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First Athletic Fields in Transforming Tysons to Open

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax County Park Authority and Cityline Partners will join with residents, athletes and other officials to mark the opening of Jones Branch Fields and Arbor Row Stream Valley Park on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 2 p.m. The celebration will mark the completion of the first of many new recreational facilities that will help redefine Tysons. By 2050, Tysons will be transformed into a walkable, sustainable urban center that will be home of 100,000 residents and up to 200,000 jobs. Adequate public facilities, including parks and athletic fields, are a critical component to serve the needs of an increased population and employment base in Tysons.

Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth said, “I am delighted to be opening this stream valley park and the first new athletic fields in Tysons. Thanks to Cityline’s project, we now have two wonderful examples of how we are turning our vision of Tysons into a greener, more livable reality.”

Since the plan to transform Tysons was adopted in 2010, Fairfax County has approved 15 redevelopment proposals, including Arbor Row, which will collectively add about 29 million square feet to the growing urban center and more than 30 acres of publicly accessible park space. Parks are a major component of the transformation plan.

Cityline Partners’ [Arbor Row development](#) included the dedication of an eight-acre vacant parcel of land that was improved with two new athletic fields and a restored stream valley. The total project cost was approximately \$5 million and took 15 months to complete. The stream valley work included restoring a severely eroded stream channel by re-grading and armoring the banks and adding plunge pools and large boulders. An asphalt trail, pedestrian bridge, and hundreds of plantings were also added. The stream valley park leads from Westpark Drive down to the athletic field complex along Jones Branch Drive and provides an important pedestrian connection in a beautiful natural setting. Two synthetic turf rectangular fields were constructed including fencing, lighting, site furnishings, and a parking lot. One field is full size to accommodate all rectangular field sports and all ages of players. The other is a temporary youth size field on the site of a future urban elementary school.

“Cityline Partners is grateful for the tremendous and collaborative efforts of Fairfax County and our consultants and contractors who participated in helping us deliver such a wonderful and much needed public facility for the community,” said Tasso N. Flocos, Senior Vice President for Cityline Partners.

The new recreational facilities are located at 8081 Jones Branch Drive in Tysons, VA. The park is a 15-minute walk from the Tysons Corner Metro Station. Parking is available onsite but there are no restrooms. For more information about future growth and urbanization of Tysons visit online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons. For more information about this public event contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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