



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Chairman and Members
Park Authority Board

VIA: Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

FROM: David Bowden, Director
Planning and Development Division

DATE: December 1, 2016

Agenda

**Planning and Development Committee
Wednesday, December 7, 2016 – 5 p.m.**

Boardroom – Herrity Building

Chairman: Ken Quincy

Vice Chair: Michael Thompson, Jr.

Members: Walter Alcorn, Linwood Gorham, Frank Vajda

1. Scope Approval – Rocky Run Stream Valley Trail Improvements in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park at Cabell’s Mill – Action*
2. Scope Approval – Flatlick Branch Stream Valley Trail Improvement – Action*
3. Approval – Patriot Park North at Willow Springs Park (aka Lincoln Lewis Vannoy) Conceptual Development Plan and Park Name Change to Tom Davis Park – Action*
4. Approval – Land Dedication Request – RZ 2011-HM-012 – Dominion Square/CARS-DBI, LLC – Action*
5. Approval – Request by Great Falls Lacrosse to Install a Donor Recognition Wall at Great Falls Nike Park Field #4 – Action*+
6. Monthly Contract Activity Report – Information*

*Enclosures



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ACTION

Scope Approval – Rocky Run Stream Valley Trail Improvements in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park at Cabell's Mill (Sully District)

ISSUE:

Approval of the project scope to improve an existing section of the Rocky Run Stream Valley trail in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park at Cabell's Mill.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the project scope to design, and construct improvements to an existing section of the Rocky Run Stream Valley trail in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park at Cabell's Mill.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on December 14, 2016, to maintain the project schedule.

BACKGROUND:

The Park Authority Board approved an allocation of funding from the 2012 Park Bond for twelve trail planning and development projects on October 23, 2013. The list of funded projects included \$598,000 for a project to provide a number of upgrades to the trails in the Cabell's Mill area of Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. A revised master plan process is currently being conducted for Ellanor C. Lawrence Park that will also incorporate changes in the park trail network as a result of the planned Virginia Department of Transportation Interstate Sixty-Six (I-66) widening project. As a result staff has postponed several of the proposed trail improvement projects in the park. However one of the proposed trail improvements within the park to upgrade a section of the Rocky Run Stream Valley trail at Cabell's Mill will be unaffected by the master plan revision or the I-66 widening project.

Most of the Rocky Run Stream Valley Trail is an eight foot wide asphalt trail with the exception of a section of the trail near Cabell's Mill in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park which is currently stone dust and requires constant repairs and maintenance due to surface erosion. A project team that includes representatives from the Resource Management, Park Operations and Planning and Development Divisions was assembled to determine the project scope for improving the trail. The project team is recommending converting

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the section of existing stone dust trail to an eight-foot wide asphalt trail and replacing several failed culverts under the trail (Attachment 1).

The scope of work for this project includes:

- Design, permitting, and contract procurement
- Replacement of culverts
- Paving of 2200 linear feet of eight foot wide trail

The detailed estimated cost for improving the trail sections as outlined above is \$172,800 (Attachment 2).

The proposed timeline for the project follows:

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Planned Completion</u>
Scope, Design and permitting	1 st Quarter CY17
Construction	2 nd Quarter CY17

FISCAL IMPACT:

Based on the scope cost estimate, funding in the amount of \$172,800 is necessary for design, permitting, and construction of this project. Funding is currently available in the amount of \$598,000 in WBS PR-000091, Existing Facility Renovation, 2012 Park Bond, in Fund 300-C30400 to fund the project.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Location Map - Rocky Run Stream Valley Trail at Cabell's Mill in EC
Lawrence Park

Attachment 2: Cost Estimate - Rocky Run Stream Valley Trail at Cabell's Mill in EC
Lawrence Park

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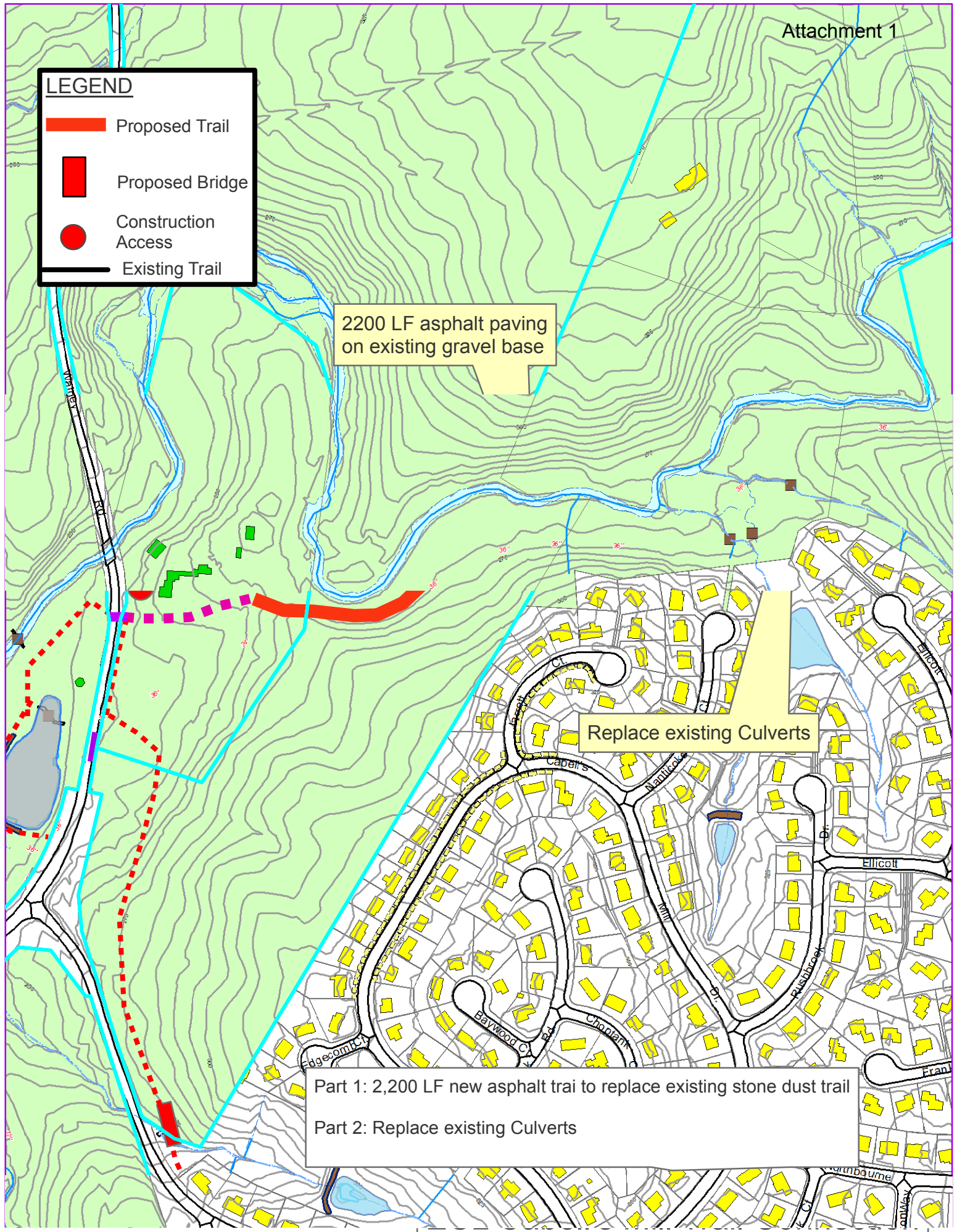
LEGEND

- Proposed Trail
- Proposed Bridge
- Construction Access
- Existing Trail

2200 LF asphalt paving on existing gravel base

Replace existing Culverts

Part 1: 2,200 LF new asphalt trail to replace existing stone dust trail
Part 2: Replace existing Culverts



COST ESTIMATE – Cabells Mill Trail Improvements

Design phase:

Scope & Design	\$30,000
Design Subtotal	\$30,000

Construction Phase:

2200 LF asphalt paving	\$85,800
Culvert Replacement	<u>\$24,200</u>
Construction Subtotal	
\$110,000	

Administrative:

10% Construction Contingency	\$10,500
15% Administration	<u>\$22,300</u>
Administrative Subtotal	\$32,800

Project Total (Design, Construction, Administrative)	<u>\$172,800</u>
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ACTION

Scope Approval – Flatlick Branch Stream Valley Trail Improvement (Sully District)

ISSUE:

Approval of staff recommendation for the project scope for trail improvement in the Flatlick Branch Stream Valley.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the project scope for trail improvements in the Flatlick Branch Stream Valley.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on December 14, 2016, to maintain the project schedule.

BACKGROUND:

On March 24, 2010, the Park Authority Board approved a list of trail projects for funding. That list included \$162,500 for a project to design and build approximately 1,400 LF of asphalt trail in Flatlick Branch SV.

The project was put on hold as the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) began a stream restoration project for the section of the Flatlick Branch stream adjacent to the planned trail improvement. DPWES is currently in the process of completing the stream restoration project. DPWES used the trail location as a construction access for the stream restoration project and as a result has provided a compacted stone base for the trail. Because the trail is located within the floodplain and susceptible to washouts, staff had originally planned for this section of trail to be constructed with a paved surface (Attachment 1). DPWES staff has provided a cost to have their contractor complete the trail by paving over the stone base.

The scope of work for the project includes:

- Paving of 1,340 linear feet of eight-foot wide trail

DPWES has plans for a second phase of stream restoration in Flatlick Branch immediately downstream of the current restoration project. Once the stream restoration

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is completed, the entire trail section in the Flatlick Branch Stream Valley can be completed from Route 50 to the existing paved trail in the Frog Branch Stream Valley. The estimated cost for paving the trail section including administrative costs as outlined above is \$44,173 (Attachment 2).

The proposed timeline for the project follows:

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Planned Completion</u>
Construction	1st Quarter CY17

FISCAL IMPACT:

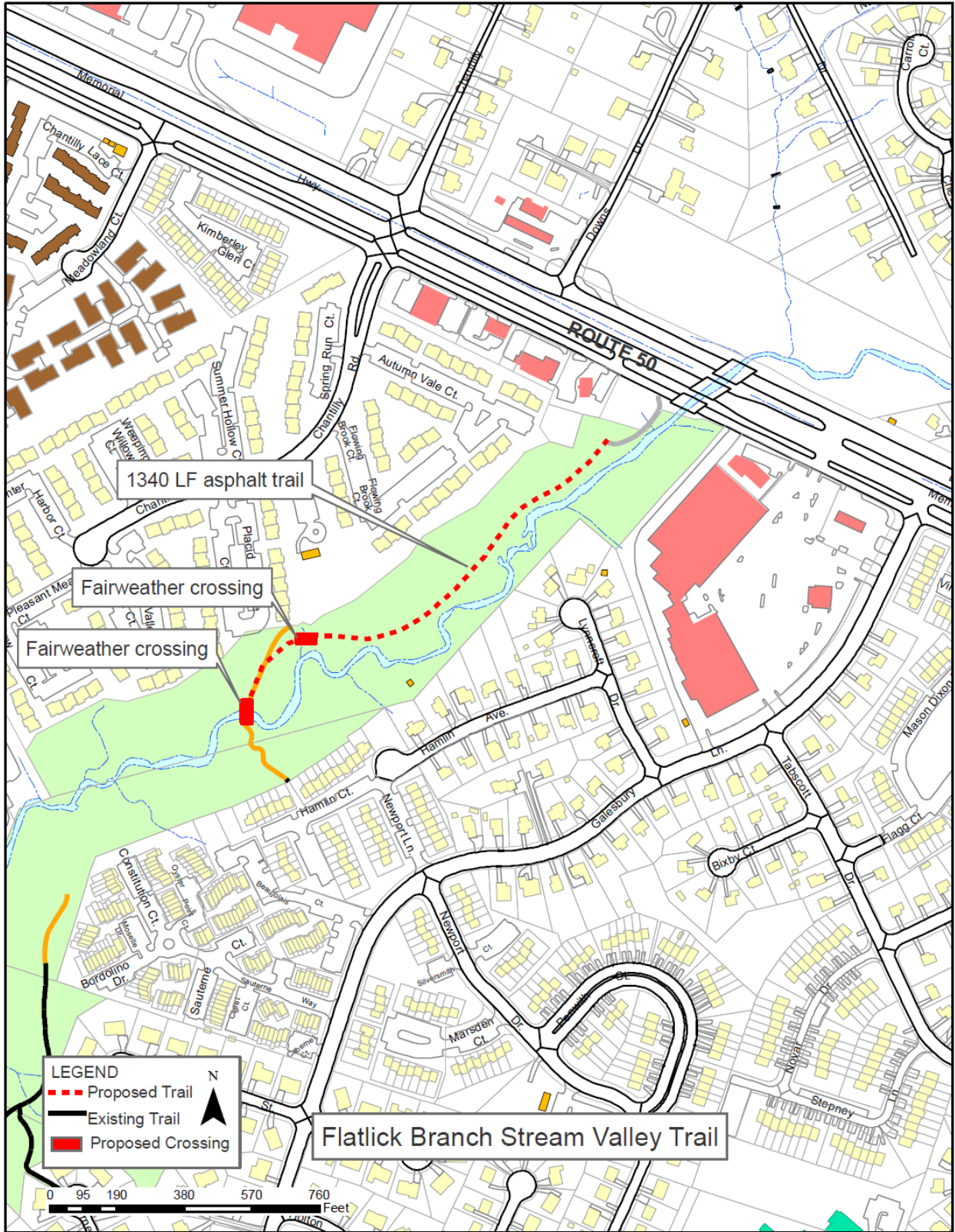
Based on the scope cost estimate, funding in the amount of \$44,173 is necessary to fund this project. Funding is currently available in the amount of \$44,173 in WBS PR-000091, Existing Facility Renovation, 2012 Bond, in Fund 300-C30400 to fund the project.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Location Map – Flatlick Branch Stream Valley Trail
Attachment 2: Cost Estimate – Flatlick Branch Stream Valley Trail Improvement

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COST ESTIMATE – Flatlick Branch Stream Valley Trail Improvement

Construction Phase:

1,342 LF asphalt paving \$36,811

Construction Subtotal **\$36,811**

Administrative:

10% Construction Contingency \$3,681

10% Administration \$3,681

Administrative Subtotal **\$7,362**

Project Total (Design, Construction, Administrative) **\$44,173**

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ACTION

Approval of Patriot Park North at Willow Springs Park (aka Lincoln Lewis Vannoy) Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) and Park Name Change to Tom Davis Park (Springfield District)

ISSUE:

Approval of Patriot Park North at Willow Springs Park (aka Lincoln Lewis Vannoy) Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) and Park Name Change to Tom Davis Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of Patriot Park North at Willow Springs Park (aka Lincoln Lewis Vannoy) Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) and Park Name Change to Tom Davis Park.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on December 14, 2016.

BACKGROUND:

Located at the corner of Braddock and Willow Springs Roads, Patriot Park North at Willow Springs (aka Lincoln Lewis Vannoy Park) is 67 acres with three diamond athletic fields, parking areas, lawn, meadow, and forest areas. Park North at Willow Springs is classified as a local park and is located adjacent to Willow Springs Elementary School (Attachment 1).

This site has been known as Lincoln Lewis Vannoy Park since its acquisition by the county in the 1980s in a reference to the nearby communities that included these names. The formerly BOS-owned property that included the existing diamond fields and parking was transferred to the Park Authority in 1987. An adjacent land acquisition by the Park Authority in 2014 expanded the park by 25.6 acres and provided an opportunity to provide the county's first baseball complex that would support broader utilization and tournaments.

The revised Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) showed redevelopment of the enlarged park to include protection of a historic cemetery, a wheel-shaped cluster of four 90' lighted diamond fields around a concession stand/press box; two 60' lighted diamond fields; picnic shelter/restroom; playground; outdoor fitness equipment, with

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support features including maintenance access, stormwater facilities, parking, food truck area, trails, and approved septic field locations.

Two public comment meetings were held during the planning process. An initial Public Comment Meeting was held on July 14, 2015, to gain public input on the original draft CDP and a revised draft CDP was presented on May 26, 2016, which addressed public comments received during the first meeting and included the addition of a fourth 90' diamond, additional parking, and location of approved septic fields. Public comments on the revised CDP presented in May 2016 were mostly supportive with requests to shift features to provide larger buffer areas, provide better facility utilization, increase parking, and a vehicular connection between the parking lot and the adjacent Willow Springs Elementary School to address school traffic circulation issues.

A second revised CDP is presented for Board approval that reflects the same planned park uses and facilities but further addresses public concerns by showing a wider buffer area to adjacent neighbors, additional parking and a future vehicle connection between the parking lot and Willow Springs Elementary School to improve circulation. (Attachment 2). The full public comment summary is provided. (Attachment 3)

In addition to requesting Board approval of the CDP, the Springfield District Supervisor and Park Board member have proposed that the park be renamed to Tom Davis Park in honor of former Congressman, Fairfax County Board Chairman, and Mason District Supervisor Tom Davis. Tom Davis has made significant contributions to the Park Authority through actions in his elected official status and as a citizen of Fairfax County.

During his 15 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Tom Davis:

- Established Mason District Park Day;
- Oversaw funding for Greens Springs Garden Park;
- Preserved a nine-hole course at Pinecrest Golf Course through zoning proffers;
- Facilitated development of three little league fields at Pine Ridge Park;
- Oversaw dedication of hundreds of acres of stream valley parks;
- Helped establish the amphitheater at Mason District Park through park bonds;
- Preserved historic Clarke House as a zoning proffer.

While in Congress, Tom Davis:

- Authored legislation and worked with the Federal Government to close Lorton Prison and transfer 3,000 acres of land to the county for Laurel Hill Park and Golf Course;
- Obtained federal funding for bike trails for Fairfax County that enhance connectivity to park trails.

In addition, he has demonstrated strong support for local baseball organizations who will utilize the planned baseball field complex.

The Park Policy Manual provides guidance on park names as follows:

“Generally, parks are named in accordance with geographical, historical or ecological features indigenous to the park site or to the immediate vicinity of the site. Preliminary park names are typically designated at the time of acquisition by staff unless the name is specifically designated in the deed or a specific condition of a contract or donation. Park names are finalized through the Master Plan process.

Parks, facilities or resource management areas may be named for an individual or family living or deceased under the following conditions and will be reviewed on a case by case basis:

- ✔ Has made a significant gift of land to the Authority, or*
- ✔ Is memorialized for a significant contribution to the Fairfax County park system, or*
- ✔ Has made a significant contribution to the protection of natural, cultural, or horticultural resources of the Fairfax County park system, or*
- ✔ Has substantially contributed to the advancement of commensurate types of recreational opportunities within the Fairfax County park system, or*
- ✔ Has made a significant contribution to the betterment of a specific park, or*
- ✔ Shall not be named after someone still holding an elected office or persons working for the county.*

Renaming of parks, facilities or resource management areas:

In order to respect the historical tradition, community values and lessen confusion, renaming of parks and facilities is strongly discouraged. Existing park and facilities names shall not be subject to change unless, after a thorough investigation and review the proposed name is found to be more appropriate than the existing name and does not diminish the original name or discount the value of the prior contributors. Any action to change the name of an existing park or facility shall follow the same conditions as above.”

During the master plan process the site was referred to as Patriot Park North at Willow Springs in reference to the baseball complex planned at nearby Patriot Park where access issues have deferred development until Shirley Gate Road is extended to the Fairfax County Parkway. It is intended that the planned baseball complex at this park will replace the planned baseball complex in the Patriot Park Master Plan approved by

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the Board in 2003. The master plan revision for Patriot Park is on the FY17 Planning and Development Work Plan with an undetermined start date awaiting final road design on the Shirley Gate Road extension. In addition, proffer contributions towards the baseball complex planned at Patriot Park have been received and pending approval of a proffer condition amendment by the Board of Supervisors will be used for the baseball complex at this park.

Following consideration for approval by the Park Authority Board, a public use determination approval by the Planning Commission may be required prior to facility installation in accordance with Virginia Code Section 15.2-2232.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Vicinity Map

Attachment 2: Revised Conceptual Development Plan

Attachment 3: Public Comment Summary

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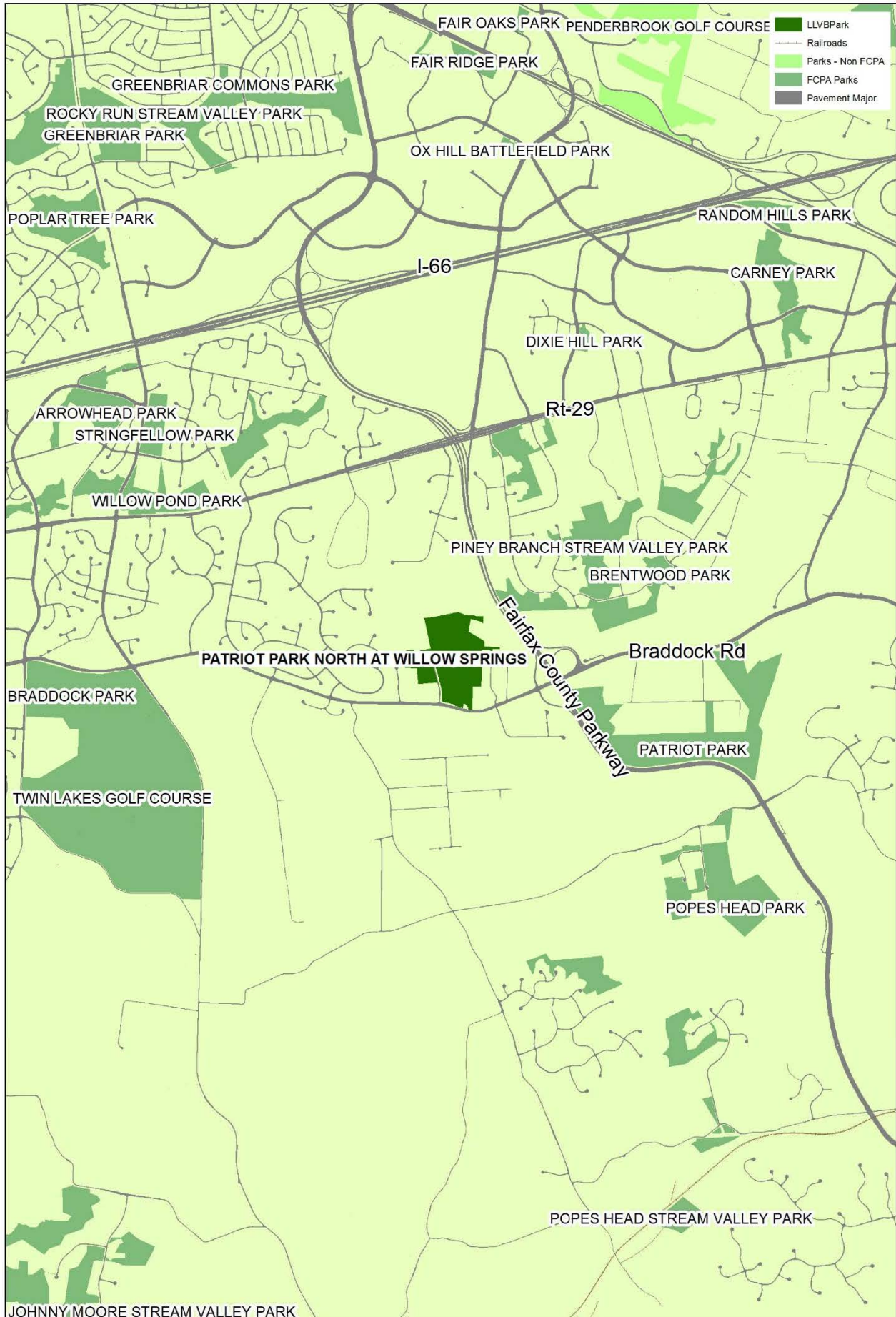
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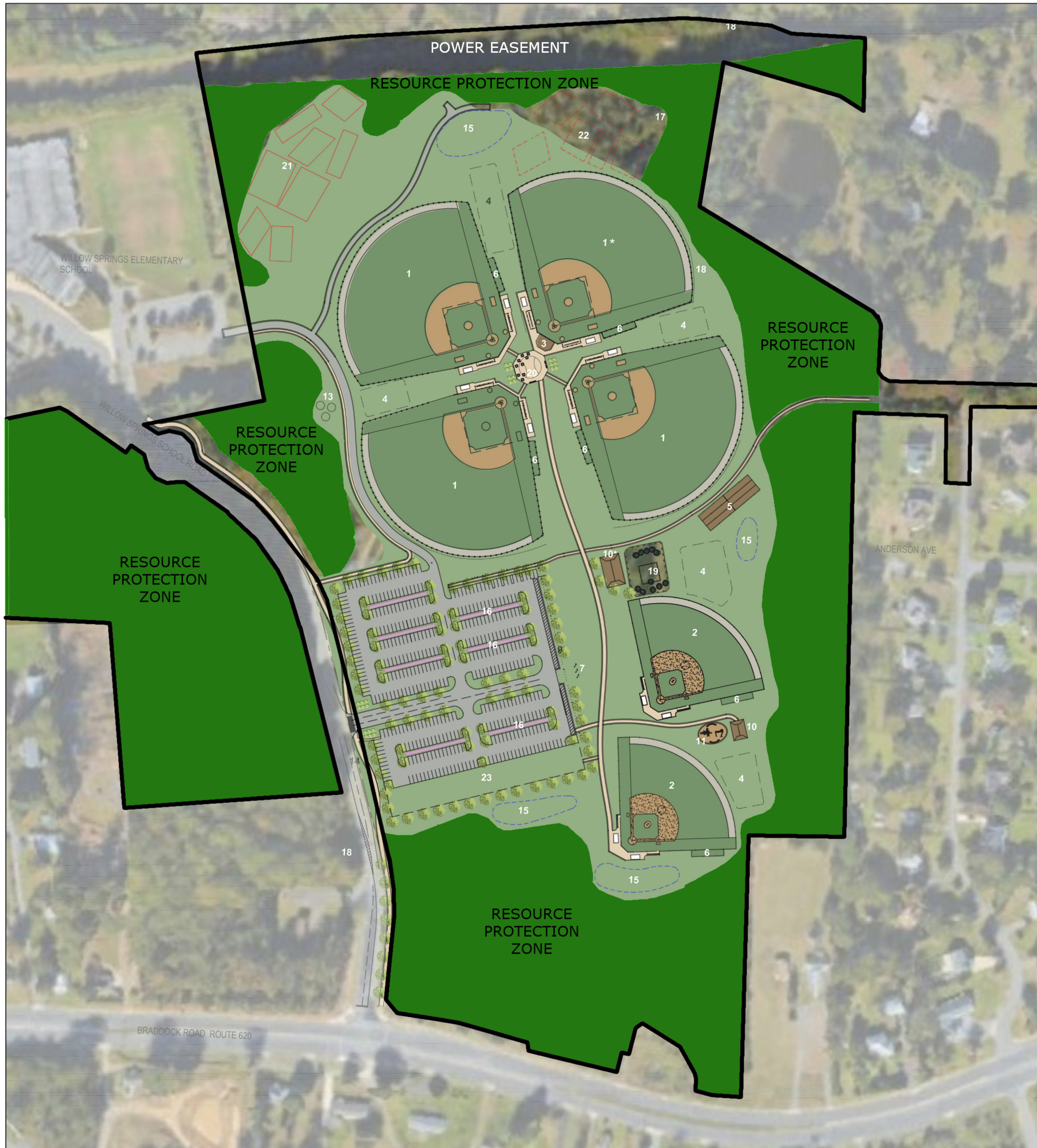
Legend:

