FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Chairman and Members

Park Authority Board

VIA: Jai Cole, Executive Director

FROM: Kim Eckert, Division Director

Park Operations Division

DATE: May 17, 2024

Agenda

Park Operations Committee (Committee of the Whole) Wednesday, May 22, 2024 – 6:00 pm Board Room, Herrity Building Chairman: Linwood Gorham Vice Chair: Mike Thompson

- 1. Parklawn Park Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request Mason District Little League (with presentation) Action*
- 2. Update on Park Operations Projects from October 2023 to March 2024 (with presentation) Information
- 3. Update on Trash and Recycling Initiative (with presentation) Information
- 4. Removal of Pickleball Lines at Kendale Woods Park (with presentation) Information

*Enclosures



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ACTION

<u>Parklawn Park</u> – <u>Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Mason District Little League (Mason District)</u>

ISSUE:

Approval of a Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant request from the Mason District Little League in the amount of \$12,945 to help fund a project to renovate the diamond infield at Parklawn Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of a Mastenbrook grant award in the amount of \$12,945 to help fund a project to renovate the diamond infield at Parklawn Park.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on May 22, 2024, in order to award the grant.

BACKGROUND:

Mason District Little League (MDLL) has requested to renovate the infield of the diamond field at Parklawn Park (Attachment 1.) The project will address sub-optimal playing conditions and improve drainage by installing topsoil and infield mix, regrading, and adding sod.

Upon completion, the proposed project will provide faster recovery from rain events and timely return of the field to usable condition. This translates to more usable days for the field, which provides the community dependent on this public park with increased playing opportunities. Park Operations staff has reviewed the project plan and has concluded that it meets required specifications for FCPA diamond fields.

To help fund the project, MDLL is requesting a Mastenbrook grant of \$12,945 to complete the funding needed (Attachment 2.) If approved, the grant will be matched by a \$12,946 cash donation from MDLL. Combined, these two funding sources will provide sufficient funds to complete the project, which has a total budget of \$25,891.

Maintenance costs for the infield will continue to be the responsibility of MDLL through their existing Adopt-a-Field agreement. MDLL has been a partner in the County's Adopt-a-Field program since 2017 and through that program has contributed significant funds toward maintenance of fields at both Mason District Park and Parklawn Park.

The Park Authority Board Member for the Mason District supports approval of the grant request. The project will be managed by MDLL in coordination with the Park Operations Division. Timing for completion of the project is uncertain, as project scheduling is

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dependent on the amount of time needed to assemble funding, as well as staff and vendor availability.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated total project cost is \$25,891. Funds are currently available in the amount of \$12,945 in PR-000147, Park Renovations and Upgrades-2020, in Fund 300-C30400, Park Bond Construction Fund; and \$12,946 anticipated to be raised by MDLL, resulting in total anticipated funding of \$25,891.

Contingent on approval of this grant, the balance in the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Funds Grant Program will be \$604,115.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Aerial Showing Grant Project Area at Parklawn Park

Attachment 2: Mastenbrook Grant Request – Mason District Little League, Parklawn

STAFF:

Jai Cole, Executive Director

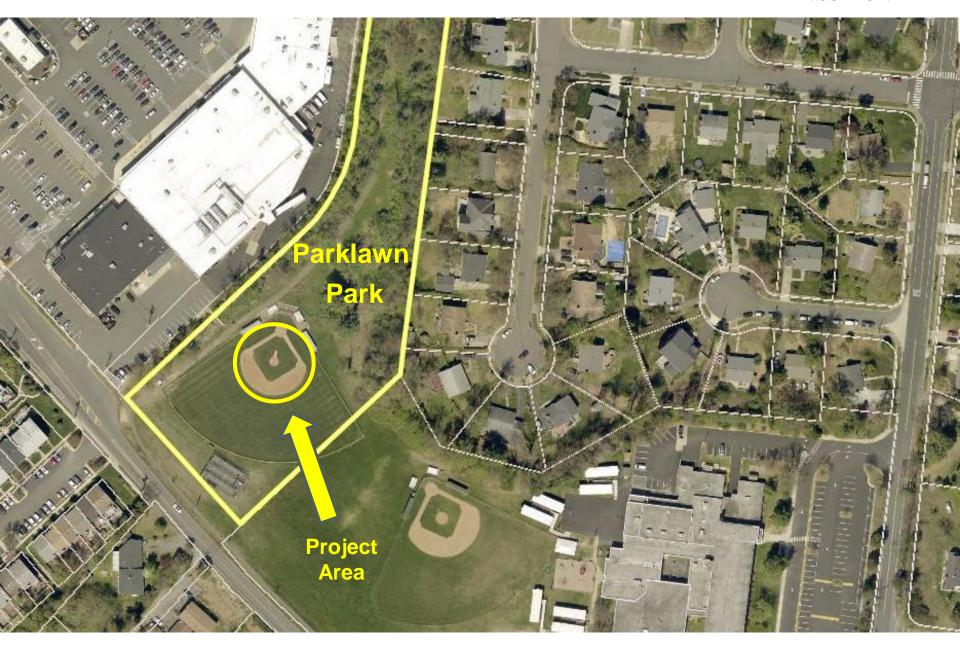
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Kevin Williams, Manager, Park Management Branch, Park Operations Division Jeff Winkle, Regional Manager, Park Management Branch, Park Operations Division Julie Tahan, Management Analyst and Community Support Specialist, Park Operations





Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program Application Form

PLEASE PRINT. Please provide all information requested. Attach additional sheets and/or materials as needed to support your request.

