

Hooes Road Park Lighting Proposal
Public Outreach Summary
December 2019

The Fairfax County Park Authority conducted a Public Meeting on May 29, 2019 to discuss installation of lighting for the athletic fields at Hooes Road Park in accordance with the approved park master plan dated September 1994. The proposal is to install lighting on Field #3 in 2020 and on Field #2 as a future project per the attached field layout diagram. Park Authority staff received public comments on the proposed athletic field lighting through July 1, 2019.

As result of this public outreach effort, FCPA received over 1,000 comments, mostly in the form of emails.

- 99.5% of the responses were in support of the project
- 0.5% of the responses were against the project

Those who supported the project outlined several benefits of lighting Field #3 including:

- Extension of field use until 9:30 p.m. during the spring and fall seasons.
- Allowing coaches to adjust schedules so that younger players can use the fields at earlier times while older players can stay later in the evening.
- The potential reduction in traffic exiting the park by staggering and extending the use over a longer period of time.

Those in opposition to the plan, outlined their concerns, including:

- Traffic problems at the intersection of Hooes Road and Bonniemill Lane are already challenging. This project would worsen this situation.
- The project would cause light pollution.
- Extending the field use time would increase noise at night.
- Installing light fixtures would negatively impact wildlife