- LLVBPark
- Railroads
- Parks - Non FCPA
- FCPA Parks
- Pavement Major



LOCATION
PATRIOT PARK NORTH AT WILLOW SPRINGS
 BRADDOCK & WILLOW SPRINGS ROADS

0 500 1,000
 Feet
 Draft
 14 May 2015



KEY:

- 1. 90' DIAMOND BASEBALL FIELD
- 1* FIELD WITH BEST ORIENTATION FOR TOURNAMENT FINALS (EXTENDED BLEACHERS)
- 2. 60' DIAMOND SOFTBALL/LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD (CONVERTS TO 50' PITCH DIST, 70' DIAMOND)
- 3. PRESSBOX/CONCESSION STAND
- 4. WARM UP AREA
- 5. BATTING CAGE
- 6. PITCHING WARM UP
- 7. FLAGPOLES OR OTHER SITE FEATURE
- 8. FOOD TRUCK AREA
- 9. BUS TURN AROUND
- 10. PAVILION
- 10* PAVILION / RESTROOMS
- 11. PLAYGROUND
- 12. TRAIL
- 13. FITNESS AREA
- 14. RIGHT TURN LANE
- 15. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY
- 16. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT FACILITY
- 17. TREE PRESERVATION AREA
- 18. EXISTING WETLANDS
- 19. EXISTING CEMETERY AREA
- 20. CONCRETE PLAZA WITH CAFE TABLES (SCORING INCLUDES BASEBALL SYMBOL)
- 21. APPROVED ACTIVE DRAINFIELD, TYPICAL
- 22. APPROVED RESERVE DRAINFIELD, TYPICAL
- 23. OVERFLOW PARKING

LEGEND

- LARGE DECIDUOUS TREE
- EVERGREEN TREE
- ORNAMENTAL TREE
- MEADOW SEED MIX
- LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT FACILITY
- ORNAMENTAL BOLLARDS
- 6' BENCH

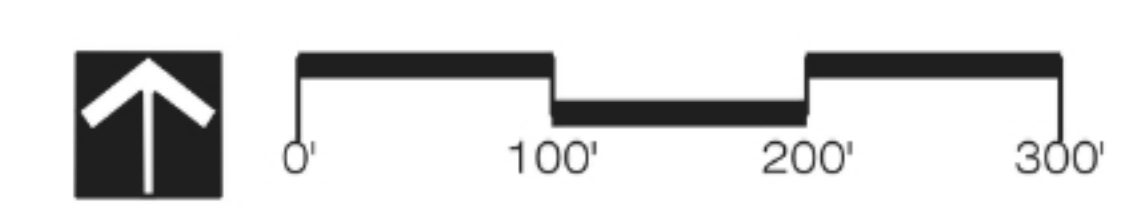
NOTES:

- 1. THE PARK SITE CONSIST OF FOUR (4) PARCELS, IDENTIFIED ON FAIRFAX COUNTY TAX MAP 66-2 ((1)) PARCELS 4B2, 4D, 8D, AND 8E.
- 2. THE PROPOSED PARK LAYOUT IS CONCEPTUAL AND SHOULD BE USED FOR MASTER PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY.
- 3. WETLAND LIMITS SHOWN WERE IDENTIFIED AND LOCATED BY STANTEC ON OCTOBER 28, 2014.
- 4. A TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY WAS PREPARED BY PENNONI IN OCTOBER 2014 USING AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND SUPPLEMENTAL FIELD SURVEYS.
- 5. AERIAL SURVEY PROVIDED BY MCKENZIE SNYDER, DATED APRIL 2014.
- 6. FOR ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION, REFER TO THE SITE ANALYSIS REPORT PREPARED BY PENNONI, DATED FEBRUARY 2015.
- 7. DRAINFIELDS ARE ACCORDING TO PLANS APPROVED BY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, JANUARY 2016.
- 8. 400 TOTAL PARKING SPACES ARE PROVIDED WITHIN THE PARKING LOT. A GRASS OVERFLOW AREA IS PROVIDED THAT CAN ACCOMMODATE AN ADDITIONAL 100± SPACES.

Tom Davis Park

Draft Conceptual Development Plan

Formerly Lincoln Lewis Vannoy Park



DATE: NOV. 14, 2016



7/2/2015

The plan does not specify if the fields will be lighted or not. The two current fields there are lighted. If the plan does not include lights for the fields, it will negatively impact their utilization. Please specify if the plan is for the fields to be lit.

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7/6/2015

Good evening,

I am a parent of two children at Willow Springs School and am also a resident and homeowner in Fairfax County. I am opposed to the development of a baseball diamond fields, and the master plan process for Patriot Park North at Willow Springs.

There is only one way in/one way out access road at Willow Springs Road to the school, there is a lot of traffic on Braddock trying to turn into and get out of the school, and I do not want a diamond complex built in that location. We already have the Mott Center with turf fields near that area, and also have once diamond field near the school. We also have school buses coming and going on Braddock and Willow Springs Road, and do not want any more traffic near the school. I do not want any additional sport practice sports or tournament locations built in this area, and I don't want a snack shop, nor any of the following: a press box/restroom building; two 60' diamond fields; picnic shelter; playground; outdoor fitness stations; with associated facilities such as parking, food truck area.

The land should have been developed by the school, for additional classrooms and school parking. If that is not an option, then it should be left as open space for now.

The plan to develop at the original location at Patriot Park, located half a mile to the east along Braddock Road, that was planned for such a complex should be the location, even if it is delayed.

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7/7/2015

I have recently heard neighborhood discussion that this plan also includes evening lighting to host games until 9pm and a PA system similar to the one at Centerville High School. While I was already against this idea due to traffic and limited parking at the school (and the horrible kiss and ride traffic at the school), this added part about evening games and a PA system is also not desirable to the surrounding community and the neighborhood. I am close enough to Willow Springs that my children are considered walkers, and I do not want to hear a PA system. I live in the Hampton Forest area to hear the birds and other wildlife and am greatly opposed to this aspect of the project. I feel that this will impact home values in the neighborhood in a negative direction.

Thanks again for capturing my comments for inclusion in the record.

7/9/2015

I support the multi field complex for 90' baseball in Fairfax County. We are in desperate need for the larger fields, as baseball has become a high demand sport in the Northern Virginia area.

Thank you,

7/9/2015

I am writing to express my desire to support the need for a tournament complex and additional 70' and 90' fields in Fairfax County. I would also vote for all 5 fields to be turf as the county has committed to building well over 50 turf rectangular fields over the past decade with only 2 diamond turf fields. This would greatly reduce the maintenance costs and improve the amount of use the fields would receive even after inclement weather.

According to researchers at Michigan State University's Institute for the Study of Youth Sports, young people who play sports perform better in school than those who don't. I have 3 children in schools in Fairfax County and have seen the amount of physical education time practically disappear over the years. This is appalling and counterproductive to the health and well-being of our children and providing the spaces for them to play sports of all types is our responsibility. This is why I support this project at Patriot Park North.

7/9/2015

I support this project.

7/9/2015

I am writing to support plans for the construction of a multi-field tournament complex with turf diamond field in Fairfax County. I understand that a small number of residents may object to what has been proposed. While I do not live in the immediate neighborhood of the Willow Springs site, I believe I have sufficient information and perspective to offer reasons why the Park Authority plans should be approved.

As a life time resident growing up in Fairfax County and having played on youth-sponsored teams in McLean in the late 70's and early '80s and with both of my sons currently playing on travel baseball teams in this area it has been extremely difficult if not next to impossible to locate practice or game fields for the past three decades.

There is a significant shortage of baseball fields in Fairfax County. With the tremendous resurgent of baseball and fastpitch softball in the Mclean and Langley area participation is tempered by lack of facilities. Other county and cities have seen growth in new leagues and teams that includes semipro, adult recreational baseball, including women's baseball programs, youth teams and girls fastpitch. Other than McLean's two public high schools only two fields can be used for practice or games. The local High schools do not even have practice fields. Many of the local summer teams use fields as far away as Ashburn and several teams do not play because of the lack of facilities in the area.

Another aspect that should be taken into consideration occurred in 2005 when Fairfax County and the Park Authority purchased an easement on approximately 41 acres of land known as Salona Park for \$16,050,000. The easement provided for various active and passive recreational purposes including two unlit natural grass rectangular fields, a playground and picnic area, and trails. The opportunity to deliver two athletic playing fields to McLean was a key factor in the Board of Supervisors agreeing to purchase this very expensive property and McLean Youth Athletics supports the fulfillment of the original intent for the purchase of the easement.

The Fairfax County Park Authority developed a draft Master Plan for Salona Park in 2010, which included two unlit natural turf athletic fields in conjunction with other uses. It is my understand that the Master Plan is no longer viable as the Task Force has considered other alternative uses.

In recent years our local McLean youth organizations have experienced the permanent loss of 5 athletic fields over the past 3 years and 3 additional fields will be permanently lost in the coming year, all as a result of County construction projects. This has had a significant impact on our youth and accordingly McLean Youth Athletics ("MYA"), its Board and member organizations strongly support the inclusion of additional athletic fields.

Since the easement purchased in 2005 was never implemented for its intended uses the Park Authority now has an opportunity to take a proactive approach with the Willow Springs complex to reverse this negative trend and begin correcting the problem of the lack of athletic facilities in the county. There is a significant need for a diamond field complex in the County that will serve a broader range of sports and provide a facility to accommodate tournaments and I urge the approval of this plan.

7/9/2015

There is such a great need for a baseball and softball complex in our area! More and more space is being taken up on what little fields we have now with all different types of sports rec and travel. This is the top rated area but everyone has to travel far and wide to have a game. Other area are earning money through rec and tournament play and concessions to pay for field use. Why not here. It would be great if fairfax county would make such a place in ft. Hunt community. It would be a plus for local business too.

7/9/2015

I am a huge fan of Fairfax County taking the initiative to plan on building what will continue to be a growing need in Fairfax County – more baseball fields. Multi-field makes the most sense for practice as well as tournament play purposes, not to mention commuting back and forth conveniently. My oldest son is active in travel ball and will be leaving Little League for good this fall. A determining factor for his next team to play for will be where they practice and play due to the traffic congestion we all deal with. As a former baseball coach and now soccer coach for my other son for a number of years, I can't tell you how many games and practices get cancelled due to lack of field availability due to rescheduling from inclement weather nowadays.

Don't be late to the game, please do this right and build a multi-field tournament complex with turf diamond fields – you won't regret it and neither will generations to come.

7/9/2015

I am writing in support of a tournament complex in Fairfax County. 90' Baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. As a volunteer coach, parent of two boys who play baseball, and player in an adult league I can tell you without a doubt that there are not enough fields for all the kids and schools teams that play baseball in Northern Virginia. I whole heartedly approve of this development and will give my support as well.

7/9/2015

I have been involved in both Little League and Travel baseball for over a decade. I've traveled from North Carolina to Berryville, Virginia and many places in between, all because locally, although there are a huge number of teams to support it, we do not have a tournament complex here. Fairfax City built a beautiful field at Providence Elementary and there are so many teams trying to get on there that it's hardly even unused. Building a complex, complete with batting cages, would ensure that more NVTBL and potentially Babe Ruth and Little League Big League teams would have a proper place to play.

Think of the revenue available to the area when we attract teams from other parts of the region to play here versus the lost revenue when teams from here travel to play in other regions. Hotels, restaurants, etc. There are ways to help defray the costs, but only once a complex is planned and executed.

So please, build it and they will come, for many years to come, and help keep America's pastime vibrant and strong in Fairfax County.

7/9/2015

I'm a NoVa native and longtime Fairfax County resident, and I actively support the Patriot Park North development. I play softball at Braddock Park just down the road from this project and I also volunteer coaching my three sons in Annandale-North Springfield Little League - so I can definitively say that we desperately need some additional baseball fields in Fairfax. It's weird that America's pastime seems to be the laggard when it comes to field availability.

Please do what needs to be done to make this development happen. It's a project that will pay dividends for generations. Thank you.

7/9/2015

I am writing to inform you of my support to build the proposed Baseball Tournament Complex with Turf Diamond Fields at Patriot Park at Willows Springs. I have a son who has played baseball from little league up and I have experienced firsthand the shortage of baseball fields for practice and games. The competition for field space is quite intense and with the population growth the demand for field space will only become greater in the years to come. All purpose diamond fields will go a long way to alleviate the demand crunch for field time.

7/9/2015

Count the number of soccer fields in the county. Then how many have turf? And how many have lights?

I found this on your website: Currently Fairfax County Public Schools and Parks have 48 rectangular athletic fields composed of synthetic turf material.

Now tell me one 90' baseball field in the area that has turf. Tell me one... it doesn't exist.

How can so many County resources be used to build turf soccer fields and we can't even get the Patriot Park North project off the ground?

It's time to build baseball fields...it's time.

7/9/2015

Ft. Hunt park would be an ideal place but it is government owned but it is prime location it just needs some tweaking to fit more fields in.

7/9/2015

6420 Crosswoods Drive, Falls church, VA 22044 supports the park effort for the 90' fields

3535 Half Moon Circ. Falls church VA 22044 also supports the park effort.

7/9/2015

We moved from Fairfax County to Loudoun County in part because of the fact that it appeared Loudoun clearly had more commitment to the development and maintenance of baseball fields and infrastructure moving forward for our three sons.

7/9/2015

I am emailing to show support for the project under consideration to greatly enhance baseball facilities in Fairfax County. Our family has driven over the years from McLean to points quite distant to attend practices and games. It would be a huge win for sports in the county if this project is approved.

7/9/2015

We live within the boundaries of Annandale North Springfield Little League, aka, ANSLL. Each of our two boys began playing baseball with ANSLL when they were 6 and one played continually through middle school (1991-2011) Throughout this time and at present, they played at the same fields. When they graduated to the 90' field, the coaches needed to beg high schools to permit our "Junior" (middle school) teams to use their fields. There have been no new or modern baseball fields built. However, we have seen many soccer fields built/being renovated to put in astro turf, while the baseball fields remain unchanged.

We are very much in favor of the building of new 70' or 90' baseball tournament facilities in our county. Each November we vote for the county to purchase bonds to improve parks. Why couldn't some of that money be earmarked for this?

Please strongly consider this as a worthwhile project for the next generation of baseball players.

7/9/2015

My family wholeheartedly supports the Patriot Park North Project.

This is a worthy investment to ensure that Fairfax County continues to be family friendly, and encourages our children to play sports like baseball.

I am excited to think of a multi-field complex with turf to ensure teams have access to high quality fields, especially tournaments.

Teams should never have to battle for space. It's a GOOD problem to have, but one we need to solve.

Here's the bottom line: Let's make it as easy as possible for children to participate in sports in our county. It's a wonderful investment to make.

7/9/2015

I am writing to you today to fully support the Patriot Park project in Fairfax County. Fairfax County is in desperate need of a multi-field tournament complex with turf diamond fields. There are teams all over Northern Virginia fighting for field practice and game space as there is a significant shortage of 90', 70' and 65' diamond fields across the region. These fields should be built for our youth and for Fairfax County residents.

Again, please accept this email as my full support to build these fields in Fairfax County. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

7/9/2015

Ft. Hunt Park would be an ideal place but it is government owned but it is prime location it just needs some tweaking to fit more fields in.

7/9/2015

After five years of playing little league, my son is moving to the 90' field this fall. I have coached and umpired, and continue to support Fairfax Little League as a volunteer umpire.

We have an extreme shortage of well constructed 70' and 90' baseball fields in Fairfax, and nothing that is tournament quality. It is a constant battle for practice time on the few fields we have, and tournaments must be in Prince William county, Loudoun county or even further away. The planned facility will be a stunning showcase park for Fairfax County.

7/9/2015

I wanted to write a note to provide my support for the Patriot Park project. There is a strong need for a 90' multi field complex in the county. This field complex could provide opportunities to host 90' baseball tournaments as well as provide expanded opportunities for play given the turf nature of the complex. In Fairfax County we have to often travel great distances outside of the county to another complex to play weekend tournaments. It would be great to have the opportunity to stay at home and bring others into the county.

In addition the complex provides much needed 70' and 90' fields to help provide more opportunities for practice space. There is a critical shortage of practice fields available and too often practices are skipped or can't be productive given either a lack of availability or a facility not capable of providing a good practice environment. Some of the current fields available are more appropriate for Elementary and Middle School Physical Education classes than competitive baseball and don't provide the appropriate safety environment for competitive play.

Thanks you for your time and attention and we look forward to this project moving forward as another successful FCPA addition to our community.

7/9/2015

I am sure everyone is still enjoying the UVA NCAA Baseball championship. That was no accident- Fairfax County has a tremendous baseball program. The Fairfax Little league has over 1,000 participants ranging from 7 up to 18 every season (Fall and Spring). In addition to the Fairfax Little league, there are numerous travel teams with similar age groups that play in the area. These players were also members of the Madison High School team that recently won the State Championship.

These players need fields to continue to practice and play. The concept for a multi-field tournament is an excellent step. First, it provides another group of fields - from little league up through the big 90 foot field. Secondly, it provides another field for the intermediate players (50 foot field for 12-13 year old players moving up to new age groups). And finally, it will also be a REVENUE generator for the local economy. An excellent multi-field tournament facility can hold tournaments for travel teams. These tournaments are typically a weekend event (Friday to Sunday). Teams of between 12-18 players (and parents) typically travel to the tournament location for the weekend. Currently, there are a lot of Fairfax families traveling to Richmond or PA for these tournaments. Building this facility will benefit the baseball players and local hotels and restaurants when the players come to Fairfax.

Yes, I know money is tight. However, this is an investment in the community that will generate revenue and pride- when another local team wins the State or NCAA championship.

I strongly support the concept and recommend approval of the multi- field tournament complex at the meeting on 14 July

7/9/2015

As a local business owner and avid baseball parent, I wanted to email my support for the Patriot Park Project. There is no reason in Fairfax county we do not have a 90' Baseball Multi-Field Complex.

Feel free to contact me for any additional information.

7/9/2015

Hi
I'm writing to support the proposal to build a multi field complex in northern Virginia. The proposed structure would allow opportunities for our local baseball leagues to host tournaments. This would benefit so many local boys and girls in the baseball families.
Have a great day!
Thank you.

7/10/2015

Please help to keep baseball alive in the community with 90' turf diamonds. Thank you.

7/10/2015

I'm writing in support of building new 70' and 90' baseball fields at Patriot Park North.

I was appalled at the quality of the field my son had to play on this season (his first) and the dangers it imposed with uneven turf, prickly and ivy covered weeds surrounding the dugouts and extremely limited parking. The infield base path was half dirt and half grass and the outfield dropped off at least two - three feet from the infield to the fence.

Considering that my tax dollars support other fields of much higher caliber while my son is required to play on fields that are far from adequate, I strongly support the initiative to build new high quality turf fields at Patriot Park North.

7/10/2015

I've lived in Fairfax Co. since 1998. I have 2 sons that have played Reston LL Baseball from Tee-Ball to Majors. Along with LL we play travel baseball thru the Reston development program (Warriors) and now play on the big field thru travel (MVP Terps). There are never enough fields to go around for practice and games. If there are no fields available the kids aren't practicing to get better and they're not playing in competitive games. This infringes on the long term development of players in No. Va. We desperately need a facility with multiple turf fields from 70' to 90' for just this, not to mention the possible convenience of having tournaments here in our area as opposed to driving to Richmond, Fruitland, Ocean City, Fredericksburg, and the list goes on and on. We need this, our Baseball community deserves it.

Please support this project for Northern Va. Baseball!

7/10/2015

Please move forward with this project as a turf 90 ft diamond.

7/10/2015

I live in Annandale and have enjoyed and appreciated the diverse array of activities provided by Fairfax County through its great park system. At this time, I am emailing in whole-hearted support of the development of 90' baseball fields at the proposed Patriot Park North complex. Please make those fields artificial turf. The weather this spring shows how important it is for the fields to be turf. I play in a league where heavy rains on Saturday wiped out all activities on Sunday on grass fields on three different weekends while the games on the turf fields used by the league were able to be played every Sunday.

7/10/2015

I'm writing to you today to voice my strong support for the proposed Patriot Park North project. We here in Fairfax county know and appreciate the baseball facilities that already exist for our Little League players, but we also realize that we are sorely lacking for additional facilities. Having been involved with Fairfax Little League for several years, I've been fortunate enough to see how much the program has grown. More and more kids are joining each year and many are playing all the way through from T-ball to Seniors and Bigs. Unfortunately, with that growth comes more competition for the limited facilities available to the players. That is why we desperately need the additional facilities that would come with the Patriot Park North project. It is ideally located and the addition of lighted fields mean fewer teams would have to compete for the 2 lighted 90 foot fields that we currently have.

Again, I would like to urge you to move forward with the Patriot Park North facility. I know all of our current players and their families as well as our future players will very much appreciate having this facility available to them for many years to come.

7/10/2015

I am writing this letter in strong support of the proposed multi-field complex plan at Patriot Park North.

Both of my sons play baseball, and there seems to be a constant shortage of fields. And as they move into larger fields and tournament play, the need for the 75- and 90-foot fields is acute.

With the ongoing fight against sedentary lifestyle across the country, Fairfax County owes its citizens a robust infrastructure of sporting facilities, including fields. We are certainly shortchanging our youth who love the America pastime of baseball. Let's make it a priority for the next generation.