1.	1. Grantee Information		
	Name of Individual or Organization:		
	Contact P	erson:	
	Mailing Address:		
	Phone:		
	Email:		
2.	Project	Title	
3.	Funding	g Requested for this project	

Applicant may apply for more than one project per fiscal year; however, the combined

total of grant funding awarded may not exceed \$20,000 within a fiscal year.

Amount: _____

4. Project Description

Provide a description of your project. Attach drawings or specifications for materials proposed for purchase. If educational materials are proposed, provide a mock-up or example of how the product will look, how it will be posted or distributed, and an example of the content. Provide a detailed map and other visual materials, site plan, drawings, photos, cross sections or a mock-up of your project and what the finished product will look like. *Provide as much detail as you can to help evaluators clearly understand your project.*

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5. Public Benefits

Explain why your project is important and why it is needed? Who are the intended users? How will the public benefit? How many and what different types of users do you expect? How does this project provide new recreational opportunities for the intended users? Does your project solve a problem or provide important missing services? *Please be aware that projects must be ADA compliant*.

6. Sponsor Commitment

What experience do you or does your organization have in accomplishing similar projects? Who will be responsible for organizing and assigning the work to insure successful project completion? You will need to document all project expenditures. What is your plan for documenting the work (photographs, video, written documentation, etc.)? Describe what maintenance the improvement will require and how the maintenance will be accomplished over time.

7.	Proposed	Budget

Provide a detailed and complete budget. Include enough detail for evaluators to understand exactly
what grant funds will be used for, how you arrived at the prices (e.g. price quotes, website screenshots
etc.) for services, labor, materials, equipment, etc., and the same level of detail about the amount and
source of matching funds.

8. Funding Process

The Park Authority prefers to reimburse grantees after the worthe following:	rk is completed. Please check one of
We understand that we will receive the grant funds from the project and furnish receipts with our letter requesting payn	
We must have the Park Authority pay the grant-funded poof the project. (Grant funds are remitted directly to vendors or	
Signature	Date

Submit application to: Fairfax County Park Authority

12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927

Fairfax, Virginia 22035-1118

Attn: Julie Tahan, Community Support Specialist

Park Operations Division

703-324-8740

Julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov

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PREMIER SPORTS FIELDS, LLC

Athletic Field Management, Service, Renovation, Construction

August 22, 2023

Mason District Little League Brian Johnson 4270 John Marr Dr. #592 Annandale, VA 22003

RE: Parklawn Park Baseball 60' infield

Dear Brian.

It was a pleasure discussing the renovation of the Parklawn Park 60' baseball infield, foul lines, located at Lincolnia Rd. Falls Church, VA. The Park is FCPA property, is adjacent the shopping center and to Parklawn Elementary School. The following Proposal is for the renovation to install a new infield area measuring 3,600 total square feet and 1st & 3rd base foul line sod, and 3rd base coach's box. Total square feet of sod areas are 4,600 square feet. The following Proposal contains the line items you requested; all are based on the bid prices from the Fairfax County Contract 4400010478 which is a VA State contract I extend to FCPS school fields.

I am providing the proposed scope of work. The field will be graded to follow the existing grade scheme as it slopes towards the east on a plane.

You will be responsible for gaining site access from the school in order for us to get deliveries to the field area. Topsoil, infield mix, and sod deliveries on different days will be necessary.

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1. Renovate the infield, first and third base foul lines, and 3rd base coaches box (4,600 sq. ft.)

- Sod cut, roto-till, and grade designated infield areas 3,600 sq. ft., first and third base lines 4' x 100' each side (800 sq. ft.), and 3rd base coaches' box (200 sq. ft.). Sod not to exceed 4,600 square feet.
- Customer must paint all irrigation heads in the infield wings and along the arc.
- Deliver and install 26 tons of 3 mm screened soil from Luck Stone. Install new topsoil to both wing areas and back of home plate circle to fence.
- Install 46 tons of Field gem infield mix, from Luck Stone.
- Install 15 cubic yards of Compost.
- Deliver and install 4,600 square feet of Tall Fescue sod (wide roll).
- Customer to water new sod one time when irrigation is completed.

Pricing

Per Field						
	Application	description	unit type	Unit Price	QTY	Total Line Item
		Grind, Grade, Sod				
	AJ	Fescue	sq. ft.	\$1.10	4,600	\$5,060.00
		3MM screened				
	ADA	topsoil	ton	\$78.00	26	\$ 2,028.00
	DA	Mobilization	trailer	\$550.00	4	\$7,700.00
		Install PSF supplied				
	ADA	infield mix	ton	\$78.00	46	\$3,588.00
	APD	mound reno	each	\$1,150.00	1	\$1,150.00
		home plate and				
	APB	pitching rubber	each	\$400.00	1	\$400.00
	BN	Labor	Hr.	\$55.00	47	\$2,585.00
	AEB	compost	ton	\$78.00	15	\$ 1,170.00
	BM	rubber loader	Hr.	\$85.00	26	\$ 2,210.00
						\$25,891.00

