

Park Authority

Program Description

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) Board is responsible for the operation of the Park Authority's natural, cultural and recreational resources. The Board is composed of one member, appointed by the County Board of Supervisors from each of the County's nine supervisory districts, and three appointed at large. Since its establishment in 1950, the Park Authority has acquired almost ten percent of the land in Fairfax County, including 424 parks, approximately 342 miles of trails, and many recreation and nature centers, along with culturally significant historic sites. Over the past several decades, proceeds from bond referenda have been used to both construct new facilities and amenities and renovate existing infrastructure. Grants from the state and federal governments supplement funds on a limited basis; however, gifts and donations from individuals, community organizations, corporations and foundations are an increasingly important source of funding for community improvements. Partnerships have also provided a level of community engagement and investment in the parks that represent the interests of the community. Beyond these sources of support, general park and amenity maintenance has been supported by the County General Fund while revenue facility improvements have been supported by net revenue from the fee-based activities.

Link to the Comprehensive Plan

Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan, Public Facilities Element includes the [countywide objectives 1-7](#), which apply to all facility types and the [Parks and Recreation Element's objectives 1-7](#) as shown below:

- Identify and serve current and future park and recreation needs through an integrated park system that provides open space, recreational services and facilities, and stewardship of natural and cultural resources.
- Protect appropriate land areas in a natural state to ensure preservation of significant and sensitive natural resources.
- Protect and preserve significant cultural resources on parklands.
- Provide for current and future park and recreational needs through a combination of development of new and existing sites and the optimal use of all existing facilities.
- Ensure the long-term protection, preservation and sustainability of park resources.
- Ensure the mitigation of adverse impacts to park and recreation facilities and service levels caused by growth and land development through the provision of proffers, conditions, contributions, commitments, and land dedication.
- The Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Access (PROSA) Strategy a framework for equitable access to the Fairfax County park system, guides park investments to improve 10-minute walk access to Fairfax County Park Authority parks, enhances access to complete park experiences, enriches habitat connectivity between environmental corridors, and analyzes, and prioritizes recreation needs and projects with an equity lens.

Source: Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan, 2017 Edition; Policy Plan - Public Facilities, Amended through 5-7-2024 and Policy Plan - Parks and Recreation, Amended through 12-9-2025

Program Initiatives

The Park Authority has several initiatives currently underway:

Land Acquisition: The Park Authority continues to seek opportunities for land acquisition to promote equity, to enhance recreation opportunities, and to protect natural and cultural resources.

Reinvestment in an Aging System: The Park Authority is focused on reinvesting in existing parks, facilities, and natural and cultural resources. The focus is to keep the aging system engaging, operational, safe, and available to County residents. Based on resident surveys, reinvestment in the park system or “taking care of what we have” is the most important capital investment for FCPA. Parks are an essential service to the community and residents and visitors recognize the importance of a high-quality park system. The levels of use witnessed during the pandemic have sustained and are expected to continue to increase into the future. To meet the community’s expectations, and the growth and complexity of the park system, continued increases in financial support for reinvestment will be required. Many park facilities are 30-40 years old, and deferred maintenance system wide is estimated at \$201 million. Even with consistent investment of approximately \$6 million in each of the last three years, the deferred maintenance backlog continues to grow. Without a significant reinvestment in building and park infrastructure many of these older parks will fall into a state of deteriorating condition and functionality and repair/operating costs will increase.

Central to the focus on recreation activities, the Park Authority’s Rec Centers have entered a phase where on-going renovations and replacement is necessary. With five Rec Centers originally constructed between 1977 and 1982; three between 1987 and 1988; and one in 2005, the useful lives of the structures have long since passed. FCPA is challenged with how to keep these buildings operational, safe, and inviting, while also conducting general maintenance and planning for the capital replacement cycle. In 2018, the Park Authority completed a System-wide Sustainability Plan for Rec Centers that identified strategies to maximize operational effectiveness, improve community responsiveness, and ultimately ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Rec Center system through a series of capital improvements. The plan outlined a course of action for capital improvements at each Rec Center to maximize the sustainability of the overall system.

