

Fellows Property Parkland

Category: Recreation & Parks

Department Lead: Recreation & Parks

Type: New Project

Project Description, Benefit, Estimate, and Schedule

With the recent purchase of the parcel of land known as the Fellows Property, the City will turn the property into usable park space. As a new property, the master park plan is currently under development. The process has slowed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A survey, one virtual public meeting and one onsite public meeting have been completed. A draft Master Park Plan has been developed and was presented to the public via a virtual meeting in February 2022.

All existing structures on the property have been removed. Until a final Master Park Plan is developed, the funding needs are unknown. Preliminary cost estimates are based off of the previous project at West End Park.

Current community input suggests a more natural design will most likely be recommended with some form of urban agriculture included in the project.

Funding for architecture and engineering design (A&E) was included and funded as part of the FY2021 budget but has not yet been bonded. We expect to utilize the funding for A&E in the Fall of 2022, and have delayed funding for construction to FY2024.



Capital Funding Plan

Funding Source	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY29-32	10-YR Total
Local (Debt)	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000
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Total:	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000

Funding Notes: Needs for this new open space will be determined by the community as they provide input for a master park plan for this site. The funding projection was originally \$400,000, which was similar to what was spent at West End Park which is comparable in scope. With inflation and increased construction costs, we have added 25% to the construction project. The completion of A&E will help determine final construction costs.

**if no activity per City Charter (Section 6.19) in 3 years note as re-appropriation action*

Impact on Operating Costs

Difficult to determine until a master park plan and full A&E has been completed.

Conformity with Comprehensive Plan and Council Strategic Plan/ Equity Lens Score

The vision in the Parks for People plan is to "Build upon existing parks within the City to develop a well-maintained, safe, and connected park, open space, and recreation system that provides a range of amenities, enhances natural ecosystems through the use of green infrastructure, and contributes to a sense of place by enhancing and relating to adjacent land uses." Chapter Five, "Environment for Everyone", of the Comprehensive Plan discusses strategies to improve the Urban Forest and Biodiversity. One of the strategies for this is Urban Agriculture which may be incorporated into this project. This project received a ranking of high on the Equity lens. Parks are a free amenity in the community and can be enjoyed by all regardless of race, abilities, religion or economic status. Any fees that might be connected to use of this park will be eligible for discounts via the departments Fee Reduction program. This project is located next to a school enhances use by all citizens. Parks are available free of charge.

FY 23-28 Equity/Environmental/Resilience Lens Review

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Recreation and Parks	Fellows Property	\$ 400,000		H Yes, this project is located adjacent to a City of Falls Church Elementary School and within walking distance the City's largest low income housing complex. Additionally, if a community gardens feature is included, it would provide an opportunity for residents without their own yards to enjoy gardening as well as potentially provide a food source for people that might be food insecure.	H Parks are a free amenity in the community and can be enjoyed by all regardless of race, abilities, religion or economic status. If Community Gardens are included, a fee reduction program will be in place to ensure that cost does not prevent an individual from participating. This project located next to a school enhances use by all citizens. Parks are available free of charge.	N/A	CAE: The draft master park plan is leaning towards a natural, environmentally sustainable park. Any energy will be via solar panels. SSNS: Existing well will support watering of plantings and stormwater will be handled onsite. UFB: Positive impact - overall tree canopy will increase CW: Plans may include gardens which would provide a regional food source. CE: Community Engagement is active through the development of the park as well as the potential for a outdoor classroom and volunteer run gardening program	This project will protect the park in a natural state. The agricultural piece of the project may provide resiliency and could help the community recover during adverse times. Serving as an outdoor classroom, educating the public about the environment can also improve resiliency.

Park Master Plan Implementation

Category: Recreation & Parks

Department Lead: Recreation & Parks

Type: Ongoing Project

Project Description, Benefit, Estimate, and Schedule

Park Master Plan Implementation requires the purchase and installation of park and play equipment; regrading and addressing drainage issues; rain garden design and installation; interpretive signage design, and the maintenance and repair of pathways, linkages among the City's green spaces and neighborhoods; buffering from surrounding land uses; heightened visibility through signage, removal of visual impediments, green infrastructure; landscaping; additional access points; fences and picnic shelters, as well as continue the process of making our parks and park amenities accessible according to ADA standards, and usable by all people regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, abilities or economic status.

