

Angel Park

History and Character

Angel Park is a 10-acre park with Taylor Run flowing from North to South through the center of the park.

The Janney House is documented on an 1894 map as being in the north portion of the current park. Two homes from this time period have been documented to the south of the park. City Archaeologists identified and researched the Gloria site within the park, a Native American site dating the Archaic Period. Taylor Run may have deposited the artifacts, including quartz flakes and “cobble quality” cores, found during excavations. Native Americans may have used the area around Taylor Run to prepare quartzite cores, which would later be used to make projectile points, blades, and scrapers. Only one projectile point was found at the site: It was serrated and its stem had broken off.

The 1939 WPA Real Property Survey, Land Use Survey Maps show that the area off of Duke Street belonged to William J. Angel, for whom the park is named. By 1955, the area north of Duke Street along what was Burgess Drive was a city playground, smaller than the current park and not stretching as far North. Portions of northern property became part of the current park later on.

Today, the site is well used by the neighborhood and includes an athletic field, park shelter, playground, basketball court, and paths.

While the site has an athletic field and picnic shelter, there are too few off-street parking spaces to support large events or sports programming.



The playground is well used by the community and includes features built into the hillside. The hill is also enjoyed by families for sledding during snow events.

The site is currently not fully accessible for people with disabilities and needs a ramp and pathway system to



connect the park features. The stairs down the hillside also lack any railings.

The wooded area of the park includes a small trail connecting the two sides of Taylor Run Parkway and provides a nice setting for neighbors to walk.

The ground layer throughout the wooded area is highly disturbed and completely overrun with a myriad of non-native invasive plants and Poison Ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*), including one of the largest Kudzu (*Pueraria montana var. lobata*) infestations in the City.

Although the stream banks and surrounding soils are highly disturbed, a diversity of native trees occur along both sides



of Taylor Run at Angel Park. The largest Sycamore trees in the City grow along the edge of the stream and ball field at the lower end of Angel Park, as well as a City co-champion River Birch. A bowl-shaped depression below a stand of old Tulip Trees on the slope on the east side of E. Taylor Run Parkway, in addition to Sallow Sedge (*Carex lurida*), Common Cattail (*Typha latifolia*), and other wetland plants, marks the location of a strong-flowing spring.

Existing Conditions Map



Community Feedback

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(Top 3 rankings shown; based on a weighted score)

What would you like done with the ballfield?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	4	19%
Enhance it	14	67%
Transform it	3	14%

Explain

Improve turf conditions.

It needs to be graded so it will drain after it rains.

Not the right size diamond Poor dirt

Better seating and use for games

Very wet

We use it for baseball practice and just want it to be maintained. It's a really great space for young kids to practice because it is quiet/uncrowded so they can focus.

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What would you like done with the basketball court?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	10	56%
Enhance it	7	39%
Transform it	1	6%

Explain

Make into multi-use space.

resurface and out line court

Install trash and recycling cans. many users leave plastic bottles as there is nothing to put them in.

What would you like done with the natural areas?

Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it as is	10	50%
Enhance it	6	30%
Transform it	4	20%

Explain

Install a barrier to keep out vehicles.

There is SO much poison ivy around this area. Needs to be eliminated so that I don't have to worry about my daughter playing here.

How do you get to this Park?

Value	Count	Percent
Walk	15	54%
Bike (personal)	2	7%
Bike (Capital Bikeshare)	0	0%
Drive	11	39%
Public Transit	0	0%
Carpool	0	0%

How far do you typically travel to visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Less than ½ mile	9	32%
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Between 1-2 miles	8	29%
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How often do you visit this park?

Value	Count	Percent
Daily	0	0%
Weekly	13	48%
Monthly	10	37%
Yearly	4	15%

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2. Be a safe place for children to explore

3. Be a place to create social connections with neighbors

What would you like done with the open lawn?

Value	Count	Percent
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Enhance it	9	47%
Transform it	3	16%

Explain

Holes need to be filled, glass and other hazards picked up and reseed grass.

Improve turf conditions with artificial or durable well kept grass

Bleachers could easily be added for parents

Drainage

Really beautiful area and nice to have so much open space surrounding by trees. Just keep it up a little better.

