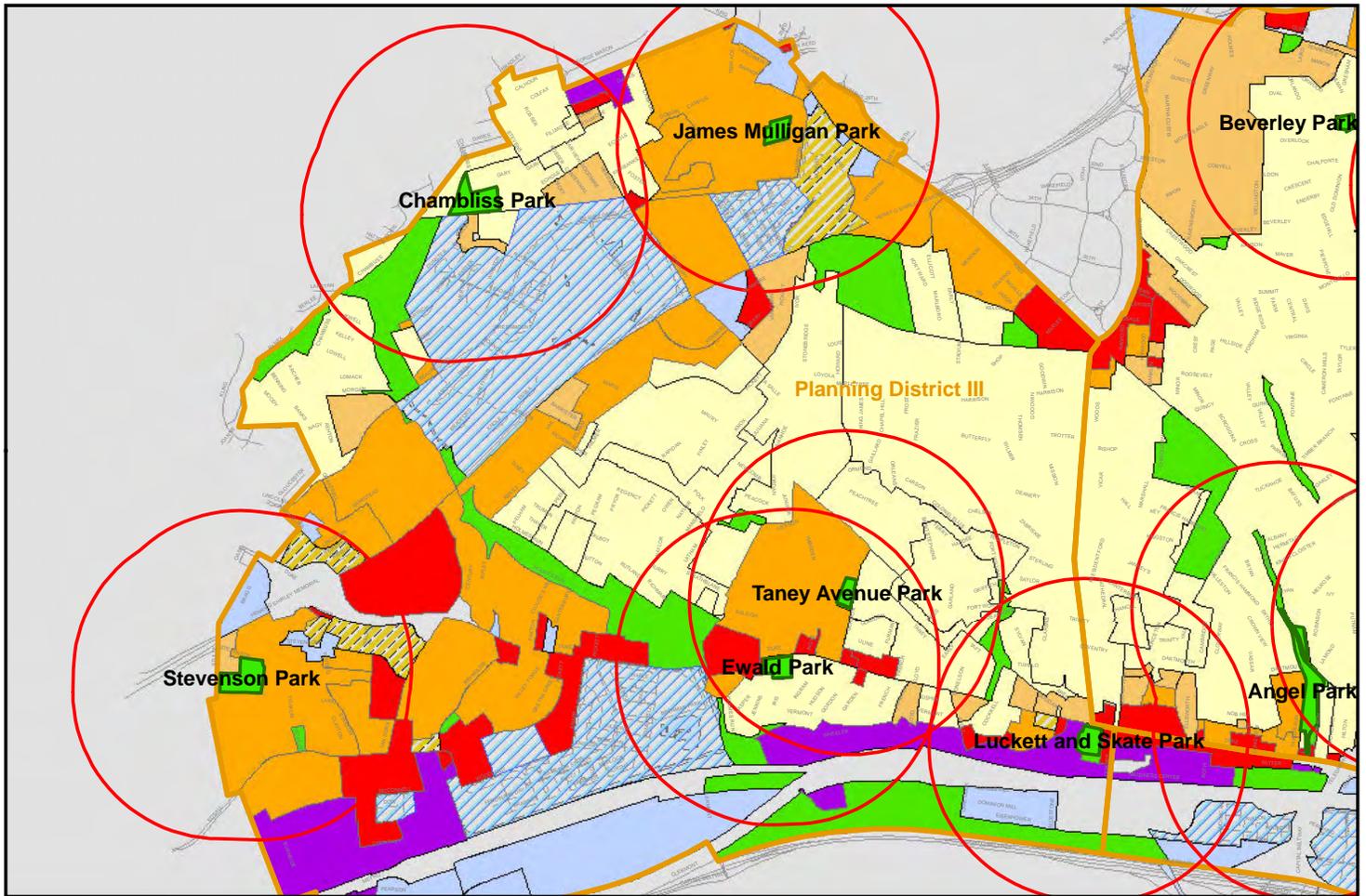


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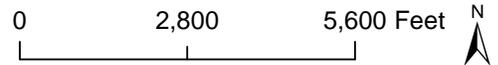


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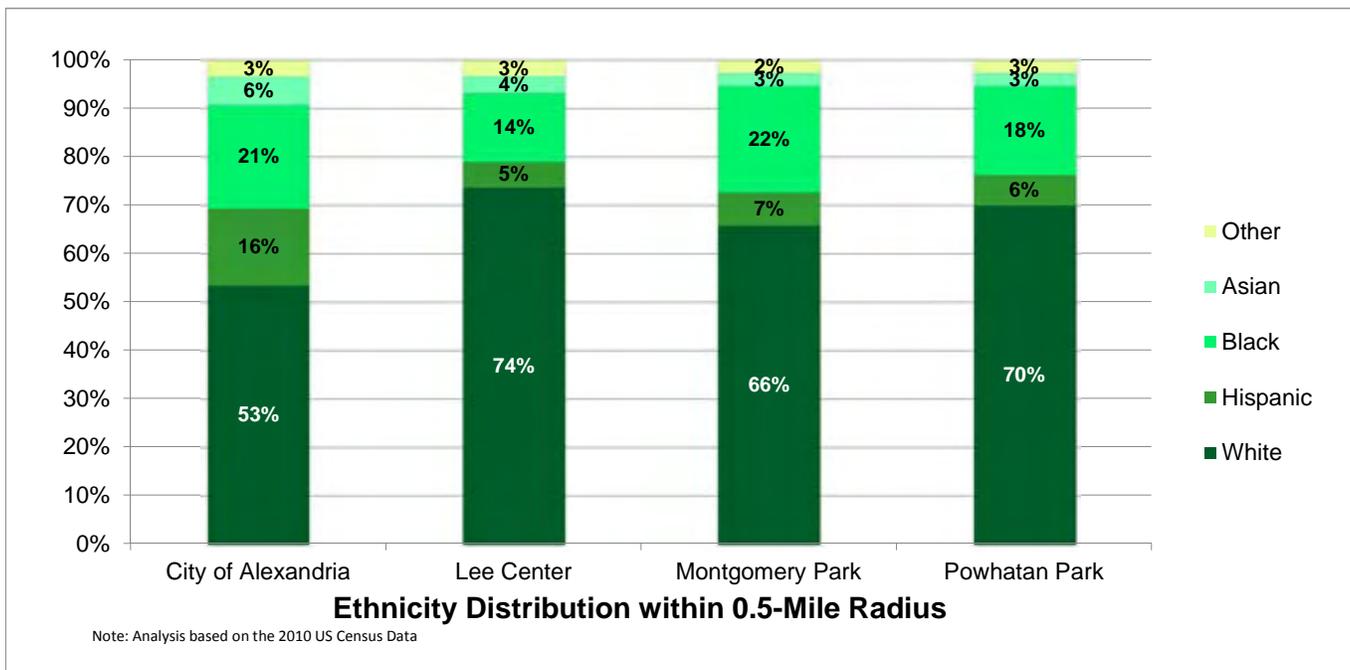
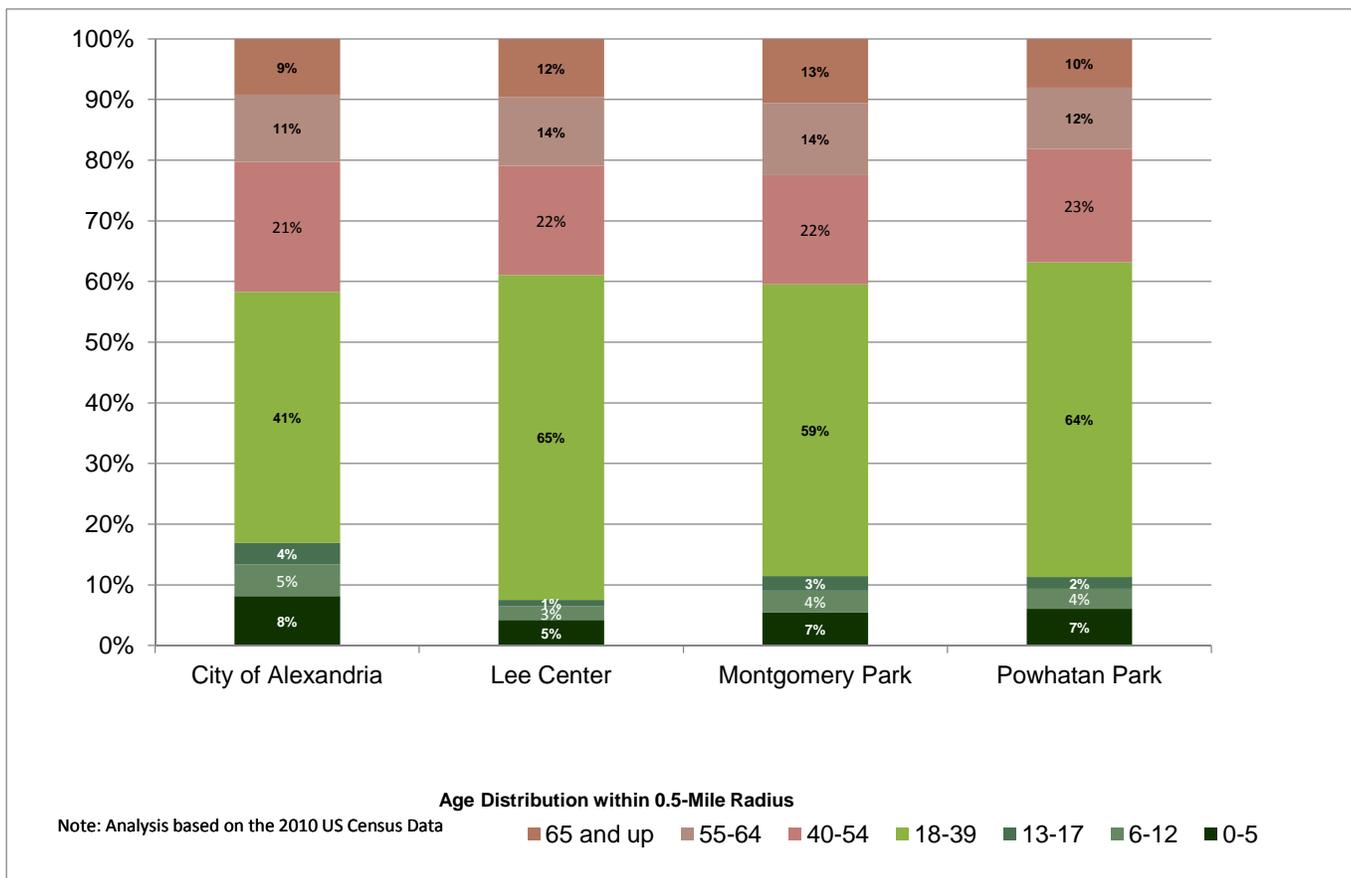


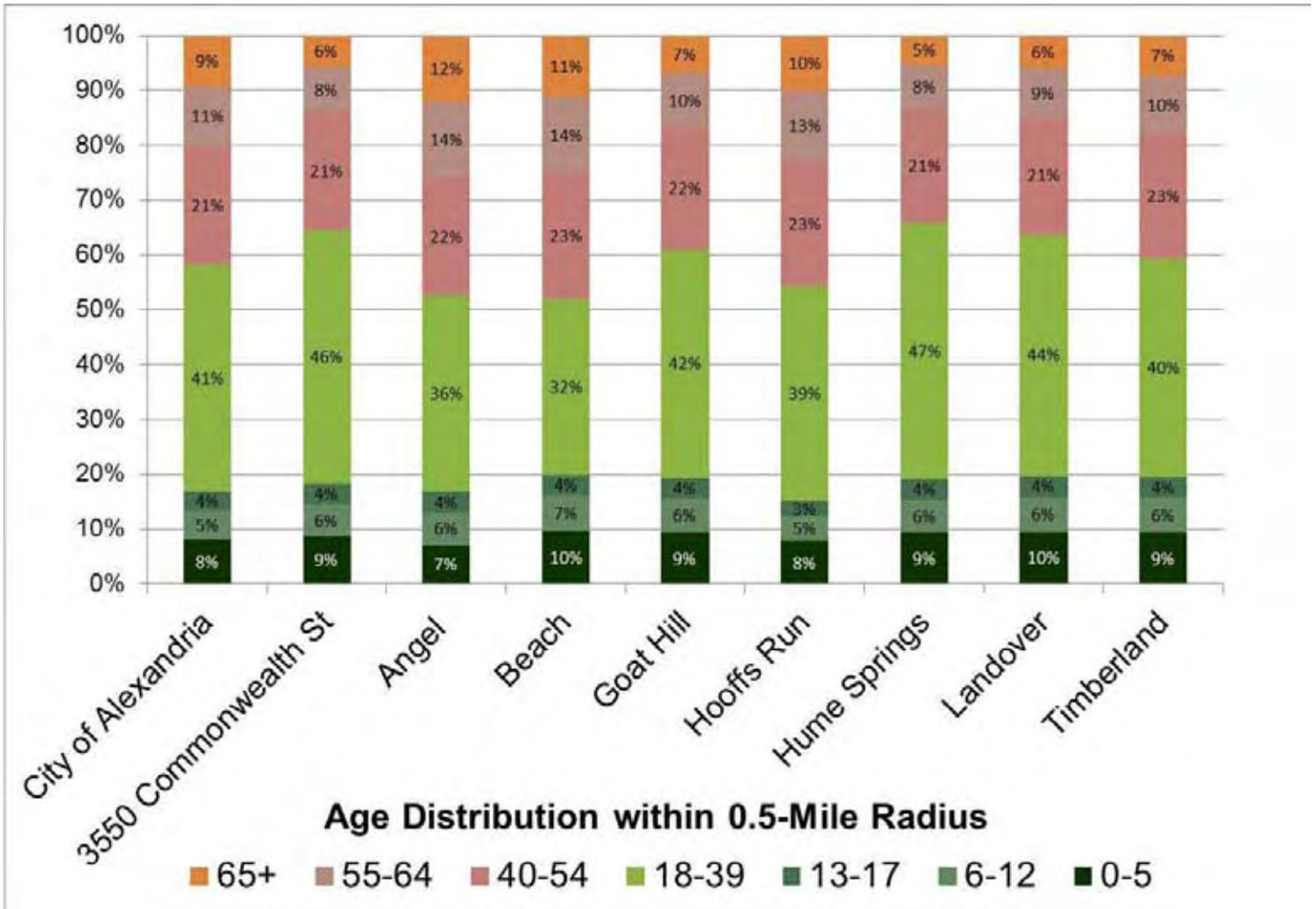
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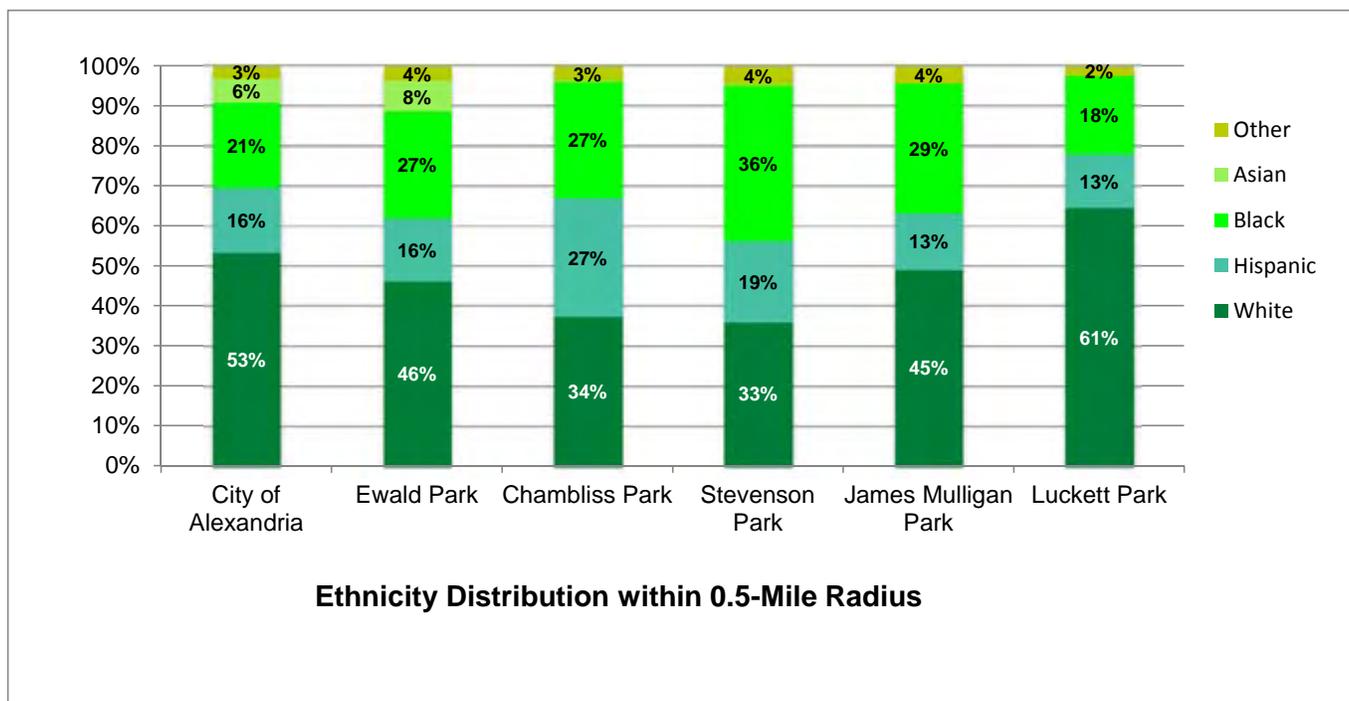
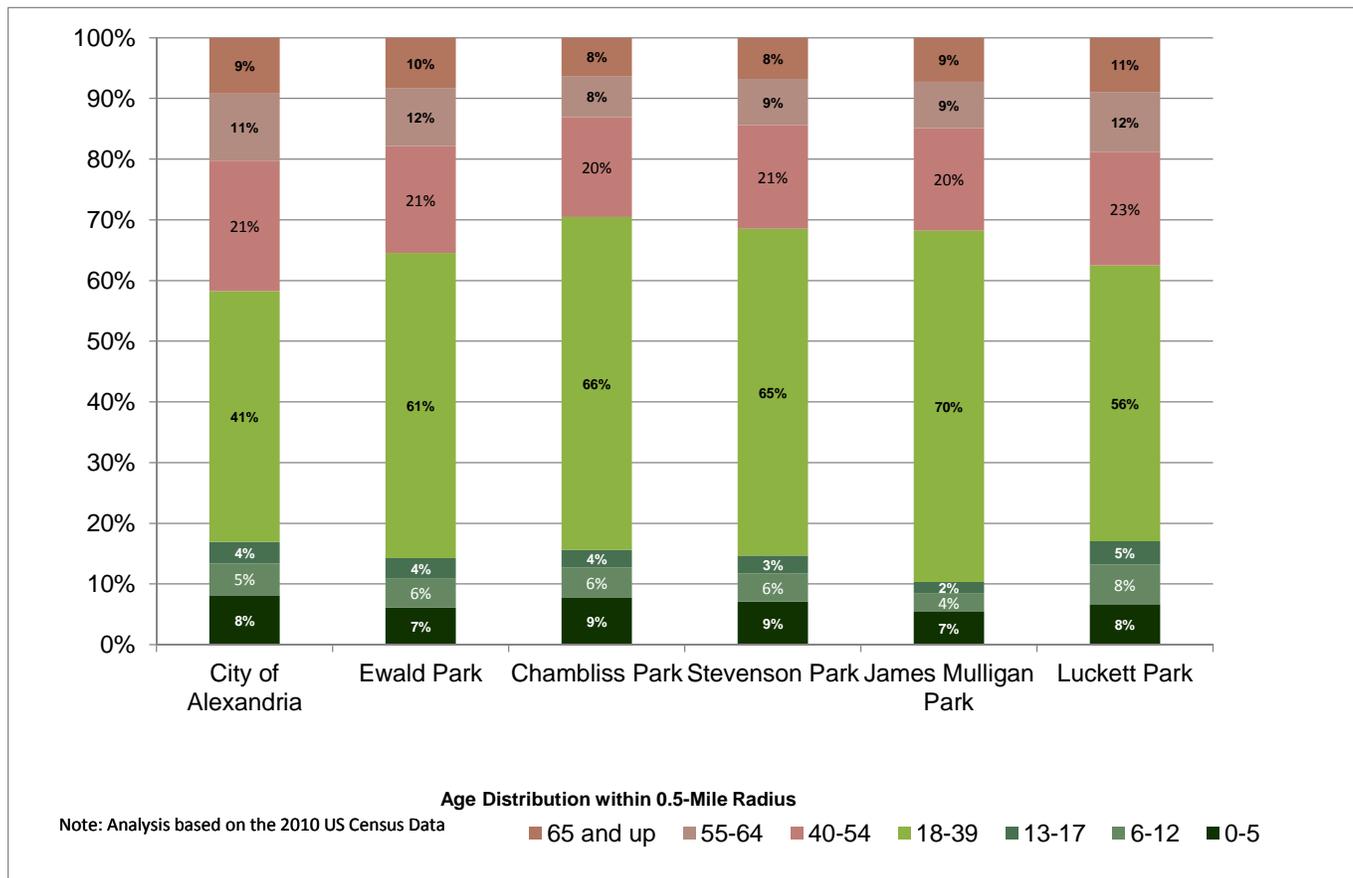
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City of Alexandria Parks and Recreation Department
Neighborhood Park Plan Site Observations – July
2014

*Bike improvement observations in orange.
*Manhole cover location description in green.

Planning District I

Powhatan Park

Weekday

11:05-11:25AM

- Two boys using basketball court

4:15-4:25PM

Dog walker on north side of the park for three minutes.

Space for four or 5 bike racks near the North Henry entrance, could make park more noticeable from North Henry Street.

Weekend

11:00-11:20AM

- One basketball court user

6:45-7:00PM

- no activity

Montgomery Park

Weekday

10:30-11:00AM

12 children playing on playground – Day School.
 There is one bike rack but it is blocked by bushes, more could be added if bushes were moved or removed.

4:35-4:50PM

Playground being used by Day School.
 Tennis courts being repaired.
 One man using pavilion for exercise.
 Behind the pavilion, park being constructed.

Weekend

9:00-9:30AM

- Three kids, one adult using playground

5:00-5:15PM

- no activity

Nannie J. Lee Center

Weekday

10:30-11:00AM

- no activity

5:05-5:20PM

Three people using tennis courts.
 Was difficult for me to find park, blocked by fire trucks and parking lot – perhaps signage in front of center point to park would help with accessibility/visibility?

Weekend

10:40-11:00AM

- No activity

3:30-3:45PM

tennis courts being used by one man and one woman

Planning District II

Hume Springs Park

Weekday

9:45-10:00AM

Family using playground, standing next to playground (2 parents – 1 child)
 Room for bike rack at Dale Street entrance on concrete, 3 or 4 bikes

5:00-5:20PM

Dog walker walking through from Reed to Dale Street

Weekend

8:00-8:10AM

- no activity

3:30-3:45PM

- One adult, two kids playing on playground.

* Three manhole covers on west grassy side of park, one located behind tree on south side of the park. One cover on east side of the sidewalk in front of W Reed Ave entrance.

3550 Commonwealth Park
Weekday
10:00-10:10AM

- Dog walker (off leash) – 10 mins
- Treaded path behind corner flower bed.

Trash on park benches.

3:50-4:05PM

- No activity

Weekend
8:40-8:50PM

- no activity

2:45-3:00PM

- dog walker on side walk

* Manhole cover on W Reed Ave sidewalk, close to northeast corner of park.

Landover Park
Weekday

10:20-10:35AM

- no activity
- possibility for two bike racks at juttet extra concrete at entrance to park

4:30-4:40PM

- two kids playing at playground

Weekend
9:00-9:30AM

Five adults, 12 (roughly) kids on playground

5:15-5:30PM

- No activity

Goat Hill Park
Weekday
11:45-12:15PM

No activity
 Only accessibility seems to be at playground, difficult to find the accessibility entrance on Hickory Street.

2:20-2:40PM

- No activity

Weekend
10:00-10:20AM

- two kids using playground

5:00-5:15PM

- Three kids, one adult using playground

Timberland Park
Weekday

12:40-12:50PM

- no activity
- Possible signage on street to indicate park entrance?

4:00-4:10PM

- no activity

Weekend
9:30-9:40AM

- no activity

3:15-3:25PM

kids playing in a backyard that opened up to park, but were not playing in the park.

Beach Park
Weekday

9:00-9:30AM

Three children and one parent using playground. Two dog walkers pass through the east side park 'pit'.

5:55-6:15PM

- One dog walker in park 'pit' – 10 minutes.

Weekend

10:15-10:30AM

- Seven kids, two adults using playground
- one dog walker, 10 mins (off leash), park pit

4:00-4:15PM

- Two kids (teenagers) using swings

* Manhole cover on sidewalk, southeast corner

Hooff's Run Park & Greenway

Weekday

11:15-11:40AM

- One dog walker walking from East Maple to East Walnut

5:35-5:50PM

- three children playing south of E. Linden Street.
- two dog walkers between Maple and Walnut.
- Tennis court construction
- Possible bike rack location at the corner of Oak and Commonwealth.

Weekend

10:30-10:45AM

- Dog walker walking from Maple to Walnut

3:40-4:00PM

- no activity

Angel Park

Weekday

11:50-12:15PM

- one adult, two toddlers using pavilion

3:30-3:50

- dog walker in park, wooded area
- possibility for bike rack near playground entrance or near "Bike lane ends here" sign.

Weekend

9:50-10:15AM

- no activity

2:00-2:15PM

- One many golfing on edge of baseball diamond

*manhole cover in grass just south of tennis court and on sidewalk north of playground entrance

Planning District III

James Mulligan Park

Weekday

10:00-10:30AM

- not wheelchair accessible, steep steps to enter park on both east and north side.
- dog walker, 5 mins on NE side of park near playground.

4:00-4:20PM

- no activity

Weekend

7:00-7:20AM

- no activity

5:30-5:45PM

- dog walker by playground, 10 minutes.

Chambliss Park

Weekday

9:30-9:50AM

- Bike racks could be placed by tennis courts parking lot, room for 5-6 bikes.

4:30-5:05PM

- Five children playing on baseball diamond. Dog walker by tennis courts –5 minutes.

Weekend

10:35-10:50AM

- Tennis courts being used by two people

7:00-7:15PM

- no activity

*Manhole cover on N Chambliss street parking lot

Stevenson Park

Weekday

12:20-12:45PM

- two women, five kids using playground.
- dog walker in woods, 10 minutes
- one male teenager using basketball court
- two women, three kids using park bench

6:00-6:15PM

- dog walker – 5 minutes

Weekend

8:30-8:50AM

- two kids, one adult using playground

3:30-3:45PM

- two adults using picnic table with food.

*Manhole cover on east side of private parking lot at South Stevenson Square, borders park property.

Taney Avenue Park

Weekday

9:45-10:00AM

Possibility for a bike rack at first bench location, could remove bench and use existing concrete. Bench located at South West corner of the park.

- Dog walker, 5 mins, sits and uses bench.

2:00-2:15PM

dog walker, off leash, throwing ball, 10 mins

Weekend

9:45-10:00AM

- dog walker – 5 mins

3:50-4:10PM

- no activity

Ewald Stadium

Weekday

9:00-9:25AM

Overgrown, steps need repairing, rust on playground equipment.

- one person using basketball court.

5:00-5:20PM

- Six kids using basketball court

Weekend

10:00-10:15AM

- no activity

6:00-6:20PM

- 10 kids using basketball court

*One manhole cover on NW end of parking lot and one on SE end of parking lot.

Luckett Stadium & Skate Park

Weekday

9:30-9:45AM

- One person using skate park.

4:00-4:15PM

- Seven people using skate park.

Weekend

8:00-8:15AM

- no activity

4:00-4:20PM

- 6 people using skate park.



Neighborhood Parks Plan

Angel Park

Community Feedback, Fall 2014



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In Fall 2014, 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, community workshop, and "graffiti board" in the park. Over 275 people responded to the survey in total, 28 of which were specific to Angel Park.

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

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Provide organized recreational opportunities
2. Be a safe place for children to explore
3. Be a place to create social connections with neighbors

What would you like done with the ballfield?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	4	19%
Enhance it	14	67%
Transform it	3	14%

Explain

Improve turf conditions.
 It needs to be graded so it will drain after it rains.
 Not the right size diamond Poor dirt
 Better seating and use for games
 Very wet
 We use it for baseball practice and just want it to be maintained. It's a really great space for young kids to practice because it is quiet/uncrowded so they can focus.
 The city is lacking baseball fields that are in good shape. This field, if improved, could be used more often for practice. Too much money has been spent on soccer fields, and far too little on baseball fields.

What would you like done with the basketball court?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	10	56%
Enhance it	7	39%
Transform it	1	6%

Explain

Make into multi-use space.
 resurface and out line court
 Install trash and recycling cans. many users leave plastic bottles as there is nothing to put them in.

What would you like done with the natural areas?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	10	50%
Enhance it	6	30%
Transform it	4	20%

Explain

Install a barrier to keep out vehicles.
 There is SO much poison ivy around this area. Needs to be eliminated so that I don't have to worry about my daughter playing here.

What would you like done with the open lawn?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	7	37%
Enhance it	9	47%
Transform it	3	16%

Explain

Holes need to be filled, glass and other hazards picked up and reseed grass.
 Improve turf conditions with artificial or durable well kept grass
 Bleachers could easily be added for parents
 Drainage
 Really beautiful area and nice to have so much open space surrounding by trees. Just keep it up a little better.

What would you like done with the picnic shelter?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	10	53%
Enhance it	6	32%
Transform it	3	16%

Explain

This area gets a beating every summer. Look at the shelters at Chinquapin or in Arlington parks.

What would you like done with the playground?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	6	29%
Enhance it	11	52%
Transform it	4	19%

Explain

Add swings and play area for toddlers. Existing equipment for older children.
 Improve maintenance. New addition is unsightly and already broken.
 It need more and a wider range of age appropriate playing structures.
 More toddler friendly
 My son has been stung by bees on this playground
 Swings needed.
 shade would be nice for caretakers
 swings
 Great playground which just needs to be maintained a little better (e.g. check for wear/tear/damage instead of waiting for complaints/mishaps).

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

Response

Playground equipment
 Bleachers, restroom, enhanced surroundings
 Exercise equipment for adults
 It is not Toddler friendly
 Soccer field.
 Swings and better steps to access the park
 Swings and play area more suited for children under 3.
 Swings for children. Spray ground.
 Swings; better baseball field.
 Equipment for school age children
 Goals for soccer field, another trash can
 Seating
 Trash and recycling cans that are emptied regularly, fencing to keep children out of the creek, a barrier to keep vehicles off the basketball court and grass, a more improved baseball field and backstop. we should have as nice or nicer facilities than our surrounding cities. Alexandria does not need anymore residential developments I wonder if outdoor Rec Dept. camps would be welcomed over the summers. So many kids live walking distance and safety is a concern due to isolation. Maybe organized Bleachers for the parents. There is no reason a Tball game should not have bleachers. Parents can sit together as needed

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Park?

Response

Baseball Field needs improvement
 The basketball court is nice but the entire park could be vastly improved!!
 The playground is terrific, but suffering a bit from recent graffiti.
 It could be a great tee ball or coach pitch field if the field was graded correctly.
 Needs to be updated
 over the grass and basketball court, and strew trash all over. The fact that the pavilion is used on a first come, first serve, basis means nobody takes responsibility for what goes on. Neighborhood residents can often not enjoy the park on the weekend, have to listen to loud music and vulgar language and are then treated to a park strewn with trash, The open fields and baseball fields are not well kept. They are very uneven. Need a safer walking path to get to the bottom of the hill.
 parking could be a lot better - as could the traffic nearby - it backs up often for no good reason.
 Again, the poison ivy in and around the park really needs to be dealt with. It grows up so close on the bridge that I can't even visit it.
 I think if kids resort to bringing in shopping carts to the park it is not providing the play structures and environment they seek. a low rope fence along the creek so kids would play soccer on the field instead of the basketball court

How do you get to this Park?

Value	Count	Percent
Walk	15	54%
Bike (personal)	2	7%
Bike (Capital Bikeshare)	0	0%
Drive	11	39%
Public Transit	0	0%
Carpool	0	0%

How far do you typically travel to visit this park?

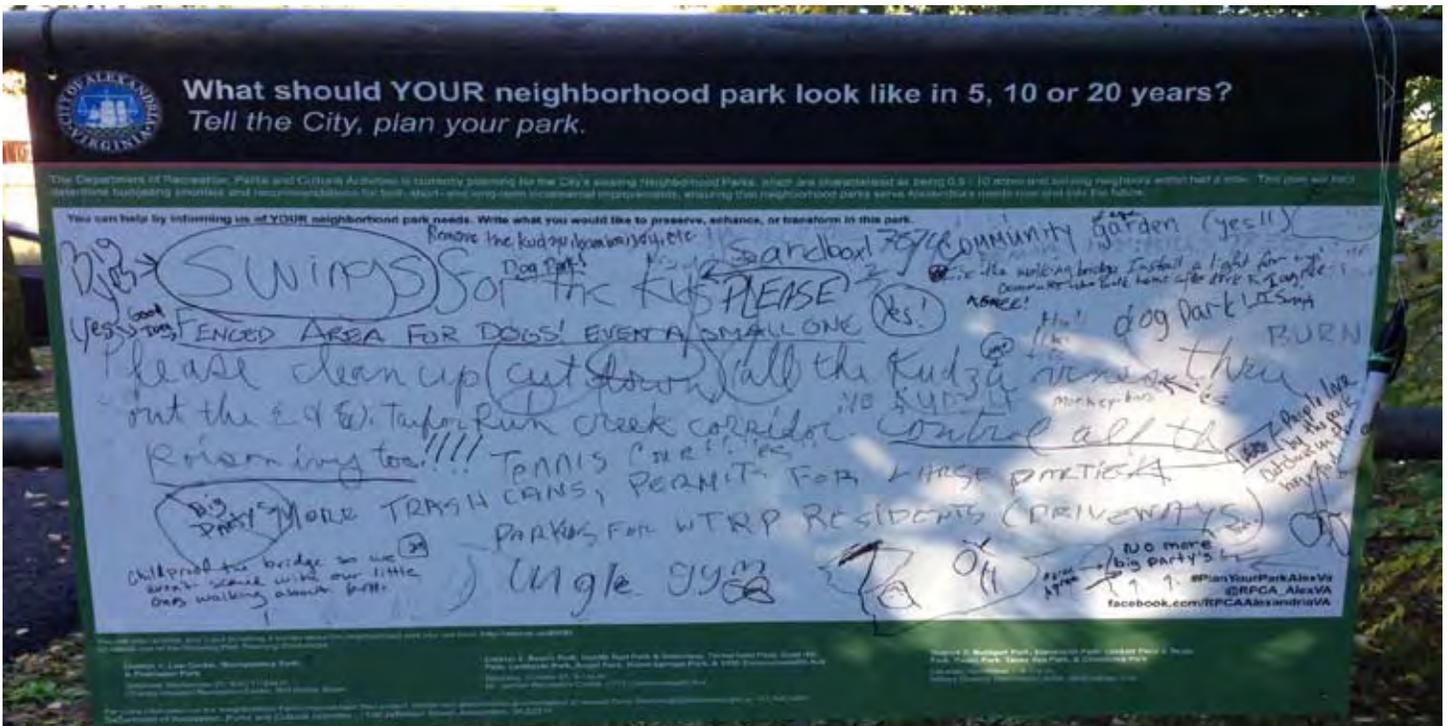
Value	Count	Percent
Less than 1/2 mile	9	32%
Between 1/2 mile to 1 mile	9	32%
Between 1-2 miles	8	29%
Over 2 miles	2	7%

Have any of the following circumstances prevented you from visiting this Park? (check all that apply)

Value	Count	Percent
I am physically limited from walking	3	16%
There is no pedestrian/bike friendly access to the park from where I live	2	11%
I have concerns about crime or personal safety	7	37%
There is not enough parking	11	58%
There is nothing in the Park that interests me	6	32%

How often do you visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Daily	0	0%
Weekly	13	48%
Monthly	10	37%
Yearly	4	15%



A “graffiti sign” in the Park had a marker attached and asked park users to write down what they would like their park to look like in the future. The sign were on site from September to November 2014 (images from October 27).

Angel Park

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)



1 Add swings or similar play equipment

Exact location must allow for compliant fall zones and footings must be suitable within the resource protection area.

2 Continue invasive species management

The Natural Resources Division will continue to manage the invasive species, including Poison Ivy.

3 Develop enforceable guidelines for park shelter use

This park does not include a designated parking lot, therefore special events are not permitted. However, enforceable guidelines can manage the noise and size of on-site gatherings.

4 Install accessible pathways to connect park shelter and basketball courts

Paths must be made American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.

5 Improve Park access from Taylor Run Parkway

Provide safe and accessible pedestrian crossings into the park. This may include additional crosswalks, an improved intersection, and shortened crossing distance through installation of bulb outs.

6 Construct accessible bleachers & plaza into the hillside

A plaza that is flush with the sidewalk may include space for bicycle parking and benches. Constructing the seating into the hillside would allow ADA compliant spectator viewing to be constructed outside of the resource protection area.

7 Relocate the ballfield

By orienting the ballfield against the hillside, the field can be ADA compliant and out of the resource protection area. It also moves the backstop away from the wooded area, which is prone to erosion. There is no designated on-site parking, therefore, programmed use would continue to be limited to ball games such as t-ball that do not attract a large number of spectators.



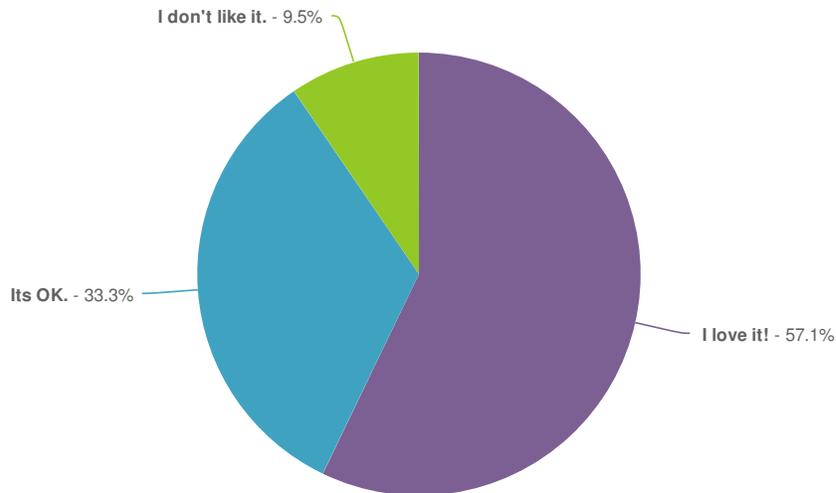
— Resource Protection Area
— Park Boundary





Angel Park Draft Improvement Plan Survey Results, July 2015

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Add swings or similar play equipment

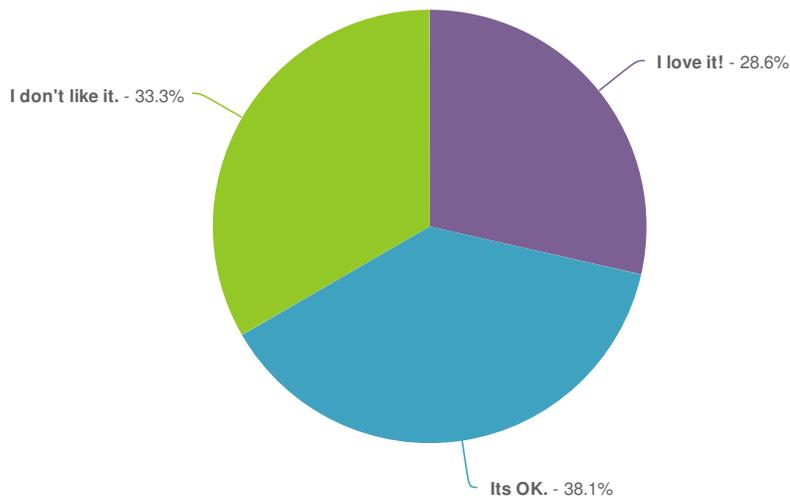


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	57.1%	12
Its OK.	33.3%	7
I don't like it.	9.5%	2
Total		21

Explain-Add swings or similar play equipment

Count	Response
1	Consider placing additional equipment on east taylor run parkway
1	Leave it well enough alone.
1	There is enough equipment there already
1	There are a lot of kids in the area and they could benefit from more playground equipment. I love that the playground is fenced and has a gate, this makes it much safer to let your kids run without going into traffic
1	Please also ensure that there is equipment for the younger child set (many children aged 5 and younger in the immediate area)

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Construct accessible bleachers & plaza into the hillside

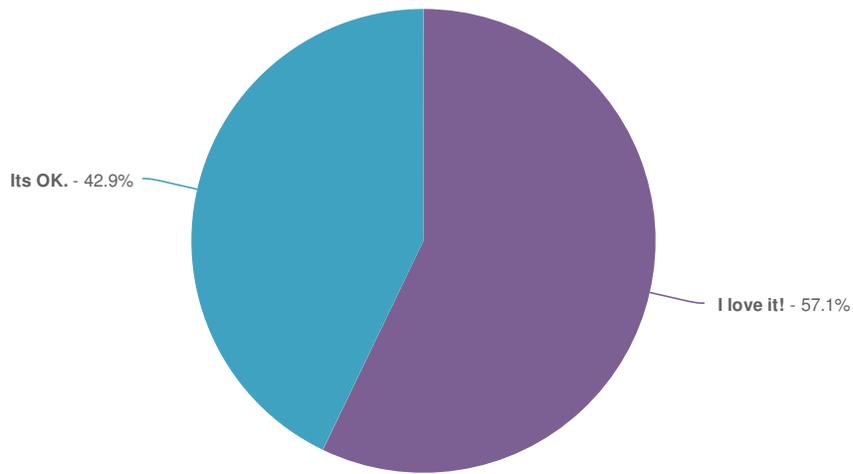


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	28.6%	6
Its OK.	38.1%	8
I don't like it.	33.3%	7
Total		21

Explain-Construct accessible bleachers & plaza into the hillside

Count	Response
1	Hill side is popular on snow days. Do not remove it
1	Horrible idea.
1	Not enough parking and traffic already a problem on west taylor run
1	Why? The park is too small for this. Parking alone is a major concern.
1	Instead of putting a "plaza flush with the sidewalk" and adding benches/bleachers, I strongly recommend that you consider using the sloping pathway, which begins near the pedestrian bridge entrance, that provides access from street level to the park grounds. Formalize that pathway, so it is also convenient for visitors with disabilities, and use the space near the top and at the the left of that pathway to install bike storage. That would provide the ADA compliance you seek without building a whole new structure. Benches/bleachers at street level, I'm afraid, will result in people loitering there, impact the usability of the sidewalk, and create a potential noise nuisance. Benches/bleachers for viewing games ought to begin down at field level and be kept low so as not to encourage transmittal of crowd noise.
1	Need to be careful with this one though. At times, kids hang out playing ball all day and at times this had lead to problems in the neighborhood like cars and houses being broken into since. If people can just hang out there all day watching neighbors go in/out of their houses, it is problematic.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Continue invasive species management

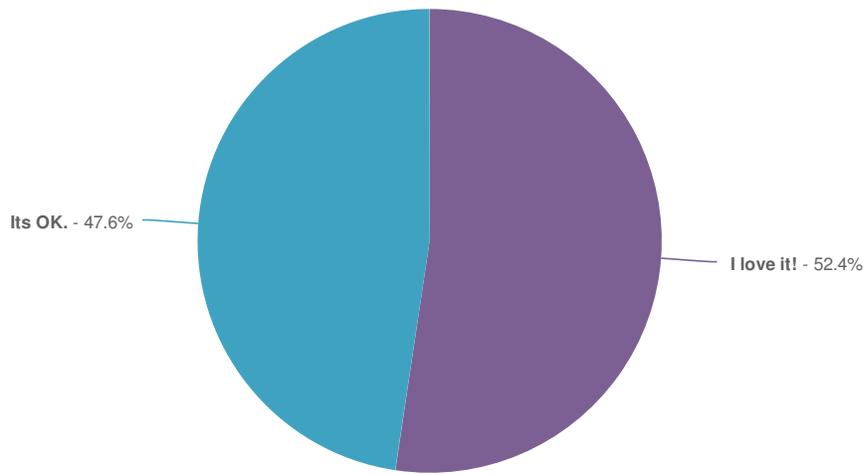


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	57.1%	12
Its OK.	42.9%	9
Total		21

Explain-Continue invasive species management

Count	Response
1	Consider using goats!
1	invasive species management. In addition to removing poison ivy, invasive English ivy needs to be removed for a minimum of two feet on the ground around trees and for 2 feet up the trunks. (English ivy can kill trees according to Arlington/Alexandria Cooperative Extension agents.) Consider hiring Eco-Goats, possibly with a nonprofit's help, to clean poison ivy/English ivy out and get good publicity. In the wooded area between the intersections with Dartmouth and Lamond Place, dead trees and dead branches on trees and on ground need to be removed. On another point, walking toward West Taylor Run Pkway on the paved park path that starts across from the intersection with Lamond Place, I recently saw to right of path a small area of stagnant water, which is a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Consider regrading so that water goes down into the creek.
1	This really needs to be the priority and needs to step up from previous years. There is just poison ivy everywhere

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Develop enforceable guidelines for park shelter use

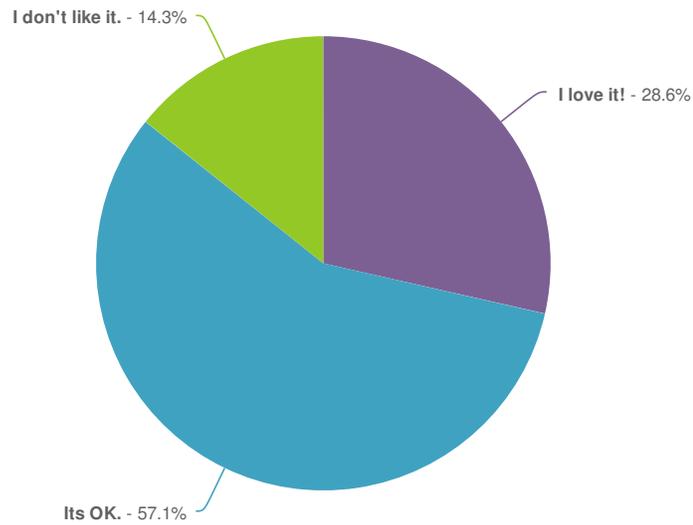


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	52.4%	11
Its OK.	47.6%	10
Total		21

Explain-Develop enforceable guidelines for park shelter use

Count	Response
1	Functions held there run past time and number of people allowed.
1	Good idea. People come from all over to use the shelter, there should be guidelines for it.
1	The city needs to enforce who can use the park. MD residents don't need our parks.
1	Some groups take over the park, making it less accessible for others and disrupting neighbors. Really need to hold people accountable if they sponsor an event and don't treat it responsibly.
1	Please make your "enforceable guidelines" include language to the effect that this park is surrounded by private property, that parking on private property is trespassing, and that people are likely to be cited and towed. We have had problems in the past with attendees at a large event/party in the park coming onto our property from West Taylor Run Parkway to park. We have had to call the police and the tow company.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install accessible pathways to connect park shelter and basketball courts



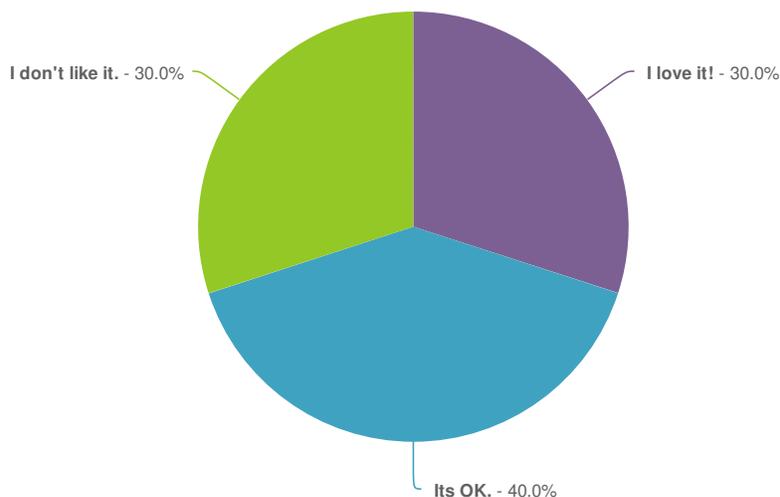
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I don't like it.	14.3%	3
Total		21

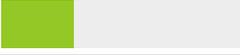
Explain-Install accessible pathways to connect park shelter and basketball courts

Count Response

1	Do not like the location of the path on the plan
1	accessible pathways. Consider using permeable eco-friendly surfaces if feasible and ADA compliant. Explore partnership with nonprofits to offset cost.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Relocate the ballfield



Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	30.0%		6
Its OK.	40.0%		8
I don't like it.	30.0%		6
Total			20

Explain-Relocate the ballfield

Count	Response
1	It's fine where it is!!!
1	The only issue is that there is really no shade over there so that needs to be part of the plan.

Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Angel Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

Count	Response
1	I support #5 improve access from Taylor Run Parkway
1	I support #5, improved access from Taylor Run Parkway, including a crosswalk and light.
1	Why isn't Chinquapin park on this list of parks?
1	Yes
1	Yes, just need some tweaks as mentioned in the comments before.
1	n/a
1	A traffic-signal-controlled crosswalk already exists on West Taylor Run Parkway. I am concerned that creating an additional one, especially if "bulb outs" are installed, will complicate and already difficult parking situation for residents on West Taylor Run and a number of Seminary Walk residents whose homes front on West Taylor Run and Dartmouth. The traffic signal, which trips when anyone exceeds 25 mph, has definitely helped control the urge to speed down that street. If you add a "bulb out" there, however, it will eliminate a couple of parking spaces on each side of the street. I would prefer to to see you keep the traffic signal as is, but add a push-button that pedestrians can use to trigger the light when they need to cross. If you want better access to the park, move the existing signal from its current location to nearer the entrance to the park, where your map shows an additional crosswalk. I think adding a second crosswalk on this stretch of West Taylor Run would only further snarl traffic, which is quite bad during rush hours, and eliminate badly needed parking spaces.I hope my comments will be considered before you make final plans for enhancements to Angel Park.
1	There is absolutely no parking for this park, West Taylor run has terrible traffic as it is. why would you try to add to it by making more amenities at Angel Park?
1	Definitely increase the number of trash cans available for the pavilion. People often ask about a bathroom when using the pavilion, but I'm not sure what can be done about that.

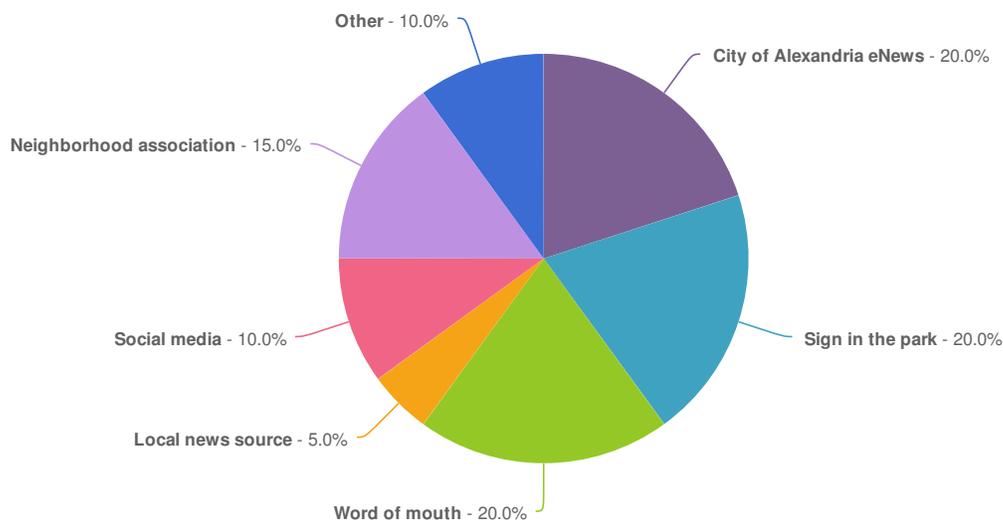
Count Response

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- 1 I would like to see plans that include the paths from East Taylor Run to Angel Park. WE have many families that use the park. There are also commuters that live on W. Taylor area that use the path to get to and from the Metro. They also need a pedestrian crosswalk at East Taylor Run. Also the park needs to consider the noise that it generates on East Taylor. Several parties the last few years where amplified loud music including obscene language lyrics and screaming. It seems to echo off the hill back towards East Taylor. That will also occur if stadium seating is put in the park. Would love to see a small community garden in the park and trash cans for dog waste. The park is greater then the area considered for development so that should be included in the plan. Part of the park is on East Taylor and little to no work to be done on this side of the park I would have attended the meeting if I was aware of it. Sorry I missed it.
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- 1 I did not know about these changes. Parking and traffic already a problem on West Taylor Run Parkway. Rollover of parking ends up on private property and loitering on private property.
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- 1 The way that the park is set up it would be great to see a multi-use basketball court that includes the ability to play futsal.
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- 1 No. I provided some comments on the board by the bridge, was not aware of other opportunities. You should use other social media such as the local community Facebook pages. You are not aware that the hillside is very popular during snow days. In the winter people drive from miles away to sled on to the field. It is very popular for the community. Please be more creative And reasonable in providing Ada accessibility. Your plan implies that disabled people can not make it down to the softball field. We do not want to be limited to viewing a game from far away. We want people with disabilities to be included in the game and therefor have access to the level of the field. You do not need to reorient the field to do this. Use the existing service road and continue a smooth path to the shelter and the field to provide Ada access. West taylor run parkway turn into a nightmare during rush hour. You should be aware of this before inviting people to spend time viewing a game from the sidewalk. The traffic mess is a hot topic around here. There even was a show about it in local radio show. We like the slope be aide it provides a physical protection from west taylor run parkway. I don't hear anything about improving the pedestrian bridge. This area is the clear entrance to the park. Please make this more welcoming.
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- 1 Something urgently needs to be done about the use of the pavilion area in the summer. Every weekend the neighborhood has to tolerate loud music and filth left after various parties. Last weekend there was a huge bounce house! Don't those things need a permit?
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- 1 Improve access. Existing crosswalk across West Taylor Run Parkway at the traffic signal should be retained. Steps near that crosswalk should be repaired and/or replaced with ADA-compliant ramp. Ramp would also be good for stroller-pushers. Consider putting in a push-button control of signal light. There is very heavy traffic on West Taylor Run Pkwy, especially during rush hours, as it accesses the Telegraph Rd ramp. I feel strongly that shortening the crossing distance across this relatively narrow road is not necessary or desirable. Consider painting a crosswalk near 226 West Taylor Run Parkway to intersect with the pedestrian path that many people use to walk to the King Street subway and to walk dogs. The Seminary Walk condo's fire lane opens onto 200 block of West Taylor Run Pkwy. It is routinely blocked during rush hours by cars extending past fire lane. Consider adding a sign in this area saying something like Do Not Block Fire Lane. In effort to deter those who park in Seminary Walk's property and use the condo's dumpsters, consider adding a sign saying Private Property: No Trespassing.
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- 1 I'd like to see more developed and signed trails to connect the park to the neighborhoods behind it that allow people to walk to the King St. Metro station.
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- 1 There is also a concern with lighting. While the park closes at sunset, the pathways remain open. A better set of lighting on footpaths would be an excellent addition to the plan. Also, please ensure that a pedestrian walkway is added to the north end of the park (crossing West Taylor Run near the entrance of the Pedestrian path through the woods). And seating for parents that is separate and apart from the bleacher area would be imperative (especially if there are nursing mothers using the park space for siblings of nurslings).
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- 1 Generally yes, in particular address the large party gatherings and noise as well as updating playground is great. Would like to see some tot swings/tot lot equipment included as well as a number of residents have small children.
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- 1 A crosswalk/stop sign should be installed across Taylor Run closer to the bridge. That is where I cross every morning and I see a lot of other people do it too. The paths through the forested area could be repaved and have lights to make it safer.
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Count Response

- 1 I recently talked to a few friends who live in other urban areas across the country where urban orchards are being planted in public parks. This of course would help with food production, but more importantly allows children to have a connection to nature and understand where food comes from. I think the slope between the steps and the playground, with some regrading and introduction of walls and ramps would be a great place for a terraced orchard. This area is not the area where children use for sledding.
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- 1 W. Taylor Run is a bypass for commuters all day long & weekends too. We have an overflow of traffic on that street as is. Please don't make it worse by adding bleachers, etc. Parking is a major issue with the new added enhancements. I live in the Seminary Walk Condos and visitors to the park would begin parking in our back parking lot that faces the park. We owners would have to begin policing the area and calling on the Alexandria police to enforce the "no trespassing" on private property. How much time & effort does the police have to maintain enforcing the no trespassing flow into our back parking lot especially in the evening and weekends. It's a total nightmare. Where will the residents who live on W.Taylor Run facing the park going to park themselves. This will be a total disaster to our community. Leave it alone...
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- 1 The importance of improving access to the park from Taylor Run cannot be stressed enough. There is a sidewalk that dead-ends into the roadway close to Dartmouth Rd where pedestrians frequently cross the street. Taylor Run is exceptionally busy at rush hour. Providing a safe crossing for neighborhood children to access the park and providing access for commuters who pass through Angel park to access the metro there should be a top priority.

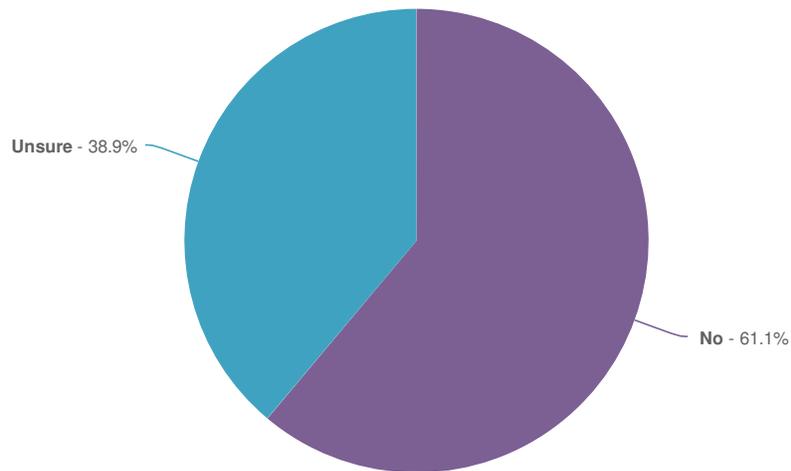
How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?



Value	Percent	Count
City of Alexandria eNews	20.0%	4
Sign in the park	20.0%	4
Word of mouth	20.0%	4
Local news source	5.0%	1
Social media	10.0%	2
Neighborhood association	15.0%	3
Other	10.0%	2
Total		20

Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	23
Neighbor saw the sign and pointed it out.	1
email	1

Will you be attending the workshop on May 27 from 7pm-8:30pm at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center to discuss the draft plan?



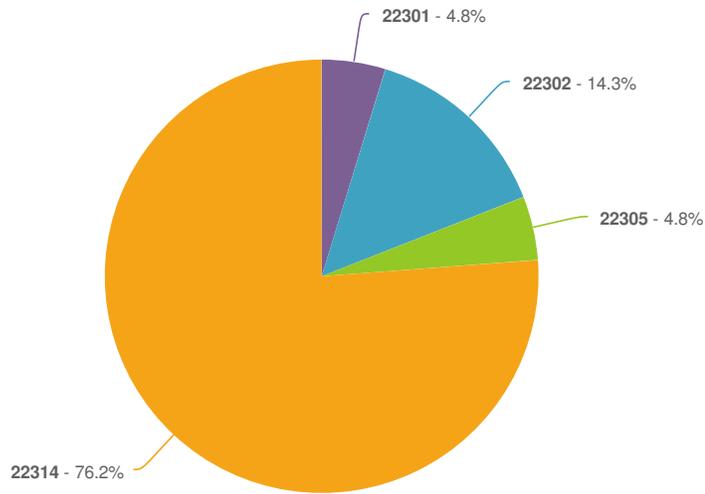
Value	Percent	Count
No	61.1%	11
Unsure	38.9%	7
Total		18

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	12 100.0%	12
6-12	4 100.0%	4
13-18	1 100.0%	1
19-29	5 100.0%	5
30-49	15 100.0%	15
50-69	3 100.0%	3

	# in household	Responses
70 or above	1 100.0%	1

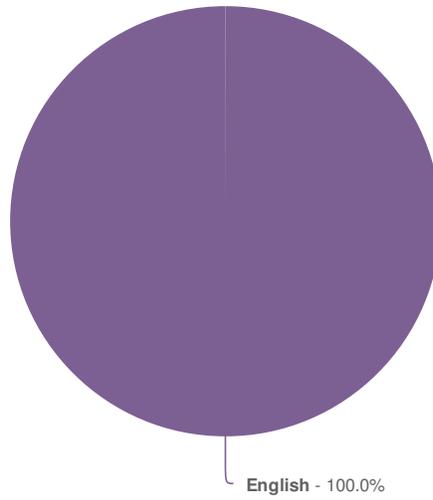
What is your zip code?



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
22301	4.8%	1	Sum 468,536.0
22302	14.3%	3	Average 22,311.2
22305	4.8%	1	StdDev 5.0
22314	76.2%	16	Max 22,314.0
Total		21	

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"	Count
Left Blank	25

What is the primary language spoken in your home?



Value	Percent	Count
English	100.0%	21
Total		21

Responses "other"	Count
Left Blank	25



Neighborhood Parks Plan

Beach Park

Community Feedback, Fall 2014



The Division of Park Planning, Design, and Capital Development is currently planning for the City's existing Neighborhood Parks, which we characterize as being 0.5 - 10 acres with a service area of up to 0.5 miles. The results of this plan will help determine budgeting priorities and recommendations for both short and long-term incremental improvements, ensuring that neighborhood parks serve Alexandria's needs now and into the future.

In Fall 2014, 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, community workshop, and "graffiti board" in the park. Over 275 people responded to the survey in total, forty-one of which were specific to Beach Park.

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

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Be a safe place for children to explore
2. Be a place to create social connections with neighbors
3. Be a place to relax

What would you like done with the amphitheater stairs?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	8	25%
Enhance it	10	31%
Transform it	14	44%

Explain

Clean it up.
Fix (x2)
Get rid of them!! They are awful and mess up sledding (x3)
I had wondered if that's what it was.
Needs some drainage. It gets swampy when it rains.
Not used at all and is a safety hazard.
Part of park history; fits in nicely with terrain; hope you can keep.
Seems like something better could be done here.
The space seems to be under-used. Can it be more active? Rope climbing? Sledding?
Other ideas?
A nice historical piece but not sure if this could be used in a better way?
The amphitheater is a neat idea, but it is overgrown. It would be great to clean it up, and have better seating for watching games.
These don't seem to have a purpose. It'd be cool if the city made use of the stairs, but it doesn't, and the wood is rotting and it takes up what could be usable green space.
If rehabbed, the amphitheater could provide a neighborhood venue for local music groups, plays, etc.
Some of the wood planks have large nails sticking out, which pose a danger to kids, especially when they are sledding in winter.
These are so deteriorated as to be dangerous now. The space has never been actually used as an amphitheater in the 10 years I've lived in Rosemont. This is one of the only contained spaces where kids in the neighborhood can go sledding in the winter, and the steps impede that and can cause injuries especially when just covered enough with snow as to be hidden.

What would you like done with the open lawn?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	15	44%
Enhance it	14	41%
Transform it	5	15%

Explain

Alexandria needs more open space like this!
Can include some native wildflowers and meadow area.
Drainage and lack of grass are problem.
Drainage could be better (x3)
Great space kids to run in. Have played a lot of soccer there.
Mini turf field.
This is a much-needed open space for kids to run, play soccer, etc.
Add more opportunities for soccer.
Close the park to be able to sod until it's strong enough for soccer, etc.
Great for kids running around/playing sports/soccer etc.
Periodically needs upgrade, dog owners run and play with dogs all the time and I see poop not cleaned up.

What would you like done with the playground?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	16	46%
Enhance it	15	43%
Transform it	4	11%

Explain

Remove.
Haven't used it much but kids seem to enjoy it.
More wood and natural elements would be great. More "movable parts".
We need new climbing facilities.
It'd be great if there was more playground equipment. The offerings for really young kids (ages 6 mos-3 years) is pretty paltry.
Add elements that interest 3-5th graders. Add building materials like logs, increase the stream so they can play in the water.
The play space for little ones has old equipment and isn't as nice as the equipment for bigger kids.
The small wooden climbing structure is slippery for kids, especially when covered in sand. Does not seem safe.

What would you like done with the seating?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	8	25%
Enhance it	20	63%
Transform it	4	13%

Explain

A designated picnic area would be great, with some picnic tables.
Artistic benches could be a great addition.
There is not enough seating.
There's not enough seating for adults near the playground, and no place for family picnics, etc.
There's seating?
add some benches
but get rid of the railroad ties!!!!!!
more interested in opportunities for kids to be active than for parents to sit :-)
one more bench under the tree
very limited.
An overhang/trellis with picnic benches would be lovely and the city can charge for renting this space for birthday parties, etc.!!! Look at new Rocky Run Park in Arlington for ideas.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Park?

Response

Dog owners use the park extensively. The lawn is usually smelly and unhygienic. Small children, who spend a lot of time on the ground, also use the lawn for organized soccer. Drainage issues plague that Park and the Maury school yard

Great park, but I do feel it has more bugs and is an issue getting bit during the summer.

Green space needs improving. Bike run?

I love the trees and the big open spaces.

It is generally very well kept.

Keep the trees! Maybe add more benches, space to hang out and socialize.

Love the big tree at the top of the amphitheater.

Needs some stormwater controls

This is a pretty passive park (there's a small playground and lots of just open space) and that's ok, if we could just have some upgrades/better use of the land.

This is one of the few good-size and contained (i.e., safe, not right next to a busy road)

open spaces where children in the Rosemont/Del Ray/Old Town area can run and explore freely. To me it is most important to preserve that, not by adding more equipment but by focusing on making it safe for free play and to shore up its infrastructure so that it protects the Maury playground below, which is a very important play space not just for the school but the entire community.

There is a need for more space for soccer practice. Also help alleviate the stormwater issues so that the great work for the Maury schoolyard can move ahead. Thanks!

I don't want to see anything changed with this park. I can't believe this park is on the list when you have Maury slated to be renovated based on all the fund raising. There needs to be a park that services older kids not just preschool age. Something similar to rocky run park in Arlington should be created. The Mvcs playgrounds should be looked at based on the amount of non school use and foot traffic it brings to the del ray businesses. I also think the empty pool space at the corner of mt Vernon and del ray is a complete waste and should be addressed prior to beach park.

We have so many kids that play soccer but no futsal courts. It would be great to have one of these.

There is way too much wasted space at Beach Park. The amphitheater steps need to go. They are not used and a safety hazard. Poor rainwater management makes the Maury fields a mess

I have lived nearby for 15 years and am always surprised how little care it receives. The playground is now in good shape, but it seems to be ignored by Parks & Rec for maintenance.

It is a safe, enjoyable space. We like the trees that provide greenery and privacy for the homes along its border. It's great for sledding so if there was a way to build up the hill, that would be great!

We live nearby and love to hear the sounds of the little kids playing Tball and soccer on Sat morning, and the families paying louch football on the weekends and holidays.

I love being able to walk there with my kids (and dog, who loves the pomegranate tree). Maybe actually labeling what the tree species are could add some educational elements.

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

Response

A turf field for recreational usage.

Activities. Nature walks. Playground for older kids (9 and 10 years). Baseball field.

Activities/play for older kids (10+); adult exercise equipment (bars for pull-ups, etc.)

Additional trash cans for trash and pet waste.

Better drainage from run off

Grass!

I love it! Please repair it but don't tear it all open and build.

More for older children

Needs more shade!

Picnic Tables

Play equipment for older kids, accessible equipment, rainwater management

Running water in the stream bed, climbing trees

Seating/picnic space

Shade on the main playground areas

The lousy rotten railroad ties and the amphitheater. Get rid of them, please!

drinking fountain on lower end

more seating including so you can have a small group talking with each other

I don't want to see anything changed with this park. I can't believe this park is on the list when you have Maury slated to be renovated based on all the fund raising. There needs

would be great to have breech park combined with Maury park so that it would be a bigger green space

Activities for older children and adults, more trees and wildflowers, maybe a native garden. Large boulders, logs and natural elements to explore. Climbable trees. Movable Please no dog parks. When I see owners running their dogs in the area kids play soccer I cringe. This is typically at dusk and mid-day when there is no enforcement (is There is plenty there. Just a different climbing structure for smaller children that is less slippery.

better drainage, kids take the rocks and play with them and that doesn't help the little drainage help there is there. Also would like to see "no using the bushes as a bathroom sign". Would love to see a dog play area too

How do you get to this Park?

Value	Count	Percent
Walk	35	85%
Bike (personal)	3	7%
Bike (Capital Bikeshare)	0	0%
Drive	3	7%
Public Transit	0	0%
Carpool	0	0%

How far do you typically travel to visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Less than 1/2 mile	25	61%
Between 1/2 mile to 1 mile	12	29%
Between 1-2 miles	3	7%
Over 2 miles	1	2%

Have any of the following circumstances prevented you from visiting this Park? (check all that apply)

Value	Count	Percent
I am physically limited from walking	1	20%
There is no pedestrian/bike friendly access to the park from where I live	1	20%
I have concerns about crime or personal safety	0	0%
There is not enough parking	1	20%
There is nothing in the Park that interests me	3	60%

How often do you visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Daily	8	20%
Weekly	18	44%
Monthly	13	32%
Yearly	2	5%

Comments from Community Workshop held on October 25, 2014

Playground	Preserve	Keep mulch surface and sand box
Playground	Preserve	Keep grass and natural feel
Playground	Preserve	Maintain ADA Routes
Amphitheater	Enhance	Investigate school use of amphitheater
		-Causes flooding in neighborhood basements.
		- Needs engineering study.
		- Discuss system solution with Dr. Singh (18 W. Masonic)
		- Park must be planned after drainage has been fixed.
Various	Transform	



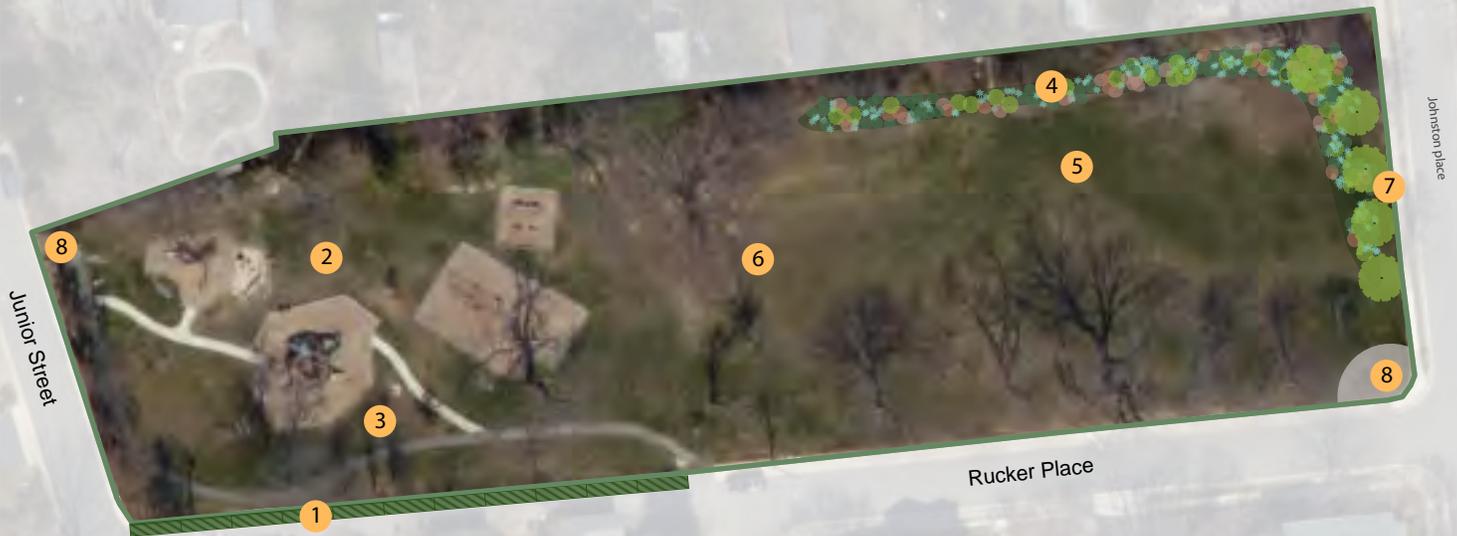


Beach Park

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)

Commission endorsed on November 10, 2015
W. Masonic View Ave



1 Retrofit alley with green systems

Alleys provide an opportunity for green stormwater infrastructure. Their lower vehicle volumes lend themselves well to pervious pavement options such as grass-pave or recycled materials. A green alley would also serve as a transition from the right-of-way to the park and capture some of the rainwater before it enters the park.