7/10/2015

I am writing in support of the plan to revitalize Patriot Park. My son has played organized baseball for approximately eight years and my daughter has played softball for the past two years. Between the two, I have attended and coached at countless tournaments. A few tournament venues stand out (e.g. Ripken in Aberdeen MD and the Olney complex in Olney MD). Both of these venues attract hundreds or thousands of families (many from out of town) during each tournament. As a result, the local economy benefits from these families staying at hotels, eating at local restaurants and shopping at local stores. In addition to the benefit for local businesses, the local families that participate in sports would benefit from having high quality fields available in Fairfax County, where fields (particularly the larger 90' base path fields) are currently scarce.

Thanks for considering this project. I really hope that it is approved and provides all the benefits to the local community that other venues are currently enjoying.

7/10/2015

I am writing this email to voice my support of the Patriot Park North baseball project. I am a parent of 3 young baseball players and also a coach of 3 teams in the Annandale North Springfield Little League and the Annandale Slugger travel team that plays in the NVTBL. Over the past few seasons we have noticed a huge shortage of fields in the area as our baseball leagues have continued to grow. In addition, the fields we do have are older and many in rough shape. This causes frequent rainouts due to underwater infields after short periods of heavy rain. Its frustrating to watch soccer games get played on neighboring turf fields as we need to search for another night to squeeze in games on already overused fields. If we want to continue to be able to increase participation, especially as kids get older, we need more fields.

Please consider funding this great project that will help us to continue to grow this great sport in this area.

7/10/2015

This is just a brief e-mail lending my support to the building of additional 90' baseball diamonds within Fairfax. Year after year, there simply aren't enough baseball diamonds available to handle the demand. I realize that the county is wrestling with the building of rectangular fields for recreational purposes, but in said plans, I hope there is space for additional baseball diamonds.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

7/10/2015

There is a need for many more baseball diamonds than currently exist. These should include full regulation sized (90-feet-between-the-bases) diamonds. Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

7/10/2015

"Build it and they will come"!

7/10/2015

I hope you'll consider the need for 90' baseball fields in the DC metro area.

Fairfax County is a leader in so many ways and most importantly in providing an active community with the finest in fields and facilities. Turf fields provide great flexibility for a variety of sports and it doesn't take much to outfit it for a variety of different baseball configurations.

We are in the military and have moved all across the country. We will call Fairfax County home because of the great facilities provided to the tax payers of our community. Please continue to support all sports and please help us continue to play and enjoy the sport we love - Take me out to the ballgame!

7/10/2015

I have recently heard neighborhood discussion that this plan also includes evening lighting to host games until 9pm and a PA system similar to the one at Centerville High School. While I was already against this idea due to traffic and limited parking at the school (and the horrible kiss and ride traffic at the school), this added part about evening games and a PA system is also not desirable to the surrounding community and the neighborhood. I am close enough to Willow Springs that my children are considered walkers, and I do not want to hear a PA system. I live in the Hampton Forest area to hear the birds and other wildlife and am greatly opposed to this aspect of the project. I feel that this will impact home values in the neighborhood in a negative direction.

7/10/2015

We need more baseball fields. I play men's baseball and we are constantly having trouble finding fields to play on and often have to travel over an hour to get to a field that is made available to us. Also, turf is important because we get so much rain that a lot of our games are rained out, but with turf that would go a long way to solving the problem. Waters is the only turf field we can play on currently so more turf fields would be great

7/10/2015

I understand the authority has initiated a planning process for a multi-diamond tournament complex, "Patriot Park North" at the corner of Braddock and Willow Spring School roads. I'd like to express my strong support for this complex, and especially the need for additional 90' baseball fields in Fairfax County. I play in an adult baseball league, Ponce de Leon, and this league is constantly facing a lack of full-sized baseball fields, and we hope you will address this shortcoming as a key part of the Patriot Park North project.

7/10/2015

Please make this a priority. We have a huge need for turf baseball fields. They require less maintenance and can be used more frequently in poor weather conditions than standard grass fields.

7/10/2015

My name is Harvey Sherman in Bethesda Md. I play in 3 different baseball Leagues in which we play a lot of games in Fairfax County Va.

This proposal of constructing a multi-diamond tournament complex, "Patriot Park North" at the corner of Braddock and Willow Spring School roads very smart idea that is quite needed. With the huge popularity of baseball of different ages using said fields, I am aware of the challenge of each League receiving enough field slot allocations which will allow us to play our adult games, as well as youth Leagues needed additional access to baseball fields also. I am very much in favor of this new baseball complex being built as soon as possible.

Thank you.

7/10/2015

Please keep SYA baseball involved at LLV.

This was my son(s) first year of baseball in Fairfax County, previously Spotsylvania, and it's been one of the most enjoyable experiences of our lives. I attribute much of that to SYA and its commitment to bringing the best possible experience to these children.

The fields have been very well maintained and that just adds to the terrific atmosphere.

I am a single Dad of three young boys. I will continue to give them every opportunity to play SYA, but only if they have the venues to do that.

I sincerely hope you continue to provide them the LLV field to play baseball and the best chance to succeed.

7/10/2015

As a mom of three boys, all of whom play baseball I felt compelled to write to voice my strong support for the plan for Patriot Park North at Willow Springs. My two older boys have both played travel baseball and we had always found it odd that Fairfax County did not have a tournament complex. I live in Mclean and see turf soccer and lacrosse fields going up all around me but no baseball diamonds. I very much hope that you will approve this project.

7/10/2015

I've lived in this area for many years. There is a strong contingent of baseball players of all ages. When the Nationals came to DC, the area's interest in baseball has grown dramatically. However, there simply aren't enough 90' baseball diamonds to satisfy the demand--especially on weekends.

I write to encourage you to develop more turf 90' baseball diamonds to help support the area's growing love of America's pastime.

7/10/2015

I have studied the Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) on the FC website and have concluded that this is an excellent plan for enhancing much-needed recreational opportunities for adults in the DC metro area. I urge the Fairfax County Park Authority to back you and help you carry out this plan in an expedited manner.

7/10/2015

I am writing in support for a multi-field tournament complex with turf diamond fields and additional 70' and 90' fields in Fairfax county. Both of my sons have played little league/Babe Ruth and NVTBL baseball throughout the years here and there is always lack of field space with teams scrambling for scheduling. We have to travel to Fredericksburg and Richmond for tournaments. It will be an added benefit to the economy and to the community by bringing tournaments and concessions to Fairfax County and keep our youth occupied in positive ways. Thank you.

7/10/2015

Please move forward with the multi-diamond tournament complex, "Patriot Park North". As a Ponce Deleon Men's Baseball player, a Baseball fan, a recreation fan and a Northern Virginia fan, I am hugely in favor of this complex.

The truly great cities and counties in the USA, offers not only great job opportunities, a fantastic place to live and raise a family, it also offers plenty of recreational amenities. Allow Fairfax to continue on a path as one of the best in our country.

7/10/2015

I am writing The Fairfax county parks & recreation department to encourage the planning and development of additional baseball athletic fields. Given the immense population growth in Fairfax County, I was encouraged at the news of this project plan!

As a father with two baseball playing sons and myself an avid baseball player, I am particularly interested in the construction of turf baseball fields. As you may know baseball is more susceptible to rain and moisture than other sports, and playing on a turf field will allow for more games to be played and more participation for all.

I very much look forward to the coming construction knowing our tax dollars are going to a tangible cause supporting the healthy recreation for our children.

7/10/2015

There remains tremendous participation in baseball by youth and adults in Fairfax County and around the Beltway. However, there is a dearth of fields. Please take this opportunity to support more fields being built. The current plan to build two diamond fields is woefully short of the number of rectangular fields recommended to be built. Making the fields being built more equitable would provide more equitable recreational opportunities, which we taxpayers respectfully request.

With appreciation,

7/10/2015

I am a resident of Northern Virginia. It has come to our attention that Fairfax County will be engaged in planning for a new baseball field complex at the corner of Braddock and Willow Spring School Roads. It is my observation (as a baseball player and user of baseball fields that there is a shortage of good public facilities in this area generally including in Northern Virginia. I wholeheartedly support this initiative. Please let em know what else I can do to support it.

7/10/2015

I want to express my support for "Patriot Park North" and building more 90' baseball fields in Fairfax County. The need for more playing fields exists and I believe demand will continue to grow. Baseball is not only a great game and America's favorite pastime, but is a community building activity and healthy form of entertainment for both players and spectators alike. We need to support the adult baseball community and supporting more playing fields is one of the best ways to do that.

7/10/2015

Our family has resided in Fairfax County for over 10 years. Our family supports youth sports, specifically baseball, and therefore we support the Patriot Park North project. There are inadequate 90' fields in this area of the county. A suggestion is to install high fencing around common foul ball areas to maximize parking space. I've seen this done where space/land use is at a premium. The restrooms will be a welcome option to infrastructure.

7/10/2015

I'm writing to voice my support for the proposed baseball complex at Patriot Park North. I believe this would be a great benefit to our local community, and fills a void that currently exists in the area for quality fields of this size. I look forward to seeing this project progress.

7/10/2015

I am writing in support of the proposed multi-diamond tournament complex, "Patriot Park North" at the corner of Braddock and Willow Spring School roads.

The need for additional 90' turf baseball fields in Fairfax County is critical. There is simply more demand for fields than there are fields available that can offer permits for games. The future of recreational baseball in the DC metro area needs people with vision to implement a plan that will allow thousands of players in the area to continue to have the opportunity to enjoy playing this wonderful game.

7/10/2015

Hi my name is Brett Riddick and I have been involved with Fairfax little league since I was three. And while being in this league for 15 years I have been involved with everything from all star tournaments to being a coaches son to having close relationships with the commissioner. I have done a little of everything with this league and one thing that stands out is the need for new fields. Providence which is our newest field is serviceable but is not quality, the bullpens have fallen apart, lawn grass instead of Bermuda was used so any ball hit on the ground stops like its in quicksand, and the cages are one big storm away from collapsing. Thus we look to other fields to call our own but we have to rent them and owners are unpredictable, thus stating our need for more fields.

7/10/2015

I have been a Fairfax County resident since 1972 and I strongly support the plan to build the tournament complex at Willow Springs. Additionally, I believe the proposed fields should be built using field turf to cut down on weekly maintenance, to ensure year round use, and to reduce the amount of canceled events due to weather. This project is long overdue.

7/10/2015

I am writing to you to emphasize the great need for more 90' Baseball Diamonds in the metro area. Without them, much of our youth and tax payers will be deprived of the opportunity to continue playing the great game that is considered our Nation's pastime.

Please take this into consideration when making your decisions

7/10/2015

I and my family fully support the proposed Baseball project for Patriot Park North.

We have a baseball player currently playing baseball in College and another who is still only 11 years old. With our older son we had to drive him all over the state of Virginia to take him to his games over the last several years.

It was embarrassing to see all the great baseball facilities other baseball families have in their back yards in other neighboring counties, while Fairfax County had nothing.

The Patriot Park North project is long overdue and it is a worthy investment to ensure that Fairfax County gives Baseball support more in line with what other sports get

It seem other sports in our county like soccer has been getting all the funding and resources while Baseball seems to have gotten the short end of the stick for years. We see new rectangle turf fields all over.

But we do not see any new baseball field nor do we see our older fields being upgraded, improved, or even being kept in shape.

It's about time Fairfax County looked to be fair with our tax dollars with all sports like Baseball.

Our family is very excited to think of a multi-field baseball complex with parking and modern facilities and possibly turf fields in our County.

This will ensure that Fairfax County baseball teams have access to high quality fields and can host multi-team tournament games in our local area for players like our youngest and our expected grandchildren.

You can't build this project soon enough.

7/11/2015

As a 30 + year resident of McLean, I urge you to approve the 90' diamond field as part of Patriot Park North. Baseball is a terrific activity for all ages, and for families and friends to exercise and play together.

7/11/2015

Please build more 90' baseball diamonds! Turf is best. Please build as many as possible at "Patriot Park North" at the corner of Braddock and Willow Spring School roads.

Baseball is an American tradition, steeped with historical significance. It is fitting to have the most and best baseball fields in historic Virginia!

7/11/2015

I have played in the Ponce de Leon Baseball organization league for over 25 years and we are always having issues finding appropriate venues wherein to play, mostly on weekends as many of us still work.

Anything that can alleviate scheduling of these games would be a Godsend to all of us who commit to playing year after year and love the game regardless of where we play.

Thank you for considering our circumstance.

7/12/2015

I support the Patriot Park North Project. Residents of Fairfax County need a multi-field baseball tournament complex with turf. We also need additional lighted 70' and 90' fields in Fairfax County, as baseball teams are battling for practice space due to a lack of lighted fields. Youth baseball is tremendously popular in Fairfax County, and the teams from this area are successful and reflect well on the county. Please move forward with the Patriot Park North Project, and reward the county's children for pursuing baseball in their spare time, rather than sedentary activities or drugs. A healthy, sporting youth is good for the county, the commonwealth, and the country.

7/12/2015

I write to share my enthusiastic support for the baseball complex planned as part of the Willow Springs Park Master Plan. SYA Little League in particular, and youth baseball in general, are a wonderful part of our community. My son has been a frequent participant in youth baseball, and it has helped him learn the value of teamwork and dedication, while making new friends and being physically active. I look forward to my young daughter learning these same values and enjoying time outdoors in the coming years as a youth baseball participant. The Willow Springs Park Master Plan would be a wonderful commitment from our community to keep our children physically active and involving them in team sports, where they can learn values that transcend athletics.

7/12/2015

I have been a resident and tax payer of Fairfax County for 50 years and am proud that it is among the top ten richest counties in the country. However, when my oldest grandson started playing baseball in 2007, I was disappointed to discover that Fairfax Little League fields paled in comparison to the modern and spacious tournament fields of other leagues. Even then, our fields were old and not up to the standards of other leagues. It is hard to believe that their conditions have not changed in eight years. Now my younger grandson is playing and it is nothing less than embarrassing and unacceptable when Fairfax Little League has to host tournament games. Hopefully, the players are not as aware of these differences as are the parents and grandparents who support the league.

I strongly urge the Park Authority to step up and support a much-needed project to build a multi-field complex as well as additional 70' and 90' fields to provide sufficient practice space for our teams.

We are the dinosaurs of Little League and our players deserve to play on the best fields this "rich" county can provide.

7/12/2015

This email is express my wish that Fairfax County build enough 90' turf baseball fields to accommodate increasing demand. Participation among both youth and adult baseball teams has stretched thin existing high school fields resulting in increased wear and tear and maintenance on those fields. Practically speaking, high schools should not be spending already tight dollars for upkeep not related to their events. It's not fair to the athletes, parents and students.

Statistics show that recreational baseball among youth and adults is more popular than ever. Participation rates are up as high as 25% over the past 10 years with this trend expecting to continue. Much the way soccer's increasing popularity has been addressed with the construction of the many soccer turf fields across Northern Virginia, Fairfax County should do the same with baseball fields.

7/12/2015

Hello. I'm writing to ask you to consider adding new 90' baseball diamonds to the park expansion plans. I've heard of the potential new complex called Patriot Park North and would strongly hope we can add more diamonds to the area. As a County resident over the past 16 years, I've been fortunate enough to play in mens baseball leagues in each year and know many people would benefit from the ease in getting playing permits.

thanks very much for the consideration

7/13/2015

It is my understanding that the park authority is making plans to develop baseball fields at Patriot Park North. I fully support that venture and believe that baseball fields are in short supply in the county. Additionally, I believe that building baseball fields using artificial turf would allow for maximum use by all constituent groups. As a player and umpire in the county for the past 25 years, I can attest to the amount of interest and usage of baseball and baseball fields. I look forward to the park authority considering all the positive implications of adding turf baseball fields in the future.

7/13/2015

As a life long Fairfax County resident and an engaged baseball administrator and coach, I would like to offer my support of the Patriot Park North project. I also served on the Athletic Council for over a decade as the Chairman of the FX County Baseball Council.

This is a good first step to create a multi field tournament complex. Unfortunately it won't really create a 60'/70' tournament complex because it is simply replacing the two fields that SYA LL already has at this site but if this is the only site that can be completed at this time, it is a good start.

7/13/2015

I am writing in support of a new dedicated baseball complex in Fairfax County at Patriot Park North. My 8 year-old son has played organized little league baseball for 5 years and is transitioning into travel baseball, where teams travel to play other teams around the area and the country. This opened our eyes to an entirely new view of baseball and the time and money spent by participants in the sport.

Our family of four just traveled to our first tournament this past weekend to a tournament outside of Charlottesville. There were around seventy teams in this tournament from 9 year olds to teenagers, and many traveled with their families as well. Our family spent money for hotels, meals, and souvenirs at this tournament. Currently we are scheduled for tournaments in other neighboring states. Not because we want to, but because there isn't a place to host large baseball tournaments in Northern Virginia. Wouldn't it be great to have visitors to our county spend their money here while also allowing our own families to stay in the county? With so many baseball players already in Northern Virginia, and the demand for baseball field space at a premium, there is no doubt these fields could be filled every week with practices and games, and every weekend with tournaments of all ages from kids to adults, all the while bringing in dollars to Fairfax County.

Please consider the positive economic impact this would have for our county and the economic and lifestyle impact this would have for our county's baseball families. Building a dedicated baseball complex will be a win-win for Fairfax County.

7/13/2015

I am writing in support of the proposed baseball facility "Patriot Park North" which would be developed on land adjacent to Willow Springs Elementary School off Braddock Road west of the Fairfax County Parkway. Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) and Fairfax County are to be commended for considering an alternate site than Patriot Park which likely would have been delayed until the completion of the Shirley Gate Road extension. Hopefully this alternate location allows the development of this facility on a much quicker timeline.

A multi-field baseball facility in Fairfax County is long overdue. If memory serves, I believe that baseball is the only sport that does not have a multi-sport complex in Fairfax County. Without a multi-field complex to host tournaments, local teams often travel outside of Fairfax County for tournament play, resulting in lost revenue (hotel, food, etc.) for Fairfax County. I have been a coach and Board Member for Fairfax Little League for many years. Fairfax Little League has over 1,000 players (ages 4-18, T-Ball thru Big League). This complex could be used by players from numerous Little Leagues and travel baseball, as well as adult leagues. The development of this property as posted on the FCPA website would benefit thousands of Fairfax County youth and families, This is long overdue and most definitely should be supported. This action would be in line with FCPA's long-standing tradition of outstanding vision and leadership in developing one of the most outstanding park systems in the country

7/13/2015

WRT subject public meeting on Tuesday:

1) What is the urgency of changing the plan from Patriot Park to Patriot Park North (PPN)?

Park development is a lengthy process that begins with the park master plan. Patriot Park North at Willow Springs was acquired in two transactions over the last five years, a transfer from the Board of Supervisors in 2012 and the purchase of an adjacent property in 2014. The park master plan is the next step after acquisition. The proposal for a diamond field complex at this site stems from several factors – There is a great demand for 90' diamond fields and Fairfax County lacks a quality diamond field complex that supports the progressive play and tournament needs of baseball players from youth through teenage to adult players. County youth and young adult baseball players have long needed a diamond complex to support a strong need without having to travel outside the County. A diamond field complex was planned at Patriot Park but access difficulties have indefinitely delayed the implementation of the plan and may reduce some of the facilities planned. Specifically, the extension of Shirley Gate Road from Braddock Road to the Fairfax County Parkway is currently in design and will likely affect the planned Patriot Park entrance and diamond field complex. When constructed, the Shirley Gate Road extension may provide better park access than currently planned, however, the road extension construction is not currently funded.

2) What is the cost involved in a) Constructing the PPN? As currently proposed a preliminary estimate for the entire park is approximately \$11M, however, it could be done in phases. and b) Difference in costs between the two sites? Development of each park varies depending on site conditions. The plan for Patriot Park shows 3 90' diamonds and 3 rectangle fields and a complicated entrance. Costs would be more at Patriot Park for the same facilities due to additional costs for a commercial entrance and access that are currently lacking at Patriot Park. The proposed entrance through an established neighborhood at Patriot Park is not ideal. Development proffers that could be used at either site with BOS approval have been committed over the years in the amount of approximately \$1.5M that is applied to the design and construction of the diamond complex. Additional development proffers may also be committed to this project. General obligation bonds will be the primary source of funding to develop the park. Park bonds are generally issued every four years and require voter approval. The next park bond referendum will be in November 2016. Often user groups also support the investment in building and maintaining athletic fields.

3) Provisions for connection to existing sewer system? The site is outside the sewer district so will not be served by public sewer. An alternate septic system will be required as regulated by the Health Dept.

4) Impact on HFHOA sewer system? None

5) What will be the impact/degree of lighting? Modern park lighting systems are designed to minimize lighting beyond the field limits. The nearest home is 1,285 feet away from the closest proposed field so there will be little if any impact from the field lights. Many examples of current lighting systems can be seen at parks around the County including Oak Marr, Stratton Woods in Reston, Patriot Park, Pine Ridge Park, Lewinsville Park and others. In addition, lighting controls are used to only allow the lights to be used when the fields are scheduled. Full cut off lighting in the parking lot will also be utilized for safety purposes.

6) How much noise will be generated that will get to HFHOA? Field use will generally occur on weekday evenings and on weekends. The nearest home is 1,285 feet away from the closest proposed field. The 1,250 feet between the fields and Hampton Forest is proposed to remain as it is including a forested area and the school. A press box is planned that will be used to announce scores during the game. The Park Authority tries to be a good neighbor and working with the user groups on neighborhood issues is an effective way to address concerns. In addition, Fairfax County is currently in the process of updating its noise ordinance that will limit the level of noise generated at recreational fields. More information on this noise ordinance can be found here: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/noiseordinance/> Under this proposed ordinance change, loudspeakers are prohibited after 10 p.m. and before 7 a.m. on Sun-Thurs or 9 a.m. on Fri, Sat. and the day before a Federal

holiday.

7/13/2015

WRT subject public meeting on Tuesday:

- 1) What is the urgency of changing the plan from Patriot Park to Patriot Park North (PPN)?
 - 2) What is the cost involved in a) Constructing the PPN? and b) Difference in costs between the two sites?
 - 3) Provisions for connection to existing sewer system?
 - 4) Impact on HFHOA sewer system?
 - 5) What will be the impact/degree of lighting?
 - 6) How much noise will be generated that will get to HFHOA?
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7/13/2015

We need turf baseball fields. Its still Americas sport and we need equal opportunity to play on new turf fields. I understand you are building over 50 rectangular (ie soccer) and only 2 diamond (baseball) fields. NOT FAIR. We need fields. Please see the numbers of baseball players in the county starting with middle school who have to fight for a field and do crazy scheduling gymnastics to get the 20 or 30 players per game on a playable field. Especially in wet spring season when baseball is at its height of use.

7/13/2015

Please consider building additional 90' turf baseball fields in Fairfax County. I have been playing baseball from little league through 18+, 28+, 30+ and now 48+ leagues. It is getting harder and harder for our adult leagues to find fields to play on. The last thing we want to do is compete with kids who need the fields as I'd always want my kids getting on fields before me, but it's a shame we may have to make that choice. I love watching my kids play baseball and they actually enjoy me hauling around out there with my team.

I believe there are many, many rectangular turf fields are in the works, we only need a handful of additional 90' fields to have the capacity baseball needs. With the Nationals setting attendance records, baseball is a growth sport in the Washington metro area, let's make sure we can accommodate this growth.

7/13/2015

I am almost 60 years old and have been playing baseball since I turned 50. There are hundreds of others like me in the DC area, and especially in Fairfax County. Although I love soccer, please make sure your planning for future fields includes plenty of 90 feet baseline baseball fields (artificial turf) for adult play. Many thanks

7/13/2015

I wanted to voice my support for the development of the Patriot Park North multi-field tournament baseball complex in Fairfax County. My son has played both Little League and 50/70 travel baseball with teams established in Fairfax County, and we have experienced first-hand the opportunities he has had to grow tremendously as an athlete, a team mate, a young man, and a member of the community through the challenges and strategies of baseball. Playing fields of all sizes continue to be hard to come by, however. As we move on to the 90' fields, my son hopes to continue to challenge himself through the pursuit of baseball, but for that there needs to be enough fields with turf to accommodate practice and play well in to the year, and baseball facilities that give local young athletes opportunities to compete in more tournament play at home. We hope that this might be possible, and that a multi-field baseball tournament facility can become a reality in Fairfax County in near future.

7/13/2015

I'd like to offer up my support of the master plan under review for Patriot Park North at Willow Springs.

I have been envious for years watching my boys play at Loudoun County field complexes and other out of county multi-90'-field complexes and always wondered why Fairfax County doesn't have at least one 90' complex.

My boys have played in many Fairfax County based 90' tournaments, but have had to traipse across the county from field to field – never really having a tournament “feel” or experience like in Loudoun or other locations.

