

# ALCOVA HEIGHTS PARK RENOVATIONS

## COMMUNITY KICK-OFF MEETINGS MINUTES

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Date: September 18, 2018 & September 29, 2018

The Department of Parks and Recreations (DPR) conducted a Community Kick-off Meeting September 18, 2018 and September 29, 2018 to give a project overview, discuss the project scope in two separate phases, inform about some project constraints, and receive general feedback on the project. The meeting was advertised to County residents via project page, project list serve, on-site flyers, on-site sandwich board, and on-site information gathering station.

Below is a summary of the meetings:

### Introduction of DPR Staff

- Bernadette Gullón, Landscape Architect & Project Manager
- Joshua Serck, Landscape Architect
- Aaron Wohler, Landscape Architect
- Wilfredo Calderon, Communications Specialist
- Susan Kalish, Public Relations Director

### Project Overview

- Design and construction for replacement or renovation of basketball court and lights, picnic shelter, sand volleyball court, picnic shelter, restroom, site circulation, site furnishings, signage, fencing, drainage, stormwater management improvements, ADA accessibility improvements, landscaping, playground, and diamond field.\*



- The project will be broken up into the following two phases.
  - **Phase I**
    - Picnic Areas
    - Picnic Shelter
    - Sand Volleyball Court
    - Restrooms
    - Basketball Court & Lighting
  - **Phase II**
    - Playground
    - Diamond Field

*\*Note: Refer to 'Alcova Heights Park, Existing Conditions' map under Image Gallery on the project page.*

- The Alcova Heights Renovations Project's level of engagement is **Consult**. This level of engagement means that staff will keep the community informed of project process and updates and will listen to views and provide feedback on how the input influenced the project and/or decisions. Upcoming public engagement will include walking tours and field visits with members of the public, sharing of project information and design considerations, listening sessions, and online feedback opportunities through use of comment boxes, surveys and polls.

## Project Schedule (October 2018)

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| ▪ Face to face canvassing @ Alcova Heights       | August/September 2018                         |
| ▪ Community Kick-off Meeting @ Arlington Mill CC | September 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2018             |
| ▪ Community Kick-off Meeting @ Alcova Hts. Park  | September 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2018             |
| ▪ Conceptual Design, Phase I                     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018 |
| ▪ Community Meeting #2                           | November/December 2018                        |
| ▪ Design Development, Phase I                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019                  |
| ▪ Community Meeting #3/Open House                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019                  |
| ▪ Construction Documents & Bidding               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019                  |
| ▪ Start Construction, Phase I                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020                  |
| ▪ End Construction, Phase I                      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020                  |
| ▪ <i>Schedule for Phase II</i>                   | <i>To Be Determined</i>                       |

## Community Feedback from Kick-off Meetings

- What sort of work is needed on the shelters?
  - **RESPONSE:** One shelter will be replaced (*Refer to 'Alcova Heights Park, Existing Conditions' map under Image Gallery on the project page*). The other two may be renovated per minor structural conformity and aesthetics.

- Drainage issues around volley ball court.
  - RESPONSE: Drainage issues will be addressed.
- Good use of volleyball court, two benches used.
- Concern with making more impervious surfaces.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Gutters on shelter roofs.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Baby changing stations in restroom for both genders.
  - RESPONSE: Will be provided per code.
- Restroom floods over the year.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Basketball needs benches.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Lights need to be angled on the court
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- People drive their car on the path by the basketball and park to shine their lights on court after hours.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Bleachers are too much but benches needed by bb court.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- When is phase II planned?
  - RESPONSE: DPR does not know this at the current time.
- Why is there not enough funding for the playground now?
  - RESPONSE: The County's Capital Improvement Program is a planning tool that projects funds for all years after the current funding year. For example, in the FY2017-FY2026 CIP, all years after FY2017 are considered out years. The Alcova Heights projects was identified in the FY2017-FY2026 CIP as a Parks Maintenance Capital out year project. However, during the FY2018 budget process, a portion of the Parks Maintenance Capital budget was shifted to Glencarlyn to address the picnic shelter due to its significantly deteriorated condition. The adopted FY2018 budget notes that the Alcova Heights project was reduced and will be broken into two phases. The second phase will be considered as part of a future budget.
- Can you put assessable swings until it gets updated. More benches by playground.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will inquire this with maintenance staff.
- Stream is overflowing and the mulch is messing things up... can we address the mulch issue now.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will inquire this with maintenance staff.
- Diamond field used for Frisbee, kickball and football used for lots of things.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during Phase II (date: TBD).
- The field is often moist and drainage could be better.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during Phase II (date: TBD).

