



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Fairfax County Park Authority Wins National Technology Award for Energy Efficiency at Cub Run Rec Center

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA), in partnership with the Fairfax County Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC), was presented with a 2024 American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Technology Award for successfully applied innovative building design, incorporating high standards for effective energy management and indoor air quality. FCPA was recognized for the Energy Savings Performance Contracting (ESCO) Phase 1 Project at Cub Run Rec Center in Chantilly, which took first prize in regional competition in August 2024. CMTA, Fairfax County's contracted ESCO, was responsible for the design and construction of the project. Funding for the project was provided through OEEC.

The upgrades at Cub Run Rec Center included:

- Pool heat recovery system enhancements, which improved system efficiency to heat water more effectively; and
- Building automation system upgrades to optimize energy use and reduce peak electricity demand

The improvements at Cub Run Rec Center significantly reduced the facility's energy consumption, resulting in a 60% reduction in total energy usage and approximately \$316,000 in avoided energy costs during the first year of operation.

The FCPA has, thus far, participated in four phases of energy improvement projects with CMTA focused on major building HVAC and mechanical systems at the Cub Run, Spring Hill, Oakmont, Franconia, and Providence Rec Centers. In addition to the first FCPA rooftop solar array and largest geothermal system in the county at Spring Hill, these projects have upgraded 15 rooftop air handlers, 12 boilers, nine pool dehumidification units, and four building automation systems. These projects account for over \$375,000 annual guaranteed utility savings, \$90,000 annual operational savings, and feature a 20-year performance guarantee.



“These projects are a testament to the Park Authority’s commitment to sustainability,” said FCPA Executive Director Jai Cole. “As stewards of public spaces, we prioritize energy efficiency not only to reduce environmental impact but also to ensure long-term operational savings. This national recognition reinforces the importance of these investments.”

FCPA is dedicated to enhancing sustainability across its facilities. The Cub Run project exemplifies this commitment, aligning with the Fairfax County Operational Energy Strategy to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. FCPA continues to advance its energy efficiency initiatives through pursuing ESCO projects at the Spring Hill, Oakmont, Franconia, and Providence Rec Centers.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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### **About ASHRAE**

ASHRAE is an international society of more than 50,000 heating, refrigerating and air-conditioning professionals from more than 132 nations dedicated to serving humanity and promoting a sustainable world. Founded in 1894, ASHRAE is an industry leader in research, standards writing, publishing, certification and continuing education. Its members are dedicated to promoting a healthy and sustainable built environment for all, through strategic partnerships with organizations in the HVAC&R community and across related industries.



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### Grow Your Own Garden at Hogge Park—2025 Applications Open!

Ready to dig in and grow your own fresh produce this season? Secure your spot in the Hogge Park Community Garden and experience the joy of growing your own food, connecting with nature and joining an active gardening community! Hogge Park is one of the Garden Plot Rental locations in the Fairfax County Park Authority's community garden rental program.

Rental garden plots are available for one growing season that runs from February to November. Plot rentals include a 6-feet-by-9-feet raised garden bed, soil, a community hose, shed access for tool storage and waste collection. All plots are accessible by wheelchair.

Don't wait, spaces are limited so secure your spot today! Boyd A. and Charlotte M. Hogge Park is located at 3139 Glen Carlyn Road in Falls Church.

For more information, please visit the Community Garden Plot Rental Program website.

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### Park Authority Welcomes Public Comment on Proposed Pickleball Courts at Mason District Park

As pickleball continues to grow in popularity across Fairfax County, the Park Authority is exploring ways to enhance recreational offerings and provide additional facilities. The Park Authority is now inviting community feedback on the proposed addition of a dedicated pickleball court at Mason District Park. Public comments will be accepted online and U.S. Mail for a period of 30 days.

The proposal includes the placement of one new pickleball court adjacent to the tennis courts at the southwestern corner of the park. The proposed location is outside the minimum-required 250-foot buffer from the nearest home and would allow for existing tennis court lighting to be retrofitted to light the pickleball court as well. The project would require the modification of an existing trail, and relocation of existing utility lines.

Additional project background and information is available on the county's community engagement platform Public Input. Comments may be submitted on the Public Input website or sent via U.S. Mail to the Park Authority Public Information Office at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 925, Fairfax, VA 22035. All comments must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2025.

Mason District Park is located at 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale. For further details or inquiries, please contact the project manager Kelly Davis at [kelly.davis@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:kelly.davis@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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### Enjoy Fun in the Sun with Fairfax County Park Authority Camps

Does your child light up whenever it's time to tap into their creative side? Have they always wanted to try out a new instrument or learn about computers and coding? Does your youngster gravitate toward animals or do they want to try out a new sport? Park Authority camps offer experiences for children to enjoy all these activities and more. Registration is now open for all spring and summer offerings and there are still spaces available!

When schools close for student holidays and spring break, Park Authority camps are in session! This year, spring camps will be held:

- Sunday, March 9
- Monday, March 31 to Tuesday, April 1
- Sunday, April 13
- Monday, April 14 to Friday, April 18

Summer camps kick off on June 16 with opportunities running through the end of August at many locations across Fairfax County.

The Park Authority offers numerous resources to help make parents' search and registration for spring and summer camps easier:

- Browse offerings in the **2025 Camp Guide**
- Use the **Camp Spreadsheet** to find camps with openings and filter them by age, date, type of camp and the location
- Get organized and make notes about your top camp picks with the **Camp Planner**.

**Don't wait, secure your child's spot in spring and summer camps today!** Stay tuned for more details on the Camps website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/camps](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/camps) and join the Park Authority's conversation about camps on social media using #CampTuesdays.

For more information or assistance, please email [camps@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:camps@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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