This area has a lot of 90' baseball players (young and old) and the number of teams seems to increase every year. A facility like this would help meet the increasing needs of baseball in Fairfax County and enable increased opportunities for hosting tournaments and events and bringing more out-of-area teams and players into Fairfax County as well as helping provide development of Fairfax County based baseball players.

The site location is good for relatively easy access from Fairfax County Parkway and Braddock Road. Being an existing baseball facility, it should minimize impact to the surrounding area.

The Patriot Park North at Willow Springs plan is an exciting opportunity for baseball in Fairfax County and I fully support it.

7/13/2015

I am a Fairfax County taxpayer and am writing to support the proposed renovations to the complex. Fairfax County needs a baseball tournament complex/facility that will accommodate 90' foot baseball fields. The complex will also allow more practice space for teams that play either 70' or 90' fields. I have been involved in baseball as a player, parent and coach and experienced the benefits for players, families, and local leagues when hosting tournaments at first rate facilities.

7/13/2015

As a father, taxpayer, and baseball coach at both the Little League and Travel level in Fairfax County, I wholeheartedly support the initiative for a multi-field baseball tournament complex within the county. Patriot Park at Willow Springs would provide a home field for many talented local teams, as well as a top-notch venue to host tournaments, much like similar facilities my son and his teammates have played at in Loudoun and Prince William Counties. Besides providing a marquee baseball facility within the county, Patriot Park can generate revenue for the county through tournaments through nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year.

In addition, modern turf diamond fields are desperately needed in the county, as we've seen as recently as two weeks ago during the 9/10 and 10/11 Little League District 4 All-Star Tournaments. Many of the fields we were supposed to use were either sub-par or unplayable due to weather. The facilities in the counties listed above did not experience these weather and field quality issues.

Again, I wholeheartedly support the Patriot Park at Willow Springs initiative, and regret that I cannot be at the public comment meeting tomorrow night in person (I'll be at practice).

7/14/2015

I live in the neighborhood on Ashleigh Road and current chair the facility and staff advisory of the school, where I have been an employee for the last three years. I'm also a past PTA president. I request that the Park Authority work closely with the school on where the parking and access will be for these fields. We ask for more direct access to the parking for the school community. There is currently very limited parking at the school. Buses are currently delayed by traffic and parking for the fields. We pushed for a light at Braddock Road which is a great help. Please consider the school needs when planning.

7/14/2015

I fully support this project. I have lived in the area since 1986. Both of my children attended Willow Springs Elementary. I have been involved in youth sports since 1993 and feel that this complex is needed both for this community and the county as a whole.

7/14/2015

From a baseball perspective, some of us have been working on this for over 10 years to build a multifold complex, especially as it relates to 90ft fields. The southern part of Fairfax County only has one ninety foot field in it and that is South Run Park. Having a complex that has 3 ninety foot fields really helps us. Biggest part we are excited about is the addition of two new 90' fields with lights and other amenities will help us do things we have not been able to do in the past. Looking forward to working with the Park Authority on design and implementation of this project and also working with the residents and Willow Springs Elementary to be great partners.

7/14/2015

The whole SYA organization completely supports this project. It's a needed entity, lit fields, especially 90 foot are really needed. SYA has been the partner on multiple projects. We adopt fields and parks involved in spending money so county doesn't have to. We want to be good partners. FCPA is a premiere organization that works hard to take care of issues. We have never had negative issues after a project is complete.

7/14/2015

LLV is one of the main facilities that we use. SYA volunteers built the fields that are there now with grant money from county and some other county help. I estimate that we have put in hundreds of thousands of dollars and hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours on this park and fully support expansion and re-development of the park. We are 100% behind this. We want to retain the old school charm of the park and natural settings, benches, & playgrounds etc. SYA is one of most respected leagues in NOVA. We want full community partnerships. Turf & lights are critical. We have a snack shack already and would like one near both sets of fields. Safety is important, as are bull pens, batting cages, infrastructure (water, electricity, etc.) which brings people from outside in and creates revenue for local businesses. We hope to continue our partnership with the Park Authority.

7/14/2015

Diamond fields have been a sore subject since 1990. Those two fields positioned like that are not safe, and need at least 75 feet between the two fences to prevent balls going from one field to the other. I need this to do tournaments in FFX County which can't support it enough. We have got to make sure we have this project constructed. I would turn that parking sideways and make a road from the end of the parking to the school. School parents come in using that parking lot, buses would have a straight routh, otherwise the parking lot will be where the traffic will back up.

7/14/2015

We made a transition in Vienna where the field is right in the middle of town. Here's the biggest thing: FFX County needs a complex like this. Baseball has a vested interest in making sure we work with schools, neighbors, etc. Last thing: at Waters and Nottoway Park we were asked to host the Babe Ruth World Series but we need a complex to do so. Currently there is only one 90 ft diamond that is synthetic in the county with one planned for the future. There was some discussion about this being an artificial field. That is a big discussion coming into play.

7/14/2015

I am writing in support of the proposed baseball complex planned for patriot park north. My oldest child has been participating in Reston Little League since he was four and my youngest will begin his baseball "career" next year. We really support having more practice and game space, especially turf fields. We've had too many games and practices canceled because there was rain the day before and they (justifiably) wanted to protect the grass fields. We've also had all of our "big games under the lights" at Crabtree park canceled due to rain, and they've never been rescheduled because there isn't any room in the schedule because it is the only big complex we have access to. With such a thriving baseball community in our area that shouldn't be the case, there should be plenty of room for all kids to be able to play. Please approve this complex and give our kids more room for baseball.

7/14/2015

As a county taxpayer, I strongly support additional 90' baseball fields in the county, and believe they need to be turf.

I currently play in an adult baseball league, and the local availability of fields is important to this activity which I value very much as a resident.

7/14/2015

We support the proposal to build a baseball tournament complex in Fairfax County at Patriot Park North. Our community has several travel teams that play at 70' baseball fields. Unfortunately we have to travel to Maryland for tournaments due to the lack of fields in Fairfax County. As the kids grow there will also be a need for additional 90' baseball fields.

The weather also impacts the use of the fields and it would be better if they were turf fields. The growth of turf fields is very helpful to practice and play after rainy weather. I understand the county has supported over 50 rectangular fields over the past decade with only 2 diamond turf fields.

I am unable to participate in the public comment meeting on Tuesday at Willow Springs ES but wanted to voice our support for the project.

7/14/2015

I urge you to vote for a Fairfax County Baseball Tournament Complex. Baseball is a sport of specific refined skills. The baseball community is one where the players are smart, dedicated, and close and accepting of other players. Our best friends are not our neighbors or work colleagues, but families we have met and played with for years in Reston Little League and now in travel baseball. We travel to Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and other areas to play at nice tournament facilities when we could be attracting that revenue to Fairfax County. Baseball families will need to stay at hotels, eat out our restaurants, pick up forgotten items at our stores, buy Gatorade, water and snacks at our stores. It will help our local economy and promote the best Fairfax has to offer by having a turf facility so we can play rain or shine.

Baseball players practice often so it keep the kids on an athletic path rather than getting into drugs. It is a refined skill that is developed by thousands of repetitions. Soccer, Lacrosse, Basketball and Football are important also, but baseball brings a special close-knit community together. Fairfax deserves a nice Turf Tournament Complex with 70' and 90' fields.

When faced with the decision, please vote "Yes" for the Fairfax Baseball Tournament Complex and vote "Yes" for turf fields. Our boys and girls in Fairfax deserve it.

7/14/2015

I understand that there is a project under consideration that would create a baseball tournament complex at Patriot Park North. I fully support this initiative.

I have had two children participate in youth baseball in Fairfax County via both Little League and travel teams. We have traveled throughout the Mid-Atlantic region for tournaments and been to some fine complexes. If Fairfax County had a similar complex, then the County could host tournaments that would be valuable economically to the County. First, out-of-town teams would stay in local hotels, eat at local restaurants, and purchase other products and services in the County. Second, our own citizens would play more tournaments at home, and not take their dollars elsewhere.

Living in Oakton, my property taxes are considerable and since we homeschool, we do not gain much value from our investment in the County. The construction of a complex like this, which is sorely needed, would give me confidence in our Board to make decisions that are good for our families and our economy.

7/14/2015

I am a Fairfax County resident writing to you IN SUPPORT of the Master Plan for Patriot Park North at Willow Springs Park. Each of my four children has played diamond sports in Fairfax County over the course of many years, and I have coached and organized numerous youth diamond sport teams through that time. Fairfax County is in desperate need of the type of facility described in the master plan. It has been my experience that Fairfax County teams tend to leave the area to play in tournaments because of the lack of this type of facility in the County. The construction of Patriot Park North at Willow Springs Park as described in the Master Plan will not only help meet field needs for local play, but would also help keep Fairfax County teams (and the associated revenue that the County is now losing) inside the County for tournament play.

I urge the Park Authority Board to approve the Master Plan for Patriot Park North at Willow Springs Park.

7/14/2015

Hello My name is Charlet Shriner. Over the last 6 years I have been a supporter of Little League. I have spend countless hours supporting my children and the Little League organization through volunteering, coaching and my son has umpired.

We have many family memories at his field and it's where children learn the love of the game, discipline and sportsmanship. LLV has been a staple of our community and the best, most accessible complex from all locations that we have.

It is centrally located and necessary to the development of little league players and very important to continue to be part of our community. Without it we are left with not so many fields and we will all feel the negative impact.

My family and I are very much in support of maintaining these fields and support the new plan to come!

7/14/2015

Good afternoon. My name is Dan Ritz, a Fairfax County resident from Centreville, VA. I am writing you today to express my strong support for the Patriot Park North project at Willow Springs. As a long time Fairfax County resident, I know how important the park system is to the health and well being of our children and community. As a volunteer in our local youth association, I have also seen the need for more and improved baseball fields in the area. The Southwestern Youth Association (SYA) has been a key contributor to the development and maintenance of the current site and baseball fields, and must remain a key partner in your future plans at Willow Springs. We thank you for your commitment to investing in our community and I personally look forward to helping the county in any way possible to make this new park facility a reality.

7/14/2015

Would like to echo the need for partnership with schools. The walking path is one way in and one way out, people park in the neighborhood and walk to park.

7/14/2015

My kid plays baseball with SYA. How many proposed parking spots are there? I count about 200+. Parents use the parking lot for overflow. Would like to see a path from the parking to the fields, not a path from the field to the school, with fencing that prevents people from going into the woods. I think you should consider repositioning the two 60 foot fields. Foul balls are a real problem in other fields we need something closer to 60 foot for those kids. Snack shop should be closer to the field. The design also needs additional bathrooms.

7/14/2015

This is an excellent opportunity. The project that is great. We fully support it and will partner with you to make it happen.

7/14/2015

I am a long-term resident of Fairfax County and active in both Reston Little League and Reston's Advanced Placement Baseball program. Both my 11U and 9U children play baseball year round. Our teams travel all over the Mid-Atlantic region seeking top-quality competition which is both time-consuming and financially draining. Having world-class facilities here for 11U-18U baseball would be an incredible opportunity for this generation and future generations of kids in Fairfax County.

My 11U team has great difficulty finding high-quality 70' baseball facilities to practice on and when we enter tournaments, there is little available for us right here in our own community. Currently we can only practice at Brown's Chapel Field #3 and Reston North Field #2, neither of which is adequate for competitive baseball. They are barely adequate for regular practices and have terrible drainage issues. It can take days after a rainstorm before they are playable. This year my family has spent well over \$2,000 traveling to Wicomico County, MD, Montgomery County, MD, Harford County, MD, Sussex County, DE and even Loudoun County. That one may sting the worst!!! I hate the idea of giving Loudoun County my baseball dollars because we don't yet have high-quality facilities in Fairfax County.

As a business and baseball leader in this community, I want to write to say I FULLY support the development of more top-tier facilities to Fairfax County. Not only will the kids get to play on a more reliable and safer field, it will draw players from all over to come to Fairfax County for tournaments increasing tourism revenues and exposure to our great County.

7/14/2015

1. Majority of land acquired through transfer from schools. Willow Springs is over crowded, and I fear that we are building on land that we need for the school expansion and don't have what we need. Need to think about it now and not later.
 2. Not sure how it is funded. All tax dollars? Really like to know what other high priority projects are not getting funded if we do this.
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7/14/2015

Here is a quick picture of the surrounding environment, its all five acre lots, and semi rural, with a mental health group home in community. A dozen properties have been able to stay that way for years. Baseball fields have been good neighbors. If you maintain trees at top the way things are "I think we are probably ok". I just want to preserve the environment as much as I can. Especially the area to the North.

7/14/2015

One of the biggest scheduling crunches we have is in the month of May because there are not enough fields. Lit fields are a huge help. There seems to be a concern about noise and adults making noise at 11pm, I've never had anyone cheering for me at 11pm.

7/14/2015

I live on Ashleigh Road and want to make sure there is a septic system and not tying into public sewer system. I am concerned about the traffic, if 66 backs up, Braddock Road also backs up. The light was put in for the school not for 24 hour use, now the light is being rationalized for the ballfields.

7/14/2015

My biggest issue is the sewer system. The parking if there is a big tournament will not be sufficient. Lights all being used at the same time will impact the community. The county requires that the local pool be closed at 9 p.m. - noise can't happen after 6 p.m. as far as I know. This is going to be a bond project, with an estimated cost of \$11 million. If this is going to be bond issue, then we need to make a decision about whether we really need this. We can use the money for education, school kids are using trailers and that is not acceptable. Go back to old plan, just build fields and use existing roads.

7/15/2015

I have reviewed the draft master plan for this park. I support the plan and the development of the park as shown on the draft plan with a few comments.

-Please link the trails so there is a loop on the eastern side of the park for walkers.

- The tree preservation area on the west side also looks like an area that could have a loop natural trail for walkers.

- A trail linking to the neighborhood to the east via the connecting stub street is recommended to encourage those residents to walk to the park.

Please let me know that you have received these comments and of any future meetings on this park.

Thank you.

7/15/2015

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I did not attend the public comment meeting held at Willow Springs Elementary School last night. However, I have reviewed the notice issued by the County and the CDP. In general, with the caveat of not knowing further details of the CDP, I support the proposal. There are already three ball fields and a parking lot on the site, and there is a traffic light at Willow Springs School Road and Braddock Road for traffic control.

I am a 21-year resident of Hampton Chase, which borders on Willow Springs Elementary School. Both of my sons went to Willow Springs Elementary, and one of them played SYA baseball on the nearby fields. I think the expansion of the complex will help fill a need in the community and is a reasonable use of property.

7/15/2015

I attended the Park Service meeting last night at Willow Creek Elementary School. I am baseball mom from Annandale and my child is in the Woodson HS pyramid.

The need for 90' diamonds in this county is not in question. We need these fields!. The amount of money this county spends on rectangular fields far exceeds the amount spent on diamonds. Tournaments were mentioned more than a few times last night and yes, tournaments would be fantastic, fun and profitable. The income the county would bring in would be great for all involved. But the need is not just for attracting tournaments. The need is for the 13 year-old and older that have no place to play baseball.

Again, I am a baseball mom. My son plays for Annandale-North Springfield Little League (ANSLL). He is 13 and aging out of Little League this year. His options are travel ball or Little League Juniors. ANSLL has NO 90' fields to support a Juniors program. They play at Providence when they can get the field. There are NO fields on which to practice. AND I mean NO fields.....they may practice on an old softball field at Frost Middle School, if they can reserve it. I understand scheduling games is a nightmare. I do have the option to have him play Juniors for Fairfax Little League and, for one year, even SYA - more on that obstacle below. I have one child, but ANSLL has about 50, every year, that need to find somewhere to play!

Again, 90' fields are needed... but are they being put in the right place? I am not against the Willow Creek project. I'm for it. Willow Springs would be a wonderful addition to the county - and for SYA. They have a lot of kids in their program.

But so does ANSLL... we had 42 teams this Spring - about 600 children. The space for the fields already exists. Pine Ridge Park is a great location for two 90' fields. The fact that the area is being ignored is a scar on the county, a waste of valuable land and a shame for the children. ANSLL, by the way, has grown significantly in the past two years, despite the recent nationwide decline in Little League participation.

Pine Ridge Park was developed to have three diamonds, three rectangular fields and a garden. We have three fields that are constantly in use, none 90'. ANSLL volunteers maintain these fields beautifully and consistently (recently even the area the county SHOULD be mowing is being mowed by ANSLL - apparently the truck that carries the mower broke down and there is no other truck). We have improved the park with League money (we have spend thousands of dollars repairing the fields and just installed new bull pens). Pine Ridge Park is looking great!

As for the rectangular fields, the large synthetic turf field is wonderful and busy all the time. When we do happen to have concessions we love to have the soccer families come. (This isn't a "Snack shack" as they were repeatedly mentioning last night, but a grill we roll out of our shipping container storage unit. We would LOVE to have facilities such as they have in other areas of the county!) The natural grass rectangular field is vacant. I am at the park ALL OF THE TIME, there is NO ONE PLAYING on this field. THIS is where Fairfax County needs to put a 90' field. The space is there, add a few fences and a mound.

The third rectangle is back in the park a bit further. I didn't even realize until recently there WAS a space back there. An entire rectangular field that is abandoned. It even has lights! From what I gather there is a drainage issue that can be fixed.

Parking is an issue, an issue the county has been unwilling to fix. As an ANSLL Board Member, I negotiated parking with the office buildings on Woodburn Road. 150 spaces at Pine Ridge fills up quickly on a Saturday and several spots are pretty soggy due to the drainage issue. Expanding the parking lot, negotiating with surrounding office buildings or even partnering with iNova Fairfax would all be viable solutions. Some less costly than others.

Two 90' fields at Pine Ridge makes sense for the community and for the county, giving the option for more Annandale, Springfield, Falls Church and Springfield children and families to enjoy baseball WITHOUT having to negotiate (and add to the congestion on) Braddock Road, Little River Turnpike or 66 at 5pm to get to Providence, Cub Run, Willow Springs, etc.. I do not know the demographics but I could take a guess that the population is greater on the western side of the county than the south eastern side.

Please let me know what needs to be done to continue this discussion. The Needs Assessment the county began last year showed an overwhelming number of people agree that something needs to be done. Re-purposing the land at Pine Ridge makes sense!

7/15/2015

As a neighbor of Willow Springs with two children currently attending, and as an avid baseball player, I welcome the addition of the sports park. My sole concern is that of parking. The current parking situation for the existing 3 fields is already woefully inadequate and results in parking up and down the narrow access road, in the grass, over the curbs, double/triple parked, and basically anywhere someone can squeeze a car.

With the addition of two more fields and the likelihood of much greater usage of the space this only emphasizes the need for sufficient parking for not only all those attending or participating in games at the same time but also those arriving early for subsequent games. If sufficient parking spaces are not present then the access road becomes a dangerous bottleneck.

Please plan early for extra parking. Consider also the likely need to widen the access road, perhaps enough to have a parking lane along the curb.

7/15/2015

I was unable to attend the meeting last night as planned. However, I would like my thoughts on the record.

1. It is insane to use land next to an overcrowded school with children in trailers for a sport field. Land being transferred from one government agency to another again without any common sense.
2. The Hamptons being negatively impacted by more traffic, noise, high intensity lights and an over crowded school.
3. When you build such a large field in the backyard of \$700k to \$800k+ homes you destroy the serenity. Serenity equals value which translates into tax base for the county to build schools.
4. Fairfax County has zoning categories for everything. Why not put the field at the MOTT CENTER that already has a structure and field.

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7/15/2015

I want you to know that I support the proposed baseball complex with turf fields in Fairfax County. I am the Vice President of Mason District Little League and have served in that league for 4 years. My kids love playing baseball.

With the massive number of rectangular turf fields available, I support the proposal for a turf field baseball complex. Baseball is alive and well in Fairfax County.

Thank you for reading this letter.

7/16/2015

Take a look at this possible drawing update if we can't move the parking to the East side of the site (behind cemetery). This would get us a 4th field and make it closer to a true 90' tourney complex. I know it is easy for an amateur like me to change drawings without knowing the effects that it may have on the land, buffers...

- In this drawing, you could move the playground and pavilion between the cemetery and the parking lot.
- You could then create a large press box / snack bar bathrooms that would serve all four 90' fields (see attached photo)
- It makes the Willow Springs Elementary contingent happy with a portion of the parking lot being closer to the school
- You could even possibly connect the parking lot with the small lot next to the rectangular field at WS. Work with FCPS.

As I stated yesterday, I am in direct conversations with SYA LL, SYA Sports, NVTBL and Willow Springs ES so that we are all on the same page to provide valuable input to staff. I would like to plan on meeting in late July or the first week in August. I will follow up with date options for you all to choose from.

7/16/2015

I am writing to register my concern about the development of another baseball complex. Rather than creating open (park) space that is of benefit to all residents in the community, we are ready to bow to the needs of the frantic Fairfax competitive scene - one that is often restricted to those with excess resources. With the budget shortfalls that we face in our community in general, this proposal seems frivolous at best. There are many better uses for this sort of expenditure that could benefit more residents. Given what I have seen, I am also concerned about the impact that a development of this nature would have on the overall traffic and environmental conditions locally.

7/16/2015

I am a member of both Ponce de Leon (Team B and 60+ Team Clarke) and DC Mens Senior Baseball Leagues (55+ Dodgers), and my son James is an 18+ MSBL League player(Blue Jays). We are excited that the Fairfax Park Authority is in the process of designing a new facility. We would encourage a 90' baseball field with artificial turf if possible. We appreciate the current facilities and make use of them regularly.

7/17/2015

This message is meant to show my support for the proposed tournament complex and additional 70' and 90' fields in Fairfax County. I fully support all 5 fields being turf as the county has committed to building well over 50 turf rectangular fields over the past decade with only 2 diamond turf fields.

This project at Patriot Park North will add to the quality of life for our young boys and girls in Fairfax County. Other counties with less means have taken on such projects because it is the right thing to do. Please do the right thing and build these fields.

7/17/2015

Per the story in the recent Patch online news outlet I am very much in favor of the county constructing new 90' regulation BASEBALL fields. As I'm sure you know the county has far too few actual baseball fields for the many adult baseball league to use. Maryland far outdoes our great commonwealth in this respect, unfortunately. I play in one of the very popular adult baseball leagues, of which there are several, and the competition for the few facilities is overwhelming. We simply do not have enough fields on which to play our Great American Pass-time! These new fields need to be turf. The county has committed to building well over 50 turf rectangular fields and only 2 diamond turf fields. It is well past time that our highly affluent and successful Fairfax County invest in these beneficial fields and new complex that will serve our sports-loving community for many year to come.

7/17/2015

Thank you for considering community input for the ball fields.

I am very concerned about adding ball fields on Willow Springs School Road and think it best that the park be located in the original location. The county and state should be able to work together to create the ball park near the Mott Center and plan for Shirley Gate Road accordingly.

If the park were to be added off Willow Springs School Road several major issues would need to be addressed. The road would need to be widened to 4 lanes all the way up to school to avoid the school being blocked. Currently, the school is often strangled at the end of the road by traffic at the existing ball fields or cars and busses headed into the school. There are signs directing cars to only park on one side of the road, and frequently cars headed to the ball field park on the road allowing only one lane into the school area. Occasionally families headed to the ballpark park on both sides of the street and the school is gridlocked. This is a serious safety issue and there have been several times that emergency vehicles have needed to access the school during dismissal time and been unable to drive up to the building due to the line of cars and busses parked along the road. With only one access road to the school, it can not handle additional traffic without compromising the safety of the students and staff.

It appears that the plan for the park was created in isolation. Parking at the school is very limited and the current ball field parking lot is used daily by staff or families visiting the school to volunteer. People are forced to walk on the street or through tall grass to get to school. If the parking lot for the new ball fields were located closer to the school and a road was created to connect the back side of the current school parking lot to the ball fields, it would increase parking to benefit both groups. In addition, if the current path from the ball fields to the back side of the school lot were expanded to create a road connecting both parking lots, kiss and ride traffic could leave the school road sooner allowing busses and emergency vehicles better access.

I am also concerned about the increased foot traffic to the school and neighborhood. Creating a park next to the school will increase wear and tear on the school property and traffic into the connecting neighborhood. At this time many people park on the neighborhood road and walk up the path to access the school and ball fields rather than be "trapped in" by the congestion. Even if there is plenty of parking at the ball fields, if the road is slow and people feel it's more efficient to park in the neighborhood and walk over, they will.

Finally, the sewer situation would need to be addressed. Currently there is a terrible smell on Ashleigh Road due to the sewer connecting to the school. The county pumps that area monthly and can not resolve the issue. At the meeting, officials assured the group that this facility wouldn't connect with that sewer, but the alternative pump and truck method doesn't seem much better.

