



Neighborhood Parks Plan

Lockett Field/ Schuyler Hamilton Skate 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, fourteen of which were specific to Lockett Field/Schuyler Hamilton Skate 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 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

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 1/2 mile	1	8%
Between 1/2 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%

