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Park Board Approves Three Mastenbrook Grants

The Park Authority Board approved three Mastenbrook grants at its meeting on October 14, 2015, that will help fund renovation of a trail at Greenbriar Commons Park, construction of a bicycle pump track at Brookfield Park, and add a water meter and hydrant for the dog park at Westgrove Park.

These bond-funded grants provide limited matching funds for projects in Fairfax County parks. In 1998, John Mastenbrook, a 21-year veteran of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, suggested the creation of a grant program to encourage public and private ventures that would improve Fairfax County parks and park facilities. The program's aim was to fill a gap between limited bond funding and the community's desire for new neighborhood park facilities.

The Park Authority Board approved a \$7,636.25 matching fund grant for the Greenbriar Civic Association (GCA) to renovate the asphalt trail at Greenbriar Commons Park which is currently in very poor condition. The existing trail section has not been renovated in over 20 years, and has deteriorated to the degree that minor repairs will not address the problems with it. In addition to renovating the trail, a curb cut will be installed to provide ADA access and vehicular access for staff. The GCA has partnered with the Park Authority on several other projects at Greenbriar Commons Park as well as other parks within their community.

The Park Authority Board approved a \$7,135 matching fund grant for Trails for Youth.Org (TYO) to construct a bicycle pump track in approximately 2,000 square feet of open play area at Brookfield Park. The dirt track will provide an endless loop of rollers and berms where riders propel themselves through the track by shifting their body weight, rather than pedaling the bike. The track will be available to riders of all ages and provide a fun experience that also promotes exercise and improved bike handling skills.

The Board also approved a \$6,460.50 matching grant for the Westgrove Pumphouse Association for Canine Kindness (PACK) to install a water meter and hydrant for the Westgrove Park dog park. PACK assists the Park Authority with the management and maintenance of the dog park, and the new fixtures will not only provide water for the dogs, but will also assist PACK in maintaining the grass at the dog park.

Since 1999, 138 Mastenbrook Grant projects and over one million dollars in awards have been made, resulting in projects throughout Fairfax County valued at over seven million dollars. For more information, or to apply for a matching grant, visit online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/mastenbrookgrant.htm> or call 703-324-8591.



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