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Craig Koster

Business Development Manager Premier Sports Fields

Cc: Gene Gowe PSF

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Mastenbrook Grant Request from Mason District Little League

PRESENTED TO:
Park Operations Committee
May 22, 2024





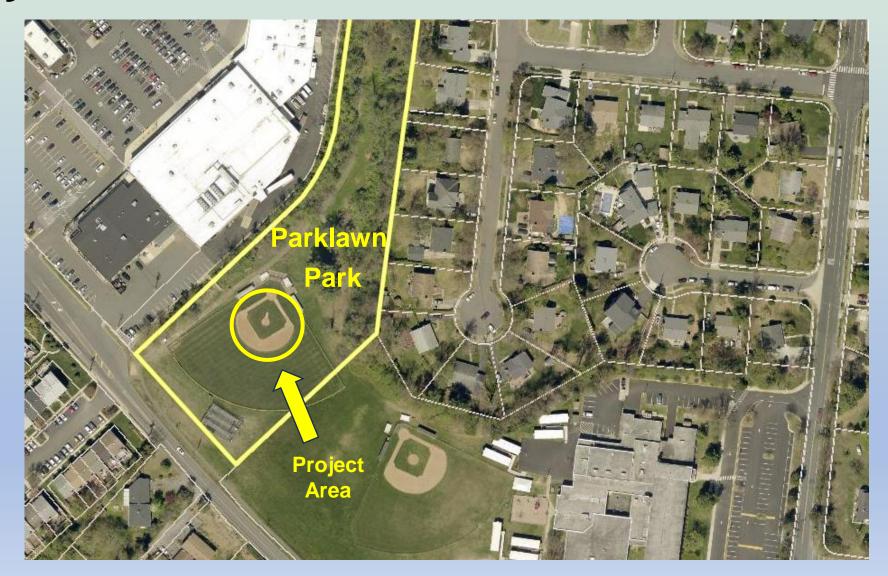


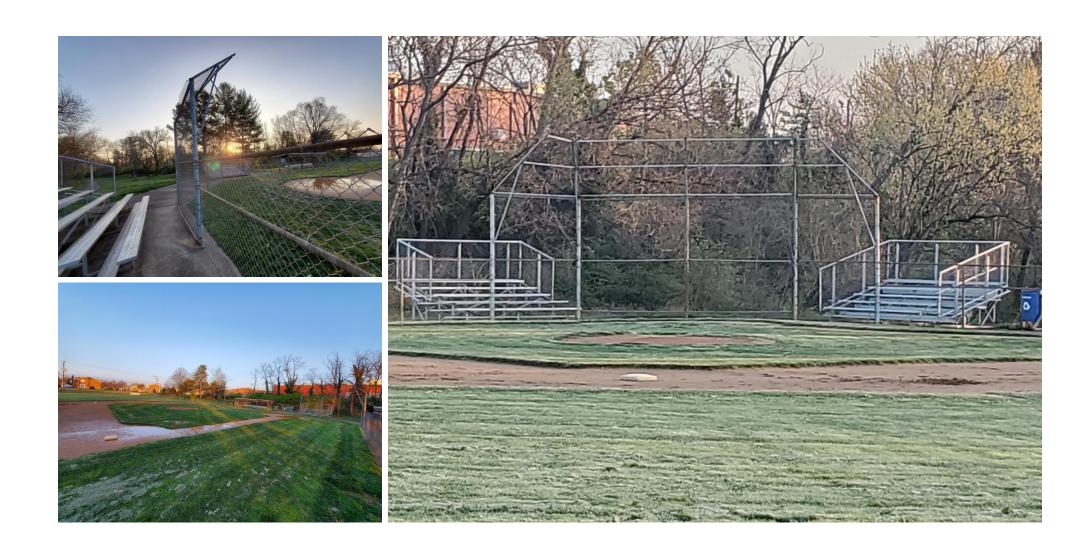
PROJECT

Diamond Field Renovation Parklawn Park Mason District









EXISTING CONDITIONS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION



- □ Install new infield area 3,600 square feet
- Regrade follow existing grade scheme
- □ Add sod at first and third base foul lines and third base coach's box 4,600 square feet
- Project to be managed by Park Operations
- Contractor/vendor: Premier Sports Fields

PROJECT BUDGET AND FUNDING



PROJECT COSTS

\$ 5,060	Grind, Grade, Sod, Fescue
\$ 2,028	Topsoil
\$ 7,700	Mobilization

\$ 3,588 Infield mix installation

\$ 1,550 Mound, home plate and pitching rubber

\$ 2,585 Labor

\$ 1,170 Compost

\$ 2,210 Rubber loader

\$ 25,891 TOTAL PROJECT COST

PROPOSED FUNDING

\$12,946 Mason District Little League

\$12,945 Mastenbrook Grant

\$25,891 TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDING

FISCAL IMPACT



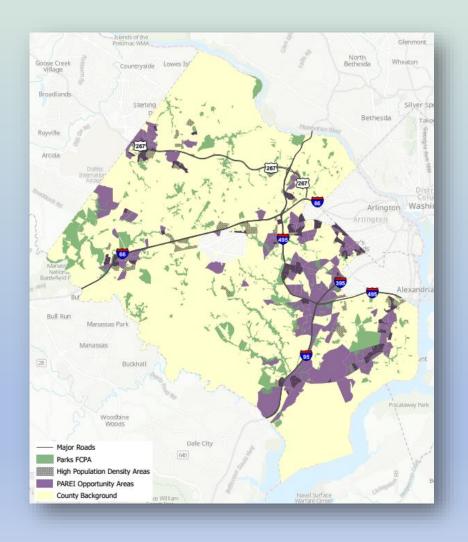
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PROSA Analysis

