



Sport Field Allocation Policy
Project Update




10/26/2017



Agenda

- Spring Pilot Review
- Youth Sports Numbers
- Allocation Recommendations
- Summer & Fall Season
- On-Going Policy Work
- Major Policy Components
- Facility Information
- Next Steps



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Spring Allocation Data

- **Leagues**
 - Primary: Rec. Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, Ultimate
 - Secondary: Soccer, Travel Baseball
 - Out of Season: Tackle Football, Flag Football (both are fall only sports)
- Allocation goal met for most leagues
- Season: March 11 – June 30, 2017 (112 days)
- Organizations were allocated from 278 to nearly 17,000 hours depending on size
- League variations included hours per team from 11 to 77 depending on the sport
- 23% of days lost in some capacity to closed natural grass fields compared to 12% last fall

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Spring Comments/Complexities

- **Additional Weekday Time**
 - Allocation must look at the week as a whole and not just weekday, so the allocation is hours per week
 - Leagues should consider moving practices to weekends and will need to use time on Sunday
- **North Arlington Field Space**
 - Leagues requested more North Arlington space
 - Some organizations choose to rent space closer to zip code 22207 instead of or in addition to practicing in South Arlington
 - Without additional field lighting or new fields, we cannot accommodate requests for space by zip code

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Spring Comments/Complexities

- **Maximize Time:** Did not fully allocate 7:00-8:00 timeslot on unlit fields due to sunset; these fields should be allocated to teams with some accommodation for the pre-season
 - Sunset March 15: 7:15PM with Civil Twilight at 7:42PM
 - Sunset March 31: 7:31PM with Civil Twilight at 7:57PM
 - Sunset April 17 (end of spring break): 7:47Pm with Civil Twilight at 8:15PM
- **Field Use Capacity (Roving Monitor notes)**
 - Improvement over Fall Season with some unused space which we are addressing
 - Sites like Wakefield, W-L, Greenbrier, & Tuckahoe challenging due to HS use



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Youth Sports Numbers Update

- **Spring Comparisons by League**
 - ASA grew the most by 407 players or 5%
 - AGSA had the largest percentage increase at 9% or 43 players

Spring	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
Arlington Cal Ripken Babe Ruth	1,309	1,206	1,120	1,252	1,104
Arlington Senior Babe Ruth	251	257	280	234	253
Arlington Little League	1,074	1,222	1,305	1,367	1,421
Arlington Girls Softball Association	394	466	506	462	505
Arlington Travel Baseball		92	89	105	109
Arlington Soccer Association	6,607	7,055	7,830	7,989	8,396
Arlington Youth Lacrosse Club	332	458	557	681	651
Youth Ultimate of Arlington	N/A	N/A	376	387	395

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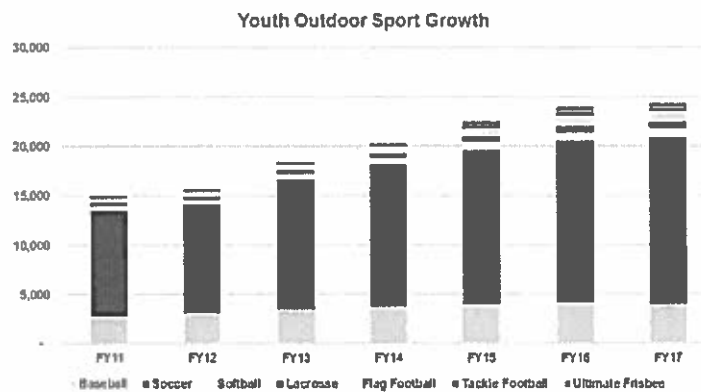


- 2016-2017 Year Comparisons by Sports
 - 2% increase in growth for all outdoor youth sports (diamond & rectangular) from FY 2016 and 8% since FY 2015
 - Individual leagues ASA, AGSA, ASBR, ALL, DPR Flag all increased

Youth Sports Leagues	FY15	FY16	FY17
Baseball	3,949	4,188	4,032
Soccer	15,677	16,391	16,894
Softball	821	797	893
Lacrosse	557	681	651
Flag Football	803	1,028	1,120
Tackle Football	165	161	128
Ultimate Frisbee	607	715	679
Total	22,579	23,961	24,397



Youth Outdoor Sports





Allocation Recommended Changes

- Use alternative fields for practices (e.g.; rectangular sports on diamond outfields)
- Practices scheduled on several adult softball field before adult games
- Allocate 1 practice per week for under 8 years old age

Description	Activities/Week	Youth Maximum Time	Hours/Activity
Youth Recreational Primary Season (>8)	3	Under 8 Recreational Teams - Practice	1
Youth Recreational Primary Season (<8)	2	Over 8 Recreational Teams/Competitive Teams* - Practice	1.5
Youth Recreational Secondary Season	2	Game Times - Vary by Sport/league	1-2.5
Youth Competitive (designated travel teams)	3		
Adult	1		