Please build the park in the originally planned location and do not bring increased traffic to our already strained

7/19/2015

I am writing in support of more baseball fields in the County.

7/19/2015

I am excited to voice my support for the building of Patriot Park North. As a Father of four children and three ball players here in Fairfax County I have wondered why many neighboring counties have such great facilities and we didn't. This is a great project that many families in the county will use now and in the future. It will also generate income for the local economy when it hosts club tournaments.

7/22/2015

I have heard that Fairfax County is looking to add a baseball complex to our area, and I am thrilled, though my boys may be too old to take advantage. The areas that support tournament-style baseball and can provide restroom and concessions facilities really clean-up in the baseball world, and I would love to see boys and girls in this area reaping the benefits, as well as local hotels and restaurants that would benefit from the large numbers of families that would travel to the area near a baseball complex. In addition, I feel sure that the large numbers of travel teams and Little League/ Babe Ruth / High school teams can keep these fields very busy even without any tournament-style usage – there are never enough fields to hold practice regularly and this would allow games to take place on a well-kept new field with practices on some of the more rundown locations.

My family is a baseball-centered family and we have been contributors to parks and recreation in the county for several years. I hope that the county will follow through on this plan to provide more baseball fields and a place to have tournament-style play in Fairfax county!

7/23/2015

As a Fairfax County resident with one child (potentially 3 in the future) playing baseball in the county, I am very much in favor of the new, proposed baseball complex at Patriot Park North.

I applaud the county for its thoughtful and growth minded planning process, and for including citizens and interested parties at all stages of the process. The proposed facility looks to be a great asset to the county's youth and citizens.

Currently, the baseball field situation in the county is OK at best. While all the fields are well-maintained, space is at a premium for practices, parking and general accessibility. I can only speak to my experience with Thaiss, Providence and Rodio.

Thaiss Park is in a great location, but the parking on busy game/practice days and evenings doesn't come close to meeting the needs of its use, even with carpooling. I have parked at the New School, but getting down the hill pathway is treacherous and difficult. Walking around on the sidewalk parallel to Pickett can be hard with other family members in tow (i.e. small children) without a stroller, never mind toting things needed for games like chairs, or snacks/cooler. Likewise, parking across Pickett is also not the safest as there is not really a crosswalk from that lot to the park.

Providence field has more parking but is really very difficult to get to on weekday evenings during rush hour, the traffic in and around that area and Fairfax City is awful.

Rodio has good facilities as well, but I wonder what will happen to that area when the school moves in a few years.

In addition, for those desiring to play travel baseball, Fairfax fields are so overused anyway, these teams are forced to play in locations that can be quite far to get to. I realize it's a choice to play travel baseball and that travel is required but it would be great if Fairfax had additional fields that could accommodate more practices and teams, as well as tournaments.

From what I've read of the plan, it seems the county has addressed the needs of both baseball enthusiasts, as well as local citizens who have concerns regarding noise, sewage usage, parking and funding.

7/24/2015

To add to what Rob has written, I have been involved with adult baseball in Fairfax County since '92, and the only three fields developed in the intervening 23 years suitable at all for adult evening play are Nike Park, Dulles Corner and Sully Highlands #5. While I greatly appreciate all of the efforts over the years to develop facilities of all types to suit the varied interests of all Fairfax County residents, it appears that we finally have the perfect opportunity to build a facility specifically for the baseball community. If 4 fields can be fit into the equation, it's senseless to settle for 3.

As the current chairman of the Fairfax County Baseball Advisory Council, I know that the baseball community would very strongly support the inclusion of a 4th 90' baseball field.

7/24/2015

We are ready to sit down next week if that works for you all. I have been in discussions with the Willow Springs ES PTA, SYA LL and NVTBL. I have also been in touch with Visit Fairfax and have kept Jerry informed. We are all up to date and on the same page.

Also, I think you all already have the starter package I put together with economic impacts and comp tourney complexes.

FOURTH 90' FIELD

The key to this entire project is a fourth 90' field. That would create a true tournament complex and it would net the community 3 fields instead of 2. The small fields are a zero net gain and will obviously stay with SYA LL.

PARKING

As you all know, the school's main concern is parking. I know that is not really a FCPA problem. It is more of a FCPS problem but it seems as though we can be good partners and help them as well. Adding a fourth field and rearranging the parking lot could solve both problems in that it would move roughly 50% of the parking lot towards the school.

AMENITIES / BUILDOUT

I have put together an extensive list of amenities and buildout items that we all think should be included at the park. A large majority of the list are buildout items to make sure that we get this right the first time. I have researched fields over the past 12 years since we started the push for a tournament complex. That includes visiting more than a dozen tournament complexes and over forty college complexes.

Please let me know if we can get together next week for a preliminary meeting. Things start to get a little crazier in August with a lot of people traveling on vacations.

5/4/2016

I wanted to reiterate my comments made at the public meeting on July 14 at willow Springs School.

As an immediate neighbor of this project I'm OK with it under the following conditions:

The new diamonds are no further north than the current diamonds & remain south of the ridgeline to maintain noise levels comparable to the existing park;

The lighting is no higher than the current poles so the lighting does not take over our property;

The tree screen on the north end of the park is retained at the current density;

The fencing on the north end of the park is retained to eliminate traffic along the Dominion Power easement which then begins to cross our property.

We currently enjoy a relatively quiet & semi-rural atmosphere in our neighborhood & would hate to see it change to a crowded noisy congested area.

5/5/2016

I wanted to email you to voice my support for the project at Patriot Park North to add six diamond fields. I have been a volunteer with SYA Little League for several years and am involved in Babe Ruth and NVTBL baseball teams using 60ft, 50/70, and 90ft diamonds. As such, I have invested thousands of dollars and hundreds of volunteer hours into supporting youth baseball in the community and have seen the state of available fields in Fairfax County compared to other jurisdictions. Fairfax County is in desperate need of more diamond fields and building turf fields should be a priority. A look at the current weather pattern and the closures of grass fields compared to turf fields that are still able to host youth sports illustrates the problem.

SYA is a strong organization with dedicated volunteers and families. Many of our volunteers have been involved (or will be) for 10 years or longer as their children of various ages pass through the program. Six of our current Board Members no longer have children playing in the program but have stayed on to give something back to the program and the community. SYA should have a strong voice in the planning of this complex to help develop a facility that can be used as a first class training facility as well as a tournament hosting facility that has enough amenities to draw tournaments to this venue and benefit local businesses. SYA volunteers will be doing much of the work after the fields are in place; I ask for your help in helping us help you build a complex that the entire community can be proud of.

5/9/2016

As a homeowner whose property is located directly North of the proposed 4-90-ft-diamond complex at the Park, I am concerned about the probable massive increase in activity-based noise at this location, night lighting skyglow, and most especially, loudspeaker utilization during games and even practices. I am also concerned at the traffic implications of the proposed 400-space parking expansion together with associated noise from that traffic. The existing complex, with only two 60-ft diamonds has, on occasion, produced clearly audible play-by-play narrative and crowd noise audible on my back deck and I find it hard to imagine that a 300% increase in available, larger fields, with a concession stand center will not both increase the noise and night-sky lighting impacts on my privacy and enjoyment of the five-acre wooded site I selected back in 1984. A truly massive sports-plex such as proposed here should be located further away from residential areas, such as at the site 1/2 mile east where Patriot Park was originally planned. Just because our housing density is low due to most properties being 5-Acre tracts does not mean that the government should intrude on our peace and solitude with raucous, sprawling baseball Mecca.

5/9/2016

I have three questions --

1. Will there be lights for night baseball?
2. How high will the outfield fences be?
3. Will teachers at Willow Springs school be allowed to park in the designated lot during school days?

Thank you for your responses. I do have another thought.

As I look at the master plan, the only mention of bleachers is "extended bleachers" for field 1*, which is supposed to serve as a primary playoff field. There are no bleachers shown (nor room) for any bleachers next to any of the fields on the current plan. Bleachers would seem to me to be an important need since there will be many parents and fans in attendance.

5/11/2016

I received the tweet below in response to our notice about the 5/26 baseball diamond complex public hearing.

I asked him to elaborate by emailing Parkmail, but just in case he doesn't, here is his comment for the record:

Anne Cissel

"Bicycle parking; bicycle accessible"

5/14/2016

I applaud the county for realizing the need for more 90 FT baseball diamonds and a tournament complex. As State Commissioner for Babe Ruth baseball and Softball in VA I must watch helplessly as Stafford County, Henrico County and the City of Williamsburg control State, Regional, and World Series Tournaments in VA because they have the facilities and Fairfax County does not. I look forward to the day when these tournaments can be awarded to the Leagues within Fairfax County for the benefit and support of the local businesses that have supported our sport for years.

5/17/2016

The Willow Springs road should be expanded to two lanes to accommodate the traffic to the school, after school activities and late pick-up, and the ball field. IN addition, the parking should be added adjacent to the school parking lot, versus in a separate location.

The school parking lot already is too small to support the school. There is limited ability for the school to expand their insufficient parking lot if the baseball fields are added next to the current parking. The additional parking lot should be added to the school parking lot with access to the ball fields.

5/20/2016

Comments: I attended the needs assessment meeting a few weeks ago. Say NO to the ballpark sports center. \$18 million plus \$19more makes no sense. Also lets stop expanding trails until we fix and maintain what we have. It's sounding like the Metro where they did new to detriment of existing. Once maintenance is caught up then consider adding new trails etc.

5/23/2016

My husband is an assistant Little League Baseball Coach and I volunteer my time regularly for snack shack duty. Our 9 year old son has played for SYA since he was 4 years old and our older children who are now in their 20s and 30s also played for SYA. SYA kept our kids focused and out of trouble. It built their confidence and gave them many years of fun! I cannot stress how important SYA is the children of the community. It helps them to become responsible adults who give back.

5/23/2016

My son has been playing baseball with for the past 5 years (since he was 5 years old). I have been involved in coaching these young athletes as well over the years. I have seen the positive impacts upon these players lives and upon our community. I am not originally from Virginia. I grew up in Florida where every junior high school has a developed athletics program for each of the major sports; these feed the high school teams and eventually keep Florida university's athletics programs healthy. Virginia (at least FCPS) does not have junior high level programs therefore it is essential for organizations like SYA/CYA to build strong sports programs that fill this critical need. At the same time, organizations like SYA contribute to the development of strong communities which then go on to support our school programs. The planned Patriot Park North at Willow Springs (currently referred to as "LLV" in the baseball community) is an essential component in the investment of these young athletes, our high school base ball programs, and our Fairfax Country sense of community. I strongly support the completion of this project.

5/24/2016

This email is in support of the Patriot Park North plan. There is a growing need for fields, especially turf diamond fields given the recent number of cancelled games due to muddy fields. Please approve this project.

5/24/2016

In support of 90' baseball fields!

5/24/2016

I am emailing to express my support for both the tournament complex proposed by NVTBL leadership, including adding a fourth 90' diamond at the complex.

5/25/2016

90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. Every other sport has multiple complexes. We have also been short of 90' diamonds in the area which limits our ability for kids to practice and play games. The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that we were short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally. I support this project to be fully funded through the 2016 park bond.

5/25/2016

Please support the 90ft baseball diamonds. The time to act on the shortage of 90ft fields is now. This is great opportunity.
Support our youth.

5/25/2016

I cannot attend the public meeting this Thursday at Willow Springs Elementary School in Fairfax regarding the baseball tournament complex.

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Please fully fund this initiative through the 2016 park bond. Thank you

5/25/2016

Please consider a 90 foot baseball diamond multi-field tournament complex in Fairfax County to make up for the use lack of baseball diamonds currently in the county. This will help support the continued growth of baseball.

5/25/2016

I am writing to relay my support for funding to build more standard size (90 feet) baseball fields in Fairfax County, including a fully funded tourney complex at Patriot Park North.

Over the past 7 years I've been involved as a parent and coach with kids that are now at the age in which they play on the 90 foot diamonds. Field Space is extremely limited and it is currently very difficult to find fields to play games and especially conduct practice. Baseball has been very instrumental in helping the kids develop lasting relationships with each other and learn the benefits of hard work and team work. Baseball is a very positive influence on the boys which will help make them productive good citizens when they reach adulthood.

5/25/2016

I'm writing to ask that you step up on behalf of all of the teenage and adult players in Fairfax County. The number of 90' fields is lacking, and the lack of good 90' fields is even more lacking (Vienna for instance, a beautiful 60' turf field, right by an overgrown field that even the infield isn't level.

I'd have been at the meeting, but my son has a practice at a 90' field (in Loudoun Co.). Even though I am a FFCO resident.

5/25/2016

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5/25/2016

Please consider all the older kids who would like a place to play, 90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. Every other sport has multiple complexes. We have also been short of 90' diamonds in the area which limits our ability for kids to practice and play games. The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that we were short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally. Thanks for your support of Baseball!!

5/25/2016

Just a short note to show my support of more 90' baseball fields in Fairfax County.

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5/25/2016

This email is to confirm that I fully support the need of acquiring a new baseball 90' baseball field in Fairfax County. Our kids the extra field to be able have more practices and to house games.

5/25/2016

I'm writing this e-mail as an SYA Little League (LL) Coach/Volunteer since I'm unable to attend the public comment meeting scheduled for this Thursday May 26 at Willow Springs ES at 7pm. I'm sending this email in support of this project. This impacts what is known as Park North at Willow Springs (aka LLV) today with our two (2) Little League fields and the 90' diamond. I understand that several organizations have been pushing to develop a tournament facility to include 60'/70' and 90' baseball fields, which is understandable; since there isn't a complex in Fairfax County that can accommodate tournaments on the larger fields.

I'd like to voice my opinion/vote and know for a fact as an SYA LL Coach that we have spent \$100s of thousands of dollars and 10s of thousand of volunteer hours over the years to build and maintain a complex that our league, community, parents, and kids can be proud of and enjoy. Additionally, we also are looking for all six (6) fields to be turf as the county has built well over fifty (50) turf rectangular fields over the past decade with only two (2) diamond turf fields. These upgrades and support of this project and should be directed/included at the Patriot Park North at Willow Springs.

5/25/2016

Please approve the Tournament Complex. Baseball is good for the entire community!

5/25/2016

I am writing to relay my support for funding to build more standard size (90') baseball fields in Fairfax County, including a fully funded tournament complex planned for Patriot Park North.

I have been a coach/manager in Little League and now am a Manager in the Greater Vienna Babe Ruth League, which includes Falls Church/Annandale for the 13 year old prep league. As a parent and a coach at this level it is very difficult to find practice facilities for the 90' fields. We end up playing late games with 8:30PM start times on school nights as well as on SOL nights in order to play. I live in the Mason District area and I know personally from coaching several kids that baseball is their one outlet that is safe and that has a positive influence in their life.

By being part of a positive baseball experience can be a contributing factor on keeping them involved socially and physically on a positive path to be a successful student and citizen. Having more fields available, especially locally in the Mason District Area would allow these kids to have a much better chance of being a solid citizen and a future leader in their community.

Thank you for considering funding for this project and for reading my letter.

5/25/2016

I am writing to you in support of adding a fourth 90' diamond to the tournament complex in Fairfax County.

90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. Every other sport has multiple complexes. We have also been short of 90' diamonds in the area which limits our ability for kids to practice and play games. The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that we were short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally.

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5/25/2016

I strongly support full development of Patriot Park North at Willow Springs. I have coached my children in Little League baseball in Fairfax county for over 14 years and cherish all of the memories, friendship, sportsmanship and character that the sport provides for our youth. The venue has allowed for my children to develop as baseball players and to learn the values of leadership, teamwork and commitment.

Please work with both the Local Little League and NVTBL to accommodate as many as their requirements as possible.

5/25/2016

I am writing to express my family's strong support for additional 90' baseball fields in Fairfax County. The current field shortage is acute, and is a significant constraint to the development of competitive baseball programs throughout the county. I cannot be at the public hearing on Thursday, but I'm writing now to encourage all Fairfax county officials to support new fields.

5/25/2016

Thank you for all the time and effort you have dedicated to finishing out the tournament facilities. Please consider adding another field to those already planned as the incremental cost of having more fields will be significantly smaller during initial construction rather than delaying. More fields will serve to accomodate the high caliber of teams in our area and bring money to our area that is currently going elsewhere due to the need for travel outside our county.

Last year our two tournament teams finished 3rd in the Babe Ruth world series in Oregon and 2nd in the Southwest regional tournament in Florida, for our 16-18 team and our 13-15 team, respectively.

5/25/2016

I am in full support for Fairfax County putting in the means to getting 90' fields. I cannot attend the meeting but hope it can make a difference.

5/25/2016

I support the new field!

5/25/2016

Please accept this as support to increase the number of 90' fields available to SYA.

The number of players transitioning to Babe Ruth and 13U + travel is on the rise.

My eldest son is now on a 13U travel team and thoroughly enjoys the experience. The only setback is the lack of fields to practice and provide relief to reschedule rainouts

This is a positive product of the SYA program and how it is encouraging our children to continue playing baseball.

The fields will enable the success of the programs to continue and help our children experience the great life lessons that baseball affords.

5/25/2016

Good evening. I would like to express my support for the addition of a fourth 90" diamond at Willow Springs Elementary School in Fairfax. I feel it would be great addition the Fairfax county park system and would help attract tournament to the county. As a parent of a player on Loudon Aces Blue 13U travel team I think it would be great to have a single facility that could support future tournaments. Thank you.

5/25/2016

90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. Every other sport has multiple complexes. NVTBL and Fairfax Little League have also been short of 90' diamonds in the area which limits our ability for kids to practice and play games. The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that we were short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally. Please take action to create additional fields in Fairfax County.

5/25/2016

Please vote in favor of adding 90 foot baseball diamonds. We need them desperately to help cultivate baseball skills/values in our children. Thanks for your consideration of this important need in our county.

5/25/2016

I wanted to express my support for additional 90 foot baseball fields in Fairfax county. Our children are falling behind when we play in tournaments against teams outside of Fairfax who obviously have better facilities and resources. It's important to provide the resources to keep kids involved in baseball as they mature beyond Little League.

5/25/2016

I am writing to relay my support for funding to build more standard size (90 feet) baseball fields in Fairfax County, including a fully funded tourney complex at Patriot Park North.

Over the past 7 years I've been involved as a parent and coach with kids that are now at the age in which they play on the 90 foot diamonds, and it can be difficult for them to find available fields. Baseball has been instrumental in positively shaping their lives, and I know of many players in the Mason District area for which baseball has kept them positively tied to community and friends and off a path that could lead them away from being a productive citizen. In short, baseball has been one very positive contributing factor to keeping them on the right trajectory towards being a successful citizen in our county and away from other unproductive activities.

Thank you very much for considering funding and for reviewing my input.

5/25/2016

Would like to our support NVTBL in its quest for a 90' baseball field in Fairfax

The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that NVTBL was short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally.

5/25/2016

I wish to offer my full support for the proposed 90' baseball complex that will be discussed at Willow Springs Elementary School on Thursday. I would attend the meeting myself but will be coaching a youth baseball game that evening.

5/25/2016

I am writing this email in support of adding an additional 90' diamond at the NVTBL tournament complex. I hope to make it there in person to show my support but business travels may have me out of the area. I would love to see more 90' baseball diamonds in the Fairfax County perimeters. Honestly I feel like all the fields I see being added are soccer fields. That in fact may not be true but it seems like that when I either taking my kids to the various fields, or myself playing softball as part of 4 teams within Fairfax Adult softball. Anyway, I hope that an additional field is approved and I certainly voice my support for it.

5/25/2016

I coach an FCA travel baseball team and sending an email in support of NVTBL's bid for a multi field baseball complex in Fairfax County.

5/25/2016

I cannot attend the meeting on May 26 but I would like to express my strong support for a 90' baseball tournament complex. My son plays both travel and little league baseball on 90' fields. The lack of tournament space is a problem, but the bigger problem is the relative paucity of 90' fields period. He started playing on this size field a year ago, just as he was entering 7th grade. In the fall he had several games that started at 8 pm on a school night because that was the only time the teams could schedule a field. Given that at the same time Fairfax schools changed the start time for middle school students to 7:30 am (at least at his school) and you have a problem. Should he give up sleep? Skimp on home work? Skip baseball on the late nights? More fields would, I hope, reduce this kind of problem. I'm confident that they would be well used.

5/25/2016

I support the addition of a fourth 90' baseball diamond at the Patriot Park North at Willow Springs tournament complex to be used by the NVTBL.

5/25/2016

I am a parent of a high school and travel team baseball player. I am writing in support of the effort to expand baseball opportunities in the area. Field are becoming less available and it is clearly been an issue for years.

90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. Every other sport has multiple complexes. We have also been short of 90' diamonds in the area which limits our ability for kids to practice and play games. The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that we were short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally.

5/25/2016

I have been a volunteer baseball coach in Fairfax county for 16 years and a lifelong residence. It is time that Fairfax County build a baseball complex. Every other sport has a multi field complex except for 90 foot baseball. Please. Please build this complex. It is sorely needed.

5/25/2016

My family and I fully support the effort to build a 90' baseball diamond complex. Fairfax County is in extreme need for this facility to help our children grow.

5/25/2016

I would like to let you know that I support the implementation of a fourth 90' baseball diamond to support a Tournament Complex in Fairfax County.

I understand that 90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. Every other sport has multiple complexes. We have also been short of 90' diamonds in the area which limits our ability for kids to practice and play games. The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that we were short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally.

5/25/2016

I am writing to ask that you please find a way to support a tournament complex that Norther Virginia Travel Baseball League has been trying to establish in Fairfax County for years now. The league is a tremendous way for so many teens to stick with baseball and sports at a critical time in a boy's life. But some drop out because the league is so short of 90-foot diamonds, its teams can't practice or play as much as leagues do in other counties. My understanding is that adding a fourth 90' diamond at the current complex will solve the problem.

90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. Every other sport has multiple complexes. Please consider making this a priority. Thank you.

5/25/2016

I am writing to relay my support for funding to build more standard size (90 feet) baseball fields in Fairfax County, including a fully funded tourney complex at Patriot Park North.

Over the past 7 years I've been involved as a parent and coach with kids that are now at the age in which they play on the 90 foot diamonds, and it can be difficult for them to find available fields. Baseball has been instrumental in positively shaping their lives, and I know of many players in the Mason District area for which baseball has kept them positively tied to community and friends and off a path that could lead them away from being a productive citizen. In short, baseball has been one very positive contributing factor to keeping them on the right trajectory towards being a successful citizen in our county and away from other unproductive activities.

Thank you very much for considering funding and for reviewing my input.

5/25/2016

I wish to express my support for the Patriot Park North at Willow Springs Project. As a SYA Little League parent I feel it's vital to share my thoughts and support with you.

I wish for SYA Little League to remain a huge presence at this complex. SYA Little League has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars and tens of thousand of volunteer hours over the years to build and maintain a complex of which our league and community can be proud. It has been a pleasure to use this facility and we'd appreciate anything that can be done to enhance it for little league use. Especially important following this rainy and dismal spring baseball season played on grass fields, we are also looking for all six proposed fields to be turf as the County has built well over 50 turf rectangular fields over the past decade with only two diamond turf fields for baseball play.

My husband and I support this project at Patriot Park North at Willow Springs. I would like to see my tax dollars used to move forth with this plan that helps both SYA Little League and the County of Fairfax families.

5/25/2016

I am hoping to go to the meeting on Thursday but, in the event that I don't, I wanted to communicate my support for the Patriot Park North facility.

I have lived in the Hampton Chase neighborhood for almost 20 years. My children have attended Willow Springs Elementary school for 12 years and counting. My husband has been a baseball coach, youngest has been a baseball player for 7 years (14 seasons), my daughter is an umpire with SYA and I am active in the snack shack support for SYA. So, we are a baseball family that will be directly impacted by the development of Patriot Park North.

We are in support of the current design. It looks like it's going to be a high-quality development that will promote continued baseball in the area and provide for increased community involvement.

Please note that I understand that people are asking that the right-turn only lane be continued to the school. The baseball families do not want that lane extended. Having a right-turn only lane that will allow the baseball teams the ability to get into the park even when cars heading to the school block Willow Springs Road is important for the safety of our baseball players. We have had to let our baseball players get out and walk down the road (there is no sidewalk) in order for them to get the baseball game on time when the school road is blocked.

In the years that we have been part of the SYA baseball family, we have supported the existing LLV facility with fund-raising (snack shack), with hours mowing the fields and cleaning up debris. Please continue to work with SYA Little League as we would like to continue to support and use the facility.

5/25/2016

I am writing in support of the 2016 park bond for a baseball field complex that will support the development of youth baseball players in Northern Va.

