

## Fairfax Villa Park Master Plan Revision - Frequently Asked Questions

- Q: Are there going to be any additional land acquisitions for the park?
- A. Land acquisition is decided on by our Park Authority Board. We want to make sure the taxpayer money is used as efficiently as possible, potential land acquisitions remain confidential until the FCPA purchases them.
- Q: Can the VDOT right of way be vacated and incorporated into the park?
- A. The Park Authority is researching this option. There is one acre of land within the dedicated Right-of-Way.
- Q: Will there be any signage put up for cultural or natural features? Could you interpret the resources without actually identifying the location of them?
- A. There is the opportunity for lots of cultural and natural interpretation in this park. Signage is one way for this interpretation to occur, although this might occur in other forms, possibly involving new technologies.
- Q: What is wrong with leaving the park the way it is?
- A. The existing trails need to be evaluated. They may be degrading existing cultural or natural resources. The FCPA needs to make sure the trails are not negatively impacting the land. Even to maintain the park in its present form, the Park Authority needs to create a master plan that determines the guidelines on how to achieve that goal.
- Q: Will this be a passive park with no tennis courts or fields?
- A. This park contains many natural and cultural resources which the Park Authority is tasked with protecting. These as well as other features pose significant development restrictions for the majority of this park.
- Q: Is there a plan to implement the skateboard area as shown in the 1977 master plan?
- A. There are elements of older master plans that were never implemented. The entire master plan, including the parcels acquired after 1977, needs to be updated.
- Q: The area around some of the streams is marked as a Resource Protection Area (RPA). What is this and what are the guidelines?
- A. The [Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act](#) protects the perennial streams within the mid-Atlantic region that flow to the Chesapeake Bay. This act defines how counties, including Fairfax, will protect these streams by minimizing storm water runoff while improving water quality. There are very stringent guidelines within the county's [Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance](#) to prevent further stream degradation. Large scale development is not allowed within these RPA areas. More information on the regulations can be found [here](#).

Q: Where is the park boundary and entrances?

A. Park boundaries are not currently clearly marked. The General Management Plan (GMP) that will be developed as part of the master plan will identify entrance areas to access the park. Entrances may include signage as well as bollards to prevent motorized vehicles from accessing the park.

Currently the only entrance zone on the governing master plan is the current access point at Beldon St.

Q: There is a trail that dead ends onto private property, but we see the trail continuing on. Is there any plan for accessing the rest of the park from this trail? Where is the park property? Where is the private property? We walk on the trails and there is no way for people to circulate from the southern trail that dead ends. Do you have any plans to upgrade or develop new trails?

A. There is a need to improve circulation, create better signage, and potentially establish a formal trail system with a map and/or a blaze system. The FCPA trail ends with signage at the southern property line. The FCPA is researching ways to loop or circulate the trail within the park to prevent encroachment on private property.

Q: What should we do if we see trees fallen across trails, plugged culverts causing water to back up, litter, graffiti or other problems within the park?

A. The Park Operations Maintenance Office at 703-324-8594 to report any maintenance concerns.

Q: Can the trails remain as natural surfaced instead of being paved?

A. At least some of the trails will remain as natural surface trails.

Q: Can citizens cut down trees if they see something dying or in the way of a trail? How about any volunteering opportunities?

A. Unauthorized maintenance within park property is not allowed. We rely on authorized volunteers to keep the parks in shape. Volunteers are allowed to clear trail after they are trained. Please contact the [Park Authority](#) if you are interested in volunteering as a [Park or Trail Monitor](#).

Q: What is the area and distance along the perimeter of the park?

A. The area of the park is 58.6 acres. The perimeter is 11,987 feet (2.27 miles) including the sides of the paper street. Not all of the perimeter is available for entrance to the park, as much of the perimeter is adjacent to private property. Public access to the park must be through public lands, such as roads and sidewalks.