- Plantings in park...northern side has good trees
- Southern portion is overgrown with invasive... no one uses the area because of the overgrowth.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Include this park in invasive clean ups.
- Evidence of drinking in southern portion.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will inquire this with maintenance staff.
- When we did the park clean up there were corrugated metal pipes that look dangerous.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will inquire this with maintenance staff.
- People who park on George mason and throw trash in park.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Trail on eastern park gets muddy and is covered in mulch. The trail can be better maintained.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will inquire this with maintenance staff.
- Need an entrance from the north.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Check if the Bancroft president is on the list.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will check.
- Double check we are pushing out to outreach list.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will check.
- Do we need a bigger shelter?
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Concern about safety as the park is split by a road.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- With cars parked on 8th its hard to see little kids.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- National guard buses park in street and stay there.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Lots of erosion on stream in north ...how can the county address.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- What Kelvin will the new lights be? If the lights are too high a kelvin it makes it difficult to see.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- What accommodations will be made for ADA access. Currently many areas of the park are difficult for the mobility impaired to access.
  - RESPONSE: ADA accessibility shall meet national codes. DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Would like improvements on the path connection to 6th street at the North East edge of the park.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will inquire this with maintenance staff.
- The existing path is muddy and doesn't get maintained.
  - RESPONSE: DPR will inquire this with maintenance staff.
- Can construction be phased to keep some of the park open during construction?
  - RESPONSE: DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.

- What is the R.P.A.? How wide is it and what limitation are there for working within it?
  - **RESPONSE:** The Resource Protection Area, or RPA, includes streams, rivers, and other water bodies and the environmentally sensitive lands within 100 feet of these water resources. These areas are known as stream or wetland buffers, and help protect water quality by:
    - filtering out pollutants from stormwater runoff,
    - reducing the volume of stormwater runoff,
    - minimizing erosion, and
    - providing wildlife habitat.
  - A fully vegetated stream buffer can help protect private property by preventing erosion along a water body. Steep slopes (25 percent or greater) that are adjacent to buffers are also part of the RPA because of the potential for erosion in these areas.
  - In RPAs, existing trees and other vegetation are protected and building projects are regulated to protect water quality.  
*Source: Arlington County's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance.*
- All of the existing park furnishings such as picnic tables, benches, and grills should to be replaced, not just the ones indicated on the site map.
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Is the fire pit staying? The community used to use the pit but it became difficult to obtain a permit to have a fire. What can be done to make it easier to get a permit?
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- The grills quickly become an eyesore. Is there a better surface such as stainless steel that would clean up easier?
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Can there be a bridge or steps at the North East corner of the site? I wasn't sure exactly what this comment was referring to.
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Can there be an easier way to access the northern shelter area from George Mason Drive? Stairs down the hill?
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- There is a need for a more visible and obvious crosswalk across 8th Street. There used to be a raised crosswalk, but that was removed. The crosswalk shouldn't be too close to George Mason to allow for visibility.
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- The restroom needs more obvious signage. Many people don't know it is a restroom and you cannot tell which side to enter from the east.
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Can there be water fountains on the outside of the restroom?
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- The address of the park seems wrong. The 800 block of George Mason is across the street.
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.

- Is new signage in the scope of work for phase 1?
  - **RESPONSE:** Yes.
- Why are there lights on the basketball court if the park closes at dark? Signage to indicate which areas are open vs. closed at dark would be helpful.
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- The lighting for the basketball court should have a timer so that the lights are not on when not in use, and the lights should not work after a certain time.
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Will there be an emergency beacon/blue light in the park?
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- What measures can be taken to keep the water/stream clean?
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- It would be nice to have signs that talk about Doctors Run or signage for local birds that nest in the park.
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Additional trash cans are needed at the southern end of the park.
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- The existing trash cans don't have lids and wind can blow trash out.
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will inquire this with maintenance staff.
- Would it be possible to swap one of the existing swings with an ADA compliant, or seat swing in the short term/phase 1?
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will inquire this with maintenance staff.
- Is there a way to provide easier access down to the stream?
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Could we provide plantings for erosion control on the bank adjacent to Randolph Street?
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Likes that we are planning on dividing the playground by age.
- Could we have a nature themed playground?
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during Phase II (date: TBD).
- Could we incorporate a kids nature trail?
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during Phase II (date: TBD).
- Could we incorporate adult fitness equipment?
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during Phase II (date: TBD).
- What can be done about deer in the park?
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will inquire this with maintenance staff.
- Would DPR be able to come to the civic association meetings? There would be better attendance at those meetings.
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will send a response to both Alcova Heights and Barcroft CAs.
- Would like a water bowl for dogs in the water fountain.
  - **RESPONSE:** DPR will study this during upcoming design phase.
- Is there room for an unleashed dog area?
  - **RESPONSE:** An unleashed dog area is not included in the project scope.