Our talented kids have the potential to be the leaders of good high school and college baseball teams in Virginia in the future and need improved facilities for enhanced practice and focused development.

5/25/2016

Please continue to support the SYA little league. I am writing you today to voice my support for this project at Patriot Park North at Willow Springs (aka LLV).

Thanks for your attention to this matter and let me know if you need anything else from me.

5/25/2016

I support the Willow Springs Baseball Complex.

5/25/2016

I am writing as a coach of a youth baseball team in NVTBL, to support and request funding for the tournament complex that NVTBL leadership has been requesting. We very much need to add a fourth 90' diamond at the complex. 90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. Every other sport has multiple complexes. We have also been short of 90' diamonds in the area which limits our ability for kids to practice and play games. The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that we were short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally.

It is important to get this fully funded through the 2016 park bond.

5/25/2016

I fully support this as a tax paying citizen of Fairfax County, understand in a reduced & competing budget this can be overlooked, but how long do you keep putting off this.

The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that FC was short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level.

90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex, soccer (not the great American game) has how many fields?

Every other sport has multiple complexes.

This shortage of fields inhibits player development and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally.

Although doubt that my son will benefit, the future baseball players will..... Please consider this in the next budget, it is way past due.

5/25/2016

I write as the parent of a travel baseball player who will be playing 90' baseball this fall. My son has participated in the Arlington Babe Ruth baseball league since the age of six, and in recent years has been a participant in games sponsored by the Northern Virginia Travel Baseball League. I support the league's efforts to expand 90' baseball facilities in Fairfax County. There is a noticeable lack of such facilities in Fairfax and, to some extent, in the surrounding areas of Northern Virginia.

I hope you will consider the NVTBL's efforts and look favorably upon their request for expansion of 90' baseball facilities in Fairfax County.

5/25/2016

I am unable to attend this Thursdays meeting. I am emailing to support the addition of another 90' baseball field. Baseball needs to be supported in Fairfax County.

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5/25/2016

As a long long time Fairfax County resident and taxpayer, I'd like to voice my strong support for adding baseball fields at the 90' level per NVTBL.

My son has been playing in the little league for quite some years and as a parent who has been enthusiastic about sport (as to get kids OFF the couch and OFF the screen(s)) and who had had to drive afar for various tournaments, I must urge you to approve this project. I might add that a number of recent studies have indicated that kids who do physical exercises tend to perform better in academic arenas as well.

5/25/2016

Good morning – I am writing this to support families and coaches who use 90' baseball fields and live in Fairfax County. My son is 13 and has been playing on these size fields for almost a full year now.

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Thank you for considering support for this project being fully funded through the 2016 park bond.

5/25/2016

I support to add a fourth 90' diamond at the multi-field tournament complex. Every other sport has multiple complexes why shouldn't we. The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that we were short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally.

5/25/2016

This email is in support of a 4th 90' diamond complex to support our area's Little Leagues and travel baseball/softball teams. This would allow for more games to be played and more practices to be had. I'm wondering if this next facility can be planned with consideration or possibility as the future home of State, Regional, and National All Star games. I'm also wondering if a new area multi-sport/multi-use indoor and outdoor complex has been planned for Fairfax County. Possibly with the correct planning, sponsorship, and County government/citizen involvement this could be another jewel for our area and for our rising stars.

Thank you all for your time and consideration.

5/25/2016

I write to share my enthusiastic support for the baseball complex planned as part of the Willow Springs Park Master Plan. SYA Little League in particular, and youth baseball in general, are a wonderful part of our community. My son and daughter play youth baseball, and it has helped them learn the value of teamwork and dedication while making new friends and being physically active. The Willow Springs Park Master Plan would be a wonderful commitment from our community to keep our children physically active and involve them in team sports where they can learn values that transcend athletics.

5/25/2016

I am writing this email today, to show my support for the proposed addition of 90' baseball diamonds across the multiple sports complexes in Fairfax County. Please consider providing the funding for this project, as there are minimal 90' facilities available to date, and additional facilities would ease congestion and conflicts for use, in addition to providing possible revenue for hosting tournaments in our county.

5/25/2016

I'd like to express my support of the development of a multi-field 90-foot baseball complex in the area. I have two sons who play travel baseball on the big field and the shortage of fields is really a problem. One of the problems is that the older kids are not able to get fields until fairly late at night, ie. starting a game at 8pm. This means not ending until 10pm or later. This is a real problem in Arlington, especially for our middle school students who start school at 7:40am. I imagine it's also a problem for Fairfax County students.

I am very much in support of creating a multi-field baseball complex to provide adequate field space for our baseball players.

5/25/2016

I think I can speak for the Baseball community in my area in saying we support adding 90' baseball fields in Fairfax County. With the Growth of all sports in the county, it's about time that America's past time is not left behind other sports and that fields are provided for baseball like all the other major sports in Fairfax County. Please don't leave us behind and let the community have more fields.

5/25/2016

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We hope FFC takes the initiative to build such a complex.

5/25/2016

I would like to voice my SUPPORT of a 90' field baseball complex for Fairfax County. Having two baseball players, I know that such a structure would benefit the community hugely and might encourage more kids from all over the county to try the national pastime!
Thank you for considering my email.

5/26/2016

I'm writing to express support for a tournament complex that NVTBL is leading to build additional 90' diamonds at the complex.

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5/26/2016

Please listen to the needs of young athletes. We need more fields...of dreams.

5/26/2016

I will not be able to attend the meeting coming up on Thursday but wanted to express my support of the Willow Springs project. Baseball in the county is a large part of many peoples lives and will enhance the community. A beautiful baseball complex is wonderful to look at and will bring many people into our county for tournaments which will help local business

5/26/2016

I am writing in support of the Northern Virginia Travel Baseball League's effort to build an additional 90' baseball field. As the father of a now 16-year-old, I have long been astonished how difficult it has been at every level of baseball to find space nearby in Fairfax County for kids to practice and play. Through my son's experience on many teams over the years, we've had difficulties getting time on the fields because of too many teams wanting to use the limited sites. This is especially true at the 90' level, where leagues from age 13 through adult are competing for time. As for multiple fields located at a single facility - i.e., where a tournament could be held - the pickings are very slim. We are I great need of more fields. Please support the NVTBL request.

5/26/2016

Please add my name in support of a new baseball complex that is being proposed in Fairfax. My children play HS and travel baseball and we have found a shortage when it comes to practice and games. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally. I would appreciate you voting "Yes" for a diamond expansion.

5/26/2016

Please consider this email as evidence of my strong support for maximizing the number of diamond playing fields at Patriot Park North at Willow Springs. In particular, I support the addition of another 90' diamond field at the location.

As a coach and administrator of youth baseball in Fairfax County and Northern Virginia for over a decade, I consider improvements to our diamond facilities as one of the most important priorities that the Park Authority can undertake.

While significant investments have been made in rectangular fields, I believe that investments in expanding and maintaining diamond facilities have failed to keep pace with demand. This places a tremendous burden on local community leagues and other baseball users, who are forced to play on sub-par facilities or to incur the substantial costs of maintaining the fields on their own. Ultimately, it artificially reduces the number of participants who play baseball.

I appreciate the Park Authority's consideration of this initiative, and as a Fairfax County resident, hope to see the facility expanded to include the proposed additional 90' field.

5/26/2016

We are supporting the NEED of the 90' Baseball fields that a proposed. Please pass this.

5/26/2016

Hi – This email is requesting consideration of adding a fourth 90' diamond at the complex at Willow Springs. 90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. Every other sport has multiple complexes. We have also been short of 90' diamonds in the area which limits our ability for kids to practice and play games. The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that we were short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally. Thank you for your time

5/26/2016

I am writing in support of adding another 90' baseball diamond in Fairfax County. A multi-diamond baseball facility is needed as we are short baseball fields in this area. These fields are needed so our youth can continue to have sufficient practice and game time. Please consider adding this 4th field in Fairfax. Thank you!

5/26/2016

I am emailing in support of the initiative to add a fourth 90' diamond to the baseball complex. This addition will allow our teams to host tournaments in northern Virginia.

5/26/2016

We support the multi use/sport 90' baseball field complex being proposed by NVBTL.

5/26/2016

I am writing in support of the proposal for additional 90' baseball fields in Fairfax County. I will be unable to attend the meeting Thursday night but feel strongly that this is an important initiative for the county and its young baseball players

5/26/2016

I am a resident of Fairfax County and have been for over 30 years. During the past twenty-six or so years I have been involved with youth baseball, as a coach, and parent. During that time span, my own sons have graduated into, and through Fairfax County High School baseball programs. I am sending this email in support of adding a fourth 90' diamond, at the tournament complex, as advocated by the NVTBL. I am aware that 90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex, and that every other sport has multiple complexes. I am aware that 90' diamonds in the area have always been in short supply, and in my view, that lack of fields limits player development, in this area. I am aware that the 2004 Needs Assessment showed a shortage of a minimum of 9 baseball fields, at the 90' level, and shortages continue to this day. The 90' diamond field shortage limits practice and game participation, in turn, hurts the growth of the baseball in our area.

I hope you will address this need at your next opportunity.

5/26/2016

I am unable to attend the public meeting on this subject but wanted to convey my thoughts.

I understand that planning is underway for a baseball complex.

Please include as many 90' fields as possible in this complex, or in any other county plans, as there is a desperate shortage of this fields in the county.

The lack of 90' fields in Fairfax inhibits player development and positive baseball experiences for 7-12 graders.

Thanks

5/26/2016

I support the plan as part of SYA Little League. 650 kids in area and utilize baseball. Baseball is an excellent life experience, that should be an everyday life experience for kids. Hopefully will be synthetic turf field to play when not raining. SYA spent several hundred thousand dollars on the 3 existing baseball fields. We have put in many volunteer hours cutting grass and clearing mud.

5/26/2016

This is in support of the development of a baseball field at the 90' level in Fairfax County.

5/26/2016

My son has enjoyed participating in SYA Little League for the last four years and a large part of that enjoyment has been the great complex that has been established at LLV. The two fields for Little League plus the Babe Ruth field have worked very well but expanding the park to include additional parking and more fields will make the site even more useful in the future. Many volunteers from SYA have spent countless hours maintaining and improving the site and I know they will continue to do so once the expansion is finished as well.

5/26/2016

Last years master plan was great, don't like this one. I agrees that there are more baseball diamonds needed. But do not want the forest buffer zone to decrease from 200+ to 50 ft. Do not want 2 60 ft. diamonds facing south toward Braddock Rd and shifted east toward residents property where he lives. Also, he does not want to see the reflection of light in the night sky or noise pollution from the games. Amateur astronomer and the lights will be visible in 1/3 to 1/2 the sky. No problem with kids playing baseball. PA system will create much noise and wants peace and quiet. Been in the neighborhood since 1950. New plan also has restrooms next to cemetery. Concerned about size of cemetery, location of additional graves, and potential disrespect of location near cemetery.

5/26/2016

Has mixed-feelings. Parents are very much in favor. Going forward will solve problems at Willow Springs. Cars line up toward Braddock to drop off kids and there was an accident yesterday. Sometimes people drop off kids at the neighborhood next-door. This can be prevented if there is a parking lot or access road in the park parallel to the existing road to the school parking lot. The kiss and ride would run more efficiently. Ambulances can't come to school and have to cross to the other side of road, which is a safety-concern.

5/26/2016

As a principal, this will be beneficial. There is a delay to get ambulances in. When a kid is having an allergic reaction this is very stressful. We need extra parking spaces during events when there can be 1000 people at the school. Would like to develop a system as school for athletics that promotes kids being outside. A revised parking plan with the park could expedite arrival and dismissal and have better Kiss & Ride extension with 400 space parking lot at the park. Can do a lot to alleviate stresses.

5/26/2016

Willow Springs has insufficient parking that backs up to Braddock Rd. If the baseball field is any bigger and parking is increased, there will be more congestion. Any more activity will be a bigger problem and parking is already insufficient for number of kids and parking spots. If created, it should be adjoined to current parking lot at school so there can be a bigger Kiss & Ride facility in support of kids for parking and a parking lot would show favor of school and residents.

5/26/2016

My name is Paul Gunning and I am long time resident of Fairfax County (4840 Allenby Road, Fairfax, VA). I am writing to express support for a new 90 ft. tournament complex and that this get fully funded through the 2016 park bond. 90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex, I vote for change.

5/26/2016

I am excited to help school and community and be partners to community members as well. Chairman of Fairfax Baseball Council and head coach of Westfield High School. We have raised 1.8 million dollars for cancer research over past 4 years through baseball. I am a lifetime resident of Fairfax County. This benefits the school and community. 400+ parking spots will help school. Athletic field lighting is different and now and is contained within the playing field.

5/26/2016

As the parent of three boys who are about to or soon will move to 90' fields, I am in strong support of adding another 90' diamond to the NVBL tournament complex. It is clear from the 2004(!) Needs Assessment that Fairfax County is in dire needs of additional 90' fields in order to maximize player development and support the game locally. Adding another diamond to the complex is a start in the right direction.

Thank you for you consideration.

5/26/2016

In favor of the plan. As president of SYA that I have been involved for 30 years and play adult baseball. SYA has 13 different sports representing 13,000 registrations a year. We help provide the maintenance for park and sees it as a partnership. We are committed to working with the school and residents. We will find ways to work together to make things work. This plan is needed. 90 foot diamonds have been missing for a long time. Want it to work for everybody.

5/26/2016

I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting, but I did want to send an email in support of Fairfax County building a multi-field tournament complex.

I have coached over 110 teams since 1981. Baseball is very important for those who partake in the sport as it teaches so much about life.

To have a place here, locally, to have major tournaments would be wonderful for the kids. It would also bring money into the county.

I have traveled with my two sons and spent thousands and thousands of dollars over the years in hotel, food, and gas. It would be a shame if Fairfax County doesn't take advantage of this monetary perk for building a complex.

5/26/2016

I strongly support full development of Patriot Park North at Willow Springs. This facility has been an integral to the development of my children over the past 13 years. It has provided for a wholesome family environment for my children to develop and become strong citizens of our community. The facility has allowed for my children to develop as baseball players and to learn the values of leadership, teamwork and commitment.

Please work with both the Local Little League and NVTBL to accommodate as many as their requirements as possible. Thank you.

5/26/2016

I am writing to provide my input and support for Fairfax County to get a baseball complex. My sons have been playing baseball since they were little, and now at age 14 and 16 continue to play. We are a huge baseball loving family. We have seen the struggle that happens to get games scheduled to allow all of the teams fair playing time. The lack of fields has required fields to be double booked on week nights (school nights) which then result in parents having to leave work early to get their child to the field by 4:30pm to play a 5:30pm game, and/or our child gets booked for an 8:30pm game which results in a very late night getting home on a school night. Often times the fields we play on are far away as well. Although if a complex is approved and built our son's may be grown and out of the house on their own by that time and would not have the benefit of using it, however, we feel that we need to advocate for those families that have small children now and any future grandkids we might have that would benefit from having such a complex. Bring baseball back!!!!

5/26/2016

It was brought to my attention that you are meeting at Willow Springs today to discuss the potential funding of a Multi-Field Tournament Complex for baseball within the County.

90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. Every other sport has multiple complexes. We have also been short of 90' diamonds in the area which limits our ability for kids to practice and play games. The County's own 2004 Needs Assessment showed that we were short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally.

Baseball is the National pastime and we have some outstanding players in Fairfax County. Locally, baseball is gaining in popularity with the rise of the Washington Nationals. As supporters, coaches, and involved baseball families, we often find ourselves moving tournaments and taking our players and money to other counties to play in competitive 90' baseball tournaments and games. We need this kind of facility to continue player development in the County, all while keeping associated revenue generated within the County. Having played in other facilities in neighboring counties, we fully appreciate the visibility that the sport gets from these facilities. Additionally, these facilities become community hubs providing jobs and economic growth in the surrounding neighborhoods as they develop support businesses that feed from the scores of players and families that attend events at these facilities.

Please know that as taxpayers and a family that participates actively in our community including baseball, we strongly support the funding of this Multi-Field Complex for the use of our residents, teams, and players. We urge you to decide in favor of the funding and construction of a Fairfax County Multi-Field Tournament Complex

5/26/2016

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I am strongly in support of a fourth 90' diamond at the planned tournament complex.

5/26/2016

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Please work with both the Local Little League and NVTBL to accommodate as many as their requirements as possible. Thank you.

5/26/2016

We greatly support NVTBL's efforts for a 90-foot tournament baseball complex. As the father of the sons who play baseball in Fairfax County, the complex is greatly needed and long overdue. Please vote in favor of the complex.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

5/26/2016

NOVA and Fairfax county needs a BASEBALL multi-field COMPLEX to support tournaments for the development of youth BASEBALL in this area.

Please consider this as important for the county and the youth baseball players in the area.

5/26/2016

I am 100% in support of more 90' diamonds in the northern Virginia area. Please pass this measure.

5/26/2016

I am writing to express my support for the Patriot Park North at Willow Springs project. As a Fairfax County resident with two children that have participated in SYA over the years, I recognize the need for this complex in the near future. I have reviewed the master plan prepared for the Park Authority and believe that it is a practical and efficient layout that will help meet the needs of youth sports in our county. While I am unable to attend the public hearing in person, I am writing to express my support for the project moving forward.

5/26/2016

As a family living in Fairfax County with two sons (14 and 16 y/o) who have played baseball since they were 5, we would like to voice our support for a 90' baseball diamond. Fairfax County has so much to offer and this would be a much needed addition to the sport of baseball in our county. We vote "Yes"!

5/26/2016

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Please help the youth of Fairfax!

5/26/2016

To whom it may concern, My son has been playing baseball since age 5. He is 16 now. At times it has been a challenge to find fields for the kids to play. Please consider adding additional fields so that our kids can engage in America's pastime and stay off the streets! Thank you for your consideration.

5/26/2016

We would like to add a much needed fourth 90' diamond at the complex. It is very needed for older baseball players in the county. Thank you for your consideration!

5/26/2016

As the parents of two Fairfax youth baseball players, we support the proposal for more 90' fields. Our sons have been playing baseball since they were 3 years old and have come so far working with the wonderful coaches and staff at Fairfax Little League.

Our 13 year old son in particular has been excelling tremendously over the past 2 years. Unfortunately, we have missed several games and practices due to lack of a field space. Our son's Junior team has had to play on smaller fields when available. He's even reported that the team has to constantly make adjustments from switching back and forth.

The lack of sports programs in the Fairfax county middle schools is bad enough. Please help Fairfax Little League with this expansion so that we can nurture the talent of these young boys that will hopefully have the opportunity to play college ball in the future!

5/26/2016

The purpose of this email is to express our strong support for funding for the baseball tournament complex proposed by the Northern Virginia Travel Baseball League. Our sons have played baseball in Fairfax County (school, Little League and NVTBL) for almost 20 years and baseball has been a major part of their lives. However, I know it has often been a challenge to find adequate facilities for tournament play. Therefore, we strongly support funding for additional playing fields. Please don't let the lack of facilities be the reason why our kids cannot play baseball. Baseball has been and still is an important sport and we urge Fairfax County Parks to continue to support it in the future.

Playing baseball has helped my sons to learn teamwork and fair play, plus it has kept them active and fit. I want this option to be available to all county kids in the future.

Thanks for your support for this important facility.

5/26/2016

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Please support this project and get this fully funded through the 2016 park bond. We owe this to our youth and the game of baseball. Thanks for your consideration.

5/26/2016

As commissioner of the DC Men's Senior Baseball League and past chairman of the Fairfax County Baseball Advisory Council, I'm fully in support of the alterations to the revised CDP for Patriot Park North at Willow Springs to develop 4 90' baseball fields. I have been involved in Fairfax County baseball for the past 25 years, and over that lengthy time frame, exactly three park fields suitable for adult or older youth play have been built: Nike Park #5, Dulles Corner, and Sully Highlands #5. This pales in comparison to rectangular fields developed for soccer, lacrosse, football and other sports.

One of the arguments against new 90' baseball fields is a concern over lighting. With the population density in Fairfax County, simply finding locations where lights will not affect the neighborhood is a challenge which will never, ever get easier. At Willow Springs, that issue has already been resolved. It only makes sense to maximize the land to develop 4 90' fields.

Thank you for looking out for the best interests of the entire Fairfax County baseball community.

5/26/2016

I support the addition of a fourth 90' baseball diamond at the Patriot Park North at Willow Springs tournament complex to be used by the NVTBL.

5/26/2016

Our son has played baseball in Fairfax County with Lorton Little, Virginia Baseball Club and Dominion Baseball Academy. This past season he played on South County varsity. Baseball is a constant pursuit of our family. We understand that Fairfax County Park & Recreation has been petitioned to build a multi-field tournament complex. For the last three years, travel baseball has been held mostly outside Fairfax county and for those within the county organizers need to use multiple high school locations, which simply extends the effort to borderline drudgery! It would be fitting and acceptable to have a Fairfax County multi-field complex to serve the numerous high school and travel baseball teams and organization which call this county home. Thank you for every consideration.

5/26/2016

I support this project. There are not enough baseball fields in the Fairfax area. There is not enough parking so the project will increase parking facilities for events that take place. Even though the impact will be minimal and improvements to the community will begin to take place. The facility is beautiful and the diamond field is beautiful. Unique at Willow Springs and SYA Coach and lives in Hampton Chase. There a not enough baseball fields in Fairfax County. Has to drive to get to games. This will be a beautiful facility with improvements that can be taken advantage of. Nice path to come. If the kids are not in school, they are playing baseball and if the kids are in school, they are not in the park, so there will not be a very big congestion issue. Advantageous and minimal impact and not used during the winter or fall.

5/26/2016

This email is expressing SUPPORT for the project to increase the number of 90' level baseball fields in Fairfax County as well as adding a fourth 90' diamond at the proposed tournament complex in Fairfax County.

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I would like to voice my support for adding a fourth 90' diamond to the proposed Fairfax County baseball complex. This would be a great asset for the county and bring us up to par with surrounding counties in our ability to server our kids who enjoy playing baseball through high school.

5/26/2016

Because of my families passion for the game of baseball , we are very much in support of additional fields.

5/26/2016

Since I am unable to attend the meeting on 5/26, I am writing this email in support of adding a fourth 90' diamond at the multi-field tournament complex. Since there is a shortage of fields, I feel that this should be a top priority for Fairfax County.

5/26/2016

I am writing about the need for Youth 60' Turf and additional 90' baseball fields in Fairfax County. 90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. Every other sport has multiple complexes. We have also been short of 90' diamonds in the area which limits our ability for kids to practice and play games. The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that we were short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally. It is important that at least of these 90' fields be turf to alleviate not only the shortage but availability during wet seasons. Mason District Little League in Mason District in particular is in need of a 60' youth turf field. In addition, many of the natural grass baseball fields in Fairfax County are in dire need of reconditioning including the 90' field at Holmes Middle School. Many do not drain properly and/or are poorly maintained, making them unusable even in the weather conditions are good. While there are high school fields, they are booked during the spring season or they limit access due to concerns over field condition and limiting damage.

Thank you for considering our youth and young adults that need access to pursue their athletic activity.

5/26/2016

As parents of 2 baseball players, we support a 90' baseball field. Please make this happen! 90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. Every other sport has multiple complexes. We have also been short of 90' diamonds in the area which limits our ability for kids to practice and play games. The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that we were short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally.

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Please support this project and to get this fully funded through the 2016 park bond.

5/26/2016

My son has played in the Northern Virginia Travel Baseball League as a member of Washington DC based Win-Within Travel baseball for the past three seasons and next year he will move to the 90' base path field. There are surprisingly few fields available for the league and the sport is growing rapidly.

In the City, teams have resorted to some pretty drastic measures to secure practice times. We have to travel to most of our 90' field games because there simply aren't enough in the District. Even beyond the District, playing fields are in short supply. This really has a negative impact on player development.

While a large population is served well through the smaller fields, there is a growing population of players who are advancing in the game beyond Little League levels. These investments are critical to sustaining this regional trend.

I absolutely know if Fairfax invests in this multi-field tournament complex it will see a positive return. Babe Ruth, High School and travel baseball will all benefit and the number of players from NOVA going on to play collegiately will all follow efforts like these to improve facilities in the region.

There is excess demand and it is only growing as populations and the sport of baseball itself continue to grow. Please support this investment. Thank you.

5/26/2016

I am writing to add my support for a 4th diamond to the 90' sports complex. We need more fields for practice and it's difficult to have any tournaments or play in our area due to a dearth of fields. Please vote in favor of the additional diamond.