- On-going work to identify additional places to play and improving playing fields
- Organizations are expected to use scheduled time until the end 7:00 in the fall and 8:00 in the spring on unlit fields
- Organizations are expected to assign players to field space across the County and not only in a certain neighborhood or zip code

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Summer & Fall Allocation

- Summer
 - Considered mid-July through September 11 for diamond sports and mid-June-early August for rectangular sports
 - Limited allocation because fields are closed for rest or have limited use on them with the exception of synthetic fields
 - Policy will address future out of season summer allocation timeline, quantity available, and associated fees
 - No issues with space reported this summer
- Fall
 - In-Season: September 11 – November 19, 2017
 - Pre-Season may start early August for primary-season leagues (soccer, travel baseball, football) if requested on available open fields (i.e.; some grass fields may be closed for this time period)
 - Allocation Timeline:
 - Mid to Early-August – Pre-season for rectangular sports
 - September 11st – In-season for all sports
 - September 18th – game schedules due
 - October 2 – unused space turned in
 - November 1st – assessments due

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On-Going Policy Development

- Sports Commission Recommendations to Consider:
 - Residency Recommendation: 85% of youth players must be Arlington residents to be a Tier I organization
 - New Sport Process Recommendation:
 - Limited 1st year allocation, possible larger allocation in second year
 - 2 year probationary period with allocation only in one season (primary season)
 - 85% Arlington residence for probation period
 - Application process to include documentation and Sports Commission input
- DPR will develop policy details to include preseason activities, tournament permits, summer/winter season fees, and communication timelines
- Completing policy draft, Sport User Groups and Sports Commission will be asked for input




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Major Policy Components

- **Sport User Organization Definition:** To determine which groups or individuals are considered part of this program
- **Priority System:** To determine priority allocation scheduling among organizations
- **Allocation Formula:** Provide a systematic way to determine how much space each organization receives
- **Out of Season & Tournament Reservation Process:** To define how non regular season reservations, including tournaments, are processed with proposed associated fees
- **New/Developmental Sports Process:** To ensure availability for potential new sports


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Other Facility Information

- **Fields Reopened**
 - Bluemont 3
 - Highview
- **Field Size Reduced due to APS**
 - Oakgrove
 - Patrick Henry
- **Field Closures**
 - TJ Lower & Diamond
 - Abingdon
 - Stratford
 - Taylor #2
 - Longbridge 3 (winter)
- **Upcoming Improvements/Closures**
 - Fairlington; spring 2018
 - Gunston 1 (diamond); spring 2018
 - Dawson Terrace; spring 2018

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Other Facility Information

- **Field Permitting Changes**
 - Permit Only → Permit takes priority on some fields
 - 35% of our fields are currently permit only fields, in the new classification, 13% of the fields are permit only. The rest will become permit takes priority.
 - Classifications that remain the same:
 - Diamonds that will remain permit only: Greenbrier 1, 3, Wakefield 1, 2, Barcroft 1-4 and 6
 - Combos that will remain permit only: Washington Lee-Combo and Quincy Combo
 - Rectangular field that will remain permit only: Wakefield Chesterfield
 - If any of the above fields are converted to synthetic (minus Barcroft 6) they would be reclassified to Permit Takes Priority
- **Redefined Classification Definitions:**
 - Permit Only: Use of field by permit only.
 - Permit Takes Priority: Any structured use of field requires a permit. All games, practices and special events require a permit to use the field. This field can be used during non-permitted use for unstructured, drop in activities of no more than 10 people.

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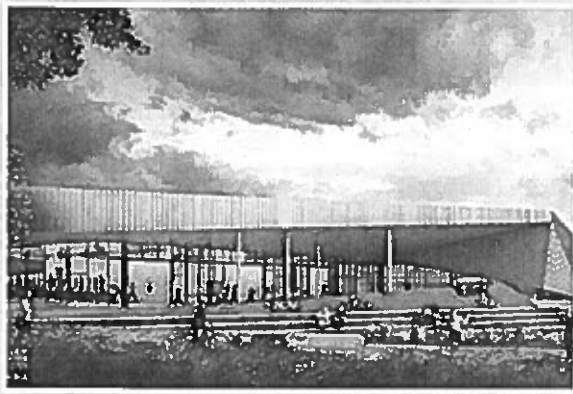
Next Steps

- Internal DPR Finalization
- Policy Review; all organizations online
- Field Public Engagement Opportunities
 - Upcoming POPS Project Updates

Long Bridge Park Designs

For more than 10 years, Arlington County has been striving to develop Long Bridge Park. The community's interest in swimming has remained steady. Four nationally recognized design and construction firm teams have put together their best creativity and knowledge to design project options for Arlington. Review the designs below and share your thoughts here by 11:59 p.m. Oct. 29.

Learn about the process for the design selection. It is anticipated that the County Manager will make a recommendation to the County Board at their November meeting for approval to award a \$54,700,000 contract based on a concept from one of the four designs. Construction could start as early as July 2018, with the new facility open in 2021.



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Meetings

No Meetings Scheduled

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Long Bridge Park Aquatics & Fitness Center and Park Expansion Project

Here we are.