2 Update existing playground and provide more equipment geared towards older children and natural play features

The current playground is standard playground equipment, mainly focused on ages 2-5. Community feedback indicated that there is a need for additional structures that interest older children and promote more imaginative play.

3 Improve drainage by the playground

Rainwater often causes ponding east of the playground. In combination with the green alley, a small yard drain will resolve this problem.

4 Install rain garden to capture water draining through the Park

The park slopes to the north causing all rain water to move that direction and then pond along the northern edge and the center of the field. A rain garden will serve as a basin to capture and then absorb the water. A drain may also be used to direct a portion of the rainwater to an overflow location in the event of heavy rains.

5 Re-grade turf and install irrigation system

The turf is currently in poor condition. Re-grading and soil will help control the drainage issues by diverting water toward the rain garden. Irrigation will help sustain the grass.

6 Remove amphitheater stairs while maintaining slope

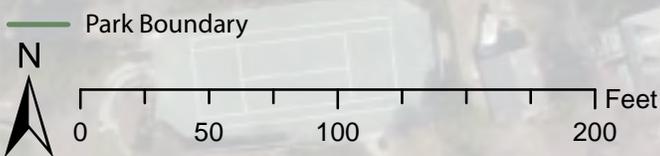
The amphitheater does not serve its intended purpose and is in poor condition. The community feedback indicated the desire to remove the stairs altogether and retain a hill for children to play on and sled down.

7 Remove wooden bollards and replace with trees

The existing wooden bollards prevent vehicles from entering the park but are in poor condition. Trees would serve the same purpose and also better absorb water in the existing swale.

8 Create entry plaza with park sign, trash can, benches, and bike racks

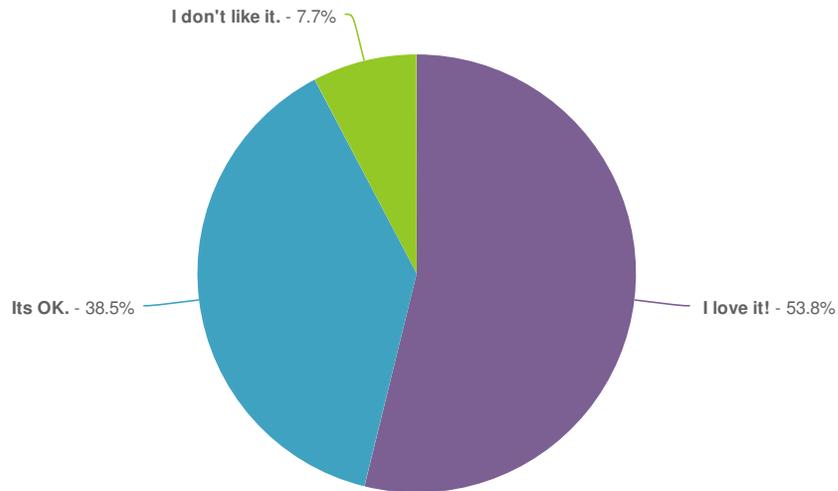
A new formalized entrance to the park would create a small space for a park sign, benches, and bike racks. The benches can become a social spot for all ages to relax. adjacent trees can add shade to the seating area.





Beach Park Draft Improvement Plan Survey Results, July 2015

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Create entry plaza with park sign, trash can, benches, and bike racks



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	53.9%	28
Its OK.	38.5%	20
I don't like it.	7.7%	4
Total		52

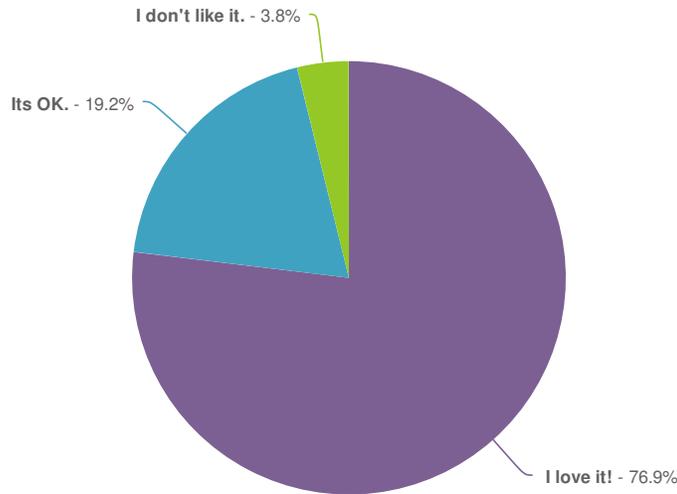
Explain-Create entry plaza with park sign, trash can, benches, and bike racks

Count	Response
1	Benches would be nice if new trees are maintained by the city, which I doubt.
1	Recycling cans, too!
1	Sounds very, very nice.
1	only lacks bike rack. trash rarely picked up
1	Would prefer benches further into the park (to watch the kids practicing soccer/sledding/ etc and to enjoy the park. Seems like potentially unused space
1	let us make it more friendly for pets as well. It makes no sense to me to have a child park with equipment next to a school with similar equipment
1	If you are attracting older children you need to consider how they might arrive - bikes, scooters and the like.

Count Response

1 Comment for beach park, and for parks in general-consideration to have benches situated so that they are conducive to conversation (two benches at 90 degree angles for instance, or facing each other) and under shade.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Improve drainage by the playground



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	76.9%	40
Its OK.	19.2%	10
I don't like it.	3.9%	2
Total		52

Explain-Improve drainage by the playground

Count Response

- 1 All drainage needs to be improved for the benefit of the community

- 1 Please do this. All of the runoff drains towards the Maury Playground

- 1 Problem not as bad as the whole sidewalk in front of Maury

- 1 The water issue is the most important factor in this park.

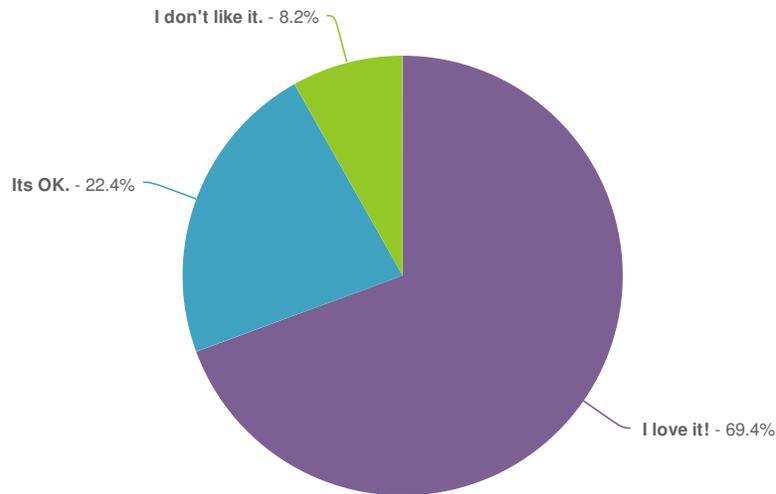
- 1 Would not want to see a grated storm drain

- 1 the playground is awful. plant trees!

- 1 The drainage problem is not confined to the playground; the whole park needs to be evaluated for drainage challenges; though they are worst around the children's areas.

- 1 Yes! The water run-off from Beach Park flows across the road at the bottom and floods the Maury Elementary school playground.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install rain garden to capture water draining through the park

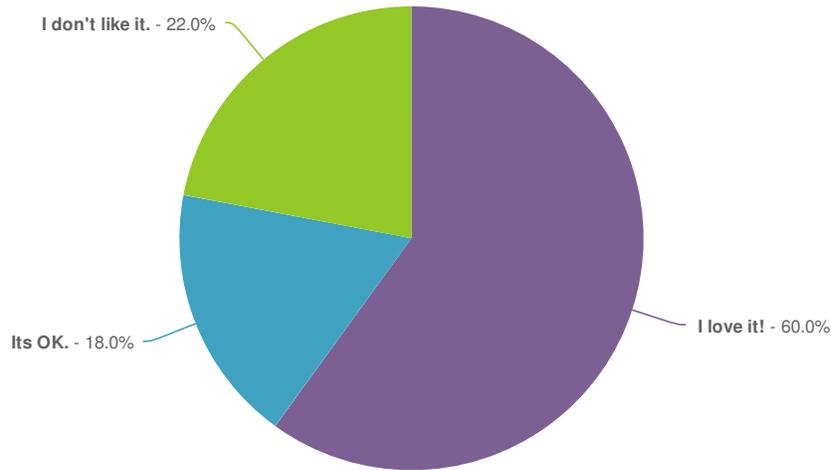


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	69.4%	34
Its OK.	22.5%	11
I don't like it.	8.2%	4
Total		49

Explain-Install rain garden to capture water draining through the park

Count	Response
1	This is a great way to help drainage and educate
1	What will this do to drainage for homes?
1	Who will maintain the rain garden?
1	not sure what this means
1	yes but maintain the culvert, drainage intake and park in general
1	The city installed a swale. It does drain the water. . Maury School efforts were to incorporate pervious drainage on johnston street. The water does not flow over the curb into the johnston street. The Maury school project was to involve water features, and a rain garden on the slope to the playground.The swale is not a place for young children to play.
1	The plantings in the park, including the proposed rain garden and existing swales, would be good opportunities to remove invasive and add native plantings and signs.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Re-grade turf an install irrigation system

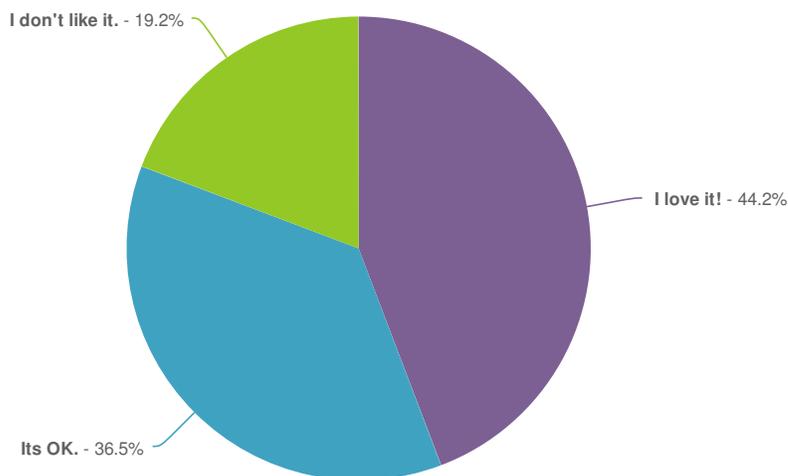


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	60.0%	30
Its OK.	18.0%	9
I don't like it.	22.0%	11
Total		50

Explain-Re-grade turf an install irrigation system

Count	Response
1	Beach Park is popular for soccer and it needs better drainage and irrigation
1	Concerned an irrigation system would be a tripping hazard
1	Lets have a conversation of a dog park in Beach park.
1	Seems too expensive.
1	This park already has too much water!
1	do we really need to waste water that way
1	leave enough flat space for Alex Soccer mini u-5/6 field
1	Re turf, but we already have a problem with water issues in the park, and school yard. Beach park, is not a regulation soccer field.
1	irrigation really, RCPA can not even maintain the culvert let alone add a water source and maintain an irrigation system
1	Not sure if an irrigation system is needed; maybe yes, maybe no. Just mow it more regularly please during May-September.
1	Not sure irrigation is needed for turf to be OK. proper mowing height, and regrading to get rid of ponding water, should be sufficient once established.
1	Irrigation system sounds like something that will need to be maintained and is prone to breaking. Would prefer approach where rainwater provides natural irrigation but maybe that's not possible, hence the system suggestion.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Remove amphitheater stairs while maintaining slope



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I love it!	44.2%	23
Its OK.	36.5%	19
I don't like it.	19.2%	10
Total		52

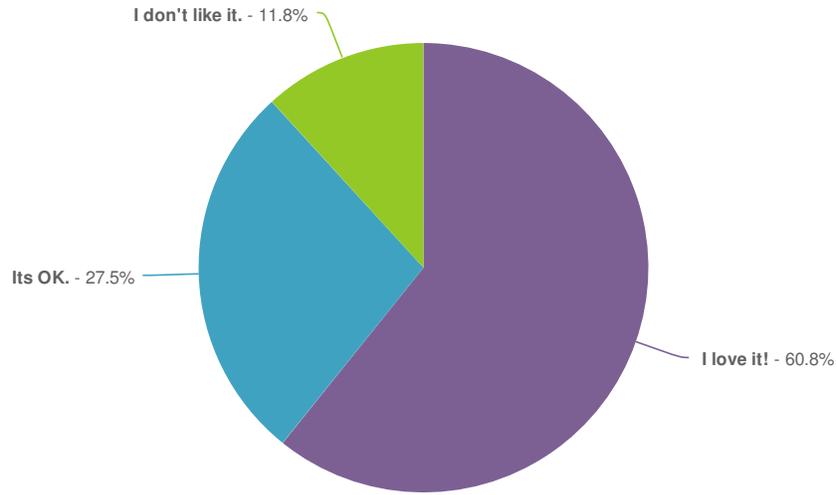
Explain-Remove amphitheater stairs while maintaining slope

Count	Response
1	As long as the slope remains for sledding!
1	Safer for winter sledding.
1	The amphitheater seats are useful during soccer games and other events.
1	When has the amphitheater been used - not since I have lived here (13 years and counting).
1	Yes, they have not had ANY repairs in 10 years. What is the deal.
1	if you keep the amphitheater we need programming for it
1	The cost to keep the amphitheater is not warranted for a few neighborhood activities that have not taken place for decades. People can sit on a hill.
1	I definitely recommend keeping the slope, but I would like the steps to be re-installed. The large steps make a fun seating area, and possibly would again be used as an outdoor theatre if it was redone. There is still opportunity to keep part of the slope without steps - like it is now, that can be used for playing/sledding.
1	This is a unique feature of the Neighborhood park. Yes, I do agree that the steps should be made safe, but they do provide a convenient seating area for groups. The boy scouts/Cub scouts utilize the area, as well as it could have been used by the Movie nights that the area does provide.
1	Also fine to leave some steps on area not used by kids for sledding, so have both amphitheatre (even if limited) and sledding area.

Count Response

1 Yes, thank you! Nobody uses the amphitheater to my knowledge, and kids get hurt on the stairs during te winter when sledding.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Remove wooden bollards and replace with trees



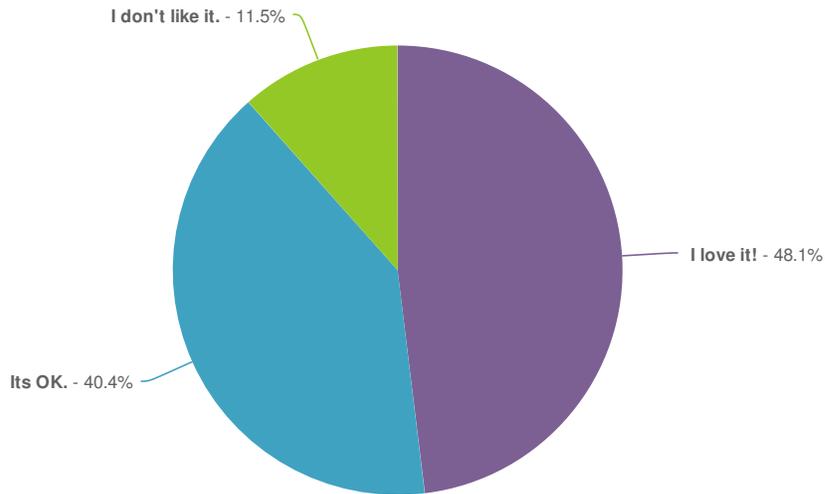
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	60.8%	31
Its OK.	27.5%	14
I don't like it.	11.8%	6
Total		51

Explain-Remove wooden bollards and replace with trees

Count Response

- 1 Not sure if trees would help or complicate the already existing drainage / run-off problem?
- 1 Try to retain visibility to/from Maury to some extent.
- 1 there are only a few that have not rotted away.
- 1 City doesn't care for new trees, many die the first year or two. Witness across the street from Beach Park.
- 1 Yes, that area needs shade desperately (will also probably help the turf from drying out so quickly/negate need for add'l irrigation?)

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Retrofit alley with green systems

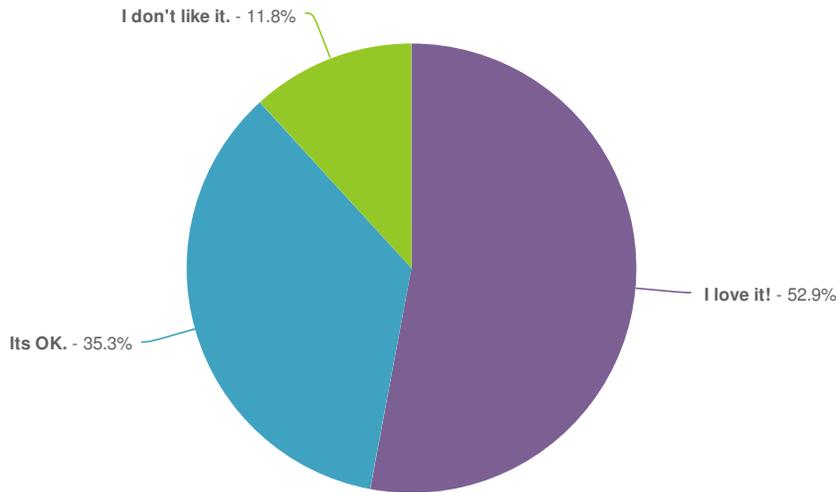


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	48.1%	25
Its OK.	40.4%	21
I don't like it.	11.5%	6
Total		52

Explain-Retrofit alley with green systems

Count	Response
1	Alley is super ugly and takes away from park. Great ideas suggested here
1	Alleys are part of the charm of our neighborhood
1	As long as it does not interfere with vehicular traffic
1	General rerouting of downspouts would help tremendously. maybe a trench drain.
1	I think this will be too expensive...
1	Need to add in a walkway
1	Important to still have signage/differentiation that this is vehicular so children do not assume it is completely safe and free of cars
1	retrofi Johnston place street with the same qualities. Since the survey mentions eco friendly then may we also discuss the englis http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/newsletter/englishivy.htm . https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/parks/Ins
1	There's too much cut through traffic; the alleyway retrofit should be done with the expressed aim to discourage such cut through. interface between public and private property.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Update existing playground and provide more equipment geared towards older children and natural play features



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	52.9%	27
Its OK.	35.3%	18
I don't like it.	11.8%	6
Total		51

Explain-Update existing playground and provide more equipment geared towards older children and natural play features

Count Response

- 1 Big kids have the school playground. Little kids need this more.

- 1 I don't feel this is critical.

- 1 PLEASE review the plans of Maury Elementary that include playspace for older kids.

- 1 Please keep the sandbox!!!

- 1 Mainly I would prefer that the placement of the/any equipment not be arbitrary but rather placed smartly and unlike an alien spaceship random landing site. To that point, can we have aesthetically appealing equipment such as what now is alongside the RR tracks along the perimeter park south of Potomac Yards?

- 1 Maury's Park is right there. Even though my son will outgrow Beach Park soon it has been wonderful for the younger kids. The older kids can play right at Maury.

- 1 I second the appeal of a zip line for older kids. we could really use one in the city. and the net climbing structures are pretty good as well, if they are high enough, for older children. it would be great to have some options like that for children who age out of playgrounds....

- 1 This is more important since the refurbishment of Blue Park (Hooffs Run) which is now more younger.

- 1 OK but would also like to see add'l trees in the mix to provide shade. Problem with most parks are lack of shade. New park by Potomac Yard? Nice equipment: zero shade. New park @ Hoofs Run? Nice equipment: nice shade by benches, no shade for children playing on equipment.

Count	Response
1	Keep the sandbox! Take advantage of the large spaces near the play equipment, perhaps have different play "stations"
1	older kids above 12 do not spend much time at playgrounds. Natural feature would appeal to ALL ages. Logs, boulders, stepping stones.
1	I think the playground equipment is fine and provides plenty of options for kids of all ages. Use all the money toward the horrible drainage issues!
1	The Maury Schoolyard will have a plaza, and lots more space for people of all ages, including walking path, shade areas, rain gardens. The current Rosemont Citizens Association members are turning over the 4th of July this year. We have found a replacement at this last minute, but there is not a group of local organizers in place to manage other events. Oktoberfest has not taken place for the 15 years I have lived here adjacent to the park. I agree that the schoolyard will change the nature of the property and that it should be considered when making changes to Beach Park. Older children do not generally enjoy "play equipment" Put in soccer goals or lacrosse nets or a zip line or tire swing. But thinking play equipment for the tween and teen crowd is really not an answer. The play equipment at Beach Park is not inspiring or particularly fun. For the smallest kids 5 and under its a popular meeting place. But beyond that its mostly used by kids when there is a sibling in an organized activity on the lower Beach Park Field. The culvert is in terrible shape, there has been virtually NO Maintenance on the park for 10 years since the pay equipment was replaced. Two tree planting have happened after I worked with the city arborist directly and watered them myself through two different summers.

Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Beach Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

Count	Response
1	Appreciate the opportunity to commen
1	Dog parks, in connection with hoofs run
1	Education plan on invasive ivy, along with some of the magnificent trees in place.
1	Enclosed area for toddlers
1	I would like more details about how the play structures will be changed.
1	Indeed! This has been a well-organized, communitive and communal venture!
1	Install benches facing west so we can get afternoon and evening sun.
1	Unsure
1	Water drainage into Maury's playground is the most pressing concern
1	Why not rebuild the amphitheater for local use?
1	Yes! Please make these changes! Thanks!
1	Yes, thank you
1	You're doing great.
1	lack or recognition of the great number of neighbors who use the park with their pets
1	APPEARS TO BE A DEMAND FOR AN OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SETTING/PLAYSPACE FOR ADULTS WHICH THE CITY SHOULD FIND A WAY TO MEET

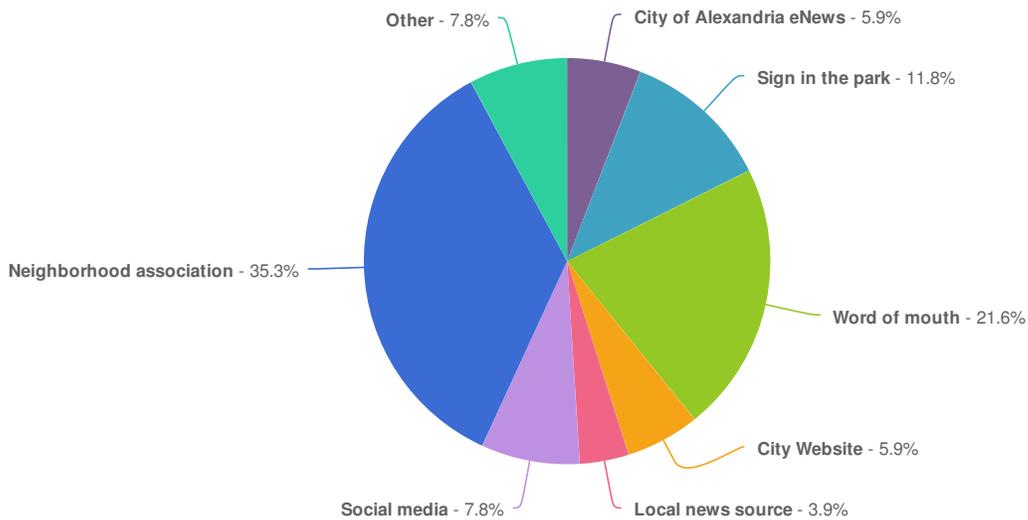
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- 1 I would also like to see more sun and shade coverage and playground equipment for infant and toddlers. Also water fountains for drinking water and maybe recycling and composting bins in addition to trash. It would also be great to add a small children's natural habitat area like a butterfly garden and other outdoor learning areas. Also places to sit for caregivers or a picnic area.
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- 1 I would make sense for Beech Park to be connected to Maury Playground in some way. It would be much larger neighborhood park.
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- 1 Care should be taken to ensure that the French drain system at the bottom of the park is redesigned to improve its function with the proposed rain garden.
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- 1 It's okay...the drainage / storm water run-off seems to be the greatest problem at Beach Park to my knowledge.
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- 1 There was also a suggestion to add electricity to the park so that the Rosemont Fourth of July Festival and other events could use amplified sound and/or moon bounces, etc. when there was an event. (The person making this suggestion did note that the immediate neighbors might object to this, and suggested that Parks & Rec contact the neighbors before acting on this.) Yes Electricity would be nice but there is not any parking or restrooms or other services that would make it a good location for anything but a small neighbor gathering.
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- 1 One thing that could be done in lieu of replacing the amphitheatre which appears to engender minimal usage, is to do what was done at the BHCP playground, which is to place medium-sized boulders embedded in the hillside on which folks could sit. If there aren't that many events, maybe 2 or 3 rows would be sufficient. Older kids might enjoy that natural feature in an open-ended way. You can also place downed trees, hollow tree sections, and as Sue mentioned, things that offer more adventure such as zip lines and trapeze nets – if you felt there were a need. I saw features like these at an eco lodge where we stayed in Yosemite and they looked very appealing. I think I sent Judy those images. But for kids much older than 10 or 11, they really need an adventure playground. Woo hoo let's do it in Alexandria – just not at Beach Park!
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- 1 For the most part I thought the comments were pretty comprehensive. I'd add that there are opportunities to remove invasive plants along the drainage swale and replace with native plantings and/or a rain garden. I enjoyed efforts to add some signage about ground bees for education - - I think that could be done with plantings so folks can learn about native plants and wildlife habitat. maintenance of trees/plants is also needed. if city can't do it, maybe ask for neighbors to team up, possibly we could get some help from city? Second, I have a dog and the park space is essential. some separate dog waste trash cans would be good, and possibly bags when people forget. but good to have turf and edge the park with shrubs, etc. so that there are some spaces where they can play off lead when people aren't there (such as early morning).
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- 1 RCA sent the wrong url a couple of times but w/out them I wouldn't have known about this survey. I saw the plan posted in the park but didn't see the survey opportunity.
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- 1 need photo of play equipment - coordinate with the play equipment at Maury Elem and their const schedule so both sites are closed at the same time
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- 1 The water drainage from this park is a huge issue for the area, particularly the Maury playground. All resources for this park should focus on fixing this problem so no water ends up leaving the park and destroying the surrounding areas and the school below it.
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- 1 Signs for children not to use wooded areas for bathroom purposes. Signs to dispose of dirty diapers in trash cans. Dog play area.
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- 1 Toddler appropriate equipment is still needed There should be plenty of older childrens equipment available at the new Maury playground. Little ones not in school yet need something to play with during school hours
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- 1 Appreciate responsiveness to the drainage issues, which are the main problem and currently make more than half the park unusable. Play ground equipment is in ok shape as is.
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- 1 One problem with this park is that a number of people use it as an off-leash dog exercise area. Please discourage that. Also, the path is nice, perhaps add a few more.

Count Response

1	PLEASE look at the neighborhood as a whole. Beach Park abuts Maury Elementary. Please be sure not to duplicate the spaces with climbing structures, Make use of Beach Park as a Park. Natural Play space with shade and slope and place to relax. NO need for disneyland at every park. Remove the climbing structure, plant some gardens and trees and maintain the culvert. That would be a significant improvement.
1	MAINTENANCE! Please do not spend money on water management and drainage without then maintaining the park. The culvert is entirely overgrown, trees not maintained, the amphitheater rotten, field never aerated or overseeded....MAINTENANCE
1	I use Beach Park a lot to walk through, but am not familiar with specifics re: drainage/alley issues. I think draft plan does fabulous job of keeping what most persons love about park (big green open space).

How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?



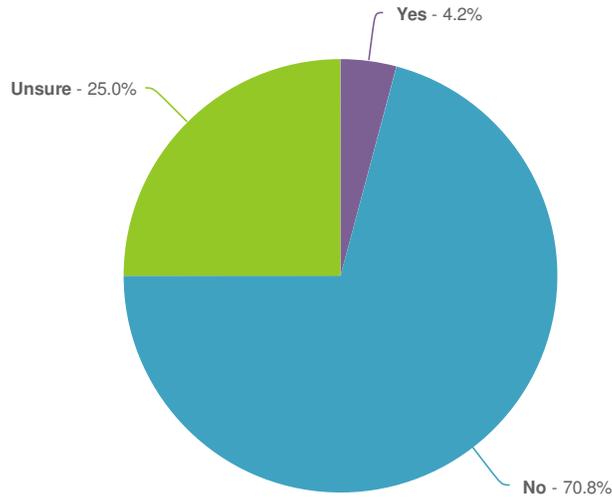
Value	Percent	Count
City of Alexandria eNews	5.9%	3
Sign in the park	11.8%	6
Word of mouth	21.6%	11
City Website	5.9%	3
Local news source	3.9%	2
Social media	7.8%	4
Neighborhood association	35.3%	18
Other	7.8%	4
Total		51

Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	54
Maury PTA meeting	1

Maury school listserv

1

Will you be attending the workshop on May 27 from 7pm-8:30pm at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center to discuss the draft plan?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	4.2%	2
No	70.8%	34
Unsure	25.0%	12
Total		48

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	20 100.0%	20
6-12	19 100.0%	19
13-18	7 100.0%	7
19-29	2 100.0%	2
30-49	35 100.0%	35
50-69	17 100.0%	17

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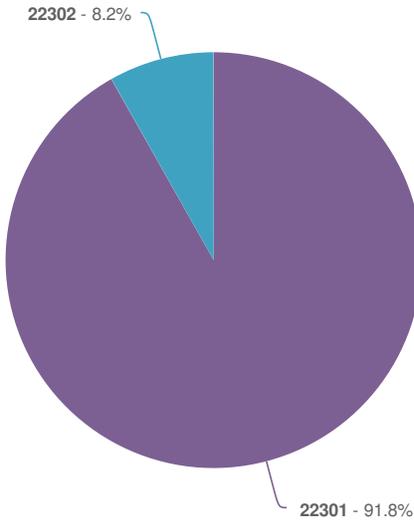
Responses

70 or above



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What is your zip code?



Value	Percent	Count
22301	91.8%	45
22302	8.2%	4
Total		49

Statistics	
Sum	1,092,753.0
Average	22,301.1
StdDev	0.3
Max	22,302.0

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"

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Count

56

What is the primary language spoken in your home?



Beverley Park Slope Stabilization Study

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

- Introduction
- Study Findings to Date
- Alternatives/Ideas
- Discussion
- Next Steps

April 14, 2014

Beverley Park



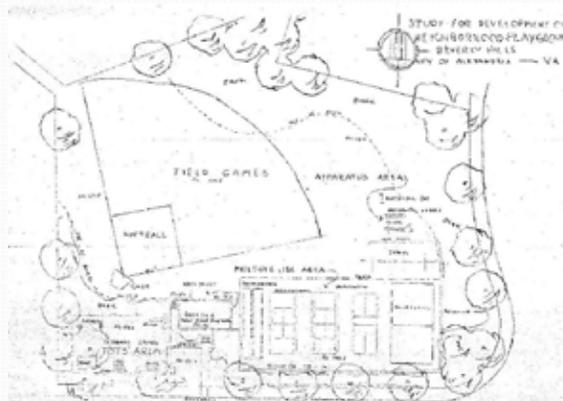
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Park History



1940, Park Planning Program



1944, National Recreation Association, Alexandria Long-Term Recreation Plan



1976, Alexandria Archives, Bicentennial Collection

22	Overlook & South Overlook Drives	1.0	Small softball Backstop Basketball Backboard
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1963, Park Inventory, Alexandria Master Plan

Park History

“An undeveloped city opened property in Beverley Hills, known as the “gravel” pit of approximately 1.75 acres, is the only available property within this neighborhood for active recreation. The development of this property involves considerable engineering if the maximum use of the property is to be realized. Unfortunately, there is considerable differences in elevation which will involve a large amount grading. The area is further handicapped by its size but it is felt that in spite of these conditions steps should be taken to develop it for playground purposes...”

Exerpt, Long Term Recreation Plan for the City of Alexandria, National Recreation Association, 1944.





Individualized Site Rituals

- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Toys
- Beautification Programs
- Open Lawn Use
- Wheel Day
- Natural/Passive Open Space



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Beverley Park Infrastructure Conditions

- Playground
- Retaining Wall(s)
- Tree Canopy
- Drainage/Slope Erosion
- Shelter
- Accessibility



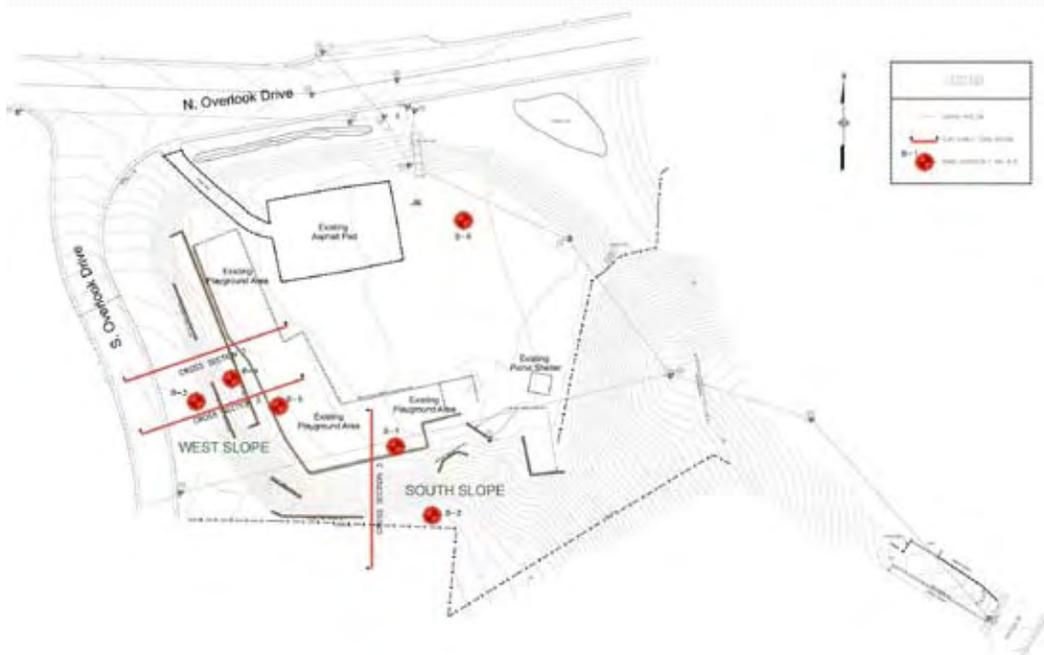
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Slope Stabilization Study

- Evaluate Existing Conditions
 - Geotechnical Investigation
 - Engineering Analysis
 - Arboricultural Analysis
- Provide Recommendations and Options

Geotechnical Investigation





Findings: Geotechnical Investigation

- West and south perimeter slopes
- Core sampling at top/middle/bottom of slopes
- Dense sand and clay soil profiles
- Slope stability modelling indicates stable soils
- Future work unlikely to need special techniques

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Findings: Geotechnical Investigation



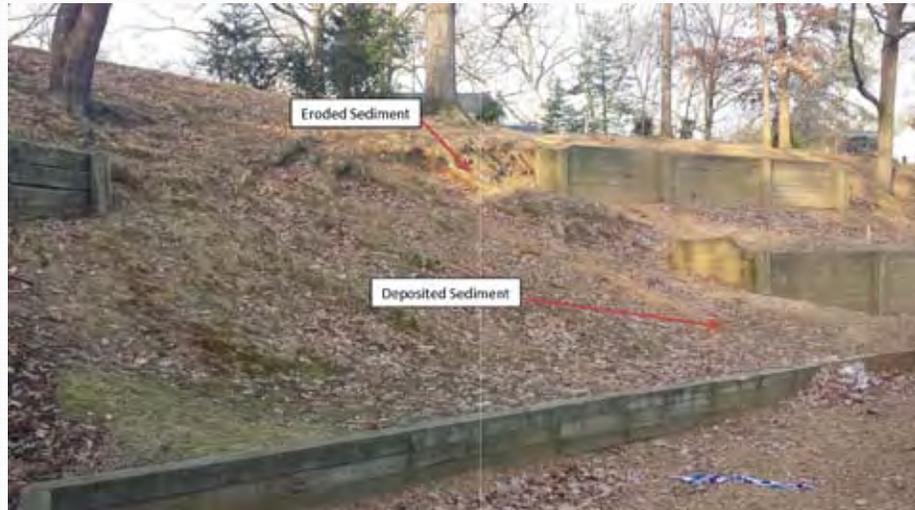
South Slope



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Findings: Geotechnical Investigation



West Slope

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Engineering Analysis



West Slope Retaining walls

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Findings: Engineering Analysis

- Retaining walls constructed in 1960's-1980's
- Near the end of their useful life
- Exacerbating soil erosion by concentrating water flow
- Remove existing walls



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Arboricultural Analysis

- Evaluate condition of 78 trees over 4 inches in caliper
- Best trees are at the top of the slopes
- Trees include native and non-native species



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Findings: Arboricultural Analysis

- 3 Trees in need of immediate removal
- Many are unlikely to survive wall reconstruction
- Approximately 25 Trees may be impacted by construction



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Design Challenges

- Execute work once
- Expend funds efficiently
- Localize construction impacts
- Sustain a long-term operational solution



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Slope Stabilization Alternatives

Retaining Wall & Grass Slope

West Slope: 8.5' height retaining wall w/ 3' height handrail
South Slope: Grassed slope with 2H:1V grade, reinforced with erosion control blanket

Tree Removal	Removal of approximately 9 trees. Trees on the south slope to continue decline
Tree/Vegetative restoration	New tree plantings likely to be constrained by wall, erosion control fabric, and steeper slope
Open Space Impact	Playground location stays relatively the same
Drainage	Considerable drainage design for wall and playground
Relative Cost	Higher cost
Constructability	Equipment for wall installation
Long term Sustainability	Potential for vandalism, long term wall maintenance and repairs may be costly

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Slope Stabilization Alternatives

Retaining Wall & Grass Slope



West Slope: 8.5' height retaining wall w/ 3' height handrail

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Slope Stabilization Recommendations

Retaining Wall & Grass Slope



South Slope: Grassed slope with 2H:1V reinforced with erosion control blanket

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Slope Stabilization Alternatives

Grass/Natural Slope -No Wall



West Slope: Grassed/Natural Slope, 4H:1V slope
South Slope: Grassed/Natural Slope, 4H:1V slope

Tree Removal	Removal of approximately 25 trees
Tree/Vegetative restoration	New tree plantings feasible
Open Space Impact	Playground moves to another location. Slope is useable once vegetation is established.
Drainage	Reduced concentrated runoff and erosion
Relative Cost	Lower cost
Constructability	Large amount of hauling and traffic control
Long term Sustainability	Indefinite life, slopes can be maintained at an optimum level

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Slope Stabilization Alternatives

Grass/Natural Slope -No Wall



West Slope: Grassed/Natural Slope, 4H:1V slope

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Slope Stabilization Alternatives

Grass/Natural Slope -No Wall



South Slope: Grassed/Natural Slope, 4H:1V slope

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Questions and Discussion

- Which alternative do you prefer?
- What should be the process for future public outreach?
- What is the preferred construction timing?

Think About...

- Constructability/Phasing/Impacts
- Relative Costs
- Long Term Solutions

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Next Steps

- Develop park and playground concept plan based on preferred slope stabilization
- Continue community engagement process
- Incorporate community feedback into Final Concept Plan
- Develop construction and permitting plans, phasing plans if needed
- Obtain regulatory plan approvals



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BEVERLEY PARK RENOVATION | City of Alexandria, Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities | Concept Development Phase

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1 Multi-Purpose Activity Lawn
The park's central turf grass area, shown above, will be preserved. The area will be re-graded for proper drainage and the turf will be reseeded. The space can accommodate youth soccer or other athletic activities.

2 Main Play Structure Area
The main play area incorporates traditional modular play equipment with a nature based theme, additional swings, and other equipment. To meet accessibility requirements, the play areas will have rubberized surfacing. The new equipment will incorporate components such as:
Cable bridges, Large sublimation equipment, and slides.

3 Small Play Structure Area
The existing Fire Truck and Play House equipment, shown below, were funded with neighborhood contributions in 2008. The equipment will be re-finished and/or replaced as feasible.

4 Quarry Stone Seat Walls
Low natural stone walls are proposed at the base of the 3:1 slopes. The low walls will provide structural support, function as seating and complement the nature based play equipment.

5 Loop Pathway **6 Accessible Park Entry Path**
A proposed perimeter pathway connects and provides required ADA access to park features. The surfacing will be firm, stable and will incorporate sustainable materials as feasible. A new accessible park entrance is proposed on North Overlook Drive, near the existing timber steps.

7 Site Furnishings
Proposed site furnishings include a drinking fountain, additional benches and trash receptacles.

8 "Play Hill/ Sled Hill"
The proposed grass slope will be stabilized with fescue turf and planted with specimen shade trees, intended to be an extension of the play area, the slope will provide multi-season use.

9 Slope Restoration Areas
The proposed 3:1 slopes will be stabilized with low maintenance non-invasive plantings. Faster growing tree species will be selected. Planting stock will be selected to include seed mixes, saplings, larger tree stock, and groundcovers. Planting designs will include a water management plan to ensure establishment of the new plantings.

10 Covered Shelter area with Picnic Tables
The existing shelter, shown above, will be replaced with a new shelter that is similar in size and compliant with ADA and Code.

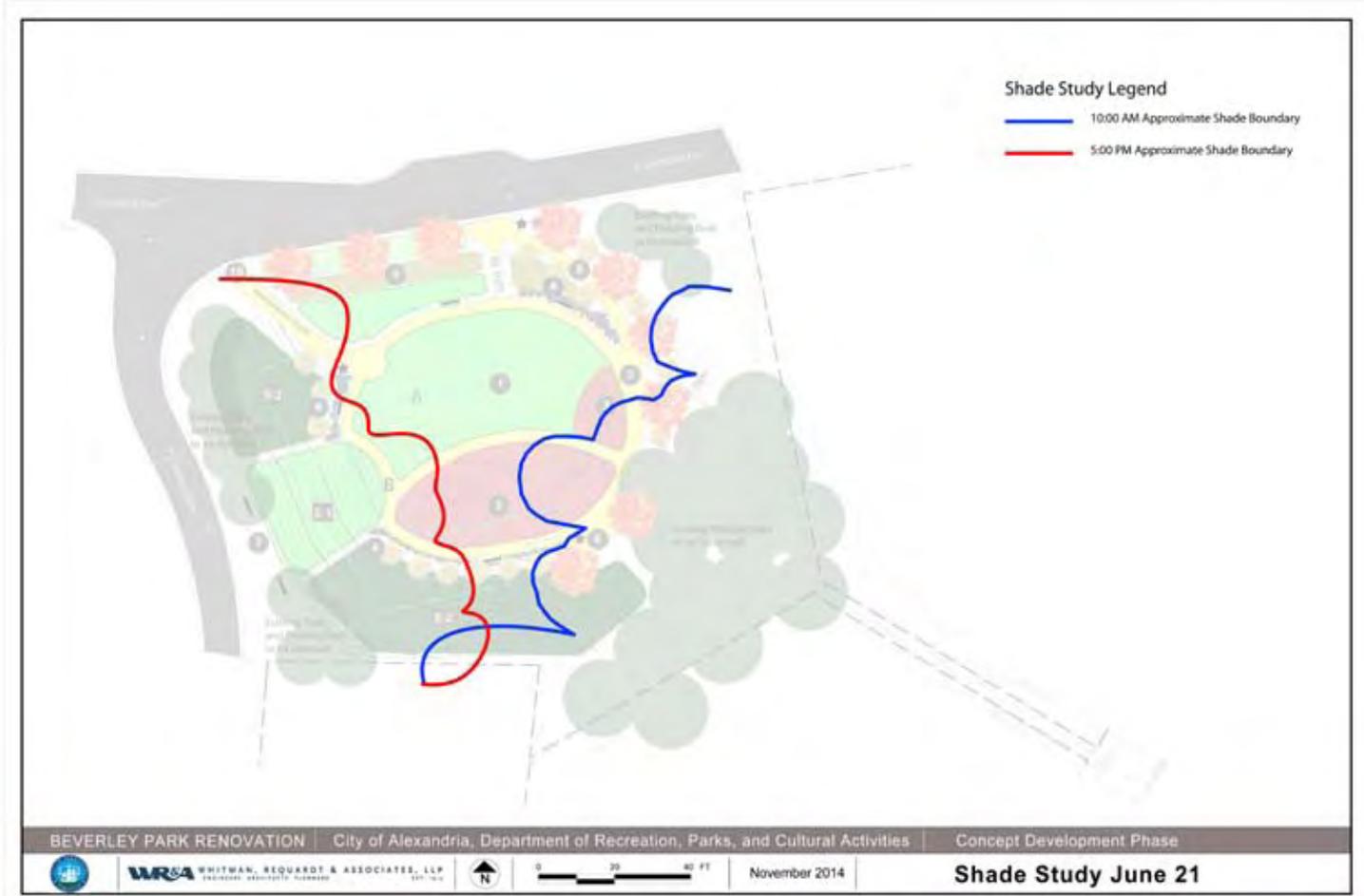
11 Overlook area with Benches
The upper area of the park, shown above, will have new seating to take advantage of expansive views.

12 Barrier edge with low shrubs and/or fence
Along North Overlook Drive a barrier of low shrubs or a fence is proposed to maintain pedestrian safety with vehicular traffic.

13 Maintenance Access Path
The existing maintenance access path, shown above, will be re-graded and include safety bollards.

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Beverley Park Renovation Update

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

- Where We Are Now
- Plan Updates
- Adjusted Project Schedule

December 14, 2015

Where We are Now

Timeline of Project to Date



- January 2014: Completed slope/geotechnical study
- April-November 2014: Developed park renovation strategy and obtained community feedback
- January –April 2015: Developed project cost estimates and obtained CIP funding (\$900,000)
- May-June 2015: Completed 30% Engineering Plan review
- July-November 2015: Re-evaluated design due to extensive site impacts, constructability concerns and cost increases
- November 2015: Release modified Renovation Plan



Park Plan Updates

- Preserve existing trees
- Repair and reinforce existing retaining walls in order to preserve trees
- Relocate ADA entrance
- Retain existing court and add path
- Add reforestation areas and nature play elements
- Reduce erosion by limiting foot traffic on the slope and re-establishing vegetation



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Park Concept Plan November 2014 and November 2015



November 2014



November 2015

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Updated Park Concept Plan November 2015



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Updated Park Concept Plan November 2015



1. **Preserve existing hard court.** Formerly a basketball court, the existing asphalt court is now a well-used area for unstructured play. The new park layout will slightly reduce the length and width of the court by approximately 10 feet.
2. **Add accessible park entrance and pathway connecting pavilion, playground and hard court.** The site currently does not comply with ADA. A loop pathway will connect the pavilion, playground and hard court. The accessible ramp will be located near the existing wood steps. To build the new ramp, the existing hedges on North Overlook will be removed or pruned back as needed.
3. **Improve open lawn areas and drainage.** Open lawn areas will be situated on the eastern portion of the site. The area will be re-graded and the existing storm drains will be upgraded to improve drainage. The lawn area can accommodate youth sports practices, up to ages 8.
4. **Enhance existing maintenance driveway.** The driveway located at the corner of North and South Overlook Drive is not very welcoming. This area will be enhanced with low plantings. The driveway will also be re-graded to be less steep for maintenance vehicles.
5. **Replace and relocate pavilion.** The existing pavilion is often used for birthday parties. The current structure does not comply with code and the dirt floor is often inundated with water from rain events. The new pavilion will be located away from drainage areas and have a hard floor surface.
6. **Preserve identified native trees on slopes.** The existing trees are a valuable natural resource for wildlife and include several native oaks and hickories. The trees are also providing shade and are helping to stabilize the slope. During construction, extensive tree preservation measures will be implemented.
7. **Remove retaining walls on the south slope and repair retaining walls on the west slope.** The older walls on the south slope have deteriorated past their useful life and will be removed. Based on topography, replacement walls are not necessary. The walls on the upper west slope are in good condition and will be reinforced with additional support pilings. The lower walls are leaning profusely and rebuilding the wall in the same footprint would impact trees. Based on structural evaluations, a new wall can be built in front of the existing wall, without having to remove the existing wall, or impact vegetation.
8. **Reduce soil erosion on the slopes.** The existing slopes are prone to frequent washouts. Planting native groundcovers and grasses will help establish vegetative cover. Temporary silt fence and other erosion control practices will also help reduce siltation and slow runoff. Because foot traffic on the slope contributes to soil compaction and disturbs vegetation establishment, a permanent fence will be installed to stop access to the slope. To ensure long term erosion control, a maintenance follow up plan will be developed.
9. **Establish a reforestation area on the west side of the park adjacent to retaining walls.** By planting sapling trees at the base of the slopes, these will over time, replace trees on the slope that decline naturally.
10. **Add nature play features through the new reforestation area.** The existing slope is well used by children for play, however, the use contributes to slope erosion. New nature play elements, such as a plank boardwalk through the reforestation area, will provide opportunities for exploration and unstructured play. A low multi-purpose deck can be used as a stage for events, or imaginative play.
11. **Create areas for congregation with picnic tables and site furnishings.** The area between the court and playground will have movable site furnishings and picnic tables. This area is the center of the park, and will provide a social gathering space, while also providing surveillance within the park for caregivers and parents. Benches will also be located along the loop path.
12. **Renovate playground areas.** Most of the play equipment is over twenty years old and will be updated with new structures for multiple age groups. The structures will have slides, climbing nets and other elements. Other equipment include more swings, a zipline, and shade sails. Both rubber and wood fiber safety surfacing will be used.
13. **Install low cost alternatives for traffic calming.** The intersection of North and South Overlook Drive is very wide and vehicles are prone to drive over the speed limit. Low cost alternatives such as line striping, color coating, and reflective bollards, may help to visually narrow the intersection and slow vehicles. Crosswalk striping will also help drivers become more aware of children and pedestrians.

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Retaining Wall Repairs

- Reinforce upper-tier walls with additional pilings:



- Construct new wall in front of existing mid-tier wall:



- Remove three walls on south slope:



[7]

Plan Feedback, 11/19/15-12/13/15



Subject	# of Responses	Comments
Park Lighting	6	"Install lights whether they are low light or motion sensor (but don't go off because of squirrel lights)." "The only address down would like to see addressed is lighting." "I just want an email re: the PR renovation plan. I wanted to add that more lighting in the area in and around the pit may be wise." "I am in hope as well with the recent activity that lights will be installed in the PR area as well for security." "Also related to security if the area could really use more lighting." "I would like to see lantern-type LED lighting (think Central Park) which would provide practical lighting and security as you know the pit gets blacker than the night." "Something like this: http://www.photobest.com/collections/484239811222450/ " "I also believe that public safety features should be an important consideration in this renovation. I would like to see sensorwalks and motion-sensor lighting added around the perimeter, if possible." "Guess the recent forkroads at the PR Park. I think lighting is imperative. The park is pitch black during nighttime hours. If we could have some form of lighting to dissuade loitering, prostitution, harassment activity, etc. it would make the neighborhood and surrounding area much safer. PLEASE act tonight! It's not just an aesthetic issue. It's an issue of safety for adults and children who live close to the PR." "Line striping will not save traffic. Obviously many children will be playing in the area and a speed bump or stop sign is required for pedestrian safety." "I think traffic calming measures are really important. Using slow-lay, I have seen someone come through at a pretty high rate of speed." "Adding cross-walks painted, and visible signage placed at the intersections of S. Overlook and N. Overlook would be highly beneficial for pedestrians. Having these in place would also make parked vehicles being children out of cars on N. Overlook too safer." "The N. Overlook/S. Overlook intersection is very wide. It has traffic coming from several directions, in addition to cars speeding down N. Overlook. It's one of the only straight-out thorough on Beverly Hills, from Commercial Mills to Old Dominion. Motorists take full advantage of this. Only, I see dozens of cars speeding down N. Overlook. It's definitely a safety hazard trying to walk to the park and across N. Overlook or S. Overlook with children."
Landscaping	3	"I like removing shrubbery and the tall trees that are N. Overlook, at the front of the park, would help to make the park more transparent and create a better view into the park. This also might dissuade potential illegal activity. There would be nothing to hide behind." "I would also like to see beautiful, smart low-maintenance landscaping." "The tall hedge/trees that should not exist and should be open pathways space at the top of the hill between the park and N. Overlook Drive should also be removed to improve safety and visibility into the park again."
Playground Comments	2	"Hopefully there will still be play structures for both young (toddlers/creche) and older (pre-teen/teen) kids." "I am concerned about the safety surfaces on the ground. Would you be able to explain the type of surfacing you are planning to install?"
Landfill	2	"I don't see on the new plan any place that has a sand box or just a pit with sand in it. Digging and playing around in the sand can be a good open-ended thing to create and is equally important as added features like the zip line." "Keep the sand box."
Misc.	2	"Enhance existing maintenance driveway. No need to regrade driveway. Maintenance vehicles can easily make it steeper than slope." "Should be possible to address existing opportunities? We have such a good time down there when it rains."
Pavement Improvement	1	"Improving the pavement by including electric submers and possibly enlarging it."
Open Area	1	"This plan reduces the open lawn area way too much. You need to change the design to open the lawn way to the west end put the pavilion back in the southwest corner in order to maintain covered open area. Do not put the pavilion in the middle of the only open space left. The southwest corner is better for birthday parties and other events anyway."

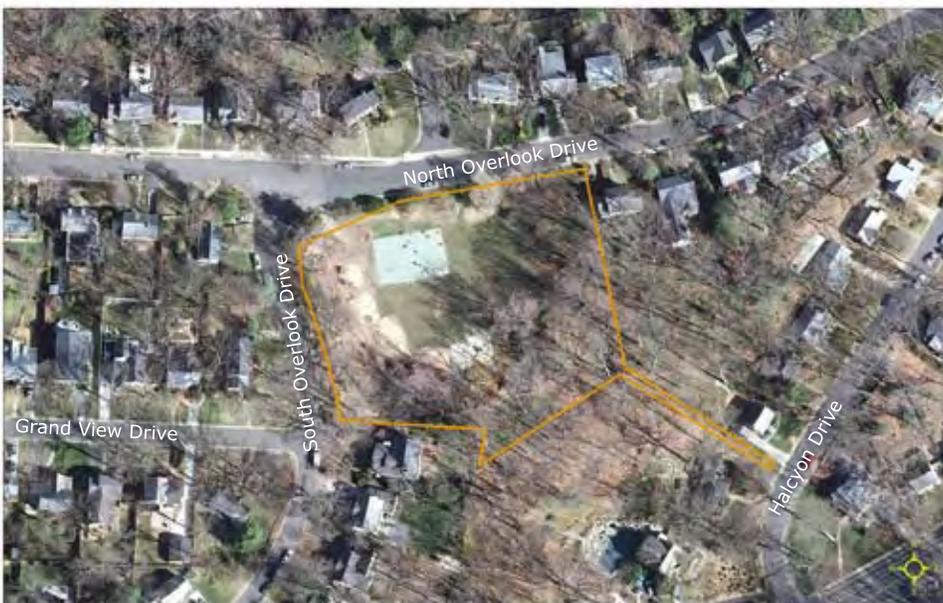
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Adjusted Project Schedule

Fall 2015-Winter 2016:	Compile public feedback and update concept plans. Complete engineering plans and obtain plan approvals
February-June 2016:	Solicit and award construction contract
August – December 2016:	Anticipated site construction

Beverley Park



**Total Responses to ‘PitPark2015’gmail account, as of 12/14/15: 15
Compiled Comments:**

Subject	# of Responses	Comments
Park Lighting	8	<p>“Installing lights whether they are low light or motion sensor (that don't go off because of squirrels) lights;” “the only additional item I would like to see addressed is lighting” “I just sent an email re: the Pit renovation plan. I wanted to add that more lighting in the area in and around the pit may be wise.” “I am in hope as well with the recent activity that lights will be installed in the Pit area as well for security.” “Also related to security, I the area could really use more lighting.” “I would like to see lantern type LEED lighting (think Central Park) which would provide practical lighting and security - as you know it is pitch black down there at night. Something like this: https://www.pinterest.com/pin/574842339911222458/” “I also believe that public safety features should be an important consideration in this renovation. I would like to see sidewalks and motion-sensor lighting added around the perimeter, if possible..” “Given the recent homicide at the Pit Park, I think lighting is imperative. The park is pitch black during nighttime hours. If we could have some form of lighting to dissuade future crimes, prostitution, teenager activity, etc. it would make the neighborhood and surrounding area much safer. PLEASE add lighting! It's not just an aesthetic issue. It's an issue of safety for adults and children who live close to the Pit.”</p>
Traffic Calming	3	<p>“Line striping will not slow traffic. Obviously many children will be playing in this area and a speed bump or stop sign is required for pedestrian safety.” “I think traffic calming measures are really important. Living close by, I frequently observe cars driving at a pretty high rate of speed.” “Having cross-walks painted, and visible signage placed at the intersections of S. Overlook and N. Overlook would be highly beneficial for pedestrians. Having these in place would also make parked motorists taking children out of cars on N. Overlook feel safer.</p> <p>The N. Overlook/S. Overlook intersection is very wide. It has traffic coming from several directions, in addition to cars speeding down N. Overlook. It's one of the only straight, cut-thoughts in Beverley Hills from Cameron Mills to Old Dominion. Motorists take full-advantage of this. Daily, I see dozens of cars speeding down N. Overlook. It's definitely a safety hazard trying to walk to the park and across N. Overlook or S. Overlook with children.”</p>
Landscaping	3	<p>“I think removing shrubbery and the small trees that line N. Overlook, at the front of the park, would help to make the park more transparent and create a better view into the park. This also might dissuade potential illegal activity. There would be nothing to hide behind.” “I would also like to see beautiful, smart, low maintenance landscaping.” “The tall hedges/trees that shroud what could and should be open pathway space at the top of the hill between the park and N. Overlook Drive should also be removed to improve safety and visibility into the park space.”</p>
Playground Comments	2	<p>“Hopefully there will still be play structures for both young (toddler/preschool) and older (elementary) kids.” “I am concerned about the safety surface on the ground. Would you be able to explain the type of surfacing you are planning to install?”</p>
Sandbox	2	<p>“I don't see on the new plan any place that has a sand box or just a pit with sand in it. Digging and playing around in the sand pile seems a good open-ended thing to preserve and is equally important as added features like the zip line.” “keep the sandbox!”,</p>
Misc.	2	<p>“Enhance existing maintenance driveway: no need to regrade driveway. Maintenance vehicles can easily make it down that slope.” “Would it be possible to address sledding opportunities? We have such a good time down there when it snows.”</p>
Picnic Pavilion Improvements	1	<p>“Improving the picnic shelter by including electric outlets and possibly enlarging it”</p>
Open Area	1	<p>“This plan reduces the open lawn area way too much. You need to change the design to push the trail way to the west and put the pavilion back in the southwest corner in order to maintain decent open area. Do not put the pavilion in the middle of the only open space left. The southwest corner is better for birthday parties and other events anyway.”</p>

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Neighborhood Parks Plan

Chambliss Park

Community Feedback, Fall 2014



The Division of Park Planning, Design, and Capital Development is currently planning for the City's existing Neighborhood Parks, which we characterize as being 0.5 - 10 acres with a service area of up to 0.5 miles. The results of this plan will help determine budgeting priorities and recommendations for both short and long-term incremental improvements, ensuring that neighborhood parks serve Alexandria's needs now and into the future.

In Fall 2014, 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, community workshop, and "graffiti board" in the park. Over 270 people responded to the survey in total, forty of which were specific to Chambliss Park.

In 10 years I would like this Park to... (top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Be a safe place for children to explore
2. Be a place to relax
3. Be a place to create social connections with neighbors

What would you like done with the ballfield?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	15	47%
Enhance it	15	47%
Transform it	2	6%

Explain
Great exercise.
I do not like the fact that it is now locked and thus unavailable for general use.
Needs more frequent trash removal and maintenance.
No lights please!
The ballfield seems rarely used
Allow access
A lot more trashcans that actually get emptied and trash pickup on the grounds. Designated parking that doesn't interfere with the school pick up for after school programs

What would you like done with the natural area?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	15	46%
Enhance it	15	46%
Transform it	3	9%

Explain
Beautify with landscaping and nice seating area. Nothing has been added to replace trees that have fallen.
Add paths for better access
Add picnic tables and water fountains.
I love natural settings.
Natural areas enhance the entire area.
Too much poison ivy that should be sprayed.

What would you like done with the off-leash dog park?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	5	14%
Enhance it	21	57%
Transform it	11	30%

Explain
A fence would be great.
Add a fence
Dedicated fenced dog park is needed
Dog park is needed.
Enclose area
Enclose with fence.
Fenced area for off lead activities
Fence in. More frequent mowing.
Fence it - so that dogs can run and play off leash.
Fenced in area, and water for the dogs in summer
Gate the dog park so owners and dogs don't have to worry about traffic
Hardly ever used by dog owners. Add a fence to provide extra peace of mind.
Keep open but add a fence line to keep dogs away from chamiss.
Move the area to the correct side of the tennis courts. Add picnic tables and a water fountain.
Too many dogs loose outside boundaries.
Trim/prune trees and clear up broken branches.
Would be helpful to have water source for people and dogs.
add fence
dog area is unfenced, and does not seem like a dog focused area.
enclose it
Fence in the area. Street traffic passes close and fencing would help secure animals from traffic flow. Add water fountain.
It's hilly, full of old tree stumps, not mown, and there are lots of holes. I rarely see off-leash dogs here!

What would you like done with the open lawn?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	15	46%
Enhance it	15	46%
Transform it	3	9%

Explain
Add a fence for a dog park
Add benches and nicer landscaping
Better maintenance and lighting!
Block it so that morons and idiots can't drive on it
Child friendly play area with equipment.
Keep.
More and better maintained picnic tables.
Surround with fence.
The open lawn is beautiful just as it is!
add a park bench
add baby playground
There is no playground anywhere near by for children except John Adams which is not supposed to be outside of school hours. If your kids aren't school age they can't be there. All this space really should be useful for playing. You need to preserve the hill for sled riding though. the sidewalk through the open needs to be refreshed. The mud piles at the bottom year after year and neighbors have to shovel it. It needs to be shoveled when it snows to allow walking access to the school
Actually, the walkway from the tennis courts up the hill to the school need repair, and adding lighting would be welcome. Last fall, a neighbor was assaulted and robbed on the path at dusk; so lighting would be safety.

What would you like done with the parking lot?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	3	50.0%
Enhance it	3	50.0%
Transform it	0	0.0%

Explain
Maybe for 20.
Parking around John Adams is insufficient for the size of the school
Perhaps clean it up a bit. Tennis players use the parking lot and dog walkers as well.
Plenty of on-street parking already available.
Lights
No need to be bigger. the street parking is never ever used and there is a ton of it

What would you like done with the tennis courts?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	28	80.0%
Enhance it	6	17.1%
Transform it	1	2.9%

Explain
Add lights
Add water fountain.
Add water fountain.
Back boards for solo practice
I see people regularly using these courts.
No lights, please!
Picnic area or seating area
Tennis is good exercise.
Some big cracks have appeared this year but so far are not affecting play. Hopefully, the city will mow this

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

Response

A gated dog park
 A playground
 A playground area for children.
 A tot lot -- we are in need of a play area for young children in the neighborhood.
 Add a fence, so that dogs can run & play off leash.
 Add water fountain.
 Back boards in the tennis courts, and a fenced area in the off-lead Dog Park Dog park.
 Enclosed space for dogs to run. Water fountain. Benches.
 Fence around dog play area. Water fountains.
 Fenced dog area
 Fenced dog park Lights, neighbor was mugged, beaten & robbed there several months ago
 Fenced dog park, exercise area
 Identification of types of trees and other plants. More trash cans
 More seating
 Picnic tables and a water fountain
 Places to sit and enjoy the natural setting.
 Seating or picnic tables
 Well-marked and maintained pathways with lighting.
 a park bench or picnic table
 better maintained foot path to townhouses
 better path up the hill to JA
 more benches
 playground with baby swings
 water fountain for tennis players and other park visitors, including dogs
 A source of water, benches, and a fence (the park fronts on a street with a fair amount of traffic).
 A fence enclosure so dogs can run freely without concern for vehicle traffic. Water fountains for people & pets.

playground equipment of some kind. a fence for the dogs. a better sidewalk that gets cleared in the snow.

The large hill between the school and the tennis courts is eroding, and slants toward the woods. This area was the prime neighborhood sledding area, but erosion is making this a dangerous area to play around. This park, like the Dora Kelley Nature Park, is why most neighbors moved here in the first place. Please don't destroy it by "improving" it!

The path needs much improvement. Many children and adults use it. It needs light during winter months. Keep park open and spacious but add a perimeter fence to keep dogs away from chambliiss. Don't create a small fenced area for dogs, just keep them away from street. Add water fountain.
 As I noted in a comment above, lighting along the path from the tennis courts up the hill to the school. Also maybe more seating for socializing in both the dog walk area and on the other side of the tennis court. A trash can inside the tennis court may be a nice addition. Too many people leave empty water bottles, tennis can tops, etc. on the court.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Park?

Response

Could be maintained on a more regular basis and path from courts to school be redone
 Gate the dog park
 Greater little park with aforementioned improvements.
 I hope the expanded parking at John Adams School doesn't take park land.
 It is a perfect area for dogs.
 It is fabulous!
 It's a great green space!
 It's a lovely space that could be much nicer.
 Lovely space. Needs some sprucing. And sadly needs to keep the destructive folks out. Hard to do
 Needs better landscaping to beautify it, a seating area to sit and read.
 Night time lighting could be enhanced to provide extra sense of security.
 Off leash dogs can sometimes be a problem along the path.
 Please get rid of the poison ivy
 TOO MUCH POISON IVY IN SURROUNDING AREA.
 Thanks for asking.
 add parking at top of hill behind ball field
 Adding a fence area with kissing gates to securely keep dogs apart from pedestrian foot traffic and car traffic flow.
 Install lights on the pathway to make is safer for commuters; fence in the dog part to make it a usable place to exercise your dog.
 The paved trail connecting the park with John Adams school is in very bad condition. It should be repaved with porous material.
 An Alexandria bike patrol officer presence would enhance our sense of security while using the park
 The baseball field around the school seems out of place, and under used. This area used to be a communia field where games were played, dogs were walked and kids could play. Now it's fenced off from the community and only used on weekends by a handful of people during the spring and fall. This area could provide needed parking for the school, and open fields or a track for neighborhood use which would be much more useful.
 It's a great spot for those who live in the area. I use it almost daily walking my dog and playing with my son.
 It just needs beautification and more frequent upkeep.
 I love the space, sometimes stopping there in the colder months to read from my car; just a great place to be able to ponder nature, and enjoy the seasons.
 I DO NOT want to see organized activities. The kids and people need open space they can use as they want. There should be a sign with usage details. There is a neighbor who spends his time telling people they are not allowed to walk on the grass there and threatening to call the police. The tennis courts should be usable by small children riding ride on toys. There is no where in the neighborhood for them to do that. Or you could transform the parking lot are into a tot lot for that and make people park on the street where there is a ton of unused parking. the sidewalk on the street is also never shoveled out when it snows making the park unusable for many days/weeks.
 The dog park should be on the other side of the tennis courts where it was meant to be originally.
 Open up rear portion for more use. Currently most of the accessible area is right next to the road.
 It's currently a social gathering place for everyone; parents with toddlers, parents with infants, dog walkers bicyclists, nature lovers and walkers. It's a gem!
 The makeshift paths from the apartments to this park need to be removed or made permanent. The stabbing incident here was scary!!

I have never seen tennis courts in use. This space could be something else. There are not really any signs explaining Dora Kelly nature preserve in this area. An exhibit (maybe just bulletin board) explaining wildlife, seasonal updates (including return of hunting season) would be nice to see. Play equipment would be great since there aren't any neighborhood playgrounds and school use is not allowed during school hours.

How do you get to this Park?

Value	Count	Percent
Walk	38	95%
Bike (personal)	0	0%
Bike (Capital Bikeshare)	1	2.5%
Drive	1	2.5%
Public Transit	0	0%
Carpool	0	0%

How far do you typically travel to visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Less than ½ mile	30	75%
Between ½ mile to 1 mile	8	20%
Between 1-2 miles	2	5%
Over 2 miles	0	0%

Have any of the following circumstances prevented you from visiting this Park? (check all that apply)

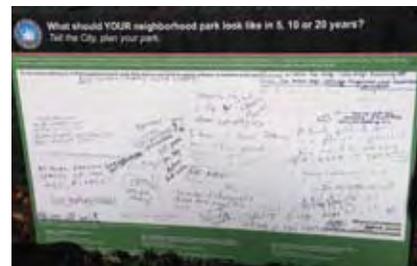
Value	Count	Percent
I am physically limited from walking	0	0%
There is no pedestrian/bike friendly access to the park from where I live	0	0%
I have concerns about crime or personal safety	15	83%
There is not enough parking	1	6%
There is nothing in the Park that interests me	4	22%

How often do you visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Daily	21	53%
Weekly	15	38%
Monthly	3	8%
Yearly	1	3%

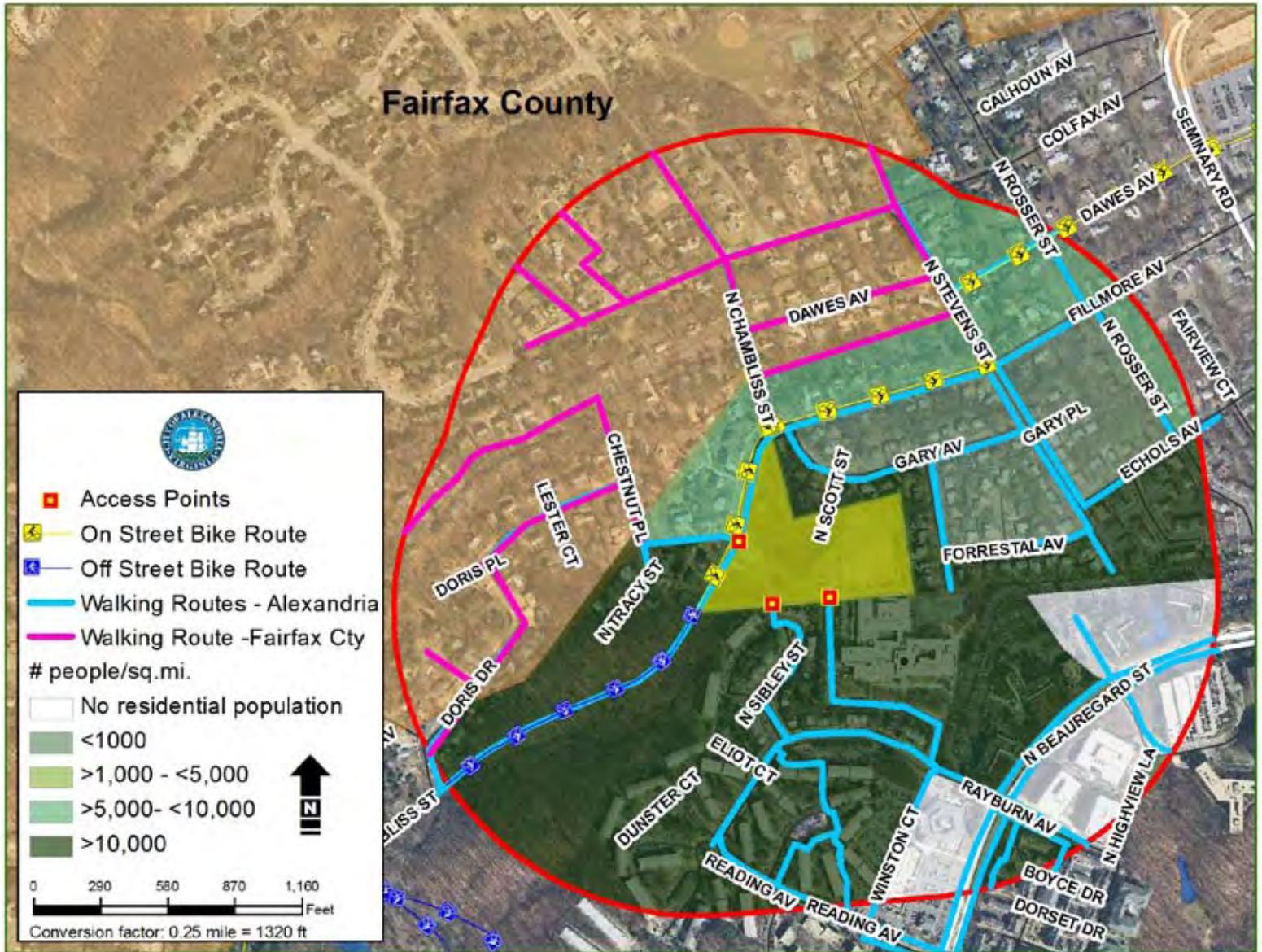
Graffiti Sign

A "graffiti sign" in the Park had a marker attached and asked park users to write down what they would like their park to look like in the future. Park users recorded the following comments between



September to November 2014 (image shown above from October 27).

