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.

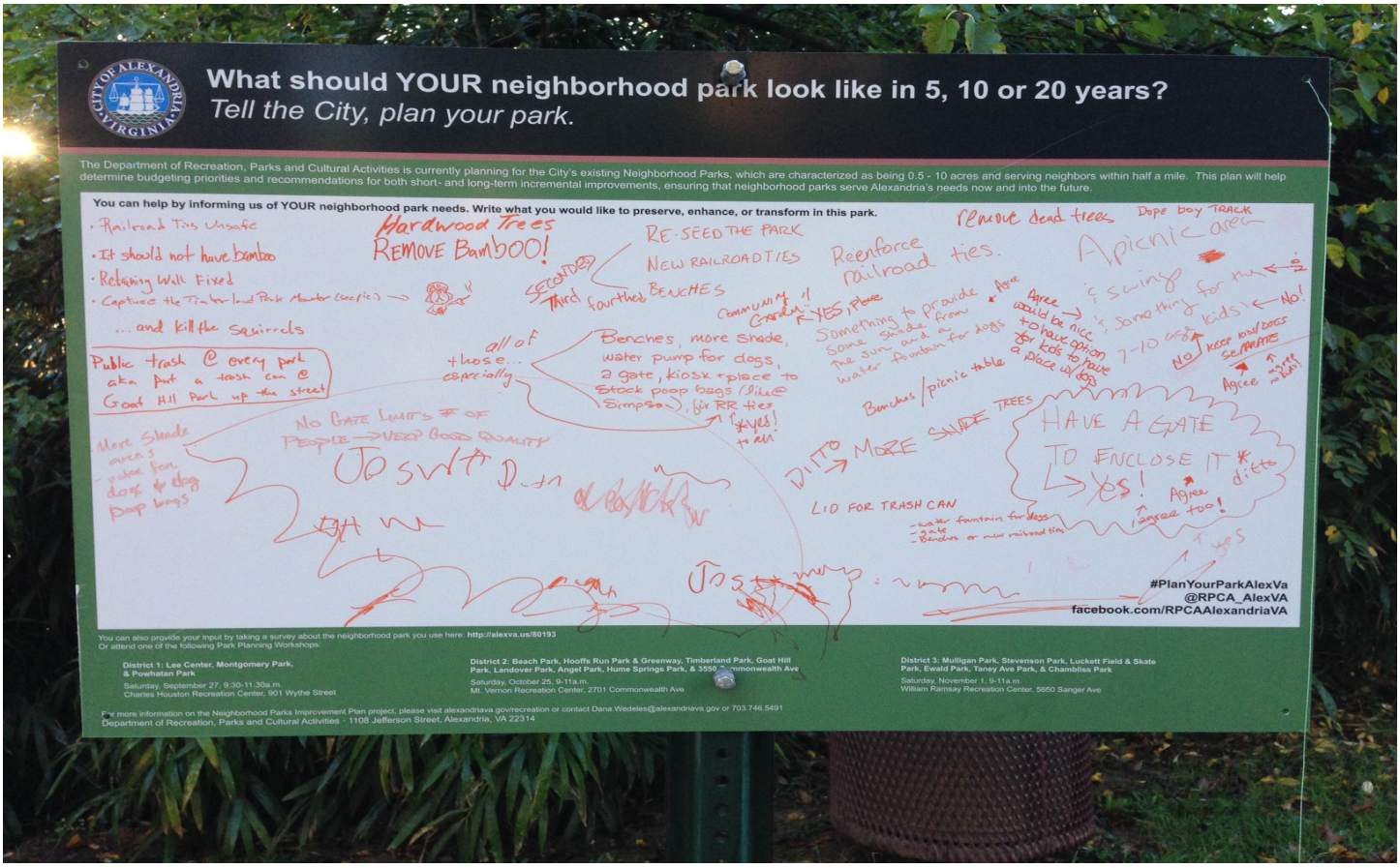
What would you like done with the structure?

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

Comments from Community Workshop held on October 25, 2014

- Enhance structure by making it a safer climbing structure. Suggestions: tree fort or wooden play fort; boulders
- Install dog pick-up supplies; it could be provided by neighborhood association
- Open lawn needs shade
- Remove bamboo
- Provide signage at entrance

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).