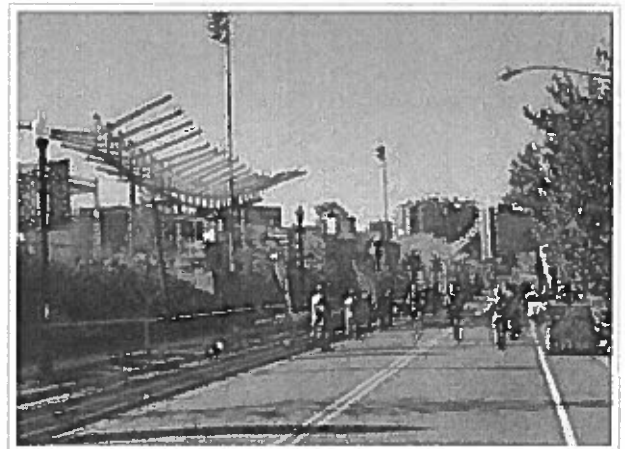
For more than 10 years, Arlington County has been striving to develop Long Bridge Park. The community's interest in swimming has remained steady. Four nationally recognized design and construction firm teams are putting together their best creativity and knowledge to design project options for Arlington. We have four great concepts for the aquatics center based on years of community interaction.

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How did we get here?

The Long Bridge Park Project began in earnest with the appointment of a committee of Arlingtonians in 2001. The project is being built in phases as laid out in the County Board-adopted 2013 Long Bridge Park Master Plan. So far we have developed three synthetic turf sports fields, an esplanade, playground and support amenities, rebuilt Long Bridge Drive and completed major environmental remediation on this former brownfield site. The next major phase is the Aquatics & Fitness Center and park expansion.

Arlington had an earlier design for the Aquatics & Fitness Center and park expansion; however, the construction bids received in fall 2013 were higher than projected. The County Manager placed the project on hold while staff explored options such as value engineering and including the project in the regional Olympic bid as well as other potential partnerships. In March 2015, the County Board directed that the County staff to re-examine the design; re-engage the community to be sure the plan is in sync with their needs and interests; explore partnership and sponsorship opportunities; and come back with recommended priorities and project parameters.



Based on this work, the County Manager made several recommendations in April 2016 to adjust the project's components, however, the core principle remains: focus on the community's needs while bringing the project within budget. The County Board confirmed the Manager's recommendations in the adopted FY 2017-FY 2026 Capital Investment Program (CIP). The County will use a Design-Build process to design and build the project. Design-Build has been shown to be successful in developing cost-effective, on-budget and on-time projects.

What is Design-Build?

The Design-Build process is a construction delivery method where the design team and construction team are hired as one entity.

Why did Arlington choose the Design-Build process for Long Bridge Park?

Design-Build allows you to leverage more for your money and greatly reduces the risk that the project could go over budget.

What are the benefits of Design-Build?

In a traditional project, the architects design the project then estimators come in with costs and then construction firms bid on the project to build it. This lack of collaboration between the architect and construction firm can increase costs and does not guarantee that the bid prices will be in line with the design estimates. In Design-Build, the designers

and contractors are hired as a team. As a team, they work together to develop cost-effective designs and construction methods.

Design-Build establishes the project cost at the beginning of the project and greatly reduces the risk that the project can exceed budget. One of the ways costs are managed is that timelines are often shortened so that early site work may begin while some design drawings are being finalized, therefore reducing the overall project duration and cost.

What are the challenges to Design-Build?

A team comprised of architects and a construction contractor is hired for a specified budget based on a set of descriptive design guidelines. This means there is not an interactive design process before the award of contract. The challenge lies in that as the contractor agrees to build the project for a specific budget, any changes to the scope after the contract are difficult.

In order to address this issue, the County has built the procurement process so that a concept design is shared by each firm for public feedback. This feedback will be incorporated into the selection process.

Has the County ever used this process before? If not, why not?

This is Arlington's first Design-Build. Virginia only recently opened this process as a tool for counties to use.

Have any other local jurisdictions used this process?

Both Washington, DC and the Department of Defense (DOD) have used it. DOD used this process recently to renovate the Pentagon. The project was completed ahead of schedule and under budget.

How will the County measure success?

Success will mean the County has delivered a facility that meets the community's needs and expectations while staying on budget and on time.

What are the stages for this Design-Build process?

- Develop project requirements (completed)
- Request for qualifications (completed)
- Request for proposal (completed)
- Contract with selected firms to provide concepts (completed)
- Concept design and development (completed)
- Firm selection based on who offers the best value and quality (anticipated at November County Board Meeting)
- Completion of design and construction documents (January 2018 to December 2018)
- Construction start (as early as July 2018)

Park and Center (open in 2021)

How were the firms in the Long Bridge Park process selected?