## Alcova Heights Park Online Feedback Opportunity to date (10-01-2018)

### 1. What do you like most about the park?

Beauty and quiet area to walk

9/23/2018 11:58 AM

how much use it gets

9/19/2018 1:26 PM

Great trees and shade on most of the playground equipment. Well maintained

9/18/2018 4:18 PM

Shade, playground

9/17/2018 9:12 PM

Play area for kids - my neices and nephews thinks this is the best play area!

9/17/2018 5:13 PM

Shade provided by trees

9/17/2018 5:09 PM

Location and woodsieness

9/8/2018 8:27 PM

the creek and undeveloped forest areas

9/7/2018 1:47 PM

The trees provide abundant shade over the play area allowing kids to play without overheating.

9/7/2018 12:41 PM

Playground area and the working bathrooms.

9/5/2018 6:46 AM

The rocks around the water for kids to play on, the shade

8/28/2018 5:33 PM



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closeness to me; shelters  
8/27/2018 4:27 PM



it is close to me...across the street close  
8/27/2018 12:18 PM



Play areas for multi-age children, picnic tables  
8/26/2018 10:50 PM



The playground variety for my children  
8/26/2018 6:15 PM



Shade, playground, stream  
8/26/2018 5:22 PM



Shade around play structures  
8/26/2018 8:15 AM



The trees, picnic and play areas. The stream.  
8/21/2018 5:20 PM



Shade, modern but functional for wide age range play structure, open space for play, gazebo for gatherings, bathrooms!  
8/17/2018 9:22 PM



shade, restrooms & water fountain, good mix of play equipment, integration with stream  
8/17/2018 4:28 PM



Beautiful shade & stream  
8/17/2018 10:55 AM



Green space in our neighborhood  
8/16/2018 3:13 PM



Variety of uses, good pathway through the playground side.  
8/16/2018 11:26 AM



Playground is shaded, access to Doctor's Run. Good range of play equipment for all ages  
8/16/2018 9:44 AM





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Playground & stream & trees & path



Our kids can walk from our house down to play at the park.



The tall trees and the playground

8/16/2018 8:21 AM



green space, shade

8/16/2018 7:54 AM



Volleyball. Trees. Playground. Open space. Natural beauty. Creek.

8/16/2018 7:20 AM



A good mix of amenities

8/16/2018 7:14 AM



Great playground but could use some upgrades

8/16/2018 7:11 AM



The water, the access to the water and peaceful walk along the watering the volleyball court side

8/16/2018 7:06 AM



Playground

8/16/2018 5:52 AM



I like the walk from S. Quincy to 7th St. S., as it avoids walking up a hill

8/15/2018 11:03 PM



The trail from Quincy to 6th Street

8/15/2018 9:44 PM



Trees and creek. Shade and great playground for my kids.

8/15/2018 8:10 PM



playground equipment, big trees, walking trail

8/15/2018 3:12 PM



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Location; shade; variety of amenities including stream, restrooms, volleyball, and pedestrian pathway on picnic side, asphalt lap around equipment on other side; swings

8/15/2018 2:31 PM



Shaded areas of play.

8/15/2018 2:19 PM



Love it all, but now that there's no path by the training center, must use the very muddy path through woods.

8/15/2018 2:04 PM



Playground and walking path

8/15/2018 1:58 PM



the playground is great for my 1.5 year old but there is a lot of opportunity for her to play when she gets older as well.

8/15/2018 1:25 PM



the unpaved trail leading from Quincy to 8th street adjacent to Doctor's run makes you feel like you've escaped to the woods (please leave it un-paved!). I also enjoy seeing the occasional fox in that area at dusk. The stream is a huge plus to the park, and all the shade trees are delightful.

8/15/2018 1:23 PM



The shade around the playground

8/15/2018 1:01 PM



The shade! The baseball field! And the access to water!

8/15/2018 12:56 PM



Picnic areas for families, ball field, proximity to water, shade

8/15/2018 12:54 PM



Trees and shade!