(FY23) Pathways (150K) - Recreation & Parks maintains ~5,000 square feet of pathways, some of which are in terrible condition and do not meet ADA requirements.

(FY24) Berman Park Play equipment (350K) - Berman play equipment has been neglected and is one of the oldest play structures in our parks. A majority of the current equipment in these parks no longer meet state required standards. Voluntary concession funding, from the Founders Row development, will be used to help offset the cost. Existing footprint of play equipment will remain. This park connects to the largest development of low income housing in the City.

(FY25) Cherry Hill & Cavalier Tennis and Basketball court lights (440K) - The existing lights are end of life and we currently experience lighting issues regularly. The new lights will be more economical and there will be less spillover, which has been a complaint by neighboring residents.

(FY26) Cavalier Trail and Crossman Park Play equipment (400K) - This is also some of the oldest play equipment in our parks. A majority of the current equipment in these parks no longer meet state required standards. Cavalier Trail Park is also in close proximity to several affordable dwelling units and on the south side of town which houses a more diverse population. Due to storm damage, the play equipment in Crossman Park has mostly been destroyed and removed.

(FY27) Roberts Park improvements (500K) to include replacing play equipment, replacing old outdoor sport court, other park amenities, and improve the overall look of the park.

(FY28) West End Park play equipment replacement (375K). While West End Park was renovated in 2015, the project had not included the replacement of the play equipment.

(FY29-31) \$2,000,000 - A coordinated effort between the City's CPEDS and Recreation and Parks is ongoing to improve trails and connectivity - Potential grant funding is being investigated. The \$900,000 is for future park and playground replacements as well as adding a historically appropriate permanent stage to the well-used barn area in Cherry Hill Park. Other possibilities include increasing outdoor programming space with a covered programming area that is usable in all types of weather.

These Park Master Plan Implementation funds along with future voluntary concession funds will be used to continue implementation of master park plans. Larger individual projects will continue to be separated out into their own CIP project such as the Fellows Property and Open Space Acquisition.



Capital Funding Plan

Funding Source	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029-32	10-YR Total
Local (Debt)	\$ 150,000	\$ 157,223	\$ 440,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 2,922,223
Unfunded	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
VC (Founders Row)	\$ -	\$ 192,777	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 192,777
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total:	\$ 150,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 440,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 2,900,000	\$ 5,115,000

Funding Notes: Due to the nature of the park implementation program, it is difficult to determine detailed costs. Park Master Plan Implementation is cyclical by nature.

FY23 Continue working with public works to ensure best possible contract pricing.

FY24 & FY26 play equipment costs are estimated by size of equipment and footprint of existing play structures.

FY25 lighting costs are from a quote received by a professional athletic lighting company.

FY27 Roberts Park Master Park Implementation will consist of more than just playground equipment replacement - these costs are estimates at this time.

*The City will explore grant funding to create an interconnected network of green spaces and recreational facilities that are highly visible and easily accessible. Grant funding, est. at \$2M, can permit more than the standard repaving to include trail widening, alternative materials, educational signage and more.

Impact on Operating Costs

There are no expected additional operating costs for any projects proposed through FY26. The existing play equipment requires more maintenance than new equipment will. The new tennis court lighting will also be more economical and environmentally friendly. FY27 operating costs TBD.

Conformity with Comprehensive Plan and Council Strategic Plan/ Equity Lens Score

Chapter Six, "Parks For People Plan", of the Comprehensive Plan establishes a clear vision for the City with respect to the need for open space and parkland: "Parks, open space, and recreational facilities are critical components of a community's quality of life and the health of its citizens. Parks provide social, environmental, and economic benefits." The vision is "Build upon existing parks within the City to develop a well-maintained, safe, and connected park, open space, and recreation system that provides a range of amenities, enhances natural ecosystems through the use of green infrastructure, and contributes to a sense of place by enhancing and relating to adjacent land uses."