- All the firms demonstrated they will be able to do a good job by showing they had successful experience in similar facilities. Among a variety of considerations, qualifications included design and build experience in the following:
 - Aquatic center over 50K sf and 50m pool
 - Two recreation centers over 25K sf
 - Three LEED Silver Buildings
 - Campus/park development over \$5 million in value
 - Two environmentally impacted sites over \$5 million in value
 - Projects that used Building Information Modeling (BIM) and advanced scheduling tools
- A variety of subject matter experts, including Parks, Purchasing and County Attorney staff, were part of the process.

How will the final firm be chosen?

The Selection Advisory Committee (SAC), which is comprised of six Arlington County staff from Departments of Parks and Recreation, Environmental Services, Community Planning, Housing and Development, and Management and Finance and a community representative from the Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee, will recommend the contract award based on written proposals, oral interviews, review of concepts, public feedback and negotiations.

It is anticipated that the County Manager will make a recommendation to the County Board at the November County Board Meeting for approval to award the \$54,700,000 contract based on a mainly unaltered concept from the suggested firm. This contract award is in line with the County Board Approved FY 2017-FY 2026 Capital Investment Program.

How will the community feedback be used?

Feedback from the community will inform the SAC committee as to how the designs reflect the community's expectations for Long Bridge Park.

What is mandatory that all the designs include?

Lobby; community meeting rooms; aquatics spaces—50m pool with 1m, 3m and 5m diving, tiered bleacher seating, leisure/family pool, spa and wet classrooms; fitness center with open fitness area for cardio and weights and group exercise room; men, women and family locker rooms; staff offices, public restrooms and building support spaces.

What are optional elements that the County would like if the budget allows?

Group exercise studio; solar thermal water heating systems; improved energy performance (perform 40% better than the mandatory requirements); therapy pool; 10m dive platform; and community room.

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ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Jay Fiset, Chair, Arlington County Board
FROM: Heather Coccozza, Chair, Sports Commission
SUBJECT: Sports Commission 2016 Annual Report

The Arlington County Sports Commission serves as a conduit for information about sports and physical fitness programs among community organizations, agencies of the County government, and the Board. The Sports Commission offers recommendations and feedback on variety of sport related issues including: sport programs, adequacy and utilization of facilities, rules/policies governing participation in athletic programs, and more.

Meetings

The Sports Commission held 10 meetings in 2016. Meetings were held at Courthouse Plaza at the beginning of 2016, then moved to Langston-Brown Community Center (Room 109) from March-December. All meetings are available to the public, and the Sports Commission has a number of guests in attendance at typical meetings.

Membership

The Sports Commission dealt with a fair amount of turnover this year, including the departure of previous Chair (Craig Esherick), as well as a few longstanding members. Craig Esherick, George Towner, Mauricio Coreas, Ellen Killalea, and Asha Patton all completed their terms with the Sports Commission in 2016.

These departures led to a number of new appointments including Heather Coccozza as the new Chair of the Sports Commission. New members in 2016 are Justin Wilt, Jessica Paska, Drew Murray, Sherry Kohan, and Patricia Trapanese, John Bacon, and Larry Robertson.

As of December 2016, the Sports Commission consisted of the following members:

- Heather Coccozza, Chair
- John Bacon
- Shirley Brothwell
- Sherry Kohan
- Reggie Kouba
- Drew Murray

- Jessica Paska
- Larry Robertson
- Doug Ross
- Steve Severn
- David Tornquist
- Patricia Trapanese
- Justin Wilt

Staff:

Debbie DeFranco- APS Liaison
 Josh Colman- Staff Liaison

Member Activities

1. Established the Diamond Field Fund Committee with representatives from all diamond sports
2. Participated in seven Subcommittees, Task Forces and Work Groups and led one committee (see section below for details)
3. Began the initiative to help define certain policy aspects of the Sport User Groups (field sports)
4. Created the Gymnastics Expansion Project Workgroup to expand gymnastics into the 2nd gymnasium in FY2016, helped remove barriers and confirmed timeline for the full expansion
5. Created a Position Statement on the Sports Commission's view of county planning processes
6. Sent eight letters to the County Board (see section below for details)
7. Hosted a booth at the County Fair

Subcommittees, Task Forces & Working Groups

Members are involved in a number of working groups, subcommittees, and other advocacy work throughout the County.

- ***Aquatics Committee- Doug Ross**
 - This Committee reports to the County Board, through the Sports Commission, and the Arlington Public Schools Board. The Committee makes recommendations on the adequacy and efficiency of aquatic-related programs and facilities, engages stakeholders, and serves as a conduit for information about aquatic programs.
- ***Arlington Youth Baseball Association- Heather Coccozza & Bill Murray**
 - The AYBA works to improve the baseball experience for ballplayers ages 12 & under, focusing specifically on making progress towards the consolidation of youth baseball programs.