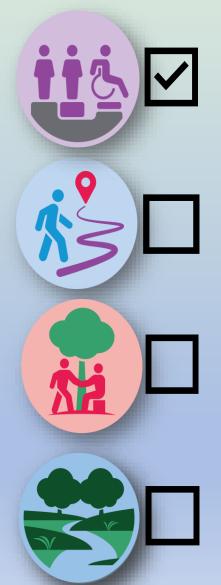
The project supports the PROSA Strategy in the following ways:





PROSA Analysis

The project supports the PROSA Strategy in the following ways:



Summary Analysis: Parklawn Park serves a high PAREI area. This project improves playability of the diamond field by providing faster recovery from rain events, thus reducing field closure intervals. This provides the community in a high PAREI area with increased playing opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION



 Approve a Mastenbrook Grant in the amount of \$12,945 to Mason District Little League in order to complete a project to renovate the diamond infield at Parklawn Park.



DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS?

INFORMATION (with presentation)

Update on Park Operations Projects from October 2023 to March 2024

Park Operations staff will provide an overview of Park Operations projects.

The following projects will be highlighted in the accompanying presentation to the board.

- Arrowbrook Park Restroom Renovation
- Ashgrove Historic Site Porch and Window Restoration
- Braddock Park Ticket Booth Refurbishment
- Eileen Garnett Civic Space Amenities Additions
- Facilities and Equipment Maintenance Shop Fence Replacement
- Fred Crabtree Park Restroom Renovation
- George Washington Rec Center Office Flooring
- Jefferson Village Park Athletic Field Refurbishment
- Lahey Lost Valley Park Window Repairs
- Lake Accotink Park Walkway Improvements
- Laurel Hill Golf Course Clubhouse Refurbishment
- Pinecrest Golf Course Restroom Renovation
- South Run District Park Trail Renovation
- Turner Farm Park Lighting Project
- Twin Lakes Golf Course Restroom Renovation

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None.

STAFF:

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TO: Jai Cole, Executive Director

FROM: Kim Eckert, Director

Park Operations Division

DATE: May 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Quarterly Project Status Report

Attached is the Park Operations Division's Quarterly Project Status Report for the **Second and Third Quarters of FY 2024**. This report provides the status, updated through March 31, 2024.

Recently completed projects include:

Braddock District

Lake Accotink Park – Walkway Improvements

Completed: January 2024

Cost: \$60,000

Dranesville District

Arrowbrook Park – Restroom Renovation

Completed: April 2024

Cost: \$133,475

Turner Farm Park – Lighting Project

Completed: March 2024

Cost: \$10,200

Hunter Mill District

Ashgrove Historic Site – Porch and Window Restoration

Completed: March 2024

Cost: \$84,580

Fred Crabtree Park – Restroom Renovation

Completed: April 2024

Cost: \$86,766

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Lahey Lost Valley Park – Window Repairs

Completed: March 2024

Cost: \$9,485

Mason District

Eileen Garnett Civic Space – Amenities Additions

Completed: October 2023

Cost: \$5,014

Facilities and Equipment Maintenance Shop – Fence Replacement

Completed: January 2024

Cost: \$22,160

Jefferson Village Park – Athletic Field Refurbishment

Completed: March 2024

Cost: \$6,900

Pinecrest Golf Course – Restroom Renovation

Completed: October 2023

Cost: \$135,569

Mount Vernon District

Laurel Hill Golf Course – Clubhouse Refurbishment

Completed: March 2024

Cost: \$157,070

George Washington Rec Center - Office Flooring

Completed: March 2024

Cost: \$1,270

Springfield District

Braddock Park – Ticket Booth Refurbishment

Completed: November 2023

Cost: \$14,256

South Run District Park – Trail Renovation

Completed: December 2023

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Cost: \$131,150

Twin Lakes Golf Course – Restroom Renovation

Completed: February 2024

Cost: \$159,130

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Ryan Carmen, Director, Golf Services

