

PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT BROOKFIELD PARK MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

Affiliation:

Date Received: 4/24/2014

Received By: Parkmail

Comment: As a resident who owns very close to the park, my husband and I are certainly NOT in favor of the "pump track". We thought our tax dollars were going to rehab the pond, but after watching all that it going on and all the trees coming out, we are not sure what they are doing. The park is not located in the best area and if you know a history of it there has been a lot of graffiti, outhouses being tipped every other day, and I hate to say drug dealings. It is our desire that the part remain a place where we can all peacefully walk our dogs in the woods (if any are left), without bicycles wheeling past us. I know that the ballpark is not used, but how about a dog park? The basketball courts are always in use.

Affiliation:

Date Received: 4/28/2014

Received By: Parkmail

Comment: I'm writing with regard to a post card I received about the county's intent to develop a "bump track" in the park at the end of the street I live on. To be honest, it looks like a dirt mess with bumps. I rode dirt bikes on what was called "flat tracks" with bumps, it became a mud fest. My two cents, develop a walking, running, BIKING trail for all, not a bump track for some...

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/7/2014

Received By: PCM (verbal summary)

Comment: Opposed to the proposed pump track on the basis that it will not be safe for children due to its isolated location in the park.

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/7/2014

Received By: PCM (written)

Comment: I am a lover of Brookfield Park for 34 years. I am in favor of the pump track. I think the safety is okay especially compared to ? using islaoted trails in mature of the park.

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Affiliation: Lynbrook Elementary School

Date Received: 5/7/2014

Received By: PCM (verbal summary)

Comment: Supports the proposed pump track as it will be a community asset and valued recreational opportunity for local youth. Reflects that many students at Lynbrook ES do not have access to facilities and recreational opportunities like this, but have enjoyed the mobile pump track demonstrations provided by Trails for Youth.

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/7/2014

Received By: PCM (written)

Comment: Current facilities at Brookfield are not currently maintained.

The pump track will be unsupervised the majority of the time. Trash and dumping are not taken care of by the Park Authority... nor are the gates to the parking lot.

How does the Park Authority intend to handle the increase in use? What about bathroom facilities?

Main concerns are increase in vandalism and trash; increase in drug activity; and no Park Authority funds to maintain and sustain increase use of this park.

Affiliation: Springfield Civic Association

Date Received: 5/7/2014

Received By: PCM (verbal summary)

Comment: SCA has supported TYO for years and supports the proposed pump track as it will be a positive improvement to the local community. SCA unanimously voted to support this effort on September 17, 2013, except one dissent vote. The facility will better utilize a field that is not currently used by youth and will complement the family-oriented nature of the park. Further, it will be a safe environment for children to learn biking skills.

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/7/2014

Received By: PCM (verbal summary)

Comment: Supports the proposed pump track as it will provide a safe environment for children to learn biking skills; reflects that the trails in Wakefield Park are not kid friendly due to its size and intensity of use. Suggests providing adequate signage around and within the park about nearby biking children and that parent supervisor is required. Also suggests facilitating a sledding hill within the park.

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Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/7/2014

Received By: PCM (verbal summary)

Comment: Supports the proposed pump track as there are not many accessible trails from the Springfield community. Further, suggests enlarging the proposed facility.

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/7/2014

Received By: PCM (verbal summary)

Comment: Supports the proposed pump track as it is an exciting opportunity for his children to bike locally in the Springfield community. Reflects that TYO is a great organization that cares about the local youth and providing safe biking skills.

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/7/2014

Received By: PCM (verbal summary)

Comment: Supports the proposed pump track as it will provide a facility for the local youth within an underutilized area in the park. Reflects that Brookfield Park needs enhanced trail connections to the existing trails in the area, such as the nearby Lake Accotink Park.

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/7/2014

Received By: PCM (verbal summary)

Comment: Concerned that the proposed pump track will distract maintenance of existing facilities that already need repair, particularly the playground and picnic pavilion.

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/7/2014

Received By: PCM (verbal summary)

Comment: Trails in the park should be more accessible to the Cross-County Trail.

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Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/7/2014

Received By: PCM (verbal summary)

Comment: Does not have a firm opinion about the proposed pump track, but questions the funding source, maintenance obligations, and time restrictions at night.

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/7/2014

Received By: PCM (verbal summary)

Comment: Questions the intended audience of the proposed pump track and safety of the overall park. Reflects that facilities that accommodate a wide range of ages and abilities will afford more park users and consequently improve safety in the park.

