

### Existing Programs and Events Inventory

This Programs Analysis reviews City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation program and service offerings, levels of usage, and attendance and customer satisfaction levels, where available.

Table D-1 provides a program analysis by program area category and Table 2 provides an initial assessment of agency providers. Table D-3 lists structured programs provided by the City of Fairfax in 2013 and early 2014, based on offerings listed in "Leisure Times" brochure lists. Categories included in this table are:

- Athletics - Including team sports, and group classes for children, adults, and seniors
- Cultural Arts - Including dance, music, and art for children, adults and seniors
- Health, Wellness, and Education for children, adults, and seniors
- Language Education - Spanish for children and adults
- Structured Social Activities (children, adults and seniors)
- Special/Community Events
- Spring Break Camps and Summer Camps
- Event Rentals

This list of structured programs does not include the unstructured activity opportunities offered by City of Fairfax parks, trails, open spaces, and historic sites. These areas provide citizens with self-guided recreation resources for walking and running, playing, self-organized gatherings and games, and a connection with nature and the City's resources.

The following table summarizes points of feedback and satisfaction levels for different program areas listed above, based on the Needs Assessment Survey and stakeholder group feedback. Feedback about new or changed core programs and possible areas for growth are included where suggested by these resources.

This analysis revealed a disconnect between key points of emphasis from the stakeholder feedback sessions, and the emphasis given to different programs in "Leisure Times." Stakeholder feedback and survey results focused heavily on outdoor area resources, such as parks and trails, as well as on special events and activities. This is consistent with the survey results that note that 65% have attended cultural arts and special events; 33% have participated in programs.

Conversely, the "Leisure Times" layouts in 2013 and early 2014 dedicated many (if not most) of their pages to the program side - describing in detail the indoor organized children's programs, group classes, and structured senior offerings. It may be worthwhile to reconsider the format of "Leisure Times," to either highlight more details about the unstructured resources in high demand (e.g., trail maps, park access and parking information), and to more prominently advertise undersubscribed structured programs to maximize exposure to candidate participants.

**Table D-1: Program Analysis by Program Area Category**

Program Area	Feedback - Stakeholders Report.....
Athletics - Team Sports and Group Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Desire for more adult fitness and education (considered a top unmet program need).</li> <li>▪ Athletic league groups point to high participation in team sports (10,000 people) and note that more indoor and outdoor resources are needed to meet demand. It was noted that 50-60% of league</li> </ul>

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	<p>participants are not city residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Some stakeholders indicated that team sports take over parks, restricting other forms of activities.</li> </ul>
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Creative Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ During public workshops, a theme was that a "strong arts program gives the community an identity."</li> <li>▪ Arts community noted strength of performance arts series, children's series, City Band, and Festivals.</li> <li>▪ Stacy C. Sherwood Center as a central arts home for the city; GMU survey notes that 41% of respondents visited it in last year. 16% of residents attended a Band Concert and the Center for Performance Arts at Mason. 11% attended Spotlight on the Arts; 8% attended Art League Exhibitions.</li> <li>▪ "Performance art venues" listed as a Top 10 facility need (71% indicated it is a need); and adult dance, art, and performing arts listed as a Top 10 program need (41%)</li> <li>▪ Some groups noted the need for an outdoor amphitheater for concerts, drama, and movies; and interest in partnering with GMU for arts offerings</li> <li>▪ The Arts Stakeholder Group identified the following as their top priorities:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The areas greatest collection of public art</li> <li>– 300 – 600 seat theater</li> <li>– More permanent art venues downtown</li> <li>– Stable source of funding</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Health, Wellness, and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Desire for more adult fitness, wellness, education, enrichment, and nature programs (considered top unmet program need)</li> <li>▪ Desire for diverse, specialized programming</li> </ul>
Language Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Spanish language classes offered to multiple age groups</li> <li>▪ Inter-service Club Council pointed to growth in different ethnic groups, and need for more multi-lingual resources in libraries.</li> <li>▪ City staff also pointed to need for more programming for diverse populations.</li> <li>▪ May be opportunities to connect persons who speaks a first language other than English to English speaking citizens that wish</li> </ul>

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	to learn a new language.
Structured Social Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Teens reported desire for more semi-organized activities</li> <li>▪ Seniors reported wanting more activities and facilities, such as computer services, meals, and upgraded facilities</li> </ul>
Special/Community Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Survey results suggest that 65% of participation includes cultural arts and special events</li> <li>▪ Top events: Independence Day, Fall Festival, Festival of Lights, City Band Concerts</li> <li>▪ Desire for more special events; including new and different events</li> <li>▪ Business community notes interest in more event diversity, including an International Festival, and drawing in more of the college community - need to create more of an identity for downtown as a draw. Increased partnerships may help sponsorships. Ethnic community also highlighted interest in an international event.</li> <li>▪ Parking for special events cited by some as a concern</li> </ul>
Spring Break Camps and Summer Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Teen group expressed appreciation for summer camps; more art camp resources were encouraged.</li> </ul>
Event Rentals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Faith-based groups and ethnic community groups reported wanting more locations/availability for retreats, services, prayer - possible utilization opportunity to schedule use at existing facilities, or to support the development of historical buildings for group use?</li> </ul>
Cross-Program Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 87% of survey respondents indicated having visited a park</li> <li>▪ Top parks/facilities: Van Dyck Park, Stacy C. Sherwood Center, Fairfax HS, Daniels Run Park</li> <li>▪ Desire across groups to improve and upgrade current facilities (examples: restrooms, trails, drinking fountains; improvement of Van Dyck Park); environmental groups reported interest in more green facilities and passive use. Note: While stakeholders reported need for improvements in facilities, GMU's survey concluded that most reported the physical condition of the facilities as "Good or Excellent"</li> <li>▪ Desire across groups to acquire trails and natural areas, build sidewalks, pedestrian areas, dog parks, and bike lanes/trails, create a new skate park</li> <li>▪ Some trail users report concern about competition between different use types and insufficient trails.</li> <li>▪ Desire across groups to improve Green Acres Community Center, and senior services; improve CUE bus access to senior center</li> <li>▪ Unmet needs: more trails, natural areas, gardens, and indoor pools/recreation.</li> <li>▪ Families, Teens, and Historic Fairfax City, Inc. noted interest in</li> </ul>

Program Area	Feedback - Stakeholders Report.....
	<p>making downtown more of a social gathering/community area; City staff and business community note that better utilization of downtown could also support local economics - creating better shared community space would bring teens, families, college students to downtown, supporting both small town feel and downtown business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Partners noted that opportunities may be available for more shared resources: Parks, volunteer resources, aquatics. City of Fairfax School Board noted the potential for more use of school by community.</li> <li>▪ Inter-Service Club Council recommended completing Kitty Pozer Garden Park; this may also meet expressed interest in more parks and natural areas by other stakeholder groups.</li> <li>▪ Significant interest in pool facilities across stakeholder groups, as well as open use indoor recreation, play areas</li> <li>▪ Historic Fairfax City group indicated interest in preserving historical resources and facilities - could provide new use opportunities for special interest groups, such as faith based groups or ethnic communities. May also help meet expressed needs across groups for more local history and nature programs.</li> </ul>

### Program and User Fee Comparison and Analysis

This section outlines the user fee analysis for facilities, programs, and services, comparing City of Fairfax fees with surrounding jurisdictions. Tables D-4 and D-5 summarize offerings from different agencies across City of Fairfax's program areas. Table D-4 focuses on five nearby jurisdictions for comparison: Vienna, Falls Church, Reston, Herndon, and Alexandria. Table D-5 focuses on regional and county resources that either overlap or are immediately adjacent to the City of Fairfax, including Fairfax County (Park Authority, Neighborhood and Community Services); the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority; and George Mason University.

