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Lake Fairfax Park Attraction Set to Open New Section

New Thrills Await at Expanded Water Mine

The expansion at the Water Mine in Lake Fairfax Park is nearing completion and will open for patrons on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at noon. The \$5.5 million project means new thrills and excitement at this popular water park operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority. A brief ribbon cutting ceremony will be held as the new slides and water features open up.

The Park Authority Board approved moving forward with the planned expansion in February 2013 and construction began in October 2014. The project is aimed at increasing the opportunity for family fun, increasing the facility's capacity and also includes attractions with broader appeal appropriate for little ones as well as teens. The enhancements include spray pads and climbable play structures, a slide tower for three body flume slides and the addition of a restroom with family changing rooms. Coming in the summer of 2016 additional improvements include individual cabanas, improved shaded seating areas in the grass area around the Water Mine, an additional play structure in the spray ground and an opportunity for mobile food vendors. Associated site work and supporting infrastructure were also included in this bond project.

The Water Mine was constructed in 1997 and replaced a simple, in-ground swimming pool at the park. This project was one of several business growth initiatives contained in the Park Authority's Financial Sustainability Plan.

For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or visit online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/watermine/> Lake Fairfax Park is located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive in Reston, VA.

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