8/15/2018 12:47 PM



Open space and creek

8/15/2018 12:36 PM



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Walking path  
8/15/2018 12:10 PM



The shade  
8/15/2018 12:10 PM



The shade  
8/15/2018 12:05 PM



Airy open status  
8/15/2018 12:05 PM



It's shady  
8/15/2018 7:13 AM

## 2. What do you like least about the park?

The muddy swampy area on neighbor hood side. The discarded fallen trees just dumped where they fall. Area of swampy water and mud is loaded with mosquitos. Because of this area people need to walk further up hill which will depleat the ground area.  
9/23/2018 11:58 AM



drainage issues -- swampy and buggy  
9/19/2018 1:26 PM



I wish the playground equipment and ramadas were on the same side of the street. It is scary to have young kids trying to cross the busy street to get from ramadas to the playground and vice versa  
9/18/2018 4:18 PM



Picnic areas are in need of serious help. Lots erosion around the big shelter, grass is in poor shape.  
9/17/2018 9:12 PM



picnic area, having to cross street to get to park  
9/17/2018 5:13 PM



Mosquitos  
9/17/2018 5:09 PM



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I walk my dogs through it and would love if the path could loop back on both sides of the creek

9/8/2018 8:27 PM



the lack of connectivity east-west and the intrusion of the NAFC

9/7/2018 1:47 PM



I would like to see a separate play area for smaller kids. With only the one play area, the older kids have to run and play around the younger children which can sometimes cause accidents. It would be nice to have options for the smaller guys to play safe as well.

9/7/2018 12:41 PM



BBQ / picnic area seems run down and is separated by a street from playground.

9/5/2018 6:46 AM



parking infringement and noise

8/30/2018 4:36 PM



The baseball field needs to be improved so that it can be used for more games

8/28/2018 5:33 PM



equipment is lacking in imagination



the use of portable electric generators to power megaphones and to play music (I like the music!) can hamper nap time for infants and night workers in the nearby neighborhoods. Probably no fix for this, but posted times when electric sound augmentation is permissible would be a nice addition. Maybe shelter reservation forms could specify acceptable sound amplification ground rules.

8/27/2018 12:18 PM



Street going through it

8/26/2018 10:50 PM



Trash in the water, wasted spaces, could have more/larger playground

8/26/2018 5:22 PM



Wooded area with picnic areas. Feels unsafe

8/26/2018 8:15 AM



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The fact that the park is divided by S.8th St-dangerous for people crossing over from one side to another. Parts of the park are not kept mowed and people drink and throw trash. Homeless live there. More space could be used for picnics and recreation. the next

8/21/2018 5:20 PM



Parking of commercial and Guard Bureau/State vehicles, vagrants on north side, drainage issues

8/17/2018 9:22 PM



baseball field area turf is usually muddy or in bad condition, Foreign Service Institute shuttle buses constantly idling on 8th St. (toxic)

8/17/2018 4:28 PM



No access across Doctor's run from trail in Alcova Heights

8/17/2018 10:55 AM



Landscaping, lack of garden areas

8/16/2018 3:13 PM



Lack of connection on the north side, wish there was a bridge over the creek and connection to the paved path along George mason and east towards Quincy/6th street.streets

8/16/2018 11:26 AM



Pavilions and picnic tables (north of 8th street) are outdated and need refreshed.

8/16/2018 9:44 AM



Crossing between picnic area and playground area. Would like a safer crossing with raised crosswalk, signage, lights.

8/16/2018 8:36 AM



The lack of 8 foot bridge across doctors run.

8/16/2018 8:24 AM



invasive species, loud events

8/16/2018 7:54 AM



Baseball diamond gets pretty muddy.

8/16/2018 7:20 AM



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trash in and around the stream/miss the NFATC bike path!

8/16/2018 7:14 AM



The trash that gets left there

8/16/2018 7:06 AM



Sometimes the footpath from S. Quincy to 7th St. S. is very muddy and needs mulch or gravel -- I understand not paving it. Also would love a little bridge across Doctor's Run for pedestrians and bicycles. I also dislike when large gatherings use a loud public address system that can be heard from blocks away.

8/15/2018 11:03 PM



No place to unleash the dogs

8/15/2018 9:44 PM



No bike path connecting George Mason and 6th St S/Quincy

8/15/2018 8:10 PM



location of volleyball court; not enough benches by volleyball court; need area for dogs, especially since access to Foreign Affairs Center no longer available; no bike racks; not enough picnic shelters; would be great to have a tennis backboard area

8/15/2018 2:31 PM



Mulch surfaces.

