



Neighborhood Parks Plan

Stevenson 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, 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