- *^Diamond Field Fund Committee- Steve Severn
 - The Diamond Field Fund Committee focuses on introducing and developing diamond field fund projects to be approved by the Sports Commission.
- Four Mile Run Valley Working Group- Shirley Brothwell & Justin Wilt
- Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee- Doug Ross
- PFRC for New Elementary School (NES) TJ- Jessica Paska
- Public Space Master Plan- Heather Cocozza
- Sports User Group Study- Reggie Kouba
- Williamsburg Lights Work Group- Steve Severn

*Reports to Sports Commission

^Chair this Committee

Aquatics Committee

Specific information regarding the activities of the Aquatics Committee are below. Specific questions may be directed to Jennifer Lainhart (Aquatics Committee Liaison).

As of December 2016, the Aquatics Committee consisted of the following members nominated by County Board:

- Donald Hesse, Chair
- Doug Ross (former chair member until replaced)
- Anna Necheles
- Diane Romanek
- Erik VandeMeulebroecke

And following members nominated by School Board:

- Cynthia Hilton (Vice-Chair)
- John Donnelly
- Jason Gray (leaving committee in 2017)
- Guy Land
- MacKenzie Kearney

The Aquatics Committee met five times in 2016 and addressed the following work:

- Addressed issues from members of the public which are included in the agendas posted online (<https://commissions.arlingtonva.us/sports-commission/aquatics-committee/>).
- Reviewed Superintendent's and County Manager's Proposed Budget for 2017 with regard to Aquatic Operations/Programs.
- Provided input and reviewed results of the APS Annual Aquatics Survey.

- Hosted an Aquatics Forum at the end of the year. Unfortunately, the forum was not well attended. The Committee plans to host one for early 2017 in a more electronic fashion.
- Designated a new Chair and Vice Chair for 2017 and review membership and charter.
- Review and Comment on Friends of Long Bridge Parks updates via Doug Ross.
- Annual (fall) walk through/inspection of all three pools.
- Developing guidelines for the use of pool lanes by non-lap swimmers.
- Updates on DPR waitlist for instructional programs.
- Security in locker rooms during shared use times.
- Held ongoing discussions of committee's charter revision issues (last revision was adopted by both Boards in October 2013).
- Considered need for comment on the proposed FY2017 APS budget in light of Committee's prior suggestions. Prior suggestions included Committee's 2014 Cost Analysis Report and Interim Recommendations and prior fee recommendation memos.
- Nauck Neighborhood Pool: review history and potential for future- Anna Necheles

Issues Addressed

The Sports Commission addressed, reviewed, or weighed in on a number of issues through 2016. Some of these involved communication sent to the Board, while others involved input to individual working groups, County agencies, and more. Important issues that were addressed include:

- 1) **Fencing of Bluemont Field #3-** In the spirit of compromise the Sports Commission came out in support of the adjusted project scope (reducing some of the fencing), while requesting additional monitoring of field maintenance to ensure quality control.
- 2) **Bathrooms at Yorktown HS-** Sports commission supports the long term goal of opening the Yorktown outdoor restrooms during the winter and encouraged the short-term fix of costs being split between DPR and Arlington Soccer Association (donation).
- 3) **Temporary Fire Station 10/Wilson Site-** The Sports Commission opposed locating the station on the HB Woodlawn athletic field, urging the board to choose a location that would not restrict the limited sport and recreational play.
- 4) **Powhatan Springs Skate Park-** While finding value in continuing to provide a skate park in Arlington, the commission questioned the costs relative to the use and requested that DPR consider reducing the cost, collecting fees to offset costs, or conducting an audit to ensure project does not repeat past mistakes.
- 5) **Long Bridge Park Project-** The Sports Commission supported the construction of the Long Bridge Aquatics and Fitness Facility. Additionally, the commission supported directing staff to explore other locations for the multi-program activity center (MAC), as well as working with the National Park Service to connect Long Bridge and the Mt. Vernon Trail.
- 6) **Artificial Turf Fields-** The Sports Commission supported building and upgrading additional artificial fields across the County.
- 7) **Williamsburg Lights-** The Sports Commission has a representative on the Williamsburg Lights Working Group and reviewed the Working Group presentation, as well as participated in a

question/answer session and public comment period with group members at a Sports Commission Meeting

County Board Communications

In response to some of these issues, the Sports Commission took the following positions (letters/statements are available online):

Statement/Letter	Date	Board/County Action in Alignment?
<u>FY18 Budget Planning</u>	12/4/16	To be determined in future
<u>Bluemont Field #3</u>	11/3/16	Yes
<u>FY16 Close-Out Funds</u>	11/2/16	No
<u>Community Facilities Study</u>	10/28/16	Yes
<u>Yorktown Restrooms</u>	10/2/16	To be determined in future
<u>Fire Station 10</u>	9/11/16	No
<u>Powhatan Springs Skate Park</u>	7/7/16	Yes
<u>Long Bridge Park Project</u>	6/10/16	Yes
<u>Artificial Turf Petition</u>	1/19/16	Yes

Completed Projects and Influenced Results

- Support DPR in the purchase and building of four new batting cages around the county
 - New batting cages were completed at: Westover, Tuckahoe (2 single batting cages).
 - Plans for cages at Stratford and Gunston
- Work with the County Board, DPR and the County Manager to expand the gymnastics facility at Barcroft one year earlier than proposed on the most recent CIP.
 - This was done when Friday afternoon and evening gymnastics classes expanded into the 2nd gym spring of 2016
- Provide support to the diamond field groups to encourage the county to refurbish three infields at Bluemont Park and also encourage the building of an additional diamond field at the Bluemont Park location.

