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Mount Vernon Woods Master Plan Revision Approved

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board has approved a revision to the Mount Vernon Woods Park Master Plan.

At its meeting on December 16, 2015, the Park Board approved changes to the original 1965 Master Plan that include provisions for a new neighborhood-scale skate park, a half-size sports court, a cluster of outdoor fitness stations, a rectangular open grass playing field, and interpretive signage. The existing playground and picnic shelter are planned to be relocated and upgraded within the park. In addition, this update includes a provision for rain gardens and other supplemental plantings and the designation of Resource Protection Zones (RPZ) to identify park areas that contain natural resources and provide ecosystem functions by type for protection and management.

The public planning process for the revised plan began last February with a public information meeting. Members of the public were invited to share their comments on the plan. About 50 individual comments were received, including those provided by members of the Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School sixth grade class. The comments focused on upgrading existing facilities and moving them closer to the road, adding new facilities, including a neighborhood skate park, preserving the wooded area, and adding parking.

Based on public input and site analysis, a draft revision to the Master Plan was published in May and additional public events, including a community picnic and additional public comment meeting were held in June, at which over 150 neighbors of the park were able to help shape the vision of the park by responding in person or in writing. After staff evaluated the additional public input, a final plan was prepared that included only minor edits to the draft proposal. To view the final plan visit online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/mount-vernon-woods.htm>.

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