General observations from this analysis are as follows:

- While the City of Fairfax has several program offerings that are similar to other local jurisdictions, each jurisdiction schedules and prices its offerings differently in terms of class length, frequency, and program duration. This makes simple one-to-one comparisons between providers difficult. Despite this difficulty, it appears overall that the City of Fairfax has user fees that are generally equal to or slightly lower than other providers.
- Other jurisdictions charge different rates for residents and non-residents (non-residents pay anywhere from 20-50% more for services than residents). The City of Fairfax does not charge differential rates for non-residents. (Given the large number of non-residents that participate in athletics leagues, a two-tiered pricing strategy may be something to consider in the future). The City of Fairfax has agreements with both the Fairfax County Park Authority and Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to keep fees the same for both City of Fairfax and Fairfax County/NVRPA residents.

- Different jurisdictions also have different pricing models in terms of program access within their community or recreation centers. Some charge only for the classes; others (such as Herndon, Alexandria, and Fairfax County) charge an admission fee for the recreation facility, which includes recreation center use and many classes.
- For the most part, local jurisdictions provide similar offerings as the City of Fairfax, with some variability in the diversity of group and enrichment classes, summer camp options, and teen/senior trip options. There are some significant exceptions to this general trend. For example, the City of Fairfax lacks aquatics facilities, which many surrounding areas have; but, the City of Fairfax has a dedicated senior center, which is somewhat unusual compared to other local jurisdictions. Fairfax County has a number of both Teen and Senior Centers; the closest Senior Center is immediately southeast of the City of Fairfax; the closest Teen Center is southwest of the city, two miles west of George Mason University. The communities of Vienna, Reston, Herndon, and Alexandria do not have senior centers, Falls Church has a senior center as part of a community center, and only Vienna, Falls Church and Reston offer senior activities.
- While the City of Fairfax offers fewer summer camp options than some other areas, its prices are generally lower on a summer-long basis.

### Program Providers: Assessment and Analysis

This section lists different local providers of community and recreation services. First is a list of services or programs with multiple providers (may be overlap or redundancies with the City of Fairfax). Second is a list of services or programs provided by others, but not by the City of Fairfax. There are no significant offerings from the City of Fairfax that are not also available through another agency. The following groupings are followed by an initial assessment of which agency may be best suited to provide particular programs of interest to City of Fairfax citizens.

#### Programs with Multiple Providers

The City of Fairfax surveys and online research indicate that there are some overlaps in services provided by the City of Fairfax, Fairfax County, and other providers in Fairfax.

- Between 10-40% of City of Fairfax survey respondents report using Fairfax County Parks; Northern Virginia Regional Parks; the Cross-County Trails; and the GMU Trail and Path in the past year.
- Both the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County (as well as other nearby jurisdictions) offer drop-in sports, fitness classes, enrichment classes, after school programs, and summer camps.
- All local agencies list a variety of parks, trails, picnic areas, and local open space areas available to residents. Most rent out picnic areas for events.
- Both the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County offer a Senior Center. The Fairfax County Senior Center is immediately southeast of the City of Fairfax, only a quarter of a mile off Route 236 and Pickett Rd.
- Both the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County Public Schools offer Spanish language classes.
- Most of the local jurisdictions offer special events - many are oriented around holidays or seasonal events (such as craft fairs near winter holidays or Easter Egg Hunts)
- All local areas appear to rent out space for special events, meetings, and parties. Many agencies offer specialized children's parties, like birthday events.

### Programs Provided by Others

- **Athletics:** Vienna, Falls Church, Alexandria, and Fairfax County all offer adult sports leagues (e.g., adult soccer, softball, tennis). Based on "Leisure Times" descriptions, it appears that the City of Fairfax generally focuses on advertising youth leagues. The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and Fairfax County also offer both full-scale golfing and mini-golf facilities.

**The Fairfax Police Youth Club** (FPYC) was established in 1963 and offers athletic programs in football, T-ball, baseball, softball, lacrosse, rugby, field hockey, running, soccer, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, cheerleading, and youth challenged activities. Approximately 40% to 50% of the participants in the various activities are City of Fairfax residents. The FPYC Office is located in Providence Park. Overall approximately 4,500 to 5,000 children participate in their activities. FPYC uses fields owned by others and provides funds to the City of Fairfax through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for use of fields at Draper Drive Park and Stafford Drive Park.

**Fairfax Little League** (FLL) programs baseball for 4 to 18 year olds, including T-Ball and Challenger Leagues. Last spring their program had 1,050 to 1,500 participants of which approximately 40% were City of Fairfax residents. FLL uses the fields at Fairfax High School, Green Acres, Ratcliffe Park, Providence Elementary School, Pat Rodio Park, Westmore School Site, and Thaiss Memorial Park in the City as well as fields in Fairfax County and several surrounding communities.

**Fairfax Youth Inc.** programs baseball, softball and basketball teams. Baseball and softball are travel teams. Participants from City of Fairfax residents vary by sport from 20% for softball, 40% to 50% for travel baseball, and 55%-65% for basketball.

**Specialized Centers:** The following non-aquatic specialized centers are offered by other nearby entities, but not by the City of Fairfax:

- Fairfax County, Reston, and Alexandria have comprehensive **Nature Centers** with both structured and self-directed indoor and outdoor nature and environmental programs; nature activities are a program area that City of Fairfax residents have expressed significant interest in.
- Vienna and Fairfax County offer a dedicated **Teen Center** for drop-in programs and after school activities. The closest Fairfax County Teen Center is southwest of the city, approximately two miles west of George Mason University. It offers free after school care for ages 12-18. City of Fairfax teens have expressed interest in more semi-structured activities. Falls Church offers a number of teen trips.
- Fairfax County, Alexandria, and Herndon all have comprehensive **Community/ Recreation Centers** with fitness equipment and resources.
- George Mason University has **four arts centers** (cinema, two performing arts centers, Center for the Arts, and galleries)
- Alexandria, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, and Fairfax County all offer **natural water-oriented services**, such as boating or marinas.