Affiliation: Trails for Youth

Date Received: 5/7/2014

Received By: PCM (verbal summary)

Comment: Supports the proposed pump track as it will be a community asset and valued recreational opportunity for local youth. Further, it will provide a safe environment for children to learn and build biking skills prior to using the larger mountain bike trails, such as Wakefield Park. In addition, the proposed neighborhood-scale size is appropriate for the park and intended audience, and will complement the existing facilities in the park as a family-oriented activity.

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/7/2014

Received By: PCM (verbal summary)

Comment: Opposed to any additional construction in the park, including the proposed pump track. There is an abundance of existing trails in the area already, such as those located in Lake Accotink Park and Wakefield Park. Suggests to retain the area in question as an open play field or to allow it to go fallow for educational and interpretational purposes.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT BROOKFIELD PARK MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/8/2014

Received By: Parkmail

Comment: To whom it may concern: I'm writing to throw my support into the pump track that Trails for Youth have proposed for Brookfield Park. I have lived in the Crestwood neighborhood for 9 years. In my time there, I have seen a lot of new, young families move in and make the neighborhood their home. Brookfield Park has been neglected, the park authority has now stepped up and are making the retention pond better. This can only make more people in the area want to use Brookfield Park for their outings. The pump track can only help in attracting more people to this little used park. With more people using the park, the outer fringe people (i.e. Gangs, druggies and the indigent) will find somewhere else to congregate, who wants to be eyeballed by good, hard working people who are enjoying what the park authority provides? BUILD THE PUMP TRACK NOW!!

Affiliation: Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE)

Date Received: 5/8/2014

Received By: Parkmail

Comment: As an avid mountain biker, parent, and Fairfax County resident who loves our parks, I am very much in support of the proposed changes to the master plan to incorporate a bicycle pump track facility at the Brookfield Park. These sort of facilities are so important to bring youth into the sport of mountain biking and to promote healthier lifestyles through exercise and the great outdoors. These facilities have been very successful in other areas and I look forward to seeing more of them available in Fairfax County.

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/10/2014

Received By: Parkmail

Comment: I live in Culpeper County. I am a cyclist and I heard that the parks dept is considering a pump track at Brookfield park. I want you to know that as a citizen of Virginia I wholeheartedly support the idea. I hope that the parks dept and county govt will be able to move forward with this proposal. I know I would certainly like to be able to visit and use the feature. Also I think it is a great idea for the children and adults of the Springfield area who would benefit greatly by being exposed to cycling and outstanding outdoor opportunities at the park such as this proposal.

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/10/2014

Received By: Parkmail

Comment: I am writing as a citizen and father of two boys who live in the Brookfield park area. I support the idea of a pump track in the park and would volunteer to assist with the project as would many of my friends. The project will provide much needed opportunities for youth and families to get outdoors and enjoy the park while exercising.

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Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/12/2014

Received By: Parkmail

Comment: I wanted to let the folks at Fairfax County know that I fully support the proposal to change the label in this area to "Open play area and neighborhood-scale bicycle track."

Obesity levels in this country are at epidemic levels. Lets' encourage all kids to get out and play, not just those who play baseball, basketball and football.

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/14/2014

Received By: Parkmail

Comment: The Open play area and neighborhood-scale bicycle track is a great idea. I am in full support of the concept and partnership with local biking organizations to build and maintain a bicycle pump track for kids at Brookfield Park.

Affiliation: International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA)

Date Received: 5/15/2014

Received By: Parkmail

Comment: The proposed pump track facility is an excellent addition to the park, and will greatly benefit both neighborhood youth and cyclists of all ages who use the CCT and nearby Wakefield and Accotink parks.

I am in full support of the amendment to the draft master plan and partnering with local cycling organizations to build and maintain the pump track facility, and offer IMBA's help at any stage of the project moving forward.

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/15/2014

Received By: Parkmail

Comment: I fully support the Trails for Youth proposal to build and maintain a neighborhood scale bicycle pump track in Brookfield Park and I think it would be an excellent use of the open space. As the father of an 8 year old, I know my son would love to have the opportunity to hone his skills closer to our home in Alexandria. As the MORE Trail Liaison for Wakefield Park, I know that many of our younger riders who participate in our SMORE's rides would benefit greatly as well. Having a bicycle pump track will only add to and enhance the recreation opportunities available to mountain bikers both young and old in our area. With the addition of a connector trail, It would also add another destination that is easily accessible from Wakefield Park, Lake Accotink, and the Fairfax CCT.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT BROOKFIELD PARK MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/29/2014

Received By: Parkmail

Comment: I live next to the Park, and I'm concerned about the poisonous snakes and poison ivy that are in the park. Additional park use with the bike trails, paths, and the new bike track scheduled to be where the baseball field currently is, concerns me. There are young people that meet in the park and someone often tips over the Don's Jon that is there. They are often irresponsible and destructive young people.

