



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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## Economists Find Park Authority Creates 1,260 Jobs in Local Economy

The Fairfax County Park Foundation recently contracted with the Center for Regional Analysis (CRA) at George Mason University to assess the Fairfax County Park Authority’s economic impact on the county economy. Citing the recently completed economic impact study, the Center for Regional Analysis concluded that the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) creates 1,260 jobs as a result of its operating and capital expenditures each year.

CRA economists reported, “Parks make vital contributions to urban communities. They are important contributors to their community’s overall quality of life by providing recreational amenities, neighborhood beautification, and improved air and water quality brought by urban tree canopies and better storm-water management. In addition to these benefits, parks also make a number of measurable economic contributions.” In 2015, spending by the Park Authority boosted the county’s economic activity by \$108 million dollars.

For more information visit the study presentation online at:  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/archives/041316-board-pkg.pdf> or contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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