**Program Offerings:** The following classes and enrichment programs appear to be offered by other agencies, but not by the City of Fairfax:

- Vienna offers **Legal Seminars** for Seniors and some different **Creative Arts** classes (such as photography, guitar) for adults than the City of Fairfax

- Falls Church offers a **Year Round Farmers Market, with Guest Chef** (City of Fairfax holds seasonal Farmers Market only); Farmers Markets often serve as a magnet and help forge a downtown identity, a need expressed by City of Fairfax residents.
- Herndon offers **cooking classes and a teaching kitchen**.
- Falls Church and Herndon offer city-sponsored **pre-school**.
- Falls Church offers **English as a Second Language** classes.
- Falls Church appears to provide **more teen trips and adult social/special interest clubs**

**Aquatics:** As noted above, stakeholder feedback suggests a strong interest in aquatic facilities and offering, including an interest in both indoor and outdoor facilities, a lap pool, splash pads, general swimming areas, and therapy pools. Given this interest, the following bullets summarize programs and facilities related to aquatics provided by other local agencies:

- City of Falls Church offers **American Red Cross Swim Classes** during the summer, using a local non-city swim facility (residential/association pool)
- Reston and Herndon both have **significant aquatic resources**, with a range of lap pools, children-oriented shallow water areas, slides, shower pads, and swim classes.
- The City of Alexandria has **one indoor pool and four outdoor pools** available to both residents and non-residents
- Herndon and Alexandria both offer a **Recreation Center with fitness centers**. Access passes available for single use or sustained use (monthly, annually)
- Fairfax County offers three indoor **recreation centers with aquatics** relatively close to the City of Fairfax (Audrey Moore Recreation Center; Oak Marr Recreation Center; and Providence Recreation Center). Fairfax County is also planning an additional Community Center in the Providence area. Additionally, Fairfax County offers several **outdoor aquatic facilities** including the Watermine Family Swimming Hole in Reston and Our Special Harbor Sprayground in Alexandria.
- The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority offers five **comprehensive water parks**; two of these (Arlington and Alexandria) are within 30 minutes of the City of Fairfax.
- There are also three **private swim clubs** within the city limits at the Fairfax Swimming Pool on Roberts Road on the south central boundary of the City of Fairfax, Mosby Woods Pool in north central area of Fairfax, and Country Club Hills Pool near Old Lee Highway in the center of the city.

**Table D-2: Initial Assessment of Agency Providers**

Program Area	Assessment
Athletics - Team Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vienna and Fairfax County Adult Sports Leagues. Given proximity, there may be interest in these adult league programs for Fairfax residents.</li> </ul>
Athletics - Group Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All local agencies appear to provide group fitness classes, as do privately owned sports clubs in the area</li> </ul>
Creative Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Most local jurisdictions provide some collection of arts classes (music, dance, crafts).</li> <li>▪ George Mason University offers top-tier performance facilities in the area</li> </ul>

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Health, Wellness, and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alexandria, Reston, and Fairfax County all have specialized Nature education facilities that may be of interest to City of Fairfax residents</li> <li>▪ Falls Church and Herndon offer city-sponsored pre-school.</li> </ul>
Language Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ City of Fairfax and Fairfax County Public Schools offers multi-level Spanish classes</li> </ul>
Structured Social Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Most local towns provide some collection of services in this area - Fairfax County offers nearby Teen and Senior Centers</li> </ul>
Special/Community Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Most local towns provide services in this area</li> </ul>
Spring Break Camps and Summer Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The City of Falls Church offers a very broad list of specialized summer camp programs at similar prices that may be of interest to City of Fairfax residents</li> <li>▪ Fairfax County and Alexandria also have broad set of summer camp offerings, but are significantly more expensive than the City of Fairfax.</li> </ul>
Event Rentals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Most local towns provide services in this area</li> </ul>
Outdoor Recreation Facilities (Some overlap with City of Fairfax)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overlapping Resource: 39% of GMU survey respondents report using Fairfax County Parks in past year</li> <li>▪ Overlapping Resource: 33% of GMU survey respondents report using Northern Virginia Regional Parks in past year</li> <li>▪ Overlapping Resource: 13% of GMU survey respondents report using the Cross-County Trails and the GMU Trail and Path in past year</li> </ul>
Aquatics (Not Offered by City of Fairfax)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preferred Provider: 42% of GMU survey respondents report using Oak Marr RECenter in past year</li> <li>▪ Preferred Provider: 9% of GMU survey respondents report using GMU Recreation and Aquatic Center in past year</li> <li>▪ Resident-Specific Provider: 10% of GMU survey respondents report using civic association facilities in past year</li> <li>▪ Other use of local aquatics centers (e.g., Northern VA Regional Parks, Fairfax County, Reston) unknown but offer significant potential given City of Fairfax interest.</li> <li>▪ Private swim clubs in Fairfax meet some of the need.</li> </ul>

### Programming: Opportunities Improvements

The Program Analysis suggests a range of opportunities for improvements and possibilities to explore for the future. The following opportunities are described in the context of the top four decision-making criteria expressed by stakeholders during this project: maximize existing resources, location, demographics, and development-preservation balance. Together, these suggest future programs that are more integrative in nature, creating amazing experiences that meet multiple needs in one offering.



### Promoting City of Fairfax Resources

Feedback from the surveys suggest that the City of Fairfax could relook at how it promotes and describes the different resources available to citizens. This effort could both maximize usage of underutilized resources, and help shape the usage of shared resources to reduce conflicts.

*Including more maps of parks and trails in "Leisure Times" and online with "suggested use and timing" advice may help in shaping use.*

Stakeholder feedback suggested that there is some activity competition in popular parks and on trails. In parks, sports teams may appear to crowd out more casual users. Bikes, runners, families, track/cross country teams, etc. may interfere with one another on city trails. Using City promotional materials to note track/cross country teams paths and timing; highlight popular biking or running areas; and show particularly family friendly areas may help point people to those resources, decreasing the conflicts. This would be a low-cost way to help both promote and normalize resource use.

*More prominently advertising programs that already meet expressed needs, and asking for targeted feedback may help maximize resource use through incremental change.*

Further, stakeholder feedback suggested an interest in more adult fitness programs, and yet, "Leisure Times" includes a wide range of adult fitness activities in the form of group classes. This suggests a disconnect to be explored: Is there a lack of awareness of services in this area? Are the classes at the wrong times? Are they not the kind of services that are expected? Are the classes full? Are different resources used instead? Exploring these disconnects further may help better maximize program utilization, and fit between offerings and expressed needs.

*Considering a City and downtown branding/identity campaign may both support already strong special event use, and draw people in for other revenue-generating programs.*

Many stakeholder groups expressed an interest in creating a better downtown environment to draw in families, students, and teens. A related theme was to create a better identity and branding strategy for both downtown and for the City. Setting a strategy for downtown use and identity management could support both economic and community development needs.

### Intergenerational Programming

Survey results revealed that the Green Acres Community Center is one of the least visited facilities (23/29% web/survey visitation rate); however, one of the more commonly expressed needs was for new or improved senior center facilities. In addition, teens expressed a need for more semi-organized activities and ways to connect with others and the outdoors. Connecting people from different generations could support the sense of small-town community that the City of Fairfax values, and could help provide sources of volunteer service as the city demographics continue to age.

