

# Parks and Recreation

## General Information

- » The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) has parks in three different categories:
  - ◇ Local Parks
    - Example - Dixie Hill Park
  - ◇ District Parks
    - Example - Poplar Tree Park
  - ◇ Resource-Based Parks
    - Example - Fairfax Villa Park
- » There are 14 public parks totaling 489 acres that are completely or partially within the Fairfax Center Area.
  - ◇ The majority of parkland is in local serving and stream valley parks. Most of the parkland is forested, which is beneficial in an urban area.
- » Just outside the Fairfax Center Area are 16 parks totaling 3,167 acres. These include Ellanor C. Lawrence, Patriot, and Oak Marr parks. These parks include athletic fields, trails, and a RECenter.
- » Other recreation facilities within or close to the Fairfax Center Area include Penderbrook and Twin Lakes golf courses and the Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail.

## Looking To The Future

- » Without increases in stormwater management and control of human activities, deer population, and invasive plant species, the quality of preserved parkland is threatened.
- » Several stormwater improvement projects are planned in the Fairfax Center Area, including fixing existing facilities as well as new regional ponds and stream restorations.
- » As the Fairfax Center Area has built-out, few new parks and park facilities have been added compared to elsewhere in the county. Most of the parkland and recreation facilities serving area residents lies outside of the Fairfax Center Area.



Dixie Hill Park is an example of a Local Park.



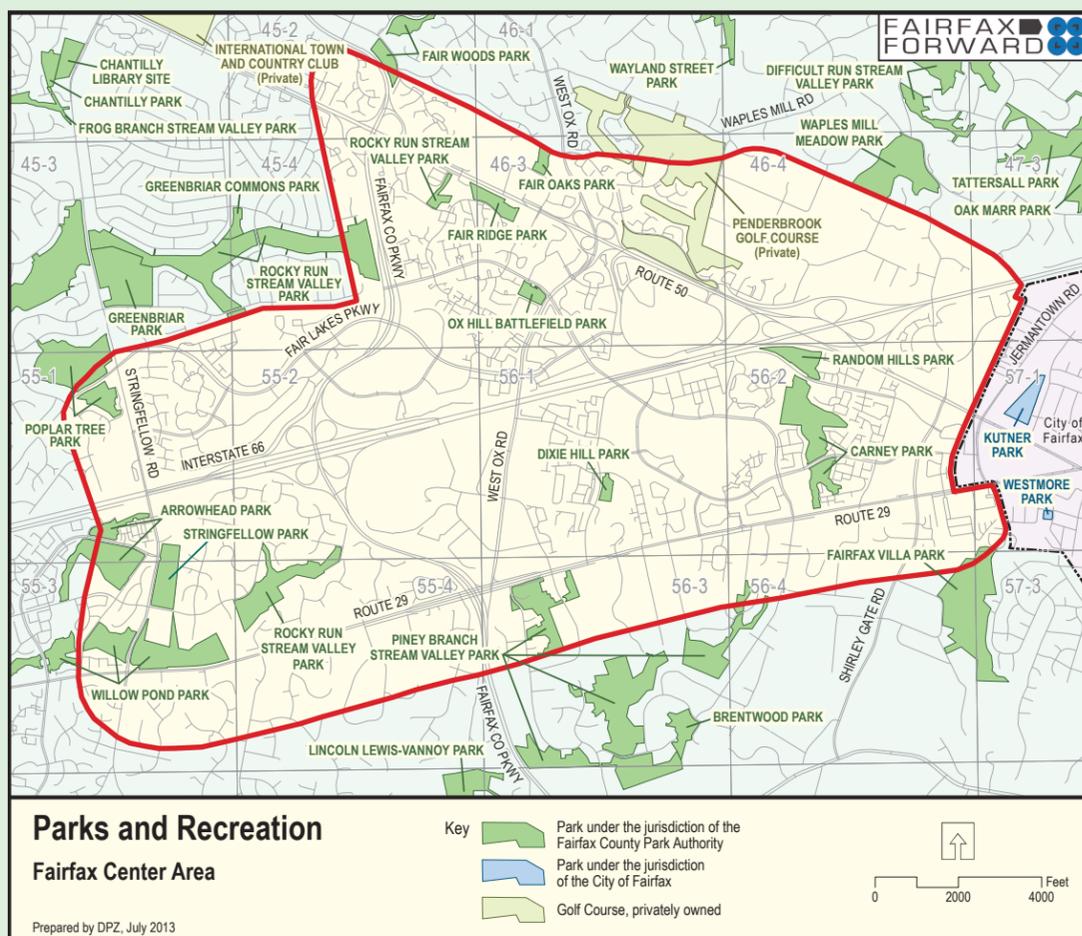
Historic dairy complex at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park.



Athletic fields at Oak Marr Park.



Twin Lakes Golf Course.



## Did You Know...

Fairfax Villa Park contains a Native American mining site that is over 5,000 years old and a portion of the Civil War era Kamp Washington and Manassas Gap Railroad?

Twin Lakes Golf Course is listed in *Golf Styles Magazine* as one of the "100 Must "Play" courses in the Mid-Atlantic region?



FCPA website