- A lovely patch of green in a pleasant neighborhood. Keep it as is, and above all, keep it safe. The park is perfect and I like it. What sets this park apart from other parks is its feeling of open space (4x)
- Fenced in dog park (3x)
- No fenced-in dog park (2x) - same handwriting opposing previous comments
- Do not take away sledding hill
- Repave pathway to John Adams School
- Better entry/exit to Sibley St
- More baby/toddler play area would be nice
- Tennis courts with lights (3x)
- No tennis courts with lights (3x)- same handwriting opposing previous comments
- All this park needs are a couple of of benches
- No more parking spaces up the hill
- No dogs off-leash
- Dogs should remain off-leash (same handwriting opposing previous comments)
- Love tennis courts (2x)
- Add benches (2x)
- playground



Chambliss Park

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)

1 Construct nature trail

A new soft surface nature trail, beginning at Chambliss and Fillmore would bring park users through the park, connecting to a pathway system. Benches along the trail near the play equipment would provide quiet seating areas.

2 Install play features and remove unfenced dog area

While the John Adams School playground is a short distance from this area of Chambliss Park, it is up a hill, making it inaccessible, and not available to non-school aged children during school hours. This plan recommends small play areas scattered along a new pathway. Some of the features would cater towards non-school age children and would include a nature-based theme to fit within the surrounding environment. This would replace the unfenced dog area, which is rarely used for its intended purpose. Removal of the unfenced dog area requires an amendment to the City's Dog Park Master Plan.

3 Reconfigure the existing east-west pathway

The current path connecting Chambliss to John Adams School is in poor condition. Sharp angles create areas that are out of view. To increase visibility and safety, this plan recommends reconfiguring the path slightly north. The path will also require a switchback down the hill to be Americans with Disabilities Act compliant.

4 Install bike racks

Bike racks will be added to the parking lot entrance and can be useful for cyclists using the adjacent entrance to the Holmes Run Valley Stream bike trail.

5 Convert the parking lot to an unfenced dog park with landscape barrier along the street and Resource Protection Area (RPA)

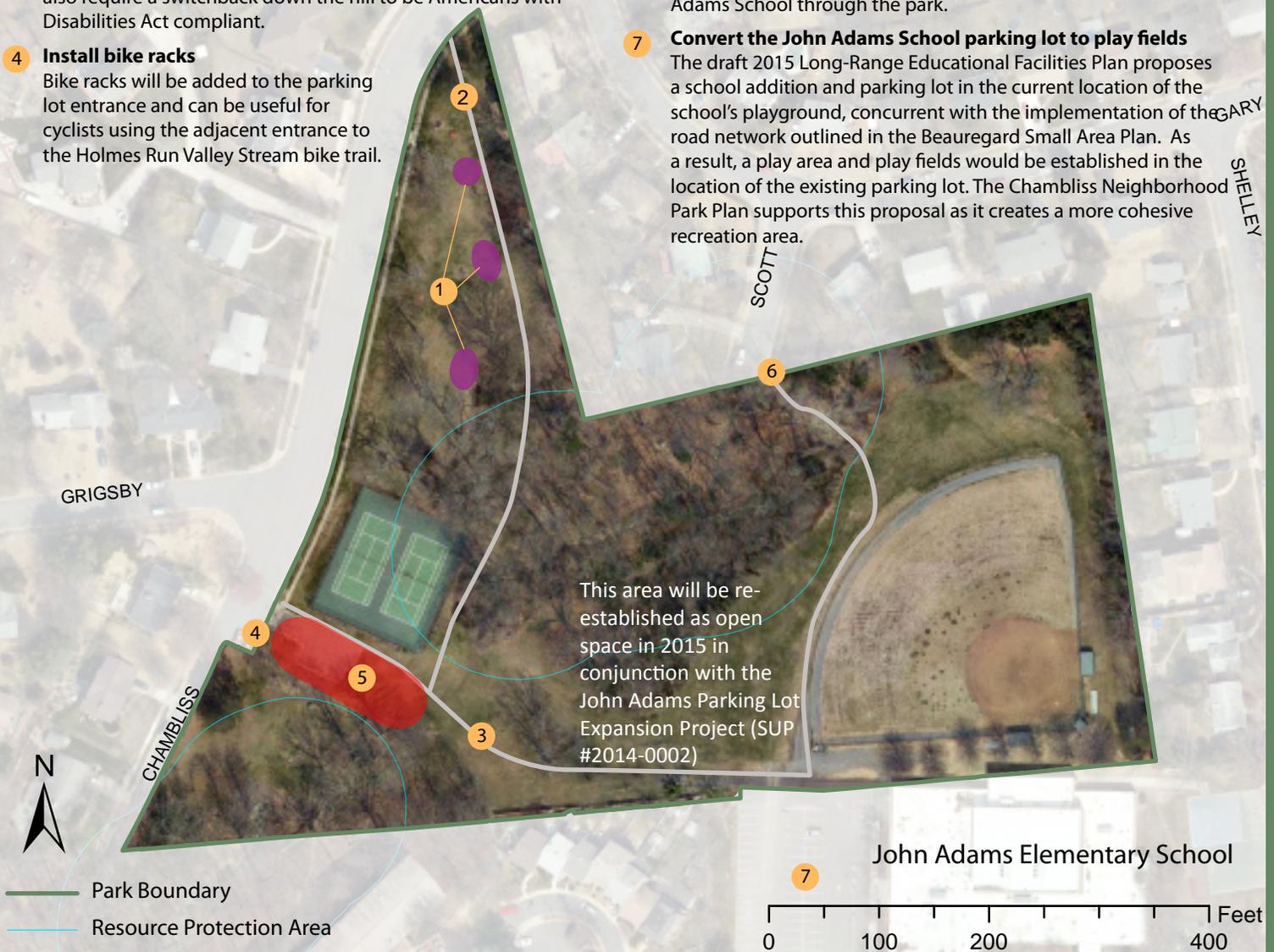
The existing parking lot is under used as there is street parking along the park on Chambliss St. There is community support for a fenced dog area in Chambliss Park, however, the Dog Park Master Plan stipulates that fenced dog areas must be 1/2 acre, 50 ft. from a residential property, and 60 ft from any stream bed or water source. The only area of the park that meets these size requirements is area shown in recommendation #1, however, it would fill the entire area. Staff does not support such a highly dedicated park use in a location with passive and natural character. Instead, this plan recommends an unfenced dog area at the parking lot with a landscape barrier to prevent dogs from running into the RPA and street.

6 Create park entrance and trail from Scott Street

Park users have created a desire line and opening in the woods from Scott Street to the park. This indicates the need to formally establish this as a trail. The park entrance would include a refinished wooden fence at the dead end of Scott Street, a park sign, and a soft surface nature trail. This trail would provide improved access for students and their parents to walk to John Adams School through the park.

7 Convert the John Adams School parking lot to play fields

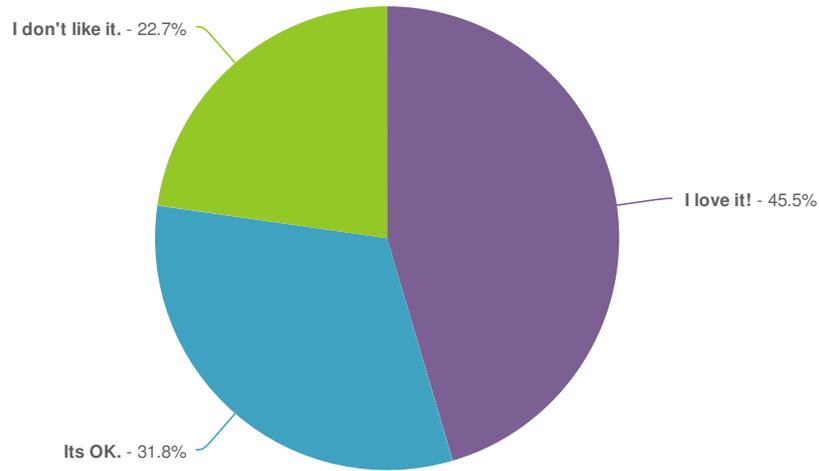
The draft 2015 Long-Range Educational Facilities Plan proposes a school addition and parking lot in the current location of the school's playground, concurrent with the implementation of the road network outlined in the Beauregard Small Area Plan. As a result, a play area and play fields would be established in the location of the existing parking lot. The Chambliss Neighborhood Park Plan supports this proposal as it creates a more cohesive recreation area.





Chambliss Park Draft Improvement Plan Survey Results, July 2015

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Construct nature trail

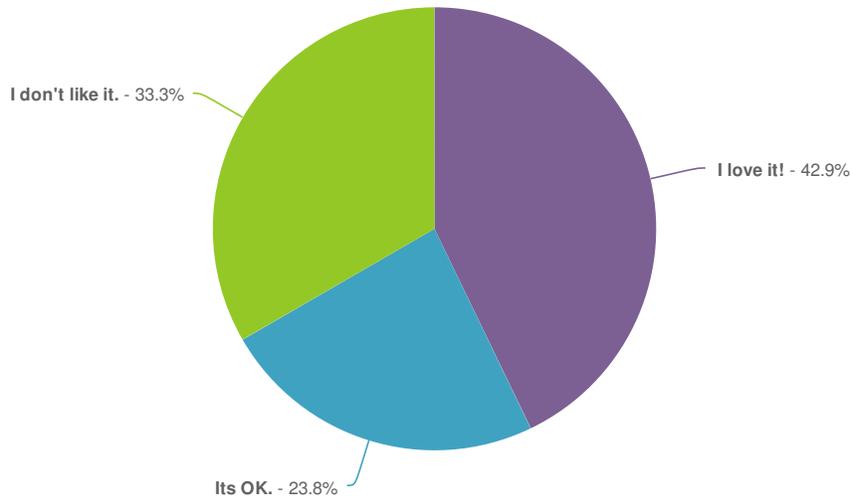


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	45.5%	10
Its OK.	31.8%	7
I don't like it.	22.7%	5
Total		22

Explain-Construct nature trail

Count	Response
1	Its not really that large of an area so a trail would only take a minute or two to walk.
1	Should tie to The Dora Kelly trail at the end of Chambliss.
1	Would drive out wildlife
1	not necessary
1	As a life long resident of Alexandria I grew up exploring this area and a nature trail would be a great addition.
1	There's a nature trail a few feet from this proposed trail in the Dora Kelley Nature Park. This isn't necessary.
1	The trail is fine if it doesn't cost a lot, and it doesn't require the dog area to be relocated, and thus prevent it from being fenced.
1	There are many nature trails close by This is a waste of resources. We need a fenced dog area/park.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Convert the John Adams School parking lot to play fields



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	42.9%	9
Its OK.	23.8%	5
I don't like it.	33.3%	7
Total		21

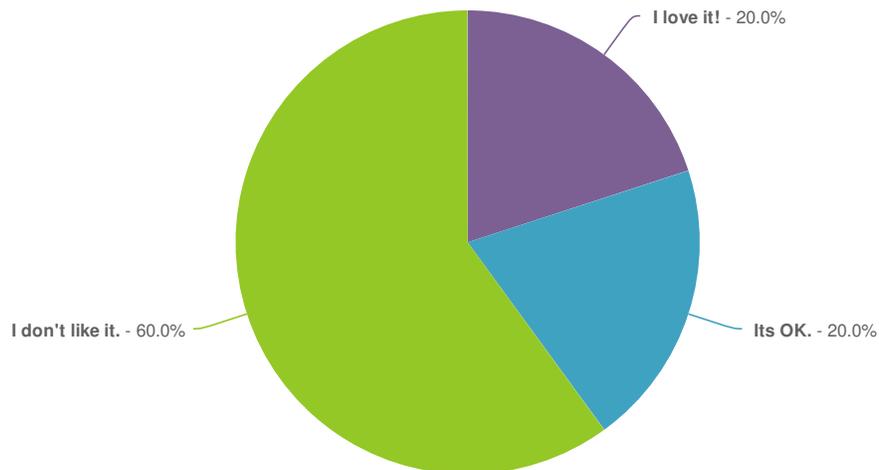
Explain-Convert the John Adams School parking lot to play fields

Count	Response
1	I don't want to lose John Adams playground. We use it every weekend.
1	already inadequate parking at school; why make it less
1	HATE THIS! JAES needs more play area, for sure, but if you are going to pull traffic around to the current playground you will have a HUGE negative impact on those neighbors who already deal with noise from the ballfield and huge # of people on the playground at all hours. Pease dont do this to them too? You could make better use of the playground area by flattening it out more to give more open space. If you do push the building back there, keep the rest of it open from traffic or parking.
1	Absolutely, absolutely not! There's already a parking problem at John Adams and now you propose to take parking away?? Incredibly bad idea.
1	Parking Lot: Leave it there. The city is mistaken to think it is poorly used. I live across the street from it. It is used by tennis players, parents delivering kids to John Adams, people hiking in Dora Kelley Nature Park, not to mention people who are turning around in their cars because they are lost. (Without it, as happens several times a year, cars will continue into the dead end, don't have the skills to back out, and so drive across the park land making ugly tire tracks in the ground and frequently getting stuck, requiring a tow truck.)
1	Due to the large school population it is imperative that we increase the amount of play fields available to the students and community.
1	Parking is already a huge problem at John Adams School. There isn't enough parking at all--and you want to REMOVE the parking lot???

Count Response

1 This is seriously the worst idea in your plan. The parking is a given for the neighbors, and it ultimately is more compatible with the neighbors than play field or the school playground. DO NOT relocated the school playground here. The BSAP calls for the area next to the playground to be open space ... that is smart, compatible planning. Not this idea, which is looking to fix something that is not broken.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Convert the parking lot to an unfenced dog park with landscape barrier along the street and Resource Protection Area (RPA)



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	20.0%	4
Its OK.	20.0%	4
I don't like it.	60.0%	12
Total		20

Explain-Convert the parking lot to an unfenced dog park with landscape barrier along the street and Resource Protection Area (RPA)

Count Response

1 Do we need a dog park. I live in the neighborhood. The whole area is a dog park.

1 Dog area needs to be unpaved

1 Only bad things happen in this parking lot. Thank you for doing this.

1 Parking lot is too small, just fence the current dog park.

1 Prefer FENCED Dog Park

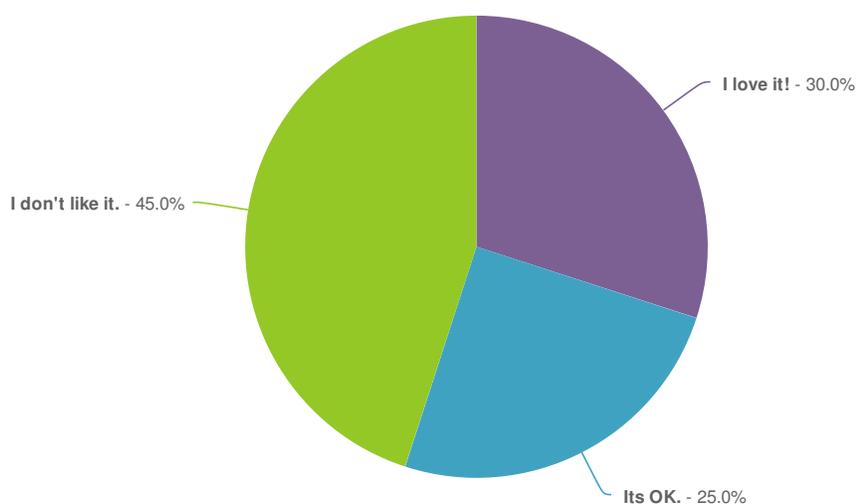
1 See #2. The area around the tennis courts need to be left alone!

1 The parking lot is needed. Please don't get rid of it.

1 much better location for a dog park. Street parking is adequate.

Count	Response
1	owners ddefinitely want to keep an unfenced dog park area.
1	We need a fenced dog area. Alexandria is SUPPOSED to be a dog friendly city. There is also a leash law in Alexandria. Residents need a fenced area where the dogs can be off leash. I have the impression you are not paying attention to the responses from the community.
1	the parking should remain. it is reasonably used for a park this size. this is NOT (nor will it become) a transit-accessible park. by placing the kiddie play area next to the parking, you can have a dog area large enough to meet your guidelines where it is today, and fence it in. We really need a fenced in one at this park, as there are frequent dog issues (dogs running loose in the exercise area, and confrontations with those on leash being walked along or through the park).
1	I would not want this to be the only place for dogs in this whole big space. We have a lot of dogs who need space to run and this small area is not it. Not really sure why this is needed at all. You could do lanscaping along that side of Chambill to make it more difficult to go into the street, but that has never been a big issue. Honestly, we could use a flat area for the kids to ride their ride on toys and use roller blades. A basketball hoop could be nice too.
1	Unleashed big dogs are already a problem here. This plan would make it impossible for children to access the tennis court without walking through an area with many off-leash big dogs. We have been "trapped" in the tennis courts because we have to wait for the dogs to leave. And walking through dog waste before getting to the courts is disgusting.
1	No strong opinion on this although I see no reason to take the parking lot away. It, like existing icons throughout the area, is used frequently, especially by tennis players.
1	This plan puts unleashed dogs in the same area as path users. The re must be a barrier between the dogs and the path because many dog owners do not keep control of their dogs.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Create park entrance and trail from Scott Street

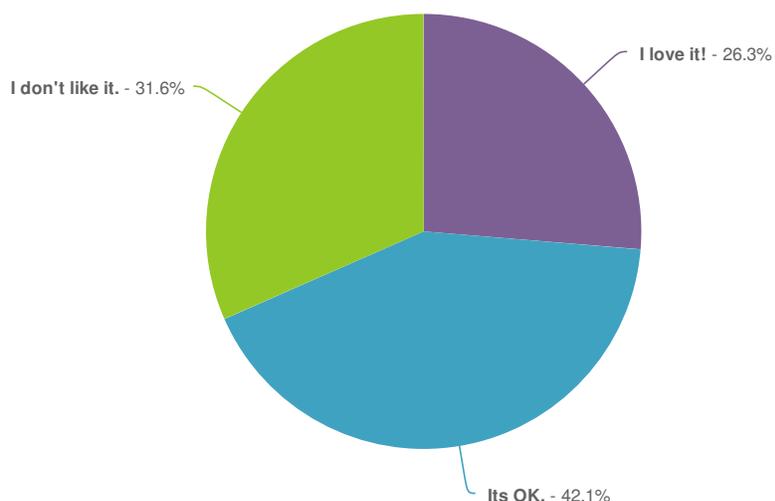


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	30.0%	6
Its OK.	25.0%	5
I don't like it.	45.0%	9
Total		20

Explain-Create park entrance and trail from Scott Street

Count	Response
1	I don't know where this is.
1	Yet another great idea.
1	adversely affects wildlife
1	encourages students to walk to school. Supports Safe Routes to School program.
1	not necessary
1	I'm on the fence here. I would want the neighbors on that street to weigh in. This area is largely used by kids smoking in the woods. A trail might invite more nighttime traffic through there.
1	You need to talk to existing homeowners who border the property. Don't make the assumption that everyone wants this.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install bike racks



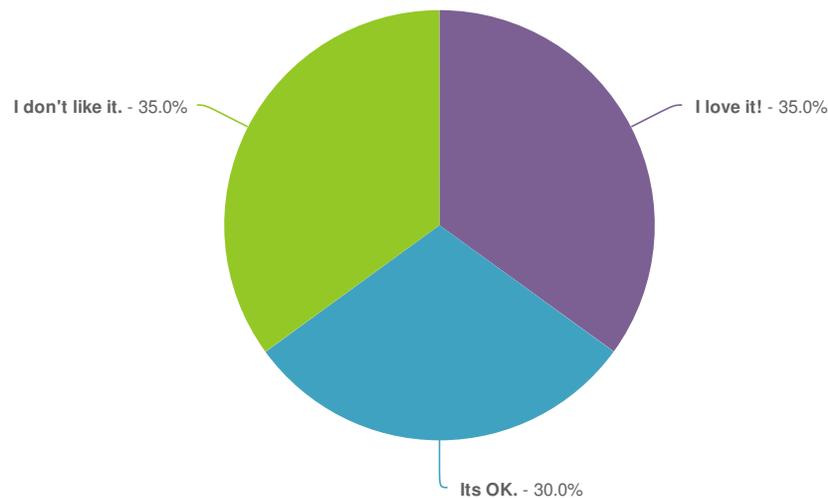
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	26.3%	5
Its OK.	42.1%	8
I don't like it.	31.6%	6
Total		19

Explain-Install bike racks

Count	Response
1	Doesn't make sense
1	I doubt there will be any stopped bikes, but still a great idea.
1	Supports our bicycle master plan.

Count	Response
1	There doesn't seem to be a need for bike racks.
1	The bike riders who come through go straight through. I have never seen one stop at the park for a break. Given the steepness of the hill through Dora Kelly, kids generally never ride that path.
1	For whom?? Bicyclists use the area constantly. There's never been a request for bike racks since the bicyclists are riding them!
1	if you go to the park to bike, you do not need a rack, since you are riding. if you go to play tennis, play with the kids, or walk the dog, you do not need a rack since you are right there with your bike. another needless expenditure. Today, we lean our bikes up against the tennis court fence, or against a tree, or ... you get the picture.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install play features and remove unfenced dog area



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	35.0%	7
Its OK.	30.0%	6
I don't like it.	35.0%	7
Total		20

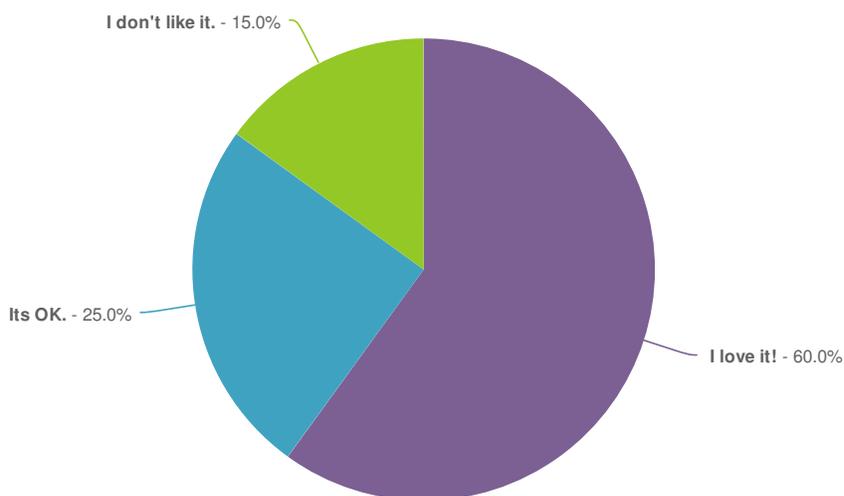
Explain-Install play features and remove unfenced dog area

Count	Response
1	Fence the dog area
1	HOORAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! My children will be delighted!
1	Leave it as dog park but fence it.
1	This is a residential area. You need to check with homeowners whose property adjoin this area.
1	Your information is incorrect. This dog park is used extensively!!

Count Response

1	the play features should be placed "downstream" from the tennis courts and parking, as we truly need a fenced dog area in this park, and keep it where the unfenced one is.
1	I like the idea of having play features in here. Its a flatter area for the dogs than the hill but there are dog owners who prefer each. I would not want to see either become the exclusive area for dogs
1	A fenced dog area is more desirable than an unfenced area because many dog owners do not keep control of their dogs.
1	The current location is under utilized as a dog park. Play equipment would encourage more visits to the park.
1	I have a 2-year-old and we would love more play areas in the neighborhood that we can use during school hours.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Reconfigure the existing east-west pathway



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	60.0%	12
Its OK.	25.0%	5
I don't like it.	15.0%	3
Total		20

Explain-Reconfigure the existing east-west pathway

Count Response

1	See note above on Nature trail
1	Too hard to get a stroller up the hill.
1	Would increase safety and accessibility for visitors to the park.
1	add one street lamp
1	see no reason at all to spend money on relocating this. it simply needs maintenance.

Count Response

1	Will there be lighting on the path? Preferably motion-detector with lights facing away from the townhouses.
1	Yes, repave the path. Needs it badly. No, do not move it. That would destroy the sledding hill that hundreds of children play on every winter. And if trees are removed it could potentially destabilize the ground and endanger nearby townhouse structural soundness.
1	I appreciate the need to redo this path since we walk it every day to school. Given the steepness of the hill, even with a switch back, I would not expect too many people to use it who need that accomodation. I am concerned that the plan to move it farther north to do the switchback will impeded on a well-loved and well-used sledding hill, so please make sure the design leaves the bulk of that area alone
1	No! The current path needs to be resurfaced. Don't take trees that stand on the hill nor the hill itself! Children use that hill and the space around it all year long. It's one of the most popular sledding hills in West Alexandria! Please leave it alone!

Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Chambliss Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

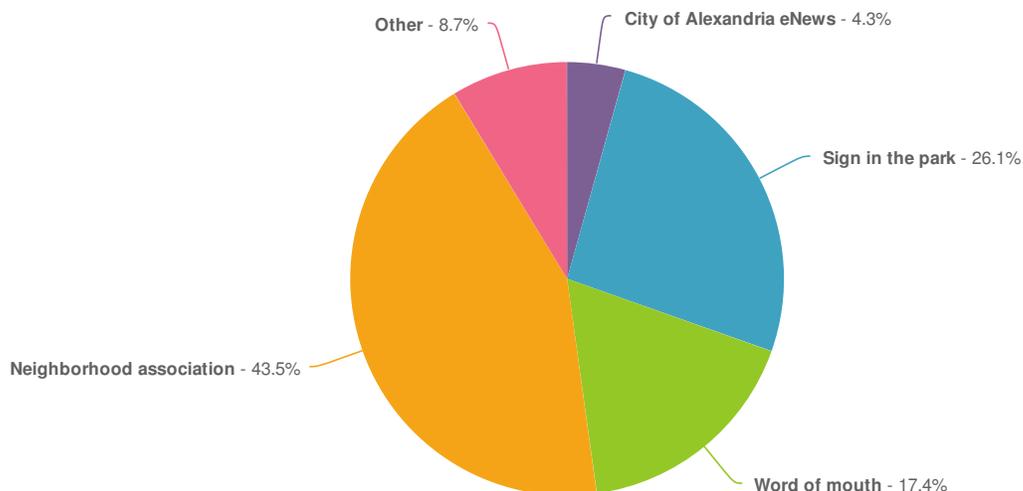
Count Response

1	Clearly, no. The dog area needs to be left alone.
1	Not sure what the comments are.
1	There was no discussion of possible timing.
1	yes
1	yes, very inclusive and transparent process
1	Dedicate the part of the park below the trail to John Adams to the Dora Kelly Nature Park and let it be returned to the natural state. This would help buffer the RPA and screen the park from the redeveloped hamlet area.
1	Maintenance: Maintain the current park. Repair the tennis courts and keep them up. Keep the grass cut regularly and the fallen dead limbs picked up. And to repeat, repave the path. 4. Leave the upper park (NE of the tennis courts) alone. The open grassy area is pleasant (when maintained). There is wooded area with fox dens and assorted other wildlife. It's already a dog exercise area. 5. Foresteing. I personally recommend that the field across from the houses on the dead end (including mine) be forested. Two large manholes and poor drainage after a rain make the field unusable as a ball field. A few extra trees in the city would be most welcome. I hope I have captured the thoughts of my neighbors who were with me. I have cc'd them in case I have misrepresented or omitted their views.
1	The area below the parking lot/ dog park and below the proposed walk to John Adams School should be transferred from Chambliss Park to Dora Kelley Nature Park and be returned to a natural area, This would work well with the projected redevelopment of the Hamlet Apartment area in the next few years. It would also help to screen the park from the construction noise, dust and other activity. The area is not planned to be improved in your present plan and is not utilized by people at the present time.
1	I do not feel my comments were heard. The plan can be made better by cutting back on any changes. The only true need here is for fencing in the dog area.
1	Insufficient space to fully comment on this plan. Comments should be limited to residents of City, and this survey provides comments from Fairfax county residents. How else may I comment. I have talked to park employees, but they don't seem responsive.
1	Lights are missing on the trail to the school. A neighbor was mugged on this trail. It gets dark early in the winter...we needs lights.

Count Response

1	Please make sure you address the need for sufficient safety lighting in any pathway created. We had a bad mugging in the last year. Also please make sure the ramp can accommodate ADA walkers and wheelchairs -- meaning the slope is not too deep. Please also don't remove all parking at John AdAms school because many of us have to park there for voting.
1	NO The community wants & needs a fenced dog park/area. We love our nature trails and nature area and we have plenty fortunately. Now we need a fenced dog park. Thank you for taking this seriously
1	I do not see the plan for electric lighting along the paths. Lighting is necessary during the winter months.
1	No. City parks are closed from sunset to sunrise, yet one plan calls for lights to be installed. Why waste limited city funds on installing and maintaining lights in a closed park? Comments in my neighborhood came mostly from Fairfax county residents, not City residents --- these should be ignored.
1	The one thing missing is lighting and possibly CCTV cameras to keep the area safe at night. There have been criminal incidents along that path between the tennis courts and John Adams and it needs much better lighting and, if possible, CCTV cameras.
1	I think some of the comments that you collected earlier were made by people who don't live in the area. I've lived here for more than 30 years, and Chambliss Park has been used constantly during that time, by kids in the summer and especially in the winter, making the hill one of the most popular sledding spots in W. Alexandria. Dog owners also love to exercise their dogs here--it doesn't need to be fenced in. That would spoil it for everyone. And please, please leave the trees in the center where they are! The existing path (which started as a dirt path) needs to be resurfaced, preferably with the same material used as a study in Dora Kelley Park. Lights facing away from the townhouses, but not shining into the homes further down the hill, should also be installed, with a sensor. The hill is also great for watching fireflies at night (they congregate in the many trees near the tennis court) as well as stars. Too much light would destroy both of those activities and not contribute to anything. The suggestion that I've heard over and over is leave things as they are, but MAINTAIN them! The tennis court could really use re-surfacing (no lights, please). This is a residential area bordering a Nature Park. Why are you trying to make this beautiful little park one that you might see in the heart-of-the City? It's beautiful as it is--it complements the Nature Park. Please don't destroy it!
1	YES! THIS IS THE BEST PLAN. So far above my expectations. Love, love, love it. You have thought of every user here and the changes will make this a better, less dangerous place to play for adults, children, and dogs.
1	Not sure of all comments you received. Those that I gave were mostly addressed except for lighting on the path which I think is important for people coming from bus stop/the school/shopping after dark.

How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?

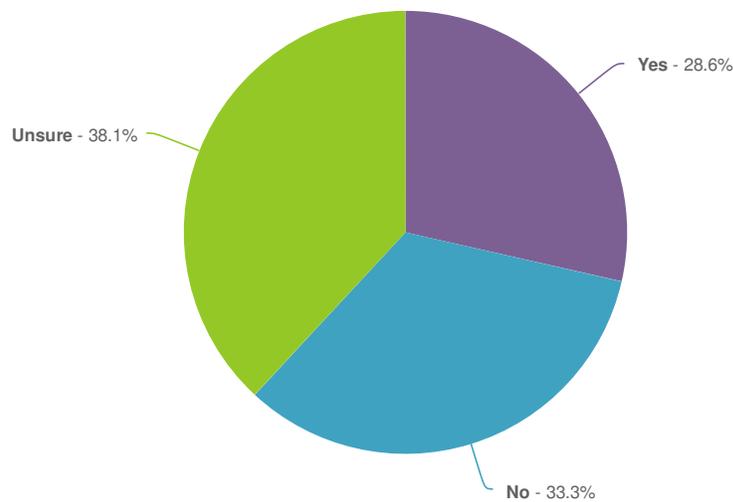


Value	Percent	Count
City of Alexandria eNews	4.4%	1
Sign in the park	26.1%	6
Word of mouth	17.4%	4
Neighborhood association	43.5%	10
Other	8.7%	2
Total		23

Responses "Other"

Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	23
Fellow dog owners	1
I live in this area	1

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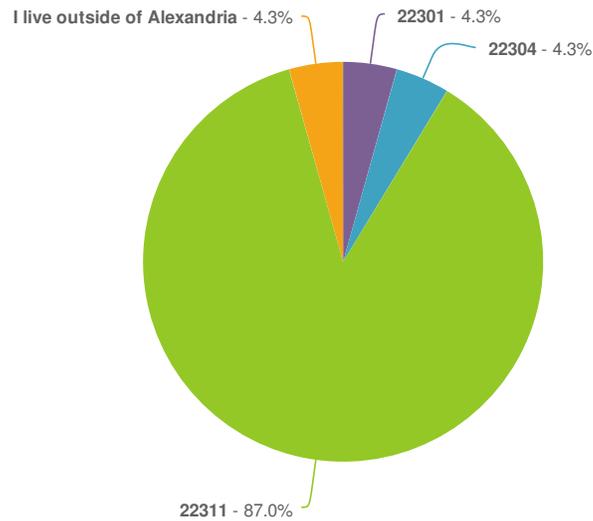
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	28.6%	6
No	33.3%	7
Unsure	38.1%	8
Total		21

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	5 100.0%	5

	# in household	Responses
6-12	2 100.0%	2
13-18	2 100.0%	2
19-29	3 100.0%	3
30-49	10 100.0%	10
50-69	11 100.0%	11
70 or above	7 100.0%	7

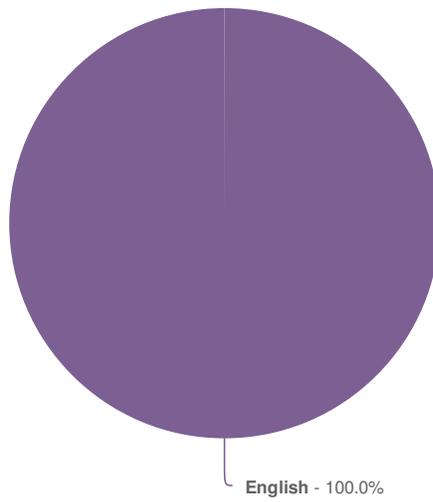
What is your zip code?



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
22301	4.4%	1	Sum 490,825.0
22304	4.4%	1	Average 22,310.2
22311	87.0%	20	StdDev 2.5
I live outside of Alexandria	4.4%	1	Max 22,311.0
Total		23	

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"	Count
Left Blank	25

What is the primary language spoken in your home?



Value	Percent	Count
English	100.0%	22
Total		22

Responses "other"	Count
Left Blank	25



Neighborhood Parks Plan

3550 Commonwealth Park

Community Feedback, Fall 2014



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

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Be a place to relax
2. Be a safe place for children to explore
3. Be a place to create social connections with neighbors

What would you like done with the open lawn?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	0	0%
Enhance it	2	29%
Transform it	5	71%

Explain

Plant trees

Bocce

Improve it

Perhaps the open lawn could be transformed into a pathway featuring native plants and dispersed relaxing seating.

Seriously, site specific public art in this location would create a useful, effective cultural bridge.

What would you like done with the planting bed?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	0	0%
Enhance it	5	71%
Transform it	2	29%

Explain

Have art commission advise with participation from community

How about creating more green space such as a butterfly garden, and planting trees?

A good neighborhood start but needs more plantings

More plantings

This could be a nice site for the nearby school children to learn about plants and gardening. Could it become a community garden?

What would you like done with the seating?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	0	0%
Enhance it	4	67%
Transform it	2	33%

Explain

Seating along a mulch pathway featuring native plants would be nice.

Turn this park into a sculpture garden!

Add more

Improve the desire path

How do you get to this Park?

Value	Count	Percent
Walk	4	57%
Bike (personal)	2	29%
Bike (Capital Bikeshare)	0	0%
Drive	1	14%
Public Transit	0	0%
Carpool	0	0%

How far do you typically travel to visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Less than 1/2 mile	4	57%
Between 1/2 mile to 1 mile	2	29%
Between 1-2 miles	0	0%
Over 2 miles	1	14%

Have any of the following circumstances prevented you from visiting this Park? (check all that apply)

Value	Count	Percent
I am physically limited from walking	0	0%
There is no pedestrian/bike friendly access to the park from where I live	0	0%
I have concerns about crime or personal safety	1	33%
There is not enough parking	1	33%
There is nothing in the Park that interests me	3	100%

How often do you visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Daily	2	29%
Weekly	4	57%
Monthly	1	14%
Yearly	0	0%



3550 Commonwealth Ave

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)

1 Install plaza with game tables and seat wall

This plan recommends constructing a plaza on the corner of Reed and Commonwealth. Along the edge of the plaza would be a seating wall with built-in game tables and secured chairs. The plaza will serve as a community gathering spot, visible from all sides. Game pieces, such as dominos, chess, and checkers, could be checked out from Cora Kelly Recreation Center, creating a connection between the two facilities. Trees along the edges would provide shade for the seating.

2 Retain the two landscape gardens at the corner of the Park

When the City acquired this Park in 2009, a community group volunteered their services to create and maintain two gardens on the corner of Reed and Commonwealth. This plan recommends retaining the site and adding irrigation to them.

3 Add a park sign to create a defined entrance

A formal sign would define the entrance and recognize the site as a recreational space. The sign would be most visible along Commonwealth Avenue.

4 Plant trees along Commonwealth Avenue

Planting trees along Commonwealth Avenue will provide shade and define the edge of the Park. The trees should be limbed up to 5 feet to allow clear visibility into the Park.

5 Convert maintenance path into formal entrance

The former site's driveway is now used as a maintenance path for the park, however the asphalt abruptly ends after about 20 feet into the park. This plan recommends this as a location for a Park entrance with a sign and a path connecting to the Plaza. It also recommends removing the evergreen trees along Reed Street which currently block the view into the park.

6 Create shaded play areas

This plan recommends creating four spaces with trees and interactive and/or climbing features. Each of the four spaces may be designed with a different play element, such as a hammock, boulder, movable bench (such as a joggle board), or climbing sculpture. The features are meant to be used by both children and adults to encourage all ages to use the site and move around to different stations.

7 Create unprogrammed play space by re-grading and installing irrigation in the center green space

The center of this park is currently wide open, however, it is not in the condition for recreational use. Re-grading the open area and installing irrigation will provide an open lawn for a variety of active and passive uses. Programmed sports would not be permitted here in order to maintain the grass for more universal use by the community. The park will remain unfenced.

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— Park Boundary

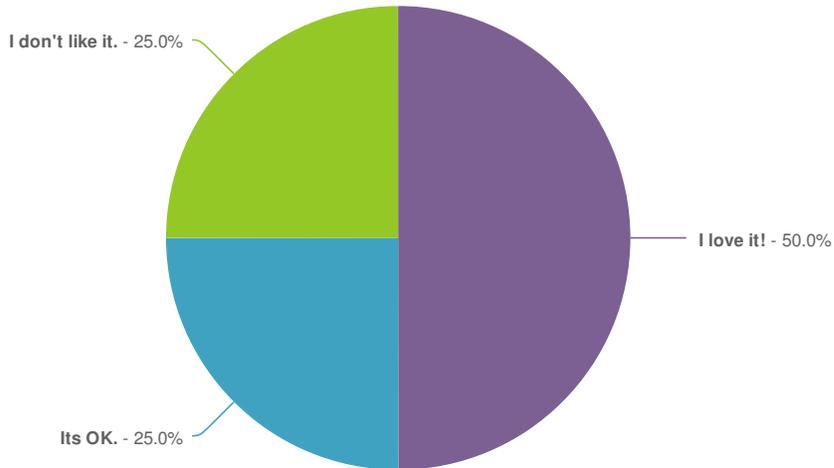
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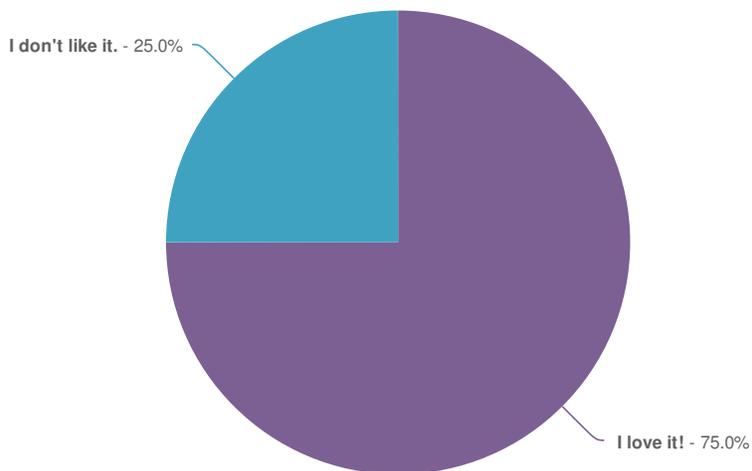
3550 Commonwealth Ave Draft Improvement Plan, July 2015

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Add a park sign to create a defined entrance



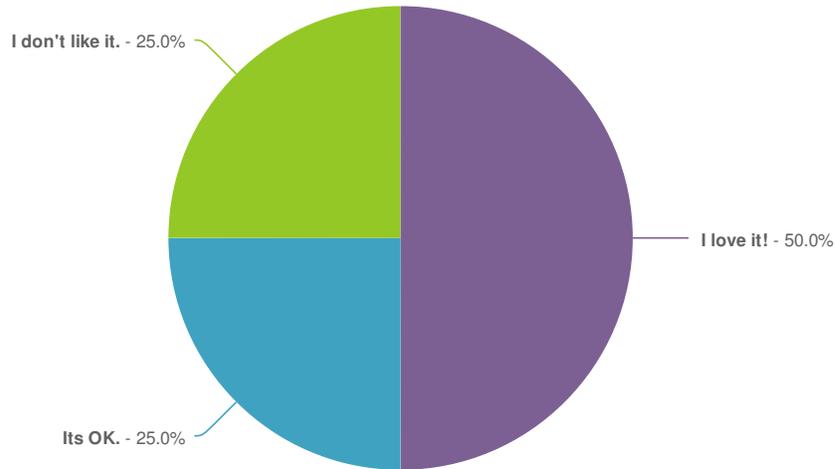
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	50.0%	2
Its OK.	25.0%	1
I don't like it.	25.0%	1
Total		4

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Convert maintenance path into formal entrance



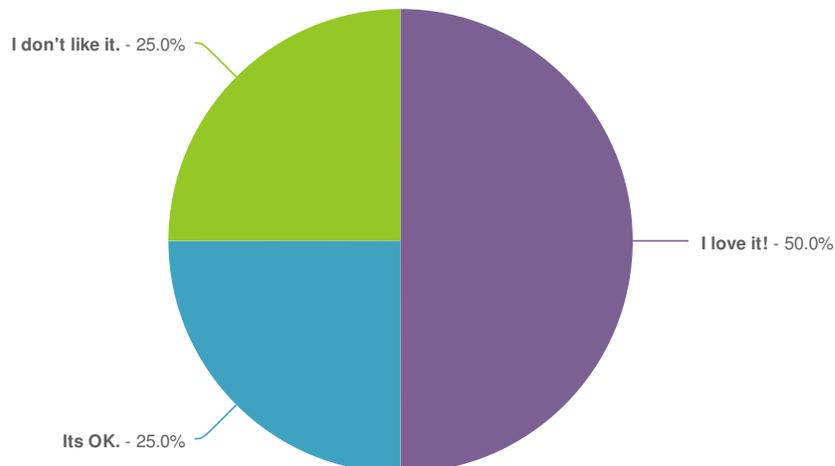
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	75.0%	3
I don't like it.	25.0%	1
Total		4

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Create shaded play areas



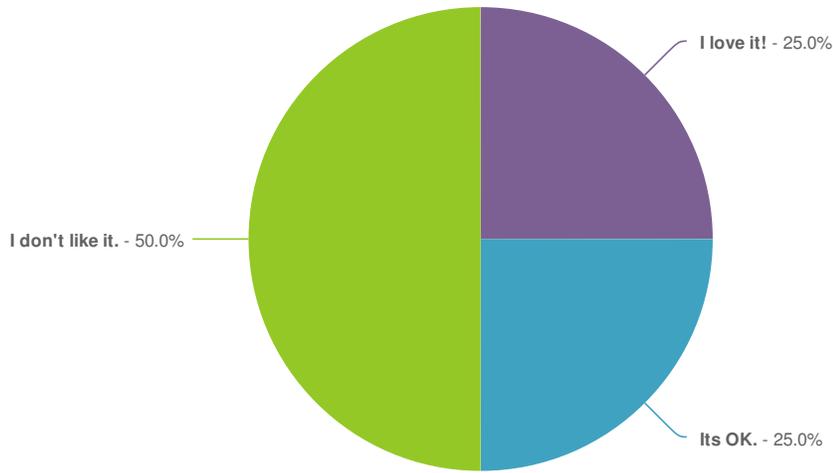
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	50.0%	2
Its OK.	25.0%	1
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Total		4

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Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	50.0%		2
Its OK.	25.0%		1
I don't like it.	25.0%		1
Total			4

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install plaza with game tables and seat wall

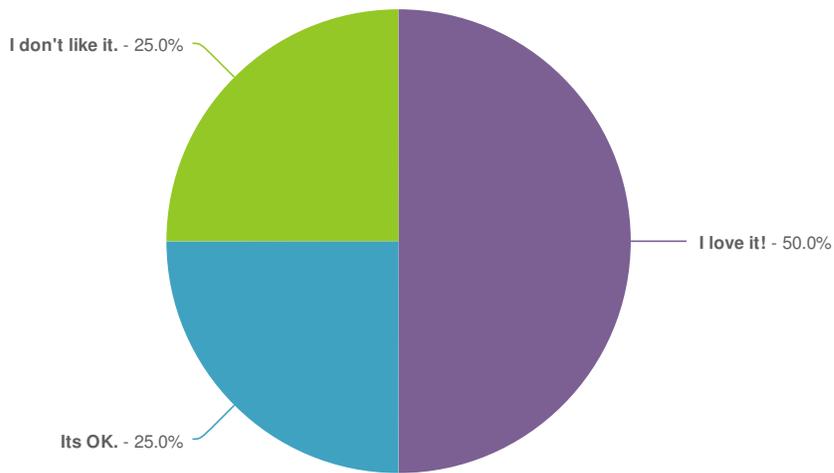


Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	25.0%		1
Its OK.	25.0%		1
I don't like it.	50.0%		2
Total			4

Explain-Install plaza with game tables and seat wall

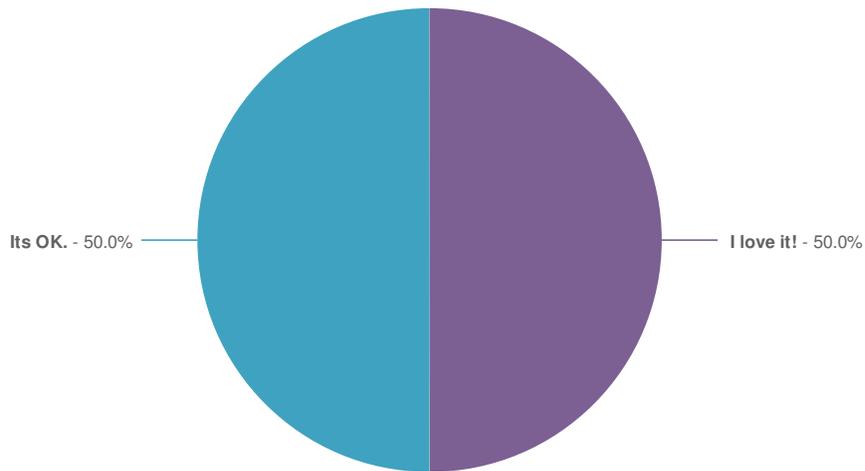
Count	Response
1	I think that people will not go to Cora Kelly to check out the pieces. So the game tables will not be used often.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Plant trees along Commonwealth Avenue



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	50.0%	2
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Total		4

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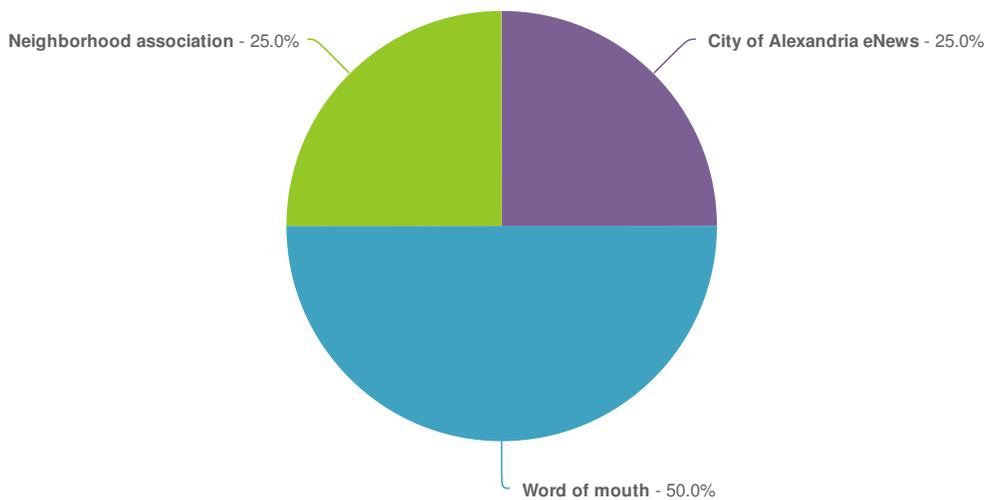
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Total		4

Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft 3550 Commonwealth Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

Count Response

1	yes.
1	The strong hispanic population in this community wants to see a futsal court built for our kids to play pick up soccer.

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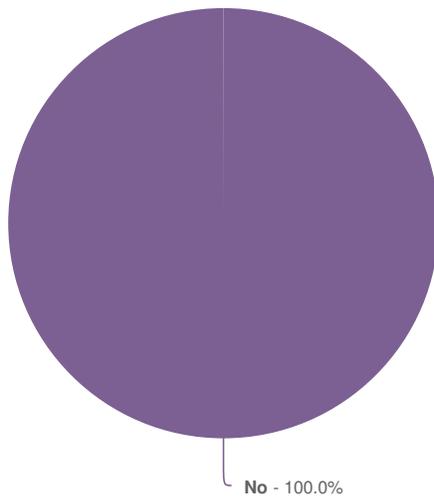


Value	Percent	Count
City of Alexandria eNews	25.0%	1
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Responses "Other"

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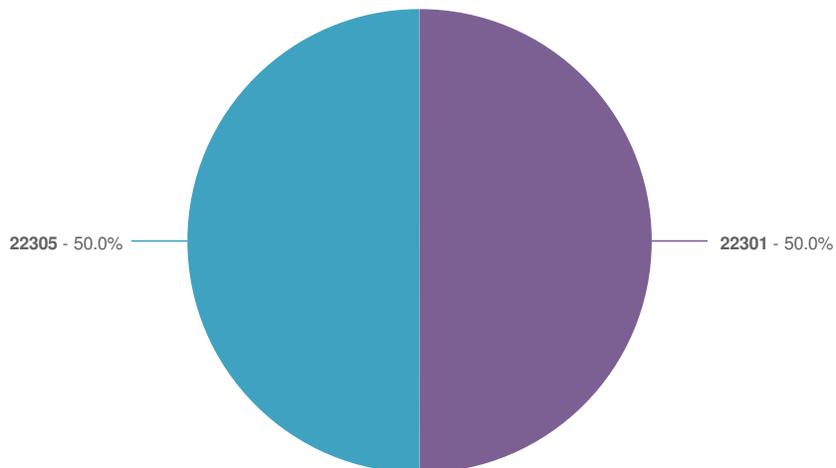


Value	Percent	Count
No	100.0%	3
Total		3

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	1 100.0%	1
6-12	2 100.0%	2
30-49	3 100.0%	3

What is your zip code?

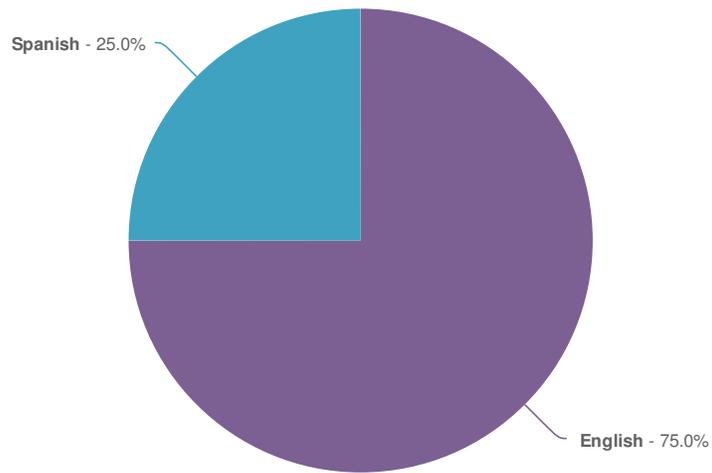


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Total		4	StdDev 2.0
			Max 22,305.0

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"

	Count
Left Blank	4

What is the primary language spoken in your home?



Value	Percent	Count
English	75.0%	3
Spanish	25.0%	1
Total		4

Responses "other"

	Count
Left Blank	4



Neighborhood Parks Plan

Ewald Park

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

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Be a safe place for children to explore
2. Be a place to create social connections with neighbors
3. Have lots of activity

What would you like done with the basketball court?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	8	53%
Enhance it	5	33%
Transform it	2	13%

Explain

Add multi-sport component to the basketball court for futsal, hockey, and other sports

Appreciate the energy efficient night lighting

FUTSAL COURT!! Would be used 24/7 by the community.

I see the courts being used quite often.

This comment applies to all park elements: The big issue is safety and lack of "nice" things. There's lots of people hanging (read: "cat calls", up to no good, etc...) around as a result of the local apartment complex The Fields and the 7-11. I do believe keeping the basketball court is a good thing because it will keep the kids from the area engaged and lower potential crime. Also, kids routinely walk across Duke without using the cross walk, making it unsafe and it disrupts traffic. The 7-11 is also a problem. The Alexandria PD always has a police car there, which tells you that crime in that area is a problem. The Park and surrounding area needs a revamp.

What would you like done with the former tennis court

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	0	0%
Enhance it	4	29%
Transform it	10	71%

Explain

A public pool would be great for the neighborhood.

Bring back the tennis courts! Maintain them

FUTSAL Court!

Give us back our tennis courts!

Please do SOMETHING with this. There is so much wasted/unused space in this park!

What would you like done with the parking lot?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	8	61%
Enhance it	4	31%
Transform it	1	8%

Explain

Add bike parking

Needs white stripes to mark parking spaces.

What would you like done with the open lawn?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	1	8%
Enhance it	5	38%
Transform it	7	54%

Explain

Maybe expand the playground or build a gazebo or something of interest

No one's played baseball here for years. Anything will improve!

Turf this. May be the most used open space in small park in the city.

All dirt and rocks totally unusable and unsafe

Put it to good use

Add small turf soccer fields/futsal courts. Many people play soccer in the open area, so enhancing this area would be attractive

What would you like done with the playground?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	0	0%
Enhance it	9	69%
Transform it	4	31%

Explain

Need to make this area more family friendly

The playground is basic, old and needs enhancement or transformation.

We could use a playground suitable for younger children.

What would you like done with the pool and bath house? (Currently closed)

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	0	0%
Enhance it	4	31%
Transform it	9	69%

Explain

A public pool would be great for the neighborhood.

Either fix it up and use it or replace it with something else.

If it's not to be used as a pool, then transform to be useful!

Open it for use.

Spray grounds would be awesome

Keep closed fill it in and turn it into open space! Maybe a picnic shelter!

It would be great to actually have the pool and bathhouse open again, but I understand that it was closed due to funding and the perceived abundance of private pools in the immediate West End area. In the absence of re-opening that facility, transforming it into something useable would certainly be a welcomed change.

Market the facility, no one knew it was there. Lack of hours hurt pool use. Needed weekend hours so parents could take their kids.

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

Response

First Topic: In the distant past I had observed seniors gathering for breakfast at the McD's on South Van Dorn Street. Then the building was refurbished and the chairs and tables were anchored so that the furniture could no longer be gathered together for people to sit in groups. Next the seniors from the West End gathered at the McD's on North Paxton Street and Duke Street. This building was also refurbished and the chairs and tables anchored so that they could no longer be moved together for a gathering of customers. The seniors stopped gathering there. A "senior room" at Ewald Park should have moveable furniture so that seniors could carry in breakfast and converse. The City has been stalling for a number of years on having a Senior Center out here in the West End. An extensive survey was conducted as to the needs, and the results were included in the Chinquapin Recreation Center. Just a reminder: In the "planned" communities of either Columbia, Maryland or Reston, Virginia the seniors gathered in a Laundromat because there were chairs there! Perhaps a request should be submitted for a Laundromat in Ewald Park so the seniors would have a place to gather. Another topic: The Central Library has a large number of students using the Internet Terminal from about 3:00 PM to about 5:00 PM during the school year. Perhaps some Internet Terminals should be installed in Ewald Park for the children to use in the afternoon when school has let out. During the morning and during the evening the terminals would be available for adults. Parking: The space available for vehicle parking is about 16 or 18 spaces. White lines on the asphalt would be helpful. Would one handicap parking space be the correct amount?

A larger playground or area for my child to play
 Good tennis courts that are in a safe park
 Improved soccer fields, futsal courts
 Quality playing surface
 Restrooms!
 Benches

I can't really say, but it's really tragic. Inner city parks in major metropolitan cities are more enjoyable. There's a huge field in the back that has potential...but I'm not sure what should go there. Maybe a jungle gym for kids?
 A family friendly vibe. If the tennis courts were repaired a children's tennis program could be scheduled there.

A beautiful, relaxing spot for neighbors to gather. It's currently a spot for kids to loiter and smoke pot. It needs to be turned into a much better spot for all neighbors not just bored kids.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Park?

Response

The state of the pool/bathhouse makes the entire park downright unappealing. The park has an appearance that is haggard, neglected, and completely unwelcoming. There is just too much wasted, unused, and/or decrepit looking space! People do not feel comfortable using the space for anything outside of basketball and soccer games. There are safety concerns at night due to the substandard lighting in the area, making it a draw to kids who want to smoke, drink, have sex and hang out. It's absolutely appalling that the city has let this park decay to this level!

More organized and supervised activities for children, teaching about litter prevention

It needs a complete overhaul and a cross walk across the street. People cross the street and don't care that cars have to stop. It's all the young kids from the surrounding area. Someone will get hit at some point. Also, the 7-11 creates huge problems. Doesn't really make anyone feel safe that there's a constant police presence there and often times at the park.

Park is not safe to use. Basketball court is only real usable area currently. Pick-up semi-organized soccer fills the grass area and has left the area dirt and rocks only! Bring back nice tennis courts

People frequently cross Duke Street to get to the park, and do not use the crosswalk at the intersection with Jordan Street. Since cars coming west are coming down a hill and have limited visibility, crossers are at greater risk of being struck. This needs to be addressed somehow.

The park is well used for basketball and soccer - perhaps an actual soccer field should be put in for these pickup games. The hidden portion of the playground makes it dangerous and under utilized. Lighting should be put in and the pool expanded for actual use.

There is a major issue with this park and that is accessibility. There is a lack of a crosswalk across Duke Street from The Fields apartments to the park. This intersection is so very dangerous because the kids from this apartment complex do not walk down to the crosswalk at Jordan and Duke Streets. They cross Duke in the middle of the street either stopping traffic or getting close to being hit by a car. It's an incredibly dangerous area for adults and children.

How do you get to this Park?

Value	Count	Percent
Walk	14	82%
Bike (personal)	0	0%
Bike (Capital Bikeshare)	0	0%
Drive	3	18%
Public Transit	0	0%
Carpool	0	0%

How far do you typically travel to visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Less than ½ mile	15	88%
Between ½ mile to 1 mile	0	0%
Between 1-2 miles	1	6%
Over 2 miles	1	6%

Have any of the following circumstances prevented you from visiting this Park? (check all that apply)

Value	Count	Percent
I am physically limited from walking	0	0%
There is no pedestrian/bike friendly access to the park from where I live	3	25%
I have concerns about crime or personal safety	10	83%
There is not enough parking	1	8%
There is nothing in the Park that interests me	6	67%

How often do you visit this park?

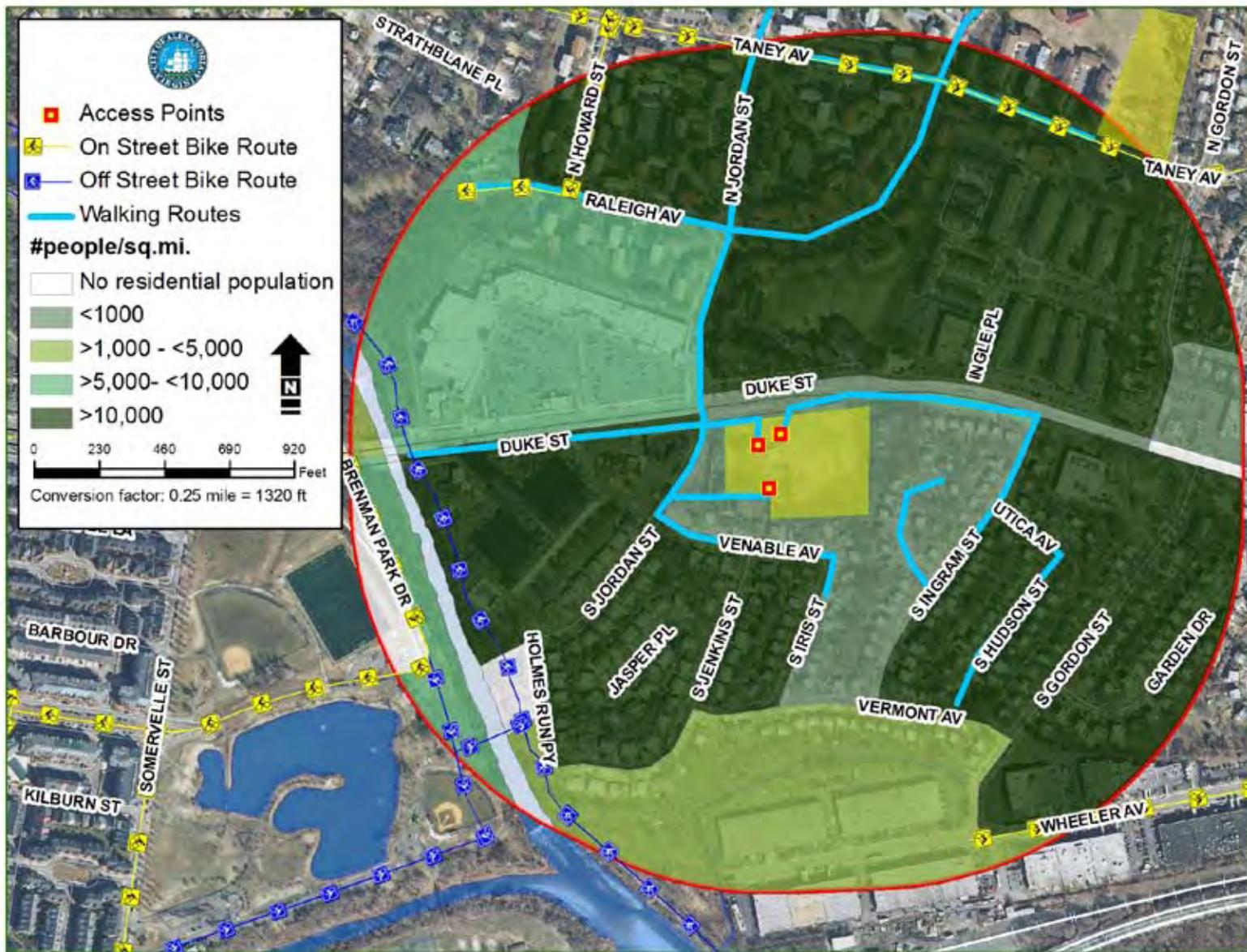
Value	Count	Percent
Daily	0	0%
Weekly	5	36%
Monthly	3	21%
Yearly	6	43%

Graffiti Sign

A "graffiti sign" in the Park had a marker attached and asked park users to write down what they would like their park to look like in the future. Park users recorded the following comments between September to November 2014 (image shown above from October 27).

- Basketball (10x) including indoor basketball
- Football field (13x)
- Youth basketball tournaments
- Indoor pool
- New soccer field
- New playground (2x)
- Exercise area (2x)
- change colors of basketball court (2x)





Ewald Park

Improvement Recommendations (Spring 2015)

- 1 Expand parking lot and create turnaround**

The current parking lot is small, unstriped and does not allow for turnaround space. This plan proposes expanding the lot and including a landscaped median to provide a turnaround. It would also include parking spaces for disabled park users.
- 2 Create pedestrian entrance plaza near Duke St./Jordan intersection**

A new formalized entrance to the park would create a small space for a park sign, benches, and bike racks. It would also provide park access close to the Duke Street and S. Jordan intersection, encouraging safer pedestrian access.
- 3 Install a second basketball court and maintenance path (alternatively, court may be area for fitness equipment)**

The existing basketball court is one of the most popular in the City. A second court would help meet the demand at this park.
- 4 Renovate the turf and install a walking path**

The park holds one of the largest and most popular unfenced turf areas in the City. This plan proposes adding irrigation and re-turfing the field to better sustain the active use. Steps from the futsal courts to the open turf area may also serve as spectator seating. A path around the field will create a location for running and walking. Walking the path seven times would equal a mile.
- 5 Replace the pool and poolhouse with two futsal courts**

The pool has been closed since 2011. When it was open there was low use as the site is not conducive to a high capacity aquatics facility. The current poolhouse blocks visibility from Duke Street creating an unsafe setting behind it. This plan recommends replacing the pool and poolhouse with futsal (soccer) courts to meet the increasing demand in the city.
- 6 Restore the existing playground to forest area**

This area is hidden from the street and difficult to access. Planting new trees in this site will help increase the tree canopy in the city, per the Urban Forestry Master Plan.
- 7 Remove the trees and re-grade to improve visibility from Duke Street**

The existing row of trees, in combination with the topography, cause a visual barrier from Duke St and make it seem unsafe. Removing the trees will increase visibility into the playground.
- 8 Move the playground to the former tennis court area**

Moving the playground to the former tennis court area will increase its visibility from Duke St and encourage greater use. It will also include new and modern equipment and may integrate water features.
- 9 Install shade structure and picnic area**

A shaded area with seating will provide a community gathering space.
- 10 Reserve space for community building**

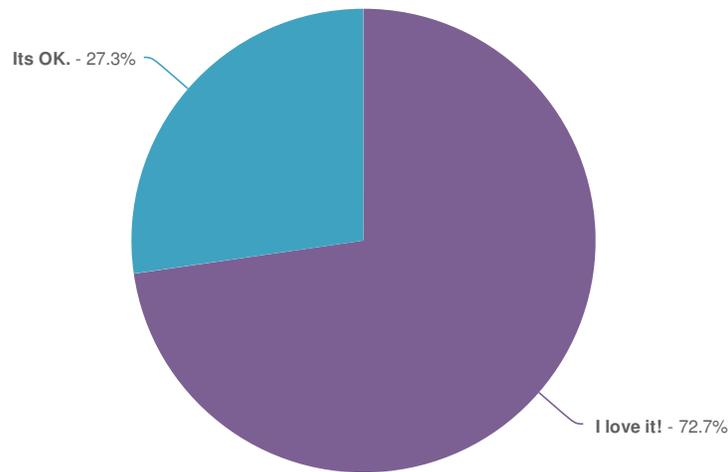
A community building can provide space for civic meetings, restrooms, and recreation offices. The location of the building allows for sightlines throughout the park to increase surveillance. It is also located next to the picnic area to allow for joint uses.





Ewald Park Draft Improvement Plan Survey Results, July 2015

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Create pedestrian entrance plaza near Duke St./Jordon intersection

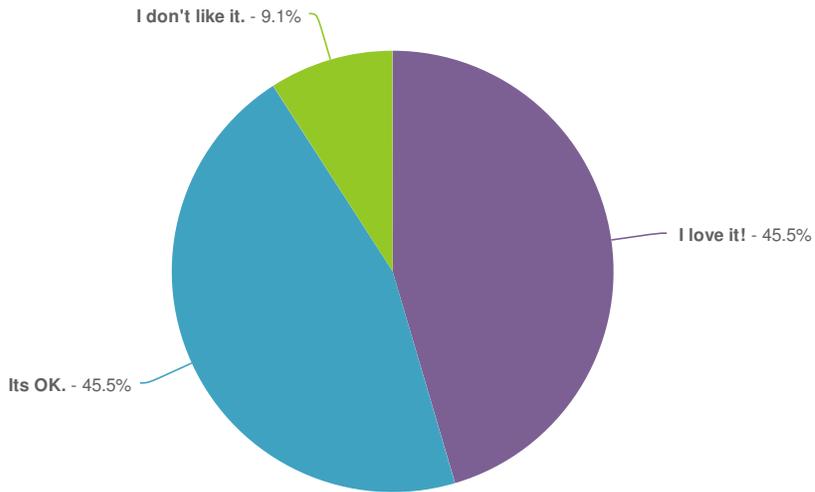


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	72.7%	8
Its OK.	27.3%	3
Total		11

Explain-Create pedestrian entrance plaza near Duke St./Jordon intersection

Count	Response
1	This encourages people to enter here instead of trying to cross Duke Street near the basketball courts which so many people do and it's so dangerous!