- Project underway at Bluemont Field #3
 - County Board supported the Sports Commission recommendations in regards to the Bluemont Field #3 fencing and monitoring of field maintenance
- Yorktown outdoor restrooms were planned to be closed starting mid-November 2016 for the winter; however, Arlington Soccer Association provided partial funding through the Collaboration and Donation Policy with DPR to keep the restrooms open.
- Support synthetic turf project at Gunston.
 - Sports Commission voted to provide substantial Diamond Field Fund monies (\$190,000) towards construction of synthetic turf field at Gunston.

2017 ANNUAL WORK PLAN
Sports Commission

Activity	Lead Member	Status / Timeframe	Outcome
Ongoing Work			
Oversee the Diamond Field Fund Committee to review proposal and recommend projects to be funded	Steve Severn	January 31, 2017	Sports Commission votes on recommended projects
Special Projects			
Work with the County Board, the County Manager, and Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) to support the conversion of Gunston field to a synthetic turf diamond field and look for more creative ways to finance the additional costs	Drew Murray	March 1, 2017	Help Arlington Sports Foundation secure \$180,000 for synthetic turf donation
Sports User Group - Field Allocation Advisory Group	Reggie M. Kouba	Share feedback with DPR in April 2017	Define Residency for current clubs (determine percentages for clubs and fees for non-residents) and also come up with policy for new clubs coming into Arlington
Work to get more synthetic fields in the county	David Tornquist	June 1, 2017	Write letter to County Board to consider retooling the concrete courts on the W&L parking deck with sports court materials to create a field space & increase the utilization of the space
Work with Arlington sports programs to look at field / facility use issues, particularly regarding density of use issues to determine if we get more use out of existing / limited fields / facilities without serious degrading the quality of experience	Justin Will, John Bacon	May 31, 2017	Benchmark existing Arlington sports group practice densities of use
		June 30, 2017	Researching national standards
		August 30, 2017	Research other possible models
		December 31, 2017	Develop suggestions for any appropriate use alternatives

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Advocate the positive aspects of lighting the turf fields	Sherry Kohan	June 30, 2017	Produce a one pager handout that can be circulated to community members, sent to other commissions and used in public forums that lays out the positive benefits of having lighted fields, while also addressing mitigations for the major concerns. Positive benefits should include not only the direct impacts to the sports groups and the fields themselves but also the indirect impacts to the community
		July/August 2017	Plan for distributing the one-pager



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June 27, 2017

The Honorable Jay Fisette
Chair, Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Blvd
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Re: Sports Commission Membership on Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC)

Dear Chairman Fisette,

The Sports Commission respectfully requests the Arlington County Board to grant the Sports Commission a permanent membership role on the Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) so that the Commission can proactively gain a higher level of early visibility to projects that involve sports facilities and fields prior to the public hearing phase. As a member of the PFRC, the Sports Commission would provide timely and valuable input on the development of county and school projects. As the available land for new sports facilities and open space diminishes, the Commission's early input into the design process can allow for innovative designs and consideration of the design impact of projects on sports access in the county.

Membership on the PFRC will greatly improve our effectiveness as a County Advisory Commission and fulfill the role of our charter, which authorizes the Commission to make recommendations regarding, among other things, the adequacy of the County's sports facilities. Indeed, the Commission members represent key sports consumer stakeholders in the County, and its involvement in this committee has a high potential to improve the efficiency of the sports-related space planning process on the whole. Again, the County has limited options for meeting the growing demand for sports, and membership on this committee will enable the Commission to advocate for critical project requirements and scope issues at the earlier design level, when flexibility is at its highest. This, in turn, will benefit the Arlington County Board in their decision-making process.

Finally, our membership on this committee will substantially enhance the ability of the PFRC to carry out its own mission, which is to ensure that the highest quality of land use planning, design, transportation planning, and other important community aspects are incorporated into civic projects as assigned to the Committee by the Arlington County Board.

We look forward to your response to our request, and appreciate your continuing support of the Sports Commission.



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October 19, 2017

Arlington County Sports Commission
Attn: Shirley Brothwell, Chair
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Dear Ms. Brothwell,

On behalf of the Arlington County Board, I am responding to the Sports Commission's request for permanent membership on the Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC). I apologize for the delay in sending this official response.

After careful consideration, the Board does not support increasing permanent membership on the PFRC at this time. We believe that the designation of project specific PFRC members allows for the inclusion of Sports Commission appointees to the PFRC when warranted.

If there are projects set to be reviewed by the PFRC for which the Sports Commission believes a membership seat would be helpful, please notify your County Board liaison so that it can be considered when determining PFRC members for each project.

