Franconia District Park Master Plan Revision Process Summary

- March 2013 The Park Authority began the background research for the Franconia District Park Master Plan Revision.
- July 16, 2013 A Public Information Meeting was held to kick off the public master plan process.
- Summer 2013 The master plan team generated the draft master plan.
- December 11, 2013 The draft master plan was presented to the Park Authority Board Planning and Development Committee.
- March 10, 2014 The draft master plan was presented to the Lee District Land Use Committee.
- April 1, 2014 The draft master plan was presented at a Public Comment Meeting. Comments collected at the Public Comment Meeting and during the subsequent public comment period primarily focused on safety issues, traffic/parking in the surrounding neighborhood, drinking, littering, lights staying on past 11 p.m., noise, "outsiders" using the park, and a lack of permanent restrooms. The public requested that these concerns be addressed before constructing new facilities in the park. Based on these comments, the project team revised the draft master plan.
- November 3, 2014 The revised draft master plan was presented to the Park Authority Board Planning and Development Committee.
- November 12, 2014 Another Community Meeting was held at which the community continued to express concerns over public safety, traffic, parking, drinking, littering, lights, and noise.
- March 17, 2015 A Public Safety Meeting was held with representatives from Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Department of Transportation, and Virginia Department of Transportation. Due to the concerns expressed by the citizens, a one-year observation period to monitor the park was conducted.
- May 23, 2017 After two years of observation, FCPA met with Supervisor McKay, the Police, & Neighborhood and Community Services. The police reported only minimal activity in the area of the park, most of which was unrelated to the park, and NCS reported no issues.

- June 29, 2017 A public meeting was held to inform the public of the findings over the preceding two years, at which a few community members still insisted they had strong concerns over public safety, traffic, parking, drinking, littering, lights, and noise.
- February 2018 Staff learned that Earth Sangha would like to add a hoop house style greenhouse to their native plant nursery within the park, which is planned for expansion in the draft master plan.
- March 8, 2018 Park Authority staff meet with Supervisor McKay and Cynthia Carter, the Park Authority Board Representative for the Lee District to discuss finalizing the plan.