



2020 Park Bond At A Glance

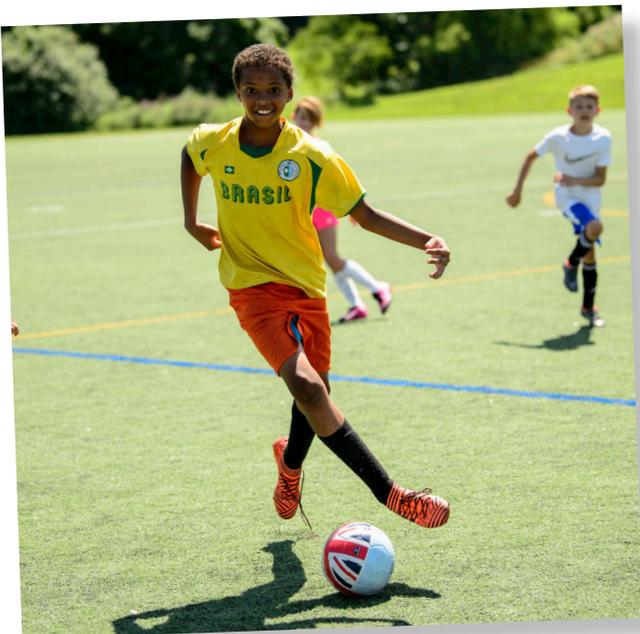
Understanding the Park Authority Bond Program

PARK AND PARK FACILITIES BOND — \$112 Million

The Fairfax County Park Authority manages over 23,000 acres of parkland and 427 parks. These facilities provide spaces throughout the county for play, a variety of sports, health and fitness activities, camping, boating, and exploring nature, as well as a working farm, public gardens, historic sites and archaeology. Most parks and park facilities are free for the public to use and about 90% of the county’s population uses the parks. Some specialty facilities, such as RECenters, golf courses and lakefront activities, charge fees to support operating costs. User fees cover approximately 60% of all park operating costs, but they do not cover capital costs.

The Park Authority completed a Needs Assessment in 2016 that asked Fairfax County residents to identify areas of importance and unmet needs. The Needs Assessment also examined facility conditions, sport and leisure trends, and projected demographic changes. A Capital Improvement Framework was developed with recommendations for investments of over \$900 million to address lifecycle replacements, facility upgrades, natural resource area and historic site restorations, and new facilities. Costs for renovations of existing facilities and development of new facilities are funded primarily through general obligation bonds that require voter approval.

If the voters approve the 2020 Park Bond, implementation of the 2016 Needs Assessment would continue with \$100 million in bond funds for the Fairfax County Park Authority and \$12 million in bond funds for Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. Projects proposed for the 2020 Park Bond balance priority needs, equity throughout the county, reinvestment in aging facilities, investments in land, natural and cultural resource protection, advancement of phased projects, and improving the park experience.



Bond Programs

Fairfax County Park Authority
G.O. Bonds (in millions) – 1959 to 2016



The currently proposed capital program falls into four project categories:

Park Renovations and Upgrades

- Critical countywide renovations and lifecycle systems replacement 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, Lee District, Cub Run, Providence and South Run RECenters



- Lifecycle replacement of golf course irrigation systems at Oak Marr and Laurel Hill Golf Courses
- Design and permitting to advance athletic field redevelopment at Herndon Middle School Site
- Community Park Upgrades in accordance with Park Master Plans at various parks including:
 - McLean Central Park
 - Turner Farm Park
 - Mt. Vernon Woods Park
 - Dowden Terrace Park
 - Ruckstuhl Park
- Leveraging partnerships through Mastenbrook Grant Funding to make park improvements countywide.

Natural and Cultural Resource Stewardship

- Design for a new Riverbend Park Visitor Center
- Continued funding to support the Resident Curator Program and other historical buildings to prepare historic structures treatment plans, connect utilities and support infrastructure needs
- Phase I construction of a Museum Collections and Archeology Storage Facility to curate and store county history and archaeology collections
- Conduct archaeological investigations to support capital improvements
- Plan and perform ecological restorations

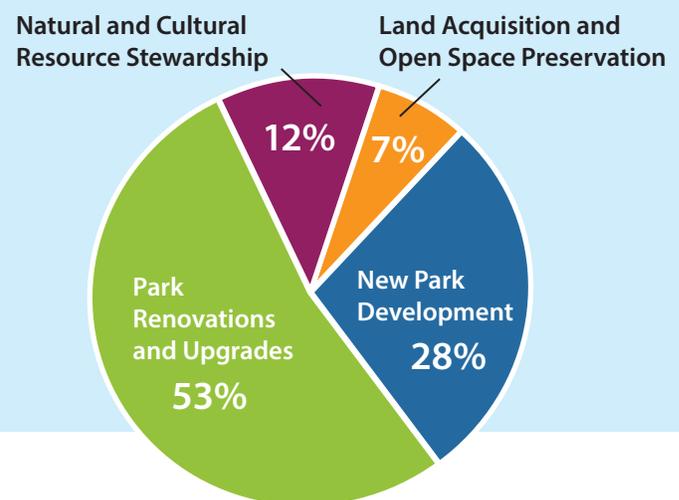
Land Acquisition and Open Space Preservation

- Land Acquisition, including easements to expand parks, protect resources, and enhance parks in underserved areas of the county.

New Park Development

- Mt. Vernon RECenter - add the second sheet of ice
- County-wide - develop new trails and stream crossings
- Patriot Park North– complete development of diamond field complex to support Countywide use/tournaments
- Design advancement for Salona

2020 Proposed Park Bond Distribution Great Parks Make Great Communities \$100 M



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