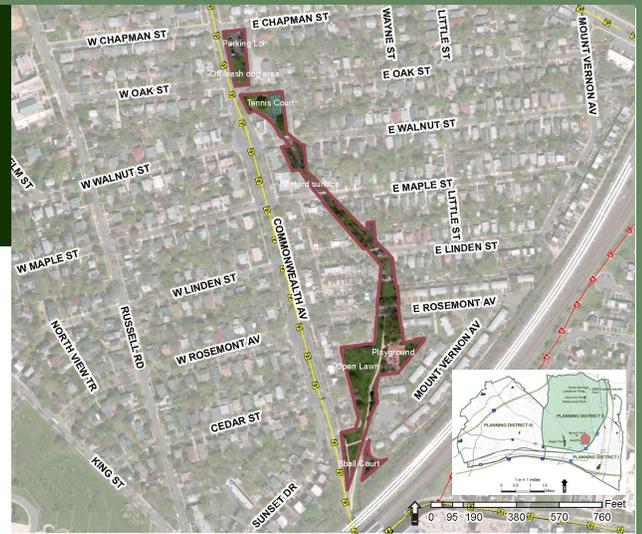




# Neighborhood Parks Plan

## 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	6	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 veritibly 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 say add pylons that ensure cars don't cross into bike path.