As the Plan forewarned, delays in replacing these Rec Centers, results in more expensive maintenance. Staff have continued to work through the Sustainability Plan and have updated the information with extensive assessments to identify a tiered approach to keeping the centers operational until they are scheduled for capital replacement. The backlog of urgent deferred maintenance projects is estimated at nearly \$10 million per Rec Center. While The Park Authority works to keep the centers open, a new phase of renovations is beginning, including the Mount Vernon Rec Center, followed by the Audrey Moore Rec Center. Staff anticipate that at least one Rec Center will be the major focus of each bond cycle going forward. Additional progress towards the overall improvements is currently estimated at \$256,594,000 which includes escalation for a seven-year period with projects that began in 2022.

Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Access Strategy: In 2023, the Park Authority Board adopted the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Access (PROSA) Strategy, which is a data-driven approach designed to help achieve equitable park access throughout the county. The PROSA Strategy has four elements: to improve 10-minute walk access to FCPA parks, to enhance access to complete park experiences, to enrich habitat connectivity between environmental corridors, and to analyze and prioritize recreation needs and projects with an equity lens. The Park Authority is utilizing the PROSA Strategy in a variety of ways and practices. For example, the PROSA Strategy is utilized in the selection of park plans for development, the Capital Improvement Program, evaluation of potential parkland acquisitions, the assessment of Mastenbrook Grant program applications, and bond planning. In addition, the PROSA Strategy is being incorporated in other County plans, including the

Urban Design Guidelines for Community Revitalization Districts and Areas, and as part of the upcoming Comprehensive Plan policy updates.

Needs Assessment: The 2026 Parks Count is the Park Authority Needs Assessment which provides recommendations for capital investments in the park system. The 2026 Needs Assessment report will help the Park Authority prioritize efforts to meet existing and future park and recreation needs in the county and ensure Fairfax County's park and recreational needs are aligned with park system offerings. The Needs Assessment will be used to evaluate and update level of service standards, assess park system gaps, and inform the future planning and development of facilities and programs. The 2026 Parks Count survey pointed to the need to maintain our facilities across the county. In combination with the Needs Assessment, the Park Authority also uses several other plans and decision factors to help influence the overall Capital Improvement Plan recommendations. These include using specific park amenity studies (Playground Study, Synthetic Turf Study, etc.), long-term plans (Natural Resource Management Plan, Cultural Resource Management Plan, etc.),



condition assessments, amenity usage, amenity distribution, and the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Access (PROSA) Strategy. Based on continual facility condition assessments, growing and shifting community needs and expectations, an ever-increasing amount of funding will be needed for capital maintenance of aging park assets to maximize the life of the existing facilities and to develop new facilities.

Environmental and Sustainability Improvements: As part of the ongoing commitment to work through the Park Authority's deferred maintenance issues, staff are also focused on improving the environmental impact when renovations and upgrades occur. This was accomplished through replacing irrigation systems at all park golf courses and various athletic fields; upgrading and ensuring that sustainability was a factor in renovations of HVAC systems and chiller replacements at several facilities; roof replacements, locker room renovations, bathroom/restroom facelifts, the installation of new natatorium filters and structural repairs of facilities. In general park areas, staff also completed renovation of trails and athletic field turfs, replacement of tennis courts and playgrounds, resurfacing of parking lots, and property stabilization.

Ecological Restoration: Ecological restoration is the process of assisting recovery and improvement of an ecosystem that has been neglected, degraded, or destroyed. The goal of ecological restoration is reestablishing ecosystem function, improving biodiversity, and enhancing ecosystem services. The focus of Natural Resource Branch (NRB) is the restoration of terrestrial ecosystems, native meadows and forests, guided by Society of Ecological Restoration recommendations and based on the Natural Communities of Virginia Classification.