*Cross-generational facilities and programs could support social needs of multiple age groups, while also maximizing utilization of existing facilities by a broader section of the community.*

### Maintain Facilities Quality and Upkeep

Many stakeholder groups expressed that the key priority should be to invest in improving the facilities and resources that the city already has, instead of investing in brand new ones.

Increasing the utilization of existing facilities by adding supplemental services and ensuring adequate infrastructure is considered a priority. These improvements could range from adding bathrooms in critical areas, to adding more dog-friendly areas in existing parks, to using the natural features of existing areas as a platform for structured nature education walks or programs.

Also along the lines of maximizing resource use, while there are many indoor adult fitness classes, there appear to be limited options for structured adult-oriented outdoor fitness programs. (Current offerings include the "Walk Fairfax" program and the "Adventure Boot Camp.") This feedback suggests opportunities for future fee-for-service activities that combine adult fitness needs with an interest in more trails and natural areas. Providing more structured activities for exploring the natural resources that are already there could help residents meet perceived unmet needs for both more adult fitness and more natural areas.

It was also recommended that investments in outdoor space should be made in connecting parks and trails to each other and to other critical resources, to support cross-city activity by both people and wildlife.

### Maximize Community Partnerships

Stakeholder feedback also suggested more outreach to local faith-based organizations, business associations, and ethnic groups, to encourage their use of City of Fairfax resources for meetings and gatherings or services. This form of outreach would have the joint benefits of supporting community development and identity, and providing sources of revenue to the city.

### Opportunities to Minimize Duplication and Enhance Collaboration

This section provides an initial look at opportunities to minimize duplication and enhance collaboration based on the analysis above. The goal of this is to identify ways of meeting City of Fairfax unmet needs and filling service gaps without requiring significant investments in new facilities.

- **Explore collaboration with Vienna for arts, wellness, and education classes:** The Town of Vienna closely borders the City of Fairfax, and there is some duplication in program classes offered by the two towns. It may be advisable to determine whether opportunities exist to join together for some class offerings.
- **Explore collaboration with Fairfax County, Reston, and Alexandria to better publicize and access nearby Nature Centers:** The Fairfax County Park Authority has a number of dedicated nature centers, which is a current gap perceived by City of Fairfax stakeholders. The closest centers to Fairfax are Hidden Oaks Nature Park in Annandale, and the Hidden Pond Nature Center in Springfield. There is also one in Alexandria (Huntley Meadows Park). Reston and Alexandria also have dedicated Nature Centers. As such, considering special programs that introduce the City of Fairfax to these resources (e.g., through publicity, special trips) may help show residents a different way to meet express needs for nature resources.
- **Explore collaboration with Fairfax County to better publicize and access nearby Recreation Centers:** Three Fairfax County recreation centers are relatively close to the city: Audrey Moore Recreation Center; Oak Marr Recreation Center; and Providence Recreation Center. All of these offer fitness classes, fitness equipment, and aquatics - areas that are perceived as current gaps by City of Fairfax residents. Collaborating with Fairfax County to publicize and access these facilities would help meet citizen needs

without new capital investments. In addition, Fairfax County is planning an additional Community Center in the Providence area only  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from the City of Fairfax border; this may provide an opportunity for a partnership between the City and the County as planning and implementation moves forward.

- **Publicize nearby outdoor and indoor aquatic facilities offered by Fairfax County, Reston, and Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority:** Stakeholder feedback expressed strong interest in aquatic facilities for the City of Fairfax, including both indoor and outdoor facilities, a lap pool, splash pads, general swimming areas, and therapy pools. The Fairfax County Park Authority, Reston, and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority have outdoor and indoor aquatic facilities within 30 minutes that meet these gaps. In addition, three private swim clubs are offered in the City of Fairfax. Given the capital investment that would be required to build and support an aquatics center, supporting city access to these resources would be an option to consider rather than building a dedicated resource for Fairfax.
- **Explore a variety of partnerships with George Mason University:** George Mason offers a nearby aquatics center, several arts centers, and a vibrant student body that helps support the economic health of the City of Fairfax. Expanding partnerships to connect these communities through shared resources and activities would develop the breadth and depth of experiences, and likely reveal other possible partnerships.

The City of Fairfax enjoys a unique sense of community and offers a variety of activities to bring together its citizens. Integrating activities across community groups and generations; maximizing experiences using existing resources; and accessing other nearby resources would continue to support the sense of place that is strong within Fairfax, while also meeting diverse recreational and social needs.

**Table D-3: City of Fairfax - Listing of Structured Activities**

Offering	Frequency/ Duration	Cost	Format	Audience	Comments On Administration
<b>Athletics</b>					
Seasonal Team Sports (Various) - Hockey, Rugby, Soccer, Lacrosse, etc	Seasonal	None Listed	Team	7-18 YO; Adult	Sponsored by Fairfax Police Youth Club
Seasonal Baseball & Tball	Seasonal	None Listed	Team	4-16 YO	Sponsored by Fairfax Little League
Special Needs Baseball/Tball	Seasonal	None Listed	Team	2-21 YO	Sponsored by Fairfax Little League
Mommy and Me Yoga	45 Min / Week; 8 Weeks	\$65	Group Class	1-3 YO (+Adult)	
Stakeboarding - Basic/Beginner	1.25 Hr; 1/Week; 4 Weeks	\$70	Group Class	6+ YO	
Stakeboarding - Intermediate	1.25 Hr; 1/Week; 4 Weeks	\$70	Group Class	6+ YO	
UK Petite Soccer - Age 2-3	1 Hr; 1 / Week	5 Wks - \$85 6 Wks - \$100	Team	2-3 YO	
UK Petite Soccer - Age 3-6	1 Hr; 1 / Week	5 Wks - \$85 6 Wks - \$100	Team	3-6 YO	
Basketball - Beginner	1 Hr; 1 / Week; 8 Weeks	\$75	Team	6-9 YO	
Basketball - Advanced	1 Hr; 1 / Week; 8 Weeks	\$90	Team	10-13 YO	

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Tae Kwon Do	45 Min; 1 / Week; 4-5 Weeks	\$98/109	Group Class	5-12 YO	
Tae Kwon Do - Family	45 Min; 1 / Week; 5 Weeks	\$98/109	Group Class	All	
Fitness Program (Mix of Classes)	9 x 1-Hr Claases Per Week; 4 Mo	\$95	Group Class	13+ YO	
Fitness: Be Fit	1 / Wk; 8 Weeks	\$95	Group Class	13+ YO	
Fitness: Cardio Strength	1 / Wk; 8 Weeks	\$55	Group Class	13+ YO	
Fitness: Yoga	1 / Wk; 8 Weeks	\$55	Group Class	13+ YO	
Fitness: Zumba	1 / Wk; 8 Weeks	\$60	Group Class	13+ YO	
Pilates: Green Acres	1 Hr; 1 / Week	\$55 (8 Wks) \$115 (4 Mos)	Group Class	13+ YO	
Pilates: Sherwood	1 Hr; !Wk 8 Weeks	\$90	Group Class	18+ YO	
Martial Arts	1.5 Hrs; 1/Wk; 2 Mos	\$75	Group Class	18+ YO	
Self-Defense	1 Hr; 1 / Wk; 8 Weeks	\$70	Group Class	18+ YO	
Stretch and Flow	1 Hr; 1 / Wk; 8 Weeks	\$40	Group Class	18+ YO	
Movement	1 Hr; 1 / Wk; 8 Weeks	\$90	Group Class	18+ YO	