While recognizing that this is not the answer you seek, I want to be clear that the County Board in no way dismisses the value that the Sports Commission can have in shaping projects at the conceptual level. We look forward to your input on public facilities that have or could have sports components at the earliest possible stages.

Sincerely,

Christian Dorsey
Arlington County Board Member

Benjamin Banneker Park Project

Location

1680 N Sycamore Street, Arlington, VA 22205

Status

In Design

Start Date: 4th Quarter 2016 (Planning)

End Date: 2nd Quarter 2017 (Planning)

Start Date: Design/Construction (TBA)

End Date: Design/Construction (TBA)

About the Project

The Benjamin Banneker Park Project includes:


- Capital Maintenance replacement/renovations of existing park amenities, which include parking, circulation, dog park, athletic field and playground.
- Redesign and construct the segment of the Four Mile Run and W&OD multi-purpose trail that runs through the park.
- Development of overall park concepts to provide long-term planning guidance for the most recently acquired parcels along 18th Street North for incorporation into the park and related future improvements.

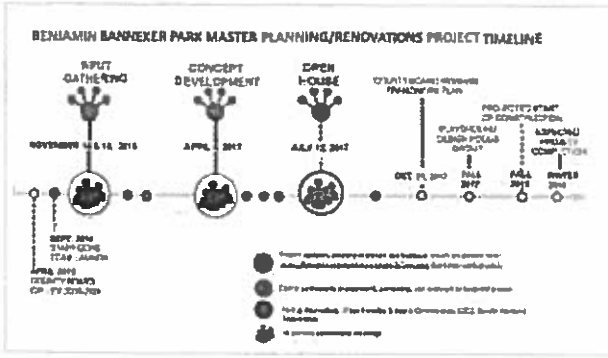
Van Buren Bridge Project

The Van Buren Bridge Project is a City of Falls Church project taking place adjacent to the park. Construction is scheduled to begin early October 2017 through Spring 2018. Bridge access will be closed during construction. For more information and project contacts, read the letter to residents or visit their project page here.

About the Process

Draft Framework Plan

View a draft framework plan report. Or you can download a PDF version of the report . The plan provides a long-term strategy for improvements to Benjamin Banneker Park and will be presented to the Arlington County Board at their December meeting with a request to adopt the plan.



Benjamin Banneker Park Project Public Process Timeline UPDATED 090617

Meeting Documents

- July 12, 2017 Presentation
- April 4, 2017 Presentation , Exhibit Boards
- Nov. 14, 2016 Presentation

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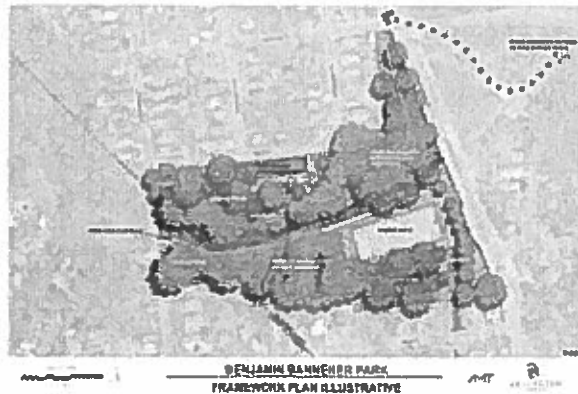
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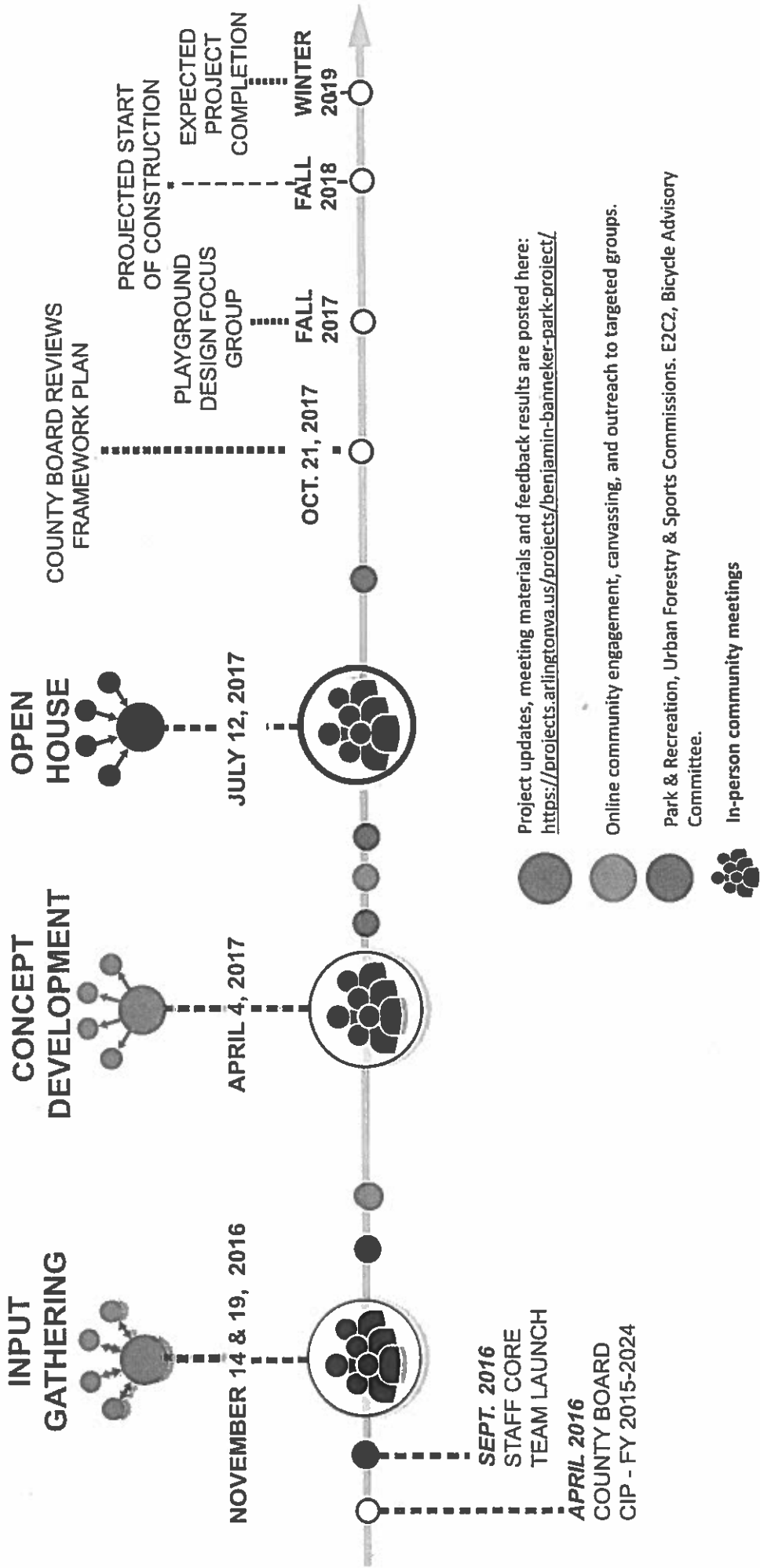
Funding