Natural and Cultural Stewardship: As the County's largest landowner, the Park Authority's stewardship responsibility is documented in its Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP) and Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP). These plans identify issues, strategies, and projects to protect County parkland and valuable natural resources. In addition, the Park Authority is charged with the stewardship of all County cultural resources. These plans contain critical strategies for preventing the degradation of resources that cannot be reclaimed once lost. In the last year, FCPA staff have completed remote sensing at the Mount Gilead house and associated Jamesson Family Cemetery in service of the Park Authority's cemetery preservation.

Recently completed capital improvements include:

Athletic Field Improvements: As part of the County's lifecycle replacement of synthetic turf fields, the following fields were completed in FY 2025: Arrowhead Fields #1 and #3; Ken Lawrence Field 1; Rolling Valley Field #2 and Grist Mill Field #5. Staff are continuing to implement the recommendations from the 2022 Girls' Fastpitch Softball Equity Action Plan Review Team (APRT). Current projects include renovating the girls' softball fields at Wakefield Park to include field renovations, new fencing, new lighting, renovated dug-outs, stormwater mitigation, and upgraded backstops.



Trail Improvements: Trails continue to be one of the most used amenities in the park system. Multiple trail projects are currently in the design and permitting phase, while bridge replacement studies are also occurring. A total of 4.5 miles of trail maintenance and improvements were performed at several parks utilizing Board of Supervisors-approved transportation funding, including Cub Run Stream Valley, Foxstone, Huntsman, Lake Mercer, Mr. Eagle, Munson Hill, Nottoway, Peterson Lane, and Tyson

Woods. FCPA is currently working on the I-66 trail, Pohick Stream Valley, Rocky Run Stream Valley, and Royal Lake trail enhancements.

Mount Vernon Rec Center: The newly revitalized rec center is a state-of-the-art, 139,000-square-foot community wellness hub that recently underwent a 75,000-square-foot expansion. This premier facility now features two NHL-sized ice rinks, a two-story indoor rock-climbing wall, and a comprehensive fitness center with an indoor track. Designed for all ages, the center includes a pool with beach entry, an indoor kids' play area, and drop-in childcare, alongside versatile multipurpose rooms and a warming pantry for community events.

Ruckstuhl Park: Work was completed on a new playground per the Park Master Plan. The natural setting at Ruckstuhl Park offers an opportunity for childhood development with nature-themed play features. Green natural settings, with habitat value have healthy benefits that are critical to children's development intellectually, emotionally, socially, spiritually, and physically. Nature playgrounds provide features to encourage high quality play in multiple play types, such as functional play, constructive play, imaginary play, manipulative play (building elements), open ended play, with elements that provide differential feedback, help children learn risk management, and provide environmental education in a safe environment.

Mount Vernon Woods: New facilities were constructed per the Park Master Plan including an updated playground, outdoor gym, sport court, picnic shelter, parking lot, grass rectangle field, trails and stormwater management facilities. Some of the existing facilities (playground, picnic shelter, and parking lot) were relocated to be more accessible, while leaving space for a trail through the woods. Additional facilities, including the sports court, fitness cluster, open play field and future skate park, are nearing completion.

McLean Central Park: Renovations and upgrades were completed at this park in FY 2025. The newly renovated park contains an amphitheater, pedestrian access from the nearby library and community center, a fitness zone, picnic area, disc golf, and playground, along with other many other amenities for community use.

Strawberry Park: The newly opened Strawberry Park Playground, located in the Mosaic District in Fairfax, is a vibrant urban play space. This dynamic destination features an array of modern amenities, including a climbing cube, spinner and springer rides, outdoor drums, and sensory activities. A standout feature is the large, socially informed mural by deaf artist Nico Cathcart, which overlooks the play area and depicts longtime local resident Thy Pham. The playground offers families a central spot to gather amidst the area's shopping and dining.