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Nia	1 Hr; 1 / Wk; 8 Weeks	\$100	Group Class	18+ YO	
Insanity	1 Hr; 1 / Wk; 8 Weeks	\$60	Group Class	18+ YO	
Flow Yoga - Beginning, I, and II	1 Hr; 1 / Wk; 8 Weeks	\$90	Group Class	18+ YO	
Adventure Boot Camp	2, 3, 5 Days/Wk; 4 Weeks	\$219 (2); \$299 (3); \$329 (5)	Group Class	18+ YO	
Walk Fairfax	1 Hr; 1 / Wk; 10 Weeks	\$30	Drop-In	All	
Movement	1 Hr; 1 / Wk; 8 Weeks	\$90	Group Class	Senior	
Seniorcise	1 Yr / Week	\$72 (2 Mo); \$140 (4 Mo)	Group Class	Senior	
Chair Yoga	1 Yr / Week	\$20 (4 Wks); \$40 (8 Wks)	Group Class	Senior	
Strength	1 Hr; 1 / Mo Sessions	\$14	Group Class	Senior	
Pickleball	1 Hr; 1 / Mo Sessions	\$20	Group Class	Senior	
SMILE	45 Min; 1 / Wk; 7 Weeks	\$40	Group Class	Senior	
Sit - Get Fit	1 Yr / Week	\$20 (4 Wks); \$30 (6 Wks)	Group Class	Senior	



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Offering	Frequency/ Duration	Cost	Format	Audience	Comments On Administration
Taichi Chuan: Beginning Advanced	1 Hr; 1 / Wk; 8 Weeks	\$35	Group Class	Senior	

<b>Creative Arts</b>
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**Dance**

Ballet - Introduction	1 Hr; 1/Wk, 8 Wks	\$75	Group	3-4 YO; 5-8 YO	
Tumble and Twirl	45 Min; 1 / Wk, 8 Wks	\$80	Group	3-5 YO	
Tutu's For Two (Royal Acad of Dance)	30 Min; 1/Wk; 4 Months	\$45 / Month	Group	2 YO	
Fairytale Ballet	45 Min; 1/Wk; 4 Months	\$80 / Month	Group	2.5-3.5 YO	
Adrenaline Ballet (3 Levels)	1 Hr; 1/Wk, 8 Wks	\$95	Group	5-9; 10-13; 14-17 YO	
Adrenaline Tumbling (2 Levels)	1 Hr; 1/Wk, 8 Wks	\$95	Group	4-6; 7-10 YO	
Adrenaline B-Boy/B-Girl Hip Hop (I and II)	1 Hr; 1/Wk, 8 Wks	\$95	Group	5-9; 10-15 YO	
Adrenaline Jazz Dance (I and II)	1 Hr; 1/Wk, 8 Wks	\$95	Group	5-9; 10-15 YO	
Cheer Technique (I and II)	1 Hr; 1/Wk, 8 Wks	\$95	Group	5-8; 8-13 YO	
Pre-Primary Ballet (Royal Acad of Dance)	45 Min; 1/Wk; 5 Months	\$80 / Month	Group	4.5-6 YO	

Offering	Frequency/ Duration	Cost	Format	Audience	Comments On Administration
Primary Ballet (Royal Acad of Dance)	45 Min; 1/Wk; 5 Months	\$80 / Month	Group	7+ YO	
Grade I Ballet (Royal Acad of Dance)	1 Hr; 1/Wk; 5 Months	\$90 / Month	Group	8-12 YO	
Grade II Ballet (Royal Acad of Dance)	1 Hr; 1/Wk; 5 Months	\$90 / Month	Group	9-12 YO	
Tumbling - Ages 4-6	1 / Wk, 8 Wks	\$95	Group	4-6 YO	
Tumbling - Ages 7-12	1 / Wk, 8 Wks	\$95	Group	7-12 YO	
Jazz - Ages 5-9	1 / Wk, 8 Wks	\$95	Group	5-9 YO	
Jazz - Ages 8-12	1 / Wk, 8 Wks	\$95	Group	8-12 YO	
Hip Hop - Ages 5-9	1 / Wk, 8 Wks	\$95	Group	5-9 YO	
Hip Hop - Ages 8-12	1 / Wk, 8 Wks	\$95	Group	8-12 YO	
Clogging: Beginner - I, II, III, Happy Feet Group	1 Hr; 1 / Week; 3 Months	\$75	Group	13+ YO	
Jitterbug: Beginner, Intermediate	1 Hr; 1 / Week; 8 Weeks	\$110	Group	14+ YO	
Irish Social Dance	1.5 Hrs; 1 / Wk; 1 Month	\$33	Group	18+ YO	
Swing Dances (Lessons + Dance)	1 / Month	\$15	Drop-In	Adult	





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Line Dancing: Basic Beginning; Beginner Plus	1 Hr; 1 / Week; 8 Weeks	\$45	Group	Senior	
Line Dancing: Combo	2 Hr; 1 / Week; 8 Weeks	\$75	Group	Senior	

Music					
Music Appreciation	30 Min, 1/Week, 7 Weeks	\$70/Session + Supply - \$36	Group	0-16 Month	
Music Appreciation	45 Min, 1/Week, 7 Weeks	\$90/Session + Supply - \$25	Group	0-4 YO	
Music Appreciation	30 Min, 1/Week, 7 Weeks	\$75/Session + Supply - \$33	Group	16 Mo-4 YO	
Music Appreciation	45 Min, 1/Week, 7 Weeks	8 Wks: \$176; 10 Wks; \$210	Group	0-5 YO (+Adult)	
Little Piano Lessons	30 Min, 1/Week, 3 Weeks	\$120	Individual	4-6 YO	
Private Piano Lessons	30 Min, 1/Week, 3 Weeks	\$140	Individual	5-18 YO	
Private Piano Lessons	30 Min, 1/Week, 3 Weeks	\$140	Individual	5-18 YO; 5 YO-Adult	
Mandolin: Beginner; Advanced Beginner; Intermediate	1 Hr / Week; 5 Weeks	\$108	Group Class	13+ YO	

