



**ARLINGTON**  
VIRGINIA

# Department of Parks and Recreation

**COUNTY MANAGER'S  
PROPOSED FY 2023 BUDGET**

**County Board Work Session**  
Thursday, March 24, 2022  
3:00 p.m.

# Department of Parks and Recreation

## Our Vision

Arlington will be the happiest, healthiest place to live, learn, work and play.

## Our Mission

Promote wellness and vitality through dynamic programs and attractive public spaces

# Project Accomplishments: Parks Maintenance Capital



Zitkala-Ša Park  
(park opened September 2021)

# Project Accomplishments: Parks Master Plans



Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness Center  
(ribbon cutting ceremony held September 2021)



Rosslyn Highlands Park Playground  
(park opened December 2021)

# Project Accomplishments: Synthetic Field Program



Virginia Highlands Park  
(opened for use August 2021)

# Project Accomplishments: Trail and Bridge Program



Bluemont Junction Trail  
(trail re-opened November 2021)



Glencarlyn Bridge  
(bridge installed February 2022)

# Projects Underway: Parks and Recreation

**2** **Scoping-** Bluemont, Alcova Heights Park Bridges

**2** **Master Planning-** Boathouse, PenPlace Public Spaces

**11** **Design-** Upper Bluemont (Tennis Courts), Gunston Playground, Monroe Park, Lacey Woods Park, New Park at S. Eads & Army Navy Drive, Crystal City Temp Park, 23<sup>rd</sup> St S & S. Eads St Park, Lubber Run Bridge #3, Barcroft Synthetic Field, Rocky Run Synthetic Field, Tuckahoe Playground Safety Surfacing

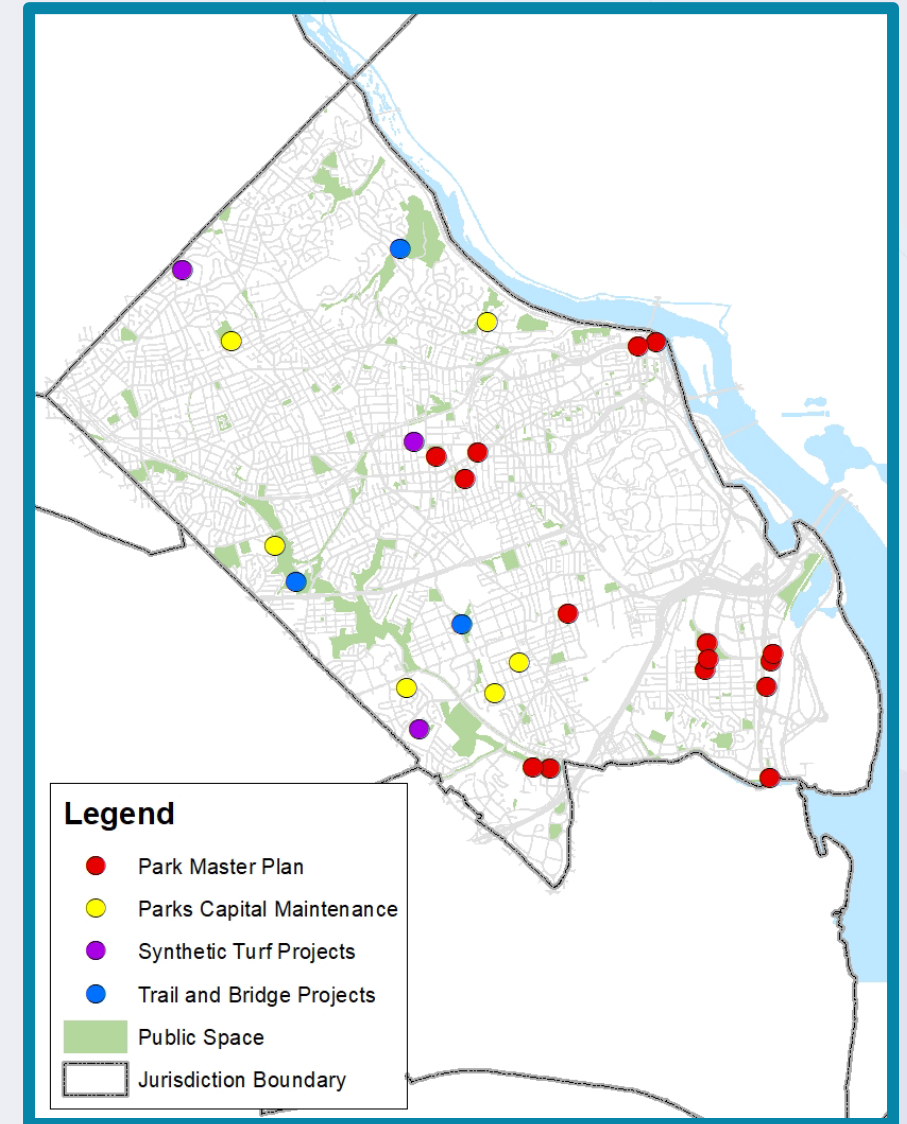
**1** **Plan Review-** House Demolition at 13<sup>th</sup> Street S

**2** **Pre-Construction-** Alcova Heights Park, Hillside Park

**7** **Construction-** Gunston “Bubble”, Towers Park, Marcey Road Park, Fort Scott Park, Madison Manor Restrooms, Jennie Dean Park, TJ Upper Field Conversion