Other Capital Improvements: In FY 2025, the pool filter was completed at the Cub Run Rec Center competition pool and additional improvements were completed at Eakin Community Park and Grist Mill Athletic Field.

Equity Initiatives

Equity Review and Initiatives

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General Park and amenity maintenance is supported by the County's General Fund while classes, camps, and other activities, along with the facilities where those activities are held are supported through fees. This revenue model results in rapidly increasing fees and a patron demographic not in line with the population demographic of the County. Recognizing the inequity of the revenue model, beginning in FY 2023, the Park Authority worked with a consulting firm to conduct a comprehensive review of the Park Authority's fee-based revenue funding structure to determine strategies to enhance the equity with which park services are provided. The study recommended that the community benefits of specific programs and services should be used to determine fees, that cost-recovery targets should be reduced, and that subsidies, such as a sliding-scale fee program and flexible vouchers, should be provided to remove fees as a barrier for people participating in Park Authority programs. The Park Authority is working with the Board of Supervisors to develop a long-term implementation plan to address equity and make this goal a reality.

Through FY 2025, the Park Authority completed a variety of projects that provided additional services and facilities to help meet the diverse needs of County residents, including but not limited to: conversion of multiple athletic fields from grass to turf, 4.5 miles of trail improvements, Mt. Vernon Rec Center reopening, Ruckstuhl Park redevelopment, Mount Vernon Woods upgrades, McLean Central Park renovations and upgrades, Cub Run Rec Center competition pool filter replacement, Strawberry Park playground, Eakin Community Park upgrades, and Grist Mill Athletic Field improvements.

Current Project Descriptions

General Fund Projects

1. **ADA Compliance - Parks (Countywide):** This is a continuing project to address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance measures throughout County parks and services. Though the Park Authority has completed the ADA identified facility violations from the DOJ Settlement Agreement from 2011, there is a continuing project workload to address the self-assessment of facilities as required by the settlement. Remediation of the violations identified in the self-assessments of the remaining unaudited facilities had no specific deadline and the Park Authority continues to complete remediation work at several facilities. The Park Authority began a review and update of the current required Transition Plan as the existing 5-year plan is now due for renewal. Funding for annual ADA projects to support the continuation of improvements is required, as building and site conditions age and potential new projects are added as part of the new Transition Plan. Funding in the amount of \$300,000 has been included in FY 2027 for this project.
2. **Bamboo Mitigation (Countywide):** This is a continuing program with \$400,000 anticipated annually to address bamboo mitigation at Park Authority properties. This mitigation program is in response to a new ordinance which was passed in March 2022. The Park Authority anticipates that running bamboo will be a persistent problem on approximately 200 acres of park property for the foreseeable future. FY 2027 funding of \$400,000 has been included for bamboo mitigation.
3. **Capital Sinking Fund for Parks (Countywide):** \$37,533,394 has been allocated to date for the Capital Sinking Fund for parks. The Capital Sinking Fund was established as a direct result of the Infrastructure Financing Committee (IFC). The Board of Supervisors has approved the allocation of the Sinking Fund balances identified as part of each Carryover Review, based on the following percentage allocation: 45 percent for FMD, 25 percent for Schools, 15 percent for Parks, 7 percent for Walkways, 5 percent for County maintained Roads and Service Drives, and 3 percent for Revitalization areas. The Park Authority has initiated projects to begin to address the backlog of reinvestment requirements including trail, bridge and tennis court repairs



throughout the County, foul ball protection at Patriot Park North, restroom renovations at Fred Crabtree and Mason District Parks, modern sewer connections at Burke Lake Park, playground updates at Clemyjontri and Lewinsville Parks, renovations at Our Special Harbor Spray Park and many other capital improvements. In addition to General Fund support of \$37,343,028, an amount of \$190,366 was received in revenue to support the culvert replacement project at Lake Accotink.