Offering	Frequency/ Duration	Cost	Format	Audience	Comments On Administration
<b>Art</b>					
Shapes and Colors; Crafty Kids	1/Hr per Week; 8 Weeks	\$75	Group Class	2-3 YO	
Coil Basket Making	1 Day; 4 Hours	\$45	Group Class	5-8 YO	
All Day Art Workshops	1 Day; 6 Hours	\$70	Group Class	6-13 YO	
After School Art	1.5 Hrs / Wk; 8 Weeks	\$150	Group Class	6-13 YO	
Drawing Class	1/Week; 8 Weeks	\$120	Group Class	6-12 YO	
Cartooning Class	1/Week; 8 Weeks	\$120	Group Class	6-12 YO	
Paint, Wine, and Baklava	2 Hour Sessions Over 4 Months	\$35 / Session	Drop-In	Adult	
Seniors Art Class	1.5 Hrs; 1/Wk; 6 Weeks	\$72	Group Class	Seniors	

<b>Health, Wellness, Education</b>					
Let's Make Believe	1 hr; 1/Week; 8 Weeks	\$75	Group Class	3-5 YO	
Play Click Learn Computer Classes	45 Min / Wk; 10 Weeks	\$100	Group Class	3-6 YO	
ABC's and 123's	1 hr; 1/Week; 8 Weeks	\$75	Group Class	2-4 YO	



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Offering	Frequency/ Duration	Cost	Format	Audience	Comments On Administration
Robotics Afterschool	1.5 Hrs / Week; 8 Weeks	\$205	Group Class	7-13 YO	
New Year's Health Event	Single Event; 3 Hours	\$25	Drop-In	15+ YO	
Well Behaved Child	3 Sessions; 1 Hr Each	\$15 per Session	Group Class	Adult	
Clock Repair	30 Sessions	\$210	Group Class	Adult	
Dog Obedience/Charm School	1 hr; 1/Week; 8 Weeks	\$100	Group Class	Adult	
Paying for College	3 Hours	\$35	Drop-In	Adult	
Meditation	1 Hr; 1/Week; 4 Weeks	\$30	Group Class	Adult/ Senior	
Community Garden	Annually	\$60 / Year	Individual	All	

Language Education					
Spanish	1 hr, 1/Week, 6 Weeks	\$95	Group	1.5-3 YO	Instructor: Spanish Skills
Spanish	1 hr, 1/Week, 6 Weeks	\$95	Group	2-5 YO	Instructor: Spanish Skills
Spanish	1 hr, 1/Week, 7 Weeks	\$95	Group	5-8 YO	Instructor: Spanish Skills
Spanish	1 hr, 1/Week, 8 Weeks	\$95	Group	18+ YO	Instructor: Spanish Skills



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Structured Social Activities					
Baby and Me	2 hr, 1/wk, 6 weeks	\$35	Group	9-24 Month; 2-4 YO	
Little School	2.5 hr, 2/wk, 1 month	\$160	Group	9-24 Month; 2-4 YO	
Fairy/Pirate Adventure	1 hr; 1 / Month	\$10	Group	2.5-8 YO	
Playtime Pals; Open Playtime	1/Wk	Free	Drop-In	9 Mo - 5 YO	
After School; Summer - Legos	1.25 Hrs; 1 / Month	\$10	Drop-In	Grade K-4	
Parent's Night Out	Friday's; 1 / Month	\$40	Drop-In	4-12 YO	
Family Movie Nights	1 / Month	Free	Drop-In	Families	
Nature Quest	1 hr; 1 / Week; 8 Weeks	\$100	Group Class	3-5 YO (With Adult)	
Mother/Son Camp Out	May (Overnight)	\$25	Sign-Up	Mother/Sons	
Father/Daughter Dance	June (Evening)	\$25	Sign-Up	Father/ Daughter	
Beginner's Bridge	One Day: 9:30-3	Free	Drop-In	Seniors	
Senior Daily Activities: Coffee; Games; Current Events; Others	M-F; 8-5	Free	Drop-In	Seniors	Full Days at Senior Center

Offering	Frequency/ Duration	Cost	Format	Audience	Comments On Administration
Senior Trips; Photo Contests; Special History Programs	Varies	Unknown	Drop-In	Seniors	

Special/Community Events					
Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Concerts	Varies	Free	Event	All	
City Of Fairfax Band Concerts	Varies	Free	Event	All	
Children's Performance Series	Varies	Free	Event	All	
Chocolate Lovers Festival	March	Free	Event	All	
Heritage Festival	Annually	Free	Drop-In	All	
External Groups: Examples: Virginia Opera, ANG Band	Intermittent	Free	Drop-In	Adult	
Art Show (Sherwood)	Intermittent	Free	Drop-In	Adult	
Flea Market and Appraisal Events	March	Free	Event	All	
Earth Day Event	April	Free	Drop-In	All	
Egg Hunt	Spring (Easter)	Free	Drop-In	2-10 YO (+ Adult)	
Artistic Kaleidoscope (Arts, Music, Dance)	April-May (3 Weeks)	Free	Drop-In	All	

Offering	Frequency/ Duration	Cost	Format	Audience	Comments On Administration
Antique Car Show	May (One Day)	Free?	Drop-In	All	
Farmer's Market	May-Oct	Vendor Specific	Drop-In	All	
Old Town Plaza Summer Series	Summer	Free	Drop-In	All	
Independence Day Parade/Show	July	Free	Drop-In	All	
Charity Golf Event	August (One Day)	Unknown	Register/ 4-Somes	Adult	
Park Cleanup Day	September	Free	Drop-In	All	
Fall Festival	October	Free	Drop-In	All	
Holiday Craft Show	November	\$5	Drop-In	All	
Festival of Lights and Carols	December	Free	Drop-In	All	

Spring Break Camps					
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)	1 Wk (6 Hours/Day)	\$350	Group	7-13 YO	
Robots/Lego Workshop Camps	1 Wk (3-6 Hours/Day)	\$170-438			
Soccer - Age 2-5	1 Wk (1.5 Hours/Day)	\$100	Group	2-5 YO	Extended Hours Available



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Offering	Frequency/ Duration	Cost	Format	Audience	Comments On Administration
Soccer - Age 5-14	1 Wk (3 or 6 Hours/Day)	\$150/\$200	Group	5-14 YO	Extended Hours Available
Basketball	1 Wk (3 or 6 Hours/Day)	\$285	Group	8-15 YO	
Young Rembrandts Outer Space	1 Week (1.5 Hours/Day)	\$113	Group	5-7 YO	Extended Hours Available
Pastel Drawing	1 Week (1.5 Hours/Day)	\$113	Group	8-13 YO	

Summer Camp - June 15 - August 15					
Sunshine Kidz Camp	7 Weeks (Full Summer)	\$805	Group	3-5 YO	
Summer Day Camp	7 Weeks (Full Summer)	\$770	Group	6-9 YO	Extended Hours Available
Middle School Camp	7 Weeks (Full Summer)	\$795	Group	10-12 YO	Extended Hours Available
Teen Adventure Camp	7 Weeks (Full Summer)	\$995	Group	13-15 YO	
Specialty Camps: Art, Electronics, Science; Sports; Single Day Trips	Vary	Vary	Group	Range: 4-15 YO	

Events Rentals					
Room Rentals - Adult/Meetings	One Time Event	Varies	Special	Adult	

Offering	Frequency/ Duration	Cost	Format	Audience	Comments On Administration
Outdoor Pavilion Rental	One Time Event	\$55/75 for 4 Hours (Sm/Lrg)	Special	Varies	
Event Rental - Children's Birthday	One Time Event	Varies	Special	Families	
Event Rental - Lego Parties	One Time Event	\$225 for 12	Special	Age 5-9 (+Adult)	
Event Rental - Princess/Pirate Parties	One Time Event	\$180 for 12	Special	Age 4-8 (+Adult)	



### Program and User Fee Comparison

Tables D-4 and D-5 includes two tables that summarize offerings from different agencies across City of Fairfax's program areas. Table D-4 focuses on five nearby towns/cities for comparison: Vienna, Falls Church, Reston, Herndon, and Alexandria. Table D-5 focuses on regional and county resources that either overlap or are immediately adjacent to the City of Fairfax, including Fairfax County (Park Authority, Neighborhood and Community Services); the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority; and George Mason University. Offerings from other agencies that the City of Fairfax does not provide are in bold italics.