Daidria Grayson, Director, Marketing and Communications Division

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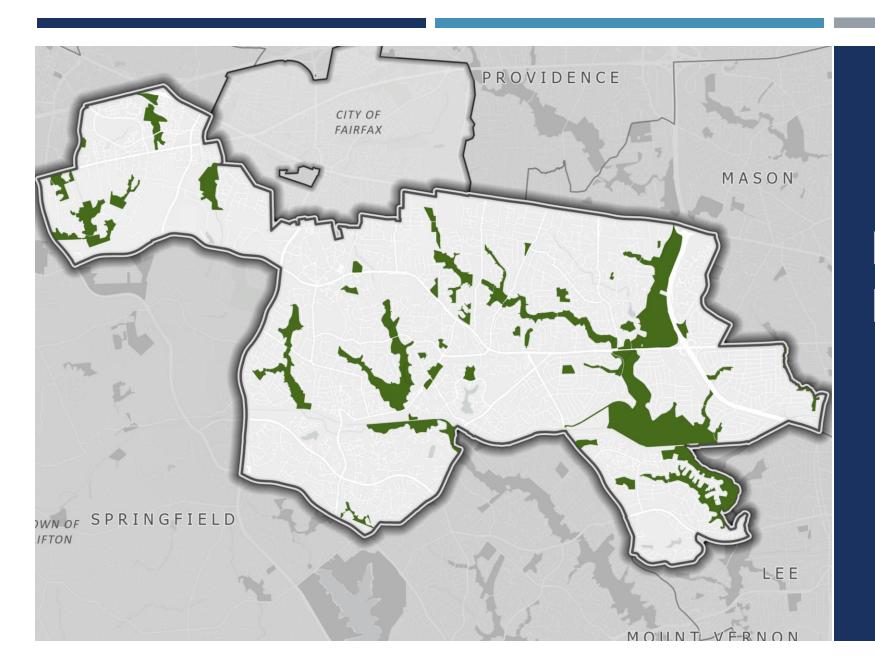
Karen Devor, County-wide Grounds Branch Manager, Park Operations Division

PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PARK OPERATIONS DIVISION





PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS: OCTOBER 2023 – MARCH 2024



BRADDOCK DISTRICT

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK – WALKWAY IMPROVEMENTS BRADDOCK DISTRICT

- Removal of wooden boardwalk
- Installation of concrete walkway
- Concrete used to increase durability of walkway and extend lifespan of the amenity

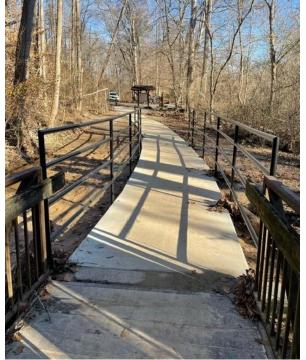
Funded by: General County Construction Fund

Cost: \$60,000

Completed: January 2024

Project Manager: Marcos Suarez





Before

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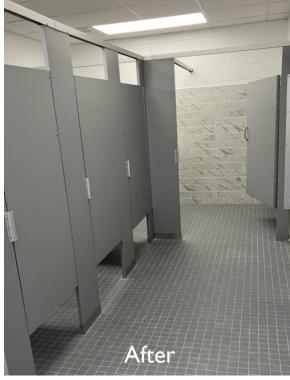
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DRANESVILLE DISTRICT

ARROWBROOK PARK – RESTROOM RENOVATION DRANESVILLE DISTRICT

- Renovation of men's and women's restrooms
- New wall and floor tiles
- New plumbing, LED light fixtures, partitions, and vanities
- Painted interior walls
- New ceiling tiles and grids
- Exterior pressure washing
- Funded by: General County Construction Fund
- **Cost:** \$133,475
- Completed: April 2024
- Project Manager: Alan Crofford and Ron Pearson





TURNER FARM PARK – LIGHTING PROJECT DRANESVILLE DISTRICT

- Removal of existing lights and worked with manufacturer in Canada for retro-fit
- Installation of night sky retro-fit light bollards
- Project manager worked closely with the Analemma Society
- As a result of the improved lights, the site achieved designation as an Urban Night Sky Place from DarkSky International



Cost: \$10,200

Completed: March 2024

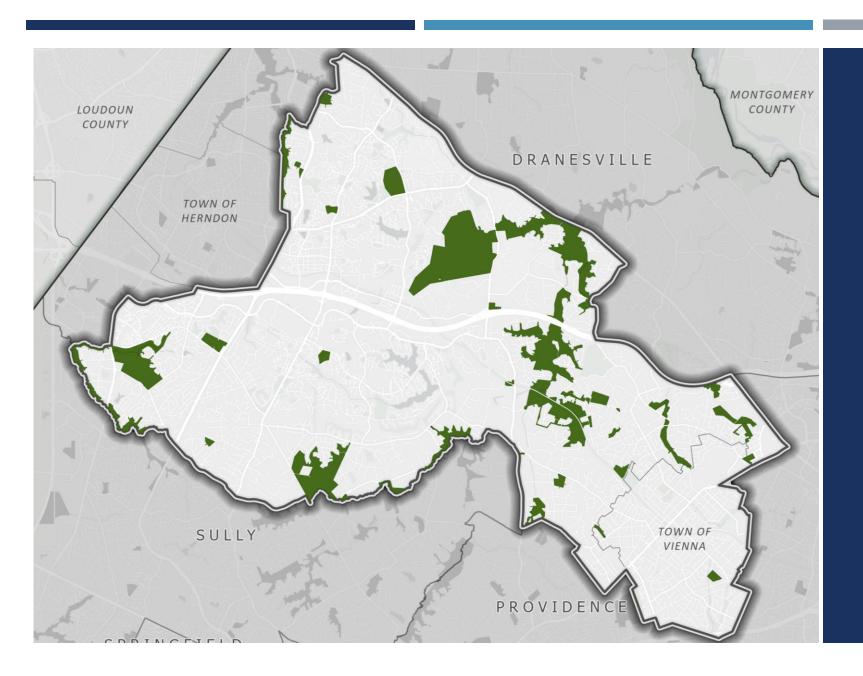
Project Manager: Russ Davis











HUNTER MILL DISTRICT

ASHGROVE HISTORIC SITE – PORCH AND WINDOW RESTORATION HUNTER MILL DISTRICT

- Repair and restoration of front porch of historic house
- Used contractor that specializes in historic restorations
- 33 windows and 3 doors were restored and insulated using Environmental Improvement Program funds
- Ashgrove House was built in 1790