4. **Cemetery Enhancements (Countywide):** \$250,000 has been approved to support continued work by the Park Authority's Archaeology and Collections Branch to define cemetery boundaries and provide enhancements at Park Authority owned cemeteries, including those at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, the Carter Family cemetery, and the Peake Family cemetery. Enhancements include landscaping improvements, headstone repair/resetting, fence repair and/or replacement, and sign repair or replacement. These cemeteries include unmarked graves for enslaved or formerly enslaved residents of Fairfax County.

5. **Confederate Name Changes – Parks (Countywide):** \$350,000 has been allocated to support sign replacement at Park Authority facilities in response to the Board of Supervisors approval of name changes associated with Route 29 and Route 50 in the County.
6. **Facilities Reinvestment (Countywide):** This is a continuing project to address Park Authority infrastructure replacement and upgrades at non-revenue producing parks, including roof, plumbing, electrical, lighting, security/fire systems, sprinklers, and HVAC replacement. The facilities maintained include, but are not limited to rental properties, historic properties, nature centers, maintenance facilities, sheds, shelters, and office buildings. Park priorities are based on the assessment of current repair needs including safety and health issues, facility protection, facility renewal and improved services. This program also provides for emergency repairs associated with the stabilization of newly acquired structures and the preservation of park historic sites. Funding of \$925,000 has been included for this project in FY 2027.
7. **Forestry Maintenance (Countywide):** This is a continuing project to provide support to Forestry Operations staff to conduct tree inspections and to remove dead or dying, high-risk trees on County parkland. These trees pose a significant safety risk to human life and infrastructure. An increased volume of reported tree failures posing risk to life and property, as well as staffing challenges, have resulted in a higher dependency on contracted services. In FY 2027 an amount of \$1,073,000 has been provided to fund annual requirements for forestry operations.
8. **Grounds Maintenance (Countywide):** This is a continuing project to provide routine mowing and other grounds maintenance. In FY 2027 an amount of \$712,677 has been provided to fund annual requirements for grounds maintenance at non-revenue supported parks.
9. **Infrastructure and Amenity Upgrades (Countywide):** This is a continuing project to provide improvements and repairs to park facilities and amenities including tennis courts, picnic shelters, bridges, and parking lots. In addition, funding provides for annual maintenance and storm related repairs to 342 miles of trails. In FY 2027 an amount of \$1,581,355 has been included for trail maintenance, infrastructure, and amenities upgrades.
10. **Parks CIP Projects (Countywide):** \$22,000,000 has been approved to date to support escalation experienced on Park Authority capital projects. The initial allocation of \$5 million was used to support the renovation of the Mount Vernon Rec Center. As directed by the Board, the Park Authority and County staff have been working together to appropriately size annual bond sales to address the current backlog and to develop future bond referendum proposals that address needs and conform to the County's overall limitations.
11. **Playground Assessments (Countywide):** \$200,324 was approved for the Park Authority to conduct assessments of playgrounds to include playgrounds at Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) sites. Funding will allow for a comprehensive evaluation of playground ages, locations, and determine if some sites should be removed, consolidated or improved with additional amenities. Including FCPS and NSC in this study will allow staff to determine where playgrounds should be, gaps in service and the appropriate size of each site.

12. **Preventative Maintenance and Inspections (Countywide):** This is a continuing project to address routine repairs in non-revenue producing Park Authority buildings, structures, and equipment. This maintenance includes the scheduled inspection and operational maintenance of HVAC, plumbing, electrical, security and fire alarm systems. Funding is critical to prevent the costly deterioration of facilities due to lack of preventative maintenance. Equipment maintenance includes routine and preventative maintenance on operating equipment such as mowers, tractors, utility vehicles and heavy construction equipment. In FY 2027 an amount of \$599,252 has been included for preventive maintenance and inspections for over 584,161 square feet at non-revenue supported Park Authority structures and buildings.
13. **Rec Center Renewal and Upgrades (Countywide):** \$15,000,000 has been approved to support renewal and repairs at Park Authority Rec Centers. After a thorough review of the eight open Rec Centers, improvements have been identified for each center that are required to stabilize the centers and provide more efficient, attractive, and safe facilities that will last until planned renovations. Projects include roof repairs and replacements, replacement of mechanical systems, and upgrading of electric and pool systems.
14. **Sully Site Educational Initiatives (Sully District):** \$250,000 was approved to support the hiring of expert consultants to develop an accurate historical narrative and interpretation that will highlight and bring to the forefront the lives of the enslaved people who cared for the Sully Historic Site / Sully Plantation.