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Expand parking lot and create turnaround

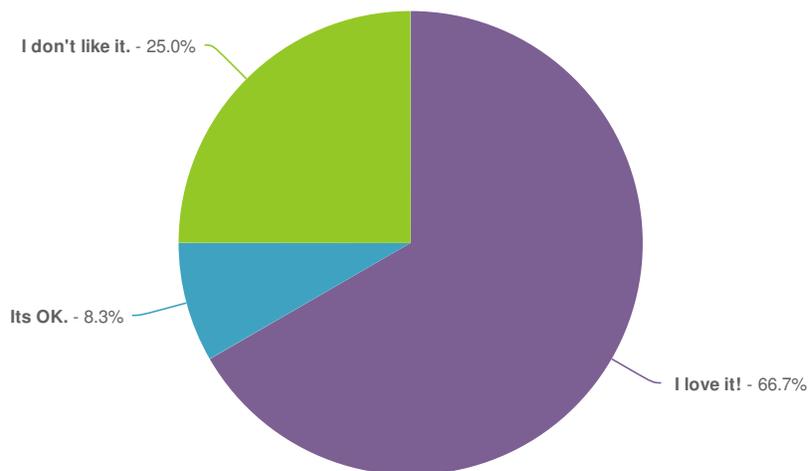


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	45.5%	5
Its OK.	45.5%	5
I don't like it.	9.1%	1
Total		11

Explain-Expand parking lot and create turnaround

Count	Response
1	Another idea is creating a separate entrance and making the existing entrance an exit only.
1	If the parking lot expansion removes trees I cannot support it because we don't need to encourage more people to drive to this neighborhood park anyway.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install a second basketball court and maintenance path (alternatively, court may be area for fitness equipment)



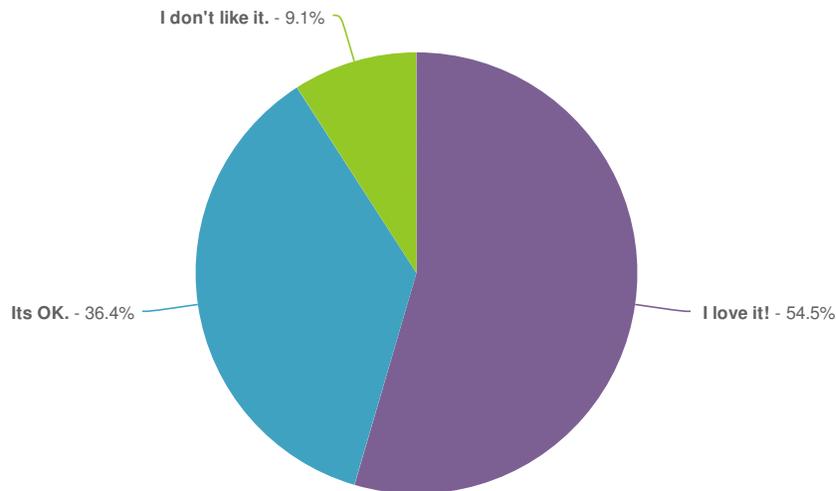
Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	66.7%		8
Its OK.	8.3%		1
I don't like it.	25.0%		3
Total			12

Explain-Install a second basketball court and maintenance path (alternatively, court may be area for fitness equipment)

Count Response

1	The basketball courts attracts lots of people at night that go back and forth from the 7-11 and leave 7-11 food trash in the park and along Duke Street
1	Given the usage of the existing basketball court, a second one would be most welcome. There are frequently players or groups waiting to take the court while a game is going one. Having a second court would greatly improve usage and provide a continuing source of outdoor recreation for our residents. I would also encourage the second court to have lights like the existing court. there are limited basketball courts in that area of the City. The second court would help address that issue.
1	Build a water play/water park for the West end. If entrances and parking are updated build a covered 25 yard pool
1	I'd rather see tennis courts added to give the park variety. I don't want it to be solely focused on basketball and turf sports (primarily soccer).

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install shade structure and picnic area

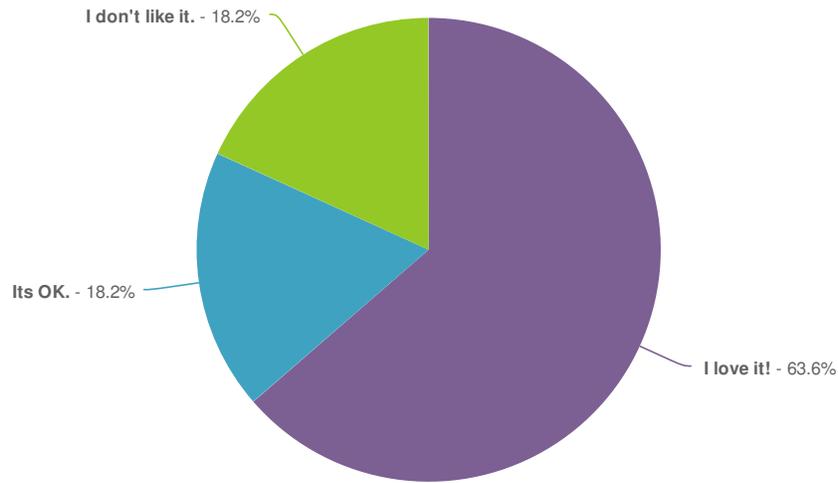


Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	54.6%		6
Its OK.	36.4%		4
I don't like it.	9.1%		1
Total			11

Explain-Install shade structure and picnic area

Count	Response
1	I doubt it will be used.
1	This would be a great feature.
1	Don't install any such expensive ugly shade structure - leave the mature trees visible from Duke Street that you folks want to cut down - they provide SHADE!!!!!!
1	Build a water play/water park for the West end. If entrances and parking are updated build a covered 25 yard pool

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Move the playground to the former tennis court area



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	63.6%	7
Its OK.	18.2%	2
I don't like it.	18.2%	2
Total		11

Explain-Move the playground to the former tennis court area

Count	Response
1	I like it although concerned it's too close to the soccer fields.
1	Unnecessary
1	Would REALLY support spray grounds park! That would be awesome
1	Restore the tennis courts and light them. The closest courts to this neighborhood, on Taney Ave., are cracked and poorly maintained.

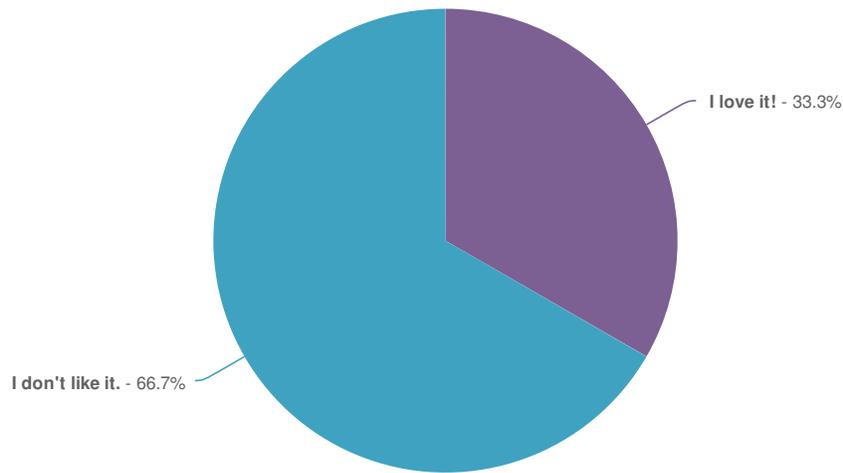
Count Response

- 1 How many playgrounds do we need? There are at least four already within easy walking distance. Is everything going to be for kids and young families? I pay taxes and get just about nothing from Parks and Rec for it. With this move there will be no hope of ever seeing the tennis courts again. Is Alexandria going to provide nothing for adults in Ewald Park? And, no, the "walking path" doesn't count. It is a joke.

- 1 I like the idea of some type of small splash/spray pad at the playground. Arlington has had success with them over the years and the one at the Potomac Yards playground is very popular. It would provide a better variety of activities for the kids at the playground at a relatively low expense to the City.

- 1 Build a water play/water park for the West end. If entrances and parking are updated build a covered 25 yard pool

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Remove the trees and re-grade to improve visibility from Duke Street



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	33.3%	3
I don't like it.	66.7%	6
Total		9

Explain-Remove the trees and re-grade to improve visibility from Duke Street

Count Response

- 1 Great!

- 1 Not sure the gain is worth removing such old, established trees

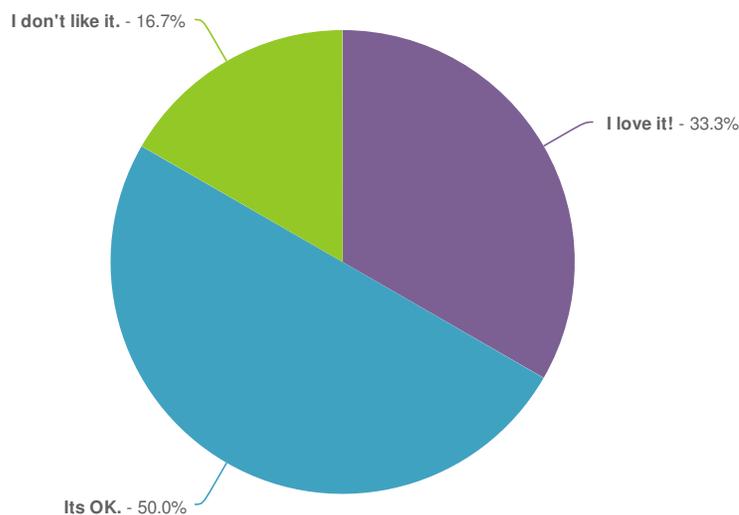
- 1 This is a real waste of many mature trees. Visibility from Duke St. is not a benefit to the park. Public safety related comments are often based on a misperception that either does not reflect today's reality or is actually based on the concerns relating to the nearby 7-11. Removing those trees will not help the 7-11.

- 1 Cutting down 60+-year-old trees is absurd. They don't impede the line of sight and their removal would be a tremendous loss for the people and wildlife in my neighborhood. At 46, I won't live long enough to see anything planted elsewhere mature into a broad, multi-story canopy.

Count Response

1	I hate this and will fight this with every thing I have - In one breath your plan talks about creating a forest in the tucked away back area of this dead-end park but then you say that the few limbed up and well-spaced trees visible from the street need to be removed due to crime? This is incongruent baloney - the London Plane Trees, maples, and other trees visible from the street help our property values and, as needed beautification, reduce crime!! Please please please do not remove these trees - Duke Street needs all the beauty it can get!
1	Build a water play/water park for the West end. If entrances and parking are updated build a covered 25 yard pool

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Renovate the turf and install a walking path



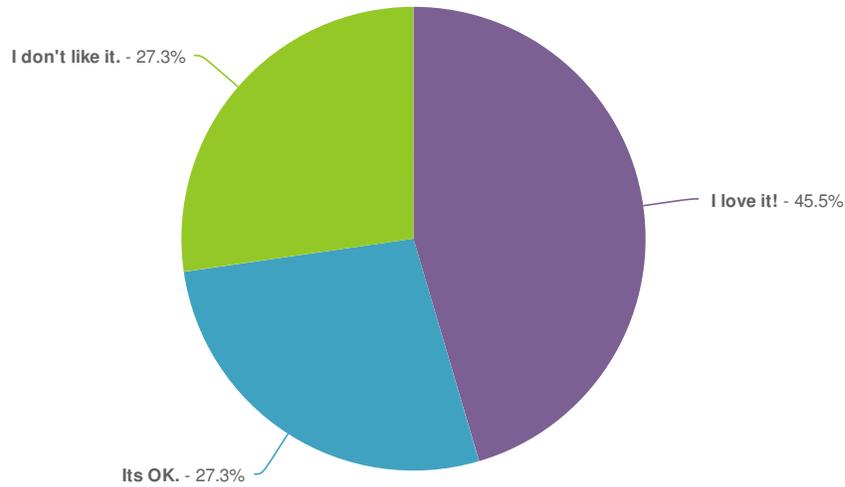
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	33.3%	4
Its OK.	50.0%	6
I don't like it.	16.7%	2
Total		12

Explain-Renovate the turf and install a walking path

Count Response

1	I like the path but think the turf should be artificial.
1	If there is one thing our neighborhood has is places to walk. What a waste of recreational space
1	This is so unnecessary - people can walk just as easily on the grass turf
1	Not sure what the turf will be used for. I tend to think the soccer courts would be a better fit here.
1	I would recommend installing artificial turf on the playing field and leave it open to the public to use. The existing field is used mainly for soccer games, but having a nice playing surface would encourage even more usage. It would potentially help draw area residents to use the field with their children. I like the idea of the walking trail - putting low level lights along the trail like were planned at Hammond would allow more usage during the winter months.
1	Build a water play/water park for the West end. If entrances and parking are updated build a covered 25 yard pool

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Replace the pool and poolhouse with two futsal courts



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	45.5%	5
Its OK.	27.3%	3
I don't like it.	27.3%	3
Total		11

Explain-Replace the pool and poolhouse with two futsal courts

- 1 I would prefer to see a splash park or other "cool down" activity space.

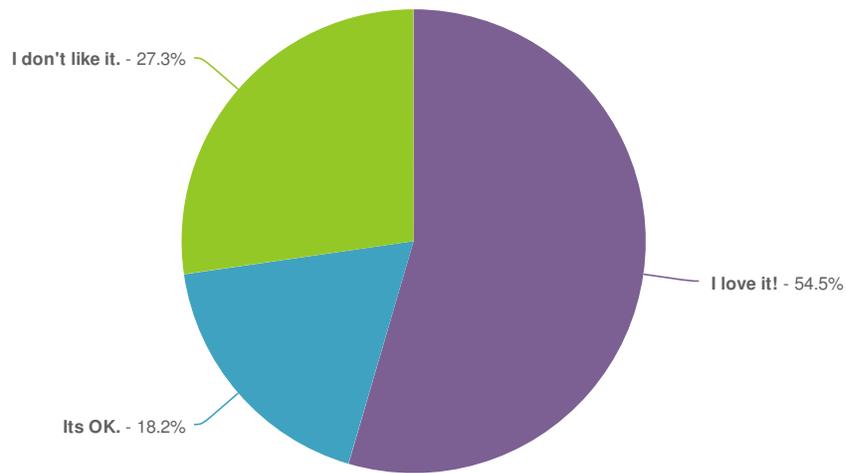
- 1 When will the other closed pools be replaced?

- 1 The Parks and Recreation Dept. decided long ago to get rid of that pool. They have made no effort to increase its usage and even had someone come to our neighborhood time to time to meet with the consultants to disparage it. Maybe a change of leadership is needed.

- 1 I love the idea of replacing the pool and poolhouse but like I said above I think the soccer courts would be better placed in the open turf area. They would be too close to the playground - what if a ball was kicked out of bounds into the playground?

- 1 Build a water play/water park for the West end. If entrances and parking are updated build a covered 25 yard pool

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Reserve space for community building

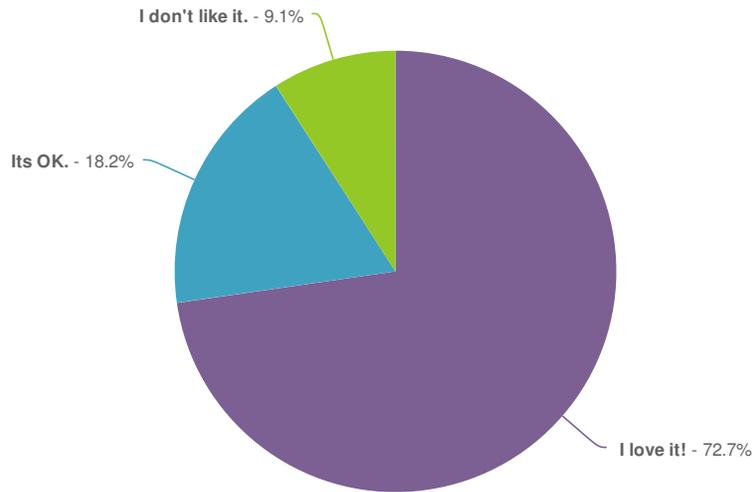


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	54.6%	6
Its OK.	18.2%	2
I don't like it.	27.3%	3
Total		11

Explain-Reserve space for community building

Count	Response
1	The city has enough trouble maintaining current buildings. Adding another seems imprudent.
1	When would this be built? NEVER
1	Do not reserve the space for any such community building - we desperately need trees and green space - especially since the council and Planning and Zoning are shoving luxury condos into every square centimeter of spare space we have - no more concrete, no more buildings!!! Oh, and we do have a stormwater mandate that we have not been meeting, remember??? You do know that impervious surfaces and trees help reduce stormwater run off and improve water quality, right?
1	Build a water play/water park for the West end. If entrances and parking are updated build a covered 25 yard pool

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Restore the existing playground to forest area



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	72.7%	8
Its OK.	18.2%	2
I don't like it.	9.1%	1
Total		11

Explain-Restore the existing playground to forest area

Count	Response
1	A great idea!!
1	Build a water play/water park for the West end. If entrances and parking are updated build a covered 25 yard pool

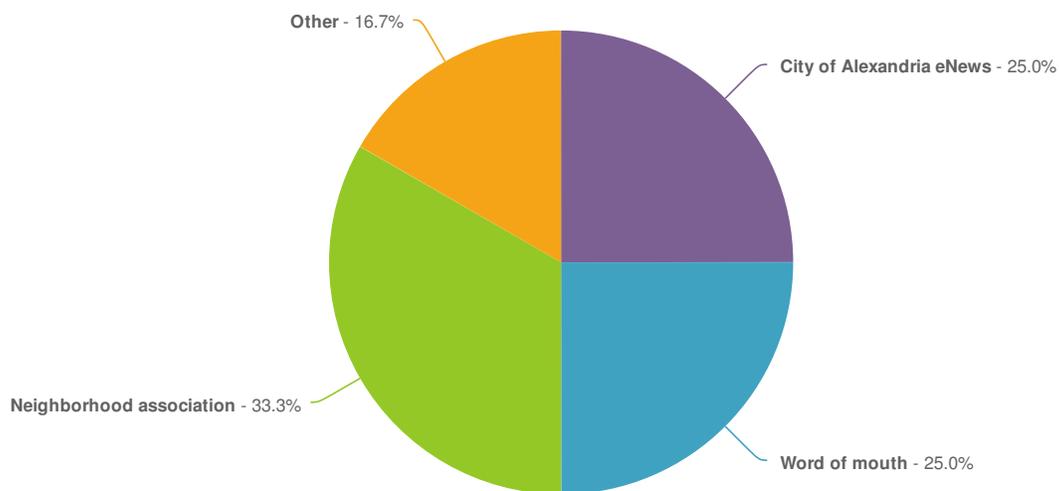
Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Ewald Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

Count	Response
1	I was unable to attend the meetings so I don't know what was recommended by residents.
1	Most were addressed but the lack of crosswalks on Duke St was not addressed. I understand this is outside the park but this really needs to be considered. Most of the people that use the basketball courts come from The Fields and Foxchase across the street. They do not walk down to Jordan St to cross Duke St. Instead they dart across Duke St hoping they don't get hit or expect vehicles to yield to pedestrians in the middle of the street. It is extremely dangerous.
1	I completed surveys before however I do not remember them providing an opportunity to comment that what I like about this park is the fact that I see beautiful trees, grass, and open space when I walk or drive by it!!!! Stop "paving the planet!" Don't chop down mature, limbed up and well-spaced trees near the street and then fill up the farthest, darkest portions of this dead end park with trees! The trees visible from Duke Street enhance our property values and LOWER crime -remember the housing projects visible from Route One in Old Town don't have many trees but they darn sure have their share of crime.

Count Response

- 1 I have participated in the planning process for the city pools from the beginning. It was a big farce. The city had already decided to do away with Ewald pool before the first public meeting. That land was donated to the city for the use of our neighborhood and what is going to be provided for adults? Nothing. I will never vote for a bond for the Parks and Rec Department if one comes up.
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- 1 Good afternoon, ladies, I just thought of something the other day that I would like to toss out for consideration, and am copying some of my neighbors who have been following the Ewald Park Plan issue. To be clear, I am not insisently wedded to the idea, it is just a thought - What about including a sand volleyball court? I don't know what if any demand there is for something like that, but was thinking that would broaden up the park use some to different user groups. In addition, I think it would be fun! But others might not see it that way. I won't pester you incessantly on this idea, as the trees and unpaved surfaces are much more important to me (and some of my neighbors). Some of these neighbors may their own thoughts for or against the volleyball court idea. I will say there are more young couples moving in the neighborhood, and they might find a volleyball court a fun, social feature. In addition, I have noticed that the sand volleyball court next to the picnic pavillion in Ben Brenman park seems to get some use from immigrant families... Have a terrific weekend, and thanks for running honestly transparent and participative planning processes!
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- 1 I love the idea of a volleyball court. I'm short, but good at it. might bring a new mix of folks to the park and who knows - - maybe everyone will find it fun!
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- 1 These improvements look fantastic! That park is so under utilized, except for the basketball courts. I am looking forward to being able to actually use it once the improvements are made! I'm not sure if this can be part of the plan, but it's very difficult to access this park from the opposite side of Duke St where I live. The kids constantly have to cross against traffic to get over there, and it's very dangerous. Adding a pedestrian crosswalk closer to the Fields and Ingle place would be so helpful!
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- 1 Build a water play/water park for the West end. If entrances and parking are updated build a covered 25 yard pool. Near the pool you can have a basketball court, tennis court, etc. A pool is desperately needed somewhere on the West end (might have space at P Henry). Keep PH K-5 and put in a POOL that has a cover for year round-use.
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- 1 You can protect the trees! However, I was not able to attend the November 1st meeting, I am happy, however, with how much notice citizens are being given to respond to the plan. While the responses might be different than the initial concerns, I hope they will be weighed equally.

How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?



Value	Percent	Count
	Total	12

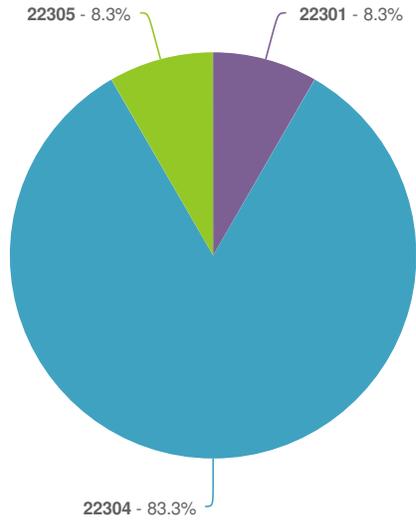
Value	Percent		Count
City of Alexandria eNews	25.0%		3
Word of mouth	25.0%		3
Neighborhood association	33.3%		4
Other	16.7%		2
Total			12

Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	12
Recreation Dept. contacts	1
city email alerts	1

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	3 100.0%	3
6-12	1 100.0%	1
13-18	1 100.0%	1
19-29	3 100.0%	3
30-49	8 100.0%	8
50-69	5 100.0%	5
70 or above	1 100.0%	1

What is your zip code?



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
22301	8.3%	1	Sum 267,646.0
22304	83.3%	10	Average 22,303.8
22305	8.3%	1	StdDev 0.9
Total		12	Max 22,305.0

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"

	Count
Left Blank	14



Neighborhood Parks Plan

Goat Hill Park

Community Feedback, Fall 2014



The Division of Park Planning, Design, and Capital Development is currently planning for the City's existing Neighborhood Parks, which we characterize as being 0.5 - 10 acres with a service area of up to 0.5 miles. The results of this plan will help determine budgeting priorities and recommendations for both short and long-term incremental improvements, ensuring that neighborhood parks serve Alexandria's needs now and into the future.

In Fall 2014, 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, community workshop, and "graffiti board" in the park. Over 270 people responded to the survey in total, thirteen of which were specific to Goat Hill Park.

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

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Be a safe place for children to explore

2. Provide opportunity to explore nature

3. Be a place to relax

How do you get to this Park?

Value	Count	Percent
Walk	13	100%
Bike (personal)	0	0%
Bike (Capital Bikeshare)	0	0%
Drive	0	0%
Public Transit	0	0%
Carpool	0	0%

How far do you typically travel to visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Less than 1/2 mile	9	69%
Between 1/2 mile to 1 mile	4	31%
Between 1-2 miles	0	0%
Over 2 miles	0	0%

Have any of the following circumstances prevented you from visiting this Park? (check all that apply)

Value	Count	Percent
I am physically limited from walking	0	0%
There is no pedestrian/bike friendly a	1	25%
I have concerns about crime or persc	2	50%
There is not enough parking	0	0%
There is nothing in the Park that inter	1	25%

How often do you visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Daily	1	8%
Weekly	7	54%
Monthly	5	39%
Yearly	0	0%

What would you like done with the natural area?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	3	30%
Enhance it	5	50%
Transform it	2	20%

Explain

The slope between the playground and the forest is degrading.

Make more of a playground

Poison ivy - unsafe to hike through

Make it more clear that there are trails in the natural area; perhaps label or sign marking a path or two to the grassy area. Most people have no idea that the natural area is part of the park (including me until I just saw the map). Would be a great wilderness resource for parents with young kids (these are typically the folks I see at the park).

What would you like done with the open lawn?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	3	38%
Enhance it	3	38%
Transform it	2	25%

Explain

??? How to access???

More!

more playground space

What would you like done with the playground?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	0	0%
Enhance it	1	17%
Transform it	5	83%

Explain

The playground is unusable on hot afternoons. Provide additional shade

Add more baby swings, there is almost always a line.

Not best playground, but ok

the Hill is mostly avoided



Goat Hill Park

Improvement Recommendations

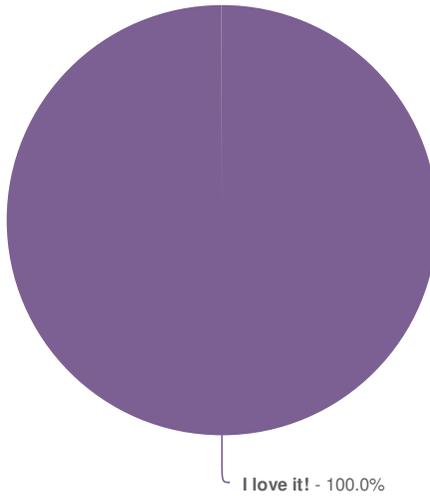
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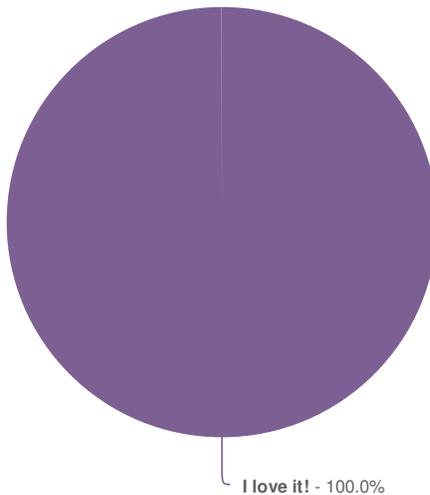
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What do you think of the following recommendations?-Conserve remnant trees



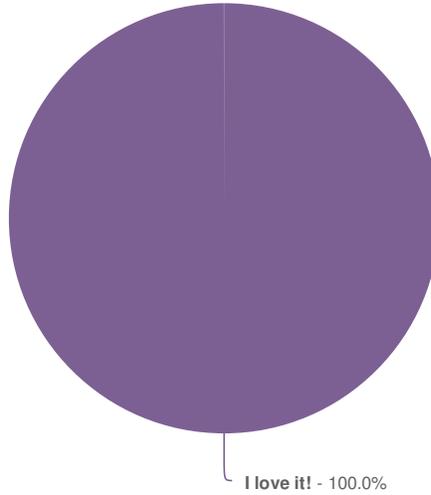
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Total		1

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Construct nature trail



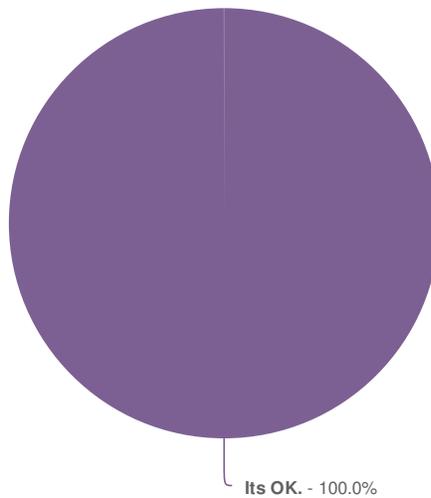
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What do you think of the following recommendations?-Continue native plant restoration



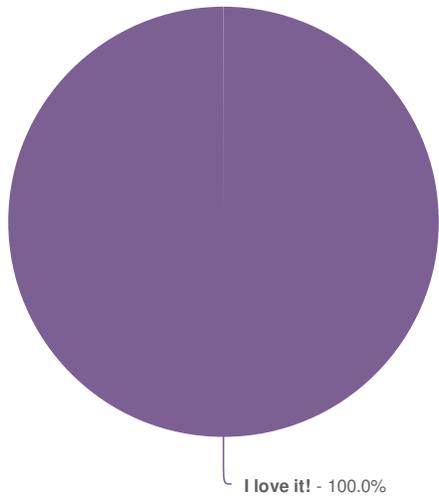
Value	Percent	Count
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Total		1

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Eradicate invasive species and restore natural area



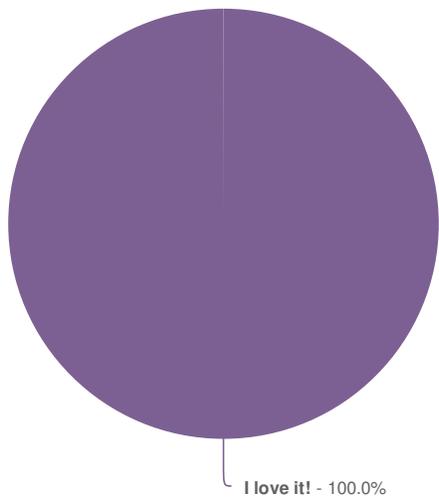
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Its OK.	100.0%	1
Total		1

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Formalize park entrance as a nature trail entrance at Hickory St.



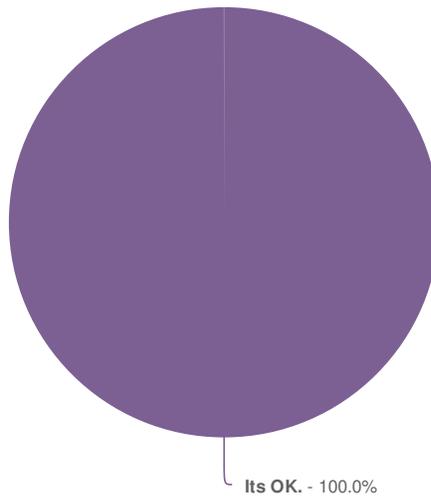
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	100.0%	1
Total		1

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Improve access from Kennedy Street



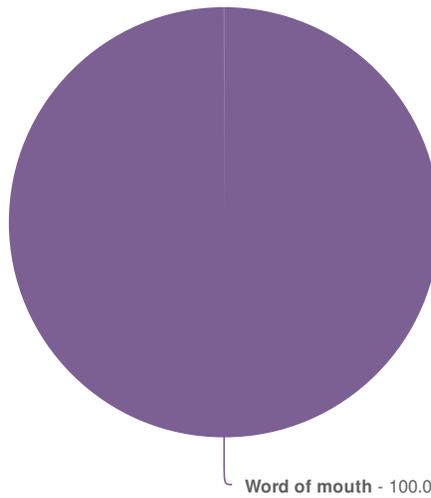
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	100.0%	1
Total		1

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Seek partner agreements with neighbors on park plantings



Value	Percent	Count
Its OK.	100.0%	1
Total		1

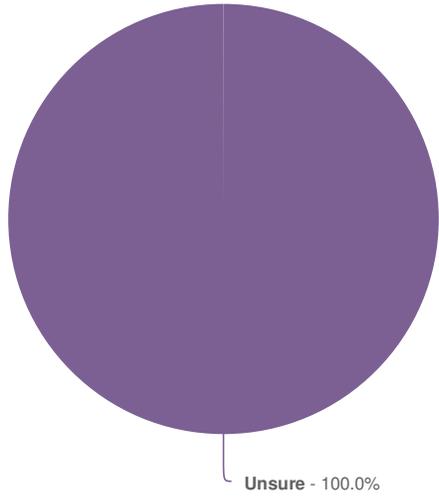
How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?



Value	Percent	Count
Word of mouth	100.0%	1
Total		1

Responses "Other"	Count
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Will you be attending the workshop on May 27 from 7pm-8:30pm at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center to discuss the draft plan?

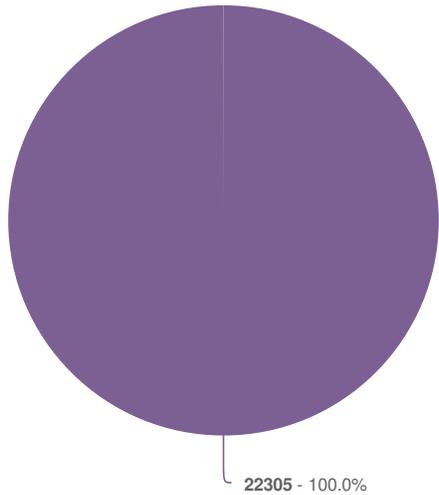


Value	Percent	Count
Unsure	100.0%	1
Total		1

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	1 100.0%	1
30-49	1 100.0%	1

What is your zip code?



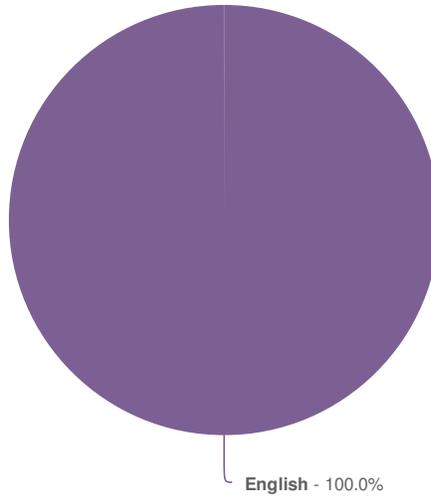
Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
Total		1	Sum 22,305.0

Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
22305	100.0%	1	Average 22,305.0
Total		1	Max 22,305.0

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"

	Count
Left Blank	1

What is the primary language spoken in your home?



Value	Percent	Count
English	100.0%	1
Total		1

Responses "other"

	Count
Left Blank	1



Neighborhood Parks Plan

Hooff's Run Park & Greenway

Community Feedback, Fall 2014



The Division of Park Planning, Design, and Capital Development is currently planning for the City's existing Neighborhood Parks, which we characterize as being 0.5 - 10 acres with a service area of up to 0.5 miles. The results of this plan will help determine budgeting priorities and recommendations for both short and long-term incremental improvements, ensuring that neighborhood parks serve Alexandria's needs now and into the future.

In Fall 2014, 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, community workshop, and "graffiti board" in the park. Over 270 people responded to the survey in total, thirty-nine of which were specific to Hooff's Run.

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

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Be a safe place for children to explore
2. Be a place to create social connections with neighbors
3. Be a place to relax

What would you like done with the basketball court?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	18	72%
Enhance it	7	28%
Transform it	0	0%

Explain

Bench
Maybe have two hoops?
Would be great if it was a full court

What would you like done with the hard surface area at Maple St?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	9	36%
Enhance it	5	20%
Transform it	11	44%

Explain

It would be nice to use it for something other than a throughway.
Mini skate park would be awesome.
Need a pathway especially with in climate weather
Not sure what this is
Seems like wasted space.
Paint it and make it a space for kids to ride bikes
Remove the concrete cover. Transform it into an open air waterway, similar to between Linden and maple
Could be turned into urban park. Great area for kids to ride bikes, play street hockey, four square, hopscotch, etc. Lighting should also be improved
Remove ugly concrete hard surface to open running water below (like between Maple Ave. and Linden St. (or cover with turf/grass)
The concrete deck between Maple and Walnut is a terrible eyesore and doesn't drain well creating vector hazards (mosquitos). The neighborhood would like to see this section landscaped similar to other stretches to the south such as between Maple and Linden.
There's no clear purpose for this. It begs for transformation. Could we daylight the stream here and provide some habitat for pollinators?
I guess it works for a kids' bike area, but it doesn't make much sense. It seems like a vacant lot. It could be improved. Maybe with fake bike lanes/paths for the kids?

What would you like done with the off-leash dog area?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	10	37%
Enhance it	11	41%
Transform it	8	22%

Explain

Bags Benches
Dogs should be on leashes
Fenced-in dog area
I would like it fenced in, especially since it is so close to the busy road
Off-leash dog area on 600 block of Commonwealth Ave should be fenced in
Provide a fenced area for off-leash dog activity
The dog area at Commonwealth and Oak is very nice, but for safety a low fence would be nice
Dog parks without fences make absolutely no sense
Putting kids and dogs together is not good. No one keeps their dog on leash there.
There is NO off-leash area but people constantly let dogs run all over the park and playground and they've been doing it for years
Dog owners would prefer to use the local tennis court since it is safer for their dogs. Perhaps an enclosed fenced area for dogs is a good alternative and will preserve tennis courts for tennis.
Add a fence! There are no fenced dog parks on this side of the city. Since we can no longer exercise our dog off-leash here, it is not a very useful space as is

What would you like done with the playground?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	10	37%
Enhance it	15	56%
Transform it	2	7%

Explain

Excited to see new playground. I hope there is something for older kids (8+) as well.
Let's wait and see.
Under transformation right now I guess. Thanks.
Was perfectly fine as it was. New design takes over too much lawn area
With the reconstruction, it looks great so far
looking forward to it!
provide more shade
Will wait until it's finished. It was terrible timing to do the renovation during the time most people use it. Should have been done over the winter.

What would you like done with the seating?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	6	24%
Enhance it	18	72%
Transform it	1	4%

Explain

Need more seating
Some additional benches would be great
Could use additional
Seating should be installed in park between Walnut & Oak. Would allow neighbors to picnic with kids, people to use the park while working from home, could take coffee, etc. from Grape & Bean and enjoy in the park.

What would you like done with the tennis courts?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	17	68%
Enhance it	7	28%
Transform it	1	4%

Explain

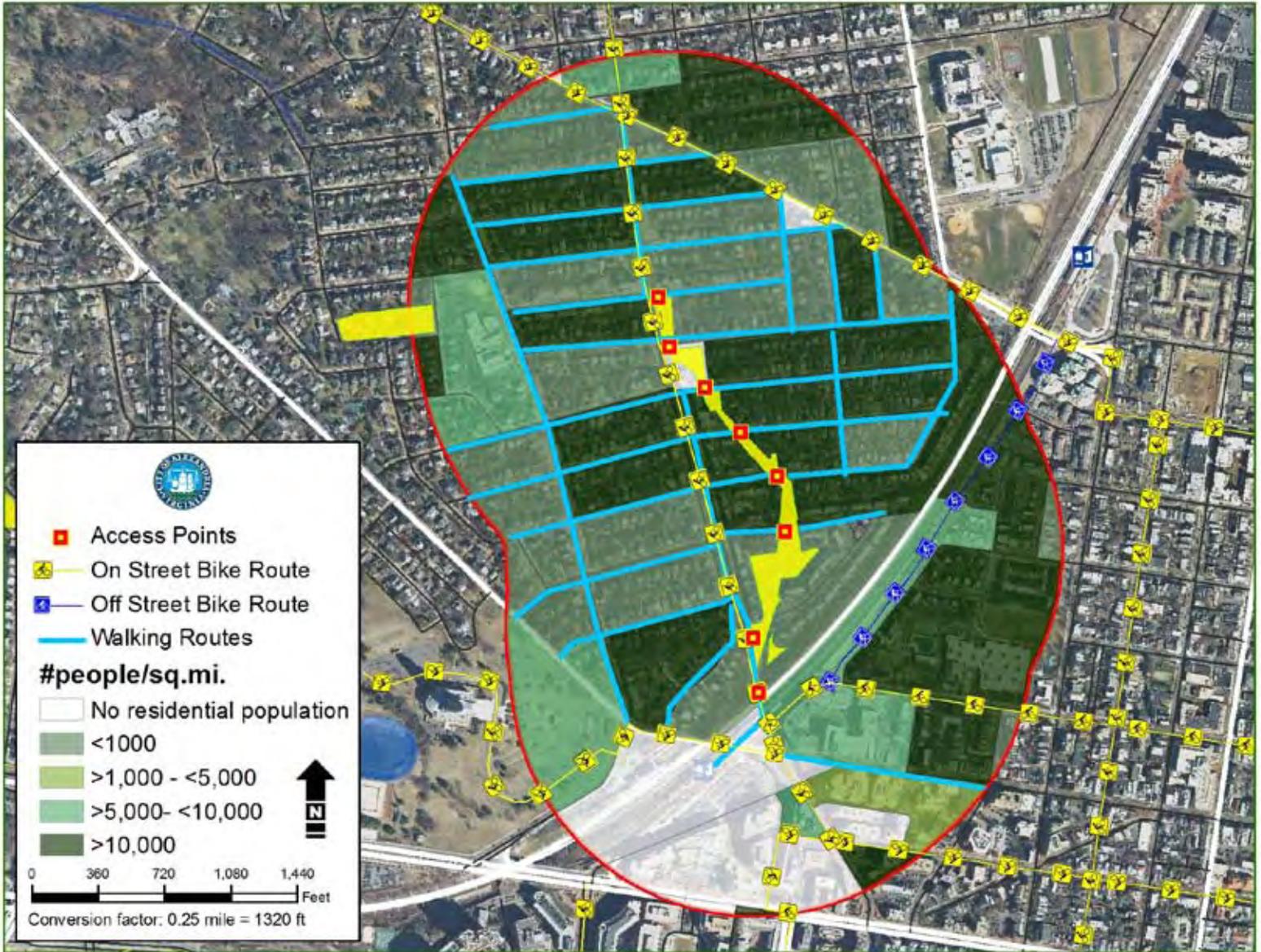
I never think of the tennis court on Commonwealth as part of the park. Nice work re-doing it!
It is veritably unused by tennis players. The recent renovation was a waste of money
Nicely repaired, thank you!
Re-seed grass, plant new trees, replace curbs
Nice job with the renovation
Tennis court is 1 mile from middle of Old Town and middle of Del Ray Mt. Vernon Ave shops.
Bikeshare station would be an ideal addition. Also, add seating (tables and chairs) for neighbors to enjoy the shady green areas

What would you like done with the trail from the Metro to Chapman St.?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	13	50%
Enhance it	10	39%
Transform it	3	11%

Explain

Please continue to maintain the grass and trees
Re-seed grass; replace wooden markers; install new fence along church property line
This isn't used as a trail much, as it's not very nice. Seems like wasted space
Trail between E Linden and E Maple should be paved
I'm not sure what this means. The bike path down Commonwealth is fine. If we added anything, I'd add odd pylons that ensure cars don't cross into bike path.



Hooffs Run Park & Greenway

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)

- 1 Install bike share station**

The parking lot is located in an ideal location for a bike share station because it is 1/2 mile from other bike share stations and a short distance from commercial areas. (This station would need to be re-located upon implementation of recommendation #2).
- 2 Convert half of the parking lot to expand the unfenced dog area and add shrubs and natural barrier along street**

The existing parking lot is, for the most part, not used for park users, despite it being within an area zoned for recreational purposes. There is community support for a fenced dog area in Hooffs Run Park & Greenway, however, there are no appropriate locations as the Dog Park Master Plan stipulates that fenced dog areas must be 1/2 acre and 50 ft. from a residential property.

The existing unfenced dog area could be expanded into the parking lot. Shrubs and other plantings can be planted along Commonwealth Ave and Oak street to define the edges of the unfenced dog area and create a natural barrier to stop unleashed dogs from going into the street.
- 3 Install backboard at the tennis court for solo play**

There is community support to add a backboard to this already popular tennis court to allow for solo practice.
- 4 Add park furniture**

The park entrance at Walnut and Marsteller Streets is very shaded from three large and well established trees. The shade provides a great location to place benches for park users to enjoy a cup of coffee or socialize. A trash can and small park information board can also be placed at this site.
- 5 Paint or cover the concrete area with public art**

The concrete surface currently serves no above ground purpose other than to cover a culvert. This plan recommends that the Office of the Arts conduct a "call to artists," per the 2014 Public Art Master Plan implementation strategy, to find an enlivening and interactive design for the surface.
- 6 Consider access easement to connect trail**

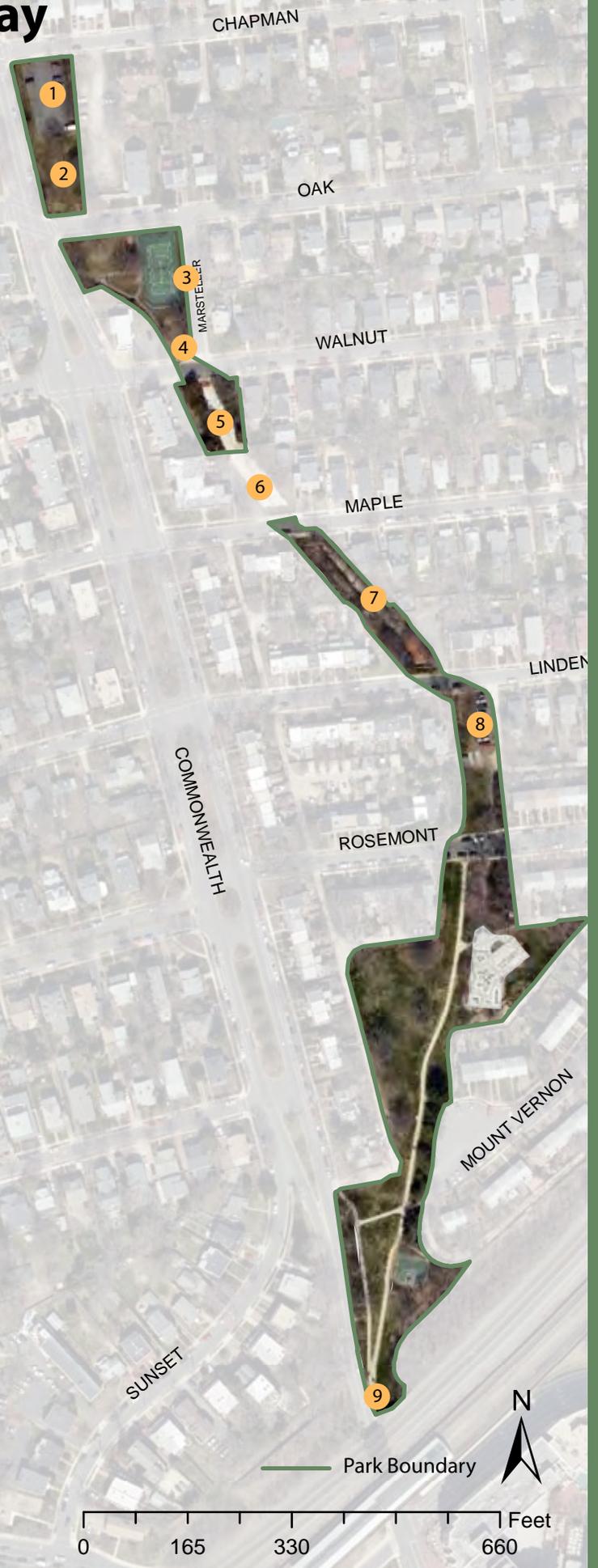
The parcel at Maple Street that seems to connect the trail is private property. An access easement along the site would complete a public path from the Metro through Rosemont.
- 7 Renovate trail between Maple and Linden Streets**

While used by many commuters to and from the Metro, the existing trail has hidden entrances and feels unsafe. The adjacent fence has deteriorated with overgrown vines and brush within it. A new fence, marked entrances, and new pervious surfacing would make this path a safer route and community asset.
- 8 Renovate the parking lot to define the space**

The existing gravel parking lot appears informal and non-standard. This plan recommends replacing the parking lot surface with a pervious asphalt surface to allow water to flow through. The lot should also be stripped and marked with standard signs to indicate that it is parking for park use. Bike racks can also be added to the lot.
- 9 Install wayfinding signage**

Signs with a map of the park will help identify the park and orient trail users.

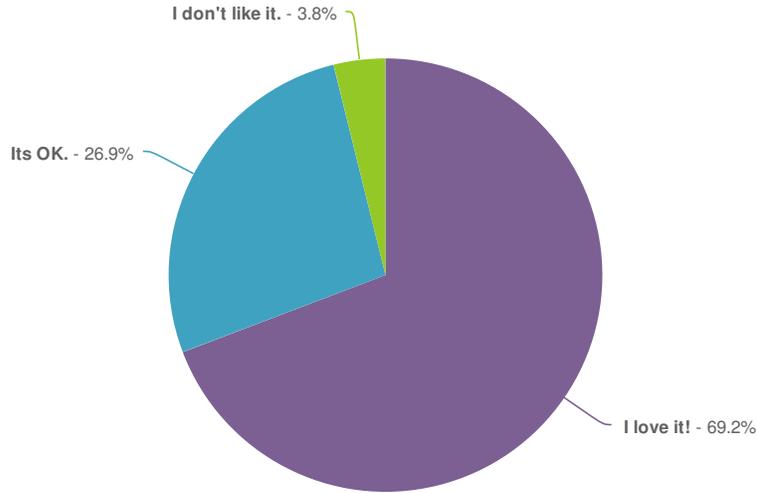
**Note: This plan does not recommend further improvements south of Rosemont Avenue at this time because the area was recently updated as part of the playground renovation.*





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What do you think of the following recommendations?-Add park furniture

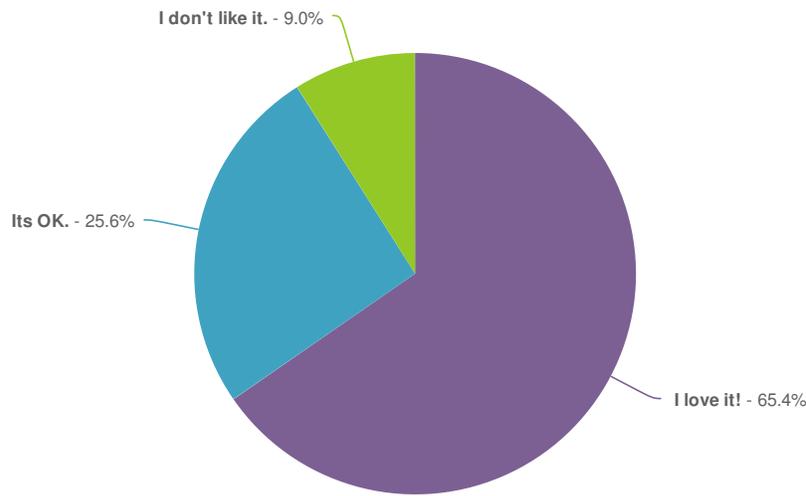


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	69.2%	54
Its OK.	26.9%	21
I don't like it.	3.9%	3
Total		78

Explain-Add park furniture

Count	Response
1	Absolutely. Throw in a chess-top table?
1	Agree with statements about shade and place to socialize and get fresh air.
1	NATURAL PLAYSPACE OR SOMETHING LIKE A LOG COULD BE A BENCH OR CLIMBED UPON / WALKED ACROSS
1	Park furniture would be great next to the tennis court as well. A picnic table would be great.
1	Please also put up "no smoking" signs.
1	Seems like an great,affordable idea that would be easily implemented
1	clutter
1	Providing facilities to extend the use of the park as a picnic and recreational space will help promote use of the park and build a sense of ownership in the public space.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Consider access easement to connect trail



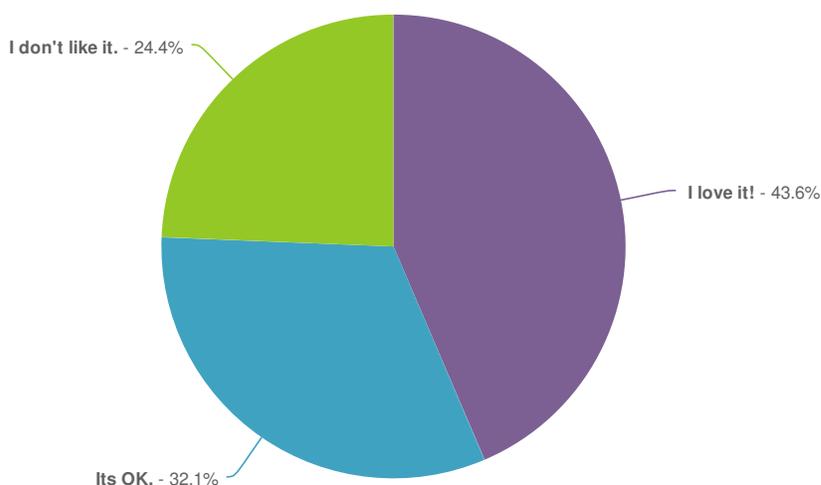
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	65.4%	51
Its OK.	25.6%	20
I don't like it.	9.0%	7
Total		78

Explain-Consider access easement to connect trail

Count	Response
1	I walk through here all the time.
1	Makes sense, but please respect the wishes of the owner of said private property.
1	Needs to be done.
1	This is such a pedestrian-friendly neighborhood -- more paths would be great!
1	This will help make the park more continuous
1	private property
1	Seems lower priority. Commonwealth runs parallel a mere 500' away. I'd say 'do it' if the cost wasn't a factor. Would rather have the above first, however. If you do do it, please make sure it's well lit. It feels unsafe back there/prone for assaults.
1	In order to make the proposed bikeshare station more attractive, this would be a big plus to offer a trail that can be used for biking all the way from the north to the south end of the park.
1	This trail has gone from being used by neighborhood kids cutting through on their way to and from Maury to an adult commuter route. This is bad for the neighborhood. Somewhere in the plan it says something to the effect that if this trail is converted into a commuter route, we will have a route through Rosemont from the Kind street Metro. We already have a route through Rosemont from the Kind street Metro, It is called Commonwealth Avenue. We do not need or want commuters to be routed off commonwealth Avenue for three block only to pop right back onto Commonwealth Avenue. It is unnecessary and contributes to crime and noise. Also, the opew of this private property had long fenced it exactly to prevent people cutting through; to prevent any indication that there is an easement there. For good reason.

Count	Response
1	It would be great to have one continuous trail through this space. We used to live in a duplex that backed up to one of these alleys and did not find use of this trail disruptive at all. We disagree that having a nice trail would be disruptive to neighbors.
1	The fences on Maple and Walnut accessing the trail should be replaced with bollards that could also be removed for maintenance (like Pennsylvania Ave near the White House).
1	Many people don't know this is private property and use it anyways. Getting an easement would make it easier for people to traverse.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Convert half of the parking lot to expand the unfenced dog area and add shrubs and natural barrier along street



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	43.6%	34
Its OK.	32.1%	25
I don't like it.	24.4%	19
Total		78

Explain-Convert half of the parking lot to expand the unfenced dog area and add shrubs and natural barrier along street

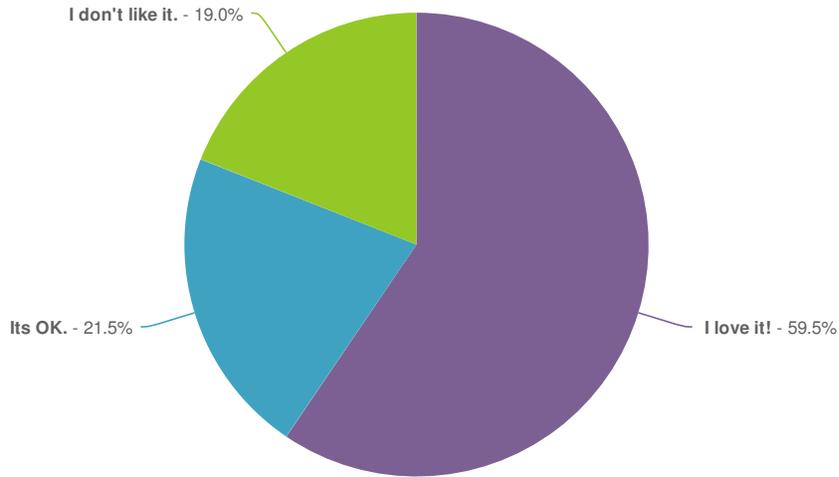
Count	Response
1	A fence should still be installed even though it does not conform to the "master plan".
1	Good idea, the more grass and green space the better. The extra parking seems unnecessary
1	However, we really need to find a solution for a fully fenced park.
1	I rarely see people using this dog park and don't think it needs to be any bigger.
1	It's crazy to have an unfenced dog park on such a busy street. Low shrubs would be great.
1	Llike the expanded natural barrier, but not sure about the loss of parking

Count	Response
1	Parking is necessary for residents.
1	There are so many dog owners in the area who would love this!
1	There is not enough parking already.
1	This should ONLY be done with the parking needs of nearby residents in mind.
1	VERY relieved that city not proposing a fence to the dog park.
1	Would rather see people space, but dog space is better than parking lot.
1	the dog park should be fenced in to be useable and safe
1	I am in favor of the parking staying the way it is...there are times when parking on the street is a challenge
1	A natural barrier would greatly improve safety, especially if high enough that most dogs could not see easily see dogs on the other side of the adjacent streets.
1	I would like to see this lot removed completely. Very few residents use it for parking - it is out of town drivers stopping there in day time for metro (a simple survey will show this). I would like the bike share and a child friendly area fenced to keep dogs out.
1	Consider converting the entire Parking lot to green space. The lot is primarily used by non residents and contractors for parking.
1	There is little green space north of the concrete area. It should not be devoted solely for a dog park.
1	Please consider turning part of this space into a community garden, rather than expanding the dog park.
1	I'd rather see the parking lot converted to a play area for children. There are 33 children on E Chapman Street alone.
1	It does not sound safe for either the dogs or residents. If there cannot be a fenced area, I think we should skip the idea.
1	Would also recommend part of the lot be dedicated to a play area, where kids can still ride bikes.
1	The dog park had general approval, with or without taking part of the parking lot. There was a suggestion to fence it in instead of just planting along Commonwealth, but it may not be doable with the current Master Plan for dog parks, i.e., cannot have a fenced park within 50 feet of a residence - in this case, the church on E. Oak, and potentially a couple of houses on Chapman and Oak. However, the Parks & Rec folks said that there was the potential to revisit fencing, especially if a lot of people advocate for it (and considering that a church - no matter the zoning - is not a residence).
1	I think adding shrubs as natural barriers is fabulous. Please make sure you keep this element. Fine to enlarge dog area but also fine idea to use parking lot as combination green space (with a couple of shade trees/greenery and a blacktop area for kids to ride tricycles/scooters/etc. Also fine to use as community garden. Do not keep as a parking lot (currently used only by commuters from out of area.)
1	Just expanding the size of the unfenced dog run would make little difference to dog safety for most owners. If the area can't be fenced, just do the bike station instead.
1	I think dogs have enough space dedicated to them in this city. If this is even on the table, in fact, I think the space should be changed from a parking lot to a dedicated blacktop surface. Many local children use this blacktop for learning how to scooter and ride a bike - tremendous life lessons. These children are all local, too small to get all the way to Maury (for instance), and have no other place to do such learning.
1	Underutilized parking space is simply an eyesore and the neighborhood residents and dogs would appreciate more green space.

Count Response

1 Update the Dog Park Master plan! One of the issues w/the larger parks is they are super dirty/dusty. Perhaps 1/2 acre is too big? A bunch of smaller, grass covered, parks better? Having shrubs could camouflage pets playing and make it worse for a car to respond if a pooch ran out between them. Yes, good idea to make lot smaller, remove ugly steel posts @ entrance/make it look nicer.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install backboard at the tennis court for solo play



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	59.5%	47
Its OK.	21.5%	17
I don't like it.	19.0%	15
Total		79

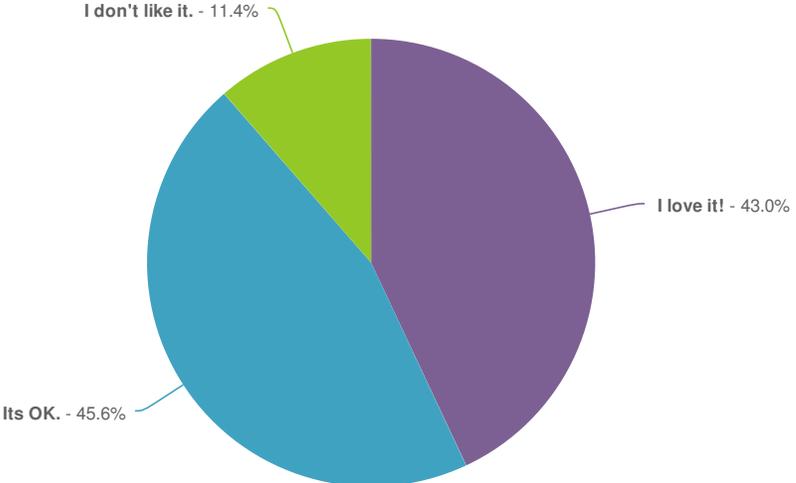
Explain-Install backboard at the tennis court for solo play

Count Response

- 1 The suggestion to add a wall to the tennis court was received favorably
- 1 Excellent idea for multiple use of site.
- 1 Good idea.
- 1 Great idea.
- 1 Great idea/just make sure it is not wooden and thus really noisy.
- 1 I dread the noise, since I live very close to the tennis courts.
- 1 If noise can be mitigated.
- 1 Less transparency, will make court 'stick out' vs. fence that allows you to 'see through.'
- 1 Not the best use of funds. How about a community message board for people to find partners.

Count	Response
1	The court is small and neighbors can find the sound annoying.
1	Will create noise for neighbors and conflict with regular tennis players
1	Would need to be concrete or otherwise sound baffled so as not to disturb the neighbors.
1	I don't know the current demand for this, but as a working professional with odd hours and an unpredictable schedule, I would use this!
1	It will be too noisy for residents near the court having to listen to a ball being smacked repeatedly against a wall.
1	If it is concrete like the one at Minnie Howard, then, I love it. If it is wood, like the one at Chinwuapin, then it is a mistake. You have NO IDEA how much NOISE these backboards make.
1	We are very appreciative of the recent upgrading of the tennis court at Commonwealth and Oak. We are avid tennis players and use the court every week - but the proposal of a backboard gives us concern, as the noise of someone hitting against the wall can be quite annoying to neighbors. We live down the block so the noise will not affect us, however, we would be reluctant to impose the nuisance of a backboard on the immediate neighbors. With a single court, it could also create conflict in terms of a single person using the court versus multiple persons wanting to play. Although we appreciate the idea, it would be more appropriate to install a backboard at the new courts at TC Williams or at the Montgomery Street courts.
1	It will affect the visual impact of this attractive area. It is a single court with plenty of use for its limited capacity.
1	There was discussion at a meeting I attended that these can be very noisy if the wrong material is used.
1	Please also install a community message board, with a cover/door to protect the paper from the elements, so that tennis players can post notes and organize leagues or matches.
1	Depends. If the tennis court is already frequently used and the location of the backboard would impede play on the court, this may not be as useful as hoped. Also, speaking as someone who played a lot of tennis in high school, players can realistically only hit the ball against the wall for so long before their arm gets tired from doing twice as much work as normal.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install bike share station



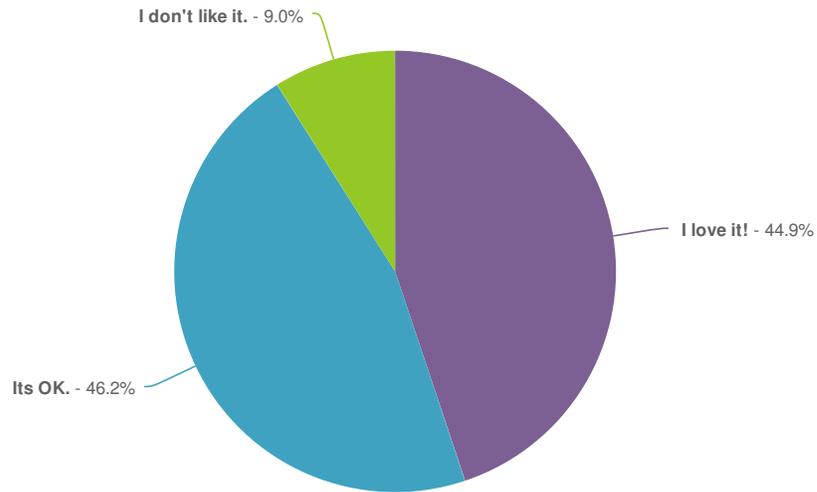
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	43.0%	34
Total		79

Value	Percent		Count
Its OK.	45.6%		36
I don't like it.	11.4%		9
Total			79

Explain-Install bike share station

Count	Response
1	A bike share station would be more suitable at a major intersection.
1	Great location for a bike share. The Grape & Bean would also be a great location.
1	I can't imagine that this location would get a lot of use.
1	I think you can install this even closer to the metro.
1	Let's get even more in the neighborhood.
1	No one would use this. Waste of money.
1	Not close enough to public transportation and presently a low-density area
1	See below. Would rather see entire lot converted to open green space.
1	The more the merrier!
1	There are no stations near the park. This would provide a great service to the community.
1	I often use Bikeshare in DC for short trips, especially when public transit does not conveniently connect my departure and arrival points. The proposed location would be a short walk from where I will be living soon and allows for easy, quick travel to Del Ray and Old Town on a more predictable schedule.
1	Yes, but only if it is on a major intersection and located away from homes. Users "jam" bikes into the station late at night creating a disturbing noise for nearby residents.
1	This section of Rosemont is already an unofficial "commuter parking lot." Residents already have to compete with commuters using the side streets to "dump" their cars during the day and walk to the Metro stations. Installing a bike share station will only encourage more commuters to park on residential streets in Rosemont, compounding parking problems.
1	Bikeshare station is a great addition, but it should be located on Commonwealth Ave to maximize visibility, rather than hidden on Chapman St. Chapman also does not go through to Mt. Vernon Ave and Braddock Rd. a better location would be on either corner of Oak and Commonwealth. Oak St goes through the to Russel are, Commonwealth, and Mt Bernon Ave @ Braddock Rd.
1	I'd rather see the parking lot removed. It is almost exclusively used by commuters. If the blacktop must remain, bollards should be installed to prevent cars from entering so children can ride bikes.
1	Commonwealth Ave is an excellent bike connector and will become more important as Potomac Yard develops.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install wayfinding signage



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	44.9%	35
Its OK.	46.2%	36
I don't like it.	9.0%	7
Total		78

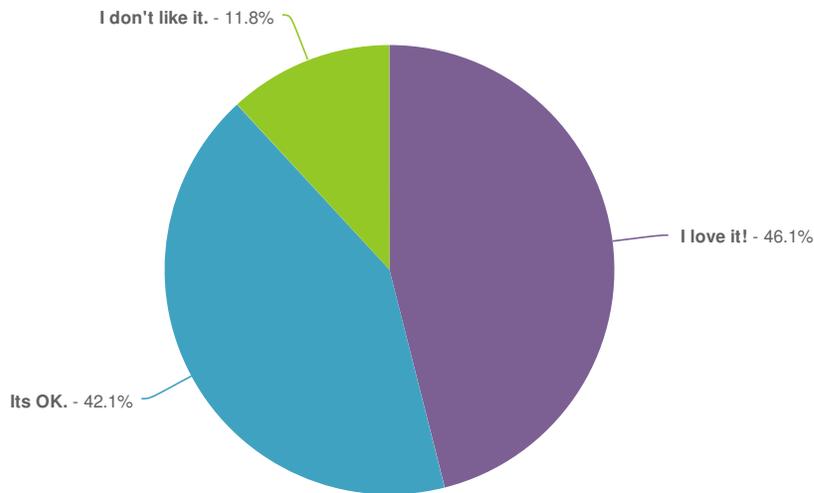
Explain-Install wayfinding signage

Count	Response
1	Maybe.
1	Seems like a no-brainer.
1	This is is a low-cost improvement, so it makes sense.
1	Unnecessary
1	Very nice!
1	Crosswalks and curb cuts should be installed along the entire trail to make it more accessible to users with limited mobility, strollers, and wheelchairs, as well as to make it safer to cross the street. Signage should also be installed on roadways alerting drivers to pedestrian crossings.

Count Response

1 I believe this path should be closed. It already is supposed to be closed at dark but that is not enforced. Pedestrian and vehicle traffic should be directed to commonwealth Avenue, not off Commonwealth for 3 blocks onto cut-through through side streets, and then back onto Commonwealth. All that does is increase noise, traffic, parking, crime and sanitation problems in the neighborhood, for no discernible reason except that someone in the city has the idea that ever single patch of green, no matter if it is only 7 feet wide and a block long, every single piece of green space must have a path for commuters through it. This is not required or in accordance with the Complete Street s program, nor is it in accordance with the Alexandria City Police ideas about access control as a tool to prevent crime. There is no reason to cause the neighborhood such problems just to satisfy the vision of one or two city employees who don;t have to live here and suffer the results of implementing their vision. Not to mention that the current signage between East Rosemont and Linden, and between Linden and Maple violates the zoning code. These parcels may not be used for amplified sound, after dark, or for any active activity or congregating activity . And no matter their use, the residential lots next to them must be protected. Appropriate signage in Hooff's Run would be something like "Visitors who require parking, picnic, or sanitation facilities, please visit Fort Ward or Chinquapin parks, which provide these amenities." Proper signage for the areas between East Rosemont and East Linden, and east Linden and east Maple would be anything from 'no loitering" to "Path closed at dusk; police enforced."

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Paint or cover the concrete area with public art



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	46.1%	35
Its OK.	42.1%	32
I don't like it.	11.8%	9
Total		76

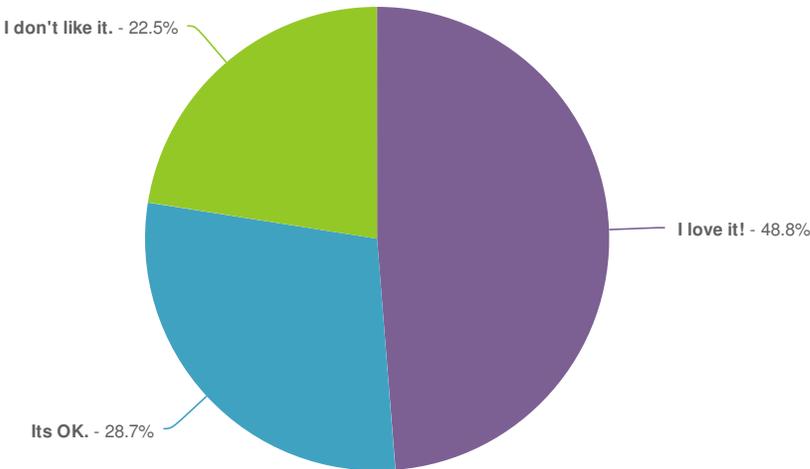
Explain-Paint or cover the concrete area with public art

Count Response

- 1 Don't like the concrete.
- 1 I think it should be interactive / sports area, not just an art work
- 1 I vote for daylighting the creek altogether. We should celebrate urban creeks, not bury them.

