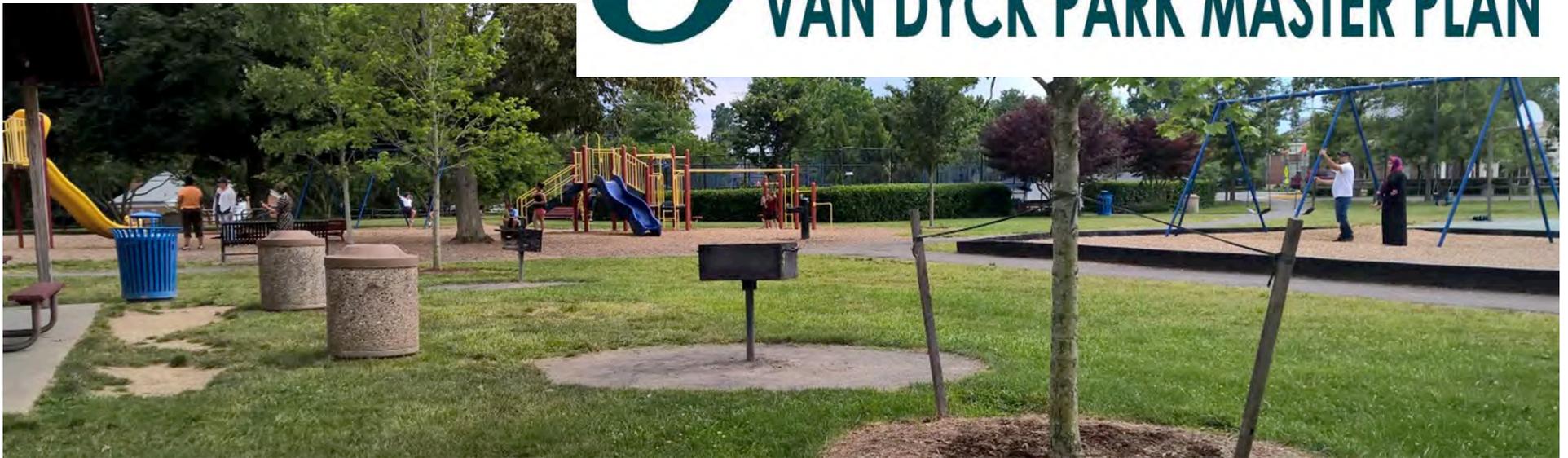




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## VAN DYCK PARK MASTER PLAN



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# Agenda for April 6, 2017 Workshop #1

**7:30**

## **Welcome and Introductions**

- Project Intent
- Purpose of Meeting
- Project Team
- Ground Rules for Meeting Activities

**7:40**

## **Brief Presentation on the Master Plan Effort**

- Schedule
- Draft Analysis - Park Issues, Opportunities
- Survey Results (ongoing 2017 and 2014)
- Draft Listing of Overall Vision

**7:50**

## **Table Discussion**

**8:35**

## **Reports from Small Group Table Discussions**

**8:50**

## **Next Steps**

- May 18 2017 Workshop

# Master Planning Project Team

## City of Fairfax

- Cathy Salgado, Director of Parks and Recreation
- Brianne Baglini, Operations Manager
- Joanna Ormesher, Marketing and Cultural Arts Manager

## Advisory Group

- Kirk Holley
- Brian Knapp
- Bob Reinsel, Sr.
- Sarah Ross
- Tom Ross
- Armistice Turtora

# Master Planning Project Team

## Consultant Team

### **Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, P.C.**

- Elisabeth Lardner, Project Director
- Cara Smith, Landscape Architect

### **Dominion Surveyors, Inc.**

- Karl Schwartz, Engineering
- George O'Quinn, Surveying

### **RIB U.S. COST**

- Steve Curran

# Master Planning Charge

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- “...provide the City with a “**road map**” as to how best incorporate and implement **necessary infrastructure improvements** and to allow the City **accommodate** better the **current and future use** by the public at the park.”

