

City of Alexandria, Virginia



Eugene Simpson Stadium Park Plan Amendment

**Park and Recreation Commission
July 15, 2021**



Commission Actions



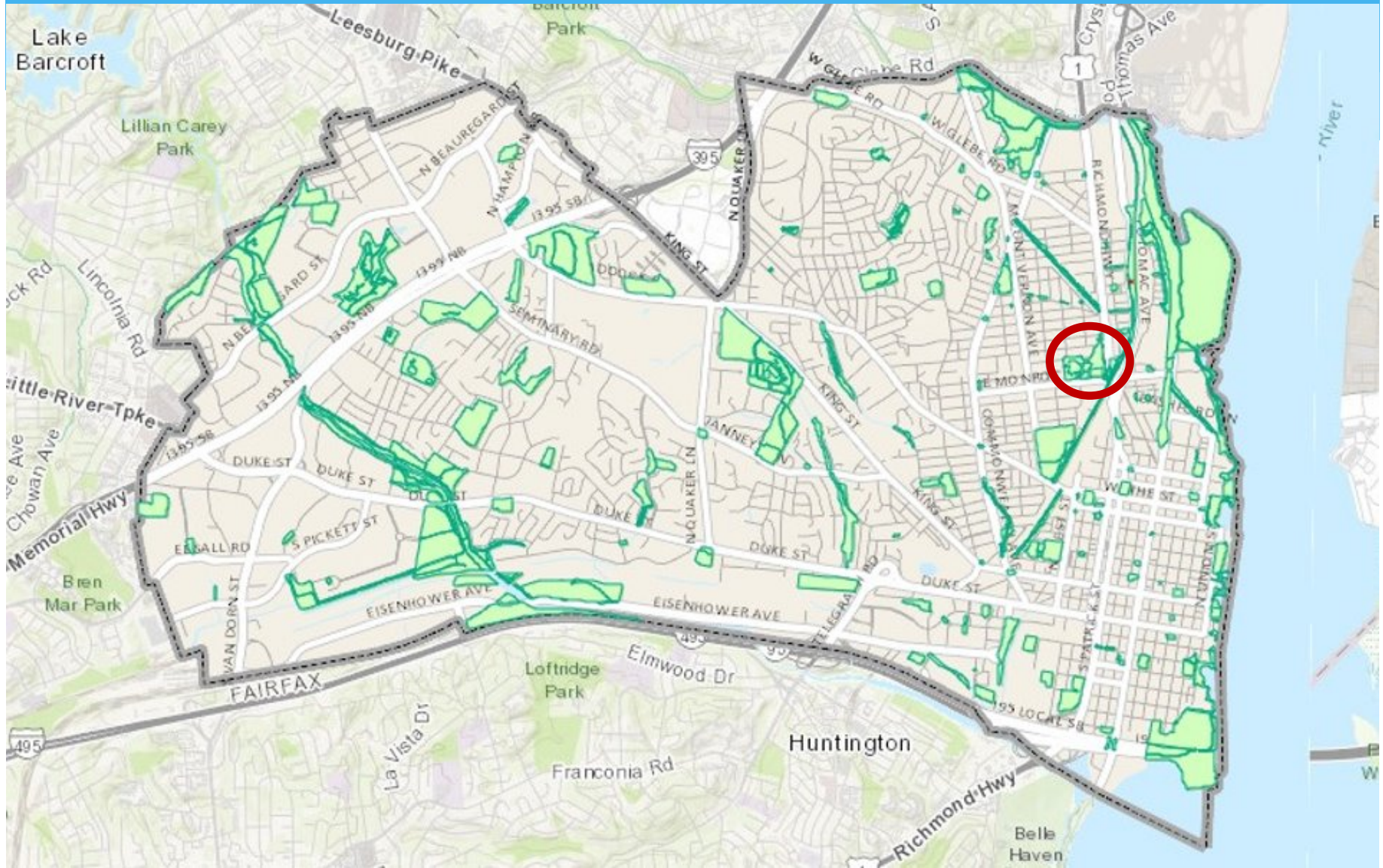
1. Commission to receive the presentation and provide comments on the 2014 Eugene Simpson Stadium Park Plan amendment proposal.
2. Commission to schedule a Public Hearing on the plan amendment for September 16, 2021.
3. Commission to approve final recommendation on September 16, 2021 after Public Hearing.