Count	Response
1	Of course, that depends on the quality of the art.
1	This will improve the look so much!!
1	Would prefer ways to have a more green / trail feel.
1	You need to improve access to this section too.
1	cover with sod? Yes. Paint? Ugly. What do you call "art"?
1	This would be aesthetically pleasing and could probably be done for low cost using volunteer artists from the area.
1	We had been told by the former TES director that there are funds set aside to landscape the concrete culvert between Maple and Walnut streets similar to the soil and plantings along other sections of the culvert. This should be the solution to this blighted area. An art installation or painting the culvert surface would not be an appropriate substitute for more ecologically sensitive landscaping. In addition, the culvert top is poorly drained (water pools at every rain event and creates areas of vegetative deposition) which would make painting the culvert surface impracticable and messy. We do support public art in Alexandria and would suggest that a more appropriate location for the type of community art painting would be the very high/large retaining wall that supports the metro tracks just north of the King Street metro station northern entrance. We have noticed that at least twice attempts have been made to plant trees along the street, but all have failed due to the lack of sunlight and "wind tunnel" effect of that street. The large (and blank) retaining wall provides an ideal solution and would be a more efficient solution than yet another round of failed tree plantings.
1	I would love to have the stream and culvert daylighted. Remove the concrete and restore the waterway!
1	Sounds neat although it would be so much better if that space was 'usable.' Anyway to put fenced dog park there?
1	Nothing gaudy, please. This would only be okay if the selection is tasteful and respects the neighborhood character.
1	Painted concrete isn't attractive. I'd like to see the site beautified, with something more natural. For example, pavers and some sort of hardy ground cover.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Renovate the parking lot to define the space



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	48.8%	39
Total		80

Value	Percent	Count
Its OK.	28.8%	23
I don't like it.	22.5%	18
Total		80

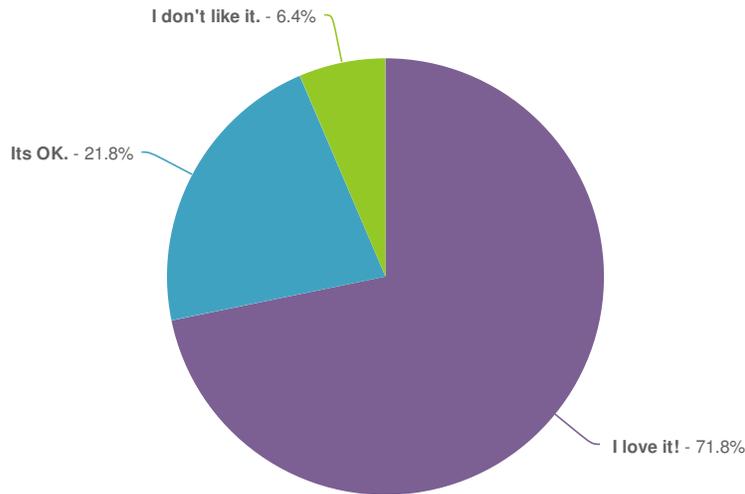
Explain-Renovate the parking lot to define the space

Count	Response
1	Adding grass could make it muddy and frozen during winter months. Gravel preferred.
1	Doesn't seem worth the money.
1	Drainage is poor already
1	I had no idea either parking lot was for the park.
1	Love these ideas - particularly the bike racks.
1	Signage is important so people know they are allowed to park.
1	The Convert into park as the car park is underutilized
1	dogs are more important than parking for non-residents
1	what I want to say is keep the parking...simple the way it is
1	This will reinforce the importance of the park and provide a clear link from one end to the adjoining section
1	If the decision is made to pave the parking lot, we appreciate the recommendation to utilize pervious asphalt, or better yet, pavers or grass lattice work. We encourage you to consider not only the stormwater issues of paving the lot, but also the temperature (heat island) and habitat (albeit limited) implications of removing the existing unpaved surface.
1	I am not sure if the expense of putting down a formal parking lot would be worth it. Most people who use this park are most likely residents from nearby who do not need to drive to the park.
1	This parking lot is unnecessary and is often empty (no parking allowed weekday morning and afternoons). It would be a great park to walk my dog. Also, it gets flooded easily and cannot be walked through during/after rain. A better walkway is needed.
1	The zoning code prohibits parking in required yards in the POS zone, of which this is one. Additionally even were parking allowed here, residents should be protected from the influx of people going to MEtro and the play area in Hooff's Run. Commuting is good, visiting the play area is good - parking on side streets to attend a pedestrian usage intended park is not. It changes the nature of the Park from a neighborhood park to a destination Park. That is bad for the neighborhood, but it also may be a violation of the zoning code which prohibits increases in use density, Providing parking specific to the park would increase the use density. I propose that this area echo the labyrinth design at the park at other end of commonwealth, possibly in low growing plants which the city can still easily mow but keep the design through use of different plants with different colors and textures, such as creeping thyme, creeping geraniums, etc. They smell, good, would be a nice thing to look at from the street, but do not create a commuter path right behind everyone's house.
1	I really don't know anyone who uses the parking lot. Bike racks would be a good idea. Have you done studies of how many people drive to the park? I don't think it is many.
1	No, this parking lot is an eye sore and really breaks up the trail/park system. This should be a park. It would be a much more efficient use of space. It seems like park goers don't use this space for parking, it is usually filled with out of town license plates or the neighborhood. We need grass and trees here.

Count Response

1	What's wrong with the gravel lot? Why does it have to be "standard"? Why introduce more asphalt in a "greenway"? Even if it's pervious.
1	I love it provided that it remains a parking lot with as many spaces as possible. It is highly used and alleviates street side parking.
1	This lot is frequently muddy and there is a large opening sewer drain that is ominous/prone for pet/child to fall in. Would be good to 'tighten it up.'
1	As a homeowner of a nearby property that has no on-site parking, I am against any reduction in evening parking. That said, the area is frequently muddy and prone to standing water (and mosquitos) from lack of adequate drainage. It can be impossible to walk to the metro after a rain or thaw.
1	This would assist with the many drainage issues the parking lot has (it often puddles with water which affects usability of the walking trail and contributes to our mosquito problem. Adding defined parking spaces will assure maximum usability in the lot. The lot is not usable for park patrons during the day however so I would suggest a 2 hour parking limit during the day (with no such time restrictions overnight) so that it may be used for park patrons while also preventing people from parking there for the metro. Some of my neighbors would like the parking lot removed which would be quite a detriment to the park, the neighborhood and our property values. Parking is already quite limited (often there is no street parking available after 7pm and on weekends) and the additional parking of park patrons cannot be absorbed on the streets. For those of us bordering the parking lot who do not have parking spaces on our lots, the ability to park overnight (when the park is closed anyways) in the lot is essential to our property and resale values.
1	We greatly support keeping this as a parking space and improving it with either paving bands in grass or asphalt to help with drainage. Please do not convert it to a park. The parking spots are crucial to the neighborhood as you can only park on one side of Linden Street. Also suggest making the lot available to park for residents (zone 7) only during the work week.
1	This area presents an excellent opportunity to expand the green space in the neighborhood and provide an area for dogs and children to play. The current setup feels disconnected from the rest of the trail and the parking lot is underutilized, with many out-of-state license plates. Greener space would increase infiltration and decrease the urban heat island effect. However, if keeping parking is deemed a priority, please consider an alternative parking that increases green space. In lieu of permeable asphalt, an option would be grass pave in the parking bay. This approach would increase infiltration, decrease urban heat island effect, and formalize parking spaces while maximizing green space athletic. Brick pavers would replicate aesthetic of Old Town, but other materials could be used if this is cost prohibitive. Shrubs and trees lining Linden Street could also increase green space while defining the edges of the parking lot, improving aesthetics, and creating a natural barrier.
1	Parking lot is hardly used. Make it a park and add something like horse shoes or bocci ball. Also looks like some person is incroaching on the space with a garden.
1	KEEP THE PARKING!!! Whatever you decide to do, KEEP THE PARKING!!! It is absolutely essential for local residents, as street parking is insufficient to meet the needs of the neighborhood. Your proposal is a good one, but please respect the parking needs of E. Linden ST residents.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Renovate trail between Maple and Linden Streets



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	71.8%	56
Its OK.	21.8%	17
I don't like it.	6.4%	5
Total		78

Explain-Renovate trail between Maple and Linden Streets

Count Response

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| 1 | Ditto previous comment. |
| 1 | This is such a pedestrian-friendly neighborhood -- more paths would be great! |
| 1 | This will make the park more continuous. |
| 1 | Yes! Would never use it at night currently. |
| 1 | This area is 7 feet wide. It was and still sometimes is a cut through for kids going to and from school. It was not meant to be a thoroughfare for adult Metrocommuters. It contributes to crime and noise, as well as parking issues, in that people park on Commonwealth and the side streets as close as they can get to Metro to avoid paying Metro parking fees, then cut through here to get to Metro. This should be discouraged, not encouraged.... Commuters should be routed |
| 1 | We utilize this informal trail frequently and value and prize it for its semi-“wild” character. While we appreciate your accurate characterization of the trail as “feel[ing] unsafe”, it is not actually unsafe in any way. This small section of trail is perhaps the only natural and wild portion of the greenway (perhaps the entire Rosemont area) and represents an important alternative to kempt and overly landscaped areas. As short as the trail is, it is a lone opportunity for our youth to feel a sense of exploration, challenge and experience a little bit of wild. With so many other fiscal needs, we urge you to leave this short section of trail as it is. Because we are frequent users of the path, we have seen first-hand the birds that frequent the brush along the trail and we feel the dramatic (cooler) temperature variation that the open water and green canopy provides. |
| 1 | This is a must - as is pointed out here, the existing trail is creepy, hidden and muddy after rains. |
| 1 | Really needs to be done - as is, I think many don't realize the path is even there, and it's certainly too deteriorated to use at night. |

Count Response

1	I have not seen the trail in question, so I do not have strong feelings. That said, safety is essential to allow people to feel comfortable using the space, and commuters may be coming back after dark-- especially during the winter.
1	This is a great idea; however the path is so narrow I don't know that it would improve the safety of it. It has no sight lines from either side-only from the narrow openings.
1	It is ESSENTIAL that you re-grade this area in order to keep Hoof's Run water levels at bay in the event of major, prolonged rain events. Ideally, this section of Hoofs should be covered as it is in other areas. This would prevent dumping in the open area. In general, this area needs better maintenance and landscaping. Mosquitos are a major issue.

Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Hooffs Run Park and Greenway plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

Count Response

1	A-Ok
1	Appreciate having the opportunity to participate.
1	Good realistic plan
1	I cannot address this as I am not familiar with the comments.
1	I don't really know. This is the first time I've become part of this process.
1	I think my prior comments need to be considered.
1	I think the plan is very thoughtful and considerate of residents' views.
1	No, I did not know about the previous comment period.
1	Ok
1	Please do not convert the gravel parking area between Linden and Rosemont into another park.
1	Recommendations are terrific.
1	Safer pedestrian access along the route.
1	Sounds very good
1	The area just flooded again the other day and that is not addressed in the plan.
1	These all seem like reasonable ideas.
1	We should not give up on a flexible solution for a fenced in dog park
1	Why do we have to do anything - Leave it as it is.
2	Yes
1	Yes, thank you
1	leave park as is
1	need to be clear that basketball hoops will be maintained
1	parking lots should remain parking lots, it may affect real estate value if it is limited.

Count	Response
1	yes
1	I think the draft plan is fabulous, and makes reasonable compromises between various competing stakeholders. Great work. I also went to meeting at Maury school on this, and the city person was fabulous at handling meeting, including handling disparate views.
1	The existing parking lot on E Chapman serves no benefit to City residents. Most people who park there are commuters from outside the City. We would like to see the lot converted into a playground for neighborhood children. There are over 30 kids under 8 years old on E. Chapman alone. Part of the lot can be turned into a dog park. Thank you, Thanet Williams 9 E. Chapman.
1	The current dog park area would be so much more friendly and community oriented if it were fenced in. Dogs cannot safely play next to the busy street of Commonwealth without fear of danger from passing cars. A fenced park would encourage a sense of community and connectivity. The added safety that a fence would provide will encourage neighbors to safely let their animals play
1	I love usinf permeable surfaces for the parking lot between Maple and Linden. I have lived on Linden for some 20 years and had no idea that it was supposed to be for the park. If you can't park during the day, it doesn't make any sense for it to be used as a lot for the park. Linden Street residents use the lot when allowed as there is not enough street parking.
1	I strongly feel the parking lot at E Chapman needs to go. This lit is not used by people using the park. It is used by commuters and long term parkers. It is out of place in the neighborhood. At the very least, bollards should be put up, to keep cars out so kids can skate and ride bikes. A basketball hoop would also be great. Alternatively, a tot lot, green space or rain garden would make better use of that space. A slash park would also be fun.
1	The existing path between Linden and Maple streets should have a sidewalk just like there is in the larger park closer to the metro. Also, I would love a community vegetable garden in some of the unused/underused space between the parking lot at Linden (which I can't stress is vital to me as a resident without property having a dedicated parking space and without a lot having adequate room to add a space) and Rosemont Ave.
1	Please consider a community garden in part of the area where the parking and dog park are currently located.
1	The parking lot at E Chapman should be removed and turned into a green area. The lot is used mainly by commuters. Alternatively, block auto access and allow children to use the area to ride bikes/scooters.
1	No. I did not have the opportunity to comment on the proposed renovated parking lot between Linden and Rosemont Streets. This area presents an excellent opportunity to expand the green space in the neighborhood and provide an area for dogs and children to play. The current setup feels disconnected from the rest of the trail and the parking lot is underutilized, with many out-of-state vehicles. Greener space would increase infiltration and decrease the urban heat island effect. However, if keeping parking is deemed a priority, please consider an alternative parking plan that increases green space. In lieu of permeable asphalt, an option would be grass pave in the parking bay. This approach would increase infiltration, decrease urban heat island effect, and formalize parking spaces while maximizing green space athletic. Brick pavers would replicate aesthetic of Old Town, but other materials could be used if this is cost prohibitive. Shrubs and trees lining Linden Street could also increase green space while defining the edges of the parking lot, improving aesthetics, and creating a natural barrier.
1	Convert parking lot between E Linden and E Rosemont into a park as the car park is underutilized anyway- as not allowed to park during weekdays

Count Response

1 A. Suggestions for the parking lot on corner of E. Chapman included: MANY SUGGESTIONS FOR INCREASING BIKING ACCESS 1. Agreeing to bike share, but putting bollards so no cars could come in, allowing for kids to bike and/or add a basketball hoop. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT HOOPS ARE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FEATURES TO INCREASING KIDS' PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN A PARK 2. Removing pavement entirely (with or without bike share) to make it a green space (with or without play equipment). 3. Leaving parking available so that construction vehicles can park there when they are doing roadwork in the area. 4. Keeping the same size, i.e., not making smaller to add to the dog park. 5. Agreeing that the dog park could take up more space from the parking lot. C. The suggestion to add a wall to the tennis court was received favorably. The most contentious part of the plan involved the Greenway headed down towards Blue Park. RE SRS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE "CUT-THROUGH" PATH ENCOURAGED, ALTHOUGH I THINK KEEPING IT GREEN OR MORE TRAIL-LIKE WOULD BE FUN FOR KIDS AS OPPOSED TO PAVING ALL OF IT D. A suggestion was made to pave a walking path on the various parts of the Greenway between E. Rosemont and E. Oak so that it becomes a cohesive park. However, a resident who lives close to Blue Park/E Rosemont seriously opposed this suggestion. It was pointed out several times that "it was kids cutting through to go to Maury" who "wore a footpath" on the Greenway between E Linden and E Oak. (This was said as if the children were doing something wrong, instead of walking through a City park.) POSSIBLY A "TRAIL HEAD" SIGN WOULD LET FOLKS KNOW THIS IS OK TO DO AND THAT IT'S PUBLIC PROPERTY. E. A resident also opposed paving the City parking lot off E Rosemont, because it would encourage more people to come from further away to use Blue Park - making it a "destination" park instead of a neighborhood park. ALTHOUGH I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE NEED FOR THE PARKING LOT, IS THIS A BAD THING TO DRAW FROM A BIGGER AREA, AND ISN'T IT ALREADY A DESTINATION PARK -- IT WAS WHEN MY KIDS WERE GOING THERE 6 YRS AGO 1. Rather, this resident proposed banning parking during the day and only allowing the lot to be used for residents at night. 2. An alternative suggestion was to remove the parking altogether and replace it with a wild flower field with no path. ROSE GARDEN, SISSY? (; 3. The third suggestion was to remove the lot, but pave a foot path through the Greenway. F. A resident suggested that the entrance to Blue Park from E Rosemont be blocked completely, requiring everyone to go down Commonwealth to enter Blue Park near Metro so that people would not disturb the neighbors by walking behind their homes to get to Blue Park or to commute to Metro, and discouraging people from using park property after dark. I THINK BLOCKING OFF THE ENTRANCE DETERS FROM OUR ACCESS OBJECTIVE -- MAKES IT HARDER FOR RESIDENTS TO GET TO PARK

1 No, please do not just renovate the parking lot off Linden street. This is a bandage on a problem. This parking lot is unnecessary and a missed opportunity for park/green space. Just plant some grass and some trees.

1 I have no problem with what is planned for upgrading the parking in No. 8, the Linden/Rosemont area. My only suggestions might be to limit the day time parking hours to one or two hours, for people using the park(s) for kids and dogs. Our parking lot is used mostly by residents and guests for overflow parking at night and on weekends, since both streets have parking on one side only. Maybe you want to consider an entrance to the parking lot from Rosemont?

1 I don't understand how ideas like a noisy tennis backboard, painted concrete, and more asphalt are consistent with the concept of a "greenway." None of those ideas seem conducive to the peace and tranquility that an urban park should have.

1 One thing not addressed is the complete lack of playground equipment for older children. Blue Park used to be fun for kids of all ages but now it is really only targeted at small kids. Nothing in the new plans gives options for older kids.

1 I am not sure that the project has penetrated the community as the Maury Project has dominated (rightly) discussion. Can more effort be made to attract local comment?

1 Overall, we recommend that the city operate from a less-is-more premise. While this is our neighborhood and we appreciate the efforts to improve the neighborhood and believe that some of the recommendations will make important storm water, heat island, and recreational improvements (for example landscapes the culvert between Maple and Walnut), we are also keenly aware of the budget constraints city-wide and believe that some of the recommendations are not needed and resources are better utilized elsewhere. Thanks again for the opportunity to be heard in this process and thanks for your great work.

1 I would love for the concrete to be removed. I was not apart of the draft plan, as I am a newer homeowner in the surrounding neighborhood. I would love to see better walking & biking path through this area (some parts already have this very nicely).

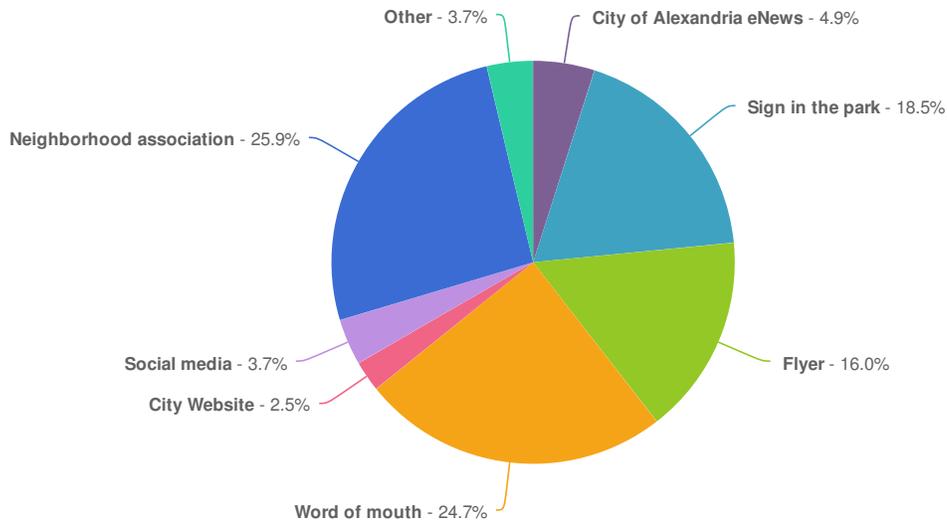
1 Just please do not take away the parking lot at linden street. The lot improves home value. It just needs grading and the aforementioned resurfacing.

Count	Response
1	The parking lot on Chapman & Commonwealth is routinely used by commuters and construction workers from out of state or area. The lot should be for residents ONLY. Preferably, we should remove the parking lot altogether, as our entire neighborhood petitioned the city twice before! At a minimum please beautify it with natural hedges & ban non-city cars and overnight parking - for safety and aesthetic reasons.
1	It's okay...just please DO NOT add lighting at the dog park area, it would only encourage people to be out for an extended period at all hours of the night.
1	Please preserve the quiet neighborhood. I want folks to enjoy the park, but this work should not lead to an increase of people parking on the streets and making noise in the neighborhood. MOST OF ALL, Hoof's Run needs to be deepened and covered. The nearby areas along Linden need to be properly graded. Properties are at risk due to the City's negligence in directing storm water into Hoof's Run and away from properties.
1	Yes, but for #2, given the large number of kids in the neighborhood, a park for them would be preferable.
1	What in the world is wrong with a parking lot! Parking is at a premium. There is the blue park right across the street - we don't need another park. Beautify the parking lot if you want and let people PARK IN IT. Why do we prohibit weekly parking? If you want to do something - work on the open waterway of Hoof's Run to prevent flooding. Reinforce the concrete walls / or dig a deeper trench and re-cement. We live in fear of floods and the weather is only becoming more severe every year.
1	I'm sorry to say I'm reading this for the first time, having said that I think all that is proposed sounds warranted for each location & need. I'm mostly in favor for the fenced dog park.
1	The park needs a trail going all the way from the King Street Metro to the dog park/parking lot at Oak Street.
1	In general, I love the redesign concept. It would be great if some space in the parking lot at Chapman and Commonwealth were reserved as a play area for kids to ride bikes.
1	More kids/adult rec space - basketball, gardens, play area for older kids, fitness trail stuff would be used by our family and neighbors.
1	For the north parking area (Hooff's Run), I recommend elimination or repurposing. It is currently used as year-round parking for commercial vehicles. I don't object to commercial vehicles which are on service calls, but others use it as permanent parking. The city should not subsidize such private businesses and the vehicles are an eyesore. Repurpose for children's activities or expansion of the dog park.
1	No, I do not. What is missing is: discussions of how to protect the neighborhood from the hoped for and expected influx of commuters due to the opening of the new entrance to the King street Metro station, and the popularity of the play area in Hooff's Run park, while still encouraging commuting and play area use; measures to be taken for protection of the adjacent property owners from the noise, traffic, parking issues, crime, and sanitation problems that arise when a huge increase in use density happens; how to enforce the closing of the park, including the path through it, at dark, or, in the absence of funds for the enforcement, ways to shut or redirect the path through the Park back to Commonwealth Avenue in such a way as to accommodate commuters as well as protect the neighborhood from the effects of many commuters using it as a gateway to Old Town and the Metro; Given the immense popularity of the park with people from outside the intended use area, consideration of options for closing the East Rosemont Entrance to the play area and using the Commonwealth Avenue Entrances as the entrance and egress to and from the play area and the Metro. (This would not inconvenience people arriving from the south, and would only require a walk of about 200 feet further for people entering from the north. Additionally, there are no houses at the Commonwealth Avenue Entrances to the Park, even further protecting the residents from the impact of large numbers of people visiting the Park and going to the Metro.) Compliance with the zoning code and the city code. (Zoning Code Sections 6-109, 6-108(C), 6-106(B)(2),6-106(B)(3), 6-102(B), 6-107(A); City Code sections 6-1-1 and 6-1-8(a)(1) all impact the expansion of Hooff's Run into Hooff's Run Park and Greenway, as well as the issues of providing parking lots in the park, closing times required, protection for adjacent residential property, etc. Additionally, at the meeting it was discussed that the city would like to open up the Hooff's Run storm sewer, but currently does not have the funds. This may be a violation of Section 6-301, 6-306(C), 6-310(D), 6-311(A)(2), 6-311(B)(1),(2),(6),(7) and other subsections of Section 6-300 of the zoning code, which is specifically devoted to floodplains. But even if it is not, I would like to have a written commitment from the city in the plan to the effect that it will not take such action without first notifying all adjacent homeowners, and without first doing a study as to the effect of such action on both our flood insurance rates as well as actual flooding.

Count Response

1 I would like to add compost and recycling bins next to trash and more sun coverage/shade for the park. It would also be nice to have more benches or seating areas and increase play equipment for toddlers.

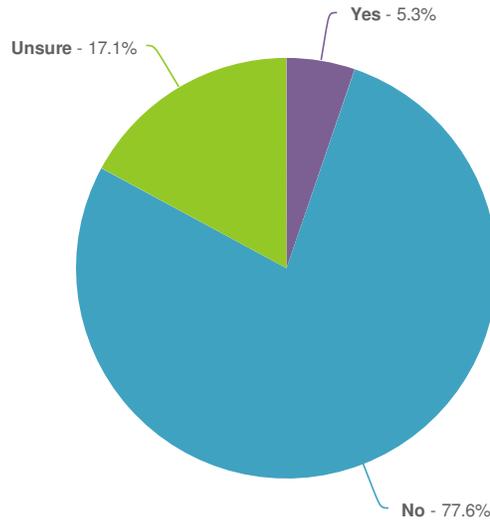
How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?



Value	Percent	Count
City of Alexandria eNews	4.9%	4
Sign in the park	18.5%	15
Flyer	16.1%	13
Word of mouth	24.7%	20
City Website	2.5%	2
Social media	3.7%	3
Neighborhood association	25.9%	21
Other	3.7%	3
Total		81

Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	81
Maury listserv	1
Maury pta meeting	1
Maury school listserv	1

Will you be attending the workshop on May 27 from 7pm-8:30pm at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center to discuss the draft plan?

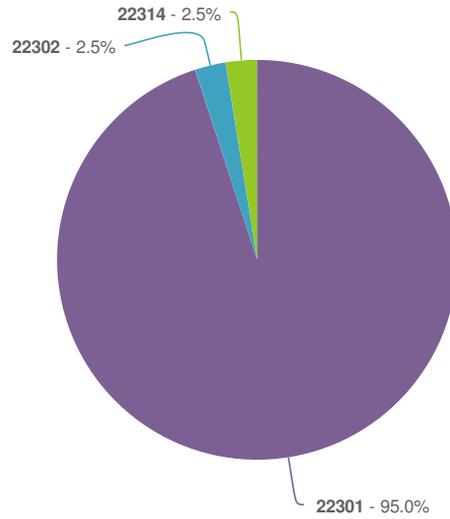


Value	Percent	Count
Yes	5.3%	4
No	77.6%	59
Unsure	17.1%	13
Total		76

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	27 100.0%	27
6-12	27 100.0%	27
13-18	6 100.0%	6
19-29	7 100.0%	7
30-49	60 100.0%	60
50-69	27 100.0%	27
70 or above	5 100.0%	5

What is your zip code?



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
22301	95.0%	76	Sum 1,784,108.0
22302	2.5%	2	Average 22,301.4
22314	2.5%	2	StdDev 2.0
Total		80	Max 22,314.0

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"

	Count
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Neighborhood Parks Plan

Hume Springs Park

Community Feedback, Fall 2014



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

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Be a place to create social connections with neighbors
2. Be a safe place for children to explore
3. Be a place to relax

What would you like done with the hard surface area?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	2	29%
Enhance it	3	42%
Transform it	2	29%

Explain

Repave walkway (x2)
Way too many types of hard surface, uneven

What would you like done with the hill?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	1	14%
Enhance it	1	14%
Transform it	5	72%

Explain

Remove
Can we make this into usable space? maybe a sandbox or more play area?
Ends in a concrete culvert!
The Hill is mostly avoided
There is often broken glass and litter here, and the drainage also means that it is not fit for many purposes.

What would you like done with the Playground?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	1	14%
Enhance it	5	72%
Transform it	1	14%

Explain

It's 20 years out of date
The playground could be modernized, with a soft surface and a structure that would accommodate a larger range of ages.
I think the entire park could be enhanced to create a more open and friendlier environment. I think adding some more physical play items or even better, some exercise components to the park for the adults and the kids could make it more useful to the community and more linked to the community center - they could have Yoga in the park, etc.

What would you like done with the fence?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	1	14%
Enhance it	1	14%
Transform it	5	71%

Explain

It would be more attractive to have a lower, wooden fence.
Replace with lower, more attractive fencing, especially along Dale and W Reed
Please, please get new fencing. It's like a prison in there!
I'm not sure the fence currently achieves any goal. What is its purpose and does it help or hinder the community?

What would you like done with the seating?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	0	0%
Enhance it	5	71%
Transform it	2	29%

Explain

More benches, please
Perhaps a picnic table for food. There's currently only one bench. (x2)
There's one bench! Fear of homeless sleeping there

How do you get to this Park?

Value	Count	Percent
Walk	8	100%
Bike (personal)	0	0%
Bike (Capital Bikeshare)	0	0%
Drive	0	0%
Public Transit	0	0%
Carpool	0	0%

How far do you typically travel to visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Less than ½ mile	7	87%
Between ½ mile to 1 mile	1	13%
Between 1-2 miles	0	0%
Over 2 miles	0	0%

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

Response

A soft surface under the playground area.

Drinking fountain

Sandbox!

Updated play equipment.

More level areas for play and relaxation

Seating water fountain trash containers plantings soft surfaces for children equipment!!!

A greater connection to the community center and the community. This is often a nice, quiet place and I think you could have more opportunities for social things that bring the community together, like yoga. I would also like to see more apparatus, particularly that could be used by both adults and children.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Park?

Response

It's a disaster - a poor reflection on Alex such a nice location - could be so good! There is almost always broken glass in the grassy areas, and as a result, I have generally stopped taking my child there.

This is a nice shady park area that could be greatly enhanced to make better use of the space for children to play in the afternoons when other playgrounds are often too hot.

The sewage areas are not well constructed and children are often playing around and digging around them. Mosquitos and other bugs are attracted and that makes the park less conducive to visits. Also, I think the community police could swing by more often, particularly on Sunday mornings and in the evenings to make their presence felt. The open/closed times seem meaningless as the park gate is always open. The fence is probably important for the adjoining residential properties, but it is unclear what value it adds to the front and back (street) sides of the property.

My civic association holds events here and could use more seating, attractive landscaping, and level area.

Have any of the following circumstances prevented you from visiting this Park? (check all that apply)

Value	Count	Percent
I am physically limited from walking	0	0%
There is no pedestrian/bike friendly access to the park from where I live	0	0%
I have concerns about crime or personal safety	1	33%
There is not enough parking	0	0%
There is nothing in the Park that interests me	3	100%

How often do you visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Daily	1	12%
Weekly	5	63%
Monthly	2	25%
Yearly	0	0%

Comments from Community Workshop held on October 25, 2014

- Preserve see-saw
- Provide additional swings in playground
- Modular structure used as 'hang-out'
- Provide more benches throughout entire park
- Transform fence
- The use of hill/mound is not clear
- Storm drains are not safe
- Provide more gathering space for adults/neighborhood groups throughout the park
- Enhance landscaping
- Enhance or make asphalt area safer

Graffiti Sign

A "graffiti sign" in the Park had a marker attached and asked park users to write down what they would like their park to look like in the future. The sign was on site from September to November 2014 (image from October 27).







What do you want your neighborhood park to look like in 5, 10, or 20 years?

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Provide your input in two ways:

Take a survey about the park you use here:

<http://alexandria.Neighborhood-Park-Survey.sgizmo.com/s3/>

Or attend one of the following Park Planning Workshops:

District 2 Workshop, includes: Beach Park, Hooffs Run Park & Greenway, Timberland Park, Goat Hill Park, Landover Park, Angel Park, Hume Springs Park, 3550 Commonwealth Ave
Saturday, October 25, 9am-11am, Mt. Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave

For more information on the Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan Project, please contact Dana.Wedeles@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-5491.



RunningBrooke is proud to be partnering with the City of Alexandria to fund improvements to the Hume Springs Playground. Please join us on October 25th to give your feedback on the exciting transformation of your neighborhood park!



¿Cómo te gustaría que se viera el parque de TU barrio en los siguientes 5, 10 ó 20 años?

¡Cuéntanos y ayúdanos a planear!

El Departamento de Recreación, Parques y Actividades Culturales está actualmente trabajando con los parques de los barrios de la ciudad, los cuales se caracterizan por tener un área entre 0,5-10 acres y servir a las comunidades que viven a media milla de éstos. A continuación se muestra un mapa con los parques que están siendo evaluados.

Tú nos puedes ayudar informándonos acerca de las necesidades que afronta el parque de TU barrio. Este plan ayudará a determinar las prioridades presupuestales y recomendaciones a corto y largo plazo, garantizando que estos parques sirvan las necesidades de hoy y mañana.

Nos puedes proveer tus comentarios de las siguientes dos maneras:
Tomando la encuesta

Ó yendo a unos de los talleres:

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Para más información acerca de este proyecto, por favor contáctanos Dana.Wedeles@alexandriava.gov o 703-746-5491



RunningBrooke se enorgullece de colaborar con la ciudad de Alexandria para financiar las mejoras en el Playground de Hume Springs. Por favor únase a nosotros el 25 Octubre para dar su opinión sobre la emocionante transformaciones de este Parque!

Hume Springs Park

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)

1 Renovate playground

The existing playground is outdated and does not meet the community needs, particularly for non-school aged children that cannot use the Cora Kelly playground during the day. A renovated playground will include more natural features that promote imaginative play and exploration.

2 Replace the fence and enhance entrance

Currently, the park is surrounded by a 12 foot high chain link fence. While originally installed to address safety concerns in the past, the fence today serves as a physical, visual, and social barrier to the park. This plan recommends replacing the fence with a 4 foot black picket fence. The fence will prevent children from running into the street, but will not be a defining characteristic of the park, as the existing fence is today.

3 Install outdoor fitness equipment

There is a desire for outdoor fitness equipment throughout the city. Providing the fixtures in this park will create a destination for a diversity of park users, ranging in age, and promote fitness and health. While there are currently two pull up bars in the playground, the new features will be separated from the child-oriented area within the park.

4 Transform asphalt into painted stroller parking area

The asphalt area, currently an eyesore, will be painted and designated as a stroller parking area. Bright colors will add cheerfulness to the site. It will remain a flat hardscape so that it can continue to be used as event space for neighborhood gatherings.

5 Provide rain gardens

There are two covered drains in the Park that often collect debris and have standing water surrounding them after rain events. This often creates mosquito breeding areas. Creating rain gardens around these drains will provide a better system to address water and be attractive planted areas.

6 Create shaded social seating areas

This plan recommends installing round tables to provide places to relax, picnic, and socialize. They can also be used as seating for neighborhood events.

7 Provide butterfly garden

A butterfly garden near the playground will be visually pleasing and provide an area for natural habitat within a largely urban setting. A small path system through the garden will encourage children to interact with nature.

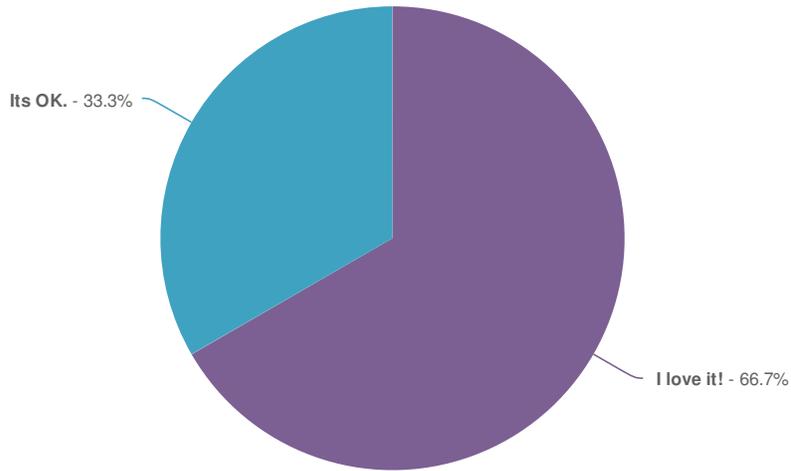


Note: The City has partnered with RunningBrooke to fund this Playground renovation within the next year. As a result, the City and Organization have developed the Park Conceptual Plan in greater detail than other Neighborhood Park Plans.



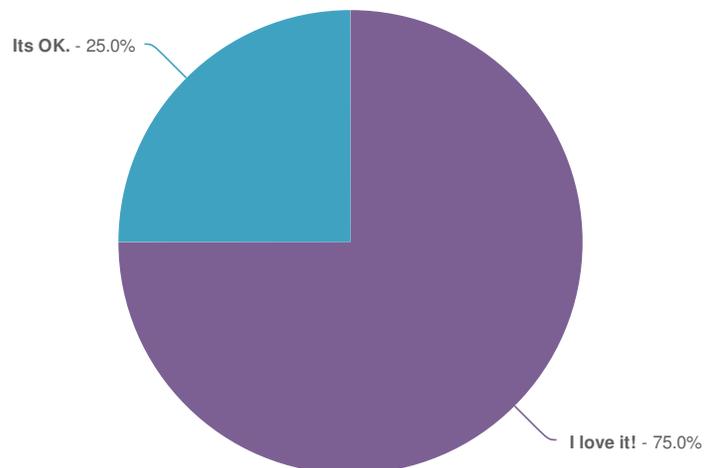
Hume Springs Park Draft Improvement Plan Survey Results, July 2015

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Create shaded social seating areas



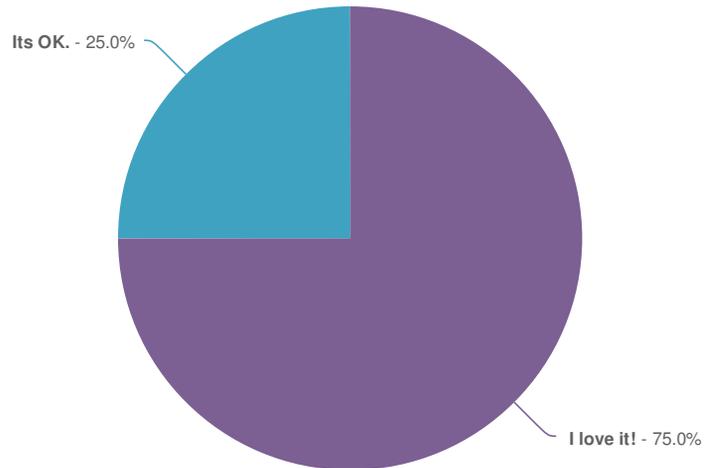
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I love it!	66.7%	2
Its OK.	33.3%	1
Total		3

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install outdoor fitness equipment



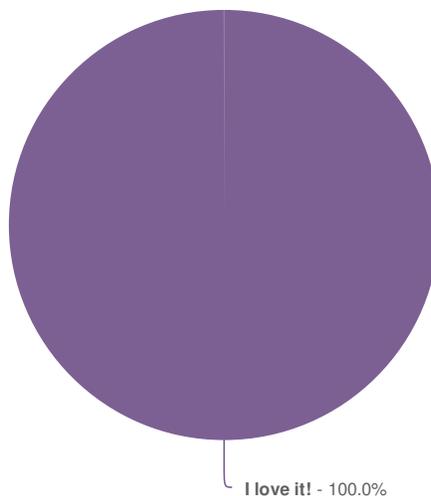
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I love it!	75.0%		3
Its OK.	25.0%		1
Total			4

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Provide butterfly garden



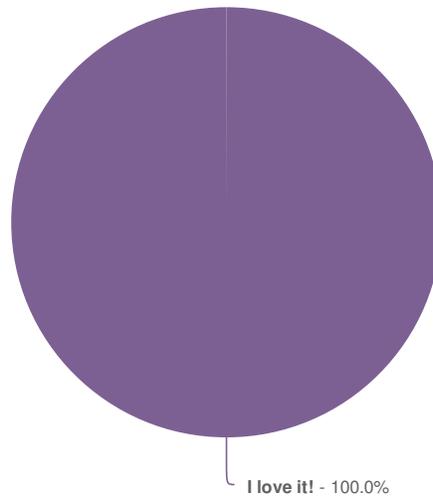
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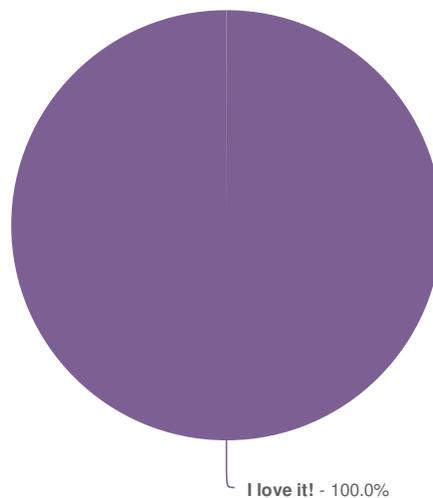
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What do you think of the following recommendations?-Renovate playground



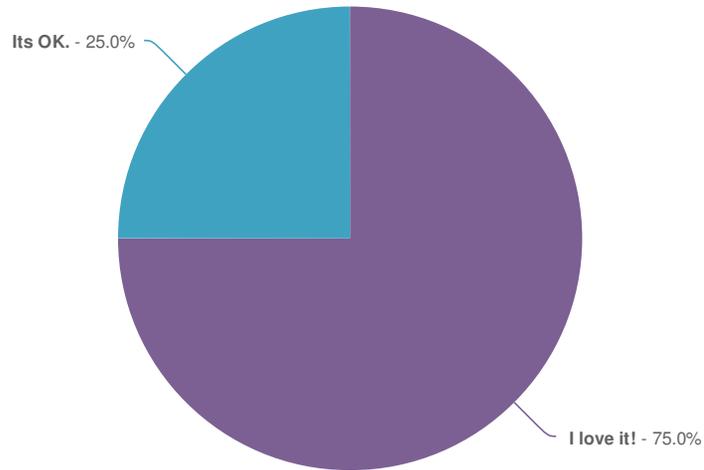
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Total		4

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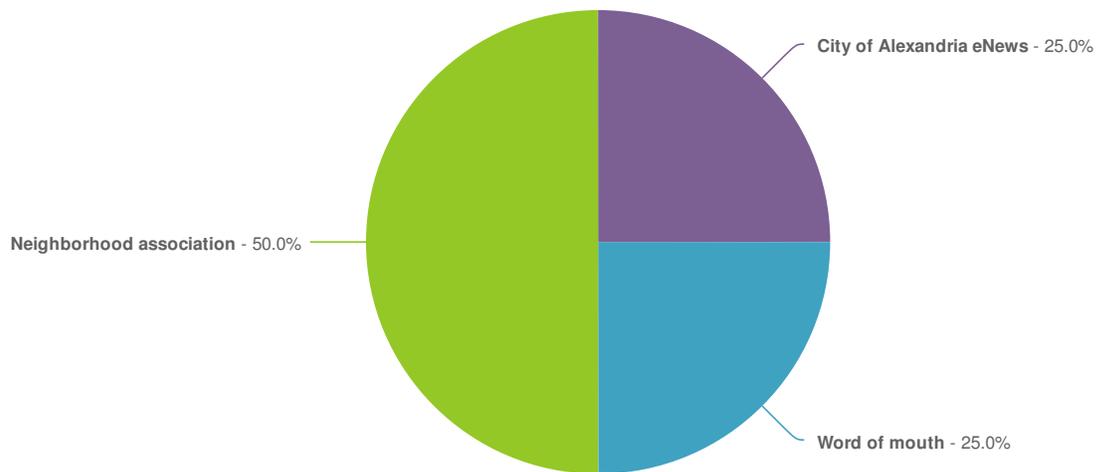


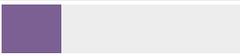
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Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Hume Springs Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

Count	Response
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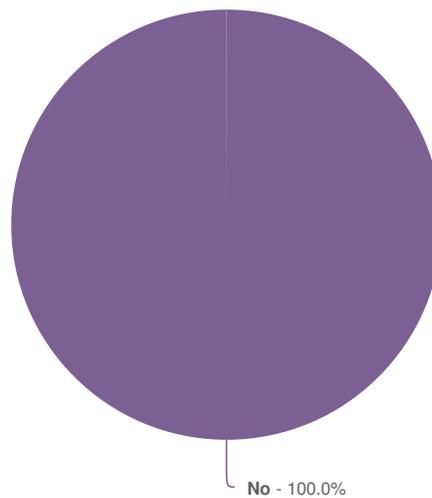
How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?

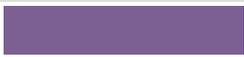


Value	Percent		Count
City of Alexandria eNews	25.0%		1
Word of mouth	25.0%		1
Neighborhood association	50.0%		2
Total			4

Responses "Other"	Count
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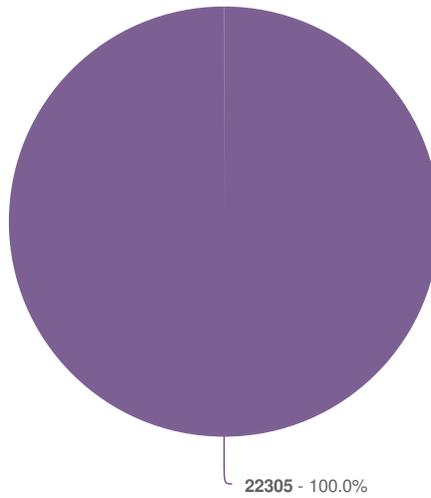
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Total			4

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	# in household	Responses
Under 5	2 100.0%	2
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13-18	1 100.0%	1
19-29	1 100.0%	1
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What is your zip code?

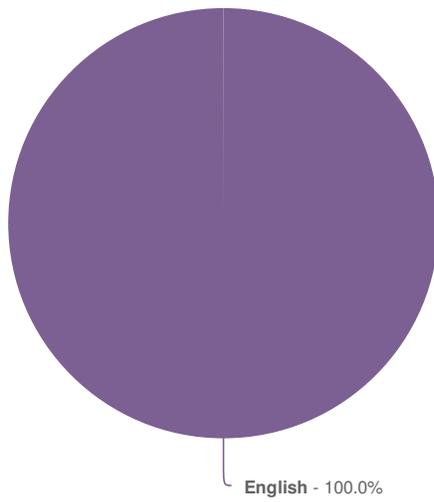


Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
22305	100.0%	4	Sum 89,220.0
Total		4	Average 22,305.0
			Max 22,305.0

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"

	Count
Left Blank	4

What is the primary language spoken in your home?



Value	Percent	Count
English	100.0%	4
Total		4

Responses "other"	Count
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3. Be a place to relax

What would you like done with the open lawn?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	6	100%
Enhance it	0	0%
Transform it	0	0%

Explain

What would you like done with the picnic area?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	1	17%
Enhance it	5	83%
Transform it	0	0%

Explain

A shelter would be nice.
Add 1-2 more picnic tables
More tables

What would you like done with the playground?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	3	50%
Enhance it	3	50%
Transform it	0	0%

Explain

More toddler swings
Would like to see more natural elements if any changes are made

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

Response

A few more picnic tables or benches would be nice.
A picnic shelter
Would like more natural play elements, such as a sandbox
Adult equipment like pull-up bars and offer boot camp type classes would add some variety. Move a couple boulders for optimum (and safer) winter sledding.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Park?

Response

Much improved over the years - but save the pool!
People hold birthday parties there, but how do they reserve the space?

How do you get to this Park?

Value	Count	Percent
Walk	9	100%
Bike (personal)	0	0%
Bike (Capital Bikeshare)	0	0%
Drive	0	0%
Public Transit	0	0%
Carpool	0	0%

How far do you typically travel to visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Less than 1/2 mile	9	100%
Between 1/2 mile to 1 mile	0	0%
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Over 2 miles	0	0%

How often do you visit this park?

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Daily	1	14%
Weekly	5	71%
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Yearly	0	0%

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Area adjacent to pool	Enhance	Install new fence (e.g. attractive wrought iron or similar) to pool streetside fence
Area adjacent to pool	Enhance	Stabilize soils and remove erosion in area adjacent to the pool
Entire park	N/A	People love and use the park and playground
Entire park	Enhance	Plant new shade trees, especially on west end
Landover St	Enhance	Revisit parking in residential areas. Include signs?
Landover St	Enhance	Park sign, speed bump and pedestrian crosswalk in Landover St
Open area	Preserve	Preserve open areas
Open lawn	Enhance	Relocate picnic tables under shade trees and add 1 more table
Open lawn	Enhance	Add dog/pick up bag dispenser
Open lawn	Enhance	Check loose boulder around totem poles
Open lawn	Enhance	Enhance totem poles; check to secure
Playground	Enhance	New trash receptacle on West side of playground
Playground	Enhance	Fix gap between curb and grade - due to erosion - on east side of playground
Playground/Entrance	Enhance	Revisit dog signs - contradictions
Wooded areas	Transform	New activity area for children in wooded area behind existing playground.
Wooded areas	Enhance	Remove poison ivy

Graffiti Sign

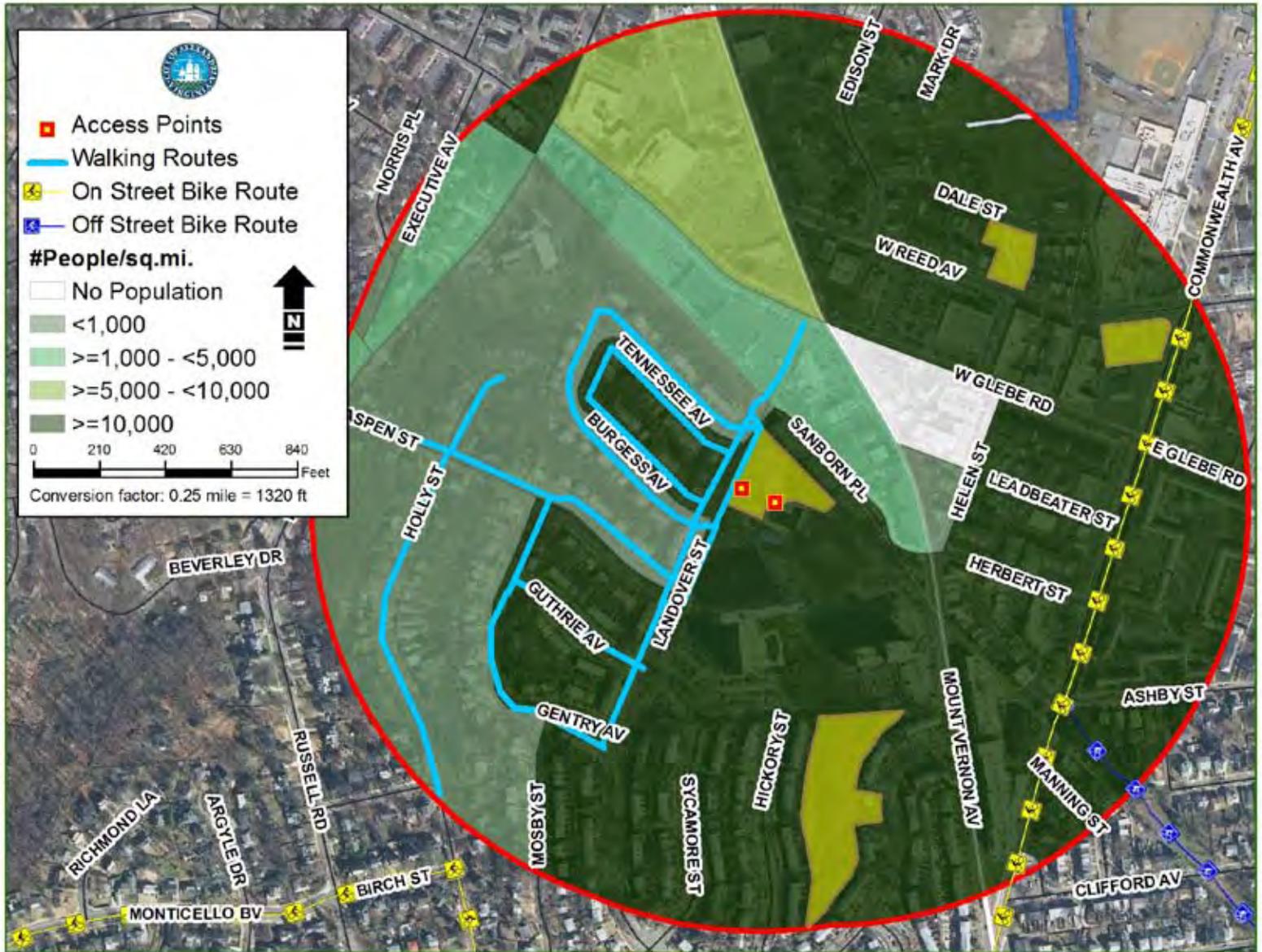
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Landover Park

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)

- 1 Install crosswalks from Burgess Ave across Landover St**
Currently, there are no crosswalks across Landover Street near the park entrance. Crosswalks would both serve as a traffic calming measure and as a visual cue to the park entrance.
- 2 Plant a new line of healthy trees and replace the fence along Landover St**
The existing trees along the street are in poor health and the existing fence is in bad condition, providing a poor sightline along the park. A new 4 ft standard fence and new trees would make the park more welcoming and clean.

- 3 Renovate Park entrance**
The entrance has broken asphalt and is unsightly. A tidier park entrance would make the park more attractive.
- 4 Install stairs to connect to Warwick Pool**
There is currently an opening in the fence between Warwick Pool and Landover Park, however there are no stairs to connect down the steep slope. Installation of stairs would provide a safer connection for Park users and stop the desire line from causing further erosion.
- 5 Create a new park entrance on the north corner of the park**
A new entrance would encourage pedestrians to enter from north end of the park and create a better access from Mt. Vernon Ave. Incorporating the existing wooden poles into the entrance can make a unique entrance and Park feature.

- 6 Wrap the wooden poles with colorful material**
The wooden poles, left from previous on site structure, could provide an opportunity for public art if wrapped with printed material, such as mylar.

- 7 Install railroad ties or other low barrier along playground**
A barrier along the playground will prevent mulch from entering the rubber surface area.

- 8 Install shade structures over benches**
The playground is very hot in the summer. Shade structures overhead would make the site more comfortable for children and care-givers.

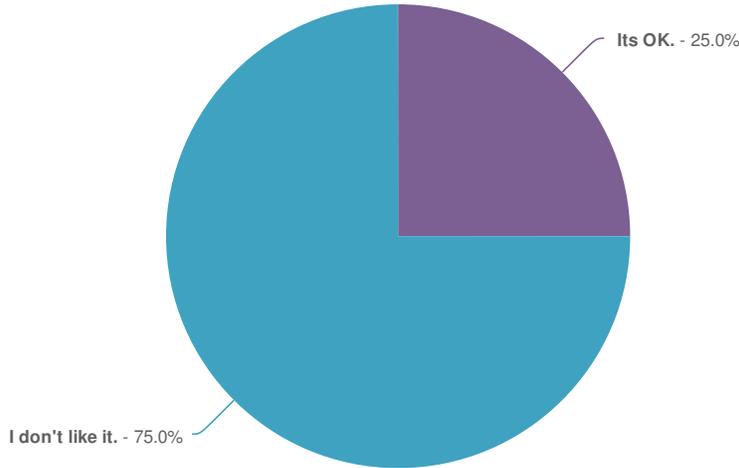
- 9 Install a fence along the corner of the Park**
The area behind the pool is hidden from view and provides a safety concern. Closing it off from the public will help keep people, particularly children, from entering the area. The area behind the fence should be planted as a meadow or woodland area to lower maintenance needs.





Landover Park Draft Improvement Plan Survey Results, July 2015

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Create a new park entrance on the north corner of the park



Value	Percent	Count
Its OK.	25.0%	2
I don't like it.	75.0%	6
Total		8

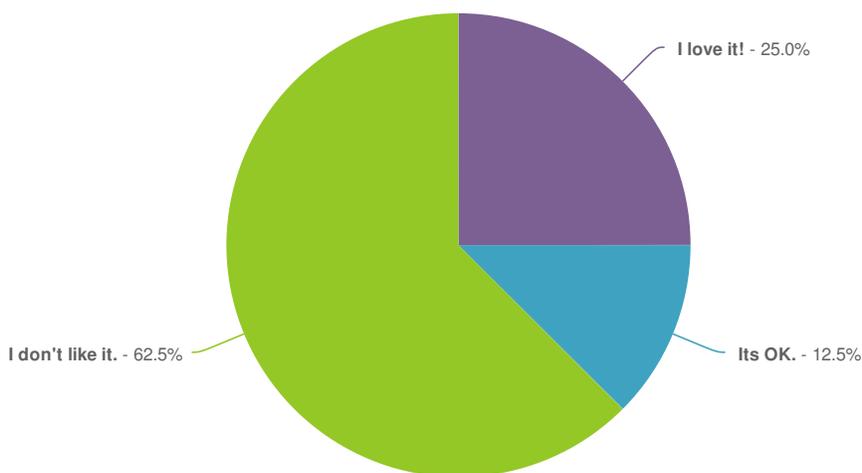
Explain-Create a new park entrance on the north corner of the park

Count	Response
1	The new entrance seems like a good idea, wrapping the poles seems out of place. The entire park is in earth tones, color fabric on the poles would seem garish in contrast.
1	If there is one thing I would stress the committee NOT do it is this. My main concern is safety for our residential community and the children who play in the park. First, this proposed entrance would basically lead into a parking lot for a very busy supermarket. This is very dangerous as it would make it easy for young children to potentially wander off into a dangerous area that is not well contained or secured. Also, unfortunately, the area near this proposed entrance often has loiters who are abusing alcohol. This is the sad truth. We have had to call law enforcement on several occasions on this very issue. Having the park so close to this public nuisance is another danger that is not worthwhile. I STRONGLY urge that this change not be made as it will make the park a less safe environment for our kids.
1	This is a safety issue - my kids run all over the park, and my older son occasionally plays out of my sight by the park fence, in the area where the new proposed entrance is. I'm okay with this, since the area is currently fenced, and I can keep one eye on the single park entrance to make sure he doesn't escape. Putting another entrance there will make my task much harder - I have two boys, and if my younger son needs me on the playground, I won't be able to monitor two entrances the way I currently can one.

Count Response

1	I like the restricted access now--having just one entrance makes it easier for me to ensure kids and/or dogs don't wander outside the park, but I can see how an additional entrance would make reaching the park easier for people.
1	Having two entrances could be a child safety hazard - children can easily get out and people out of sight at the top of the park can come in.
1	NO WAY! I don't want an entrance to the park from the parking lot and backs of restaurants where dayworkers sit on the street and homeless people loiter around. That is not safe and it would create another opening for little kids to get out from the park. The mylar around the wooden poles is a waste of money, kids use these poles as a soccer gate, whatever decoration you install would be destroyed in a few months.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install a fence along the corner of the Park



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	25.0%	2
Its OK.	12.5%	1
I don't like it.	62.5%	5
Total		8

Explain-Install a fence along the corner of the Park

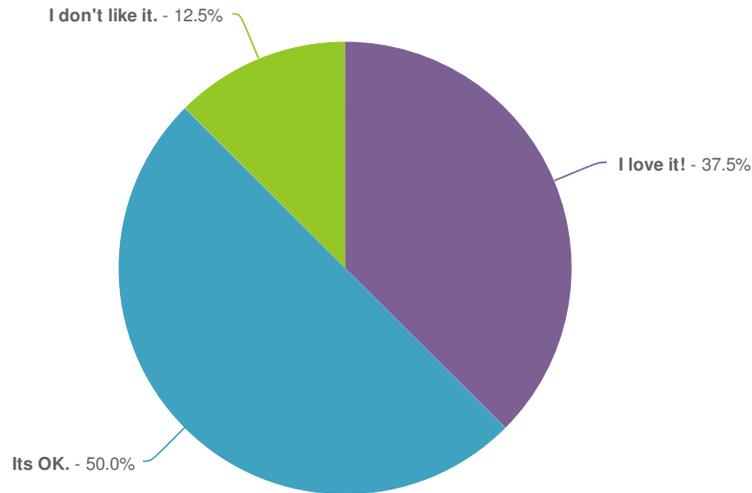
Count Response

1	I am opposed to this idea. The corner of the park is its most peaceful, tranquil area. I've never observed any dangerous or suspicious activities there, and it's a wonderful redoubt for little kids and pets to play without disturbing patrons elsewhere in the par. I'm again the very idea of walling off any part of the mark to the public--it defeats the whole purpose of parkland.
1	My kids love to play in the meadow behind the pool! I'm not a free-range parent, but letting them go up there, slightly out of sight but not out of voice range, allows them to practice independent play in a very safe way, since the area is fenced. Also, children love slightly wild places - their imaginations immediately start working in a way that the manicured playground doesn't facilitate. Up in that meadow and the blackberry bramble, they can be looking for buried pirate treasure, cross over into Narnia, or drop down the rabbit hole with Alice. Please, leave them this safe wild place to play independently.

Count Response

1	What about adding a path to the back (instead of to the pool and add something like a child's learning garden.
1	This is the worst idea. The kids love playing in that area, it is so nice and shaded and provides the kids an opportunity to explore in a safe, enclosed environment. It would be better to install staircase to enable easier access to that are and put some benches there for the parents to sit or some other play equipment.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install crosswalks from Burgess Ave across Landover St



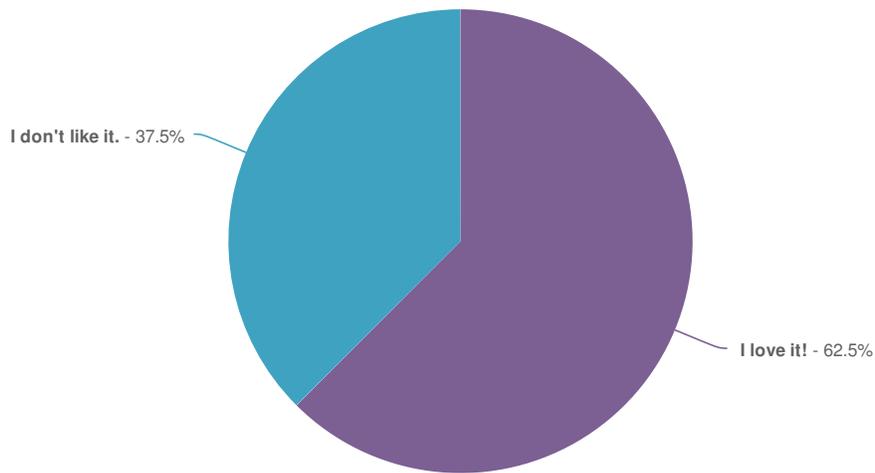
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	37.5%	3
Its OK.	50.0%	4
I don't like it.	12.5%	1
Total		8

Explain-Install crosswalks from Burgess Ave across Landover St

Count Response

1	Better traffic control on mildly busy road
1	Good idea, since so many people need to cross the street, often with little kids and/or dogs.
1	It's a pretty low traffic area. I've never had problems with cars.
1	good idea!

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install railroad ties or other low barrier along playground



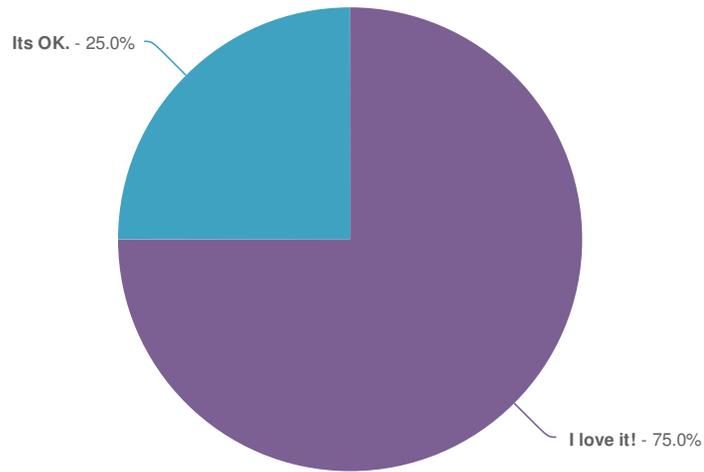
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	62.5%	5
I don't like it.	37.5%	3
Total		8

Explain-Install railroad ties or other low barrier along playground

Count Response

- 1 good idea!
- 1 The park can get quite crowded and it is good to have extended space for play. creating a low barrier would restrict play area for the children.
- 1 Should be high priority /early phase of plan. This is something simple that can provide an immediate improvement.
- 1 I don't think this is either necessary or a good idea. The railroad ties would only create a ground level obstacle kids for kids to step over to enter the play area. The current flat surface, with the cement border and seating area, is just fine the way it is.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install shade structures over benches

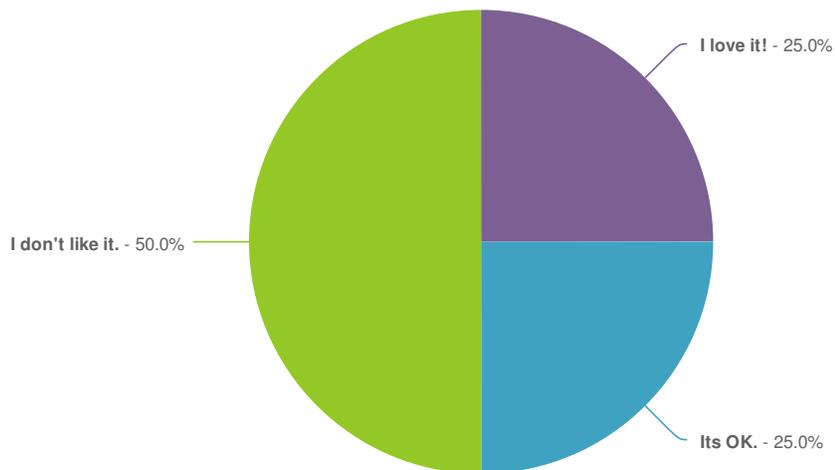


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	75.0%	6
Its OK.	25.0%	2
Total		8

Explain-Install shade structures over benches

Count	Response
1	If they can be removed in the cold er months, then I support this idea. If not, I don't.
1	Shade is always nice
1	There are a number of benches. Can't we do simpler structures, but more benches?
1	Shades are nice, but additional trees would do a much better job of providing shade and are a cheaper option.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install stairs to connect to Warwick Pool



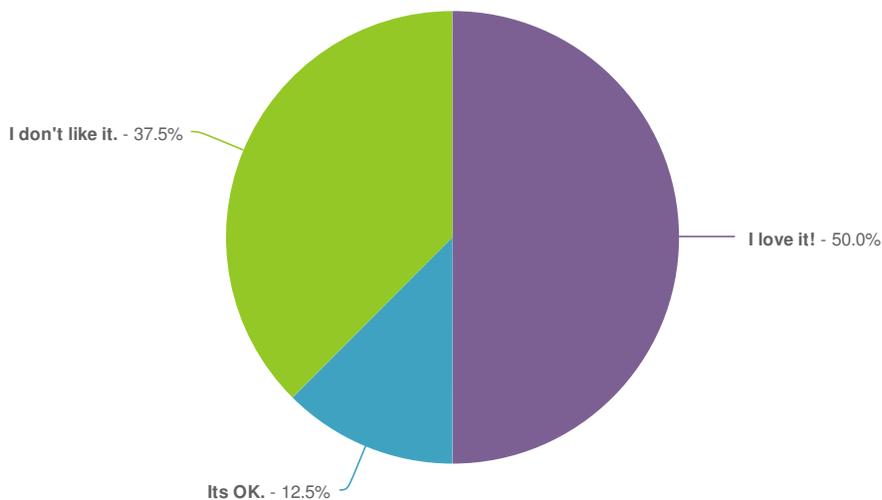
Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	25.0%		2
Its OK.	25.0%		2
I don't like it.	50.0%		4
Total			8

Explain-Install stairs to connect to Warwick Pool

Count Response

Count	Response
1	Nice convenience factor
1	When I asked someone the pool, they weren't sure if it would ever open. If it won't, the stairs aren't needed.
1	This is a neighborhood favorite for the winter when kids can go sledding into the park. Because it is a small area and not too steep of a ramp it is a great safe activity for kids in the winter. It would be sad to lose this wintertime fun and safe activity.
1	A good idea, especially for little kids who often trip on the slope between the two levels of the park.
1	there is no need for this at all, it is just as convenient to walk a few yards along Landover st.. It would be better to close the gap in that fence so that little kids couldn't get out from the park.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Plant a new line of healthy trees and replace the fence along Landover St

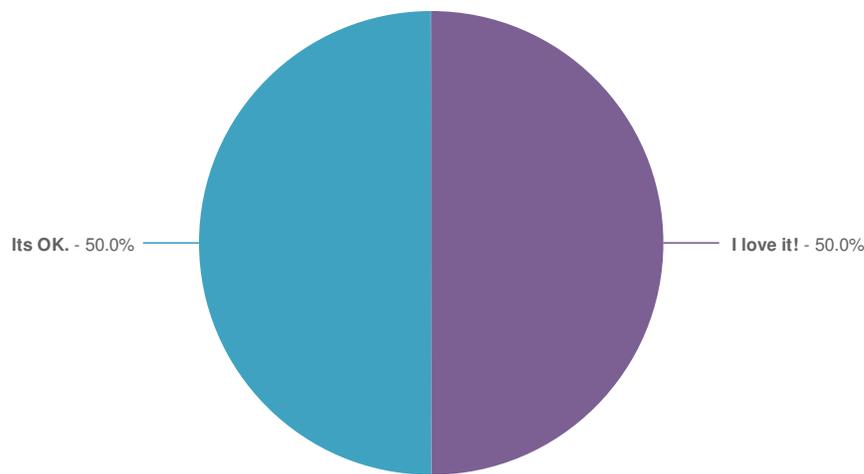


Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	50.0%		4
Its OK.	12.5%		1
I don't like it.	37.5%		3
Total			8

Explain-Plant a new line of healthy trees and replace the fence along Landover St

Count	Response
1	Beauty both park and street
1	Not if this means cutting down the wonderful tall shade trees that are already there. The existing trees, except those few that are obviously damaged or dead, look healthy to me, and they provide a fantastic shade canopy that makes the park so inviting.
1	Not a priority - plus the kids like a little wild area to play in (see my comments on the meadow behind the pool, this line of trees is a similar spot for them).
1	More shade trees are also needed around the perimeter of the playground. That area gets really hot during the day especially since the rubber surface absorbs a lot of heat.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Renovate park entrance



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	50.0%	4
Its OK.	50.0%	4
Total		8

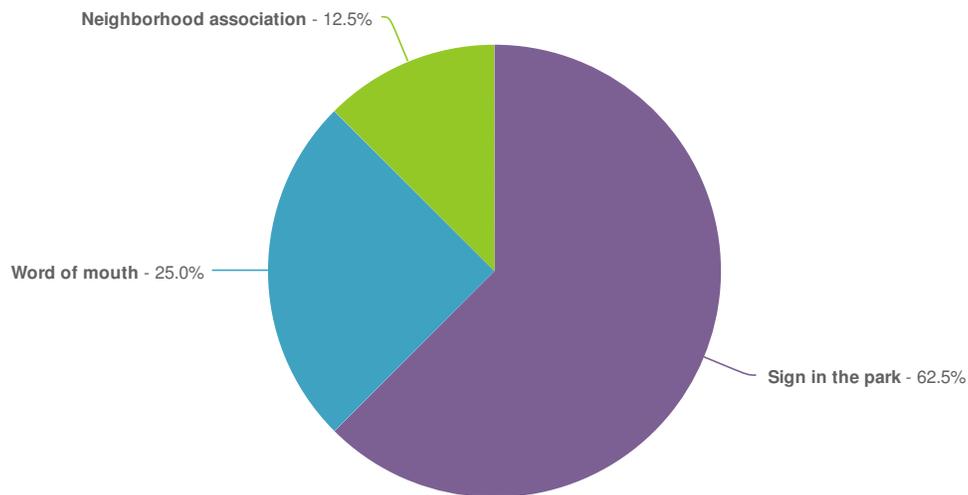
Explain-Renovate park entrance

Count	Response
1	It would be nice if the entrance was gated so that little kids couldn't get out
1	Pleasant idea, though current entrance seems adequate
1	The existing entrance seems fine to me, but I have no objection to improving it.

Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Landover Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

Count	Response
1	Yes.
1	Generally, we are pleased that the city is interested in maintaining and upgrading the Landover Park, a beloved neighborhood park in Warwick Village. As a Warwick Village resident we have a vested interest that these changes reflect the needs and desire of the community. Please please please do NOT add an additional entrance to this park. The current entrance, especially if upgraded, will be enough to revitalize the park. Combined with the other park plans, the community will be benefited by these improvements. But please do not open the park up to this open parking lot where people could potentially wander in and put kids at risk.
1	The park can be improved by installing picnic shelter and allowing people to reserve the space for b-day parties. This would make a lot of revenue for the city, since during summer there are parties there every weekend. A grill would be nice too to go with the picnic tables. It would be great if the park had a bathroom, like the Fort Scott park in Arlington. The pool building already has bathrooms in it, opening them up to the public at least during warm weather seasons would be great!
1	There is a very large amount of litter at the park on a regular basis. Installing more trash cans closer to the play area may help alleviate that. It would also be nice to see the picnic tables moved from the fence line to the edge of the play structure so that they can serve both the grass area and the play structure.
1	I'm not sure I ever heard of the original comment period, and I come to the park at least 4-5 times a week.

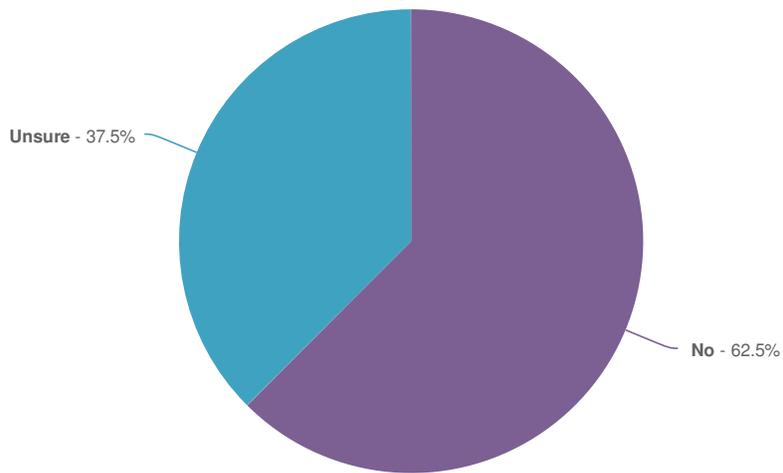
How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?