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Explain

Add swings and play area for toddlers. Existing equipment for older children.

Improve maintenance. New addition is unsightly and already broken.

It need more and a wider range of age appropriate playing structures.

More toddler friendly

My son has been stung by bees on this playground

Swings needed.

shade would be nice for caretakers

swings

Great playground which just needs to be maintained a little better (e.g. check for wear/tear/damage instead of waiting for complaints/mishaps).

Have any of the following circumstances prevented you from visiting this Park? (check all that apply)

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There is no pedestrian/bike friendly access to the park from where I live	2	11%
I have concerns about crime or personal safety	7	37%
There is not enough parking	11	58%
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Graffiti Board
 A “graffiti sign” in the park had a marker attached and asked park users to write down what they would like their park to look like in the future. The sign were on site from September to November 2014 (images from October 27).

What is currently NOT in the Park that you would like to see there?

Response
 Playground equipment
 Bleachers, restroom, enhanced surroundings
 Exercise equipment for adults
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 Soccer field.
 Swings and better steps to access the park
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Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Park?

Response
 Baseball Field needs improvement
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 The playground is terrific, but suffering a bit from recent graffiti.
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 Needs to be updated
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 parking could be a lot better - as could the traffic nearby - it backs up often for no good reason.
 Again, the poison ivy in and around the park really needs to be dealt with. It grows up so close on the bridge that I can't even visit it.
 I think if kids resort to bringing in shopping carts to the park it is not providing the play structures and environment they seek. a low rope fence along the creek so kids would play soccer on the field instead of the basketball court

Draft Plan Feedback

In Spring 2015, the community provided feedback on the draft park plan (below) through online surveys (see appendix for full results), park signs and public meetings. Based on information from the Spring input phase, staff updated the plan to best represent current and future community needs. A major change to the Angle Park plan included not reversing the direction of the field, as originally shown.

Is this what you want this Park to look like in the future? Tell the City, plan your park.

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently planning for the City's existing Neighborhood Parks, which are characterized as being 0.5 - 10 acres and serving neighbors within half a mile. This plan will help determine budgeting priorities and recommendations for both short and long-term incremental improvements, ensuring that neighborhood parks serve Alexandria's needs now and into the future.

Angel Park Improvement Recommendations Draft (Spring 2015)

- 1 Add swings or similar play equipment**
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 The Natural Resources Division will continue to manage the invasive species, including Poison Ivy.
- 3 Develop enforceable guidelines for park shelter use**
 This park does not include a designated parking lot, therefore special events are not permitted. However, enforceable guidelines can manage the noise and size of on-site gatherings.
- 4 Install accessible pathways to connect park shelter and basketball courts**
 Paths must be made American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.
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 Provide safe and accessible pedestrian crossings into the park. This may include additional crosswalks, an improved intersection, and shortened crossing distance through installation of bulb-outs.
- 6 Construct accessible bleachers & plaza into the hillside**
 A plaza that is flush with the sidewalk may include space for bicycle parking and benches. Constructing the seating into the hillside would allow ADA compliant spectator viewing to be constructed outside of the resource protection area.
- 7 Relocate the ballfield**
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Scan the code to take a survey and let us know what you think of the plan.

You can also access the survey here: <http://survey.alexandriava.gov/3/DraftNeighborhoodParkSurvey>

or

Attend a Park Planning Workshop on May 14 at 7pm at the Charles Houston Recreation Center to review the plan with staff.

To provide written comments, write to: Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Park Planning Division, 1101 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

For more information about the Neighborhood Park Improvement Plan, please contact: Dana Hines at dahines@alexandriava.gov or 703.746.5491

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Improvement Recommendations



Implementation Strategy

This plan uses citizen input and considers other external considerations to determine how to address park improvements incrementally over time. Most of the recommendations in the plan can be implemented independent of other projects as funding is available, whether through city or non-city funds. The cost estimates (in 2015 dollars) do not include operating costs. Prior to the implementation of any recommendation, operating costs, if any, must be considered.

The priority for each recommendation is shown as “low,” “medium,” or “high.” RPCA determined these rankings based upon (1) park user safety, (2) community prioritization feedback and the results of the 2011 and 2013 Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, (3) life span of the existing conditions, (4) potential for non-city funding sources, (5) level of user impact, (6) relationship to other projects.