Funded by: General County Construction Fund

Cost: \$84,580

Completed: March 2024

Project Manager: Russ Davis





FRED CRABTREE PARK – RESTROOM RENOVATION HUNTER MILL DISTRICT

- Renovation of men's and women's restrooms
- New wall and floor tiles
- New plumbing, LED light fixtures, partitions, and vanities
- Painted interior walls
- Exterior pressure washing

- Funded by: General County Construction Fund
- **Cost:** \$86,766
- Completed: April 2024
- Project Manager: Alan Crofford and Ron Pearson





LAHEY LOST VALLEY PARK – WINDOW REPAIRS HUNTER MILL DISTRICT

- Repair and restore leaking basement windows on the historic property
- ☐ Lahey Lost Valley house was built in 1810



Cost: \$9,485

Completed: March 2024

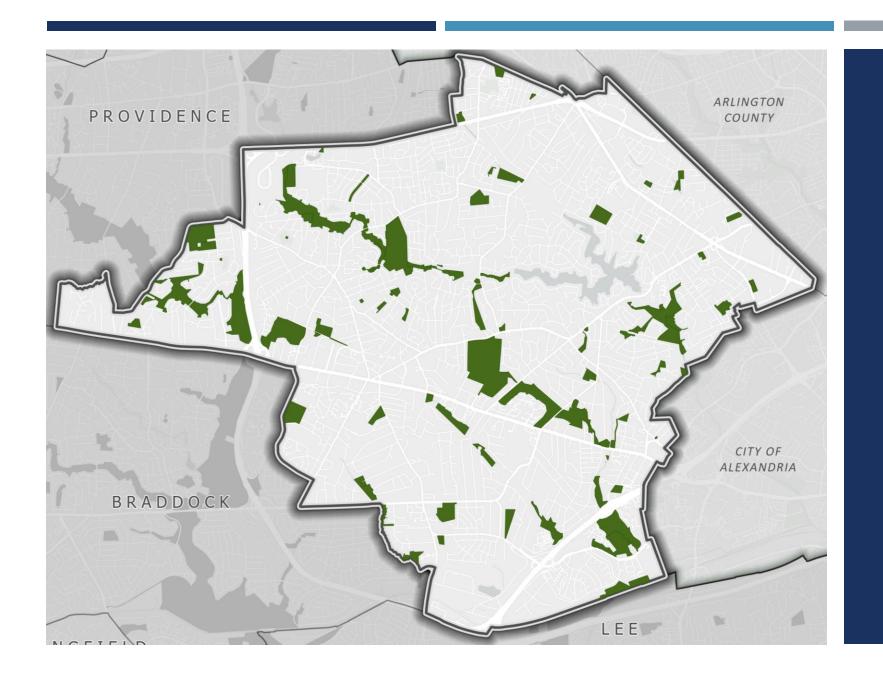
Project Manager: Russ Davis











MASON DISTRICT

EILEEN GARNETT CIVIC SPACE – AMENITIES ADDITIONS MASON DISTRICT

- Assembled, transported and installed:
 - ☐ 3 picnic tables
 - 6 benches
 - 2 trash cans
 - 3 bike racks

- Funded by: General County Construction Fund
- **Cost:** \$5,014
- Completed: October 2023
- Project Manager: Laura Troy
- Completed by: Area 2 Crew







FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SHOP – FENCE REPLACEMENT MASON DISTRICT

- □ Perimeter security fence replaced at the Facilities and Equipment Maintenance Shop
- 235 linear feet of fencing installed

- Funded by: General County Construction Fund
- **Cost:** \$22,160
- Completed: January 2024
- Project Manager: Alan Crofford and Ron Pearson





JEFFERSON VILLAGE PARK – ATHLETIC FIELD REFURBISHMENT MASON DISTRICT

- Removed the natural grass from the infield and wings area of youth baseball field
- Regraded the infield
- Installed new sod
- Rebuilt home plate area and pitching mound to Little League specifications
- Funded by: General County Construction Fund
- **Cost:** \$6,900
- Completed: March 2024
- Project Manager: Michael Harris
- Completed by: Area 1 Athletic Field Staff







PINECREST GOLF COURSE – RESTROOM RENOVATION MASON DISTRICT

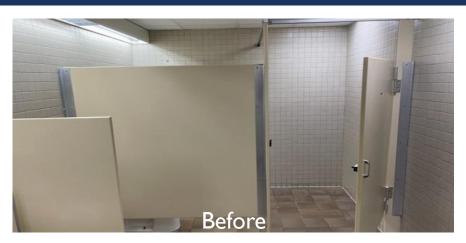
- Renovation of men's and women's restrooms in golf course clubhouse
- New wall and floor tiles
- New plumbing, LED light fixtures, partitions, hand dryers and vanities
- Ceiling tiles and grids replaced
- Interior painting