5/26/2016

Fairfax county and the NVTBL needs additional fields. My son deserves the opportunity to compete against counties who afford their kids the right space to athletically advance.

5/26/2016

This email is to show my support for building a 90' diamond field at the NVTBL complex. Given the increasing population in Northern Virginia, it is important to build a 90' field to make up for the severe shortage of fields for young baseball players.

Thank you.

5/26/2016

Please support a multi-field baseball facility in Fairfax county. Both of my sons have played ball here on little league (MDLL), travel teams, school teams, and as umpires during my three (nonconsecutive) military tours of duty here. It's a huge county (too huge), and driving to multiple far flung locations for local tournaments is tough...especially with DC traffic. As kids get older and more dedicated, 90' fields are fewer and further between.

By comparison, the Hampton Roads area has three very nice, modern multi-field complexes (that get used a lot), and there's a smaller fourth one we've played at as well. It really makes a difference. Teams are definitely more competitive there overall - we notice it every time we move back and forth. I believe this may be at least in part because they have enough facilities for teams to practice more than once/week!!

We don't need to be sold on anything too huge or crazy, and my boys and I really dislike the new turf fields (and I have read about links between turf and youth cancer rates). Just a basic, centrally located complex with a few (4-6) well-maintained/drainage natural grass/dirt fields would be a HUGE improvement for our youth, and for area baseball.

Thanks for seriously considering this effort!

5/26/2016

As a father of a baseball-loving son who shows some promise and desire, it is frustrating to see how the obvious shortage of 90' fields in our area limits significantly his opportunities to play, learn and improve. Please make all reasonable efforts available to change this dynamic by prioritizing resources for the construction of an additional baseball complex in Fairfax.

A commitment to building fields for youth baseball is a commitment to building character, teamwork, discipline and fun into our children's lives. Thanks in advance--

5/26/2016

I am a native Northern Virginian and I have two sons that have played baseball since they were 4 years old. They both now play with teams that participate in games with NVTBL. From what I understand, 90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. Every other sport has multiple complexes. Because of this shortage of fields, it limits our ability for kids to practice and play games. This shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally. Baseball still remains an American pastime, please help us to keep it that way.

5/26/2016

I'm writing to express my support of for adding a fourth 90' diamond that will be discussed this Thursday at Willow Springs Elementary School.

5/26/2016

Please note my support for a multi-field 90 foot baseball facility in Fairfax County. I have been a county resident (Franconia) since 1994 and have two sons that play baseball.

5/26/2016

I support the project. The kids really need the extra field.

5/26/2016

I am unable to make the meeting on Thursday night. The Robinson family (Fairfax County residents for over 25 years) are strong supports of the need for a tournament 90' baseball complex. We have two boys active in tournament baseball right now and they are always lacking for fields.

Appreciate you consideration,

5/26/2016

I support the addition of a 90' field complex.
My children play on these fields and will continue to do so...unless we are unable to come to an agreement.
If not, we might be forced to move to an area/county where there are more options available to my sons.
Thank you for your time

5/26/2016

Please increase the number of 90' baseball fields available to our kids. These are multi-use fields and any additions will be well used. Thank you

5/26/2016

We support additional 90' baseball fields. Our son plays tournament baseball and usually travel to Maryland for tournaments due to the lack of fields in Fairfax.

90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. Please fund additional 90' baseball fields through the 2016 park bond.

I apologize that we can not make the public meeting on Thursday at Willow Springs ES.

5/27/2016

I am in complete support of the 4th 90 foot field at Willow Springs. We currently are lucky to get one practice a week due to the lack of fields

5/27/2016

We support the proposal to add an additional 90' baseball field to the county must-field couples. Every other sport has multiple complexes. The limited number of 90' diamonds in the area limits our ability for kids to practice and play games. The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that we were short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally.

5/28/2016

We are writing to express our support for funding NVTBL's field request to have 90' fields fully funded through the 2016 park bond.

Community baseball is the most wholesome, positive, supportive environment for our young kids, and we need to support this endeavor however we can. Playing outside is a scarcity for so many kids nowadys, and we truly hope you will consider NVTBL's request.

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5/28/2016

I am sending this email as I was not able to attend the meeting last evening at Willow Springs ES to show my support for more 90' baseball fields in the county. Please accept this email as a sign of my support.

5/31/2016

Please help in funding this project thru the 2016 bond. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally.

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5/31/2016

Hi. I am a mother of 3 baseball playing boys in Fairfax County. We have supported our local little league, Babe Ruth, American Legion, and high school baseball programs. All of my boys have played in the NVTBL. We are in dire need of several 90' fields. Please add another to the existing complex.

5/31/2016

As you know, 90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. Every other sport has multiple complexes. We have also been short of 90' diamonds in the area which limits our ability for kids to practice and play games. The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that we were short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. A shortage of fields inhibits player development in our sport and hurts the growth of the game of baseball locally.

Please consider making a complex for this age group, which my son is part of.

5/31/2016

I am writing to lend my support to the efforts to enhance baseball facilities in the County through the proposed Patriot Park North at Willow Springs CDP. Unfortunately, due to my work schedule I will not be able to attend the public meeting in person this evening.

However, I am in favor of this planned use for this property. As the report correctly states, this site can support a diamond complex due to its existing use as a facility for the Southwestern Youth Association (SYA) Little League and Greater Fairfax Babe Ruth baseball and its proximity to Willow Springs Elementary. It is also buffered from the community as well as the Fairfax County Parkway and Braddock Road intersection. SYA Little League has invested thousands of dollars in resources and sweat equity to make the existing fields into premier playing surfaces over the past two decades. LLV is vital to the success of the league and these upgrades will help the league nurture the next generation of healthy, engaged residents.

As a youth coach and parent of two young baseball players, our Fairfax teams are often relegated to playing in Loudoun County due to its plethora of tournament level fields and the opposing lack of these amenities in our own county. In addition to be a major asset to the quality of life for your residents, the construction of Patriot Park North will bring new revenue to the County with the prospects of hosting multiple "out of town" tournaments. Finally, I am hoping these fields will be constructed with synthetic turf. I am familiar with multiple examples of local investment in synthetic soccer and football fields across Fairfax County. However, that same commitment has not been witness for baseball/softball fields under the Park Authority. This is a great opportunity to show that investment in other sports!!!

Thank you for you time. Please consider approving this plan.

5/31/2016

I wholeheartedly support adding a fourth 90' diamond to the new baseball complex being considered, as reflected in the Fairfax County 2004 Needs Assessment.

5/31/2016

I am writing to let you know that I support the addition of at least one 90' baseball field to the NVTBL complex in Fairfax County. As participation in the NVTBL continues to grow, it is critical that we have enough fields to accommodate the development of our baseball youth.

5/31/2016

I support the addition of a fourth 90' diamond at the tournament complex.

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5/31/2016

I missed the meeting last Thursday but wanted to add my voice.

As you know, 90' baseball is the only major sport in Fairfax County without a multi-field tournament complex. We have also been short of 90' diamonds in the area which limits our ability for kids to practice and play games. This adds a lot of travel time and late week nights for the middle school-aged kids. The 2004 Needs Assessment showed that we were short a minimum of 9 baseball fields at the 90' level. Additional 90' baseball fields would aid player development in our sport and foster the growth of the game of baseball locally.

5/31/2016

I am writing to express my support for Patriot Park North at Willow Springs. This will be a great park with fantastic fields if it goes forward as planned. My young children are obsessed with baseball and I can't wait for them to have the opportunity to play on new amazing fields such as this. It's public works projects like this that continue to make Fairfax county a great place to live and raise a family.

Additionally, SYA Little League needs to remain a huge presence at this complex as they have spent 100,000's of dollars and 10,000's of volunteer hours over the years to build and maintain a complex that our league and community can be proud of. Ideally, also all 6 fields should be turf as the county has built well over 50 turf rectangular fields over the past decade with only 2 diamond turf fields.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

6/3/2016

Fairfax County has a great vision to promote the development of a baseball sports complex. We the neighbors are confident that this project will endure success and further growth and awareness to the citizens of Fairfax County.

I would like the following items to be considered while developing the project referring the rough suggested layout provided with this email.

1. The parking should be extended upto the school premises because they are in need of additional parking.

2. Shed #3 (shown in the enclosed suggested layout in the next page).

a. I feel after briefly discussing with our neighborhood that this shed #3 is a very important consideration for the project. The following are suggested items for the shed:-

i) Swimming pool

ii) Fitness center

iii) Tennis Court

iv) Sports awareness classes

v) Restrooms

vi) Canteens and dining

vii) Locker rooms

Why Shed #3 is very very important.

1. The swimming pool, fitness center, tennis court, classes can be catered to all ages of citizens.

There is no nearby pool to the west side of this proposed site.

2. The shed will create a buffer for high intensity lights from baseball fields parking lot lights that will be running until 10-11pm at night which will disturb life of all senior citizens like us and other family members residing at the Ruby Drive, Sasher Lane, Aderson Ave, Thbreau Lane, etc.

3. The shed will also create buffer for sound that will affect our health.

4. The proposed development including shed #3 will provide maximum utilization of land and long term revenue generation from membership from citizens like us.

As you can see thousands of people utilizing this facility will generate sewage which will go to septic tanks for underground seepage. This may contaminate ground waters. All the neighborhood citizens are using well water for drinking. The Park Authority should place a monitoring system whereby the authority will test the water in six month intervals and if they find any bacterial contamination then the county should provide a water line.

6/3/2016

I was not able to attend the meeting at Willow Springs last week however, I would like to voice my support for the addition of a 4th 90' baseball diamond to add to Fairfax County complex. I am witness to the impact of a shortage of 90' fields within the county and its impact on players and parents that have to waste valuable time and resources to shuttle kids to playing fields elsewhere. Additional fields will keep more players and families within the area, reduce traffic/commute time, allow kids to spend more time at home (because of less time in the car) which increases their time for school and sleep and can also help bring more money back to the community since the fields will allow more tournaments within our area. I sincerely hope that the county can see the value of additional fields not just for the sole purpose of the baseball game, but the impact it will have on quality of life and increased participation. Please regard this email as support for the additional field(s) as part of the upcoming park bond.

6/6/2016

I am a resident of the Brentwood area of Fairfax County, bounded by Lee Highway on the North, FFX Cty. Parkway on the West, Braddock Road on the south, and undeveloped woodland in Brentwood Park to the east. My children have attended Willow Springs Elementary School (WSES) for the past 9 years and I serve on the board of directors of SYA Little League. I strongly support the Patriot Park North at Willow Springs project and agree that a diamond field complex like that currently proposed can serve a range of sports and provide a modern and showcase-type facility to accommodate tournaments.

I attended the public comment meeting on 26-May at WSES and recognize the concerns of different stakeholders. In reviewing the current draft CDP, I tried to think of some adjustments that may make the plan just as useful, yet accommodating to concerns. Not sure if any of these are possible withn constraints, but thought I would provide some ides for consideration - perhaps it would be possible to move some of the parking up along the road, closer to the school and move the 60/60 fields that currently back up most closely to the residents (light and noise concerns presented). The parking are would be curved with the road. The tree preservation area could move to where the 60/70 fields are currently located (adding additional buffer to residents). The parking closer to the school could perhaps be used more easily by the school and address WSES's desire to ensure the project is mutually-beneficial. This extended parking could include additional entrances/exits to alleviate possible bottlenecks when events end at the same time. Tall nets on any fields where foul/home run balls could hit cars is also important to minimize the possibility of car damage - something that currently happens at the LLV fields.

I have spent hundreds of hours at the current LLV facilities and would welcome a park like that proposed. I have a vested interest. I made some rough cut-and-paste changes to try and illustrate the comments above. Again, not sure any are possible, but providing just in case. Bottom line, youth (and adult) sports build community and Patriot Park North at Willow Springs would be wonderful addition.

6/20/2016

I attended the second meeting in person, and spoke to relay my concerns regarding the parking location, the LARGE size of the baseball field, and the need to additional consideration.

The parking location will negatively impact the traffic for the school, and I suggest the parking and the playground be moved closer to the school.

As a tax payer and local resident, I feel that the baseball field should benefit the school as well. The current plan is only considering the baseball aspect, and not the school.

6/20/2016

Thank you for considering community input. After seeing the revised plan I am disappointed that there is only a waking path between the ball fields and school. If your intent is to build the park in isolation, do not connect the school parking lot and fields in any way. This plan will encourage people to park in the school lot to be close to the fields without improving access to the school. Willow Springs will be trapped behind the sports complex jeopardizing the safety of students and staff. If the plan could be modified to create a road between the ball field lot and the back of the school lot, it would increase parking for both groups and improve access to the school. People are naturally lazy and will park as close to their destination as possible, in the new ball field lot, in the school lot or along the school road depending on which field they are accessing. Please do not choke off access to Willow Springs by creating a bottleneck between the school and Braddock road.

6/20/2016

Thank you. I hope they are truly considered. I attended the last meeting and relayed these concerns through public comment at the meeting, and yet I didn't see any change regarding the parking configuration when it was recently put out.

At the meeting, the Sya representative and other baseball supports indicated that they would support and consider the school where possible, so I am not understating why taxpayer funds are not accounting for both government projects - the current school and the proposed baseball field. In these tough economic times for the county, it would be the wise financial decision to consider both locations in the master plan, especially since we were told that the school donated the land, and the funding for the baseball field is through bonds ultimately paid for by taxpayers, who would want their funds used as wisely as possible with maximum benefits to the community for the allotted money.

6/28/2016

This email is in regards to the revised Conceptual Development Plan concerning Patriot Park North, We the residents and homeowners of Vannoy Acres do most strenuously object to the revised CDP. Specifically the changes from the 2015 CDP, ie.the moving of the two 60 foot baseball field,from a north-south orientation to an west-east orientation much closer to the property line of the residents of Vannoy Acres.

We feel that moving these two field so close to our properties will constitute a nuisance. The nuisance created will be one of constant noise, caused by spectators, players and a public address system. There is also the matter of light pollution coming from giant lighting towers rising above our homes. On week days from 4PM to 10 or 11PM and weekends from 8 AM to 10 or 11 PM this constant noise will destroy the peace and tranquility of our neighborhood. We feel that we were here first and that the County of Fairfax and the Southwestern Youth Association should take this into account and should work to ensure all parties are satisfied with the layout of the park.

We do not think that the County and SYA are concerned about our neighborhood and the effect this park in this configuration will have. The original 2015 Masterplan CDP has vanished from the Patriot Park webpage. Surveying crews are plotting the land according to the 2016 CDP. The ultimate decision has yet to be made by the Park Authority Board, yet it seems that for all intents and purposes the decision has already been made. It appears that you are just going through the pro forma motion.

What we want is for the Board to go back to the 2015 CDP. In this plan one 90 foot field is removed, the parking lot is shifted northward into that vacated space and the two 60 foot fields are placed back in their original positions. The 200 + feet of border or buffer zone between the fields and the property of the Vannoy Acres residents is restored. The noise and light pollution will be abated and we feel that this is something that we could live with.

We realize that this park will come about whether we like it or not. We just want the County and SYA to consider the disruption this will cause our neighborhood and try to work with us to make everyone happy. We recognize that the County and SYA are in a relationship. The county will develop the property and SYA will maintain it. But we have to remember that SYA is a business. They are not a charity. They are in the business of making money, to take care of and pay their full time employees and to develop their own property, the SYA Sports Park out on Bull Run Post Office Road. They want these fields so they can make money off recreation players and travel teams and hosting tournaments. They are not in this for purely altruistic purposes. I should know, my children have played for SYA travel soccer teams for years. The bottom line for them is that they could care less about our neighborhood and the disruption this will cause. They will also want the county to pay for and install artificial turf fields. This will reduce their cost to maintain and they will be able to use the fields year round (maybe not with snow and ice). Therefore the noise and disruption of our peaceful neighborhood year round.

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Board Agenda Item
December 14, 2016

ACTION

Approval – Land Dedication Request – RZ 2011-HM-012 – Dominion Square/CARS-DBI, LLC (Hunter Mill District)

ISSUE:

Approval of staff recommendation for land dedication as part of the rezoning application RZ 2011-HM-012 – Dominion Square/CARS-DBI, LLC in the Hunter Mill District.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of dedication of approximately 1.97 acres of land to the Park Authority as part of the rezoning application RZ 2011-HM-012 – Dominion Square/CARS-DBI, LLC.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on December 14, 2016, in anticipation of a Planning Commission public hearing to be held on January 18, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

The applicant, CARS-DBI, LLC, seeks a rezoning from the C-7 zoning district to the PTC zoning district to develop the property with a mix of uses including office, retail, and residential buildings totaling 1,790,000 square feet of gross floor area (GFA) on tax map 29-3 ((1)) 2C1, 2C2, and 2D. The 7.6 acres are located southwest of Route 7/Leesburg Pike adjacent to the Spring Hill Metro Station in the Tysons Corner Urban Center (Attachment 1).

To offset the need for urban park space and recreational facilities generated by the proposed development, the applicant is proposing to construct three new urban parks totaling about 2.5 acres (Attachment 2). One park will be a 1/3 acre civic plaza adjacent to the Metro Station. Another will be a rooftop pocket park for passive enjoyment of the outdoors as well as programmed classes and events. These two parks will be privately owned and maintained with public access easements. Finally, a new recreation-focused park of almost two acres would include a “U11” rectangle field (with dimensions of 120’ x 210’ plus 15’ overruns) that would be constructed of synthetic turf with lights, fencing, player benches, and spectator bleachers. Other complimentary park features include a playground with picnic tables, a half-size (35’ x 64’) multi use sport court, separate picnic area with tables and chairs, hardscape areas, and paved walkways (Attachment 3).

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The rezoning applicant is proposing to dedicate this two-acre recreation-focused park to the Park Authority when complete. Draft proffers indicate that “FCPA shall be responsible for maintenance and future replacement of the athletic field, fencing around the field, bleachers, player benches, and standard FCPA field lights and the area between the field and the adjacent streets/drive aisles.” The applicant would be responsible for maintaining any non-standard park features (including hardscape areas). In addition, the applicant would provide 25 dedicated public parking spaces for field users within the parking garage of the residential building to be constructed on the adjacent parcel.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Following the applicant’s approval, field construction, and dedication, the addition of this 1.97 acres of land with synthetic turf rectangle field, playground, and sport court will require the same amount of regular maintenance and lifecycle replacement as other synthetic turf fields, playgrounds, and sport courts under the Park Authority’s ownership.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Location Map

Attachment 2: Applicant’s Conceptual Development Plan

Attachment 3: Land Dedication Map

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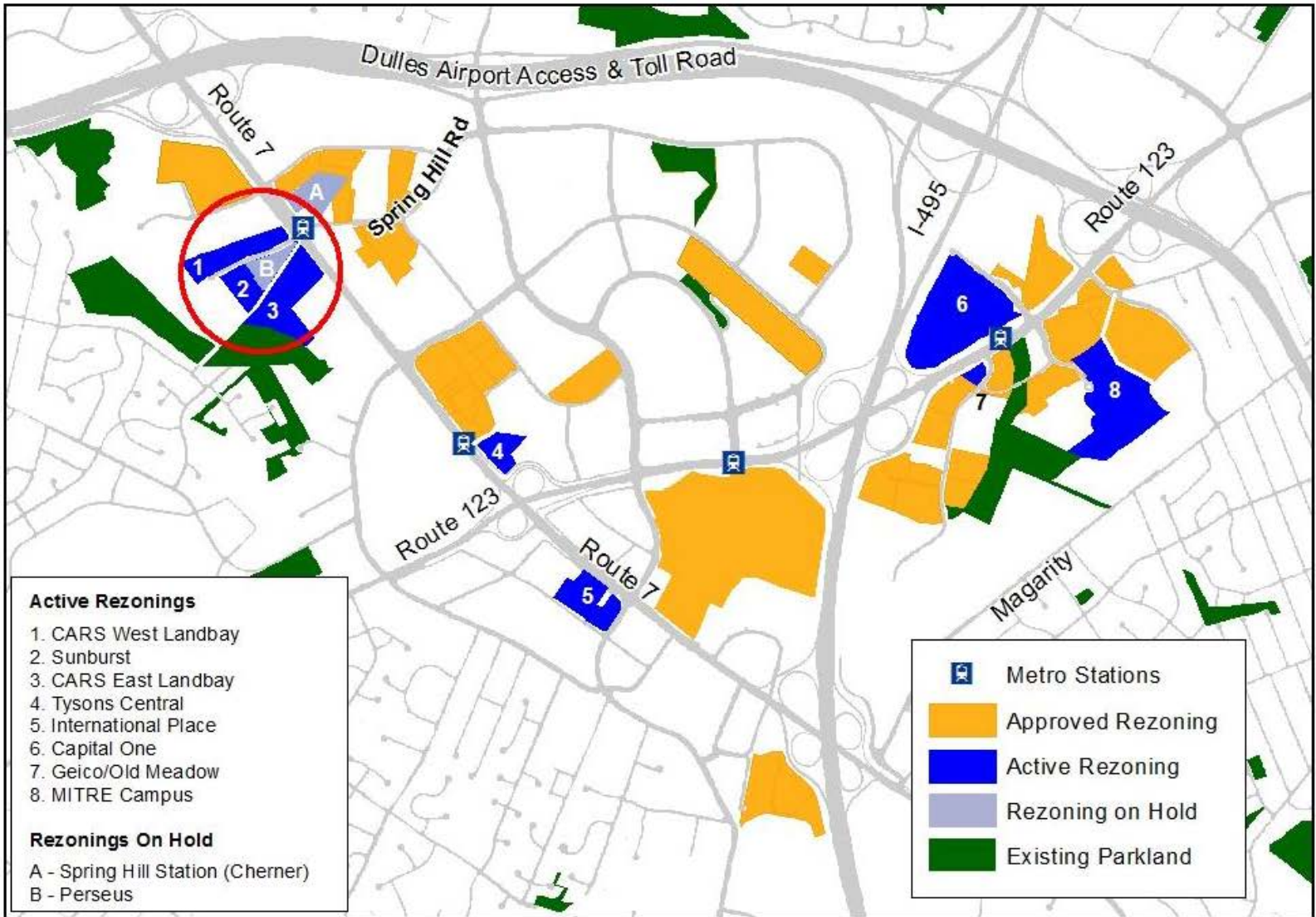
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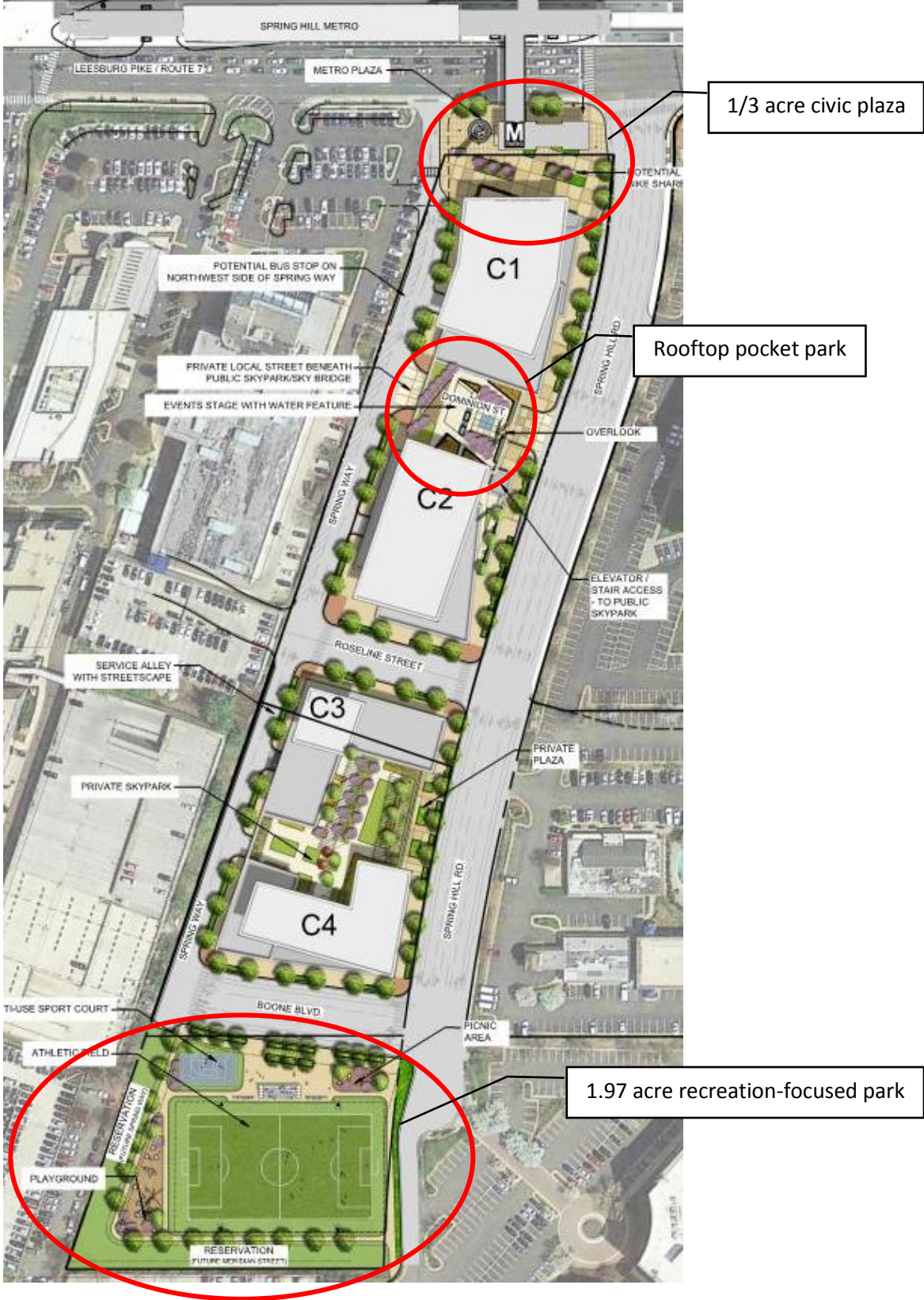
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Tysons Rezoning Activity - November 2016 Status