**Table D--4: Services Summary for Vienna, Falls Church, Reston, Herndon, and Alexandria**

Vienna, Falls Church, Reston, Herndon, and Alexandria are all cities of comparable size and structure to the City of Fairfax, and are therefore attractive comparison points. Arlington County was considered as a comparison point, but its size and governance structure makes it a less attractive option for comparison. Instead, Fairfax County is used as a similarly structured, but closer resource for this effort.

Program Area	Vienna	Falls Church	Reston	Herndon	Alexandria
Athletics - Team Sports	<b><i>Adult Leagues: Tennis (\$15 for residents/\$20 non-resident), Basketball, Softball (\$600)</i></b>	<b><i>Adult Leagues: Tennis Tournament; Basketball (\$710); Volleyball Tournament (\$325)</i></b>	52 community tennis courts; Golf courses	Indoor and outdoor tennis instruction and leagues ( <b><i>dedicated indoor facility</i></b> ).	<b><i>Both adult and youth sports leagues offered: soccer, softball, volleyball, basketball, flag football, pickelball, bowling</i></b> ; Fields can be rented for group sports (\$63-167 per hour depending on field amenities). s

Program Area	Vienna	Falls Church	Reston	Herndon	Alexandria
Athletics - Group Sessions	<p>Drop-In volleyball and basketball; pickleball; table tennis; Tai Chi; Tot Play (All free for residents; some are \$3 for non-residents);</p> <p>Group classes and senior classes are similar to City of Fairfax offerings - 2-tier pricing for residents/non-residents. Resident fees generally comparable to City of Fairfax, some are slightly higher.</p>	<p>Drop-In pickleball; multiple group sport and fitness classes for children and adults. Like Vienna, separate fees for residents and non-residents - Falls Church appears approx 10-25% more expensive for residents than City of Fairfax.</p>	None Listed	<p>Fitness classes for children and adults - similar in scope to City of Fairfax - some classes included within overall community center admission: Annual pass \$470 (resident); \$627 (non-resident) (daily, monthly, 6-month also available). Includes access to fitness room. Small group classes charged separately - more expensive than Fairfax (20-30% more overall)</p>	<p>Fitness classes for children, adults, and seniors - similar in scope to City of Fairfax. Pricing overall is similar to or slightly more expensive than City of Fairfax.</p>
Creative Arts	<p><b><i>Travel Photography; Drawing and Painting; Pottery; Fiddle and Guitar Classes (prices comparable to City of Fairfax programs)</i></b></p>	<p>Multiple art and music classes - private piano and voice; dance classes</p>	None listed	<p>Children's' series; adult singing group, Farmer's Market performances; arts and crafts; dance and music classes available</p>	<p>City concerts; creative arts, music, and dance classes offered</p>

Program Area	Vienna	Falls Church	Reston	Herndon	Alexandria
Health, Wellness, and Education	<b>Drop-In Legal Seminars for Seniors;</b> Other programs similar to City of Fairfax (offerings/cost)	<b>Preschool Program;</b> <b>Special</b> topic seminars for Seniors; a variety of special interest classes for all ages - including art, engineering and science, and <b>cooking classes</b>	<b>Reston offers several Nature programs - held outdoors and at Walker Nature Education Center - activities include both indoor and outdoor structured programs.</b>	<b>Preschool Program;</b> <b>Cooking classes offered in teaching kitchen</b>	<b>Recreation Center and Aquatics facility (\$438 per year, adult - other levels available); Nature Center has indoor facility, park, and trail.</b>
Language Education	None Listed.	Foreign Language Conversation - Drop-In sessions; <b>English as a Second Language Classes</b>	None Listed	None Listed	None Listed
Structured Social Activities	AARP Association; 50-90 Club; Vienna Seniors Bridge Club; Drop-In Games; Local Trips (Fee-Based - \$50-80); <b>Dedicated Teen Center for Drop-In activities and after school programs</b>	Senior Center is part of Community Center - Similar to Fairfax, plus Hot Lunches; <b>Multiple Teen Trips to local events and venues - Saturdays and evenings (range from 15-60); multiple clubs for adults and seniors based on interests or specific games.</b>	Short list of structured Children's and Teen's events - offerings are not as complete or broad as City of Fairfax. Selected senior events held at Reston Association Center.	Community Center charges an admission fee (different for residents and non-residents) - Annual pass \$470 (resident); \$627 (non-resident) (daily, monthly, 6-month also available)	Afterschool programs, youth and adult social activities. Comparable in scope and price to Fairfax.



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Program Area	Vienna	Falls Church	Reston	Herndon	Alexandria
Special/Community Events	ViVa!Vienna!, July 4th Festival, Oktoberfest, Halloween Parade and the Summer Concert Series on the Vienna Town Green.	Year-Round Farmer's market; Memorial Day Parade and Festival, July 4 Fireworks, the Fall Festival, and Holiday Craft Show. Cherry Hill Farmhouse hosts special events, teas, and historical classes.	Community events held periodically through the year (not major holidays like other towns); priced generally similarly to City of Fairfax	Annual Herndon Festival (late May) - Includes activities, business expo, fair; Easter Egg Hunt; Other community events are held approx one per month.	Multiple events throughout year, including holiday celebrations in Old Town (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Holiday lighting)
Spring Break Camps and Summer Camp	Summer Camps: Offerings and pricing similar to City of Fairfax	Spring and Winter Break Camp; Summer camps - <b>scope is broader than City of Fairfax in terms of specialty camps</b> ; pricing similar	Half-day and full-day camps available; more limited in scope than City of Fairfax, and approximately 20-30% more expensive.	Winter, Spring and Summer Camps - Elementary level, Teen level and limited special camps. Pricing similar to Fairfax; more limited in scope.	Extensive summer camp offerings: general, arts, nature, computer and chess, recreation and sport. Generally approximately 30-50% more expensive than City of Fairfax camps
Event Rentals	Vienna Community Center; Birthday Rentals \$75 resident/\$100 non-resident	Cherry Hill Farmhouse available for rental (pricing not available online)	Facilities for rent: Conference Center, recreation room, chapel (no birthday parties) - cost: \$30-90 depending on size and count; security deposit required.	Picnic shelters may be rented - pricing from \$50-100 for residents (50% more for non-residents); Rooms in community center can also be rented for \$40-100 per hour plus deposit depending on size, duration. Birthday parties start at \$90, but offer multiple levels of service.	Pool and Rec Center rooms can be rented for parties - \$125 (+\$25 for non-resident); Nature Center can be rented for parties or meetings. Picnic areas and amphitheater can be rented as well (\$52-150)