Funded by: Sinking Fund

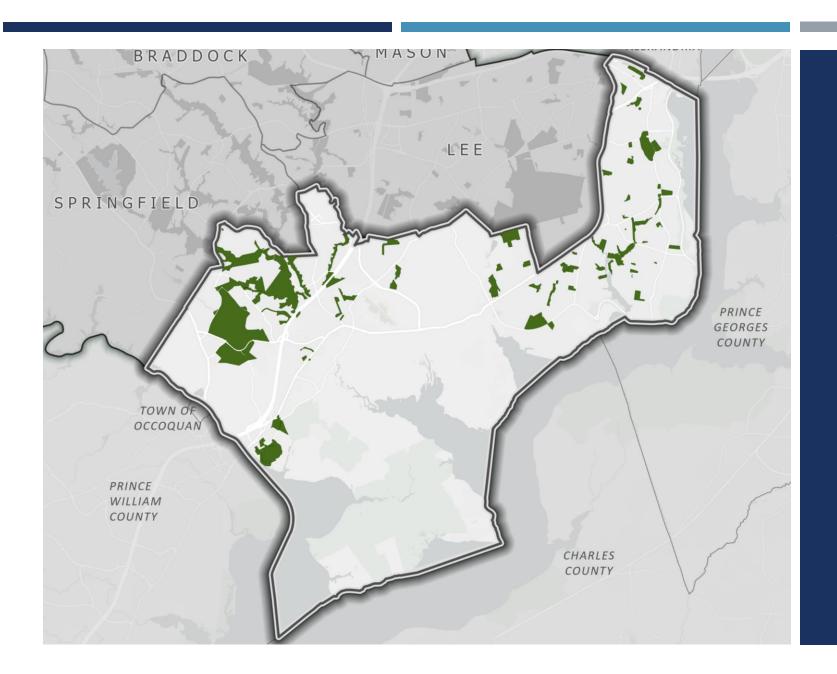
Cost: \$135,569

Completed: October 2023

Project Manager: Kenneth Urf







MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT

LAUREL HILL GOLF COURSE – CLUBHOUSE REFURBISHMENT MT VERNON DISTRICT

- New flooring installed in ballroom, restaurant, conference room, staff offices, and the pro shop
- Replace floor in the commercial kitchen
- New furniture in the restaurant area
- Painting of Clubhouse

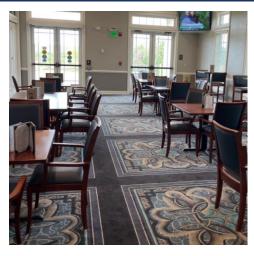


Cost: \$157,070

Completed: March 2024

Project Manager: Russ Davis









GEORGE WASHINGTON REC CENTER – OFFICE FLOORING MT VERNON DISTRICT

□ Re-use of carpet tiles from Laurel Hill Golf Course Clubhouse in offices at GW Rec Center

Funded by: General County Construction Fund

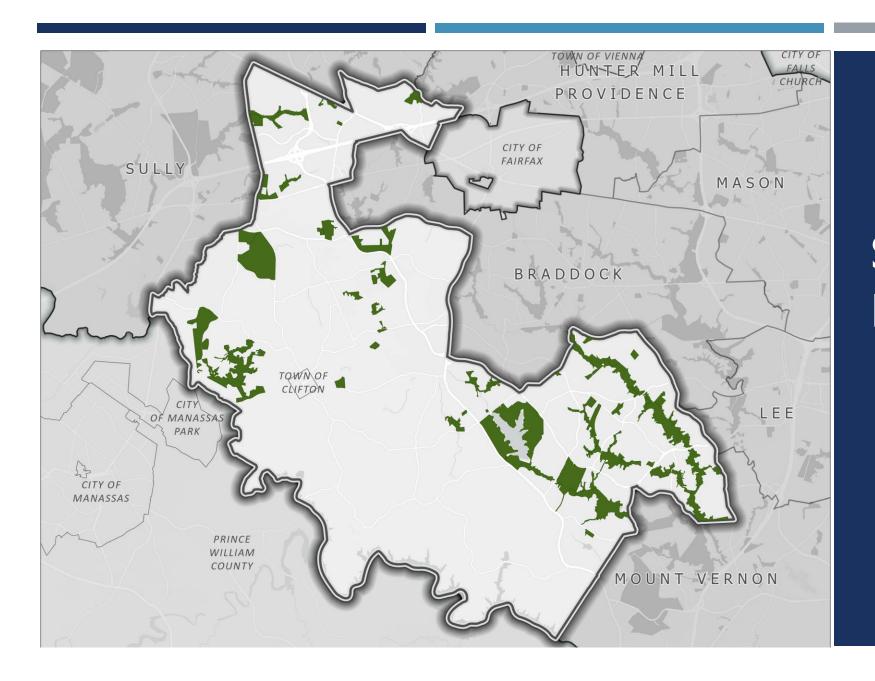
Cost: \$1,270

Completed: March 2024

Project Manager: Russ Davis







SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT

BRADDOCK PARK – TICKET BOOTH REFURBISHMENT SPRINGFIELD <u>DISTRICT</u>

- Replacement of all siding, framing and trim
- Replacement of wood and shingles on roof of batting cage ticket booth. Added weather shield, copper drip edge and echo star on roof.
- Replacement of gutters and down spouts
- Repainting ticket booth siding and door