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#	Recommendation	Priority	Estimated Cost	Associated Recommendations	Dept Lead
1	Add swings or similar play equipment and upgrade play equipment to include climbing features	Medium	10,000-15,000		RPCA
2	Continue invasive species management	Medium		Underway	RPCA
3	Develop enforceable guidelines for park shelter use	High		N/A	RPCA
4	Install accessible pathways to connect park shelter and basketball court	High	50,000-75,000		RPCA
5	Improve access from Taylor Run Parkway	High		Transportation analysis needed prior to cost estimates	TES
6	Improve edge between the park and the sidewalk	Low	up to 35,000		RPCA

2015 Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan: Appendix



Neighborhood Parks Plan

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Community Feedback, Fall 2014



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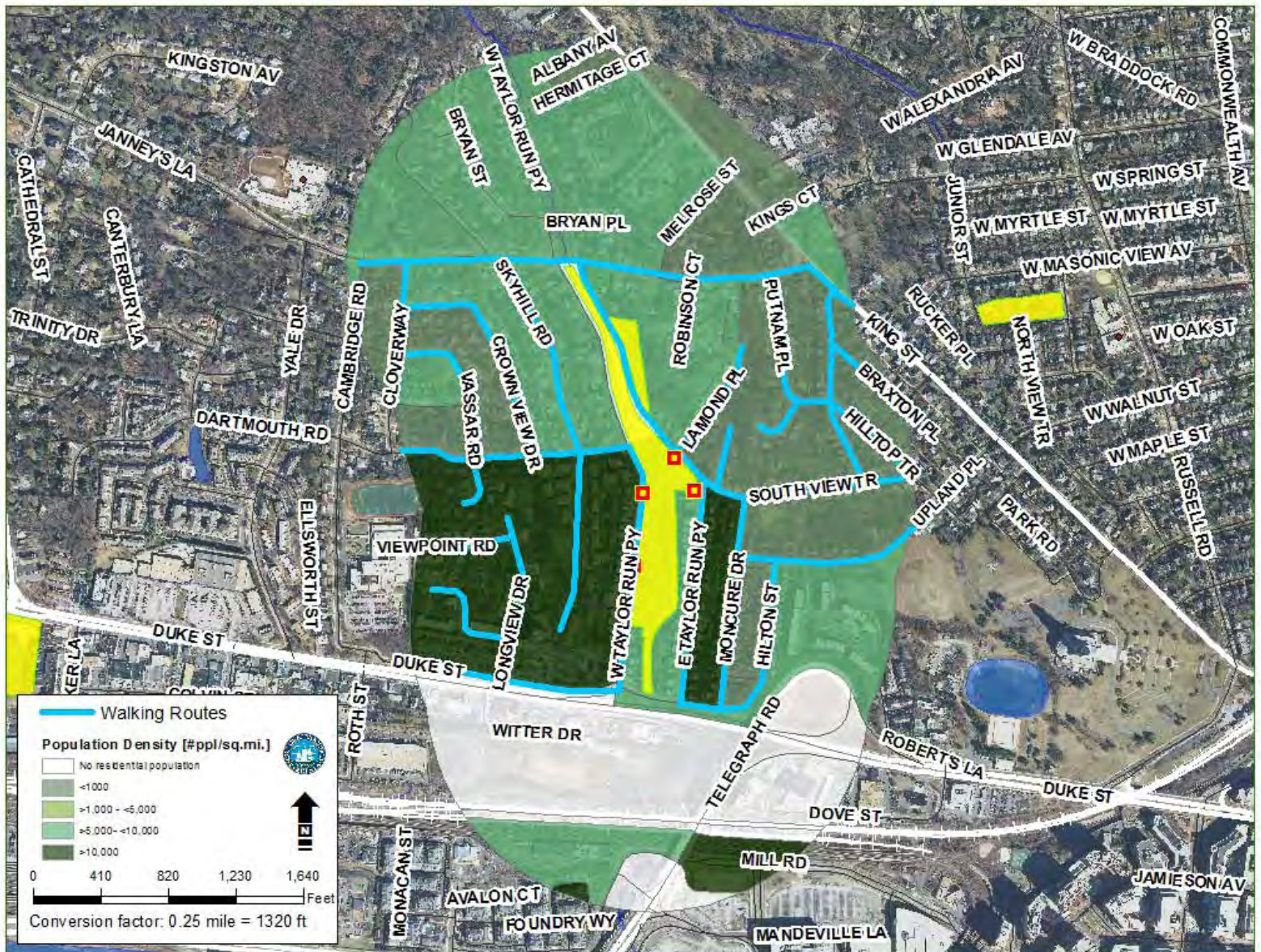
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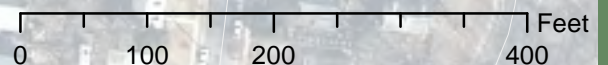
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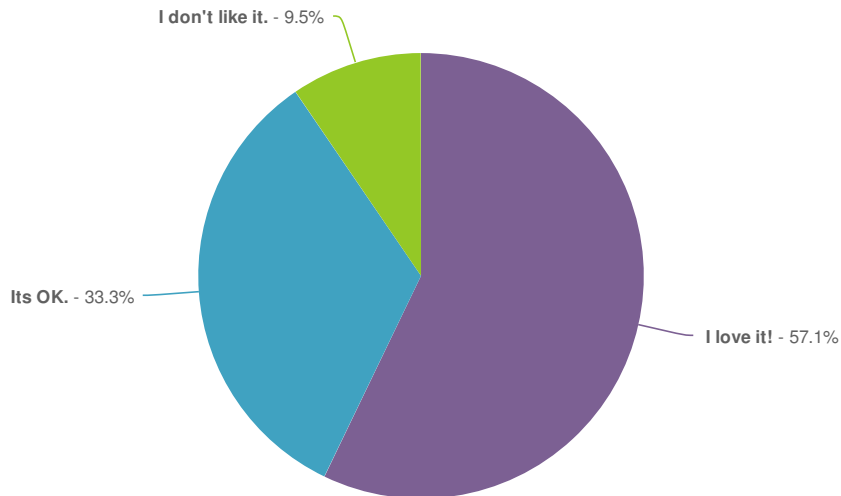
— Resource Protection Area
— Park Boundary





