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Park Planning Begins for Patriot Park North at Willow Springs

Planning for Patriot Park North at Willow Springs is now underway and the public is encouraged to participate. The Fairfax County Park Authority has initiated a public master planning process for this park, located at the corner of Braddock and Willow Springs School Roads, in Fairfax. A draft Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) has been developed for public review. A public comment meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2015, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Willow Springs Elementary School located at 5400 Willow Springs School Road, Fairfax, Va.

This meeting will allow the public to comment on the draft plan. Comments can also be provided throughout the process by email to: parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. The input from this meeting will further inform the planning and decision making process. The public comment meeting will be followed by a 30-day public comment period. Refinements to the final plan will be made, if necessary, based on public input and presented to the Park Authority Board to consider approval in the fall of 2015.

As part of the planning process a park name will also be established. In the meantime, it will be referred to as Patriot Park North at Willow Springs. This park is considered to be a potential location for a diamond field complex due to several constraints at nearby parks where these facilities were initially planned. The Draft CDP shows a wheel-shaped cluster of three 90' diamonds around a concession stand/press box/restroom building, two 60' diamond fields, picnic shelter, playground and outdoor fitness stations with associated facilities such as parking, food truck area, and trails. The site currently has a 90' diamond and two 60' diamond fields with parking. The proposed uses serve a range of athletic and community recreation needs.

Through the master planning process, the Park Authority will engage park stakeholders. You can review information online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/patriot-park-north.htm>. If you wish to speak at this meeting; you may sign up in advance by calling the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or via Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. You may also sign up at the meeting. Individual speakers have three minutes to testify; organizations may have five minutes. Each organization may have one primary speaker.

For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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