15. **Wakefield Park Pickleball Courts (Braddock District):** \$300,000 has been approved to construct dedicated pickleball courts at Wakefield Park, pending a community engagement process. Pickleball continues to grow in popularity, and demand for pickleball courts, especially dedicated courts, continues to outpace supply. This project was included as a recommendation in the 2021 Park Authority Pickleball Study intended to strategically respond to increased demand for the sport.

16. **Zero Waste Equipment (Countywide):** \$1,916,762 has been approved for the equipment associated with implementation of the Zero Waste initiative within the Park Authority. The County's approved Operational Energy Strategy includes a goal to significantly minimize waste in County government operations and achieve zero waste by 2030. In response to this goal and the County's solid waste ordinance, the Park Authority established a program to enhance trash and recycling collection at the six Park maintenance areas. This funding provides for the build-out of the concrete pads and the purchase of equipment at all six maintenance areas.

General Obligation Bonds and Other Financed Projects

17. **Land Acquisition and Open Space – 2016 (Countywide):** \$8,766,532 was approved to fund land acquisition to ensure adequate parkland for future generations and new park facilities. Increasingly, residents recognize that parks contribute highly to their quality of life in Fairfax County. Shifting and expanding leisure interests increase the demand for parks and park facilities. The market driven availability of real estate properties with significant cultural resources has generated increased public interest and demand to protect resources from development.
18. **Land Acquisition and Open Space – 2020 (Countywide):** \$4,660,840 was approved to fund land acquisition to ensure adequate parkland for future generations and new park facilities. Increasingly, residents recognize that parks contribute highly to their quality of life in Fairfax County. Shifting and expanding leisure interests increase the demand for parks and park facilities. The market driven availability of real estate properties with significant cultural resources has generated increased public interest and demand to protect resources from development.
19. **Land Acquisition and Park Development – 2026 (Countywide):** \$180,000,000 is anticipated to fund deferred projects and adequately fund long-term projects identified in the Park Authority 10-Year Capital Plan. Projects will include the complete renovation of the Audrey Moore Recreation Center, land acquisition to ensure adequate parkland for future generations, new park facilities, and continued renovation and replacement of aging and well-used facilities. In addition, the Park Authority adopted Natural Resource and Cultural Resource Management Plans that identify initiatives needed to provide essential stewardship efforts of environmental resources on parkland and cultural resources throughout the County.
20. **Natural and Cultural Resource Stewardship – 2016 (Countywide):** \$6,678,392 has been approved for planning, design and/or construction of capital projects which carry out the Park Authority's stewardship mission, support the approved Natural and Cultural Resource Management Plans and/or County's environmental or cultural resource initiatives. Projects include repairs and restoration to Colvin Run Mill Miller's House and Millrace, funding to support Historic Structures Curator Program, a History and Archaeology Collections Facility to properly curate and store history, and Sully Historic Site restoration projects.
21. **Natural and Cultural Resource Stewardship – 2020 (Countywide):** \$12,239,400 has been approved for planning, design and/or construction of capital projects which carry out the Park Authority's stewardship mission, support the approved Natural and Cultural Resource Management Plans and/or County's environmental or cultural resource initiatives. Projects include funding to conduct archaeological investigations to support capital improvements as well as to plan and perform ecological restorations.
22. **New Park Development – 2016 (Countywide):** \$19,779,979 has been approved for construction of new park facilities where none existed before to meet new demand or to provide additional functionality or enhance planned capacity to an existing facility or space. Projects include development of Hogge Park in Baileys, an area of park service level deficiency, picnic shelters at Franconia Park Family Recreation Area, the baseball diamonds at Patriot Park North to support countywide use/tournaments, and park development at Laurel Hill Park.