Program Area	Vienna	Falls Church	Reston	Herndon	Alexandria
Outdoor Recreation Facilities	13 parks, trails, stream valleys; Town Green (Public events, and can be rented for \$25/hr for residents, \$50 non-residents)	11 parks listed with associated amenities (swings, shelters, courts, benches); public schools listed as well as sources of public spaces	1,350 acres of open space; 55 miles of pathways/trails; 700 acres of forests and natural areas.	11 neighborhood parks, and four diverse trails.	900 acres of open space and parks; 49 athletic fields, outside sports courts, 20 miles of trails, 18 dog parks, 4 picnic shelters; Nature trails and parks associated with Recreation Center and Nature Center; Marina and waterfront area.
Aquatics (Not Offered by City of Fairfax)	None Listed.	<b><i>Falls Church offers Summer American Red Cross Swim Lessons (at local non-city owned pool)</i></b>	<b><i>The Reston Association lists 15 different pool areas, with a range of water and recreation options.</i></b>	<b><i>Herndon has multiple pools with a diverse list of structured swim classes.</i></b>	<b><i>Recreation Center and indoor Aquatics facility (\$438 per year, adult - other levels available); 3 additional outdoor pools - \$3/visit</i></b>

**Table D-5: Services Summary for Fairfax County (Park Authority, Neighborhood and Community Services); the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority; and George Mason University**

Program Area	Fairfax County (Park Authority and Neighborhood/Community Services)	Northern VA Regional Park Authority	George Mason University
Athletics - Team Sports	Multiple sports fields across service area; Golf Tournaments; Youth and Adult Sports Leagues; Athletic Fields and gyms.	Multiple sports fields across service area; Golf Tournaments	Intramural sports advertised for students, faculty and staff.

Program Area	Fairfax County (Park Authority and Neighborhood/Community Services)	Northern VA Regional Park Authority	George Mason University
Athletics - Group Sessions	Audrey Moore Rec Center offers 40+ group fitness classes each week. Providence offers a variety of fitness center classes, including yoga and pilates. All classes free with Rec Center Pass (annual for adult - \$600 for all rec centers)	None Listed	Group classes in yoga, pilates, martial arts - advertised as available to non-students for \$70 per semester, or \$8 per session.
Creative Arts	<b><i>Oak Marr Rec Center offers pottery classes;</i></b> Providence Rec Center has an arts and crafts room, dance room and several multipurpose rooms where classes are held.	None Listed	None Listed as part of recreation programs - Continuing Education classes offered in Fine Arts, and <b><i>GMU has four arts centers (cinema, two performing arts centers, Center for the Arts, and galleries)</i></b>
Health, Wellness, and Education	Recreation Centers offer both fitness and enrichment classes. <b><i>The Park Authority has a number of dedicated nature centers. The closest centers to Fairfax are Hidden Oaks Nature Park in Annandale, and the Hidden Pond Nature Center in Springfield.</i></b>	<b><i>Mini-golf and golf sessions; batting cages; camping sites; boating fishing; Potomac Overlook Nature Center; Hemlock Overlook Learning Center</i></b>	<b><i>Fitness center; Recreation and Athletic Center</i></b> - Both advertised as available to the "university community" (faculty, staff, students, families of these) While aquatic center does offer a daily pass option, it is unclear how open resources are to City of Fairfax residents. GMU does offer multiple open-access continuing education classes in a variety of topics.
Language Education	Fairfax County Public Schools offer community language development classes.	None Listed	Continuing Education classes offered in Spanish; interpreter services available

Program Area	Fairfax County (Park Authority and Neighborhood/Community Services)	Northern VA Regional Park Authority	George Mason University
Structured Social Activities	Fairfax County Neighborhood/Community services has a Senior Center immediately southeast of the City of Fairfax, only a quarter of a mile off Route 236 and Pickett Rd. Membership fee: \$48 per year. The Closet Teen Center to the City of Fairfax is southwest of the city, approximately 2 miles west of George Mason University - offers free after school care for ages 12-18.	None Listed	None Listed for community
Special/Community Events	Most centers appear to host special events specific to the facility.	Most centers appear to host special events specific to the facility; Bull Run appears to be the largest special event facility	Many campus activities oriented towards college student life
Spring Break Camps and Summer Camp	Fairfax County Park Authority offers a wide variety of spring and summer camps - charges are weekly, resulting in fees that are significantly higher than City of Fairfax for full summer needs.	None Listed	None Listed
Event Rentals	Rooms can be rented at Recreation facilities and Nature Centers; Birthday party rentals available	Water parks have pavilions/shelters that can be rented. Meeting rooms and reception areas available across service area	Conference facilities are available for rent - targeting corporate, conferences, political, and arts events



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Program Area	Fairfax County (Park Authority and Neighborhood/Community Services)	Northern VA Regional Park Authority	George Mason University
Outdoor Recreation Facilities	Fairfax County outdoor sites include major parks, nature and historic sites and trails. Oak Marr has 58 acres of surrounding fields, plus golf and mini-golf. Three lakefront parks are within 20 minutes of the City of Fairfax (Burke Lake, Lake Accotink, and Lake Fairfax Park); other significant close by parks include Braddock Park (golf, picnic areas, open space); Mason District Park (McLean); and Jefferson District Park (golf and tennis) (Falls Church)	11,000 acres of woodlands, streams and open space. 24 Regional Parks featuring golf courses, swimming pools, hiking trails. Closest to Fairfax City: Gateway Regional Park: W&OD/City of Fairfax Connector Trail is a combination of paved trail, on-road bike routes and side streets. Crossroads rest stop with shelter, water fountain and displays of trail maps and local points of interest.	West Campus Field for athletic play; tennis courts.
Aquatics (Not Offered by City of Fairfax)	<b><i>Audrey Moore Rec Center; Oak Marr Rec Center; and Providence Recreation Center are closest and all have pools. \$660 for adult pass year round to all REC Centers. The Lee District RECenter (Franconia) also offers aquatics and a spray/splash park. The Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole is also relatively nearby, on Lake Fairfax Dr. in Reston. For more natural water environments, Burke Lake Park in Fairfax Station, Lake Accotink Park in Springfield, and Lake Fairfax Park in Reston may be attractive options.</i></b>	<b><i>Five water parks: Alexandria, Centerville, Lorton, Arlington, Sterling</i></b>	<b><i>Aquatic center does offer a daily pass option, it is unclear from website how open resources are to City of Fairfax residents.</i></b>