8/15/2018 2:19 PM



The mucky path (in wet weather) that joins 6th to 8th. Need a reasonable linkup.

8/15/2018 2:04 PM



Congestion and traffic, large trucks that loiter on 8th. Trash and accumulated debris and homeless people who loiter near the eating / picnic areas.

8/15/2018 1:58 PM



As a resident living across from the park, the loud ice cream truck coming every weekend is annoying. It would be great if they lowered the decibels of their loudspeakers so I can't hear it behind closed windows at 200 yards away. Also, there are some late night parties/loitering that is unsavory, and National Guard headquarters employees park along Randolph and 8th Street every weekday. Others leave work vehicles on Randolph adjacent to the park long term. It might be worth considering 8 hour parking there unless permitted to allow park visitors and homeowners better access to parking. I also don't like that county employees are out blowing leaves at 7am every day basically ALL year round. It seems excessive.

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Lack of options, outside of the playground, for children

8/15/2018 1:01 PM



The lack of structures for smaller kids.

8/15/2018 12:56 PM



I really wish Arlington had an outdoor squash court. Make this the place for it! I will help.

8/15/2018 12:54 PM



Parking is 2 hour but the feds use it for bus parking (difficult to see around) and all day parking. Regardless of complaints, nothing is done. Parking is my least favorite.

8/15/2018 12:47 PM



Picnic shelters could use upgrading

8/15/2018 12:36 PM



Standing water in natural/wetland areas

8/15/2018 12:10 PM



The street in between...but water fountains not on year round, janitor saying we have the dirtiest bathrooms



That it's not fully fenced in.



The incomplete path that continues from the volleyball court; and the lack of a bridge further up the stream.



The restrooms are in poor shape and often dirty, but much appreciated



### 3. What do you do in the park?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Rest under shade	66.04% 35
Play on the court and field	41.51% 22
Play on the playground	75.47% 40
Grill	3.77% 2
Picnic under the shelters	22.64% 12
Picnic in the open space	15.09% 8
Never use the park	0.00% 0
What have we missed? Let us know how else you use the park.	<a href="#">Responses</a> 56.60% 30

Walk on the path on the neighbor side of park  
 9/23/2018 11:58 AM

play volleyball; walk dogs; watch birds

9/19/2018 1:26 PM

Dog walk

9/8/2018 8:27 PM

walk through with dog, or walk for peace and quiet -- we need a cordoned off dog park (and the former "sledding hill" would be perfect for that) as well as more open field space (not for games ... just throwing a disc or having a picnic)

9/7/2018 1:47 PM

Walks along the creek.

9/5/2018 6:46 AM

jogging. It would be nice to have a formal jogging path in the park instead of a rutted maintenance vehicle road; need more picnic shelters; now that the access road from George Mason to 6 th St S is closed, access via Alcova Park from 8th St. S to 6 th St. S could be improved--mostly a muddy path north of volleyball court at present.

8/27/2018 12:18 PM

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Walk down to the stream and play

8/26/2018 5:22 PM



Walk the path to S. 6th ST

8/21/2018 5:20 PM



Attend community events - the open space is very valuable for gatherings!

8/17/2018 9:22 PM



play in/around creek

8/17/2018 4:28 PM



Walk dog through park to observe nature

8/17/2018 10:55 AM



walking the trails, play by the water

8/16/2018 11:26 AM



Play carefully in stream

8/16/2018 8:36 AM



We cut through the park to get from George Mason to our house. We used to go across the state department path path that has closed. We now have to wind our way through the muddy path.

8/16/2018 8:24 AM



walk on trails

8/16/2018 7:54 AM



Walk. Play in open space. My family does not use the basketball courts or picnic areas but they are very popular. And a paved path around park for young children on wheels would be nice. They currently ride around the playground area which is great, but maybe not safe when crowded.

