

# **Pine Ridge Park Master Plan Amendment**

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### ***What is a Master Plan?***

Master plans are a blueprint for the development of park facilities. They are written in cooperation with park neighbors, user groups, and the general public to create an ultimate vision for a park. A master plan will typically guide a park's development for several decades. Master plan approval does not mean that funding or construction plans are in place to carry out the features shown on the plan. A completed master plan is necessary however to secure funding and guide development. For more information see the Park Authority's website ( hyperlink:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/masterplans.htm> )

### ***What is a Master Plan Amendment?***

A master plan amendment involves making updates and changes to features already included on a master plan. Some examples might be: paving a parking lot, adding lights to an athletic field, paving a trail, adding restrooms and drinking fountains to athletic facilities, or the inclusion of new trails to connect existing features.

### ***Why does the Pine Ridge Park Master Plan need to be amended?***

The Pine Ridge Park Master Plan was written over 25 years ago. The county has changed a great deal since that time and the master plan is now out of date. Since the Master Plan was written in 1981 the park has undergone many changes. For example the park is now seven acres larger than in 1981 and it is now owned entirely by the Park Authority.

### ***What can be done to improve the long term playability of athletic fields?***

Fairfax County currently has a shortage of eighty rectangular fields. As the county builds out it is becoming more difficult to find affordable land for the construction of new fields. The Park Authority has several methods to maximize capacity of existing fields. Installing lighting and/or synthetic turf on a field can increase a field's playability by 60%. The master plan amendment process is the first step in maximizing field capacity by including lighting on the document.

### ***How are Park Authority athletic fields maintained?***

The Fairfax County Park Authority sponsors an Adopt-A-Field (hyperlink to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/volunteer/adopt.htm>) program that allows sports leagues to adopt and maintain the fields they use. The fields at Pine Ridge Park have been fully adopted. Fairfax Women's Soccer Association (FWSA) has adopted the rectangular fields and Annandale North Springfield Little League (ANSLL) has adopted the diamond fields. As field adopters members of these organizations volunteer their time to maintain and groom the fields.

### ***What is the county's policy for athletic field use by walk-on groups?***

The county has a new policy in place governing the use of athletic fields by walk-on groups as of the summer of 2006. The maximum number of people allowed to use a field as a walk-on group is 40, which includes both players and spectators. This number was adapted from the previous limit of 75 in order to protect fields from excessive wear and to encourage large semi-organized groups to formally reserve fields for play. For more information see (hyperlink:

[http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/Team\\_Sports/pdf/FCPAFieldRule05.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/Team_Sports/pdf/FCPAFieldRule05.pdf) )

***If I see illegal activity on park property what should I do?***

The Fairfax County Police Department is responsible for law enforcement on all Park Authority property. All serious matters should be reported directly to the police department's non-emergency line: 703-691-2131. To report walk-on groups with more than 40 individuals or that are using closed fields please call 703-324-8591.

***How can I be involved in the master plan amendment process?***

Contact us! The Park Authority would love to have your input on the Pine Ridge Park Master Plan Amendment. Please contact Scott Sizer, Project Manager at:

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***Where can I see an example of the Park Authority's new field lighting standards?***

The Park Authority is in the midst of constructing the newest generation of low glare, high-tech field lighting at Baron Cameron, Lewinsville, Lincoln Lewis Vannoy, Martin Luther King, JR, and Nottoway Parks. The lighting systems are currently under construction and should be completed in summer 2007.