Capital Improvement Programs (Parks Maintenance Capital & Trail Modernization Program)

Image Gallery



BENJAMIN BANNEKER PARK MASTER PLANNING/RENOVATIONS PROJECT TIMELINE



The Honorable Jay Fiset
Chair, Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Blvd
Arlington, VA 22201

Re: Sports Commission Feedback Regarding Buck and Carlin Springs Opportunities

Dear Chairman Fiset,

As the Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (JFAC) continues their work in Phase 3 of the Use Determination Process, the Sports Commission would like to urge the County and Arlington Public Schools (APS) staff to include APS field space in their considerations. The Buck and Carlin Springs Subcommittee Phase 2 Status Report includes a note that Phase 3 "should include studying long term and complimentary uses," and we believe due to the increasing demand and limited space for sports in Arlington, this use deserves serious consideration as the County acquires new land.

Also, we strongly support the JFAC recommendations to study decking over Interstate 66 and to develop a plan to address Arlington Public School future space requirements, before finalizing any plans for the Buck or Carlin Springs property. While there are possible alternate locations for some proposed uses of these sites, there are very limited options for the County to address the current shortage of field or open recreational space.

Given the limited land available in Arlington, which is in high demand and expensive, the Sports Commission supports an evaluation process, as recommended by JFAC, that will identify the best possible long term solution for the Buck and Carlin Springs space, to maximize the value of these properties for the county residents. The Sports Commission is not in favor of investing in short term (5-10 year) uses of the land, and instead favor comprehensive studies of the various possibilities to develop the land. In reviewing the initial five test fit scenarios, we believe using the land for the test fit scenarios of bus parking or various storage, would waste resources and delay developing the land for other possibilities, such as field space or schools, for which there are few viable alternatives.

We support the recommendation to move forward with the acquisition of these two properties. Furthermore, the Sports Commission supports JFAC's recommendation to "study of decking over highways", particularly over Interstate 66, adjacent to the Buck property. The possibility of decking is an inherent advantage to the Buck site and should be explored. In order to determine the most efficient use of the Buck property, we would be interested in the cost of decking in comparison to purchasing additional county land. Some of the possible needs for these spaces may not have been able to be accommodated into a test fit scenario, because of space requirements. Decking could greatly expand the amount of space available and open the possibility of numerous additional test fits.

In addition to the study of decking, the Sports Commission supports the JFAC recommendation to work on "developing a work plan to address the mid- and long-term needs for schools." If these plans determine the Buck or Carlin Springs site would best accommodate the needed schools and fields, then the process to develop these lands for that purpose can begin, and other options should be identified for the parking and storage needs.

The Sports Commission is in strongly in favor of a study to evaluate decking over the highways. We also support a long term plan to address school and field needs. We are available to provide additional input as the process continues, and appreciate your consideration of this feedback in regards to Phase 3 of the Use Determination Process.