8/16/2018 7:20 AM



walk the dog

8/16/2018 7:14 AM



Walk on path on volleyball court side on other side of water as the pavillions

8/16/2018 7:06 AM



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Walk dogs or use it as a shortcut to avoid the steep hill on S. Quincy  
8/15/2018 11:03 PM



Walk my dog  
8/15/2018 9:44 PM



Walk/bike along creek  
8/15/2018 8:10 PM



neighborhood uses space for events; take walks on trail near picnic areas  
8/15/2018 3:12 PM



For taking walks/jogs; walking dog; neighborhood Halloween gathering; babysitting  
coop gatherings  
8/15/2018 2:31 PM



Walk dog along from 6th to 8th. Actually my daughter has grown out of the playground,  
but it was so key for years!  
8/15/2018 2:04 PM



My daughter loves the water fountain.  
8/15/2018 1:25 PM



I live directly across from the park so access as part of my daily life  
8/15/2018 1:23 PM



Play by the brook  
8/15/2018 12:54 PM



Walking around creek area, feels woodsy, great place to play when it snows  
8/15/2018 12:47 PM



Walk the path with neighbors  
8/15/2018 12:10 PM



Neighborhood events, walking

## 4. How often do you or others in your household use the park's...

	DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	LESS THAN 12 TIMES A YEAR	NEVER	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Basketball court	4.00% 2	18.00% 9	6.00% 3	16.00% 8	56.00% 28	50	4.02
Play equipment	14.00% 7	44.00% 22	14.00% 7	16.00% 8	12.00% 6	50	2.68
Volleyball court	0.00% 0	4.08% 2	10.20% 5	18.37% 9	67.35% 33	49	4.49
Grill	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	28.57% 14	71.43% 35	49	4.71
Picnic shelter	0.00% 0	1.92% 1	9.62% 5	51.92% 27	36.54% 19	52	4.23
Restrooms	5.88% 3	25.49% 13	21.57% 11	25.49% 13	21.57% 11	51	3.31

## 5. How do you use the diamond field?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Scheduled youth baseball practice and games	11.32%	6
Pick-up football	5.66%	3
Pick-up soccer	13.21%	7
Pick-up Frisbee	20.75%	11
Picnicking	3.77%	2
Never use it	37.74%	20
Something else?	Responses 43.40%	23

dog walking and fetch

9/19/2018 1:26 PM



playing catch and playing tag

9/18/2018 4:18 PM

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Walk  
9/8/2018 8:27 PM

Pick-up baseball, little kids like to run around the bases and dig in the dirt.  
9/7/2018 12:41 PM

Just running with young kids.  
9/5/2018 6:46 AM

pick up baseball/softball practice  
8/27/2018 12:18 PM

I have not used it due to young age of my child. But I would like it to remain since we will use it in the future.  
8/26/2018 5:22 PM

Kids play tag and kick balls informally when not in use for games.  
8/17/2018 9:22 PM

play with the kids  
8/16/2018 11:26 AM

Little kids learning to play baseball  
8/16/2018 8:36 AM

Pick up baseball.  
8/16/2018 8:24 AM

Running around. Tag.  
8/16/2018 7:20 AM

Walk my dog in the outfield of the baseball diamond.  
8/15/2018 9:44 PM

pick-up baseball practice; other picnic games  
8/15/2018 2:31 PM

Kids like to run the bases.  
8/15/2018 2:19 PM

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- General playtime and catch  
8/15/2018 1:58 PM
- exercise in mornings  
8/15/2018 1:23 PM
- Free play and neighborhood games  
8/15/2018 12:56 PM
- Pick-up baseball, kickball  
8/15/2018 12:54 PM
- Open space for running, tag, kick & throw ball with kids  
8/15/2018 12:47 PM
- Walk around it.  
8/15/2018 12:10 PM
- Kids run in the open space and draw in dirt with sticks  
8/15/2018 12:05 PM
- kids play in dirt

**6. We can adjust the number of the current amenities in the park. Would you like more or less....**

	MORE	SAME	LESS	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Benches	73.08% 38	26.92% 14	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	52	1.27
Picnic tables	51.92% 27	42.31% 22	5.77% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	52	1.54
Trash and recycling cans	56.60% 30	43.40% 23	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	53	1.43

## 7. What are the age ranges of people in your household who use the park?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5 years old	51.85%	28
5-12 years old	24.07%	13
13-17 years old	14.81%	8
18-29 years old	7.41%	4
30-49 years old	61.11%	33
50-54 years old	11.11%	6
55+ years old	25.93%	14
No one uses the park	<b>Responses</b> 3.70%	2

## 8. What are the age ranges of people in your household who use the park?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I walk less than five minutes	54.55%	30
I walk that is more than five minutes	34.55%	19
I ride my bike	0.00%	0
I drive	0.00%	0
I take public transportation	0.00%	0
Other, please specify.	<b>Responses</b> 10.91%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>55</b>