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Pioneer Baseball League Awarded Mastenbrook Grant Funds

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board has approved a Mastenbrook Grant for the Pioneer Baseball League (PBL) to fund construction of batting cages adjacent to Field 1 at Clermont Park and Field 2 at Lee District Park.

At its meeting on May 25, 2016, the Park Board approved a \$20,000 Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from PBL. PBL will contribute approximately \$28,000 toward the project.

Pioneer Baseball applied for the grant to enhance baseball facilities in the Park Authority's Lee District and provide adequate practice space for the 1,000 players the league serves in the spring, summer and fall. PBL has partnered previously with the Park Authority to build identical cage facilities. The organization has also been a participant in the Adopt-A-Field program for several years, during which time it has contributed funds toward maintenance and athletic field improvements at Clermont, Lee District and other park athletic fields.

Mastenbrook 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 was designed to fill a gap between limited bond funding and the community's desire for new neighborhood park facilities.

Since 1999, there have been more than 140 Mastenbrook Grant projects. Awards in excess of \$1.1 million have been made, resulting in projects throughout Fairfax County valued at more than \$7.4 million.

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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