# Project Intent

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## **Recognize that Open Space is at a Premium**

- The crown jewel of Fairfax City

## **Integrate Uses**

- Clear concept that engages audience and creates buy-in
- Multi-generational areas for play and recreation

## **Employ Active and Engaging Public Outreach**

- Experience working with numerous jurisdictions, approval processes, public engagement strategies

## **Plan and Design with Maintenance in Mind**

- Lifecycle costing
- Maintenance awareness

# Park Master Plan Schedule

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## Winter 2017

- Site Topographic Survey - completed
- Base Information - completed
- **Program Analysis and Site Use – in progress**

## Spring 2017

- Advisory Group Meetings: Mtg.#1 – March 22 (completed), Mtg. #2 - April 11, and Mtgs. #3 + #4 - May (TBD)
- **Public Outreach – April 6<sup>th</sup> & May 18<sup>th</sup>**
- Formulate Vision, Objectives and Goals for the Park
- Draft Master Plan

## Summer 2017

- Final Plan



**Master Plan Research**

# Coordination of Prior Studies and Plans

**1967**

- Master Plan

**1968**

- Land Exchange with St. Leo's



# Coordination of Prior Studies and Plans

## Strategic Master Plan

### ONE-PAGE STRATEGIC PLAN

2014 TO 2024

(Revise in intervals of 3 to 5 years)



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Vision | *“Amazing Experiences”*

Mission | Enrich the quality of life in the City of Fairfax and maintain the unique hometown character that makes the City a special place to live, work and play.

Strategic Result | Provide World Class Gold Medal worthy parks, trails, events, cultural activities, facilities and services

### Strategic Plan Guiding Principles

	SENSE OF PLACE	HEALTH & WELLNESS	ECONOMIC VITALITY	CONSERVATION & STEWARDSHIP	STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
<b>Parks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Conduct ADA system wide assessment</li> <li>+ Fully accessible parks &amp; amenities</li> <li>+ A plan for Van Dyck Park &amp; Westmore</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Fitness stations in parks</li> <li>+ Synthetic fields at lanier with lights</li> <li>+ New skate park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Branding identity</li> <li>+ Focused downtown park</li> <li>+ Proffer standards &amp; use</li> <li>+ Monitor Paul VI property</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Recycling in the parks</li> <li>+ Restore stream beds</li> <li>+ Nature interpretive programs</li> <li>+ Achieve CAPRA accreditation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Promote partner offerings</li> <li>+ Partners for aquatics &amp; nature</li> <li>+ Partner for a park at Rt. 50 &amp; Pickett Road</li> </ul>
<b>Trails</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Complete Pickett Road crossing</li> <li>+ Complete single trail</li> <li>+ Connect trails to FX Blvd from Van Dyck Park and to Pickett Rd. from Daniels Run Park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Branding identity</li> <li>+ Focused downtown park</li> <li>+ Proffer standards &amp; use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Connect trails to business centers</li> <li>+ Utilize transportation funding mechanisms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Make connectivity and multimodal trails a priority</li> <li>+ Utilize proffers to complete trails</li> <li>+ Achieve CAPRA accreditation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Partner on a regional trail coordinator</li> </ul>
<b>Recreation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Feasibility study for Green Acres</li> <li>+ Define scope of services for a vibrant senior center</li> <li>+ Increase adult programming</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Implement a series of health and wellness programs and community gardens as part of the "Get Fit City of Fairfax" initiative</li> <li>+ Fitness classes &amp; utilize fitness center at Green Acres</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Expand out of school programming</li> <li>+ Develop more indoor recreation &amp; gymnasium space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Increase nature oriented programming and education</li> <li>+ Achieve CAPRA accreditation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Coordinate with partners for use of therapeutic aquatics &amp; services</li> <li>+ Coordinate Program and Service offerings with Fairfax County and the Town of Vienna</li> </ul>
<b>Cultural Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Add "culture" in name of Dept.</li> <li>+ Art in the Parks</li> <li>+ Expand role of cultural arts manager</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Increase legacy funding</li> <li>+ Long term vision of a theater</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Art in the Parks</li> <li>+ Achieve CAPRA accreditation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Renew partnerships with GMU</li> <li>+ Establish Business Forum for events</li> <li>+ Work with the many diverse community organizations to increase events and program opportunities</li> </ul>
<b>Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Focus on diverse population</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Economic impact study</li> <li>+ Establish a forum for businesses</li> <li>+ Additional locations for events</li> <li>+ Develop apps for events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Achieve CAPRA accreditation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Establish formal volunteer program</li> </ul>
<b>Open Space</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Maintain 50% of parks as open space</li> <li>+ Acquire new park land for neighborhood parks in central NW and SE areas of the City</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Restore stream banks</li> <li>+ Implement sustainable maintenance practices</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Develop a conservation program</li> <li>+ Invasive plant policy</li> <li>+ Achieve CAPRA accreditation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Coordinate with county on county owned properties as they are converted</li> <li>+ Partner with city schools, NVRPA &amp; FGPA to offer interpretive programs</li> </ul>