Cost: \$14,256

Completed: November 2023

Project Manager: Kenneth Urf

Completed by: Facilities Support Staff



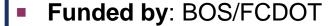






SOUTH RUN DISTRICT PARK – TRAIL RENOVATION SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT

- □ 3,700' paved trail lifecycle overlay
- Elevated 160' of paved trail and added culverts needed due to affects of a beaver dam nearby
- Trail runs from Laketree Drive to field house parking lot and Lake Mercer property



Cost: \$131,150

Completed: December 2023

Project Manager: Karen Devor









TWIN LAKES GOLF COURSE – RESTROOM RENOVATION SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT

- Renovation of men's and women's restrooms in golf course clubhouse
- New wall and floor tiles
- New plumbing and lockers
- New ceiling tiles and grids
- Added a dress area in women's locker room for wedding events



Cost: \$159,130

Completed: February 2024

Project Manager: Kenneth Urf









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INFORMATION (with presentation)

Update on Trash and Recycling Initiative

At the May 22, 2024 Park Authority Board Meeting, Park Operations staff will present an update on the trash and recycling initiative.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENT:

None.

STAFF:

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Trash and Recycling Update







Zero Waste Trash and Recycling: \$3,926,062 – FY25 Request

- Fairfax County Code § 109.1-2-3(a)(4) Recycling at Non-Residential Properties requires that waste cans must be accompanied by recycling cans.
- In the current model, maintenance staff spend 2-3 days per week on trash, impacting their ability to focus on other park maintenance projects.
- Provide additional trash and recycling services in our parks on the weekends.
- Ensure that trash and recycling separation is occurring at our parks and transported according to associated standards.

• FY25 Budget - FUNDED

• Zero Waste Trash Removal and Recycling: A Phase One investment of \$1,064,990 to support 4.0 merit and 4.0 non-merit FTE in two services areas, along with associated capital equipment needed to support the purchase of recycling receptacles, collection trucks, and compactors in support of the county's recycling ordinance





Zero Waste Trash and Recycling: FY26 Request - \$2,861,072

- Provide additional trash and recycling services in ALL parks on the weekends.
- Funding will allow the Park Authority to provide recycling services in all of the six Park Authority maintenance areas.
- Given the County's commitment to Zero Waste and to ensure FCPA is in compliance with the County's recycling ordinance the FY26 budget should include funding for full implementation of the recycling program.
- Funding should include the required capital investment and the staff needed to support full implementation.





Implementation Timeline for Phase 1

May 2024

- Order two trucks (anticipate one year until delivery)
- Order two compactors
- Order 198 recycling receptacles

June 2024 - Advertise four merit and non-merit positions

September 2024

- Onboard new employees
- Reallocate existing maintenance trucks to cover trash and recycling operations until the new trash/recycling trucks are received

October 2024

- Install new recycling receptacles in parks
- Begin recycling in the parks and facilities located in Area 2 and Area 5

May 2025 – New recycling and trash trucks are delivered, and the other maintenance trucks are returned to other maintenance operations

INFORMATION

Removal of Pickleball Lines at Kendale Woods Park

In late 2019, the Park Authority began addressing the demand for additional pickleball courts throughout the park system by adding dedicated Pickleball courts and dual striped lined tennis/pickleball courts wherever we could. However, it quickly became clear that in order to grow pickleball courts in a sustainable and strategic way the Park Authority identified the need for a plan. In 2021, a Pickleball Study was completed that examined how many pickleball courts are needed in the county and where they should go. The study included significant outreach to the pickleball community and resulted in site criteria for locating pickleball courts.

Although pickleball is a fun and popular sport, it does result in noise pollution for nearby residents which has resulted in multiple lawsuits against park agencies across the country. For that reason, FCPA included an acknowledgment that the distance to neighboring residences be taken into account when adding pickleball to a park and in February 2024, the site criteria was refined and presented to the Park Authority Board with the recommendation that courts not be built within 250 feet of residences. Instead of a wholesale removal of all pickleball courts within that distance, the Park Authority decided to make removal decisions on a case-by-case basis if the neighboring homes within that distance complain about the noise.

The tennis courts at Kendale Woods Park were dual lined with pickleball in 2020. In 2022 the Park Authority received its first complaint - the same year the courts were resurfaced and re-lined. After the surfacing was improved the courts became a popular pickleball destination and verified noise complaints continued from residents within the new pickleball site selection criteria distance.

The Park Authority appreciates the passionate support for the sport from the Pickleball community and has worked relentlessly to provide opportunities to play pickleball throughout the county. Since the study was completed the Park Authority has added 54 pickleball courts, an increase of 293%. In the case of Kendale Woods, the court is located 120 feet from the nearest residence. The Park Authority has an obligation to relieve impacts of noise pollution to ensure that park amenities do not intrude upon the quality of life for anyone who uses our courts or lives immediately adjacent to them. The Park Authority did not have a public meeting regarding the removal of these courts (although we did have our usual 30-day comment period) because this is an operational decision based on our own site selection criteria and not a situation where majority opinion wins. It would be unethical to force even one resident to endure sounds that we ourselves have identified as being a nuisance due to public pressures to do so.

It is important to note that there are 16 other pickleball courts within a five-mile radius of Kendale Woods Park and we are constructing two new dedicated pickleball courts in 2025 at Mason District Park, which is a mile away.

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