

**Planning District: Annandale**

**ID# 5** Theme: Service Delivery Park: Pine Ridge Appropriate for   
Topic: Fields, adult Planning District: Annandale GPGC Action?

*Comment:* The planning community should be developing fields for the Adult players not taking away our playing fields. For example at Pine Ridge soccer fields putting in an artificial field and not letting the Fiarfax Women Soccer Association to play on it.

*Response:* Allocation of fields are determined by County policy and administered by NCS. Forward to NCS for their information.

*Action:* No further action required.

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**ID# 10** Theme: Service Delivery Park: Mason District Appropriate for   
Topic: Dog facilities Planning District: Annandale GPGC Action?

*Comment:* As a small dog owner in Mason District I would like to see more of the open dog areas with sections for small dogs. The Baron Cameron dog run is sectioned off and suitable for 40 dogs, yet the Mason District dog run allowing 62 dogs is not. Fencing off 1/4 to 1/3 of the area would leave plenty of room for larger dogs while increasing use tremendously by small dog owners. It is not practical or safe in many cases to have large and small dogs mingling. Obviously it depends on the dog's temperment, both large and small, but keeping them separate could help prevent some potentially tragic situations. The addition of a simple chain link fence is all that is needed to make all dog runs usable to all dog owners. I hope you will consider discussing this as a possible addition to your long range plans.

*Response:* Acknowledged. Recommend commenter contact individual dog park friends groups re partitioning space for small dogs and work with Park Operations staff to implement.

*Action:* No further action required.

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**ID# 18** Theme: Service Delivery Park: Park Lawn Appropriate for   
Topic: Fields, athletic Planning District: Annandale GPGC Action?

*Comment:* Add lights, power outlet to the batting cages and score board, and water fountain to Park Lawn Park Mason District Little League Baseball field located at the corner of Linconia and Columbia Pike behind Harris Teeter.

*Response:* The Park Authority upgrades fields with lights and artificial turf where community support and funding permit. There is community opposition to lights at Parklawn; change could require an MP amendment and/or 2232.

[POD] Mason District Little League (MDLL) has in the past had permission to provide electricity to the batting cages and install an electronic scoreboard; the expense may have prevented them from implementing. FCPA does not light batting

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cages as a general rule. The addition of a water fountain in this location would be very costly and that expense is not under consideration for this park.

*Action:* No further action required.

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<b>ID# 36</b>	<i>Theme:</i> Service Delivery	<i>Park:</i> Backlick	Appropriate for
	<i>Topic:</i> Safety	<i>Planning District:</i> Annandale	GPGC Action? <input type="checkbox"/>

*Comment:* Please make the small local parks safer for families. Some of these neighborhood parks, for example, Backlick Park on Backlick Road in Annandale, are quite scary to bring the kids to. They have great facilities for use like tennis courts, a basketball court, playground...but there are sections of the park that are a harbor for dangerous people and activities. For example, at Backlick Park, the back portion is completely overgrown. It is too secluded and private to walk back there alone, or with children. We have seen some sketchy people doing some sketchy things. We love the parks in Fairfax County, but please work to improve safety at some of the small, overgrown neighborhood parks. Maybe simply cut down the overgrown plants or install motion lights or increase police presence. Thank you.

*Response:* [POD] The area in question is a loop trail that is surrounded by underbrush on all sides. Staff does not currently have the capacity to remove the brush, even if such removal were to be acceptable to RMD. The installation of motion detector lights is costly and would be ineffective in a wooded environment where natural motion would keep the lights on. Residents should always contact the Police if they encounter suspicious behavior in the park.

[RMD] We work with the park management staff to evaluate requests for clearing of brush on a case-by-case basis. Generally cutting undergrowth is bad for the resources. In forested environments it removes much of the most valuable habitat for wildlife, many of the native plant species and could prevent future regeneration of the forests by removing the young trees at time when over-browsing by white-tailed deer will likely prevent any new trees from growing. In addition, many such efforts are one time and not maintained, so much long-term damage can be done for only a short-term perceived benefit. It is possible that the site has a high coverage by non-native invasive plant species, and NRMP staff could work with the park manager to assess and thin or remove these plants.

*Action:* No further action required.

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<b>ID# 51</b>	<i>Theme:</i> Connectivity	<i>Park:</i>	Appropriate for
	<i>Topic:</i> Signage	<i>Planning District:</i> Annandale	GPGC Action? <input type="checkbox"/>

*Comment:* Renew historical/natural trail signage along Geo mason District trails

*Response:* Comment acknowledged.

[POD] At this time, staff time and resources preclude renewing signage in the Mason District park area.

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*Action:* No further action required.

