



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



## M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Chairman and Members  
Park Authority Board

**VIA:** Sara Baldwin, Acting Executive Director

**FROM:** Barbara Nugent, Director  
Park Services Division

**DATE:** October 19, 2017

### *Agenda*

**Park Services and Golf Committee  
Wednesday, October 25, 2017 – 6:15 p.m.**

**Boardroom – Herrity Building**

**Chairman: Michael Thompson**

**Vice Chair: Walter Alcorn**

**Members: Linwood Gorham, Ronald Kendall, Cynthia Jacobs Carter**

1. ADA and Transition Plan Update (with presentation) – Information\*

\*Enclosures



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Committee Agenda Item  
October 25, 2017

**INFORMATION (with presentation)**

ADA and Transition Plan Update

Periodically staff provides the Park Services and Golf Committee with updates on key initiatives or trends in service delivery and also as a function of reporting progress for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for the current settlement agreement signed by the Department of Justice in 2011 and the transition plan. This presentation will provide an overview of our major work accomplishments within the DOJ Audit requirements and the future plans to achieve compliance.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None

STAFF:

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Todd Brown, Director, Park Operations Division  
Barbara Nugent, Director, Park Services Division  
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Nicole Woodward, Adapted Program Coordinator  
Ron Pearson, Park Operations  
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# PARK SERVICES AND PARK OPERATIONS ADA AND TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE

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## **Current Work:**

- Closing out DOJ/ADA compliance and addressing the FCPA Transition Plan\* per the original County Settlement Agreement.
- One remaining large DOJ project (renovation of Mt. Vernon RECenter – 2020)
- Retrofitting facilities listed on the DOJ/FCPA Self Assessment Plan
- Developing and refining the FCPA Transition Plan in coordination with Planning and Development

\*Transition Plan defined – a requirement yet unfunded mandate from the early 1990's (contains timeline for funding of remaining facilities requiring retrofitting for ADA compliance)

## **Additional Outreach**

- Programmatic collaboration with Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS, Therapeutic Recreation), as well as, share monthly updates with Therapeutic Recreation Advisory Council (TRAC), Community Services Board (CSB), Disability Services Board (DSB) and work with Adult & Aging Services and Department of Family Services
- Provide technical ADA support to Planning and Development, Park Operations, Resource Management Division on new construction and renovations/retrofits
- Provide support/information to other jurisdictions regarding ADA compliance with facilities and program access issues
- Recruit/maintain several seasonal sign language interpreters to minimize the cost of contracted interpreting requests
- Provide technical support to citizens and other local and regional jurisdictions
- Continually provide training and in-service workshops for FCPA staff on the latest ADA standards
- Provide ADA oversight for all project team renovations and new construction
- Continue to development of additional Adapted Recreation class and camp programs

## **ADA/Transition Project Update (2011 - September 2017)**

### Department of Justice (DOJ) Initial Report

- 18 sites assessed -763 infractions
- 98% complete

### Self Assessments/Living Document Settlement Requirement

- Additional sites assessed – per standard; determined by greatest public use
- 1,035 infractions
- 53% complete\*\*

### Total Cost - \$11,955,711.00 (Primarily County funded)

- Completed items per the DOJ settlement as of FY17

### Ongoing Self Assessments of all parks to develop Transition Plan

- Address items raised through resident/visitor feedback
- Requesting county funding of \$300k for FY19 and thereafter a minimum of \$300K each subsequent year

\*\*We will fully assess an additional 10 sites per year- Annual funding requests until all sites are reviewed and renovations completed

## Sully Historic Site: Improve access



Before



After



Before



After



## Parking Lots retrofitted for compliance

- Number of spaces versus number of accessible spaces.
- Elimination of non-compliant slopes, curb cuts and/or cross slopes.



Before



After

## Accessible Routes

- Non-compliant route made compliant (route & ramp)



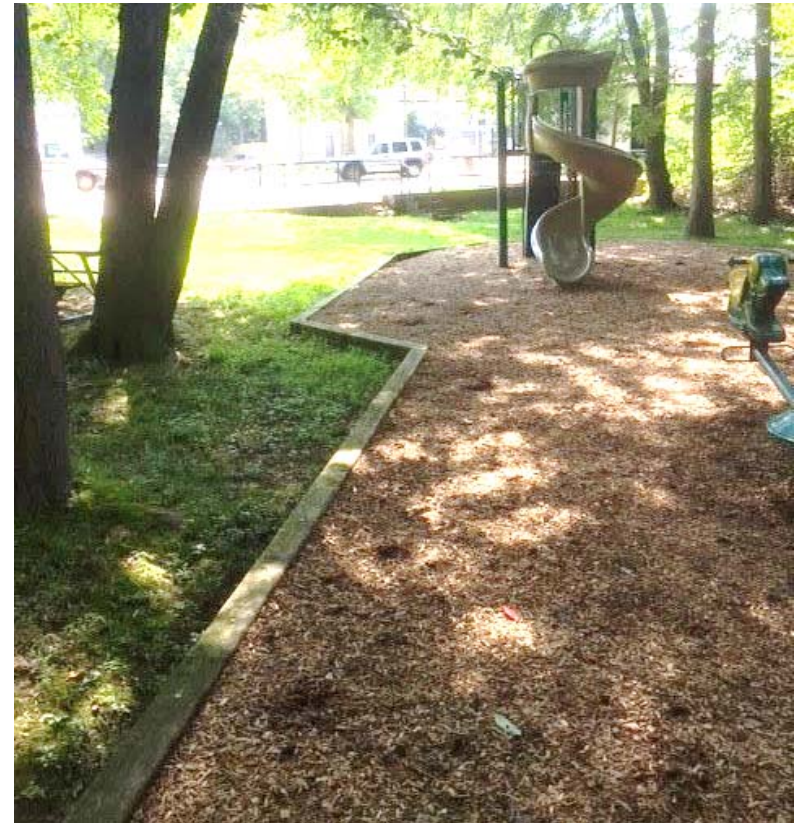
Before



After

## Example of Transition Plan item

- Discovered during Self-Assessment - stairway access to a playground



Fairfax County including the Park Authority must through the DOJ Settlement Agreement have the infractions remedied by December 2018 unless granted exceptions expressly from DOJ.

QUESTIONS?