Presentation Agenda



1. 2014 Citywide Parks Improvements Plan
2. 2021 Amendment to the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan for Joseph Hensley Park
3. Proposed Amendment
4. Proposed Community Outreach
5. Commission Discussion

Site Location



Existing Conditions



2014 Citywide Parks Improvements Plan



KEYED LEGEND

1. WIDEN PATH 8-8 FEET TO ENABLE NORTH-SOUTH STANDARD PATHWAY
2. ADJUST PLAYGROUND BORDERS, IMPROVE ENTRANCES, AND ADD NATURAL PLAY
3. ADD STROLLER PARKING AND PLAZA AT PLAYGROUND ENTRANCE
4. CREATE OPEN-USE AREA AND IMPROVE PLANTINGS IN PASSIVE USE AREAS
5. CONNECT PATHWAY TO E. DUNCAN AVE
6. USE BOLLARDS TO LIMIT PATHWAY DRIVING ACCESS TO MAINTENANCE VEHICLES
7. PLANT PERIMETER TREES TO CREATE "GREEN ALLEY"
8. PROVIDE NEW HARD TRAILS IN EAST HALF OF PARK
9. PROVIDE NEW FIELD ENTRANCE AND RAMP
10. IMPROVE MAINTENANCE ROUTE TO SOCCER FIELDS
11. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH EQUIPMENT STORAGE UNDERNEATH
12. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH CONCESSIONS BOOTHS UNDERNEATH
13. CREATE PICNIC AREA NEAR CONCESSIONS
14. EXPAND PARKING LOT
15. ENCOURAGE USE OF FORTY FIVE TOTAL ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ALONG E MONROE AVE AND MAIN LINE BLVD FOR SOCCER FIELD USE
16. IMPROVE DOG PARK TO INCLUDE LIGHTING, TERRACED HILL, TREES, AND PLAY FEATURES
17. ADD MAINTENANCE STORAGE SHELTER AND YARD BETWEEN FIELDS
18. ADD VEGETATED BIOSWALE ALONG DOG PARK EDGE AND AT MAINTENANCE YARD



Note: CIP Funds have already been allocated to install stairs at Monroe Avenue/basketball court and to replace the Little Simpson Press Box in 2014.

GRAPHIC KEY

HARD TRAILS	PARK BOUNDS	OPEN USE AREAS	ENTRANCE PLAZAS	ATHLETIC FIELDS	DOG PARK
BIKE ROUTE					

2021 Joseph Hensley Park Plan Amendment



- During the recent amendment process for Joseph Hensley Park, the community provided feedback on the plan and amendments.
- Reoccurring comments from the community included:
 - Need for synthetic turf on all fields, not just the rectangular field
 - Need for synthetic turf diamond fields to support softball and baseball
 - Additional Capital Improvement Program projects to install additional synthetic turf fields and lights

Proposed Plan Amendment



- 1. New Recommendation:**
Provide the option to convert one or both of the existing natural diamond fields to synthetic turf.

Park and Recreation Commission endorsed on March 20, 2014 with adjustments outlined in endorsement letter

SIMPSON STADIUM PARK



Proposed Community Outreach



Community outreach on the proposed amendment will be conducted over the next two months.

Community outreach will include online feedback options and meetings with stakeholders.

- RPCA Staff will take written comments by email and mail until September 15, 2021.
- Focus group meetings
- Potential online survey
- Park and Recreation Commission Public Hearing - September 16, 2021



Commission Discussion

Eugene Simpson Stadium Park Plan Proposed Plan Amendment



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