# Focus on Equity

- DPR projects are reviewed for geographical distribution
- With evolving awareness on equity, DPR is examining how the equity lenses can be better applied to our asset management and investment decisions
- Long range planning is focusing on equity
- Capital Maintenance projects are coordinated with the Public Spaces Master Plan and using Level of Service (LOS) to evaluate equitable access





# Asset Inventory: Parks and Recreation



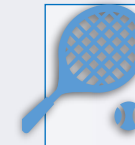
147 Parks totaling 924 acres



81 Playgrounds and 4 Spray Playgrounds



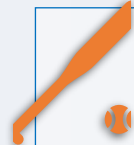
76 Basketball Courts and 12 Half Courts



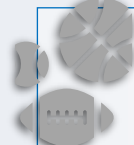
87 Tennis Courts and 5 Practice Courts



42 Rectangular Athletic Fields ---15 Lighted, 15 synthetic



35 Diamond Athletic Fields --  
-19 Lighted, 2 synthetic



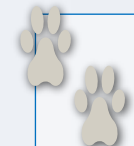
19 Combination Athletic Fields ---3 Lighted



7 Community Garden



48 Picnic Shelters



9 Dog Parks



39.7 Miles of Multi-use Trails



67 Bridges and Low-Water Fords



25 Restrooms



Picnic Tables, Benches, Grills, Kiosks, Drinking Fountains, Park Signs, Fences



Parking Lots (approx. 1 million SF), Access Roads



Amphitheater, Skate Park, Other Amenities

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**Asset Tool Refresh:** Currently being developed by outside consultant.



**Synthetic Fields:** Field conditions and GMAX impact testing ratings assessed on an on-going basis.



**Trails:** Pavement Condition Index (PCI) assessment performed every 4-5 years.



**Bridges:** Inventory condition assessment updates underway.

# Key Budget Considerations



Maintaining an adequate level of funding to achieve a state of good repair for DPR's capital assets.



Continuing commitment to ongoing planning and asset management efforts.



Continuing partnerships with other external agencies.

# FY 2023 Budget Summary

	FY 2022 Adopted	FY 2023 Proposed
<b>PAYG</b>	\$4,863,000	\$1,228,000
<b>Short-Term Finance</b>	\$368,000	\$1,306,000
<b>GO Bond (authorized/ unsold)</b>	\$-	\$5,000,000
<b>Partnerships</b>	\$-	\$491,000*

\*Amount reflects APS funding contribution per cost-sharing agreement for synthetic fields

# Funded Projects: Parks Maintenance Capital

## Capital Asset Manager

\$165,000

This funding is for the staff position that manages the Parks Capital Asset Program.

## Parks Field Fund

\$225,000

The Parks field fund is supported by an annual fee assessed on official affiliated youth and adult sports teams playing on Arlington County rectangular and diamond fields.

## Feasibility Studies & Implementation

\$200,000

These funds will provide the ability to conduct relevant strategic analysis and execution of work for new planning initiatives that are outside current CIP projects. Examples are: potential planning and analysis needs for parks and sites associated with site plans, Phased Development Site Plan (PDSP) proposals, and Arlington Public Schools proposals. This program also allows for the off-CIP cycle replacement of capital assets that arise due to safety issues such as failure of playground safety surfacing and to address critical erosion issues or stream bank failures.

# Funded Projects: Parks Maintenance Capital

## Bailey's Branch Park Design

\$398,000

This project is for design funding for the replacement of the playground, site circulation, site furnishings, landscaping and stormwater management improvements. This is a heavily used playground and contains a pre-school play structure and a school-age play structure. This is one of the older playgrounds in the County and replacement parts are no longer available from the playground manufacturer. The Neighborhood Conservation program has also made replacement of this playground a priority for funding. Their funding is anticipated to be used to supplement construction funding with that from DPR in FY 2024.



# Funded Projects: Parks Maintenance Capital

## Woodmont Playground Design

\$240,000

This project is for design funding for the replacement of the playground, site circulation, site furnishings, landscaping, stormwater management improvements and milling and paving the small parking lot. This is one of the older playgrounds in the County and replacement parts are no longer available from the playground manufacturer.



# Funded Projects: Parks Maintenance Capital

## Equipment at DPR Facilities

\$100,000

This funding is for the purchase and proactive replacement of aging equipment at Park and Recreation facilities that is at or near the end of its useful life in order to avoid equipment failure.

## Greenbrier Running Track Replacement

\$715,000

This project is for the design and construction for the replacement of the running track surfacing and long jump pit within the stadium field complex at Greenbrier Park/Yorktown High School.

## Bluemont Tennis Courts Construction

\$5,000,000

The project is for replacement of tennis courts, lighting, restroom/storage, picnic shelter, parking lot, adjoining section of Four Mile Run Trail, site circulation, site furnishings, drainage, and landscaping. *(This portion of funding represents previously authorized but not yet issued bonds.)*



# Funded Projects: Synthetic Field Program

## Wakefield High School Stadium Field Replacement

\$982,000

This project is for the design and construction for the replacement of the synthetic turf stadium field at Wakefield High School. Costs include design development, replacement of the synthetic turf and infill, repairs to the base layer and under-drain system, replacement of field amenities, and construction administration. *(Arlington Public Schools will fund 50% in accordance with the existing cost sharing agreement.)*



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