23. **New Park Development – 2020 (Countywide):** \$27,712,000 has been approved for construction of new park facilities where none existed before to meet new demand or to provide additional functionality or enhance planned capacity to an existing facility or space. Projects include addition of a second ice rink to Mount Vernon Rec Center, developing new trails and stream crossings, development of diamond field complex to support countywide use/tournaments at Patriot Park North, and design advancement for Salona.
24. **Park Improvements (Countywide):** The Park Improvements fund was established under the provisions of the Park Authority Act for improvements to the agency's revenue-generating facilities and parks. Through a combination of grants, proffers, easement fees, telecommunications leases, transfers from the Revenue and Operating Fund, and donations, this fund provides for park improvements. These funds are managed by the Park Authority Board. Project funding is appropriated at the fiscal year-end, consistent with the level of revenue received during that fiscal year. As per direction from the Park Authority Board, along with specific requirements attached to many proffers, most of this funding is earmarked for specific projects and/or areas. Unrestricted funding, if available, is directed to the most urgent needs at the time. The current Revised Budget for this fund is \$41,252,919.
25. **Park Infrastructure Improvements - 2016 (Countywide):** \$7,000,000 has been redirected to support infrastructure improvements at Park property throughout the County. This funding was approved as part of the 2016 Park Bond and was originally proposed to support renovations to the Events Center at the Workhouse Arts Center, which is now on hold.
26. **Park Renovations and Upgrades – 2016 (Countywide):** \$77,553,760 is estimated to be required to fund repair and replacement/improvements to existing park facilities to maintain designed capacity or retrofit obsolete facilities and bring them up to contemporary standards and codes. Renovations can extend the design life of facilities and can include infrastructure additions and modifications. Projects include critical system-wide renovation and lifecycle needs such as playground replacements, lighting and irrigation systems, picnic shelters, roof replacements, parking, roads, entrances, Rec Centers system-wide lifecycle replacements, the Mount Vernon Rec Center renewal/replacement, the Area 1 Maintenance Facility Replacement, and energy management enhancements. This funding level includes an amount of \$52,553,760 in bond funds and \$25,000,000 in support from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the Mount Vernon Rec Center renovation project.
27. **Park Renovations and Upgrades – 2020 (Countywide):** \$61,037,760 has been approved for repair and replacement/improvements to existing park facilities to maintain designed capacity or retrofit obsolete facilities and bring them up to contemporary standards and codes. This project funds critical system-wide renovation and lifecycle needs, such as playground replacements, athletic field lighting and irrigation systems, picnic shelters, outdoor restrooms, improvements and renovations at Lake Fairfax Park, improvements and renovations at Audrey Moore, Franconia District, Cub Run, Providence and South Run Rec Centers, lifecycle replacement of golf course irrigation systems at Oakmont and Laurel Hill golf courses, community park upgrades in accordance with Park Master Plans at various parks including McLean Central Park, Turner Farm Park, Mount Vernon Woods Park, Dowden Terrace Park, Ruckstuhl Park, and leveraging partnerships through Mastenbrook Grant Funding to make countywide park improvements.