Value	Percent	Count
Sign in the park	62.5%	5
Word of mouth	25.0%	2
Neighborhood association	12.5%	1
Total		8

Responses "Other"	Count
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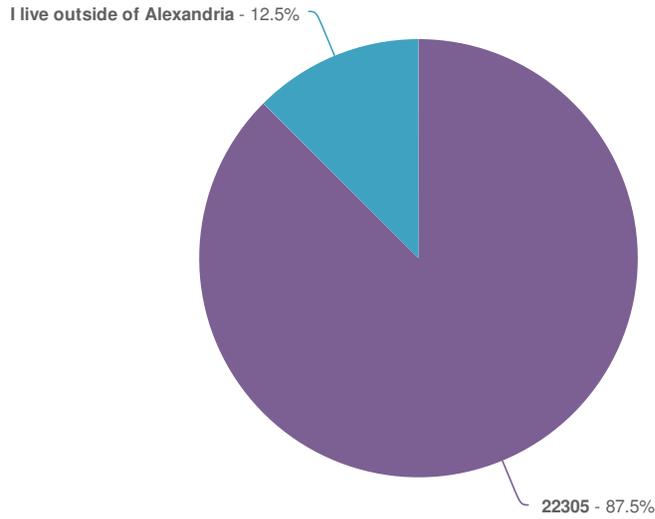


Value	Percent	Count
No	62.5%	5
Unsure	37.5%	3
Total		8

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	7 100.0%	7
6-12	1 100.0%	1
30-49	6 100.0%	6
50-69	1 100.0%	1

What is your zip code?

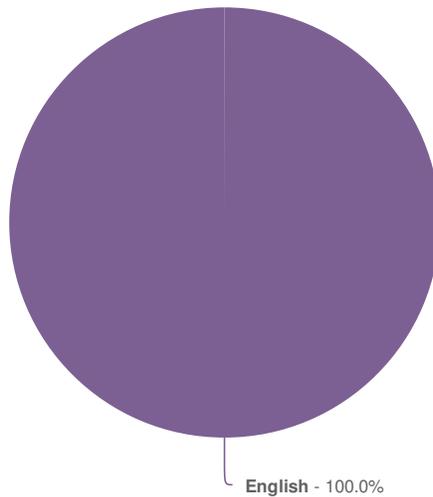


Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
22305	87.5%	7	Sum 156,135.0
I live outside of Alexandria	12.5%	1	Average 22,305.0
Total			Max 22,305.0

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"

	Count
Left Blank	9

What is the primary language spoken in your home?



Value	Percent	Count
English	100.0%	8
Total		
		8

Responses "other"

Count

Left Blank

9



Neighborhood Parks Plan

Lee Center

Community Feedback, Fall 2014



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

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Provide organized recreational opportunities
2. Be a place to create social connections with neighbors
3. Be a space to go exercise on my own

What would you like done with the basketball court?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	5	83%
Enhance it	1	17%
Transform it	0	0%

What would you like done with the Miracle Field?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	8	100%
Enhance it	0	0%
Transform it	0	0%

What would you like done with the open lawn?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	5	83%
Enhance it	1	17%
Transform it	0	0%

What would you like done with the open play field?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	3	38%
Enhance it	4	50%
Transform it	1	13%

Explain

Add lights
It would be great if the city could add this field as an option for little league games or practices. Benches and picnic tables here would be great too. I'm most interested in seeing the open play field updated for use as an actual baseball field. Most of the kids in the area are in the NJL district for rec, but we need to travel all over Alexandria for practices and games. It would be ideal if this space was at least useable for baseball practices. It's a great location that is under utilized.

The open play field is currently in disrepair. A little work could go a long way to improve the infrastructure at this park and all it to be used as additional field for baseball.

What would you like done with the picnic tables?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	5	71%
Enhance it	2	29%
Transform it	0	0%

What would you like done with the playground?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	6	75%
Enhance it	2	25%
Transform it	0	0%

What would you like done with the tennis courts?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	6	75%
Enhance it	2	25%
Transform it	0	0%

Explain

Line them for pickleball



Lee Center

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)

1 Provide standard wayfinding signage

The existing sign at the corner of Jefferson and Fayette Streets is outdated and does not provide directional information to guide visitors to different uses on the site. A new sign would meet the City's wayfinding standards and help avoid confusion. New directional signs from Route One and throughout the neighborhood will also provide guidance to the Lee Center.

2 Develop landscape plan and replace trees in front of the building

The existing foundation planting of shrubs and trees along the north side of the building is overgrown and impacts building repairs including windows and utilities. Remove overgrown shrubs to allow site surveillance and replace with low native species perennial grasses and/or shrubs. Remove approximately 5 trees and reestablish in locations closer to the parking area/away from building foundation.

3 Install pathway to connect the outdoor facilities in the front and back of the building

Access is the biggest challenge to the Lee Center site. To access the playgrounds and courts, park users must either walk through the site parking lot or through the building (when its open). A four foot path on the east side of the site will provide a safe way to reach all park features. For the path to run along the south side of the building, the tennis court fence will need to be cut at a 45 degree angle (known as a "California Corner"). The pool fence will also need to be moved inward.

4 Hold design competition to determine interim use for the closed pool

The Lee Center Pool has been closed since 2009. The 2012 Aquatics Facility Feasibility Study recommends the Lee Center pool be re-purposed as a therapeutic pool. Given the high cost of this recommendation, the pool is not likely to be re-purposed for many years. This plan suggests holding a design competition to determine an innovative and inexpensive interim use. Some ideas include a greenhouse, play surface, or skateboard park. Any interim use must be American with Disabilities Act compliant.

5 Install new path to connect the Lee Center back entrance to the Courts and Playgrounds

A new path will provide a clear way for visitors to access the recreational features in the back of the center.

6 Plant a meadow between the building and new pathway

A meadow will help beautify the site, which currently lacks any plantings.

7 Construct new accessible playground

The Miracle League of Alexandria is currently working with staff to install a new playground with accessible play features. The site will be open to the public but the primary users will be the therapeutic recreation programs, based in the Nannie J. Lee Center. The playground will have a music theme and be named for Ruthanne Lodato. The playground plan also calls for trees to be planted along the playground.

8 Install fitness equipment

There is an increased need for outdoor adult fitness equipment throughout the city. This is an ideal location because the Alexandria Fire Department (AFD) uses the area for fitness training, often bringing their own portable equipment to the site. Permanent equipment would allow a shared use between the public and AFD.

9 Plant new trees in the parking lot

The parking lot does not meet the City of Alexandria Landscape Guidelines which requires planted tree islands for every ten spaces. New trees will provide shade and help green the asphalt area.

10 Add picnic tables and grill

A picnic area could be rented for outdoor gatherings or be used by the Nannie J. Lee Center after-school and summer camp programs.

11 Irrigate field using condensation from the building's HVAC system

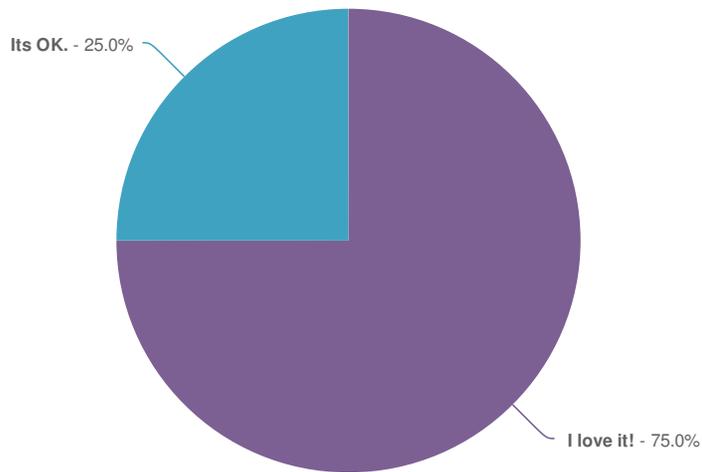
Using condensation from the Lee Center's HVAC system for irrigation can be an energy-efficient water management strategy. It can also serve as a demonstration on LEED design for the entire City.





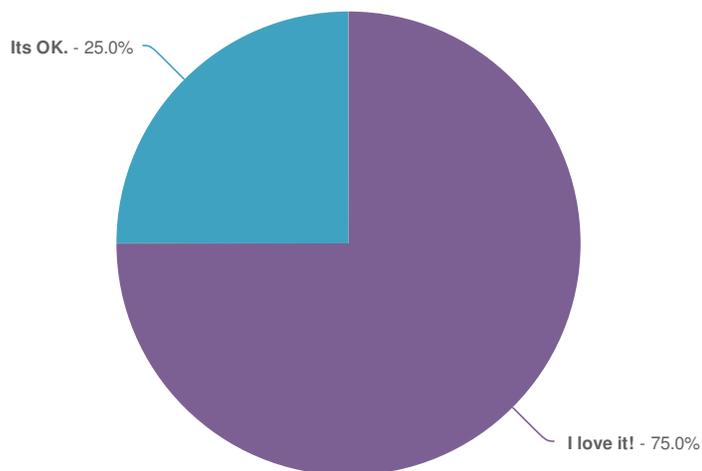
Lee Center Park Draft Improvement Plan Survey Results, July 2015

What do you think of the following recommendations?- Install new path to connect the Lee Center back entrance to the courts and playgrounds



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	75.0%	3
Its OK.	25.0%	1
Total		4

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Add picnic tables and grill

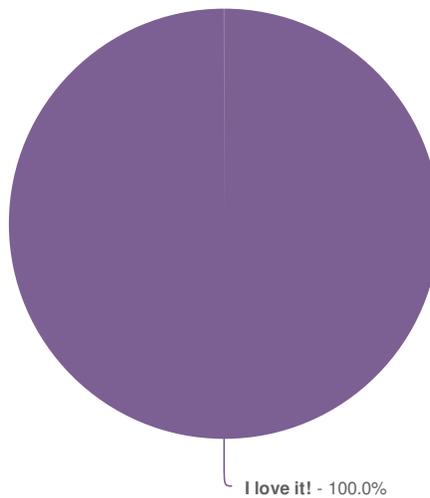


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	75.0%	3
Its OK.	25.0%	1
Total		4

Explain-Add picnic tables and grill

Count	Response
1	expand the cooking area away out from under the awning.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Construct new accessible playground

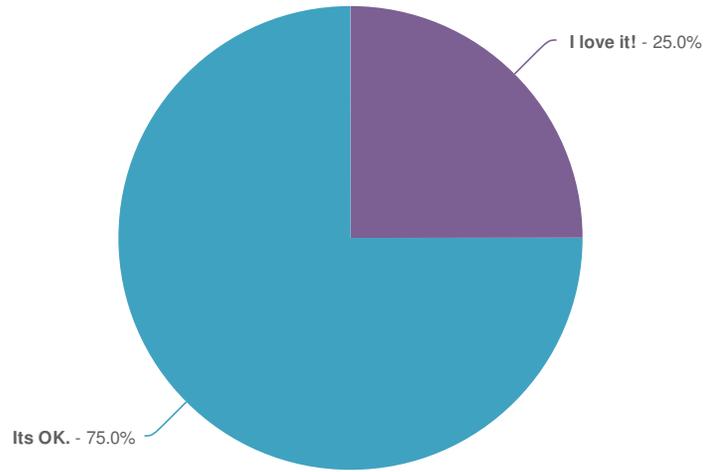


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	100.0%	5
Total		5

Explain-Construct new accessible playground

Count	Response
1	Great idea!

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Develop landscape plan and replace trees in front of the building

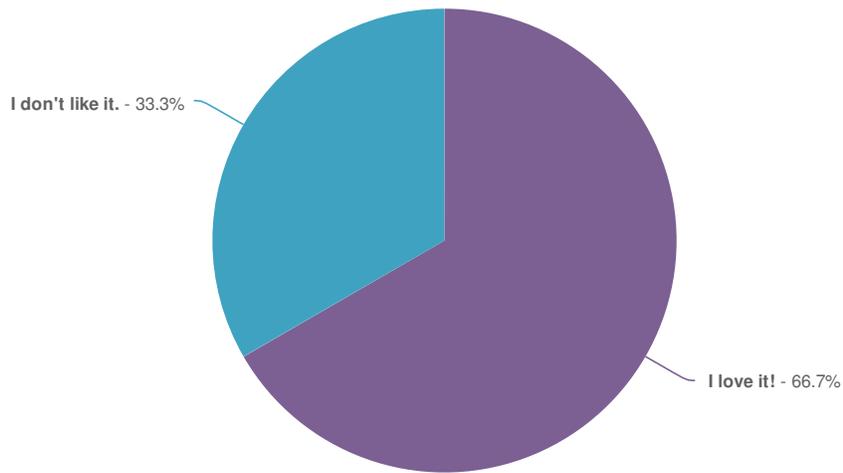


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	25.0%	1
Its OK.	75.0%	3
Total		4

Explain-Develop landscape plan and replace trees in front of the building

Count	Response
1	need shade to be in the design if replacing full grown trees

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Hold design competition to determine interim use for the closed pool



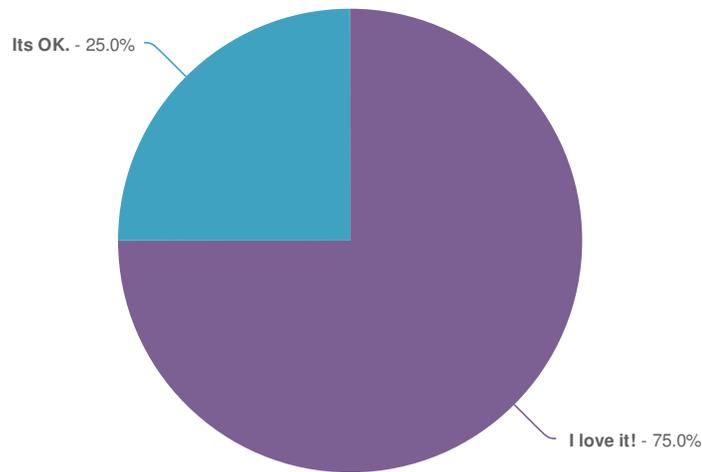
Value	Percent	Count
Total		6

Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	66.7%		4
I don't like it.	33.3%		2
Total			6

Explain-Hold design competition to determine interim use for the closed pool

Count	Response
1	Add a recommendation that explains the therapeutic pool for the long-term with cost estimates.
1	Possible options: Water Spray park. out door box theater
1	I like the idea of an interim use. However I would personally recommend a spray ground in the future with particular focus on the special needs community. It would have a lower capital cost than a standard pool with lower maintenance costs. The special needs swimming classes could be held in conjunction with Arlington County's proposed new therapy pool at the Long Bridge Aquatic Center (or at Chinguapin once the existing pool is re-purposed for more recreation activities).

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install fitness equipment



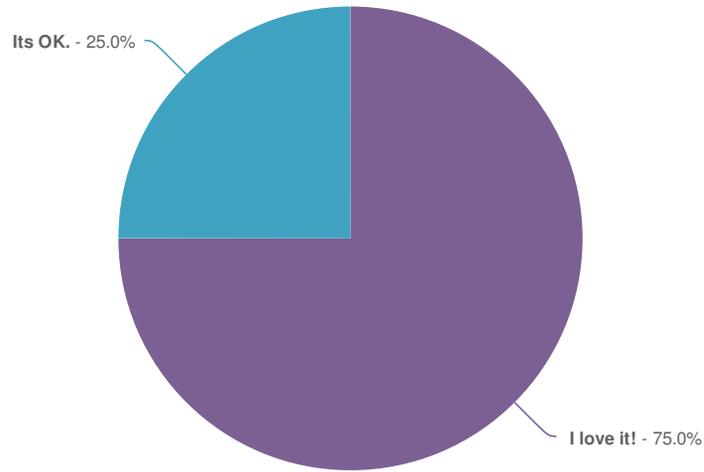
Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	75.0%		3
Its OK.	25.0%		1
Total			4

Explain-Install fitness equipment

Count	Response
1	like the public shared idea.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install pathway to connect the outdoor facilities in the front

and back of the building

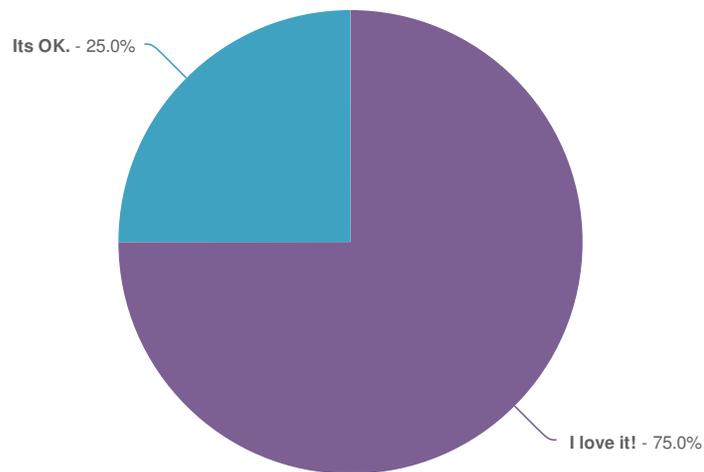


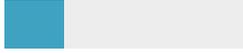
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	75.0%	3
Its OK.	25.0%	1
Total		4

Explain-Install pathway to connect the outdoor facilities in the front and back of the building

Count	Response
1	But, don't like the corner cut into the tennis court fence or the decrease in the pool fence area.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Irrigate field using condensation from the building's HVAC system

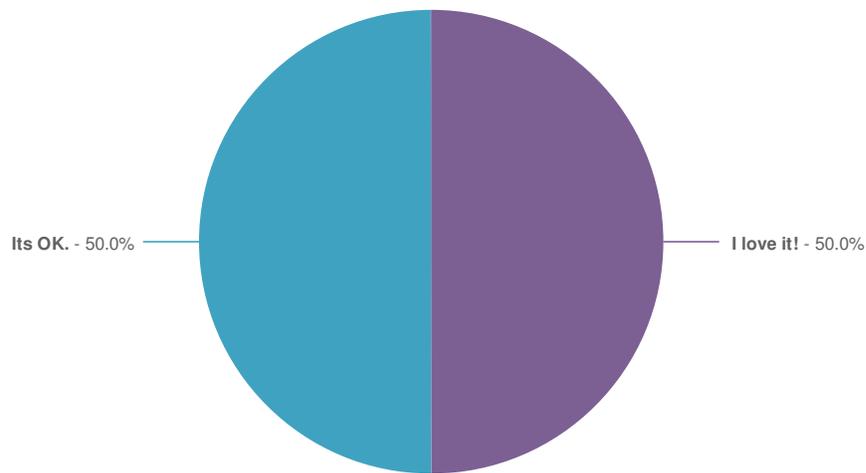


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I love it!	75.0%		3
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Total			4

Explain-Irrigate field using condensation from the building's HVAC system

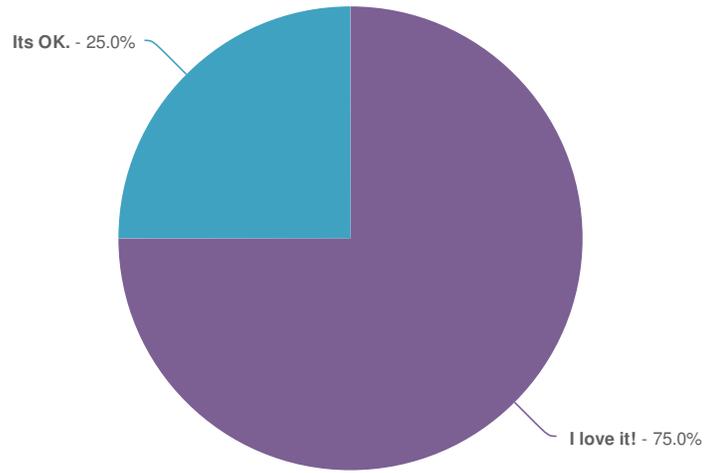
Count	Response
1	great idea

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Plant a meadow between the building and new pathway



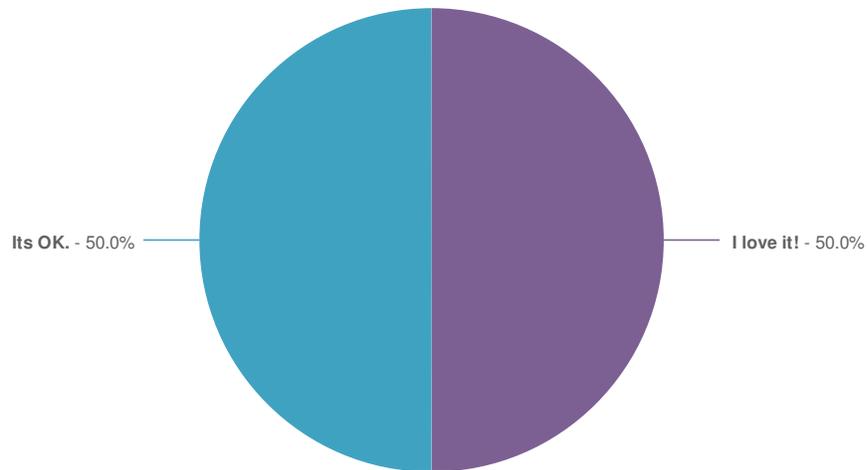
Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	50.0%		2
Its OK.	50.0%		2
Total			4

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Plant new trees in the parking lot



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	75.0%	3
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Total		4

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Provide standard wayfinding signage



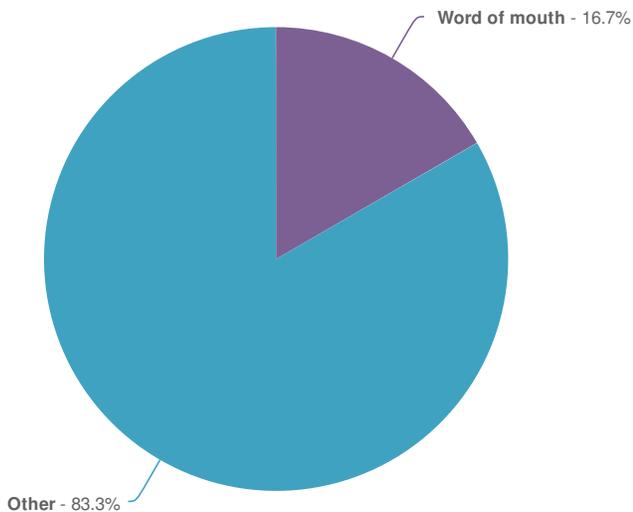
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	50.0%	2
Its OK.	50.0%	2
Total		4

Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Lee Center Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

Count Response

1	Yes
1	The rear of the building is VERY sunny. There is currently no shade in/around the basketball courts, playground, field, picnic table area. Any design should incorporate a custom shade structure or canopy over the playground, and a pavilion over the picnic area, with covered seating for parents to observe their children close by. Many of the disabled children for whom the ADA accessible playground is being made, take medications that make them highly susceptible to sun stroke, sun burn, and dehydration. Please incorporate sun protection and some sort of outdoor hydrating station (fountain) not only for their benefit, but for the benefit of all citizens. Thank you. Also, I am very strongly opposed to any other use for the swimming pool other than as a THERAPEUTIC pool. City of Alexandria is terrible about providing dedicated services or facilities to disabled residents. Although funding is not currently available, it should be sought ASAP. If you use this space for something "temporary", it will never be developed into a therapeutic pool. People who get their greenhouse, skate board park, etc. will be too vested and won't want to give it up. Please do something for the disabled members of our community.
1	Very important piece missing, parking is an issue for visitors coming to the Nannie J Lee center. Need expanded and better drop off for cars, vans and buses. Also, using the back parking lot is not an option for some visitors. Also needed is a connection space that can expand into the hallway between the two buildings structures.
1	I was disappointed there was no mention of improving the baseball/soccer field, which is one of the first things you see when approaching the Lee Center. An updated baseball/soccer field could draw more visitors to the Lee Center.

How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?

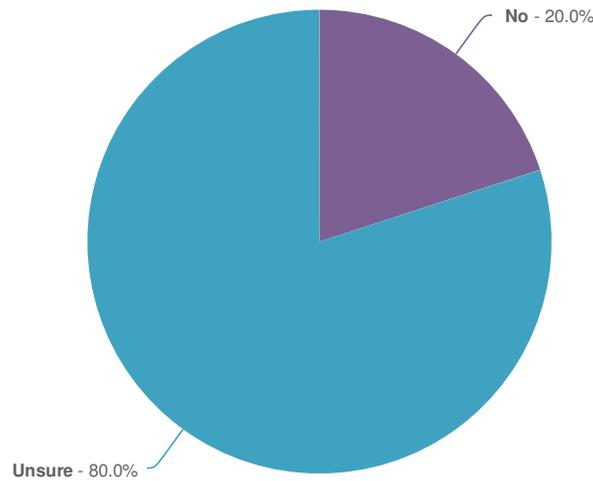


Value	Percent	Count
Word of mouth	16.7%	1
Other	83.3%	5
Total		6

Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	1
Recreation Department contacts	1
Staff member	1

Responses "Other"	Count
TR program staff	1
Telephone conversation with resident	1
recreation staff	1

Will you be attending the workshop on May 14 from 7pm-8:30pm at Charles Houston Recreation Center to discuss the draft park plans?

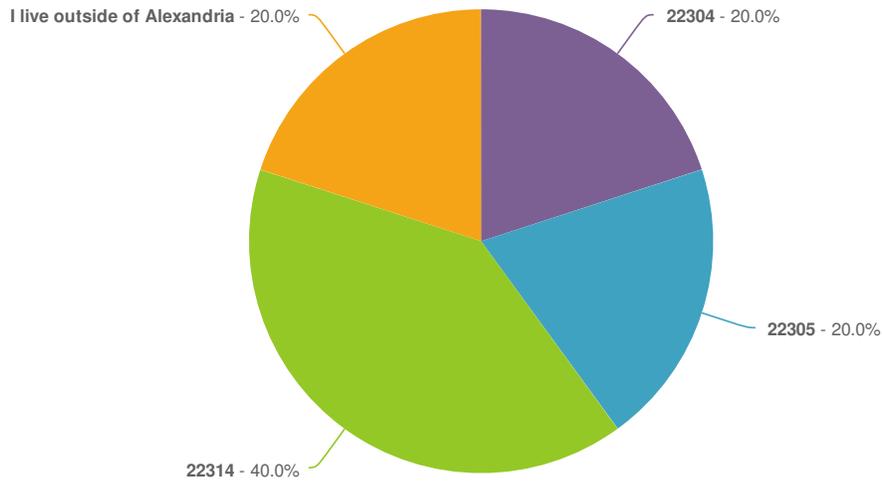


Value	Percent	Count
No	20.0%	1
Unsure	80.0%	4
Total		5

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
6-12	3 100.0%	3
13-18	1 100.0%	1
30-49	4 100.0%	4
50-69	2 100.0%	2

What is your zip code?

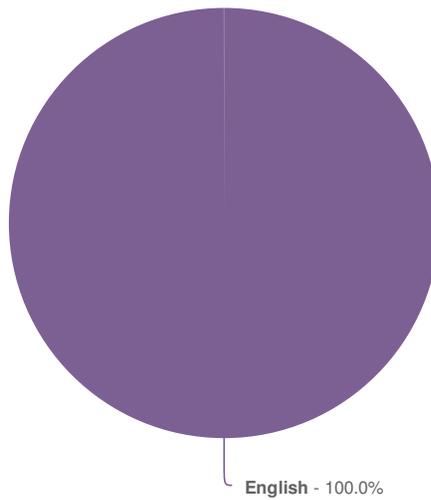


Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
22304	20.0%	1	Sum 89,237.0
22305	20.0%	1	Average 22,309.3
22314	40.0%	2	StdDev 4.8
I live outside of Alexandria	20.0%	1	Max 22,314.0
Total		5	

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"

Value	Count
Left Blank	6

What is the primary language spoken in your home?



Value	Percent	Count
Total		5

Value	Percent	Count
English	100.0%	5
Total		5

Responses "other"	Count
Left Blank	6



Neighborhood Parks Plan

Lockett Field/ Schuyler Hamilton Skate Park

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

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Be a safe place for children to explore
2. Provide organized recreational opportunities
3. Have lots of activity

What would you like done with the skate park?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	4	57%
Enhance it	3	43%
Transform it	0	0%

Explain

There is always a lot of trash in the park. It needs to be picked up every morning when it opens
Add to the park

What would you like done with the ballfield?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	1	11%
Enhance it	6	67%
Transform it	2	22%

Explain

Batting cages.
Make it accessible without a permit.
Please consider creating a useful baseball facility here with turf entire facility. Add batting cages. make it a multi-purpose facility. add bathroom facility/Jiffy John.
This field is bigger than it needs to be for its typical uses--youth baseball/softball and adult softball. It could be transformed, along with changes to parking, into two fields--a 60' field with a mound and a softball/multi-use field. The city needs additional 60' fields with mounds, cages, and bullpens.
Playground and open space. Not useable by younger kids and more people seem to go to the baseball field near Monroe Ave

The field should be transformed into a multi-purpose facility that can be used for Little League Baseball, 50-70 baseball, softball, tee ball, coach pitch baseball and other rec. sports

What would you like done with the parking lot?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	3	43%
Enhance it	2	29%
Transform it	2	29%

Explain

Could use an upgrade.

What would you like done with the seating?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	1	14%
Enhance it	5	71%
Transform it	1	14%

Explain

Could use another bench inside the skatepark area.

How do you get to this Park?

Value	Count	Percent
Walk	2	15%
Bike (personal)	0	0%
Bike (Capital Bikeshare)	0	0%
Drive	11	85%
Public Transit	0	0%
Carpool	0	0%

How far do you typically travel to visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Less than ½ mile	1	8%
Between ½ mile to 1 mile	3	23%
Between 1-2 miles	5	39%
Over 2 miles	4	31%

Have any of the following circumstances prevented you from visiting this Park? (check all that apply)

Value	Count	Percent
I am physically limited from walking	2	40%
There is no pedestrian/bike friendly access to the park from where I live	2	40%
I have concerns about crime or personal safety	0	0%
There is not enough parking	0	0%
There is nothing in the Park that interests me	2	40%

How often do you visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Daily	0	0%
Weekly	5	39%
Monthly	6	46%
Yearly	2	15%

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Park?

Response

It needs more shade

The dugouts that were added are a welcome addition. Thank you. The grounds around the ball field need work, it's dangerous for little kids -- wooded area drops off and there's frequently marshy conditions. Overall, grounds are uneven, lots of flooding and pooling water.

It has lights which are at a premium on fields in Alexandria. The field should be transformed into a multi-purpose facility that can be used for Little League Baseball, 50-70 baseball, softball, tee ball, coach pitch baseball and other rec. sports. The entire facility should have field turf installed to cut down on rain outs and maintenance issues. With field turf this could be one of the premier multi-purpose fields in the City.

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

Response

Batting cages

Better ballfield

Open space!

Toddler/younger kids playground

more ramps or added structures for skateboarding

mound on ball field; batting cages; bullpen

Unstructured play by children of all ages. The city fails to provide baseball fields that can be accessed by the public. We need places for kids, including teens, to play baseball without coaches and parents supervising their every move.

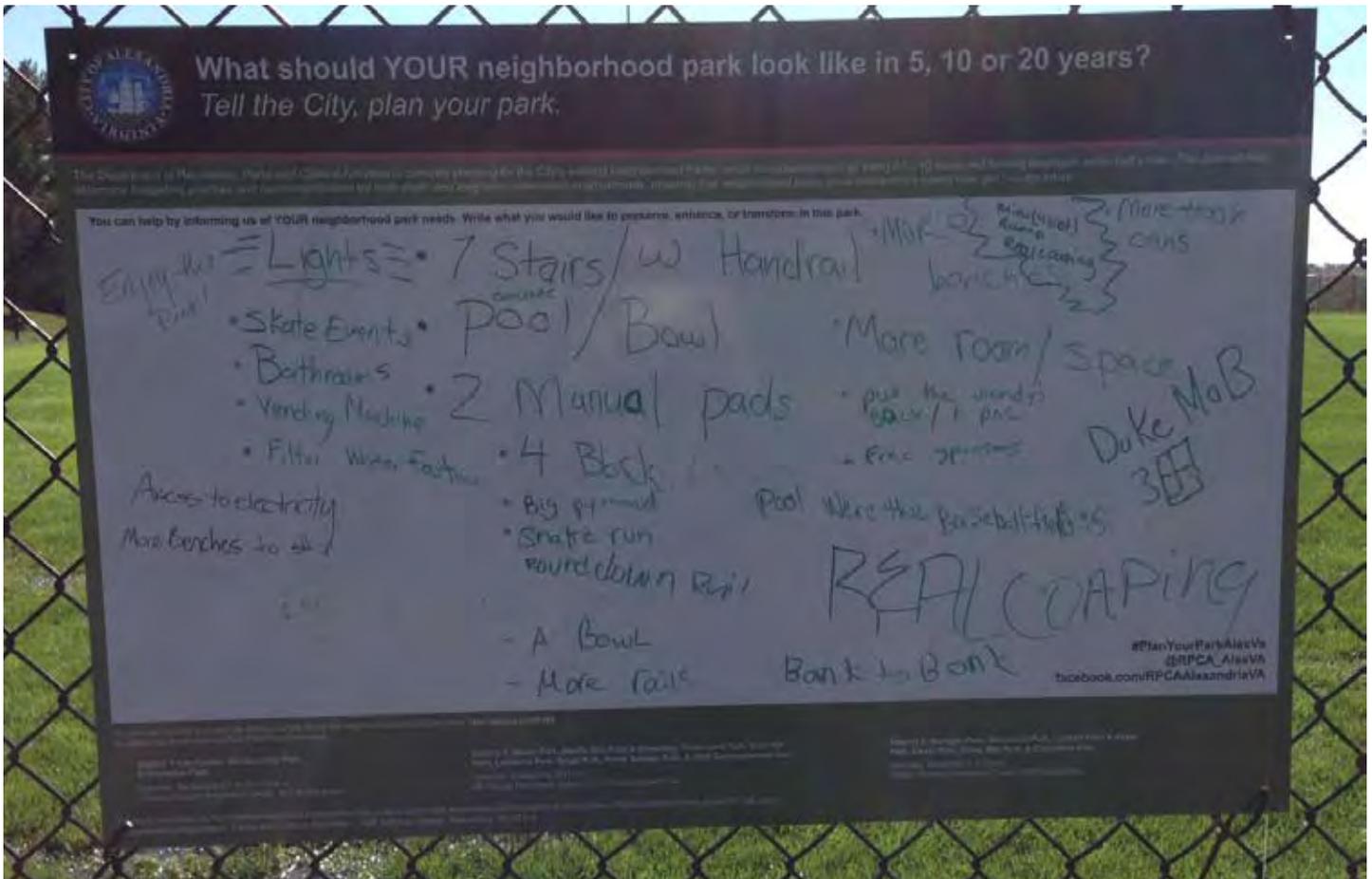
Batting Cages. Access to bathroom facility. The field does not drain well and is unplayable after a little bit of rain. Turf field would be fantastic - just played on one in DC yesterday, and the boys loved it.

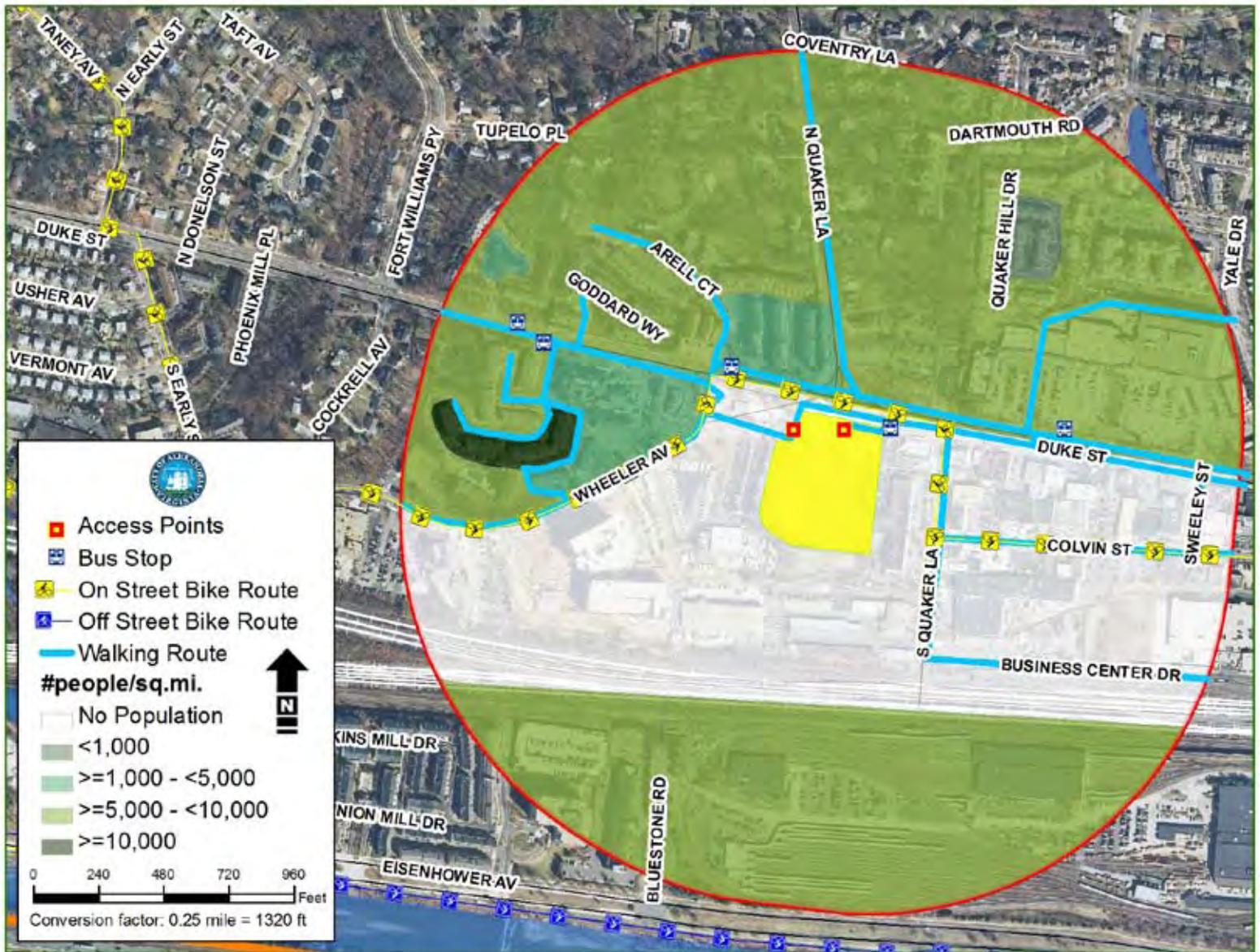
The skate park is nice and has nice landscaping around it but there is always a lot of trash in the morning when we like to visit and it is less crowded.

There should be bathrooms, The back stop needs to be modified to stop foul balls being lost in the woods. The field does not drain. After a rain event it takes days for the field to dry out

Graffiti Sign

A "graffiti sign" in the Park had a marker attached and asked park users to write down what they would like their park to look like in the future. The sign was on site from September to November 2014 (image from October 27).





Lockett Ballfield & Schuyler Hamilton Jones Skate Park

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)

1 Route a bike path through the parking lot to Quaker Lane

The existing bike route from the city's east to west goes from Colvin St. up to Duke St. and down Wheeler Ave. By installing a bike path through the City-owned parking lot and parcel south of the ballfield, cyclists would be able to avoid the busy and dangerous section of Duke St.

2 Extend pathway and provide ADA access to dugouts and seating

There are currently no paths connecting the dugouts, bleachers and ballfield entrance. A new path will connect these features and be accessible from the parking lot.

3 Upgrade ballfield facilities

This ballfield needs upgraded dugouts, first base field access, bleachers, and a press box. There is also space to build batting cages to help meet a citywide need for this recreational feature.

4 Re-grade the ballfield and improve drainage

Following rain events there is often standing water in the outfield due to poor drainage. With standing water, games and practices are forced to be canceled. Re-grading the field and improving drainage will greatly improve the maintenance and usage of the park.

5 Replace the modular skate park features with a concrete design

The skate park was built in 2002 with modular features. These features have a life span of 15-20 years and will need replacement in the upcoming years. This plan recommends replacing the site with a the new industry standard of a concrete skate park, as shown in the image below. While more expensive to construct, concrete requires less maintenance and replacement overtime and is preferred by skate boarders. Concrete provides smoother and safer surfaces, seamless transitions, and design flexibility. The current site is 12,000 sq. ft. and there is room to expand up to 18,000 sq. ft.

6 Install new pathway from the east corner of the Park

Many skateboarders take the Duke St. bus to the Park, using the bus stop on the corner of Duke St. and South Quaker Lane. Yet, the entrance to the park is on the West side. There is a clear desire line from this pathway to the Skate Park, indicating where a pathway is needed for easier access.

7 Improve Plantings along Duke Street

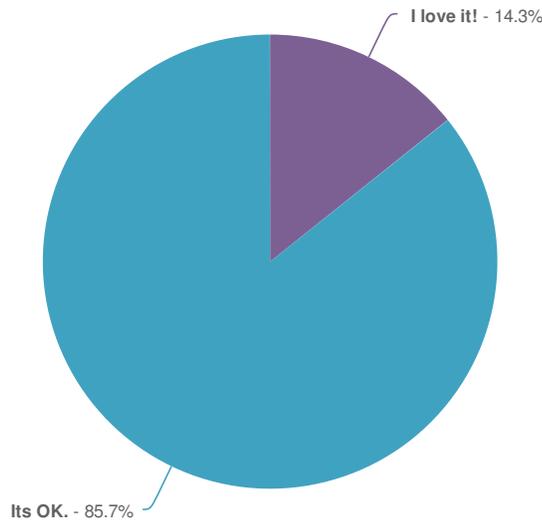
The original plan for the site in 2002 intended for the Photinia plantings to be maintained at a height of 3'-4' ft. in order to maintain visibility into the park. A new planting plan and maintenance will help improve the attractiveness and surveillance of the site from Duke St.





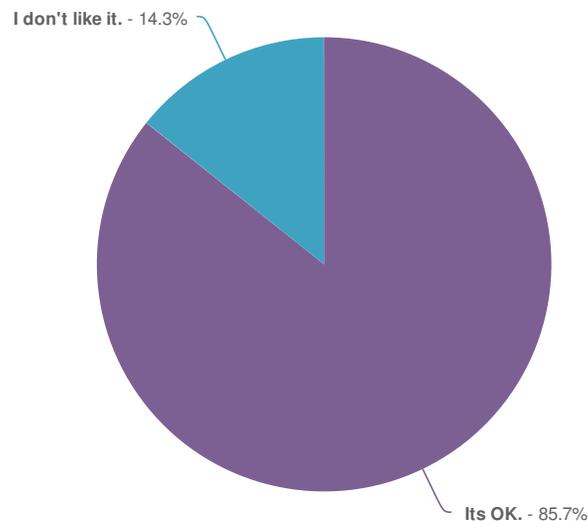
Lockett and Skate Park Draft Improvement Plan Survey Results, July 2015

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Extend pathway and provide ADA access to dugouts and seating



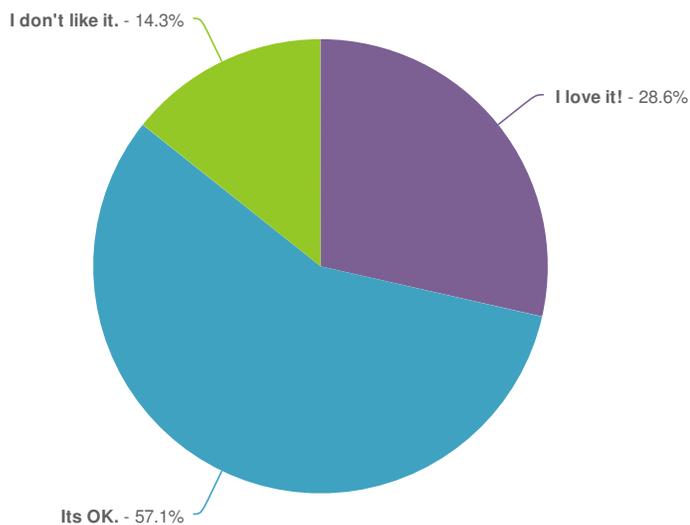
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	14.3%	1
Its OK.	85.7%	6
Total		7

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Improve Plantings along Duke Street



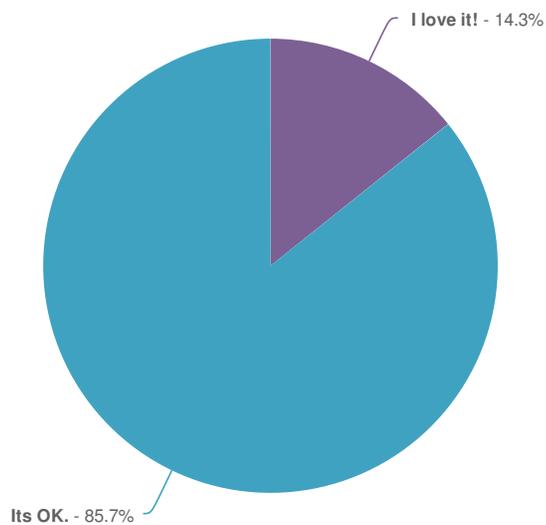
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Its OK.	85.7%	6
I don't like it.	14.3%	1
Total		7

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install new pathway from the east corner of the Park



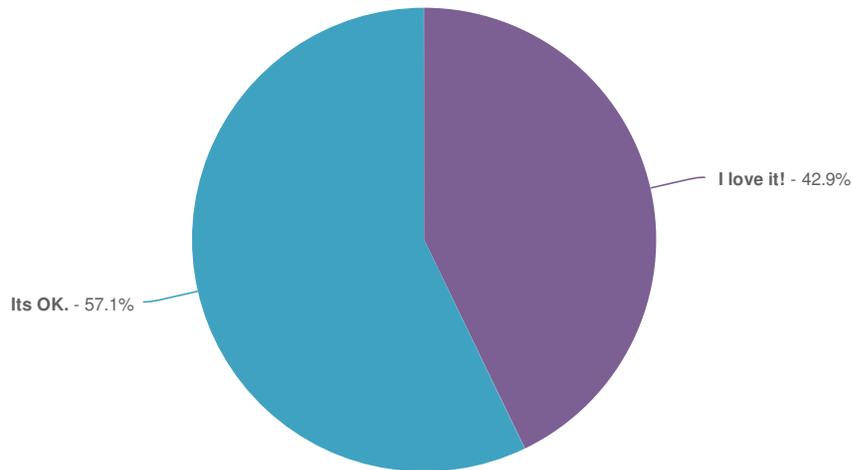
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	28.6%	2
Its OK.	57.1%	4
I don't like it.	14.3%	1
Total		7

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Re-grade the ballfield and improve drainage



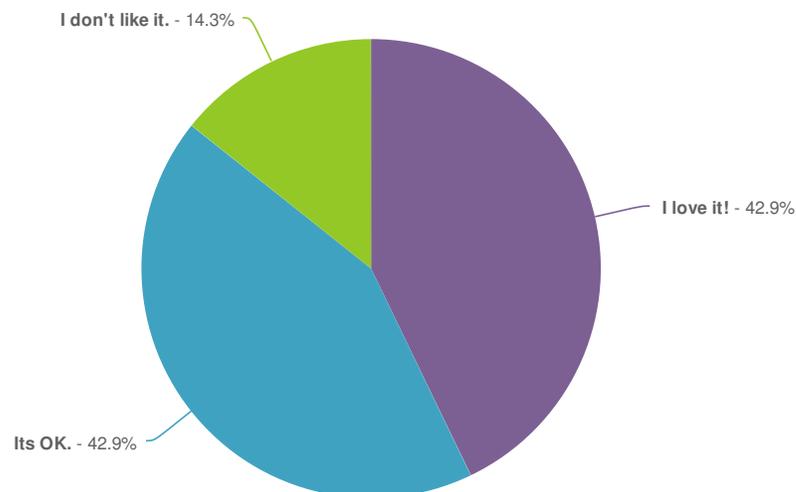
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	14.3%	1
Its OK.	85.7%	6
Total		7

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Replace the modular skate park features with a concrete design



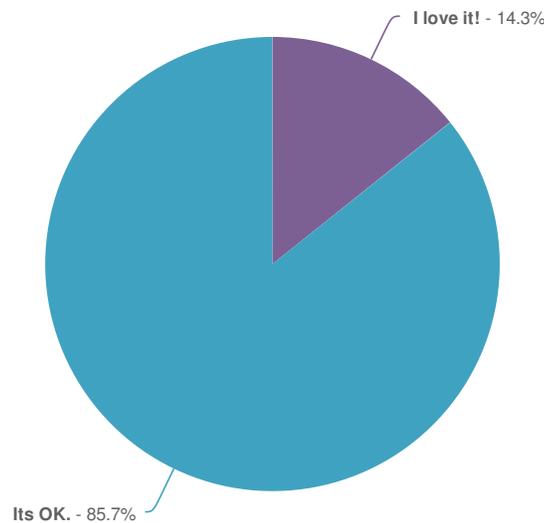
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	42.9%	3
Its OK.	57.1%	4
Total		7

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Route a bike path through the parking lot to Quaker Lane



Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	42.9%		3
Its OK.	42.9%		3
I don't like it.	14.3%		1
Total			7

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Upgrade ballfield facilities

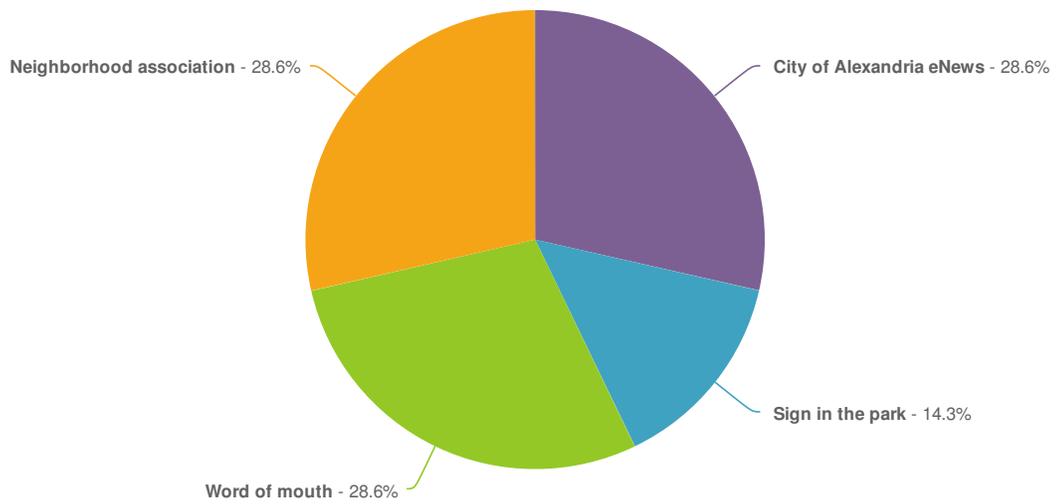


Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	14.3%		1
Its OK.	85.7%		6
Total			7

Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Luckett Field/Skate Board Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

Count	Response
1	Yes
1	allow the skateboarders to have input in the skatepark design
1	The skatepark needs to have input from the local skateboarders who use the park every day. The new design needs to reflect the demand that is in place for skateboard parks of today, a balance between plaza/street skating and the other half of bowl/transition skateboarders. A true demographic study / poll should be done to which genre of skateboarding should be more focused on. i.e. who skates at the park the most, and what do they want to see done.
1	Yes everything has been heard but they do need to add a stair set , not too many bowls balance everything out

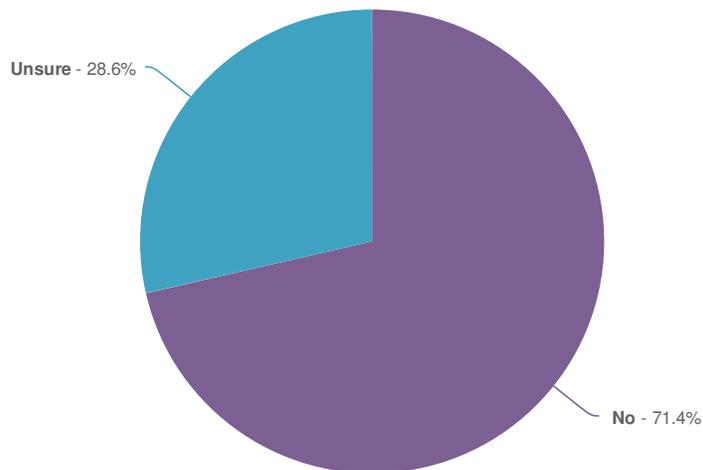
How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?



Value	Percent	Count
City of Alexandria eNews	28.6%	2
Sign in the park	14.3%	1
Word of mouth	28.6%	2
Neighborhood association	28.6%	2
Total		7

Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	7

Will you be attending the workshop on June 4 from 7pm-8:30pm at Patrick Henry Recreation Center to discuss the draft park plans?

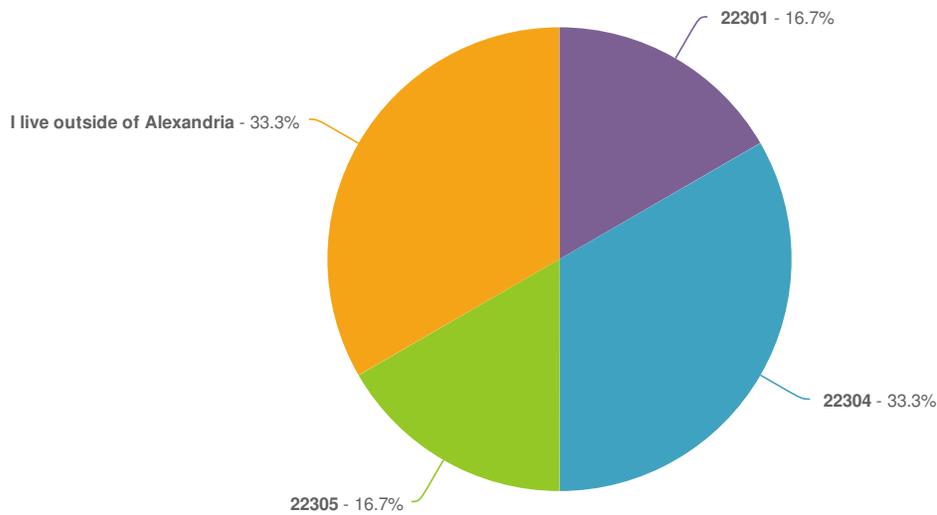


Value	Percent	Count
No	71.4%	5
Unsure	28.6%	2
Total		7

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	4 100.0%	4
6-12	2 100.0%	2
13-18	3 100.0%	3
19-29	2 100.0%	2
30-49	6 100.0%	6
50-69	1 100.0%	1
70 or above	1 100.0%	1

What is your zip code?

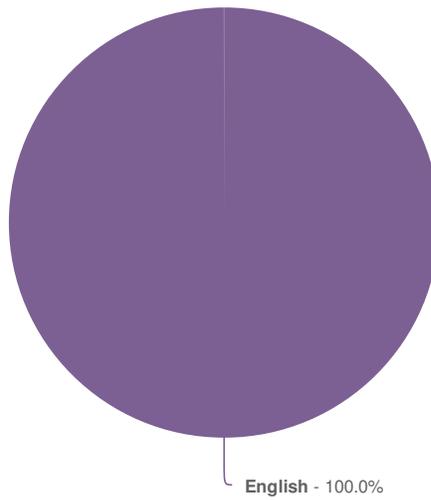


Value	Percent	Count	Statistics	
22301	16.7%	1	Sum	89,214.0
Total		6	Average	22,303.5

Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
22304	33.3%	2	StdDev 1.5
22305	16.7%	1	Max 22,305.0
I live outside of Alexandria	33.3%	2	
Total		6	

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"	Count
Left Blank	7

What is the primary language spoken in your home?



Value	Percent	Count
English	100.0%	5
Total		5

Responses "other"	Count
Left Blank	7



Neighborhood Parks Plan

Montgomery Park

Community Feedback, Fall 2014



The Division of Park Planning, Design, and Capital Development is currently planning for the City's existing Neighborhood Parks, which we characterize as being 0.5 - 10 acres with a service area of up to 0.5 miles. The results of this plan will help determine budgeting priorities and recommendations for both short and long-term incremental improvements, ensuring that neighborhood parks serve Alexandria's needs now and into the future.

In Fall 2014, 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, community workshop, and "graffiti board" in the park. Over 275 people responded to the survey in total, 42 of which were specific to Montgomery Park.

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

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Be safe place for children to explore
2. Be a place to create social connections with neighbors
3. Be a place to relax

What would you like done with the dog park?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	26	80%
Enhance it	4	11%
Transform it	3	9%

Explain

Add trees.
Bigger and better
Ensure dogs cannot bite children. I've seen unleashed dogs chasing kids
The recent renovations are impressive.
Too big. Cut out grass space
Unnecessarily enlarged and expanded

What would you like done with the open lawn?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	22	61%
Enhance it	12	33%
Transform it	2	6%

Explain

Claim some of this area for an expanded playground.
More frequently perform maintenance (e.g., mow).
More trees, etc. would be nice.
No one uses it. Make it a flower garden maybe.
Open lawn space is great, please enhance.
Reduce the dog park!
The neighborhood benefits from wide open space for kids to run.
Open lawn is fine as is

What would you like done with the park shelter?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	21	60%
Enhance it	10	29%
Transform it	4	11%

Explain

I would like to use the park shelter, but it is almost always occupied by a group of (possibly homeless/transient) men. They leave a lot of trash and curse in front of kids. I do not feel safe there. (x4)
Add a public bathroom

I never see anyone using this space. Could be transformed into a water feature/spray ground.
Serviceable water fountains.
Would be nice to expand or have more tables.

What would you like done with the parking?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	22	69%
Enhance it	5	16%
Transform it	5	16%

Explain

Parking can be challenging at times since Fairfax has old style meters.
Paid parking is horrible, need more free parking.
Unpaid/free spots next to courts
The parking spaces seem to be underutilized and could be transformed to provide additional amenities to park goers.

No problem with parking but it is extremely hazardous to cross First St adjacent to N Royal since the Royal St traffic does not have a stop sign. Please work with Transportation to slow down or have a T intersection for cars to stop. Very dangerous as lots of people with dogs and kids walk to this park.

What would you like done with the playground?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	5	14%
Enhance it	26	70%
Transform it	6	16%

Explain

Add more elements
Greatly expand this area. Use rubber flooring. More challenging climbing structures.
More features (e.g. climbing structures and swings) for kids younger than 2 (x3)
More modern playground equipment. Lots outdated (x6)
My recollection is that the playground is fairly exposed to the sun. Add more shade/trees around playground (x2)
Would be great to have a shaded play and sitting area
It'd be good to see a swing added that can accommodate children with disabilities such as the one at Lyles-Crouch.
Kids love the playground, most important part it's great for families, keep the fence for safety.
It would be great if you could replace the woodchips with the special turf used at other parks (The kind that has some give in it and feels a bit bouncy).
The playground is very well-loved but offers little to do for the smaller kids so a separate area without mulch and more toddler level equipment would be great. Also more innovative equipment for the bigger kids. Maybe add a maze like the one at the new Potomac Yard park.
Replace mulch with rubber flooring, add a sandbox and more benches!
It is heavily used and it would be great to see it enlarged and with additional play structures.
Also would like to see improved soft ground surface.

What would you like done with the seating?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	15	44%
Enhance it	18	53%
Transform it	1	3%

Explain

Add more benches within fenced playground area.
Add picnic tables and benches in shady areas where trees are.
Additional seating would be nice.
More benches at the playground and along the perimeter of the grass.

What would you like done with the tennis courts?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	30	94%
Enhance it	0	0%
Transform it	2	6%

Explain

It's great to have them on the occasions my kids want to play. I think they're in good shape.
More grass!
not always being used

Montgomery Park

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)

1 Renovate and move playground

The existing playground is outdated and its location does not efficiently use the park space. This plan recommends shifting the playground closer to Royal Street where there are currently under utilized pathways and benches. This would allow a longer play space with an entrance accessible from both the north and south sides of the park. It would also provide space in the center of the park for an open lawn, as shown in recommendation #5.

2 Improve plantings along Royal Street

Perennial plantings and trees along Royal Street will create a softer edge to the park. It will also help create a more natural feel and shade in the adjacent playground. The historic canal marker will be incorporated into the landscape plan.

3 Install pathway to connect the south side of the Park

The park currently feels disjointed because there is no connection between the park features. A new path, connected to an interior loop, would create a walking system and encourage greater use of the park.

4 Grade the center of the Park and create a passive lawn

This park has a number of programmed park features including the playground, dog park, and tennis courts, yet the passive areas have not been well designed or used. This plan recommends devoting attention to a high quality open lawn that can be used for passive play, picnicking, and community events. The lawn is adjacent to the park shelter, allowing greater possibilities for the shelter to be used as a small rental space. Benches would surround the center lawn.

5 Renovate the parking lot to include green infrastructure

This plan recommends replacing the parking lot surface with a pervious surface to allow water to flow through and reduce the environmental impacts of a parking lot in city open space. Plantings along the tennis court and tree islands will provide aesthetic improvement to the Park. Bike racks will also be added.

6 Fix drainage issues along Fairfax Street

Seepage of water down this embankment currently causes water to pond on the sidewalk. Installation of an underdrain system and repair of the sidewalk will help resolve the problem.

7 Install backboard at the tennis court for solo play

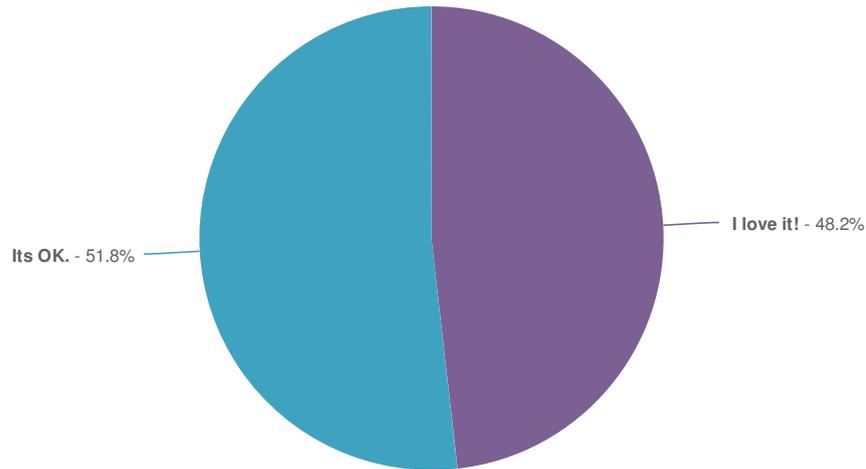
There is community support to add a backboard to this already popular tennis court to allow for solo practice.





Montgomery Park Draft Improvement Plan Survey Results, July 2015

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Fix drainage issues along Fairfax Street

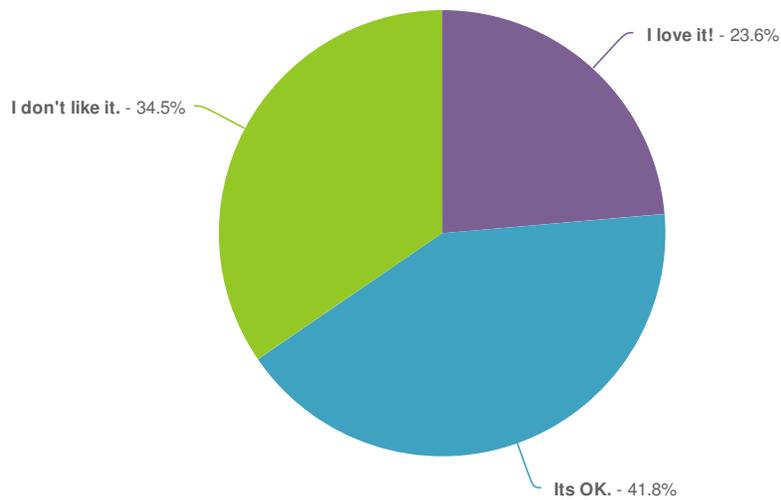


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	48.2%	27
Its OK.	51.8%	29
Total		56

Explain-Fix drainage issues along Fairfax Street

Count	Response
1	This may be necessary but I do not have the expertise to truly comment.
1	Was not aware of drainage issues
1	this is a must, sidewalk is dangerous in winter

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Grade the center of the Park and create a passive lawn



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	23.6%	13
Its OK.	41.8%	23
I don't like it.	34.6%	19
Total		55

Explain-Grade the center of the Park and create a passive lawn

Count	Response
1	I do child care and shade is better
1	It would be better to plan t large trees in this area to provide shade!
1	Lawn is just fine. Open grass is so hard to come by.
1	More shade, please.
1	More trees, not lawn
1	No more soccer, family outings, parties, etc.
1	Open space at this park is welcome but needs to be more pleasant to be around (benches, etc.)
1	The lawn is fine as is.
1	Trees,trees,trees,please
1	Why would you replace the playground with open lawn space -what is the purpose?
1	I'm not sure what "passive lawn" means. We seem to have one now that is well used. I would not like to see a pathway go in that will interrupt the open green space which gives the park its current charm.

Count Response

- 1 The center of the park is rarely used because it is too sunny. People sit under the gazebo and trees. You only need to leave enough space for volley ball. The rest of the are should be planted with trees so that people can rest under them. Trees are essential for absorbing pollution and provide a canopy to protect from the sun. Nobody hangs out or plays in the sun any more. Have you ever heard of "ski. Cancer?"

- 1 The existing lawn is rarely used. The park is very hot in the late spring, summer, and early fall, so there is a desperate need for more shade trees, not more open space unprotected from the sun.

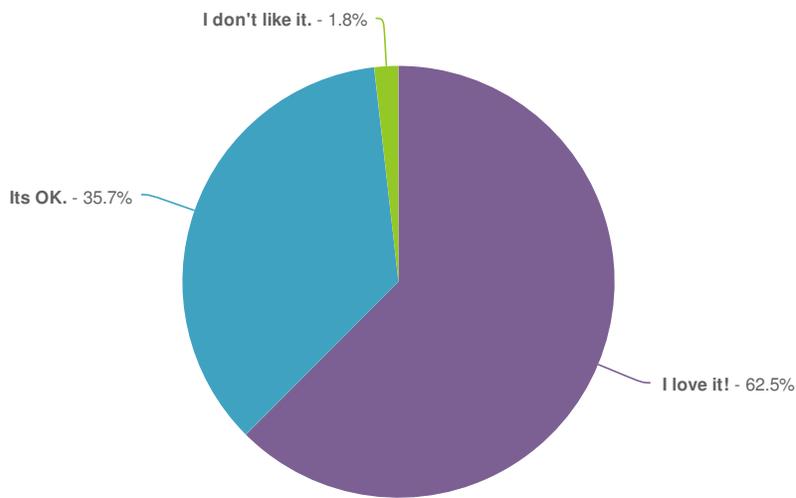
- 1 Very bad idea. Currently, nobody uses the existing "passive lawn" because it is too hot May - September. I walk through the park nearly every day and have yet to see anyone using this area. This area needs trees, not open lawn.

- 1 This is a bad idea. In all the years I've been using the park, I've seen people using the existing passive lawn perhaps a dozen times. A bigger passive lawn will not draw more users. I'd suggest some shade trees with benches and perhaps another pathway. Volleyball court (sand) would also be welcome.

- 1 Everyone I've talked to at the park think that the idea of creating a vast passive lawn is a BAD idea. We would like more trees, benches and a pathway providing access. If any new facility is to be added, it should be a volley ball (sand) court.

