



# 50 & FORWARD

## VAN DYCK PARK MASTER PLAN



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# Agenda for May 18, 2017 Workshop #2

**7:30**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**7:40**

**Recap from April 6 Public Workshop**

**7:50**

**Brief Presentation of Draft Master Plan  
Proposed Program and Diagrams**

**8:00**

**Display Discussions**

**9:00**

**Adjourn**

# Master Planning Project Team

## City of Fairfax

- Cathy Salgado, Director of Parks and Recreation
- Brianne Baglini, Director of Park Operations
- Joanna Ormesher

## Advisory Group

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

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## 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**



# Recap from April 6 Public Workshop #1

- Reviewed Existing Conditions
- Issues and Opportunities
- Broke into Table Discussions



# On-line Survey Findings - 879 surveys completed

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## ***Top 10 responses from 2014 Strategic Master Plan Survey.***

- 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)

## ***Top responses from 2017 Van Dyck Master Plan Survey (over 100 votes)***

- Permanent Restrooms (added) (513 votes)
- Playground (443)
- Walking Trails (443)
- Open Play Areas (380)
- Shade Structures (added) (278)
- Water Feature (added) (276)
- Picnics/Picnic Pavilions (264)
- Woodlands (237)
- Dog Park (added) (237)
- Fitness Playground for Adults (added) (225)
- Amphitheater (added) (203)
- Sledding Hill (183)
- Public Art (added) (152)
- Stream (128)



# 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>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 and premier park within a ten-mile radius, beyond a great place, this is a fantastic place that is recognizable city-wide.
- **Community Connections.** Park facilities, activities, trails and scheduled events that regularly draw the community together. Views of the park draw the passerby in visually.
- **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.** The park is a showcase and provides an educational laboratory of good natural management and stream restoration techniques and Best Practices.