RZ 2011-HM-012 DOMINION SQUARE/CARS-DBI, LLC WEST LANDBAY REDEVELOPMENT



LAND DEDICATION AREA FOR RZ 2011-HM-012

Tysons Athletic Field Land Dedication Request

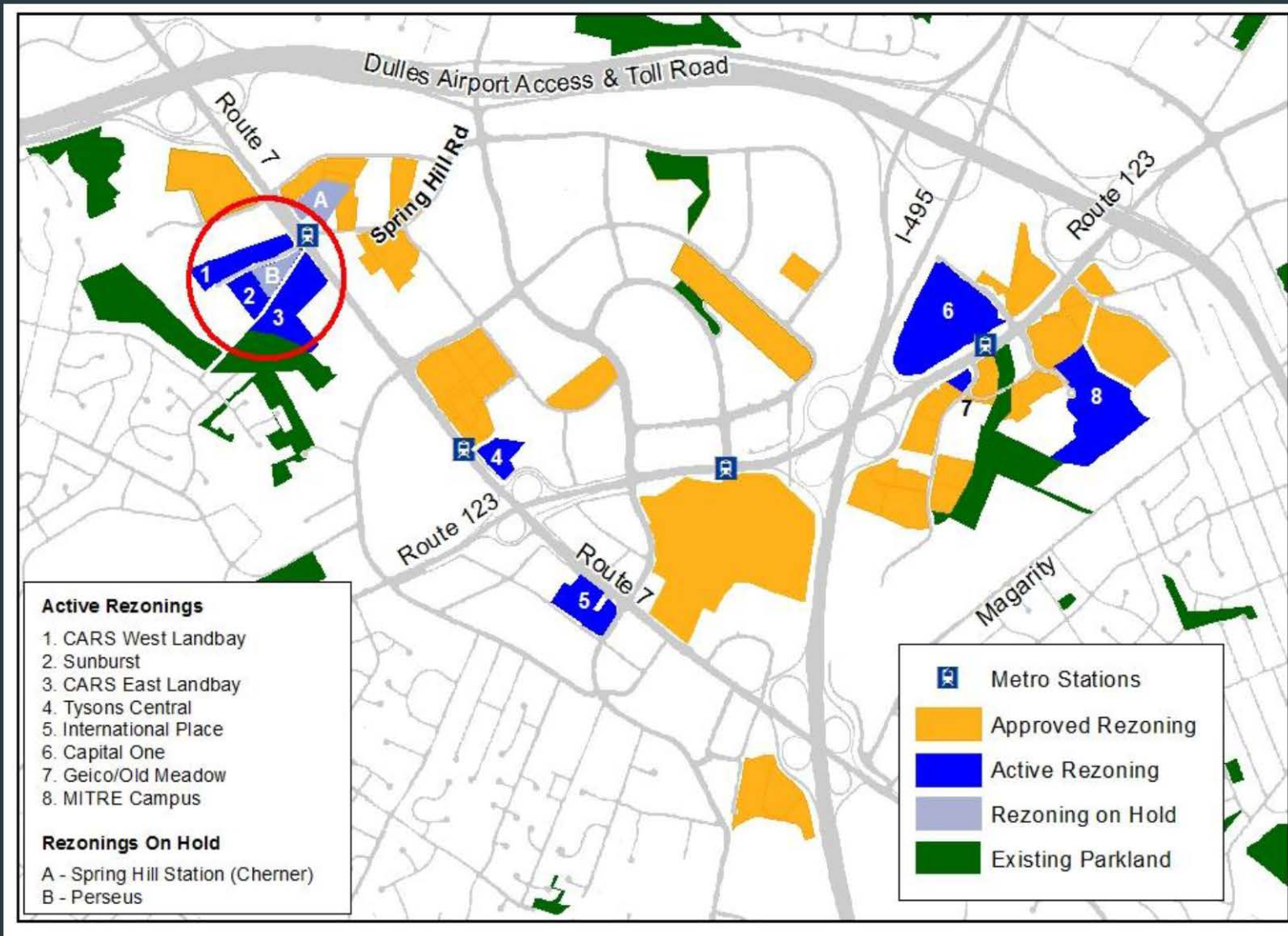
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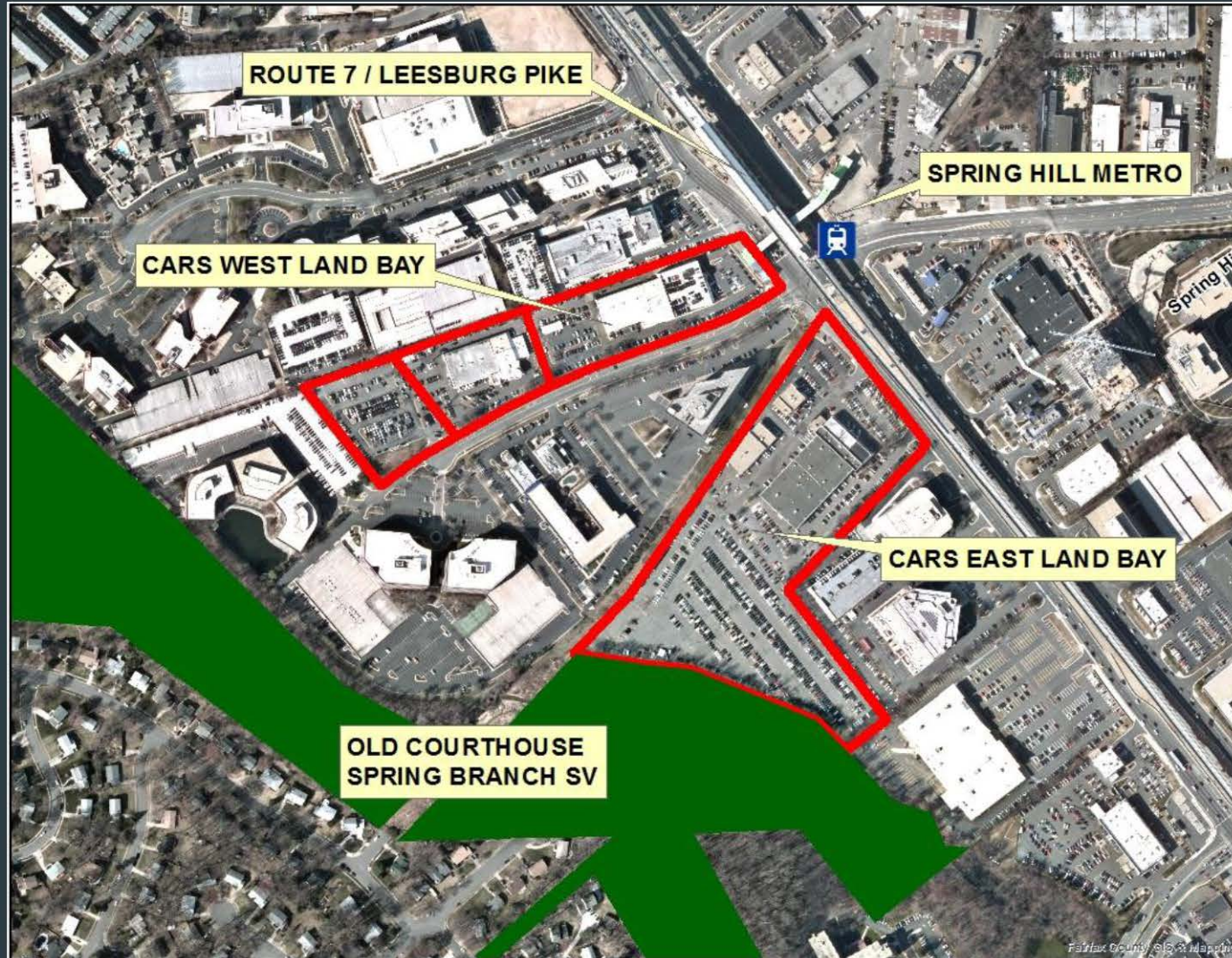
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Project Location



Subject Property



Previous Development Plan



Proposed Development Plan - West Only

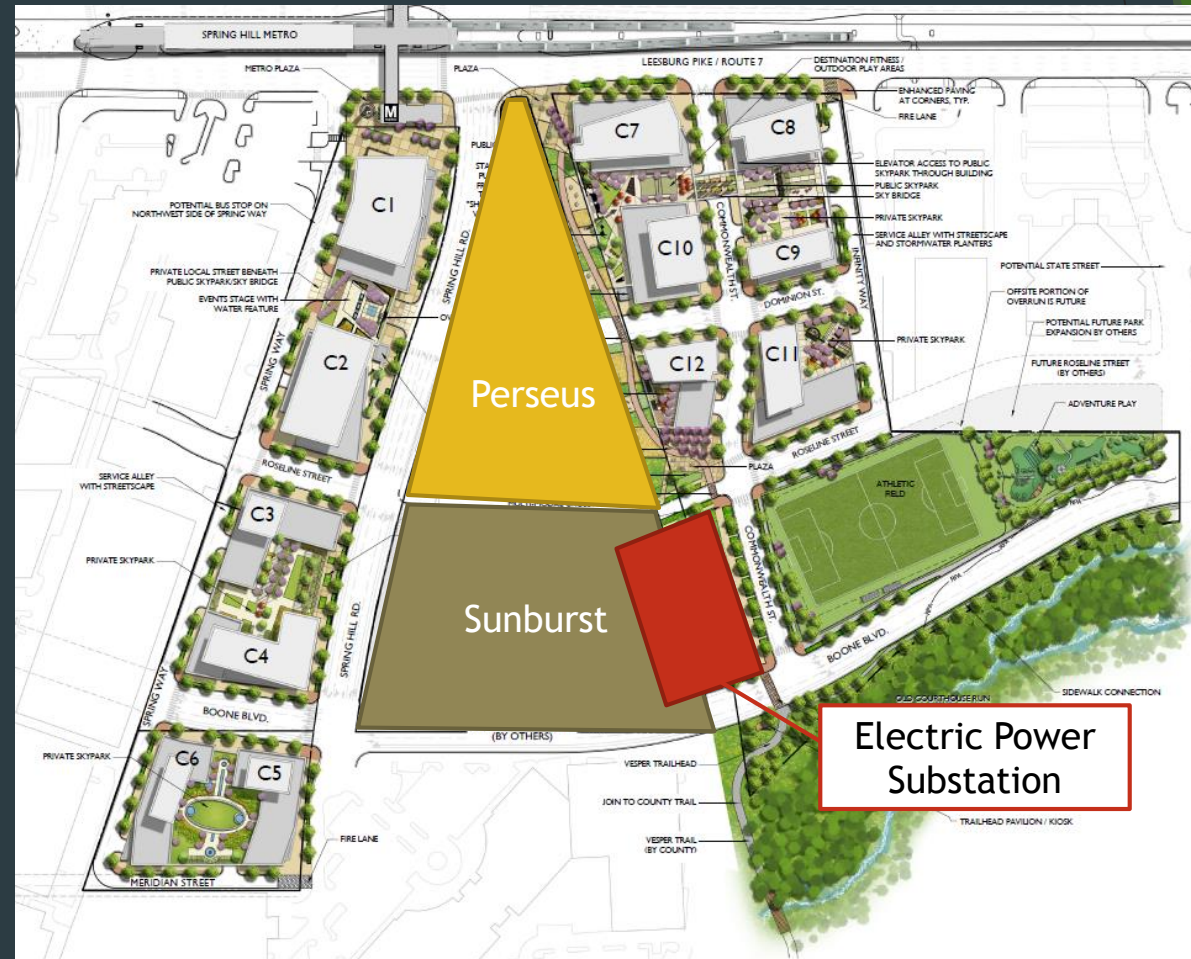


1/3 acre civic plaza

Rooftop pocket park

1.97 acre recreation-focused park

Contingency/Alternative Plan



Proposed Land Dedication Area



Conceptual Rendering



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ACTION

Approval – Request by Great Falls Lacrosse to Install a Donor Recognition Wall at Great Falls Nike Park Field #4 (Dranesville District)

ISSUE:

Approval of the request by Great Falls Lacrosse to install a donor recognition wall at Great Falls Nike Park Field #4.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval to of the request by Great Falls Lacrosse to install a donor recognition wall at Great Falls Nike Park Field #4.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on December 14, 2016, to allow Great Falls Lacrosse to install the donor recognition wall.

BACKGROUND:

The Park Authority entered into a Contribution and Use Agreement with Great Falls Lacrosse (GFL) in July 2012 to partner to convert Great Falls Nike Park Field #4 from natural grass to synthetic turf. GFL contributed \$425,000 and secured a synthetic turf mini-grant in the amount of \$150,000 through the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (DNCS) as part of the \$825,000 total funding required to fund the project. The synthetic turf installation was completed in December 2012 and the field has been in use since that time.

GFL used a combination of initial donations and debt service to fund their contribution for the installation of the synthetic turf. GFL has continued to accept donations from the community after completion of the field to retire their debt service. GFL is now requesting approval to install a recognition wall to recognize their donors at the trail entrance to Field #4. GFL's proposed recognition wall consists of a masonry wall with a cast stone cap, a natural stone veneer and cast stone panels engraved with donor's names (Attachment 1). In addition to the recognition wall GFL's proposal includes installation of two masonry columns similar in design to the recognition wall and two decorative bollards at the trail entrance to the field. The columns and the bollards would replace the existing park bollards and large boulders that were installed at the trail entrance to prevent unauthorized vehicle access to the field.

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Park staff has reviewed the GFL proposal and finds that the location and the character of the proposed recognition wall will visually enhance the trail entrance to the field and is in keeping with other features of the park. GFL will be responsible for the cost of installing the wall and complementary features along with the cost for upkeep and maintenance associated with the improvements. Staff will work with GFL in completing an appropriate agreement for installation and maintenance of the improvement if the donor recognition wall is approved by the Park Authority Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

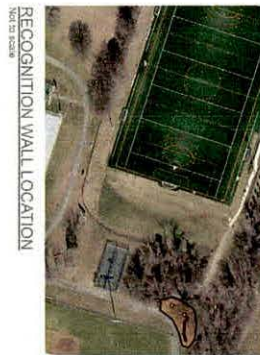
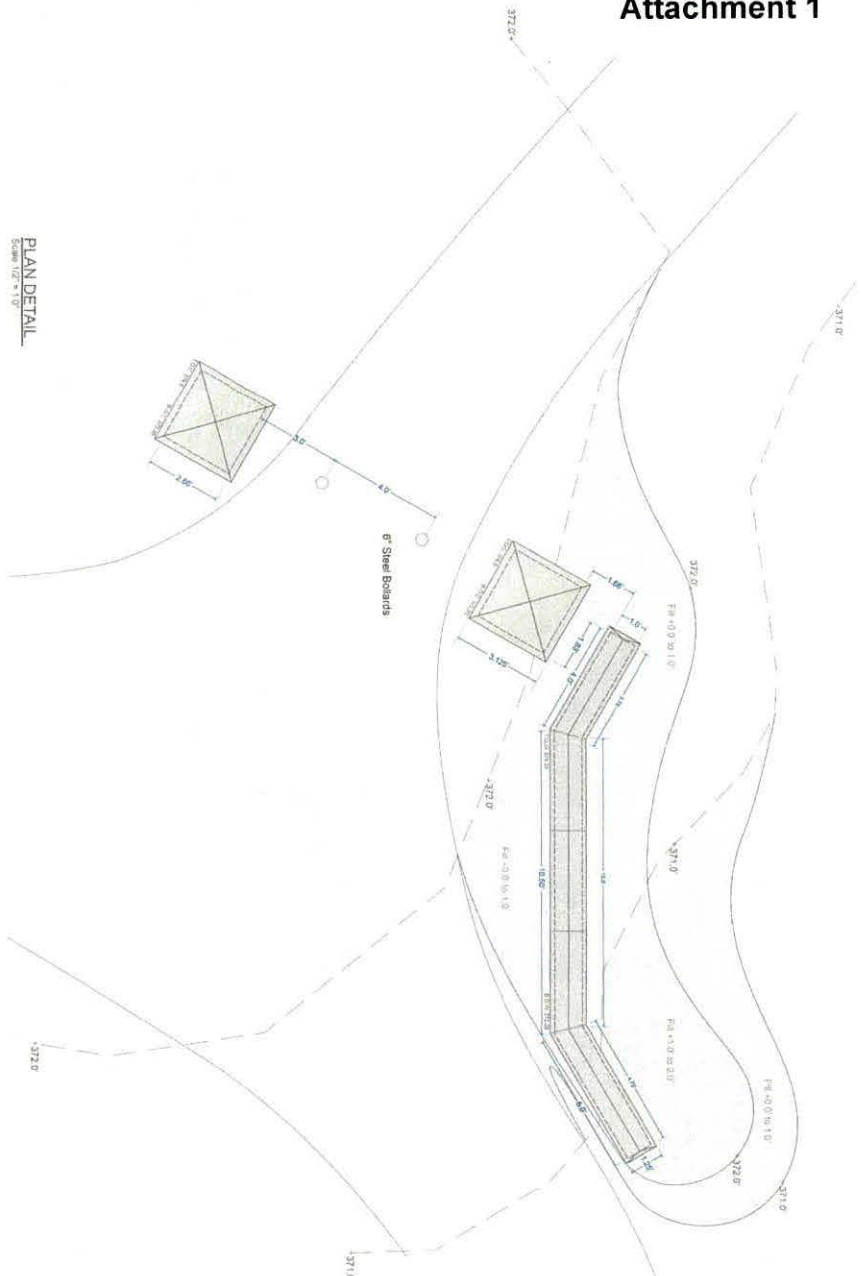
ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Great Falls Nike Park Field #4 Proposed Donor Recognition Wall

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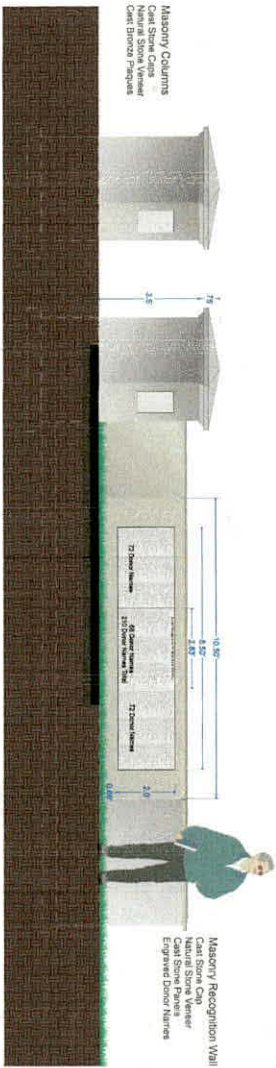
Attachment 1



RECOGNITION WALL LOCATION



PLAN DETAIL
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ELEVATION DETAIL
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Great Falls Lacrosse Nike Park Field #4 Donor Recognition Wall

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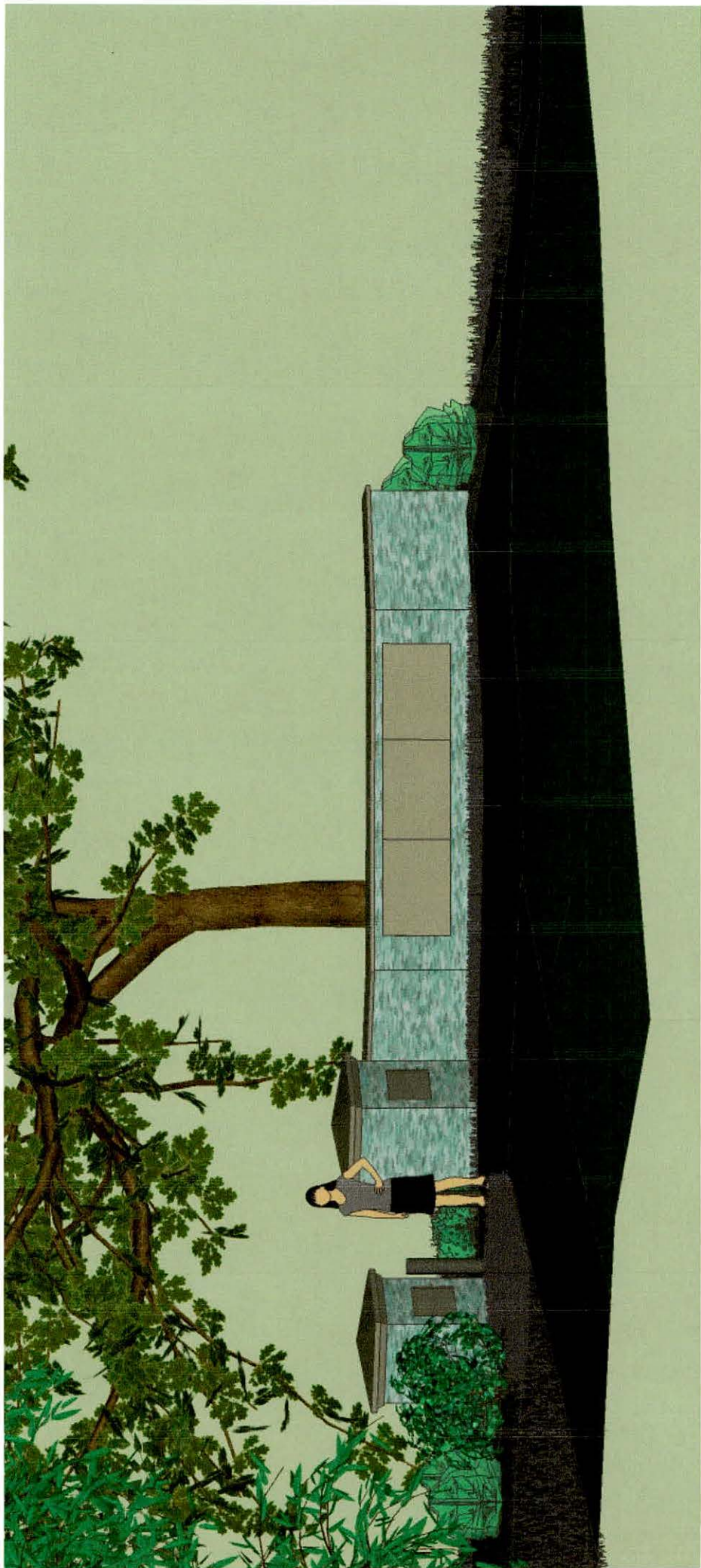
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INFORMATION

Monthly Contract Activity Report

The Monthly Contract Activity Report lists all contract activities in support of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) authorized during the month of November 2016 in value over \$100,000. The report lists professional services and construction activities to include awards made via competitive bidding as well as awards made through the use of open-ended contracts. An activity is reported when procurement begins and is listed on the report until a Notice to Proceed (NTP) is issued.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Monthly Contract Activity Report

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Professional Services:					
	Firm Name	Amount	Funding Source	Scope of Services	NTP
Area 1 Maintenance Facility Renovation and Related site Improvements Scope and Design	Samaha	\$126,401.53	PR-000091-037	Scope and Design services for new buildings to the Area 1 Maintenance Facility	October 25, 2016
Mt Vernon RECenter Expansion	TBD	TBD	PR-000005-032	Scope and Design services for Mt Vernon RECenter Expansion and Renovation	