- 1 Lawn area should be larger than what exists and conducive to a number of activities such as playing light sports, picnicking, etc... No trees, plantings or benches in lawn area,

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Improve plantings along Royal Street

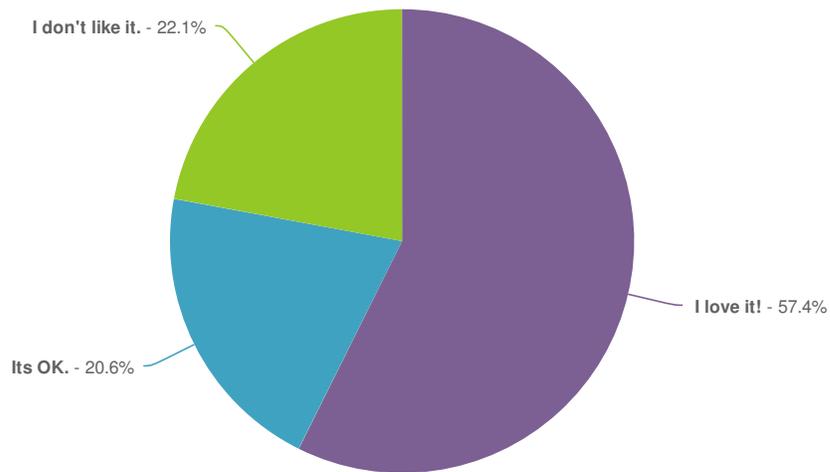


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	62.5%	35
Its OK.	35.7%	20
I don't like it.	1.8%	1
Total		56

Explain-Improve plantings along Royal Street

Count	Response
1	Good idea.
1	Looks fine now. Why the change?
1	More green is more better.
1	More shade and trees would be nice in the summer.
1	More shrubs and flowering plants
1	Plant shrubbery around the dog park and playground fences
1	The current plantings seem fine. Whatever goes in should be to improve shade in the playground.
1	Would be great to have more shrubs and flowers too!
1	Yes, and also around the ugly metal fences that surround the playground and dog run.
1	trees. More trees. People sit under trees to relax, eat during lunch hour, read
1	Really depends on what goes in there. The park needs to keep the existing shade, which is what makes it a pleasant place for both kids and adults.
1	Royal Street is a busy street so plantings should create a buffer while still maintaining visibility btwn park and sidewalk.
1	Honestly, I am shocked that the City wants to make significant changes. While the grassy area could use some improvement, the kids really enjoy the play area itself.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install backboard at the tennis court for solo play

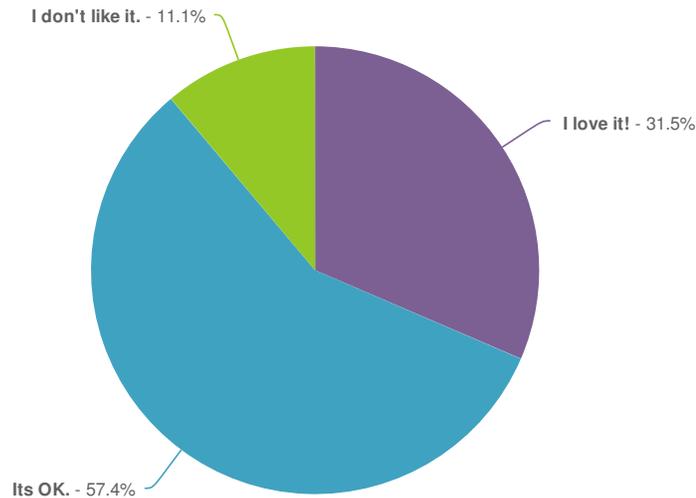


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	57.4%	39
Its OK.	20.6%	14
I don't like it.	22.1%	15
Total		68

Explain-Install backboard at the tennis court for solo play

Count	Response
1	As long as this does not effect the ability to use a court for non-solo play.
1	Better outside the court.
1	Better to allow groups of 2 or 4 play than just one person at a time! It's already too crowded.
1	Definite yes!
1	Good idea!
1	Great idea
1	Make backboard so that it does not make balls roll back onto the court.
1	One court only. Rule is solo must give up court if in demand and other courts are full.
1	People need to solo play in the privacy of their own homes.
1	Seriously?
1	Tennis courts are in too much demand.
1	That would be fantastic and I will no longer have to travel elsewhere to play on the backboard.
1	Too crowded to encourage single play.
1	Unnecessary
1	Would like to see two or more backboards
1	Yes, but in existing parking lot.
1	great idea!
1	these courts are already so full, I would hate to see a whole court taken up by only one person
1	I play tennis at the park regularly and I don't think it makes sense for one person to occupy a court while four people are waiting to play doubles. It would be a better idea for less crowed tennis court.
1	I don't think these are typically used very much. I wonder what the rules would be like for using this court. If you have several people waiting, is it okay for someone to practice on the court.
1	A great idea but is it feasible to extend the back of the designated court northward so the wall and court can be utilized at the same time??
1	Maybe, but the courts are pretty busy as it is. Not sure it would make sense to tie them up with one person at a time.
1	I would go to MP every day if there was a nice backboard at the tennis court, and bring my children as well.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install pathway to connect the south side of the park

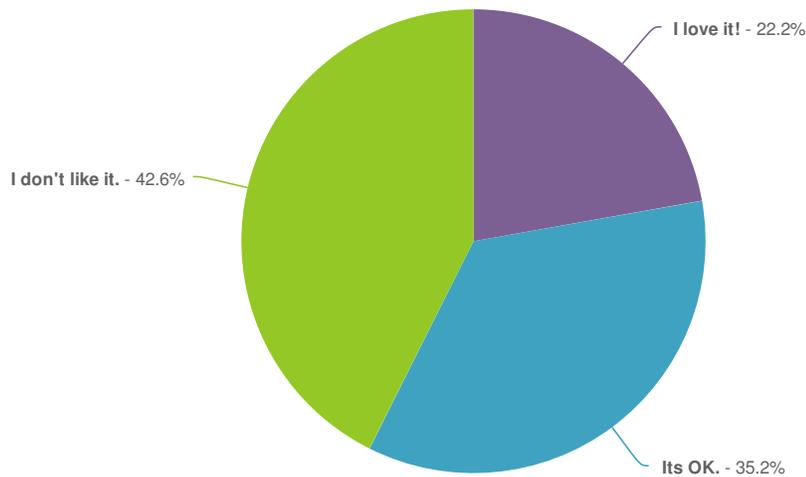


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	31.5%	17
Its OK.	57.4%	31
I don't like it.	11.1%	6
Total		54

Explain-Install pathway to connect the south side of the park

Count	Response
1	Not needed.
1	Waste of money
1	Yes, makes sense to connect with south side and parking.
1	The sidewalk works just fine for getting from one part of the park to another. It may be nice to have a cement walkway from East to West that meets at the Gazebo and runs as close to the tennis courts as possible so as not to disrupt the open green space.
1	Bigger issue is the pavilion--it is never used by families and only serves as shelter/camping spot for homeless.
1	Pathway should wind its way through the center of the park (shown in #4). Center of park should be planted with many more trees. Open field will not be used, just as the current field is rarely used by anyone.
1	I am baffled why this is necessary. There is a sidewalk on First, on N. Royal and on Montgomery. There is also a sidewalk area that leads to the dog park.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Renovate and move playground



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	22.2%	12
Its OK.	35.2%	19
I don't like it.	42.6%	23
Total		54

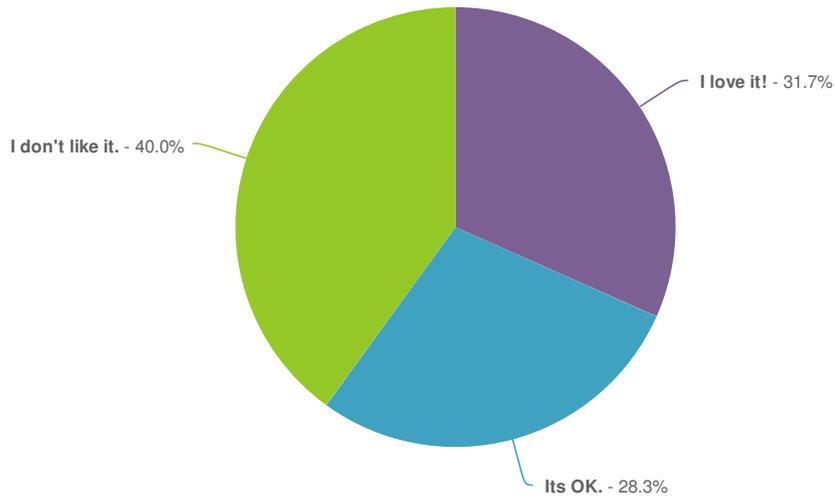
Explain-Renovate and move playground

Count	Response
1	Add better material on the floor of the play ground
1	Assuming the playground has a larger footprint than its current location
1	How will you accommodate a play area for St Anthony's if the park is renovated?
1	I think children should be farther from the street. It is nice have space by sidewalk
1	Playground definitely needs renovation, but should remain where it is
1	Renovate - fine. Move - no.
1	Renovation is needed, but could be accomplished at present location
1	The playground is fine as is. Moving the playground will make it narrower, a bad thing.
1	Where will the children play while it's being renovated?
1	Please don't move the playground. Perfect where it is . . . yes, it should be renovated in place!
1	Currently, it looks like you are making the playground much smaller than it is now. The playground should at least be as big if not bigger than the dog park -come on!
1	Ensure that playground is larger than currently and similar in size or bigger than dog exercise area. Incorporate shade and more interesting play features. Keep fenced. Appeal to range of ages.

Count Response

1	This playground is regularly used by St. Anthony's Day School. Any improvements--to the equipment, to the shade provided, etc.--will be greatly appreciated AND greatly utilized. Any chance of adding a water feature?
1	I like the plan to improve equipment and make it varied for different age groups. Not as interested in seeing the playground moved. It is nice how it is currently high and surrounded by green. Long shape also makes it hard to keep an eye on kids.
1	I really like the old school playground equipment; especially the items for very little toddlers like the little slides and see saws. Please keep those toddler items in any remodel.
1	Do not move it. Instead plant trees around it and/or use the canopies that are on the playground at Jefferson Houston elementary. This is a less expensive and more sensible strategy.
1	Renovation would be fine, but no need to move the playground. Some shade could be provided by installing a canopy. I've seen some really nice ones.
1	I'm not really sure about how "outdated" the equipment is. Kids don't need CRAZY NEW PLAYGROUND TECHNOLOGY - there are swings, and slides, and climbing apparatus - what else do you need?
1	My neighbor told me you plan to move the playground toward trees on Royal st. That is silly. It would be much more practical to put up decorative canopies.
1	The children, including mine, LOVE this playground as it is! Renovating and moving it would remove the feature, the children would be without a well-loved and well-used playground for some time during renovations.
1	I work two blocks away and my kids love this playground. From the diagram, it now looks to be smaller than the dog park and situated right along the steep grade on the side of the park and with much less shade. Also, it's not clear what the fencing would look like, but it's needed here since traffic on Royal is out of control with speeders.
1	The Playground should stay where it is and just get new equipment. There are plenty of Shade Trees now that help on a hot hot day. No reason to change the location. spend the money on updating the equipment.
1	This question combines two completely different ideas: (1) renovation of playground; and (2) moving the playground. I vote for renovating the playground where it is located right now.
1	I don't think the playground should be moved closer to Royal St. Better to keep it where it is and renovate with shrubs planted around the perimeter
1	Plant a hedge around the playground on outside of existing fence. Renovate playground where it is . . . don't move it, please.
1	I use the playground with my daughter two or three times per week. Please don't move the playground, as it's much safer where it is. Just this week a car went out of control just three blocks away on 1st Street and flipped over! Keep the present safe distance between the road and the playground! Renovations are needed, however

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Renovate the parking lot to include green infrastructure



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	31.7%	19
Its OK.	28.3%	17
I don't like it.	40.0%	24
Total		60

Explain-Renovate the parking lot to include green infrastructure

Count	Response
1	Add another tennis court.
1	Add another tennis court. The courts are already hard to get to play on during prime hours.
1	Another tennis court would be a great option.
1	Fancy name for a couple of shrubs.
1	Green is always better than more asphalt!
1	I think another tennis court would be welcome. The courts are already very busy.
1	Parking lot is hardly used. Remove parking lot and add another tennis court
1	Please build a 5th tennis court instead as it can get crowded
1	Remove the parking lot and put in a fifth tennis court.
1	Renovate only if you plan to build another court.
1	Space for one more tennis court?
1	Tennis court are heavily used a new tennis court is critical
1	The parking lot should be removed and a 5th tennis court added.
1	This seems like a colossal waste of tax dollars.

Count	Response
1	What does that mean? Planting bushes and trees in that area is fine
1	What the hell is "green infrastructure"? Sounds like a waste of taxpayer money.
1	Why is a parking lot needed? Just turn the parking lot into more playground space.
1	This would be a great spot for another court. The parking around the park is more than adequate however the wait times for courts are already high and having another court would help.
1	how about instead you add a 5th tennis court? These courts are very popular and full, and extra court would help
1	Provide Trees near the tennis court benches. It gets hot and I burn while waiting for a tennis court
1	This is the best idea! The park needs an enrtway. Persons who approach the tennis court should have a place they can wait outside. A backboard outside the court in this area would provide the backboard without cannabilizing a court that is in use for regular play.
1	Add a 5th tennis court. These courts are very busy on the weekends. There are limited parks with tennis courts in Old Town.
1	There is enough room for a much needed fifth tennis court in that space, which is not used by patrons to the park but by people who go to the nearby restaurants or gyms! Tennis courts are ALWAYS crowded.
1	Would prefer to see removal or reduction in size of parking lot. At a minimum, add a backboard and surface for all to use to expand tennis and hard surface play area.

Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Montgomery Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

Count	Response
1	Dog park could use some lighting.
1	Don't know
1	I stated in my comments that the residents want more trees and bushes, MORE GREEN, LESS SUN.
1	Install fifth tennis court. in placs of parking lot.
1	Please make the parking lot into a 5th tennis court
1	The surface of the dog park is very dirty and dusty.
1	They were addressed in the park plan very well.
1	What makes this so urgent? Why wasn't it done when the dog park was renovated?
1	Yes I feel they were addressed
1	Yes.
1	The need for additional tennis courts in the area is huge, at least one more tennis court can be added now being used as a parking lot in the adjacent area.
1	Cover fences with bushes. Very ugly currently. Also, would like more shade and trees and perhaps a sand volleyball court. I think it would see a lot of activity!
1	the dog park needs a light for when it is dark, very dangerous when you can't see the dogs. especially in winter when it is dark by 5:00

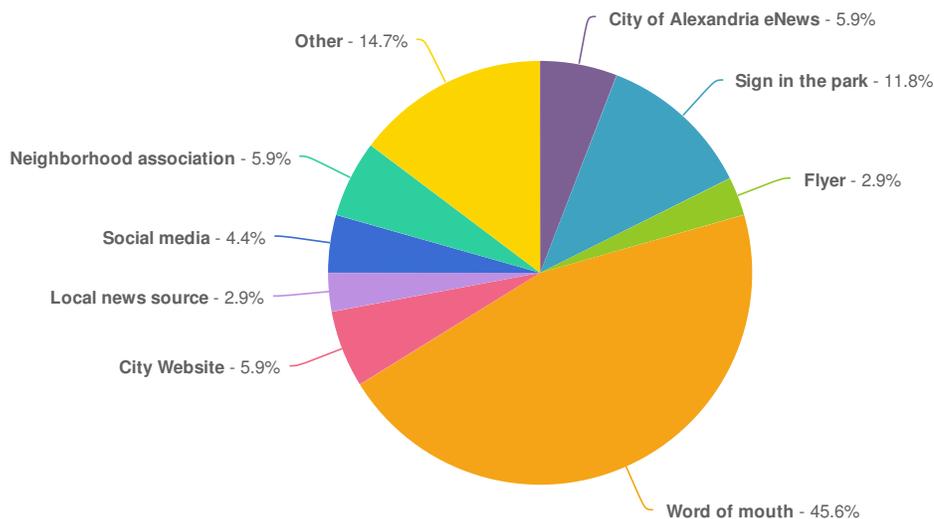
Count Response

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- 1 I have lived in Alexandria for 12 years and owned two homes. My child is currently enrolled at St. Anthony's Day School which is directly across the street from the park. Every afternoon when the weather is nice, the kids are playing, running around and enjoying themselves. I am not sure why the park has been deemed "outdated". The play area does not appear unsafe to me and the equipment is in decent shape. While the grading may be necessary as would the drainage issue, is this a high priority for the city? The kids at Maury are playing in a dirt pit at recess and the PA fought to get the City to make improving the school playground a priority. The kids at Lyles Crouch have a pretty crappy playground for an elementary school and that seems like it would fall higher on the priority list than Montgomery Park. Doing all the renovations would actually LIMIT its use since the park, which is in pretty decent condition, would need to be closed. Again I ask, aren't there other areas that fall higher on the priority list at this time that would be a better distribution of tax dollars? Lastly, the one thing that really makes me angry in this plan is the portion that seeks to expand the area under the gazebo that would then allow for rentals. So the improvements will then make this area inaccessible for some people because the City wants to charge fees? It is completely accessible right now for most children and families. If there is an actual issue with true accessibility, then the City can do a better job of installing swings and other equipment that can accommodate children with special health care needs. I know of one near me, the one (yes just ONE) swing at Lyles-Crouch that children can use and enjoy that otherwise might not be able to in light of physical limitations. Please reconsider what all these potential changes would do in terms of closing the park, wasting money and actually making the park more inaccessible for families with young children.
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- 1 The park is largely fine as is. Adding a circular walkway and moving the playground are completely unnecessary actions that will waste our tax money.
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- 1 The park should be planted with trees to give people some shade. Benches along a path with flowers would also be nice. More open space is not needed at Montgomery Park. There is always increased danger when children play too close to the street, so please keep the playground where it is.
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- 1 The playground should not go down the hill and should curve around the lawn area and path (perhaps a low curving wall adjacent to the lawn area), similar in size or larger than the dog area. With no other playgrounds nearby, this location should be a strong community focal point and encourage long visits. The equipment should be integrated within the natural environment and trees. It would also be nice to incorporate some form of water feature. Paths should not be concrete. Enhance the gazebo with more tables.
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- 1 I would not like to see the circular open field as part of the plan. I'd much prefer to have this area planted with Elms and other broad canopy trees to provide shade. Please plant trees, not just grass!
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- 1 The most important thing that this survey is missing is a plan for addressing the ugly metal fences that surround the dog park and playground. Both should be planted with dense shrubbery on the outside of the fences. Thank you for the opportunity to respond. I live across the street from the park and would love to see it upgraded!
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- 1 I was not aware of the draft plans, but I think that besides the tennis courts, all the proposed changes are ok but not really necessary, nor will do much to improve the park. It is beautiful as it is right now.
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- 1 Part of the purpose of renovating what is now a parking lot is to provide an entrance to the tennis court. The problem now is that people can either get on the courts to play or they get to stand in the parking lot. There should be seating available, even as informal as picnic tables. There should also be some kind of bathroom facility available.
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- 1 A fountain in the middle of what is now open space would be nice, surrounded by flowering plants and TREES. The trees should be elms and other large growth varieties that can provide much needed shade.
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- 1 The plan needs to address how the playground space is treated as this is the dominant play area in North Old Town for a wide range of kids. The current size allows all my kids (preschool and grade school ages) to play in one place. Making it smaller (or longer and narrower) up against the grade of the park on Royal is much less desirable. The dog park expansion was great for local dog owners, I would hate to see our kids get downsized by comparison. I would strongly consider relocating my office to another part of Alexandria if this resource weren't available to make it easy to spend time with my kids after work.
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- 1 People seem to want more trees and shade in the park. Too much sun exposure is dangerous to skin health.
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Count Response

1	I've eaten lunch at the park after playing tennis and, on the hot summer days, people crowd under the gazebo because there are very few shade trees to sit under. It would be nice if a pathway with benches could be created by planting trees in the open space. I've noticed that workers from nearby office buildings sometimes come to eat lunch at the park and I'm sure they would appreciate a shady area as well.
1	I really would like to see the parking lot removed and an additional court installed. The courts are already backed up. There is plenty of parking on the side streets already.
1	the Playground needs to be two separate questions. One is to redo the playground another is to move it. Most parents would like upgraded equipment but like the area where the playground is located. There are plenty of shade trees...which is the problem with the Potomac yard playground...great new equipment but no shade and it is very very hot even on a mild day.
1	Remove parking lot and add another tennis court. There is tons on on street parking and the parking lot is hardly used but the courts are always full.
1	The playground should remain where it is and more landscaping (trees, shrubs, etc.) should extend all along Royal St. The center of the park should NOT be an open field. During the hot summer days, we would all benefit from having this area planted with trees that would provide much needed shade. We want trees (preferably large trees that provide SHADE), not open lawn!
1	Seek more community input. When the sign went up showing the proposed plan, the other mothers I spoke with were disappointed and would prefer to see the children's playground renovated in its present location. There's also a desperate need for more shade trees.
1	Most important thing missing is any reference to planting shrubs around both the dog park and the playground. The existing fencing is really ugly and would benefit from plants around the perimeter.
1	With the location of a pre-school and playground on First Street, I recommend the City Of Alexandria add a three-way stop sign to the intersection of First Street and Royal Street. I understand the City only uses stop signs for full intersections in Old Town, however, with a school and a playground next to Montgomery Park, this intersection should be the exception to the rule.
1	I saw on a graffiti comment board that the community was asking for a pool. Of course this is impossible in the space, but A water play feature would be amazing--several gysers and jets that run in summer like the ones at Potomac Yard would be fabulous.

How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?

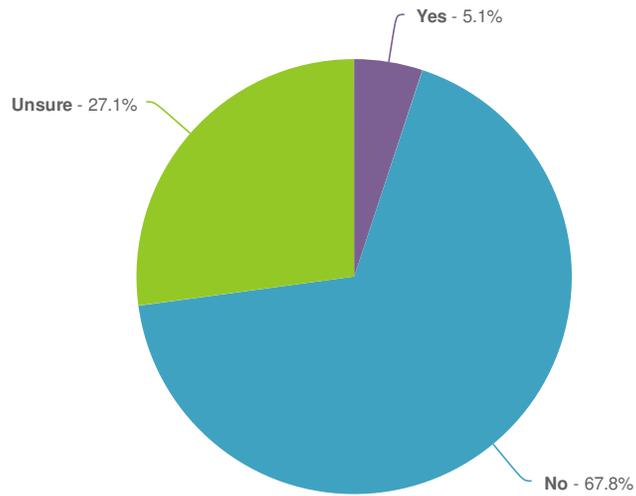


Value	Percent		Count
City of Alexandria eNews	5.9%		4
Sign in the park	11.8%		8
Flyer	2.9%		2
Word of mouth	45.6%		31
City Website	5.9%		4
Local news source	2.9%		2
Social media	4.4%		3
Neighborhood association	5.9%		4
Other	14.7%		10
Total			68

Responses "Other"

	Count
Left Blank	59
Daughter-in-law, who lives nearby. I use the park when my wife and I visit.	1
Email	1
Local school	1
Online group	1
St. Anthony's Day School	1
St. Anthony's School	1
Tennis Meetup organizer	1
city official	1
email from city employee	1

Will you be attending the workshop on May 14 from 7pm-8:30pm at Charles Houston Recreation Center to discuss the draft park plans?

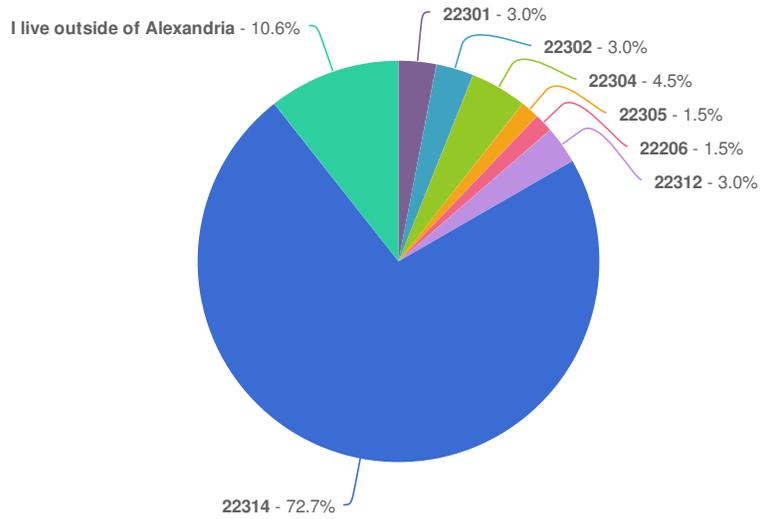


Value	Percent	Count
Yes	5.1%	3
No	67.8%	40
Unsure	27.1%	16
Total		59

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	18 100.0%	18
6-12	6 100.0%	6
13-18	5 100.0%	5
19-29	10 100.0%	10
30-49	36 100.0%	36
50-69	25 100.0%	25
70 or above	2 100.0%	2

What is your zip code?



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
22301	3.0%	2	Sum 1,316,325.0
22302	3.0%	2	Average 22,310.6
22304	4.6%	3	StdDev 14.3
22305	1.5%	1	Max 22,314.0
22206	1.5%	1	
22312	3.0%	2	
22314	72.7%	48	
I live outside of Alexandria	10.6%	7	
Total		66	

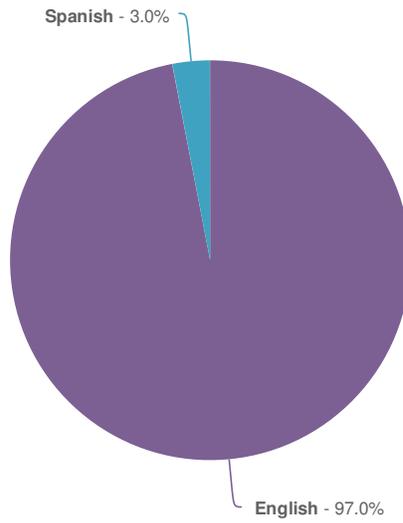
Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"

Count

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68

What is the primary language spoken in your home?



Value	Percent	Count
English	97.0%	64
Spanish	3.0%	2
Total		66

Responses "other"	Count
Left Blank	68



Neighborhood Parks Plan

James Mulligan Park

Community Feedback, Fall 2014



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In Fall 2014, 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, community workshop, and "graffiti board" in the park. Over 270 people responded to the survey in total, 1 of which was specific to James Mulligan Park.

How do you get to this Park?

Value	Count	Percent
Walk	1	100.0%
Bike (personal)	0	0.0%
Bike (Capital Bikeshare)	0	0.0%
Drive	0	0.0%
Public Transit	0	0.0%
Carpool	0	0.0%

How far do you typically travel to visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Less than ½ mile	0	0.0%
Between ½ mile to 1 mile	1	100.0%
Between 1-2 miles	0	0.0%
Over 2 miles	0	0.0%

How often do you visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Daily	0	0%
Weekly	0	0%
Monthly	1	100%
Yearly	0	0%

What would you like done with the natural area?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	0	0%
Enhance it	1	100%
Transform it	0	0%

Explain

Can we build a field for kids to play sports?

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

Response

Large area for recreational and social sports

Comments from Community Workshop (11/1/2014)

- Slides for big/small children
- Monkey bars
- Merry-go-round
- More benches
- Trails
- Dog park
- Basketball court
- Increase lightning
- Coordinate with home properties
- Proposal for 28th street cul-de-sac access
- ARHA step improvement
- ADA Parking: 2 or 3 party negotiation

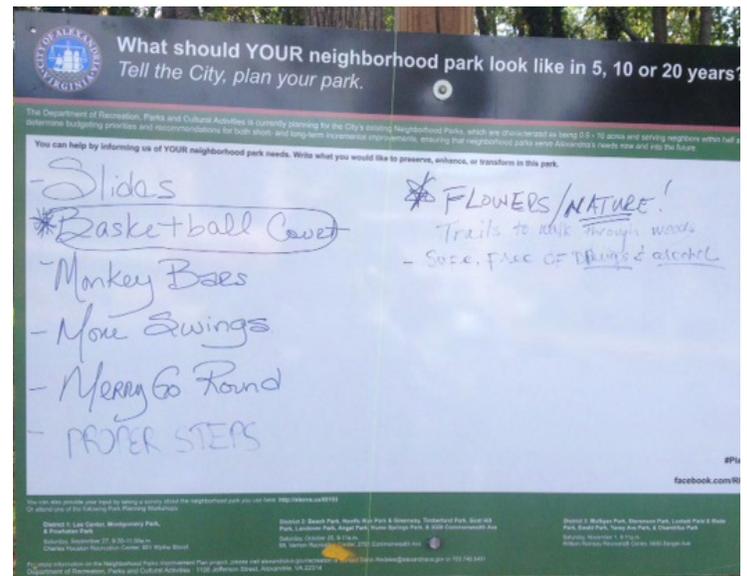
In 10 years I would like this Park to...

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Provide organized recreational opportunities
2. Be a safe place for children to explore
3. Be more accessible

Graffiti Sign

A "graffiti sign" in the Park had a marker attached and asked park users to write down what they would like their park to look like in the future. The sign was on site from September to November 2014 (image from October 27).





James Mulligan Park

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)

- 1 Repair the stairs and trail from 28th St. in coordination with the Alexandria Rehabilitation Housing Authority (ARHA)**
The current access to the Park from 28th Street is located on ARHA property. It has fallen into disrepair and is an unsafe condition. The city intends to work with ARHA in Spring 2015 to repair the stairs and path connection.
- 2 Clear invasive brush along access path**
In conjunction with the Spring 2015 stair project, the City plans to work with volunteers to clear the brush along the pathway so that it feels more open and safer to walk by.
- 3 Create nature trail through the wooded area**
Mulligan Park is located in an area of the city that lacks sufficient access to nature and open space. This plan recommends creating a nature trail through the wooded area in order to help meet the recreational need of residents. The trail would ascend a steep slope and be up to 1/4 mile, depending upon the exact route. The trail would create the only publicly owned access to the park.

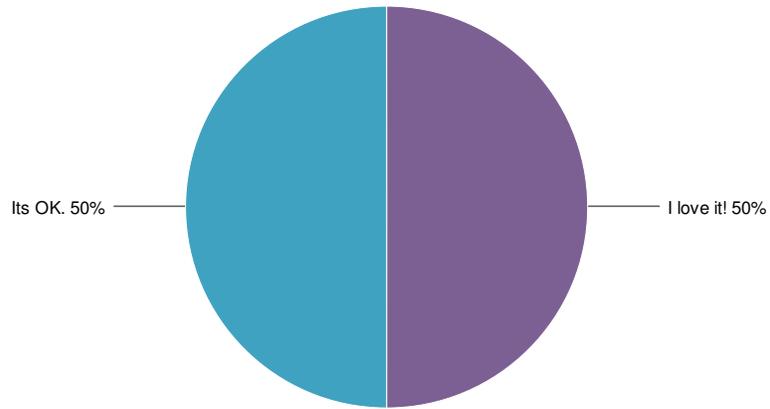
- 4 Trim trees along fenceline**
In order to maintain sightlines into the park, this plan recommends trimming the trees along the southern boundary of the park.
- 5 Work with neighboring property to provide public access**
Mulligan Park is currently inaccessible for people with disabilities. It also lacks public access for maintenance vehicles. Because it is essentially surrounded by private property there is no practical way in which to access the site for maintenance purposes without crossing private property. The city will seek an agreement with the adjacent properties to (1) allow maintenance vehicles to park on private property and (2) dedicate two parking spaces in front of the park for people with disabilities to use.





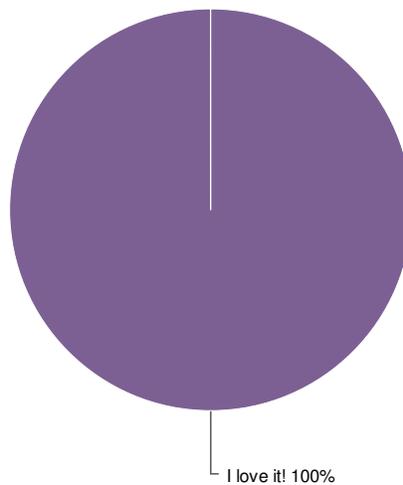
Mulligan Park Draft Improvement Survey Results, July 2015

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Clear invasive brush along access path



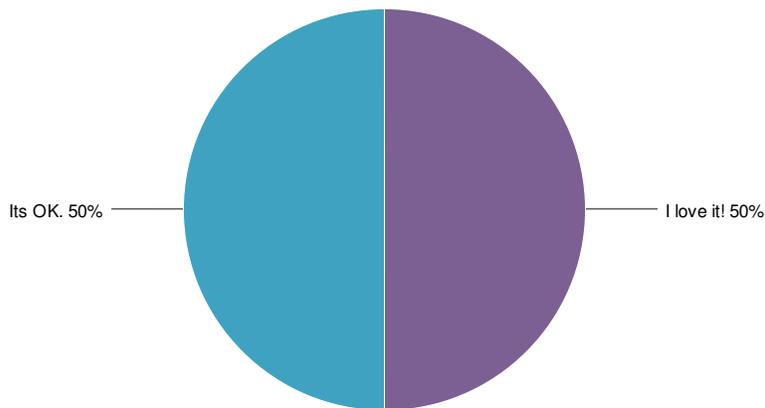
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	50.0%	1
Its OK.	50.0%	1
Total		2

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Create nature trail through the wooded area



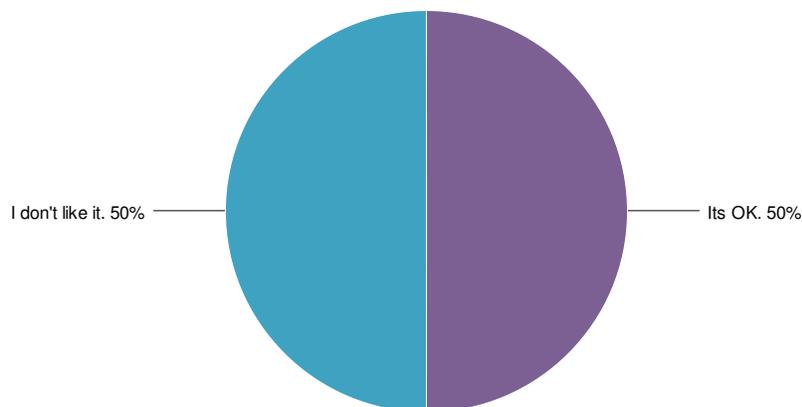
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What do you think of the following recommendations?-Repair the stairs and trail from 28th St. in coordination with the Alexandria Rehabilitation Housing Authority (ARHA)



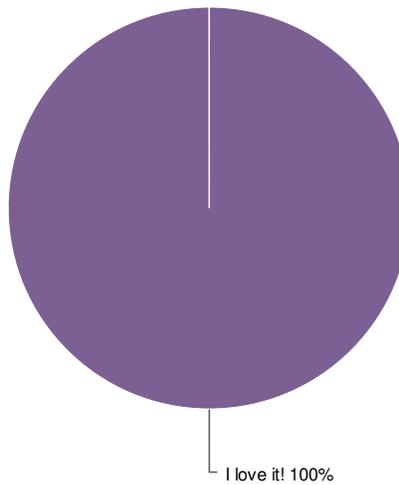
Value	Percent	Count
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Its OK.	50.0%	1
Total		2

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Trim trees along fenceline



Value	Percent		Count
Its OK.	50.0%		1
I don't like it.	50.0%		1
Total			2

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Work with neighboring property to provide public access



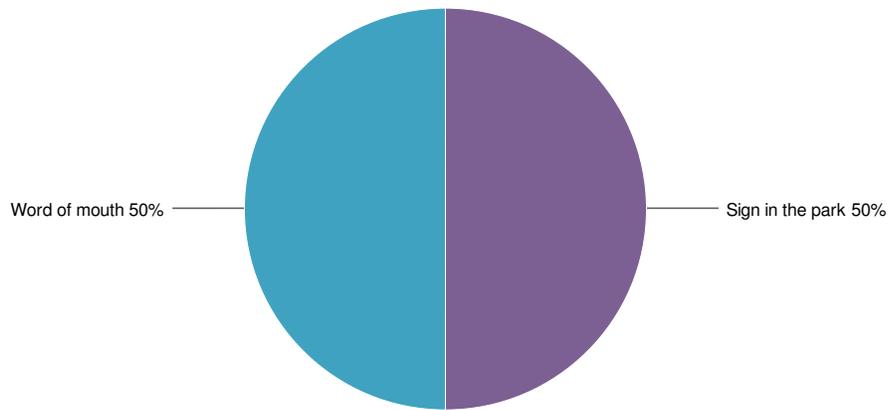
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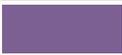
Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Mulligan Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

Count Response

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|---|---|
| 1 | I really love the nature trail and public access for people with disabilities. Please don't pave the nature trail. Just keep it dirt/natural and reduce the ivy along the path. The park tables and benches could use new paint too. They are in bad weathered shape. |
| 1 | Hello, i saw the sign that was put with the new design lay outs. It doesn't mention repairing and adding Lights. Can they add a small gated area for a small dog park? Dog bags? The main reason for my email, the wooded area has a lot of ticks and i avoid walking my dog near there. Last night i took him by the kids area and this morning i woke up with a tick on my leg! My dog did not have any, since he has the frontline to avoid ticks. There's lots of kids in that area that play and i am worried that they will get bitten by ticks and not tell their parents. And ticks carry lyme disease. I have lived in Bolling Brook since 2009 and i have never been bitten by a tick. Can the county spray anti tick ? Any info would be truly appreciated , thanks! |

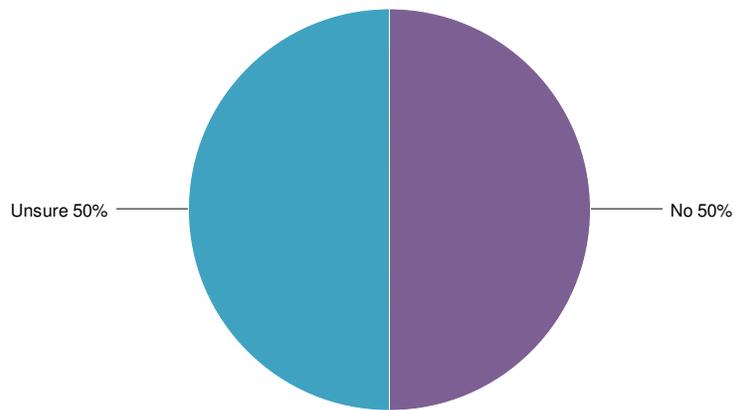
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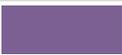


Value	Percent		Count
Sign in the park	50.0%		1
Word of mouth	50.0%		1
Total			2

Responses "Other"	Count
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Will you be attending the workshop on June 4 from 7pm-8:30pm at Patrick Henry Recreation Center to discuss the draft park plans?



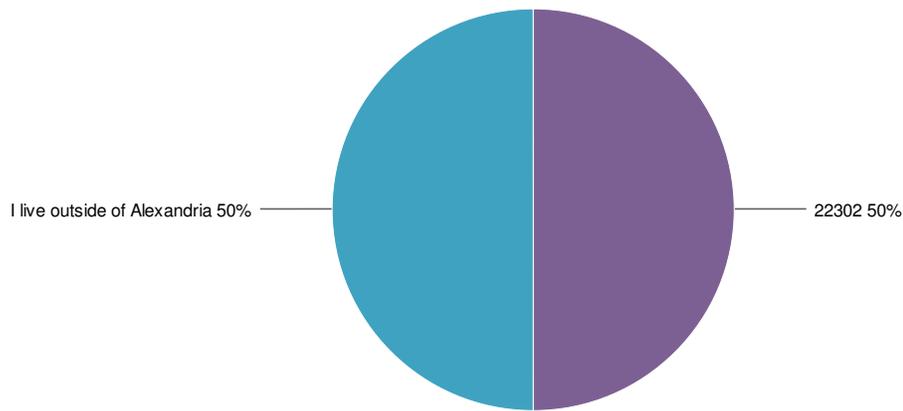
Value	Percent		Count
No	50.0%		1
Total			2

Value	Percent	Count
Unsure	50.0%	1
Total		2

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
13-18	1 100.0%	1
30-49	2 100.0%	2

What is your zip code?

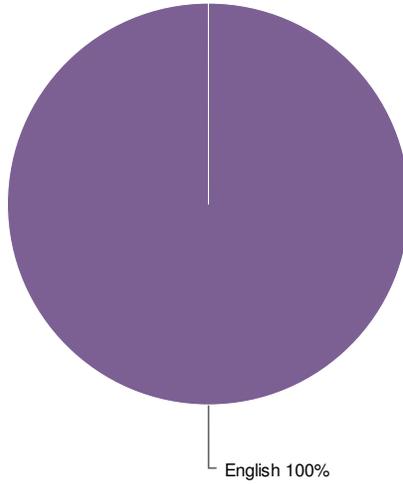


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I live outside of Alexandria	50.0%	1	Average 22,302.0
Total		2	Max 22,302.0

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"

	Count
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What is the primary language spoken in your home?



Value	Percent	Count
English	100.0%	2
Total		2

Responses "other"	Count
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Neighborhood Parks Plan

Powhatan Park

Community Feedback, Fall 2014



The Division of Park Planning, Design, and Capital Development is currently planning for the City's existing Neighborhood Parks, which we characterize as being 0.5 - 10 acres with a service area of up to 0.5 miles. The results of this plan will help determine budgeting priorities and recommendations for both short and long-term incremental improvements, ensuring that neighborhood parks serve Alexandria's needs now and into the future.

In Fall 2014, 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, community workshop, and "graffiti board" in the park. Over 270 people responded to the survey in total, 21 of which were specific to Powhatan Park.

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

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Be a safe place for children to explore
2. Be a place to create social connections with neighbors
3. Be a place to relax

What would you like done with the seating?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve It as Is	4	21.1%
Enhance It	11	57.9%
Transform It	4	21.1%

Explain
Add some picnic tables
Additional seating for parents near the playground would be beneficial.
I wish the few benches were in better lit areas as they attract criminal element at night.
Picnic tables would be nice.
There is almost no seating and there needs to be much more.
Need more benches.
The seating in this park is severely lacking. More benches and shading structures would be greatly appreciated.
There is very little shade in this park and also very little sight and noise barrier from busy route one traffic. It is not a very nice park to sit in. Adding some evergreen trees or a wooden fence between the park and route one would be a huge improvement.

What would you like done with the tennis court?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve It as Is	9	47.4%
Enhance It	8	42.1%
Transform It	2	10.5%

Explain
Fence is not connected to the courts so the balls roll out of the court.
The tennis court is in disrepair.
Last I checked, the net on the gate was broken. Also tennis balls can roll out from the gap under the fence, which is annoying.

What would you like done with the playground?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve It as Is	3	15.8%
Enhance It	11	57.9%
Transform It	5	26.3%

Explain
My daughter is older than the playground options.
Needs more playground equipment for older kids. It has too much cement.
The playground is rundown and needs attention and new equipment.
Some plants to screen noise from route one.
This playground needs some major work. The equipment is boring and outdated and something needs to be done about drainage. Whenever there's a heavy rain, the central part floods. It would also be nice to have some additional shade and benches.
More and more young families are moving to this neighborhood and enhancement of the playground would be an excellent investment for the city.

The bad thing bringing my daughter to this playground because the exhaust and noise from route one is so bad, it would be great to plant some evergreen trees or build a wood fence to create a barrier from busy route one traffic. Would make the the playground and park a lot less bleak!
The playground is small and next to loud Rt.1. It also has very basic equipment that kids quickly get bored with.
Equipment is too small and not very interesting. Swings and seesaw are good but climbing bars and slides could be improved.

What would you like done with the basketball court?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve It as Is	11	57.9%
Enhance It	6	31.6%
Transform It	2	10.5%

Explain
I see lots of kids and teens using this court, which is great!
It needs to be rebuilt.
Provide some seating and maybe some shade.
The basketball court is in disrepair.

What would you like done with the hard surface area?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve It as Is	4	21.1%
Enhance It	7	36.8%
Transform It	8	42.1%

Explain
The park have too much hard surface area.
This area if used utilized as it needs to be maintained.
I never see anyone using this. Better as more lawn or another playground. A covered picnic area would also be great - there is no shade in this park!
The concrete area is very sad. It looks like the area used to be a parking lot but it's now missing and it would be nice to have some sort of game playing space. The alleys that border the south and east sides of the park are in very bad shape, too.

What would you like done with the Open Lawn?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve It as Is	9	47.4%
Enhance It	8	42.1%
Transform It	2	10.5%

Explain
Cut down the bushes next to the alley. The promenade will be beautiful and in its right place.
It needs some more seating.
A neighborhood garden program or any landscaping would make it more interesting.
The lawn is nice, but the bushes along the south side are not very nice. Maybe a fence instead of bushes.

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

Response

Apionic pavilion, a water fountain, and playequipment that is more exploratory for children.
Adequate maintenance of landscaping.
Bathroom facilities.
Dog park
Ideally, a water feature similar to what they have in Arlington Parks for kidsto playin.
Playground equipment for older children such as monkey bars.

To be honest I would love to see a outdoor pool built. Alexandria needs more outdoor pools.
I would like to see some sort of natural barrier between Route 1 and the park-Trees or bushes etc.

Shade! Also noise/car exhaust abatement from busy route one traffic. Both of those make the park really bleak. I'm glad to see kids playing on the basketball court, but it's really only the hardy souls that go there. The playground at the Fayette St park is much better and gets a lot more visitors. In my own neighborhood, we mostly go to the Chetworth pocket park, again because it has trees. The Powhatan park has a great location, but it's really not very inviting, which is too bad.

There isn't any pick-nick areas and the seating is very very limited. I would also like there to be more shade.

A better playground, perhaps with a sound barrier so kids can be heard over the traffic. Also, a softer boundary between the park and the neighborhood than the thorny bushes provide, more benches, and low plants near route one. I know there are safety concerns that would keep tall plants out of consideration. The park could be a lot prettier without too much trouble, more plantings.

Separation from the noise and pollution of Route 1 Comfortable seating Beautiful flowering plants and trees

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Park?

Response

Great potential - just needs a little fixing up!
Nothing else

The park gets a lot of activity, mostly at the basketball court. The rest of the park isn't too interesting for kids to explore once they've mastered the basic playground.

Given the small size of the park, we feel it is adequately programmed. The playground is sufficient for the demographics of our neighborhood.

It needs some friendly landscaping. The bushes are thorny and often the thorns go through our shoes. We love the open space from our back yard but we feel it could use some updating to attract more families.

I think the park needs to be a safer place to use. Lights need to work all the time and not be disconnected by criminal elements

The bushes between the alley and the park need to go. They get too high and they block the view. People tend to use the bushes to hide and they promote illegal activities.

There are a lot of children that live in the immediate vicinity of this park and it needs to be more welcoming and interesting for them.

The park is in poor condition and needs attention. The playground is in very poor shape and there needs to be more equipment.

I wouldn't want the neighborhood to lose it, there are more young families moving to this part of Alexandria. The Chetworth park playground is for very young children, this one could serve the age group and older.

There needs to be something such as a hedge or brick wall to reduce the noise from Route 1 in the park.

How do you get to this Park?

Value	Count	Percent
Walk	19	95.0%
Bike (personal)	0	0.0%
Bike (Capital Bikeshare)	0	0.0%
Drive	1	5.0%
Public Transit	0	0.0%
Carpool	0	0.0%

How far do you typically travel to visit this park?

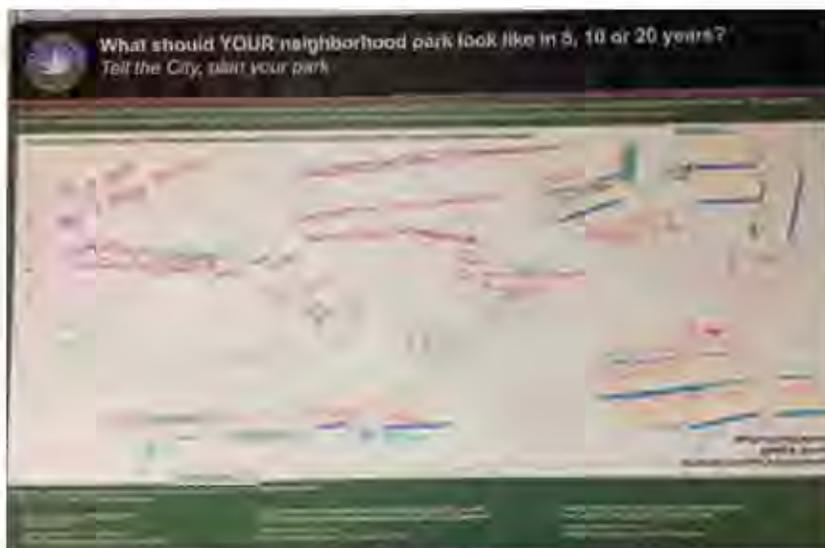
Value	Count	Percent
Less than 1/4 mile	18	85.7%
Between 1/4 mile to 1 mile	0	0.0%
Between 1-2 miles	3	14.3%
Over 2 miles	0	0.0%

Have any of the following circumstances prevented you from visiting this Park? (check all that apply)

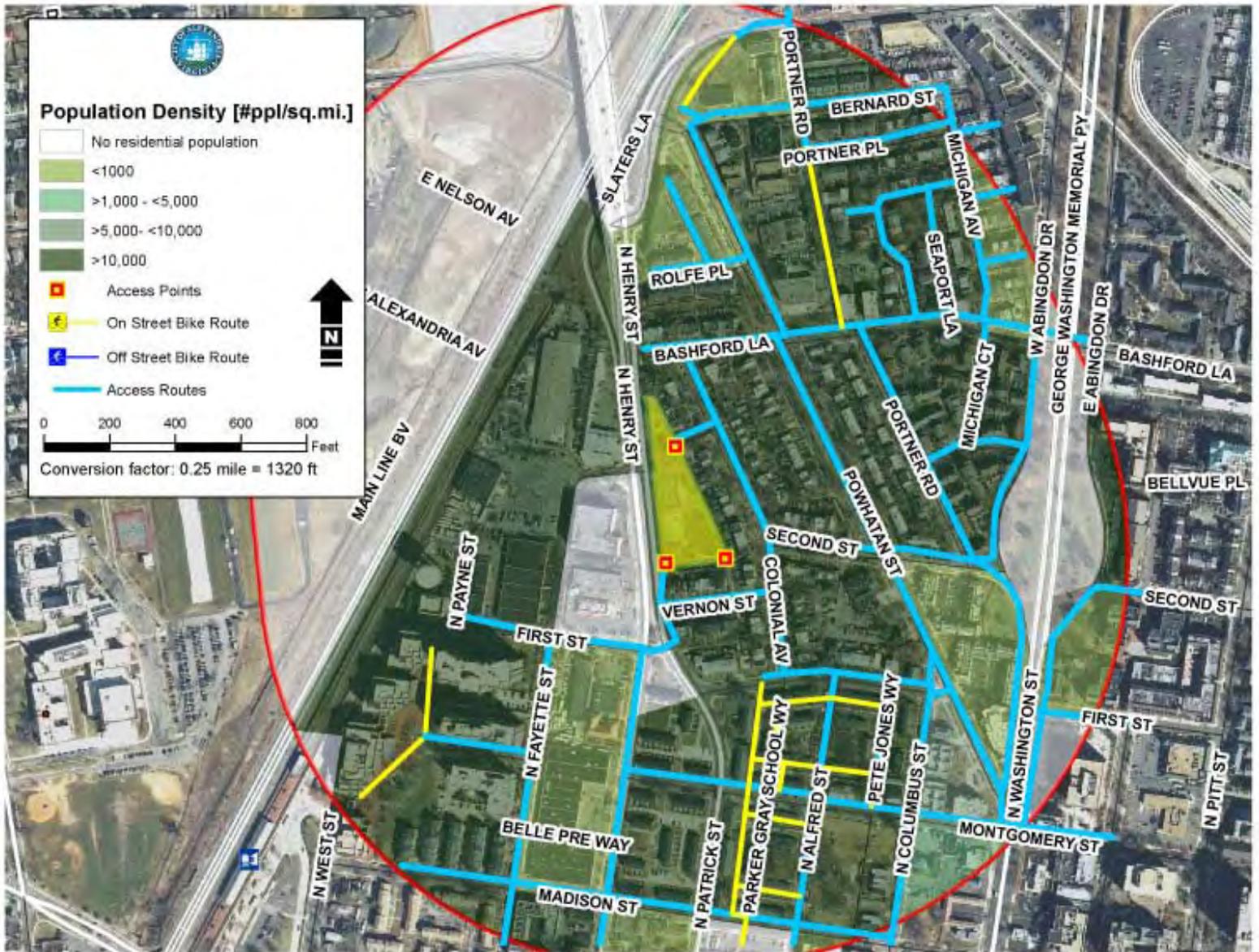
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I am physically limited from walking	0	0.0%
There is no pedestrian/bike friendly access	2	12.5%
I have concerns about crime or personal safety	9	56.3%
There is not enough parking	2	12.5%
There is nothing in the Park that interests me	5	31.3%

How often do you visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Daily	5	23.8%
Weekly	10	47.6%
Monthly	1	4.8%
Yearly	5	23.8%



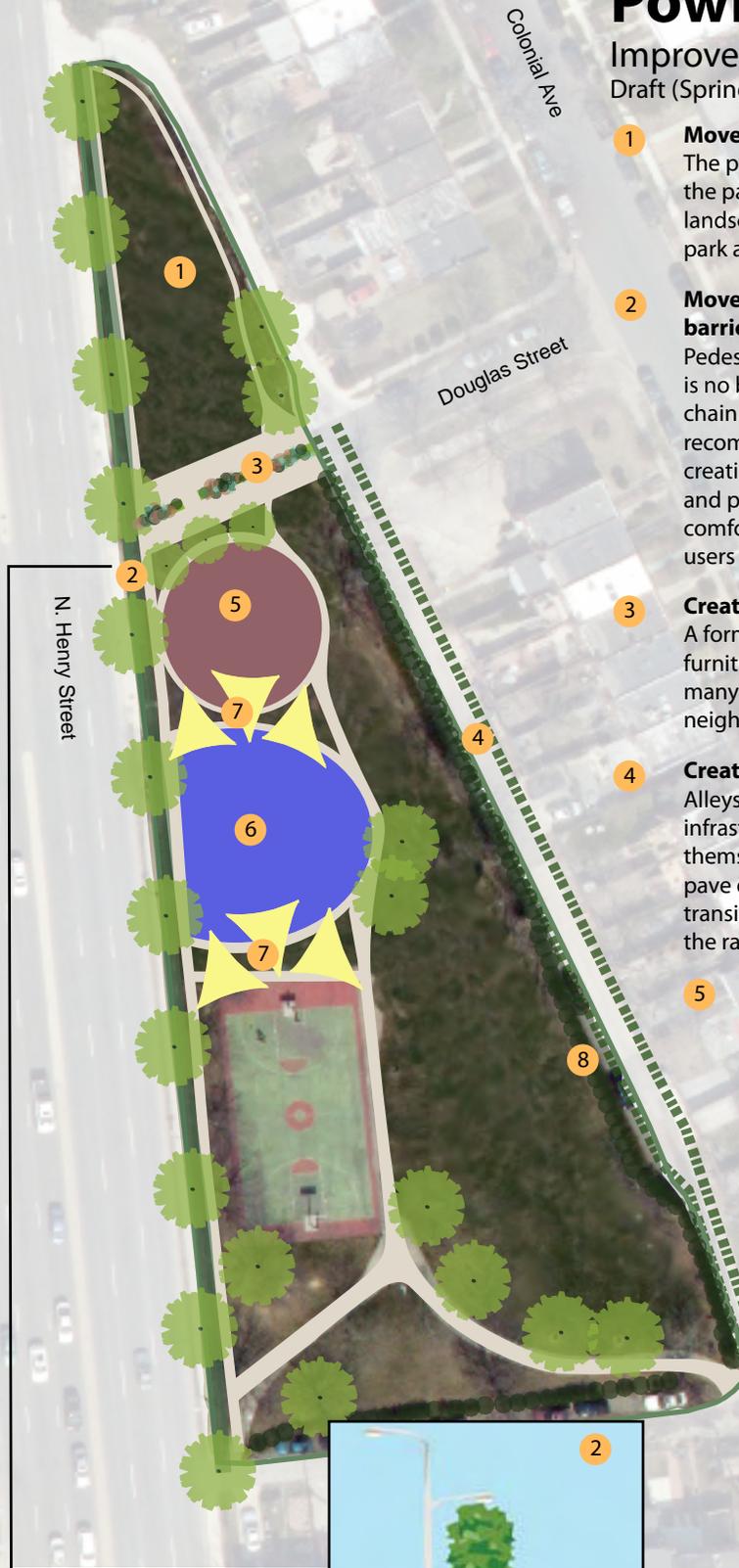
A "graffiti sign" in the Park had a marker attached and asked park users to write down what they would like their park to look like in the future. The sign were on site from September to November 2014 (images from October 27).



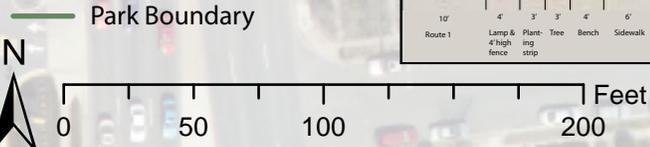
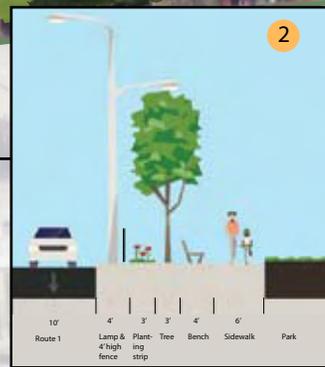
Powhatan Park

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)



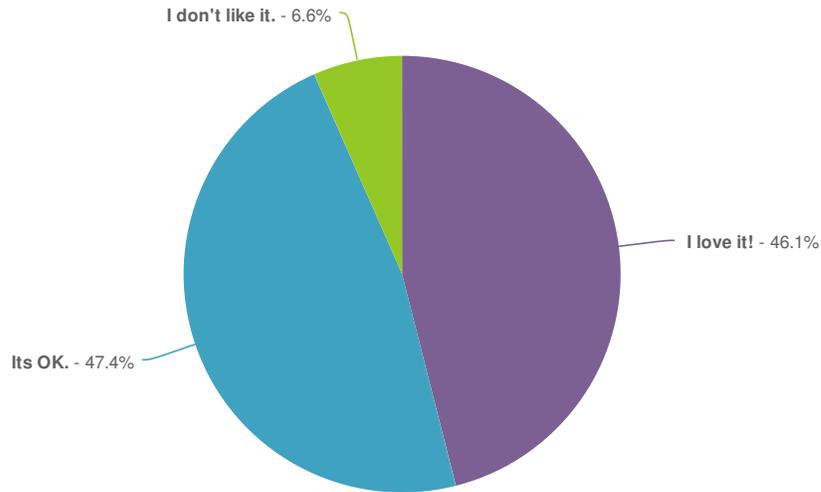
- 1 Move playground and create planted passive area**
 The playground is currently located in the most narrow part of the park, closest to Route 1. Restoring this part of the park to landscaped open space will create a visual buffer between the park and the busy street.
- 2 Move the sidewalk within the park and create a planted barrier between the pedestrian route and N. Henry Street**
 Pedestrians feel unsafe walking along the Park's edge as there is no buffer between the sidewalk and route one. The existing chainlink fence also makes the park unwelcoming. The plan recommends moving the fence to the west side of the sidewalk, creating a landscaped buffer between the fence and sidewalk, and placing the sidewalk within the park. This will create a more comfortable walk for pedestrians along Route 1 and also invite users into the Park from the north and south entrances.
- 3 Create plaza at the end of Douglas Street**
 A formal entrance at Douglas Street will include a park sign, furniture, trash can and landscape. It will be open and visible from many angles creating a safe environment for passive play and neighborhood socialization.
- 4 Create green alley**
 Alleys provide an opportunity for green stormwater infrastructure. Their lower vehicle volumes and designs lend themselves well to pervious pavement options such as grass-pave or recycled materials. A green alley would also serve as a transition from the right-of-way to the park and capture some of the rainwater before it enters the park.
- 5 Move playground to a central location with shade**
 A playground with new equipment will be located centrally to increase access and create a destination within the park. The new playground will include equipment that promotes natural and imaginative play and shall be buffered from the street by shade structures and trees.
- 6 Remove tennis court and replace with adult fitness area**
 Currently, the tennis court is rarely used and its footprint consumes a large part of the park. When it is used, no more than four participants can play, limiting park use. Furthermore, its fence creates a visual barrier. This plan recommends replacing the tennis court with outdoor fitness equipment. There has been an increased demand for this activity in the City and the equipment would attract many park users. Its design would be open to allow visibility in the Park from all angles.
- 7 Install shade structures**
 Colorful shade structures will provide year-round shade and make the park visible from Route 1.
- 8 Provide consistent line of shrubs along the alley**
 The current shrubs provide a natural barrier between the park and alley but are inconsistent and not a complete linear line.





Powhatan Park Draft Improvement Plan Survey Results, July 7, 2015

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Create green alley

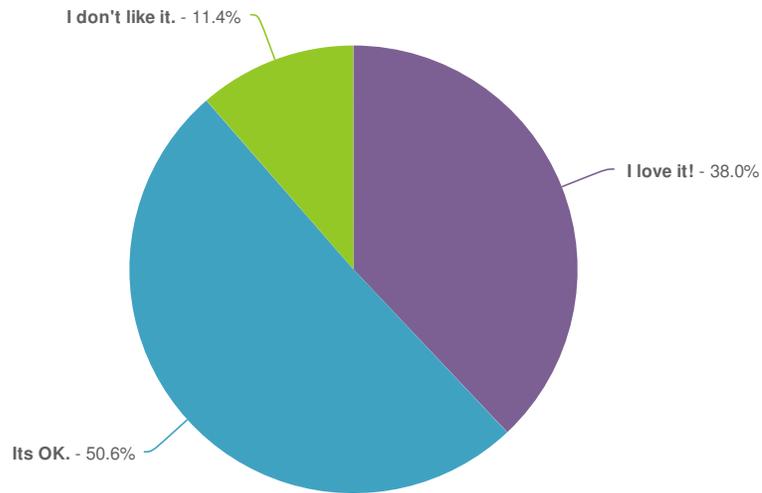


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	46.1%	35
Its OK.	47.4%	36
I don't like it.	6.6%	5
Total		76

Explain-Create green alley

Count	Response
1	I don't fully understand the vision yet.
1	Please make all of the alleys green. They currently collect too much rainwater (poorly)
1	Why?
1	Wonderful idea!
1	would like more information/examples on exactly what this would be.
1	Green space is good, but we really need the parking. It is already difficult to find parking on Colonial Avenue.
1	Parking on Colonial Ave is very difficult as it is. Removing the spaces in the alley will only make it worse. However, installing 'green' pavers in the alley, while keeping the parking sounds a like a fair solution.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Create plaza at the end of Douglas Street

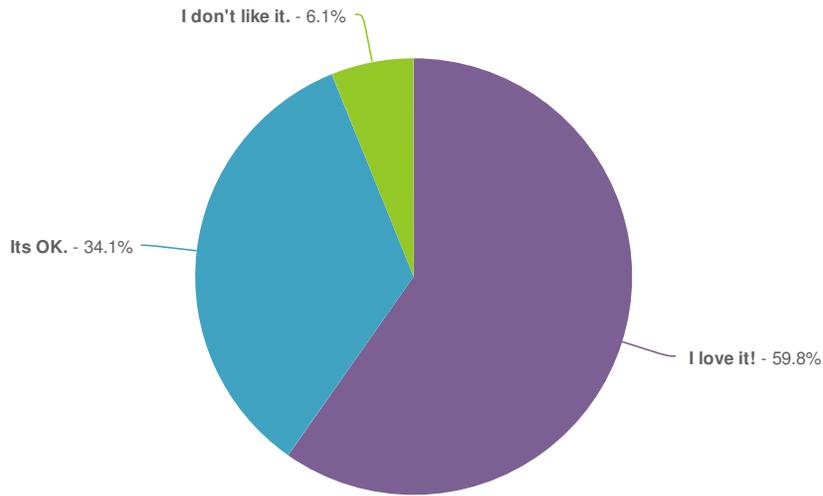


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	38.0%	30
Its OK.	50.6%	40
I don't like it.	11.4%	9
Total		79

Explain-Create plaza at the end of Douglas Street

Count	Response
1	Any thoughts to put in a water feature here? some like at the now Potomac Ave. Park.
1	I worry about vagrancy and the city's ability to maintain plantings.
1	Sure.
1	Would be great if paired with a crosswalk across Rt 1 and a signal. The roaring (speeding) traffic is the worst element of this park.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install shade structures

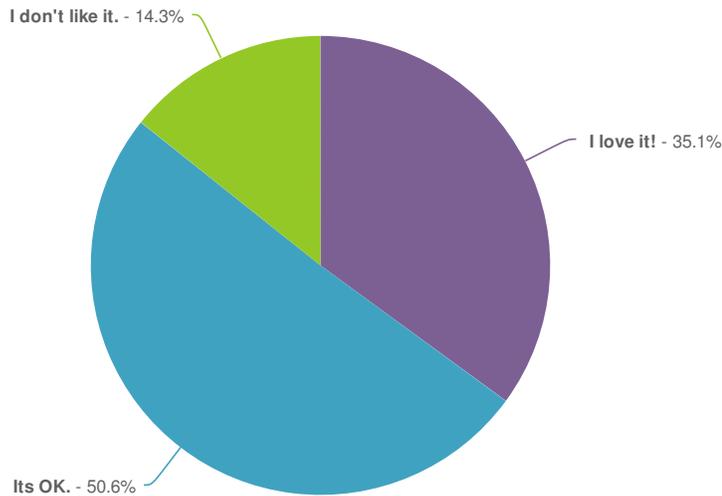


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	59.8%	49
Its OK.	34.2%	28
I don't like it.	6.1%	5
Total		82

Explain-Install shade structures

Count	Response
1	Does this include landscaping? We have some beautiful trees that I hope are not removed.
1	Great idea! We need shade during our hot summer months.
1	How about trees? Keep it green.
1	I hope they aren't thinking of taking down current trees
1	Plant more trees
1	I think trees would make for better shade structures than something that could become dated or poorly maintained.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Move playground and create passive area

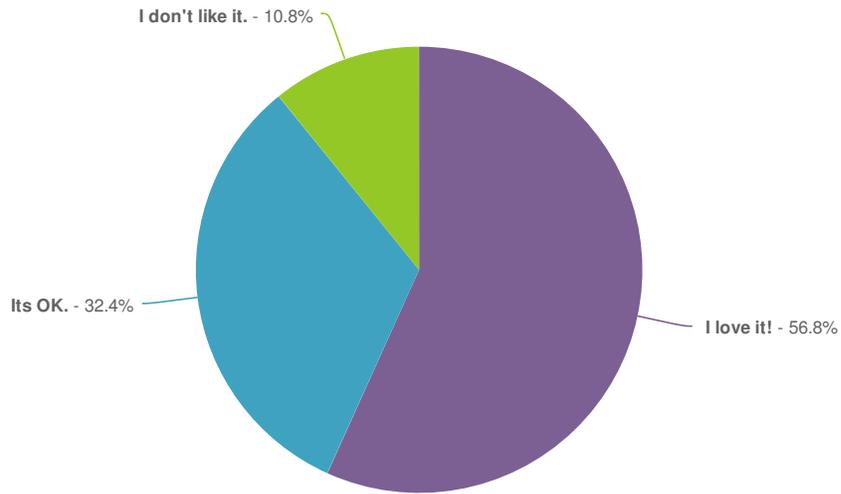


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	35.1%	27
Its OK.	50.7%	39
I don't like it.	14.3%	11
Total		77

Explain-Move playground and create passive area

Count	Response
1	I don't really get what a "passive area" is other than "an area no one will go".
1	Leave the f***** tennis courts slone
1	Keep playground in existing place--very few kids in neighborhood and plenty of bigger playground options in walking distance
1	Not necessary. Playground needs updated equipment appropriate for all ages. (It's boring for children over 4.)
1	Agreed. it's strange to have the smallest part being the playground. There are currently also a lot of drainage issues in this location. Possible this could also become a community garden, as we all have small yards in the area.
1	I support moving the playground but think that there are better uses for the park than having a passive area. A tot lot similar to the one on Commonwealth would be a welcome addition.
1	However, steps should be taken to prevent dog use of the new area. The interm park on Fayette street has a No Dogs policy and parents are now allowing their toddlers to play in the grass there as a result. The existing open area on the south end of Powhatan Park could continue to be used as an on leash dog area (Though many owners allow their dogs to run freely off leash.)

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Move playground to a central location with shade

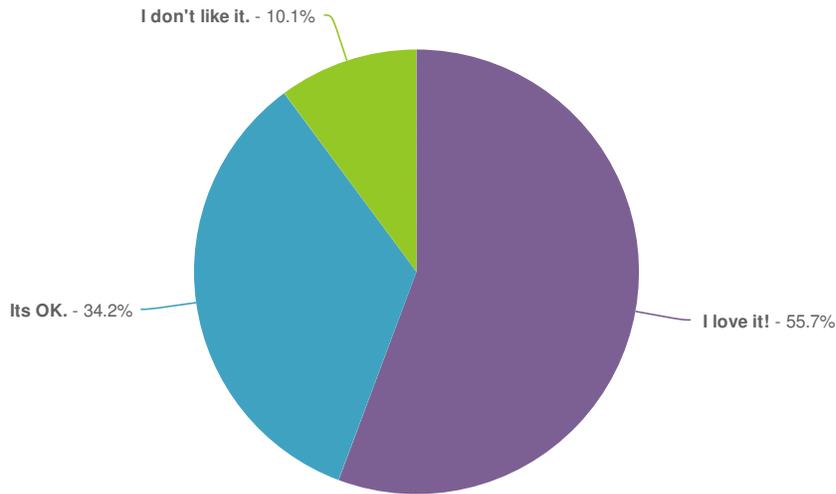


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	56.8%	42
Its OK.	32.4%	24
I don't like it.	10.8%	8
Total		74

Explain-Move playground to a central location with shade

Count	Response
1	Maybe upgrading the playground in its current location is all that is needed.
1	Playground. Shade. Win win.
1	Recommend swapping adult area and playground.
1	Shade is good. But you could simply plant some trees closer to the playground.
1	This could be located on the current concrete patio.
1	the playground is fine where it is. Kids like watching the trucks and Route 1 activities. Add some shade though.
1	I recommending swapping the locations of the playground and the adult fitness area, so that the children's area is more central. I also recommend putting this play area along the alley side, instead of Rt 1 to create a larger buffer zone from the busy street. Also, please consider putting in equipment that allow for more free play.
1	What about considering a space for natural play instead of paved/covered surfaces? Children could climb on rocks instead of wood/plastic/metal obstacles.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Move the sidewalk within the park and create a planted barrier between the pedestrian route and N. Henry Street

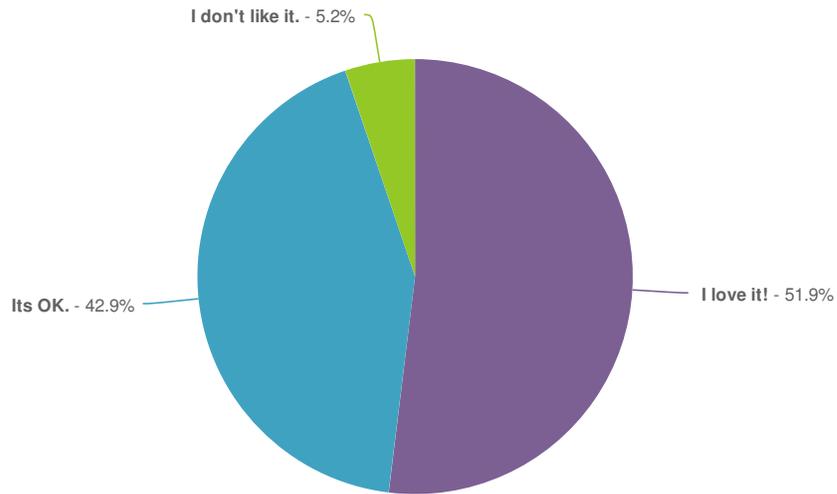


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	55.7%	44
Its OK.	34.2%	27
I don't like it.	10.1%	8
Total		79

Explain-Move the sidewalk within the park and create a planted barrier between the pedestrian route and N. Henry Street

Count	Response
1	Absolutely necessary.
1	Great idea as long as it doesn't force the removal of the tennis courts.
1	However, the fence should be attractive and not too high.
1	The fence provides safety for balls or children from going in to the Route 1 traffic.
1	This area has some shady people lurking at night. Not good for nighttime safety
1	Yes! That sidewalk is very dangerous and always covered with road debris.
1	Our house backs up to the park and a barrier between Rt. 1 and the park/houses would make the area so much more pleasant and buffer the noise pollution coming from Rt. 1. Lots of trees and shrubs, please.
1	I like the general idea, the sidewalk and chain link fence are horrible, but the inset shows a 20' buffer between the park and street, which is too wide for this already narrow park.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Provide consistent line of shrubs along the alley

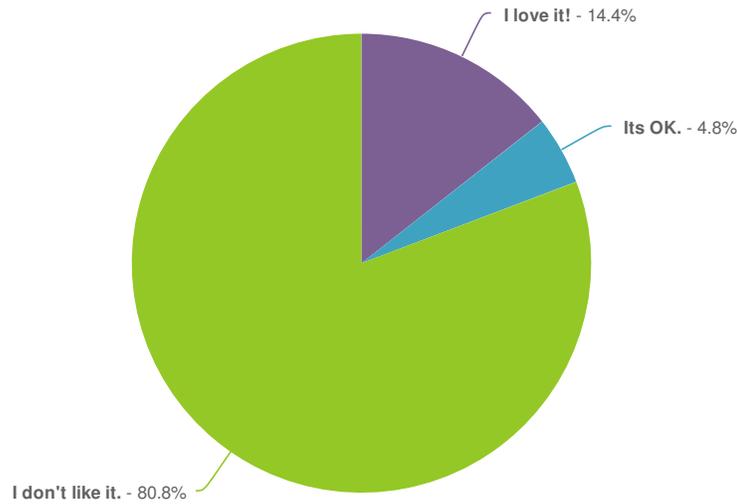


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	52.0%	40
Its OK.	42.9%	33
I don't like it.	5.2%	4
Total		77

Explain-Provide consistent line of shrubs along the alley

Count	Response
1	Current shrubs are thorny- please replace with something nicer (and less imposing)
1	Nice as long as they are low maintenance and stay looking manicured.
1	So when I park my car in the alley, how do I get through the shrubs to get to the court?
1	Though we wouldn't want to see it extended to the north of Douglas street.
1	if this means removing the dangerous security bushes we are very excited!
1	The shrubs should come down, as they create a visual barrier which promotes illegal activities. Also, the shrubs don't help the rat problem.
1	This is a great idea, the bushes that are currently in place are unsightly and have very sharp leaves.
1	I also recommend the same treatment to the alley along the south edge. This alley is generally in poor condition. Please, please, please do not take away any of the parking, though. It would also be nice to have a low fence on the inside of the shrubs, to catch any balls, etc. that tend to roll under the shrubs and into the alley.

What do you think of the following recommendations?--Remove tennis court and replace with fitness area



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	14.4%	15
Its OK.	4.8%	5
I don't like it.	80.8%	84
Total		104

Explain-Remove tennis court and replace with fitness area

Count	Response
1	ABSOLUTELY NOT. My husband and I use the tennis court.
1	Can't we fix the tennis court instead? No one ever uses public fitness equipment.
1	DO NOT LIKE THIS
1	I do see people out there regularly playing, so some may object to it's removal.
1	I play tennis here. Please do not remove!
1	I think less people will utilize the fitness area than the tennis court. Repair the courts.
1	I want to keep the tennis courts as I love to play and use it often.
1	I would like to request the installation of vertical fitness poles.
1	Keep the tennis court
1	Keep the tennis court! It's a great facility for al the community to use for years to come
1	No no no. Just a bad idea.
1	No! I love the tennis court and it seems incredibly wasteful to rip out an existing resource.
1	Recommend swapping adult area and playground.
1	Tennis court needs to stay. It is a great resource.