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<b>ID# 63</b>	<i>Theme:</i> Facility Reinvestment	<i>Park:</i> Lake Accotink	Appropriate for GPGC Action? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Topic:</i> Trails, Accotink	<i>Planning District:</i> Annandale	

*Comment:* Dear Sir or Madame: Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. Lake Accotink Park has undergone some very necessary and good dredging and renovation projects over the last few years, but there is one area that continues to be the "weak link" in the Park's trail system. That is the spillway area beneath the dam. The concrete and asphalt trail there that parallels the dam has always been (and still is) subject to serious and dangerous flooding, but the trail is in worse shape now because of the wear and tear caused by the heavy equipment that worked on the recent dam renovation project. I respectfully request that a project be undertaken to build a bridge there that would alleviate the trail flooding problem and replace the badly worn concrete and asphalt. Again, thank you very much for your efforts to date

*Response:* Improving the existing crossing so that it is usable for a greater percentage of time is recognized as a priority project. This project is on the list of trail projects in need of funding.

*Action:* Add Connectivity strategy to plan, "Improve the existing spillway crossing at Lake Accotink Park" and make Trails group aware of citizen interest.

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<b>ID# 81</b>	<i>Theme:</i> Community Building	<i>Park:</i> Poe Terrace	Appropriate for GPGC Action? <input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Topic:</i> Land acq, MP	<i>Planning District:</i> Annandale	

*Comment:* In the section on the Annandale Planning District, page 11, under "Issue: Parks should be co-located with other civic uses", add the following sentence after the two sentences on Poe Terrace Park. "Because of its location, park improvements will also enhance the goals of Commercial Revitalization for the Annandale CBD. Opportunity may also exist to acquire a small wooded parcel on the other side of the library which, in conjunction with Poe Terrace, would provide opportunity for tree canopied outdoor study areas co-located with the community library." In addition to the above words, add a new strategy under this Issue, as follows. "In collaboration with the Library Board and the Fairfax County Office of Community Revitalization and Reinvestment, revise the existing and dated Poe Terrace 1984 master plan creating a more natural environment, one that provides for a historical focal point built around the Manassas Gap Railroad bridge stone work, outdoor tree canopied study areas, and initiate action to acquire the wooded area opposite the library, creating one urban park supportive of the community cohesion sought by the Annandale revitalization program."

*Response:* Poe Terrace has a Master Plan and is not currently slated as needing a Master Plan Action. The supervisor was not in favor of developing Poe Terrace Park. The supervisor and the public may support a park on other land next to George Mason Library, so the idea should be discussed by interested groups. The GPGC strategy as currently written supports co-location of uses. Should the community around the George Mason Library and near Poe Terrace decide to pursue expansion and/or

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changes to those areas, the Park Authority would work with the public and elected officials to evaluate those cases at that time.

*Action:* Retain existing strategy.

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**ID# 174** *Theme:* Natural Resource Stewardship *Park:* Appropriate for  
*Topic:* Wildlife connectivity *Planning District:* Annandale GPGC Action?

*Comment:* 1.Wildlife diversity needs to be supported at Lake Accotink Park and other parks. Need to prevent parks from becoming isolated in built-up areas. Should acquire land to improve connections between parks, to make the areas contiguous.

*Response:* Acknowledged. This is consistent with plan goals.  
See also ID#47.

*Action:* No further action required.

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**ID# 175** *Theme:* Facility Reinvestment *Park:* Lake Accotink Appropriate for  
*Topic:* Dredging, Accotink *Planning District:* Annandale GPGC Action?

*Comment:* 1.Lake Accotink Park is heavily used, accessed both by car and foot. It will need more dredging in the future; should plan for regular/periodic dredging.

*Response:* Acknowledged. Consider adding strategy.  
See also ID#63.

*Action:* Add a strategy recommending periodic dredging as needed.

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**ID# 176** *Theme:* Connectivity *Park:* Lake Accotink Appropriate for  
*Topic:* Trails, Accotink *Planning District:* Annandale GPGC Action?

*Comment:* 1.The trail around Lake Accotink has a spillway section that floods and prevents users from continuing along the trail or using in rainy weather. Consider alternatives for this section, such as bridging it, creating a creek.

*Response:* Improving the existing crossing so that it is usable for a greater percentage of time is recognized as a priority project. This project is on the list of trail projects in need of funding. See also ID#63

*Action:* See ID#63. Add strategy to plan and make Trails group aware of citizen interest.

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**ID# 180** *Theme:* Not specified

*Park:* Lake Accotink

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GPGC Action?

*Topic:* Funding

*Planning District:* Annandale

*Comment:* 2.Suggest events are held to fundraise for Lake Accotink Park.

*Response:* Refer to Lake Accotink Park manager and/or Park Foundation.

*Action:* No further action required.

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**ID# 242** *Theme:* Service Delivery

*Park:* Ossian Hall

Appropriate for  
GPGC Action?

*Topic:* Gen, thank you

*Planning District:* Annandale

*Comment:* I wrote in a while back to the survey commenting about Backlick Park in Annandale. I wanted to tell you that I went to the opening of Ossian Hall Park yesterday, and it is great. It is so much better for kids, families, and school usage. I cannot believe how great it turned out. Thank you for doing this to a park in Annandale. It is greatly appreciated. My kids had a great time running around! Now, we just have to get Backlick Park a little safer.

*Response:* Comment acknowledged.

*Action:* No further action required.

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