I'd like to see the snakes (copperheads and rattlers) removed, the poison ivy removed (it is rampant next to the basketball court and in most other places), and if no physical supervision presence is planned, then cameras on the site that would be monitored, and maintained so they are kept working. Will there be insurance to cover the bike track injuries? Forms to sign for the users saying it can be used at their own peril, that the park doesn't take responsibility for injuries?

I'm concerned about gangs meeting there and the lack of supervision for the park. I've seen a baby copperhead, and heard where one nest is (under a shed in a back yard facing the park). I've lived here for 24 years. My neighbors that live across the street, backed up to the park, have lived here decades longer, know about and are concerned about the poisonous snakes.

Will there be adult oversight of the bike track?

Affiliation:

Date Received: 5/31/2014

Received By: Parkmail

Comment: Thank you for the opportunity to speak at the 7 May meeting at Crestwood. You captured my comments well in the minutes.

In addition, at the meeting, someone discussed the idea of creating a trail from Brookfield Park to the Cross County Trail. There already is a trail connecting these. By 'trail', they meant a level, wide, paved road. I am opposed to this idea. This would require bulldozing, and further destroy the beauty of nature of the park. I am firmly opposed to any more paving.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT BROOKFIELD PARK MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

Affiliation: Trails for Youth

Date Received: 6/3/2014

Received By: USPS

Comment: Recently TrailsforYouth.Org was present at the Springfield 5k Run, on May 31, 2014. One of the program elements we were displaying at our table, was the upcoming amendment and current public comment period with regards to the Master Plan Amendment at Brookfield Park in Springfield, VA. We explained that public comments were currently being accepted by the park either in favor for, or against this amendment to the Master Plan. We asked that if visitors were in support of this amendment, they sign the attached form indicating their support.

Enclosed you will find three sheets, with several names and signatures in support of the proposed Master Plan Amendment to Brookfield Park to allow for a bicycle pump track, signed May 31,2013 in Springfield, VA.

[Petition contained 27 signatures]

[Trails for Youth also submitted a petition from Crestwood Summer Fun Night on 6/6/2014 that contained 6 signatures]

Affiliation:

Date Received: 6/4/2014

Received By: Parkmail

Comment: After listening to the Pump Track Proposal at the May meeting in Springfield I am opposed to it. Since the Pump Track Proposal is designed for very young mountain bike riders with and without supervision they would be vulnerable to attack by undesirable people. I am a frequent user of Brookfield Park and a group of undesirable people hang out there and drink alcoholic beverages. I reported to the park authority that the trash cans have beer bottles littered all around the cans. The Brookfield Park ongoing construction project has had a considerable amount of vandalism by undesirable people.

Proposed Volleyball uses of open space

The Lake Accotink Park offers volleyball and it's in high demand. I have seen volleyball players go in the woods looking for an open spot to play volleyball. The addition of volleyball courts to Brookfield Park would be low cost and low maintenance. I believe providing volleyball players a new court would allow the use of the open space for all ages young, middle age and even older people.

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Affiliation:

Date Received: 6/5/2014

Received By: Parkmail

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Proposed Volleyball uses of open space

Lake Accotink Park offers volleyball and it is in high demand. I have seen volleyball players go in the woods looking for an open spot to play volleyball. The addition of volleyball courts to Brookfield Park would be low cost and low maintenance. I believe providing volleyball players a new court would allow the use of the open space for all ages young, middle age and even older people

Affiliation:

Date Received: 6/5/2014

Received By: Parkmail

Comment: I am writing to comment on the proposed amendment to build a neighborhood-scale bicycle pump track in Brookfield Park for community use.

I am vehemently opposed to this amendment. I am a resident of Crestwood neighborhood and live 2 blocks from Brookfield Park. I walk my dog in the park every day and use the trails frequently. It is a beautiful and peaceful setting that I enjoy very much. The proposed pump track will change the entire feel and environment in the park to noisy and chaotic. Additionally, there seems to be a challenge as it is for the park to be maintained and kept clean with the current crowds having picnics, etc. This challenge will increase with the littering of much more traffic that the pump track would bring.

It will be terribly upsetting if this passes and the track is built. I am a single resident, and having no children, pay taxes for many, many things that I don't use (like schools) or want (like this proposed pump track that would entrench on the peace and tranquility of a lovely little park).