OPERATING PHILOSOPHY

Superior customer service

Outstanding maintenance

Maximum inclusiveness

Exciting promotion

Innovative dynamic leadership

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## **Strategic Master Plan** Action Plan Excerpts for Van Dyck Park

- Strategy 1.1.3: **Update the 1967 Master Plan for Van Dyck Park**
- Strategy 1.1.7: Establish three **playgrounds** in strategic geographical locations to serve as larger **barrier-free and sensory rich environments**.
- Strategy 1.1.8: **Restore eroded stream banks at Van Dyck**
- Strategy 1.2.3: **Ensure that at least 40% of parks designated as "Community Park" land**
- Strategy 1.2.8: Coordinate with Fairfax County when and if the County plans to redevelop or move the **Belle Willard and Joseph Willard buildings**, as a means to enhance and expand Van Dyck Park and the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center.
- Strategy 1.4.2: Develop **restroom solutions** at parks with the highest use levels
- Strategy 1.4.3: **Replace the skate park at Van Dyck Park.**
- Strategy 1.5.1: **Repair/improve existing trails & develop new trails. Connect to Fairfax Blvd.**

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## Strategic Master Plan – 2014 Survey Responses

*Top 10 responses were as follows.*

- Water spray/fountain play area (56 points)
- Better bathroom facilities (45)
- Add real bike paths to the park (37)
- Improve the skate park (31)
- Make forested areas accessible nature areas (30)
- Bike riding area for kids (29)
- Master Plan for an Urban Park (23)
- Dog Park
- Balance between active use and natural areas (18)
- Trees and benches (18)

**2017 Online Survey runs through April 15**

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# Van Dyck Park Master Plan Vision



# DRAFT Vision Statement: Key Words

Vision | *“Amazing Experiences”*

Guiding Principles from the 2014 to 2024 Strategic Plan

<b>Sense of Place</b>	<b>Health &amp; Wellness</b>	<b>Economic Vitality</b>	<b>Conservation &amp; Stewardship</b>	<b>Strategic Partnerships</b>
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>Natural Resources</b>		<b>Natural Resources</b>	
	<b>Accessible Spaces</b>			
<b>Stream Restoration</b>			<b>Stream Restoration</b>	<b>Stream Restoration</b>
<b>Branding Identity</b>		<b>Branding Identity</b>		<b>Branding Identity</b>
	<b>Trail Connections</b>	<b>Trail Connections</b>	<b>Trail Connections</b>	<b>Trail Connections</b>
<b>Art in the Parks</b>		<b>Art in the Parks</b>		<b>Art in the Parks</b>
<b>Active Recreation</b>	<b>Active Recreation</b>			<b>Active Recreation</b>
<b>Water Play</b>	<b>Water Play</b>			<b>Water Play</b>
<b>Events and Programs</b>		<b>Events and Programs</b>		<b>Events and Programs</b>
<b>Socializing Places</b>	<b>Socializing Places</b>			
<b>Family Fun</b>	<b>Family Fun</b>		<b>Family Fun</b>	

# *Preliminary: Van Dyck Park Should Support*

- **Sense of Place.** The heart of the community, the Crown Jewel of the park system, beyond a great place, this is a fantastic place that is recognizable region-wide.
- **Community Connections.** Park facilities, activities and scheduled events that are predictable in schedule and regularly draw the community together.
- **Personal Health and Fitness.** Trails for running and walking, fitness and health programming, adult fitness and children's activities incorporated in accessible equipment and recreational opportunities.
- **Multi-generational Use.** The park hosts activities and equipment that embraces the full array of City of Fairfax residents.
- **Woodlands Management and Stream Restoration.**

# Circulation



## Pedestrian and Vehicular

- Ingress/Egress
- Crosswalk locations
- Parking
- Trails – paved and natural/soft



# Facilities



- Restrooms – Permanent vs. Temporary
- Skatepark
- Court Sports - Volleyball, Basketball, and Tennis
- Playgrounds
- Picnic Pavilions and Shelters
- Fitness Equipment





# Help Define Program Elements

## Table Exercise

- You've done this before!
- Review listing of Program Elements
- **Rearrange existing and potential Program Elements (foam cutouts)**
- Consider alternatives to current park access; parking and traffic patterns, trail connections



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Base Map



Appendix B – Public Engagement



*Strategic Master Plan, Appendix B, B-35*

# Next Steps and Contact

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**April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**AG #2**

**May TBD**

**AG #3** (Review Master Plan Draft)

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Public Workshop on Draft Master Plan**

**May/June TBD**

**AG #4** (Review Draft Plan comments)

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