

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 7, 2009

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 85: NUMBER OF AVAILABLE ATHLETIC FIELDS

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This memorandum is written in response to Councilman Krupicka's request for additional information explaining why there is a decrease in available athletic fields in Fiscal Year 2010. The memo explains that this decrease is due to temporary construction activities and field re-classifications.

In the FY 2010 Parks Operations and Facility Maintenance Activity description in the budget, the number of fields available decreases by seven fields from FY 2009 to FY 2010. This is partially due to the temporary closure of five fields. Three of the closed fields are at T.C. Williams and are temporarily unavailable due to damage from recently completed construction activities. The Department plans on refurbishing the fields and having them available by the end of FY 2010. Two other closed fields are at Jones Point and are also unavailable due to construction activities. It is anticipated that the two Jones Point fields will become available in 2011 and will be managed by the National Park Service. The closed fields at T.C. Williams and Jones Point were also unavailable during FY 2009; the Department is correcting the FY 2009 performance measure listed in the budget to accurately reflect these closures.

The two reclassified fields are at Chinguapin. In the past, two play areas at Chinguapin were recorded as fields. Due to safety concerns, they have been reclassified as open space; this reflects the original design intent of the Chinguapin loop. The re-classification does not alter the current use of these play areas, they continue to be available for informal play and practice.