Project Cost Summaries

Park Authority

(\$000's)

Project Number	Project Title	Source of Funds	Budgeted or Expended Through FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	Total FY 2027 - FY 2032 -		Total
									FY 2031	FY 2036	
1	ADA Compliance - Parks	G	C	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$3,000
	PR-000179										
2	Bamboo Mitigation	G	C	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
	2G51-063-000										
3	Capital Sinking Fund for Parks	G, X	\$37,533						\$0		\$37,533
	PR-000174										
4	Cemetery Enhancements	G	\$250						\$0		\$250
	2G51-064-000										
5	Confederate Name Changes - Parks	G	\$350						\$0		\$350
	PR-000168										
6	Facilities Reinvestment	G	C	\$925	\$944	\$963	\$982	\$1,002	\$4,816	\$4,816	\$9,632
	PR-000173										
7	Forestry Maintenance	G	C	\$1,073	\$1,094	\$1,116	\$1,138	\$1,161	\$5,582	\$5,582	\$11,164
	2G51-067-000										
8	Grounds Maintenance	G	C	\$713	\$727	\$742	\$757	\$772	\$3,711	\$3,711	\$7,422
	2G51-068-000										
9	Infrastructure and Amenity Upgrades	G	C	\$1,581	\$1,613	\$1,645	\$1,678	\$1,712	\$8,229	\$8,229	\$16,458
	PR-000166										
10	Parks CIP Projects	G	\$22,000						\$0		\$22,000
	PR-000167										
11	Playground Assessments	G	\$200						\$0		\$200
	2G51-070-000										
12	Preventative Maintenance and Inspections	G	C	\$599	\$611	\$623	\$635	\$648	\$3,116	\$3,116	\$6,232
	2G51-071-000										
13	Rec Center Renewals and Upgrades	G	\$15,000						\$0		\$15,000
	PR-000172										
14	Sully Site Educational Initiatives	G	\$250						\$0		\$250
	2G51-073-000										

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								FY 2027 - FY 2031	FY 2032 - FY 2036	
15 Wakefield Park Pickleball Courts	G	\$300						\$0		\$300
PR-000177										
16 Zero Waste Equipment	G	\$1,917						\$0		\$1,917
PR-000178										
Total General Fund		\$77,800	\$5,591	\$5,689	\$5,789	\$5,890	\$5,995	\$28,954	\$28,954	\$135,708
17 Land Acquisition and Open Space - 2016	B	\$8,767						\$0		\$8,767
PR-000077										
18 Land Acquisition and Open Space - 2020	B	\$4,661						\$0		\$4,661
PR-000145										
19 Land Acquisition and Park Development - 2026	B	\$0		\$17,568	\$49,706	\$25,803		\$93,077	\$86,923	\$180,000
TBD										
20 Natural and Cultural Resource Stewardship - 2016	B	\$6,678						\$0		\$6,678
PR-000076										
21 Natural and Cultural Resource Stewardship - 2020	B	\$3,005	\$2,237	\$5,814	\$536	\$239		\$8,826	\$408	\$12,239
PR-000148										
22 New Park Development - 2016	B	\$15,238	\$4,542					\$4,542		\$19,780
PR-000079										
23 New Park Development - 2020	B	\$24,265	\$100	\$822	\$1,281	\$622		\$2,825	\$622	\$27,712
PR-000146										
24 Park Improvements	X	\$41,253						\$0		\$41,253
800-C80300										
25 Park Infrastructure Improvements - 2016	B	\$7,000						\$0		\$7,000
PR-000169										
26 Park Renovations and Upgrades - 2016 (includes Mt Vernon Rec Center)								\$1,448		\$77,554
PR-000078	B	\$51,106	\$1,448							
ARPA for Mt Vernon Rec Center	F	\$25,000								
27 Park Renovations and Upgrades - 2020	B	\$37,110	\$11,800	\$4,981	\$2,605	\$1,642	\$2,900	\$23,928		\$61,038
PR-000147										
Total Bonds		\$224,083	\$20,127	\$29,185	\$54,128	\$28,306	\$2,900	\$134,646	\$87,953	\$446,682
Total		\$301,883	\$25,718	\$34,874	\$59,917	\$34,196	\$8,895	\$163,600	\$116,907	\$582,390

Notes: Numbers in bold italics represent funded amounts. A "C" in the 'Budgeted or Expended' column denotes a continuing project.

Key: Source of Funds

B	Bonds
F	Federal
G	General Fund
S	State
U	Undetermined
X	Other