Count	Response
1	Tennis is an important sport for the community
1	The "fitness area" looks ridiculous.
1	There are not enough tennis courts in this area!
1	There are not enough tennis courts. Why remove one?
1	There is not enough tennis courts in OT
1	There are so few tennis courts in the city already. we can't get rid of the few that still exist.
1	We need more tennis courts.
1	if no one is playing tennis spaced is open for other use, like stretching and exercise
1	what about a combination tennis/basket ball, adult fitness area could go where playground was
1	we use the tennis courts. We don't want to give them up for fitness area. Would only consider giving it up for an Arlington-esque amazing playground! There are new fitness areas over on Mainline Blvd and a gazillion gyms and yoga places. Alexandria NEEDS a really nice playground like Arlington has on every corner! :)
1	No one uses the adult fitness things. They put some in along the new bike path in Potomac Yards and I rarely see people using them, other than kids using it as a playground.
1	Leave the tennis court. The fitness equipment in parks is rarely used by adults and for the purpose intended. It's a waste of resources.
1	No one uses the outdoor adult fitness areas. It's a waste of space and money! Fix and maintain the tennis courts.
1	Fitness areas are a great idea. These were a nice benefit on the trail to the West of the train tracks and would be good to include here.
1	This is a highly utilized and popular tennis court. Offers a healthy avenue for children and adults.
1	Adult Fitness Area? What exactly is this? You say there is a "demand" for this but fail to explain what the fitness area will entail. Instead of removing the tennis court it NEEDS to be renovated. The tennis court is used FREQUENTLY by the neighborhood and just needs to be resurfaced and fence fixed as the fence is not flush with the court surface.
1	I am confused with this one renovation, only because the tennis court is always being used and is one of the few tennis courts in the area. I see families with their kids on the court often, I do not feel that an outdoor fitness center is of good family use.
1	I believe this is a huge mistake. The report inaccurately states that the tennis court is rarely used. In fact it is used quite often, which is remarkable given the current state of the court. What actually needs to happen is a renovation of the tennis court to fix the surface and fence issues. The fence could be painted black to limit the visibility of the structure, instead of the current green. Also, correct lighting should be added to the court, which would increase its use even more. The lighting would also help with security concerns held by some of the residents. Please save our court! Adding adult fitness equipment is not needed. The area is already ranked as the fittest city in the nation, and the majority of individuals already have gym memberships. If the city must add this equipment to fulfill a quota, it could be added to the grass area adjacent to the basketball court. From my experience, this equipment becomes a second playground for children anyways.
1	Hate this idea. The tennis courts are a wonderful part of our park. If we are not using them, others are quite often. Please do not remove tennis courts. Adding a fitness area is an o.k. idea, but it does not need much space, and certainly not at the expense of losing our tennis court.
1	Hey! I use that court! I almost never have an issue with others using it. It is always my best choice.
1	I support keeping the tennis court as long as the court can be used for a number of different sports. Futsal would be amazing.

Count	Response
1	I live on Colonial and use regularly. Great activity that brings neighborhood together. Don't remove!!!
1	I use the tennis court quite often and do not like the "adult fitness" idea at all. Bacci court in addition to tennis would be great
1	Don't move the tennis court and put in ridiculous prison exercise equipment that no one will ever use. People will always use a tennis court.
1	Local tennis players use the courts. Doubles tennis is 4 people on the court. during a game. Singles is two people on the court at a time. This is the game of tennis What does the staff of Parks Department not understand.
1	I know there is debate about this, but I do hope the tennis court is removed. Tennis is not an accessible sport and only those who are OK at it can get a workout from playing. A fitness area would be more popular and would have a greater impact on the health of our neighborhood.
1	I love the idea of a fitness area; wish it didn't have to come at the expense of the tennis court but if we only can have one I vote the fitness area.
1	I see people using the tennis courts all of the time. I have never seen anyone use an outdoor fitness area. This is an odd proposal, especially since there is a community gym right down the road.
1	Please keep the tennis court. Rather than remove it lets up it. Tennis is fitness, and better all around workout than fitness equipment.
1	I like the idea of removing the tennis court so that there can be more room for the play area...I'm not sold on the adult fitness idea though. I think the equipment could be unsightly, under utilized and subject to vandalism...we can't even keep the existing teeter totter in good repair.
1	Please keep the tennis court. There are too few in the city. Really what this needs is to be restored!
1	Although I understand the need for additional fitness areas, there are a reducing number of tennis courts in Alexandria already.
1	We are already suffering from a lack of courts in the area and this is one of the "hidden gems" in the area. Please do not remove the court.
1	We love the tennis courts. If they are removed we hope we get a really unique and well thought out play ground!

Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Powhatan Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

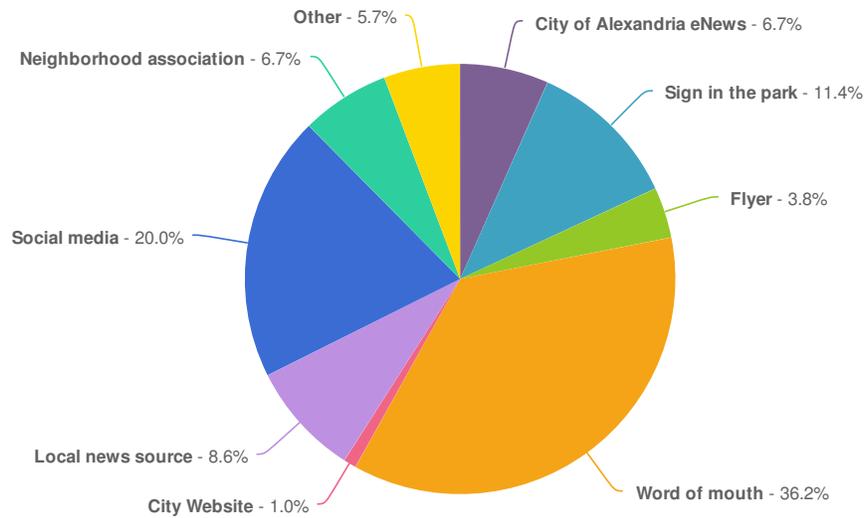
Count	Response
1	Do not touch the tennis courts please - many of us use this court and we enjoy it.
1	Don't F*** with the tennis courts
1	I want to see more of a barrier between the park & Henry street
1	Keep the tennis court please!
1	Keep the tennis court please.
1	Leave the courts as is!!
1	Leave the tennis court
1	Listen to the people who overwhelming want the tennis court preserved.
1	Most were;

Count	Response
1	NO. City wants to removed tennis courts that are heavily utilized.
1	No, I think you ignored the people who wanted to keep the tennis court.
1	Please do not remove the last remaining tennis court in Alexandria.
1	Put in a pool
1	Remove shrubs beside alley for safety. Better equipment in playground.
1	Tennis courts should be repaired. Tennis keeps people in their neighborhood.
1	Unfortunately I was unable to attend.
1	We enjoy the tennis court but it need to be closed around bottom of fence
1	YES
1	YES, except please do not remove the tennis courts.
1	Yes if you make sure to keep the tennis courts
1	Yes, it seems that everything was covered.
1	i think this is fantastic if we're able to implement all of the changes.
3	yes
1	There should be more tennis courts built in Alexandria. Every time i play, there is a huge line of people trying to get on the court and play also. Thanks.
1	As long as a firm commitment to a good buffer between route 1 and the park for noise reduction and visually by way of a sound barrier fence, and/or trees and shrubs. I think most residents and users would be happy. Though I'm not against retaining the tennis court, if the adult gym does come to pass, please make it an "adult gym" rather than the playground-like apparatus that is located on the pathway located on the east side of the railway line to Braddock Station.
1	The worst part of the park is the traffic. Things that minimize the sound/smells, like trees, or limit the speeding (the cars accelerating out of Old Town are the loudest) would make the park more enjoyable.
1	She saw a sign at the park that is rallying people to the imminent loss of the tennis courts. Never hear about the park planning process etc. He interest was having something for dogs in the park. Does not think we should move the playground "since kids are all over the play anyway."
1	Please preserve the tennis courts. They're used and a welcome activity for many in the neighborhood.
1	Please DO NOT remove the tennis courts from this park. They are used a great deal, by people in the immediate neighborhood and people in the Alexandria community as a whole. Removing the tennis courts would be a HUGE travesty. The remarks I heard were to FIX the tennis courts, not remove them.
1	The park should retain the tennis courts; they are often being used, regardless of what is stated. Outdoor fitness areas are often an eye sore and rarely used. They usually become another area for children to play and the odd runner to do a few moderate exercises. A tennis court is family-oriented and it's use spans all age groups. Please consider keeping the tennis court.
1	Please take a look (more than one) at the outdoor adult fitness areas installed along Potomac Yards -- no one uses them! This idea is so 1980s!
1	I really like your plan - especially the fitness area part. My only hope is that dogs are allowed on the lawn areas. I was disappointed to see that this would not be allowed on the new Fayetteville Street park.

Count Response

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- 1 I support the City maintaining this facility, and suggest that the city further invest in making the court into an excellent one. It appears to be in sub-par condition presently, and this can result in lack of use. Prior to the City enhancing the surface of the Montgomery Park tennis courts, these were seldom used. Make this into a great court, and people will find it! Also, you might consider a windscreen to block off the sight of hundreds of cars passing by constantly.
-
- 1 Do not remove the tennis courts in favor of an adult fitness area; nor should the playground be removed. There are fitness areas located nearby, but very few tennis courts in the area. Playgrounds are a necessity close to the neighborhood. Please listen to your residents.
-
- 1 more benches and some tables would be fantastic, along with a structure that can be used for gathering. This park is very central to the neighborhood and would be a great place for neighborhood gatherings. more information on what would be included in the adult fitness area would also be appreciated.
-
- 1 There is a need for tennis courts. This particular one is not well maintained and not attractive.
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- 1 We really hope the message is received that families are staying in Old Town and not fleeing as much to other areas. We hope the city utilizes this wonderful space for the children of North Old Town and keep the tennis court for the adults. We still have some characters that show in the park being so close to the shelter. Please don't make it too shaded! :) Thanks for listening!
-
- 1 Yes and thank you! I really hope there is some thought given to this particular playground as this is the central spot for our children as well as the section 8 children and they don't have loved ones that can drive them to Arlington's cooler parks. We've had dinky :) parks in this area since my daughter was born (7 years ago) and with all of the new construction this playground has potential to be a real asset to this area. These children deserve special thought to the design. I think given the space this playground has the city could do right by Powhatan park and really try to make it a draw. With the new businesses across the street such as Lost Dog and Sugar Shack, Mason Social...this can really serve our community in so many ways if given the proper attention! :)
-
- 1 There are already too few public tennis courts in Alexandria. We need to maintain the ones we have in our city. I do not wish to see the one at Powhatan Park removed.
-
- 1 No. I recommended a bacci court and support keeping the tennis court. There are just a handful of kids and many single and young professional adults so please keep that in mind. Losing the tennis court would be a major disappointment. I use it most weekend mornings and there isn't another one that is close by. I like the mix of space in the park it just needs to be "spiffed" up with better lighting (safety at night), nicer benches, and more shade.
-
- 1 I do not believe this to be the case. 17 of the 19 respondents to the survey wanted to either enhance or improve the tennis court. Not remove it.
-
- 1 The town should reach out specifically to residents whose homes line the park boundary. This park is my back yard and any have a much higher impact on our property than others.
-
- 1 No. You are removing a perfectly great tennis court. Please do not do this. There are so few in our area. Thank you.
-
- 1 during a Fall 2014 survey (PDF), 89% of respondents indicated they wanted the court preserved or repaired. Despite the survey results, the removal of the court is still a part of the future planning for Powhatan Park.
-
- 1 How about night time lighting for the courts. Other courts have it, what is wrong with this court. Would get more usage AND improve safety.
-
- 1 Please do not remove the tennis court. I am a 30-something adult and know the neighborhood supports this feature. An adult fitness area does not support the demographics of our neighborhood.
-
- 1 I like the idea of moving the children's playground as it should be away from the road. What about moving it adjacent to the current tennis court or next to the basketball court? Plenty of space there for that.
-
- 1 It would be great to see futsal courts or small soccer goals added to the current basketball court. Or, instead of removing the tennis four to resurface as a futsal court. Futsal is a very popular and growing game that promotes a healthy lifestyle for youth and adults.

How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?



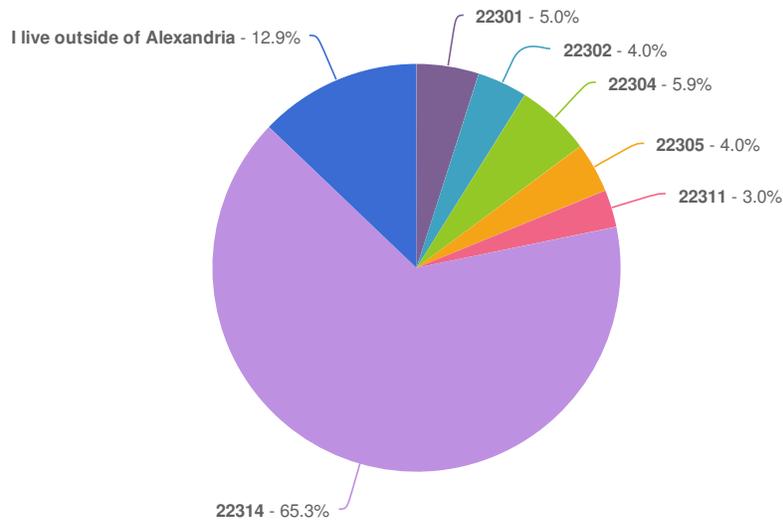
Value	Percent	Count
City of Alexandria eNews	6.7%	7
Sign in the park	11.4%	12
Flyer	3.8%	4
Word of mouth	36.2%	38
City Website	1.0%	1
Local news source	8.6%	9
Social media	20.0%	21
Neighborhood association	6.7%	7
Other	5.7%	6
Total		105

Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	104
Friend	1
Montgomery Tennis Meetup	1
Word on the street	1
our tennis organization	1
saveourtenniscourt.com	1
www.saveourtenniscourt.com	1

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	31 100.0%	31
6-12	24 100.0%	24
13-18	16 100.0%	16
19-29	18 100.0%	18
30-49	76 100.0%	76
50-69	22 100.0%	22
70 or above	8 100.0%	8

What is your zip code?



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
22301	5.0%	5	Sum 1,963,414.0
22302	4.0%	4	
22304	5.9%	6	
22305	4.0%	4	
22311	3.0%	3	
22314	65.4%	66	
Total		101	

Value	Percent	Count
I live outside of Alexandria	12.9%	13
Total		101

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"

	Count
Left Blank	110



Neighborhood Parks Plan

Stevenson Park

Community Feedback, Fall 2014



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In Fall 2014, 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, community workshop, and "graffiti board" in the park. Over 270 people responded to the survey in total, ten of which were specific to Stevenson Park.

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

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Provide organized recreational opportunities
2. Help reduce environmental impacts from urban surroundings
3. Be a place to relax

What would you like done with the open lawn?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	3	60%
Enhance it	1	20%
Transform it	1	20%
Explain		
There's grass?		

What would you like done with the parking lot?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	1	14%
Enhance it	5	72%
Transform it	1	14%
Explain		
There is a person living in his car in the parking lot. He has been there for more than a year.		

What would you like done with the picnic shelter?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	1	14%
Enhance it	4	57%
Transform it	2	29%
Explain		
Only used for drug deals and vagrants. needs new picnic tables		

What would you like done with the playground?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	2	29%
Enhance it	3	43%
Transform it	2	29%

What would you like done with the basketball court?

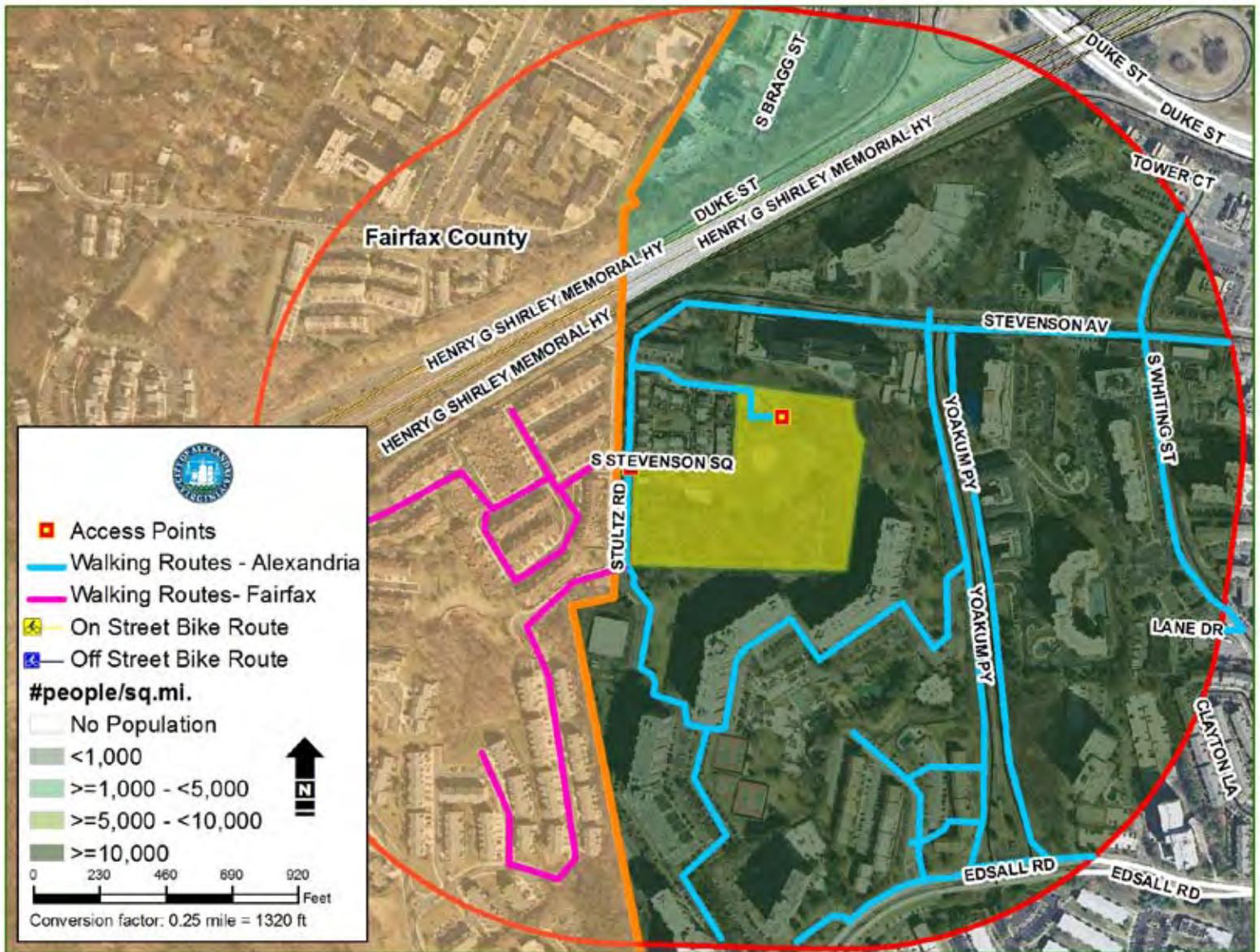
Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	2	33%
Enhance it	4	67%
Transform it	0	0%

What would you like done with the ballfield?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	0	0%
Enhance it	5	56%
Transform it	4	44%
Explain		
Add lights and improve the infield. Terrible shape overall, limited seating, no dugouts Worst field for kids in the entire city. It's poorly maintained, Grass is rarely mowed and full of ticks and poison ivy. Needs a dugout desperately for player safety. We desperately need more quality little league facilities in the city. This is one option-- the park could be upgraded with dugouts and a cage. Redone, flatted, grass cut, real dug outs, attention to field. It is in AWFUL shape, Needs lights. Not a safe area		

Comments received in a letter from neighbor:

- Request to designate area between baseball field & basketball court for children to play soccer. Include goalie post.
- Request to move trash can away from picnic tables or install a trash can for dog waste only
- Request to fix drainage. A percentage of the park's runoff enters the inlet in the buildings behind Stevenson. The inlet is too small flooding the private community's dog park. According to the community member, it takes 3-4 days for the water to drain/evaporate



Stevenson Park

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)

1 Install wayfinding signs along Stultz and Stevenson Street to direct park users to the parking lot

It is unclear that the parking lot is a public lot for the park because there are no signs and it appears to belong to the adjacent townhouses. Signs would direct park users to the lot and help increase the sports use of the park.

2 Create trails with wayfinding signs through the wooded area

This Park provides an opportunity to increase access to nature, a desired park use, as indicated in the 2013 Citywide Parks Needs Assessment. This need is particularly great in the city's West End. The trails could also connect to the condominiums south of the park, as many of the residents currently walk through the woods in its condition without trails. The locations shown are illustrative only and need precise field verification when designed.

3 Consider an access easement to create a trail connection to Yoakum Parkway

Yoakum Parkway is a very densely populated area of the city that lacks access to public open space. Stevenson Park is in close proximity to the area, but is separated to the east by a privately owned wooded area. The city hopes to obtain an access easement through this land in order to provide access to recreational space for city residents.

4 Line the outfield for soccer and provide portable goals

As indicated by neighbors, many park users come to this area to play pick up soccer, using trash cans or other makeshift items as goals. Lining the field and providing portable goals would help promote impromptu use of the Park for recreational activity. A full size regulated field will not fit on the site. The field centerline would overlap with the first base foul line of the ballfield.

5 Upgrade the ballfield to hold up to a 70ft diamond field with bleachers, dugouts, foul poles, and press box

This plan calls to upgrade the diamond field to have similar amenities as Lockett Field, as shown in the image below. While the outfield cannot be beyond 25000 ft., a shorter outfield could still sufficiently be used for Little League games and help meet the increasing demand for ballfield space. RPCA intends to install irrigation to this field in 2015, which would also provide improved site conditions.

6 Re-design the parking lot to increase use and visibility

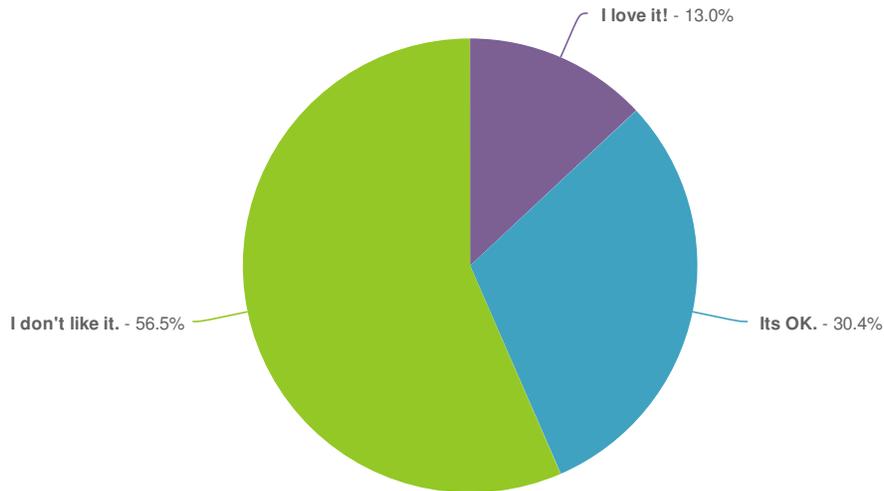
The current parking lot does not have enough spaces to support programmed little league games at the ballfield. However, the circle in the center of the lot can be replaced with eight additional spaces and a planted green island to make a more efficient and attractive use of the space. The green island will also hold a prominent park sign that recognizes the lot as an entrance to the park. Bike parking can also be added to the lot.





Stevenson Park Draft Improvement Plan Survey Responses, July 2015

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Consider an access easement to create a trail connection to Yoakum Parkway



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	13.0%	3
Its OK.	30.4%	7
I don't like it.	56.5%	13
Total		23

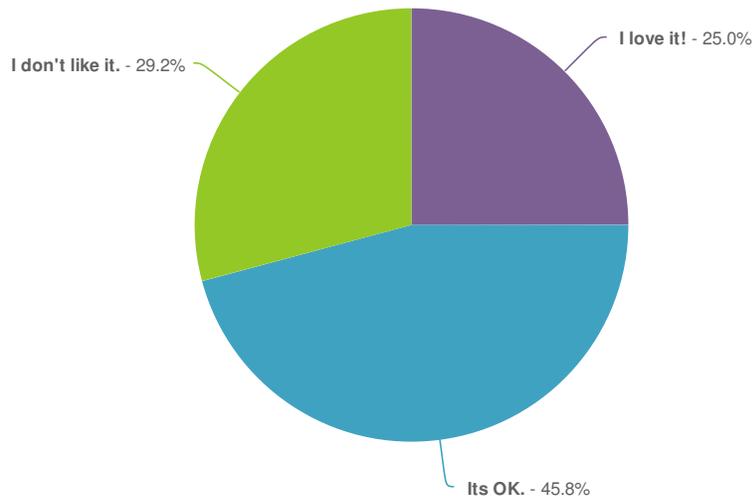
Explain-Consider an access easement to create a trail connection to Yoakum Parkway

Count	Response
1	Land should not be stolen from current owners.
1	Need to consider safety
1	Please be more specific. Through which property do you wish an easement?
1	This would disturb if not destroy Watergate's security.
1	Too congested. Safety issues
1	might make it safer for children crossing from the Olympus and other Yoakum Pkwy condos/apts
1	not safe
1	too dangerous--litter, dog poop, rape

Count Response

1	I assume the access would be a trail - requiring fencing to separate it from the two properties. This could result in a safety issue - a long narrow trail between fences with no access other then street or park.
1	absolutely not!!! All this will do is encourage crime, drug and prostitute use, etc increasing risk to local residents.
1	Pending information as t the details of any easement is essential. Exactly where is the easement proposed? Does it involve encroachment on neighboring communities? Will it inflict any cost on those communities such as adjustments of fence lines and the like? Much more information is required on this before the end of an official comment stage.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Create trails with wayfinding signs through the wooded area



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	25.0%	6
Its OK.	45.8%	11
I don't like it.	29.2%	7
Total		24

Explain-Create trails with wayfinding signs through the wooded area

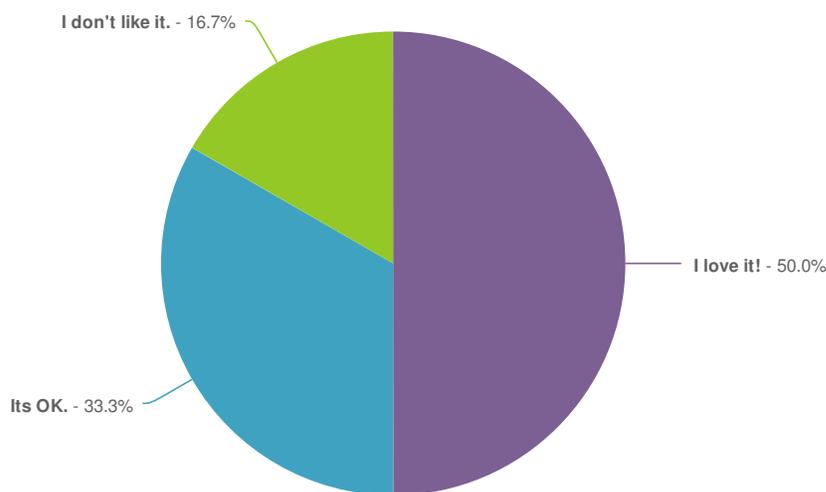
Count Response

1	I don't know where you mean.
1	More detailed information is required on this befor informed comment can be made,
1	Need to consider safety.
1	Safety and dog extremely issues
1	The wooded area is too small for multiple signed trails.
1	unsafe

Count Response

1 there is already a nice trail with a side loop that was made by local residents and used regularly. It doesn't require any signs as this is a small wooded area and does not require any directions. All signs will do is disrupt nature and give kids a something to destroy. We cleaned out lots of trash from this location to make it nice for use of everyone bordering the park and made enough of a presence known regularly to dissuade the druggies and prostitutes so it is nicer. When people from farther away use the woods and trail, we get more trash dumped and lots of broken glass. the city doesn't clean this up.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install wayfinding signs along Stultz and Stevenson Street to direct park users to the parking lot



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	50.0%	12
Its OK.	33.3%	8
I don't like it.	16.7%	4
Total		24

Explain-Install wayfinding signs along Stultz and Stevenson Street to direct park users to the parking lot

Count Response

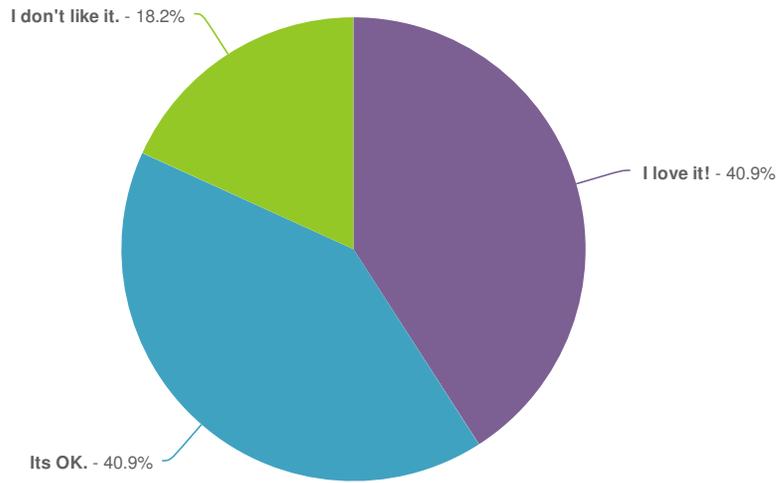
1 not needed

1 the ballfield parking is hidden. People drop off at the playground.

1 Although unnecessary. all of us in the neighborhood use the lot and did not have any problem finding the entrance. Anyone who has been in the park at least once also knows how to access the lot.

1 you want more land from WAL but do you forget the only reason yo7u have Stevenson Park is because WAL gave you the land

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Line the outfield for soccer and provide portable goals

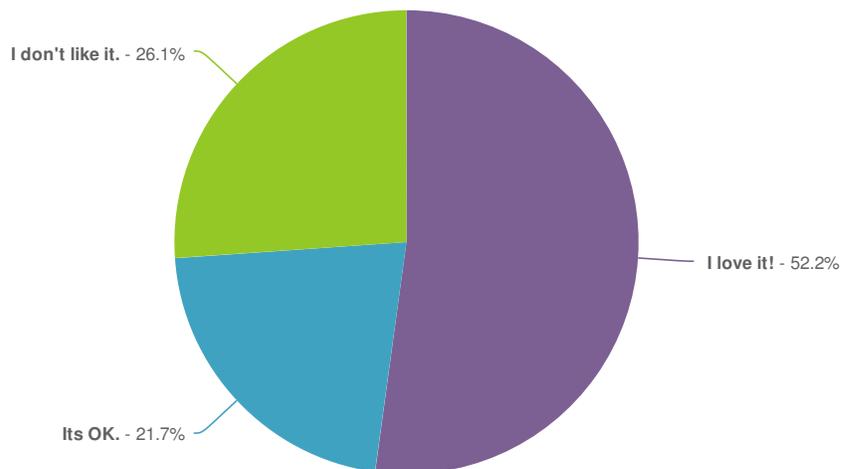


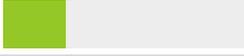
Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	40.9%	9
Its OK.	40.9%	9
I don't like it.	18.2%	4
Total		22

Explain-Line the outfield for soccer and provide portable goals

Count	Response
1	great idea but watch out for dog poop
1	There hasn't been any soccer games at this field for the last 3 years due to declining field conditions since the city didn't maintain anything other than minimal grass cutting. A couple of people come in and kick balls around, usually from the townhouses next to the field.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Re-design the parking lot to increase use and visibility

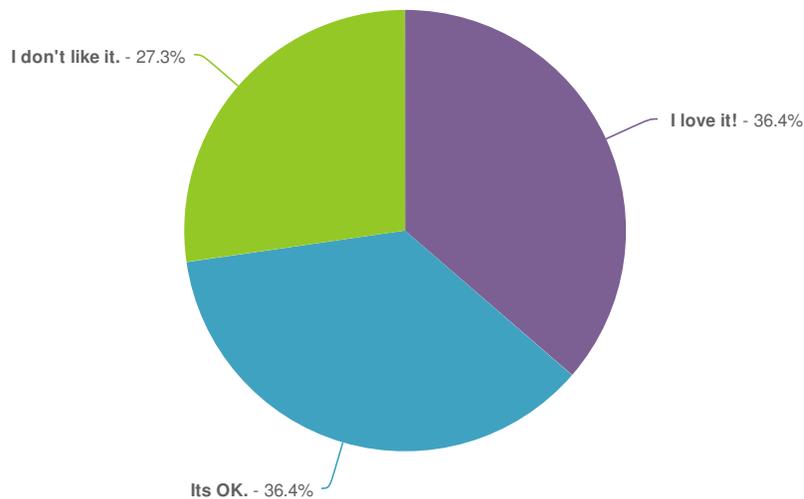


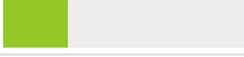
Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	52.2%		12
Its OK.	21.7%		5
I don't like it.	26.1%		6
Total			23

Explain-Re-design the parking lot to increase use and visibility

Count	Response
1	I don't know how.
1	the parking lot gets used and when full is very tight, School buses use this lot after dropping off children and putting spaces in the middle area would make it impossible. Larger SUVs, mail trucks, etc also use this lot since it is a very narrow street. More spaces would further congest this area causing problems
1	It is likely that this small park will be used by residents who live in the adjacent dwellings. They can easily walk to Stevenson Park so additional parking is unnecessary.
1	Yes, because the existing parking lot is too small and used exclusively by the adjacent residences as their own

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Upgrade the ballfield to hold up to a 70ft diamond field with bleachers, dugouts, foul poles, and press box



Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	36.4%		8
Its OK.	36.4%		8
I don't like it.	27.3%		6
Total			22

Explain-Upgrade the ballfield to hold up to a 70ft diamond field with bleachers, dugouts, foul poles, and press box

Count	Response
1	If there's room.
1	This will generate too much noise for neighbors.
1	and lighting and electronic score board?
1	kids practice or play here 5-6 days a week already. They and their families leave trash all over the place. water bottles, juice boxes, snack wrappers, coffee cups, baggies with candy or snack leftovers, etc. We don't need more of that which larger groups would bring. Since it is already used almost every day, the only way it would increase would be if they start earlier than 4 pm so you had back to back usage.

Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Stevenson Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

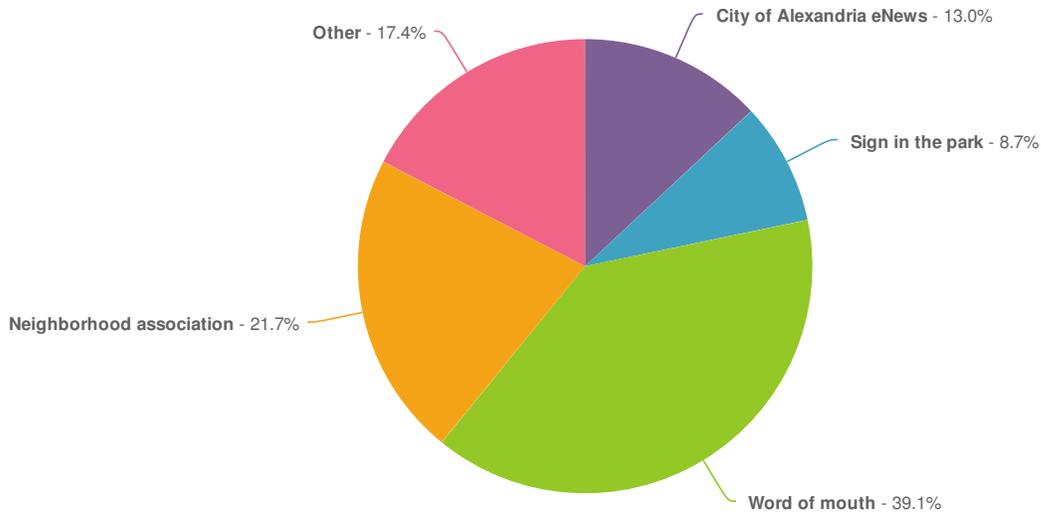
Count	Response
1	Be happy with the land WAL has already given and lets not try to take more from them.
1	Concern about the security of Watergate at Landmark residents.
1	Concerned about security in this area.!
1	Misunderstand about the need for access from Watergate.
1	Yes
1	no additional comment
1	no. safety issues with easement were not considered.
1	The park truly needs lighting, additional shade area by the grill, an additional grill, & definitely a water fountain .
1	I think the plan was developed without talking to the neighboring residents who use this park on a daily basis. It's whole focus seems to be on bringing in people from farther away to use the park. The park is surrounded by hi-density housing and is gets significant useage. It is a small park and cannot handle much more useage without further degrading the natural resources and local wildlife. Also, the sign regarding this plan was placed where most adults using the park on a regular basis would not even see it. It appears that actual input from regular neighborhood users was not desired.
1	No attempt has been made to speak to the Association/residents at the affected condo communities located on Yoakum Parkway, or if it has, has not been advertised.
1	As per earlier remarks, more complete information is necessary as to the exact location of any proposed easement, its impact on at least two communities -- Watergate & Sentinel; whether such as an easement will require these communities to adjust existing fence lines; whether the easement will result in the "taking" of existing community property or impose costs on either association, etc. As for nature trails, the concept is fine, but it would be nice to know the details of the proposed trails and how invasive they may be, how well they will be maintained, whether this will result in the loss of any tree canopy, whether they will become an after-hour gathering spot which could create a nuisance factor. Again, more deailed information could relieve potential concerns.
1	Did not participate in the comments, but on board with the proposed access point from Yoakum Pkwy.
1	Please consider not allowing parking so close to driveway into parking area. Now difficult to see oncoming traffic from left when exiting.
1	The current basketball court could benefit as being used as a futsal court as well. There are a number of folks in this neighborhood interested and love playing soccer/futsal, which is the world's most popular game. It would be to see a multi-use court.

Count Response

- 1 Two things suggested were - add play equipment that is appropriate for older children (something they can climb such as in Jones Point Park or at Tucker Playgrounds. - doggie poop bag station One more -yesterday I was at the park discussing the improvements with another park user and a bathroom is needed - other Alexandria parks have public bathrooms

- 1 Stevenson between Yoakum and Stultz has 8 driveways - 7 are from parking lots. This block allows parking on both sides. There have been numerous accidents, some involving pedestrians with one involving the death of a child. Stultz Rd allows parking on both sides of the street and cars park to the edge of the driveway corner of the playground. There is no marked cross walk.

How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?



Value	Percent	Count
City of Alexandria eNews	13.0%	3
Sign in the park	8.7%	2
Word of mouth	39.1%	9
Neighborhood association	21.7%	5
Other	17.4%	4
Total		23

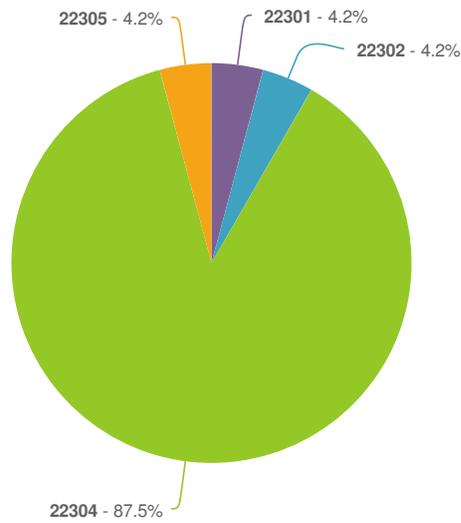
Responses "Other"

Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	21
Watergate Landscape Cmte	1
Word of mouth and social media.	1
email	1

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	4 100.0%	4
6-12	4 100.0%	4
13-18	4 100.0%	4
19-29	3 100.0%	3
30-49	6 100.0%	6
50-69	12 100.0%	12
70 or above	12 100.0%	12

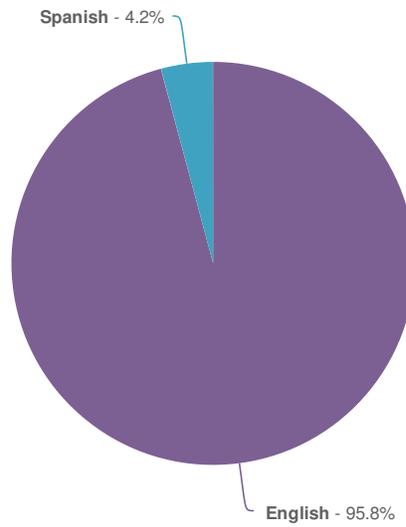
What is your zip code?



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
22301	4.2%	1	Sum 535,292.0
22302	4.2%	1	Average 22,303.8
22304	87.5%	21	StdDev 0.7
22305	4.2%	1	Max 22,305.0
Total		24	

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"	Count
Left Blank	24

What is the primary language spoken in your home?



Value	Percent	Count
English	95.8%	23
Spanish	4.2%	1
Total		24

Responses "other"	Count
Left Blank	24



Neighborhood Parks Plan

Taney Avenue Park

Community Feedback, Fall 2014



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

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Be a safe place for children to explore
2. Be a place to create social connections with neighbors
3. Provide opportunity to explore nature

What would you like done with the natural area?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	2	22%
Enhance it	6	67%
Transform it	1	11%

Explain

It is disgusting and full of trash. The worst is the grass and decrepit sidewalk connecting Taney Avenue.
The park needs more regular clean-up and more law enforcement checking in to cut down on the trash and empty alcohol containers.

What would you like done with the open lawn?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	3	33%
Enhance it	5	56%
Transform it	1	11%

Explain

A playground would have an actual draw. it is just a field now.
It would be awesome to have a combo of open field space and a small adventure/non conventional playground in this area. We do not have any playgrounds within easy walking distance and some of the ones that are nearby (Ben Brenman Park) are pretty boring.

What would you like done with the picnic benches?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	0	0%
Enhance it	8	100%
Transform it	0	0%

Explain

Not too many places to sit, but there is no reason to hang out there anyways.
There is a lot of trash and the park could use more regular clean.

What would you like done with the seating?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	1	13%
Enhance it	7	88%
Transform it	0	0%

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

Response

A playground!
A swing set and playground for kids
An adventure style/unconventional playground would be amazing!
Dog park or more walking path areas in the open field. Water feature. Gazebo.
Nice lawn, park benches, attractive landscaping, and other natural elements
Playground and a cleaning crew.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Park?

Response

Access is highly limited from east of the park
Better trash removal around the picnic tables.
The path from the 4000 block of Taney needs to be cleaned up and better maintained.
The park needs more attention in general to cut down on teenagers drinking and partying at night and leaving their broken beer bottles strewn around.
This grassy area is depressing and the "park" connecting Taney is scary, the sidewalk is narrow, broken, muddy, and the surrounding area is covered in beer cans, broken bottles, and litter.



Taney Ave Park

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)

- 1 Install widened trail connection between the two parts of Taney Ave**

The current sidewalk between the east and west end of Taney Ave is in disrepair. A new trail would be 10 ft wide, allowing both pedestrians and cyclist to safely pass through. The trail would also create a new east-west pedestrian-cyclist link that runs parallel to Duke Street.
- 2 Clear non-native brush between the trail and Park**

The area between the Taney trail connection and the park is full of overgrown non-native brush. This plan proposes removing some of the brush to make both sections of the park feel cohesive and give sightlines to the trail from the park, enhancing safety.
- 3 Create entry plaza to the Park**

The park does not currently have a formal entrance. The park rules and regulation sign is on the fence and a single pathway, without designation, leads users into the park. A plaza at the corner would include park furniture such as a bench, bike racks, and a sign. Its shown on the corner of Taney to invite park users either into the park or onto the trail.
- 4 Install No Parking sign at the two spaces closest to the park**

Taney Avenue dead ends at the park and there is no space for a car to turn-around. By making the last two spaces "no parking," cars and maintenance vehicles will have the space and ability to back up and perform a 3-point turn.
- 5 Install climbing play features**

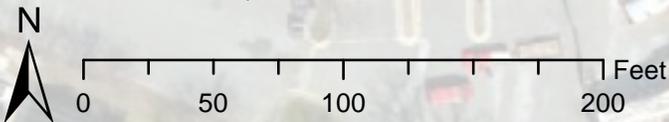
The center of this lawn can serve as an area for natural play and climbing features while still retaining the passive character of the park. Natural play may include boulders, balancing equipment, and other child-friendly structures. Existing benches on either side of the lawn provide spaces for parents to sit and watch their children.
- 6 Provide accessible path to new benches**

Park Operations recently replaced the park furniture in this Park, including an ADA picnic table. A pathway will be added for people with disabilities to access the table.
- 7 Repair split rail fence**

The existing fence is in disrepair and needs replacement.



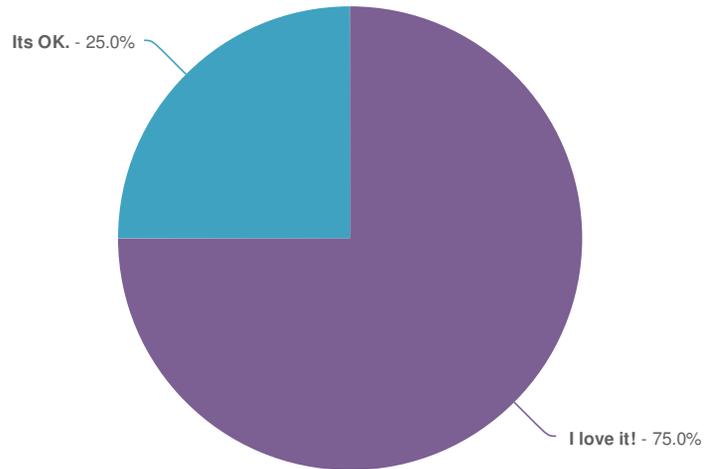
— Park Boundary





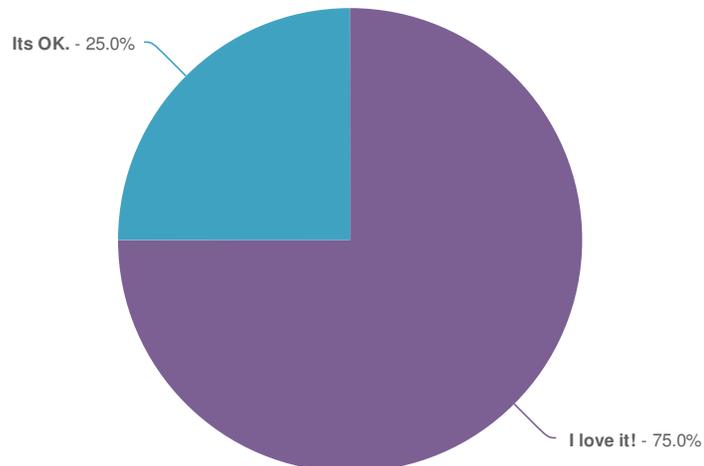
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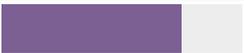
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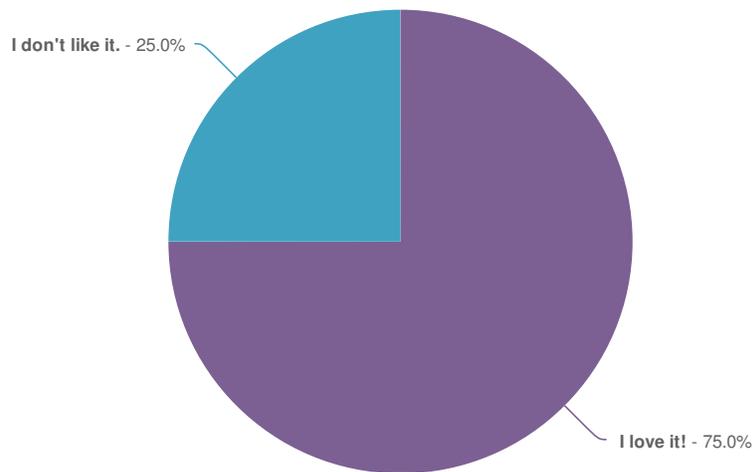
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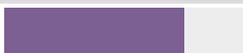
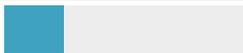
What do you think of the following recommendations?-Create entry plaza to park



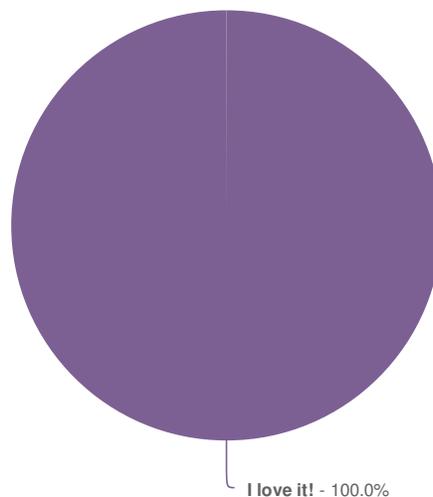
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What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install No Parking sign at the two spaces closest to the park



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I don't like it.	25.0%		1
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What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install climbing play features

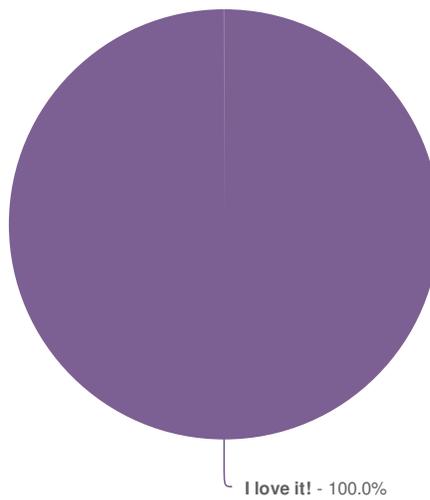


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Explain-Install climbing play features

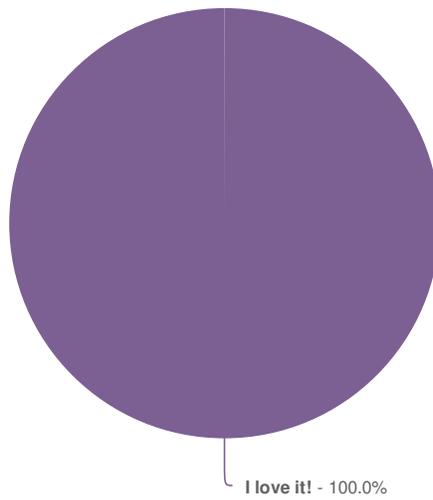
Count	Response
1	Need more kids play area here and not just the climbing structure

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install widened trail connection between the two parts of Taney Ave



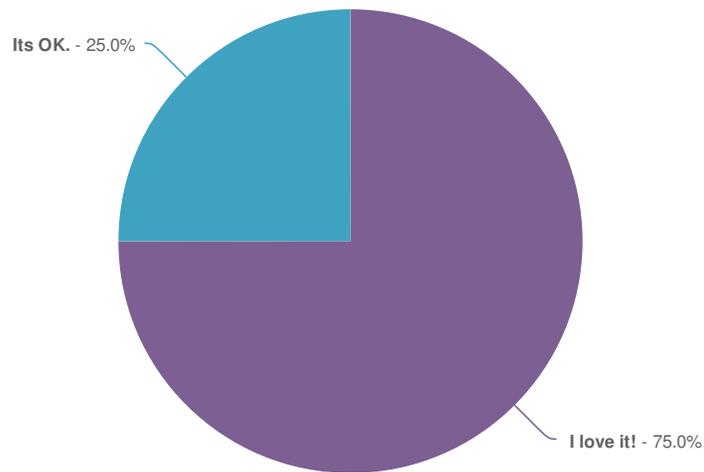
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Total		4

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Provide accessible path to new benches



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Total		4

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Repair split rail fence



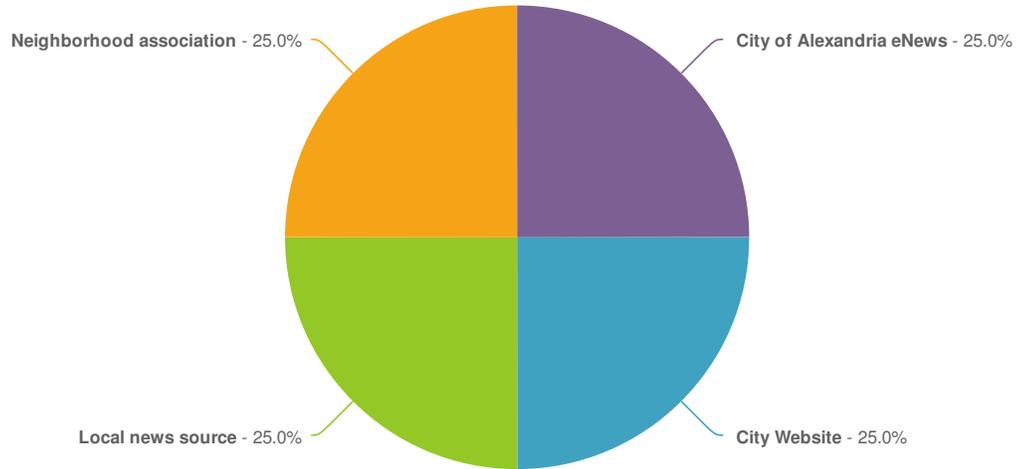
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Total		4

Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Taney Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

Count Response

1 I didn't get an opportunity to put in input on this plan before it was created and feel it should have been sent out to a wider audience prior to design

How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?



Value	Percent	Count
City of Alexandria eNews	25.0%	1
City Website	25.0%	1
Local news source	25.0%	1
Neighborhood association	25.0%	1
Total		4

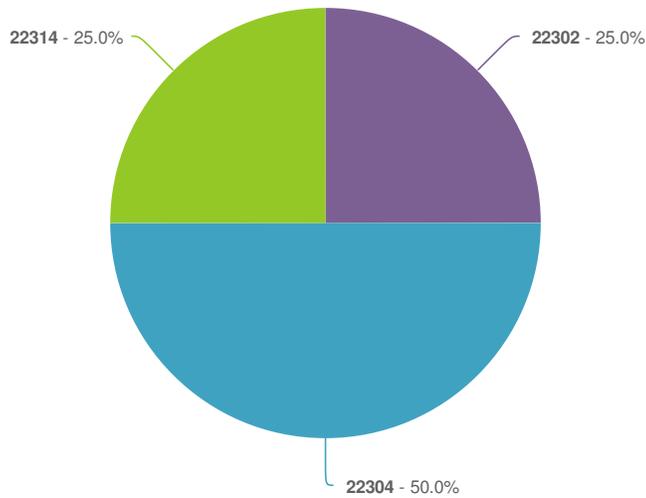
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How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	3 100.0%	3
6-12	2 100.0%	2
13-18	1 100.0%	1
19-29	1 100.0%	1

	# in household	Responses
30-49	3 100.0%	3
50-69	1 100.0%	1
70 or above	1 100.0%	1

What is your zip code?

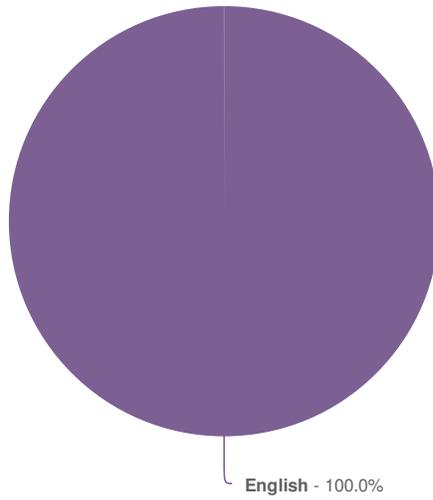


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22304	50.0%	2	Average 22,306.0
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Total		4	Max 22,314.0

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"	Count
Left Blank	4

What is the primary language spoken in your home?



Value	Percent	Count
English	100.0%	4
Total		4

Responses "other"	Count
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Neighborhood Parks Plan

Timberland Park

Community Feedback, Fall 2014



The Division of Park Planning, Design, and Capital Development is currently planning for the City's existing Neighborhood Parks, which we characterize as being 0.5 - 10 acres with a service area of up to 0.5 miles. The results of this plan will help determine budgeting priorities and recommendations for both short and long-term incremental improvements, ensuring that neighborhood parks serve Alexandria's needs now and into the future.

In Fall 2014, 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, community workshop, and "graffiti board" in the park. Over 270 people responded to the survey in total, two of which were specific to Timberland Park.

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

(top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

1. Help reduce environmental impacts
2. Be a place to create social connections
3. Provide opportunity to explore nature

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

Response
Community garden. Water spigot.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Park?

Response
Would be an ideal location for a community garden.
It is a great place for neighbors to meet and socialize especially if they have dogs. A community garden would provide an opportunity for other neighbors to enjoy the space and would provide a source of water for the plants and dogs.

How do you get to this Park?

Value	Count	Percent
Walk	2	100%
Bike (personal)	0	0%
Bike (Capital Bikeshare)	0	0%
Drive	0	0%
Public Transit	0	0%
Carpool	0	0%

How far do you typically travel to visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Less than ½ mile	2	100%
Between ½ mile to 1 mile	0	0%
Between 1-2 miles	0	0%
Over 2 miles	0	0%

How often do you visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Daily	0	0%
Weekly	2	100%
Monthly	0	0%
Yearly	0	0%

What would you like done with the hill?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	2	100%
Enhance it	0	0%
Transform it	0	0%

What would you like done with the open space area?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	0	0%
Enhance it	1	50%
Transform it	1	50%

Explain
Consider a community garden
it would be great to be able to use part of the space for a community garden. The field gets full sun and parts are relatively flat. it was add an additional amenity to the park.

What would you like done with the structure?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	0	0%
Enhance it	2	100%
Transform it	0	0%

Explain
The retaining wall needs to be reinforced. It is deteriorating and needs to be better supported



KENNEDY

Timberland Park

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)

1 Install park entrance and regulations sign on Kennedy Street
Currently, there is no indication from the street that there is a park located between the two adjacent houses.

2 Improve the park access trail
The existing asphalt trail is broken and ends in an undefined shape. This plan recommends removing the asphalt and replacing it with a mulch or a permeable surface nature trail that keeps in character with the Park.

3 Install trash can and dog pick-up station
This park is used most heavily by dog walkers. Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities will install a dog bag station if its adopted by a community group because staff cannot maintain the constant need for bags. A new trash can would be provided next to the bag station with regularly scheduled City trash pick-up service.

4 Eradicate invasive species, including bamboo, and plant native plants
Incorporate thoughtful, up-front ecologically based landscape planning for the Park as a means of improving the quality of the environment within the City while reducing maintenance requirements and costs over-time.

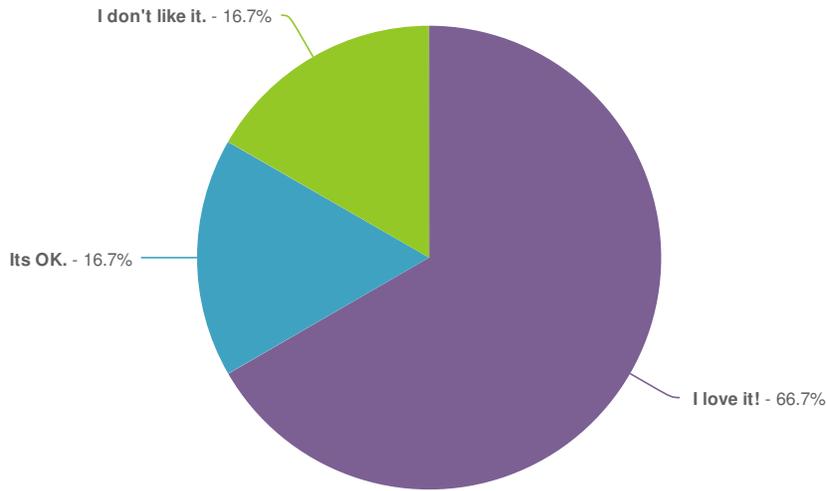
5 Secure the foundation of the wooden structure and work with youth or volunteer group to construct a play fort; improve turf within fort area
The existing wooden structure was left behind from a former playground removed from the site over twenty years ago. The structure is in poor condition but can be reinforced and serve as the base for a natural play feature for community children. It would promote imaginative play and childhood memories. This plan recommends working with a youth or volunteer group to design and construct the fort. A concept of the idea is shown below.





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What do you think of the following recommendations?-Eradicate invasive species, including bamboo, and plant native plants

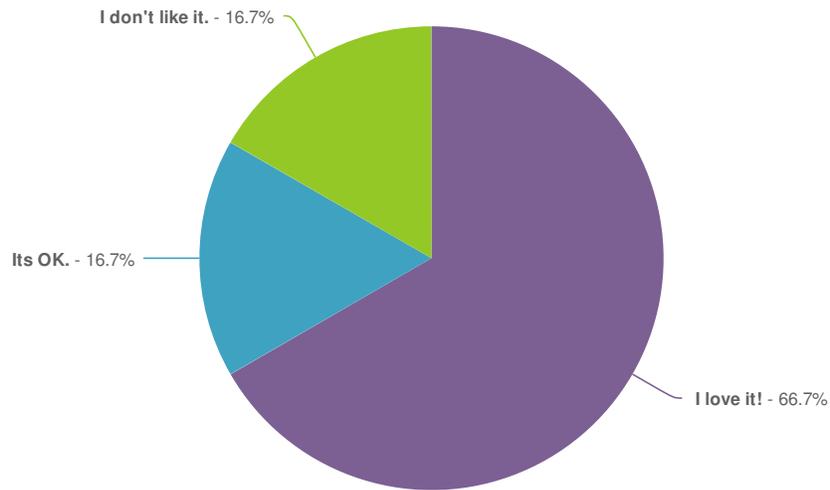


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	66.7%	4
Its OK.	16.7%	1
I don't like it.	16.7%	1
Total		6

Explain-Eradicate invasive species, including bamboo, and plant native plants

Count	Response
1	Bamboo and plants hide houses that back up to the park
1	Make sure to keep plenty of open space.
1	Not the highest priority, but would be great.
1	If the city has plenty of money to spend, great. Would rather see the dead trees that could fall over and hurt someone removed instead.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Improve the park access trail

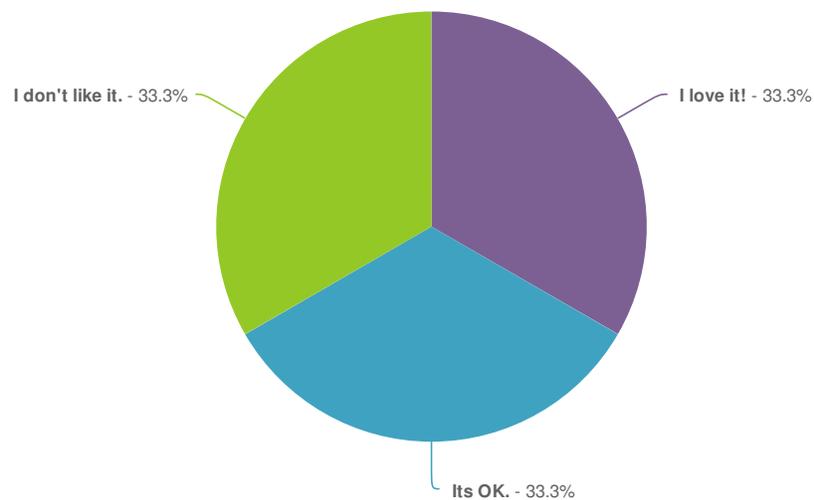


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	66.7%	4
Its OK.	16.7%	1
I don't like it.	16.7%	1
Total		6

Explain-Improve the park access trail

Count	Response
1	Great!

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install park entrance and regulations sign on Kennedy Street

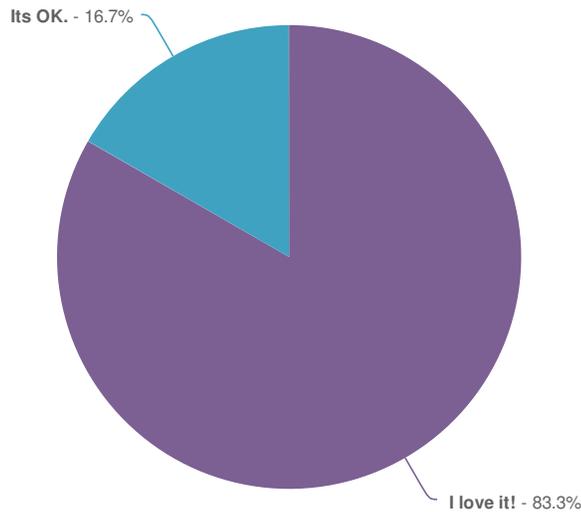


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	33.3%	2
Its OK.	33.3%	2
I don't like it.	33.3%	2
Total		6

Explain-Install park entrance and regulations sign on Kennedy Street

Count	Response
1	The current intimate setting is an important and intriguing aspect of the park.
1	Prefer that this does not become an official dog park. This is in a easement between houses where there is limited parking and houses back up to the park.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install trash can and dog pick up station

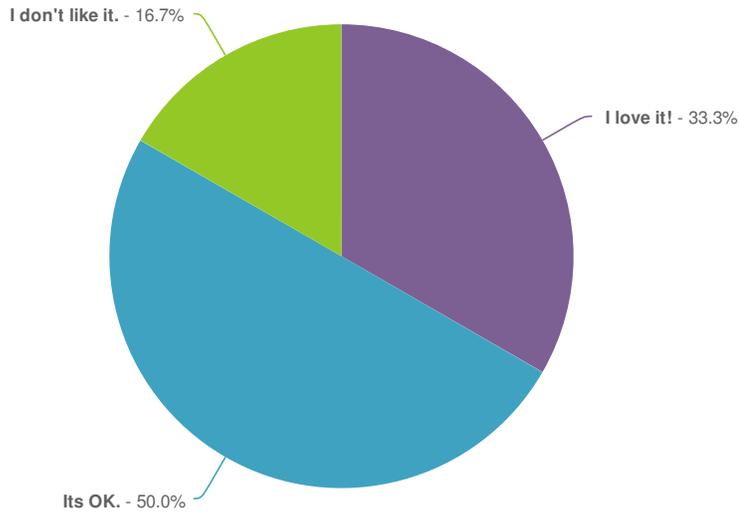


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	83.3%	5
Its OK.	16.7%	1
Total		6

Explain-Install trash can and dog pick up station

Count	Response
1	Top priority.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Secure the foundation of the wooden structure and work with youth or volunteer group to construct a play fort; improve turf within play fort



Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	33.3%	2
Its OK.	50.0%	3
I don't like it.	16.7%	1
Total		6

Explain-Secure the foundation of the wooden structure and work with youth or volunteer group to construct a play fort; improve turf within play fort

Count Response

- 1 I think I prefer the natural "forts" the kids play in now to something more structured.
- 1 Definitely need to secure the wooden structure. This is currently a dog park though and I don't want a play for for children installed. It wouldn't be safe for both dogs and children to play here
- 1 I disagree with the addition of a fort but securing the foundation of the railroad ties is critical. A fort would adjust the current use of the park dramatically and may slowly cause the current primary users to become disenfranchised.
- 1 The railroad ties need to be replaced, but why install a wooden "fort"? This is a place where people exercise there dogs. Not a playground.

Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Timberland Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

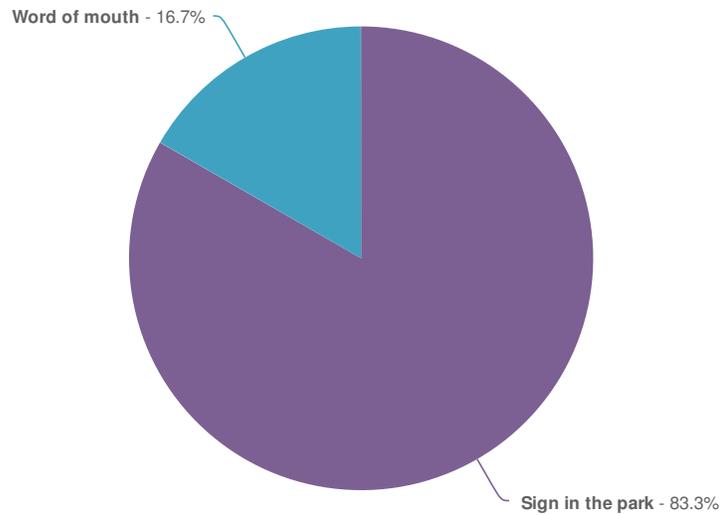
Count Response

- 1 No. There should not be any kids playground equipment at the park.
- 1 Yes
- 1 Making sure that securing the "foundations" of the current structure means securing the railroad ties in a safe manner.
- 1 The plan sounds fantastic to me. The only addition I can think of would be to add a water fountain - for dogs and people!

Count Response

1 Please fix all the safety issues and keep mowing it on a regular basis. That is all that is needed. I keep hearing the city has budget shortfalls. Why spend more than is necessary?

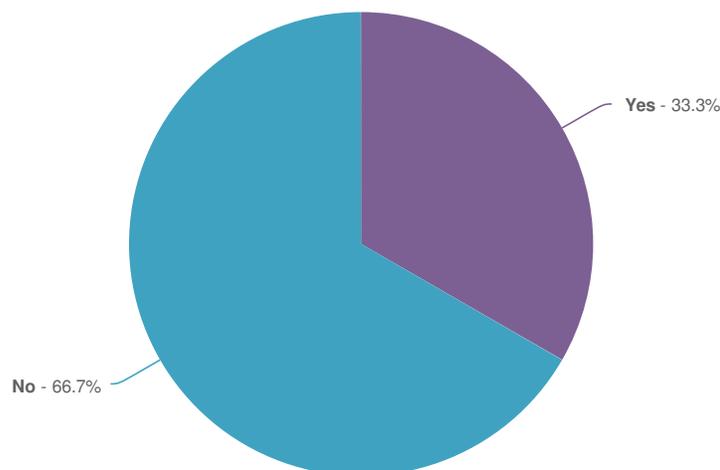
How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?



Value	Percent	Count
Sign in the park	83.3%	5
Word of mouth	16.7%	1
Total		6

Responses "Other"	Count
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Will you be attending the workshop on May 27 from 7pm-8:30pm at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center to discuss the draft plan?

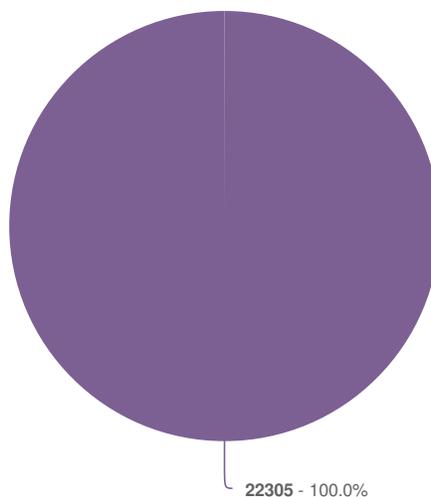


Value	Percent	Count
Yes	33.3%	2
No	66.7%	4
Total		6

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
6-12	2 100.0%	2
19-29	2 100.0%	2
30-49	5 100.0%	5

What is your zip code?

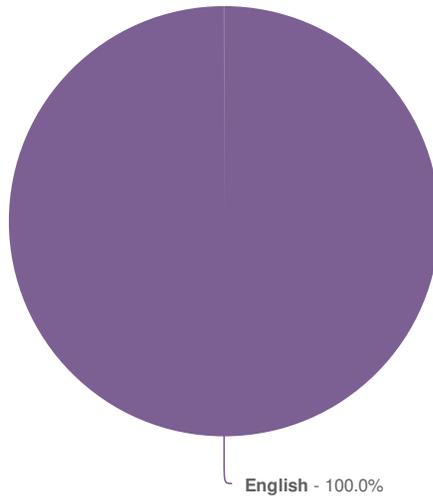


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Total		6

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Max	22,305.0

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"	Count
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