Master Park Implementations rank High on the Equity rating as all parks as open to all. Some parks in particular, such as Berman Park and Cavalier Trail Park especially serve neighborhood with lower income housing.

FY 23-28 Equity/Environmental/Resilience Lens Review

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Recreation and Parks	Park Master Plan Implementation	Ongoing - \$2,065,000 6 yr CIP	Yes	H Yes, this project benefits communities of color, low-income neighborhoods, and persons with disabilities. Parks are inherently for all people, free and accessible. Both Berman Park and Cavalier Trail Park are located in neighborhoods that include low-income housing. ADA components within the build will benefit those with disabilities.	H To encourage use of courts, shelters & programs, the City has revised and strongly promotes its fee reduction program and has placed play equipment at all tennis courts to make them available to those in need. Two of the upcoming playground replacements are in parks located adjacent or in close proximity to some of the largest number of residents residing in low income housing. Parks are available free of charge.	N/A	CAE: Replacement of sport court lights will decrease light pollution and utilize LED lighting, which will use less energy and last longer. SSNS: The existing Master Park Plan for Roberts Park includes the daylighting of the current underground stream. UFB: Neutral CW: Project will use products made from recycled materials, and also recycle removed materials where possible CE: Public engagement will be included in a majority of these projects. Parks have positive impacts on the entire community, both residential and commercial.	What impact does the request have on environmental sustainability? Consider five categories: Climate, Air & Energy (CAE); Stormwater, Streams & Natural Springs (SSNS); Urban Forest & Biodiversity (UFB); Consumption & Waste (C&W); Community Engagement (CE). For clarification, refer to Comp Plan Ch. 5 Environment for Everyone. https://www.fallschurchva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11848/Environment-Chapter-February-10-2020-FINAL What impact does the request have on the community's ability to withstand, adapt to and/or recover from adversity (whether natural or man-made)?

Acquisition of Open Space (MODIFIED)

Category: Recreation & Parks

Department Lead: Recreation & Parks

Type: Ongoing Project

Project Description, Benefit, Estimate, and Schedule

The City Council appointed Task Force on Open Space Acquisition identifies and prioritizes parcels of land that should be preserved as open space, advises the City Council on a financial strategy for land acquisition; and develops an implementation plan to put the City in the most favorable position to act as opportunities appear. The reasons for making the acquisition of open space a high priority for the City include:

- The Northern Virginia Region continues to grow in population and commercial activity
- The citizens of Falls Church value the quiet and serenity that can be found in its natural areas and recognize the benefit these places have in terms of cleaner air, reduced storm water run-off, and as places for neighbors to come together and enjoy the outdoors. During the last several decades the City's citizens have participated in the City's planning efforts, and have repeatedly emphasized the value of open space as an important part of their quality of life.

Today, more than ever, the community recognizes the importance of open space to mental and physical health.

The City has made significant investments in land for public parks and the time is right to renew its commitment to open space acquisition. Future uses of these funds would be used to increase current park land, or provide an additional access point to parks with Roberts Park and West End Park as priority. It is the desire of the Open Space Committee to always have \$1,000,000 readily available. If the funding is spent partially spent or expires, it is requested that funding be added so there is always \$1,000,000 available. This will allow the City to purchase these properties/easements when they become available.



Capital Funding Plan

Funding Source	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029-32	10-YR Total
Unfunded	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
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Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 3,000,000

Funding Notes: Recreation and Parks Advisory Board and others have recommended Council establish a set of voluntary concessions for new development which would allocate funds for Open Space. It is the desire of the Open Space Committee to always have \$1,000,000 readily available. If the funding is spent, partially spent or expires, it is requested that funding be added so there is always \$1,000,000 available. This will allow the City to purchase these properties/easements when they become available. The \$1,000,000 is included every three years as to keep it from expiring.

**if no activity per City Charter (Section 6.19) in 3 years note as re-appropriation action*

Impact on Operating Costs

Any new land brought into public ownership by the City will carry with it new operating costs. The calculation of these costs will depend on the acreage and use of the land.

Conformity with Comprehensive Plan and Council Strategic Plan/ Equity Lens Score

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As parks are open and available to the entire community, this project ranks high on the equity lens ranking.

FY 23-28 Equity/Environmental/Resilience Lens Review

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Recreation and Parks		\$ 3,000,000	Unfunded	H	All park space is available to the community at no cost. Any additional purchases will only enhance access to or increase this park space. When looking at future parcels, this equity lens should be a key driver as to whether or not the property should be recommended to Council for purchasing.	M	Until a parcel is identified for purchase, impacts on disparities and inequities are unknown.		N/A	Parkland in general will always have positive environmental aspects. Parks are great locations for stormwater management projects throughout the City. Until a parcel and its use are identified, specific impacts are unknown.	Some desired parkland purchases will have the ability to enhance resiliency.

Synthetic Field Replacement

Category: Recreation & Parks

Department Lead: Recreation & Parks

Type: Ongoing Project

Project Description, Benefit, Estimate, and Schedule

The City of Falls Church currently has three synthetic turf fields. Opposed to natural grass fields, which have a maximum 75 uses per year, synthetic turf fields are only limited by the number of usable time slots in a day.

The total life cycle of synthetic turf fields is a maximum of 9 to 10 years. Maintaining a natural grass Bermuda field over the same time frame is equal in cost to the replacement of a synthetic turf and would result in significantly less available time slots for all entities using the field.

- FY25 - Replacement of the Synthetic Stadium Turf Field at the High School
- FY29 - Replacement of the Synthetic Turf Field at Larry Graves
- FY31 - Replacement of the Synthetic Turf practice field at the High School

Each field replacement currently cost \$450,000.



Capital Funding Plan

Funding Source	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029-32	10-YR Total
Local (Debt)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 562,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,125,000	\$ 1,687,500
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 562,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,125,000	\$ 1,687,500

Funding Notes: There has been discussion in the past if this should be considered a CIP or reserve fund item in anticipation of these synthetic turf replacements. Cost estimates are from the recent field replacement of the stadium field in FY16, plus an additional 25% due to increased construction costs.

**if no activity per City Charter (Section 6.19) in 3 years note as re-appropriation action*

Impact on Operating Costs

Some rental fees will be beneficial in offsetting the cost of these replacements. FCCPS does annual maintenance on fields at Meridian High School. Larry Graves is handled by Fairfax County Park Authority as part of an annual maintenance plan for the entire park.

Conformity with Comprehensive Plan and Council Strategic Plan/ Equity Lens Score

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FY 23-28 Equity/Environmental/Resilience Lens Review

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Recreation and Parks	Synthetic Field	\$ 1,687,500	Unfunded	H Yes, Quality rectangular playing fields provide an opportunity for recreational activities to all ages, regardless of color, economic status, and persons with disabilities. The department strongly promotes its fee reduction programs, making our youth soccer and youth flag football programs that use these fields, accessible to the entire community. The City currently has fields at both ends of the City, making them geographically accessible to all residents.	H Fee reduction program makes use of the fields for our youth sports programs accessible to those with lower incomes. The two fields located at Meridian High School are utilized by all students at the middle school and high school. The field at Larry Graves has timeslots available for drop-in use at no cost.	N/A	CAE: Artificial turf requires less use of motorized equipment, such as brushes and leaf blowers, than mowing and treating natural turf. SSNS: Absorption of rainwater in both synthetic and natural turf fields is less than preferred, however synthetic turf does have a high rate of absorption that goes directly into an approved stormwater system. Artificial turf infill and particulates from "grass" migrate with use, and may contaminate local stormwater systems. UFB: Sportsfields of any kind reduce the open space available for urban forest and have negative impacts on biodiversity. C&W: Artificial turf infill needs routine replenishment, typically using recycled materials. Used artificial turf is not typically recyclable. CE: Sportsfields offer recreational opportunities, support better public health and foster strong community spirit. Recreation and Parks, and the Advisory Board of Recreation and Parks, considers that the positive benefits of sportsfields with artificial turf outweigh their negative impacts, due to their ability to be used year round and during inclement weather. In today's world, the community expects outdoor amenities available year round and synthetic turf fields meet this need.	Community and school programming offered on these synthetic fields, provides opportunity for and encourages both better health and strong community spirit, which assists in recovery from any and all kinds of adversity.