Angel Park Draft Improvement Plan Survey Results, July 2015

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Add swings or similar play equipment

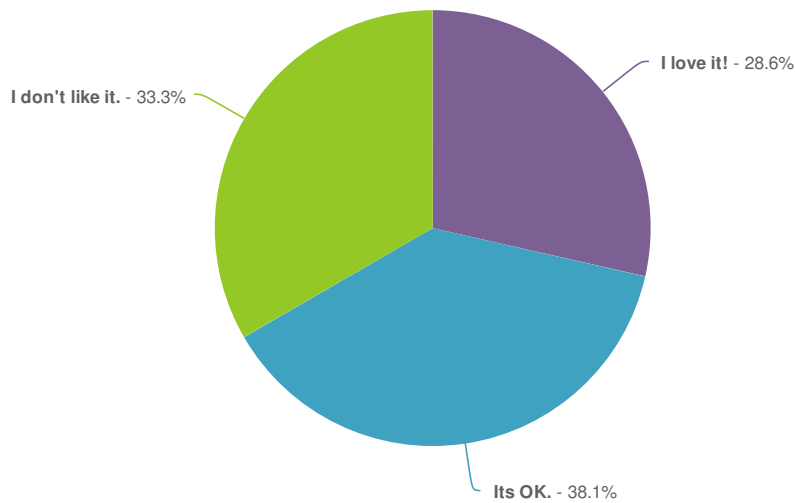


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	57.1%	12
Its OK.	33.3%	7
I don't like it.	9.5%	2
Total		21

Explain-Add swings or similar play equipment

Count	Response
1	Consider placing additional equipment on east taylor run parkway
1	Leave it well enough alone.
1	There is enough equipment there already
1	There are a lot of kids in the area and they could benefit from more playground equipment. I love that the playground is fenced and has a gate, this makes it much safer to let your kids run without going into traffic
1	Please also ensure that there is equipment for the younger child set (many children aged 5 and younger in the immediate area)

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Construct accessible bleachers & plaza into the hillside

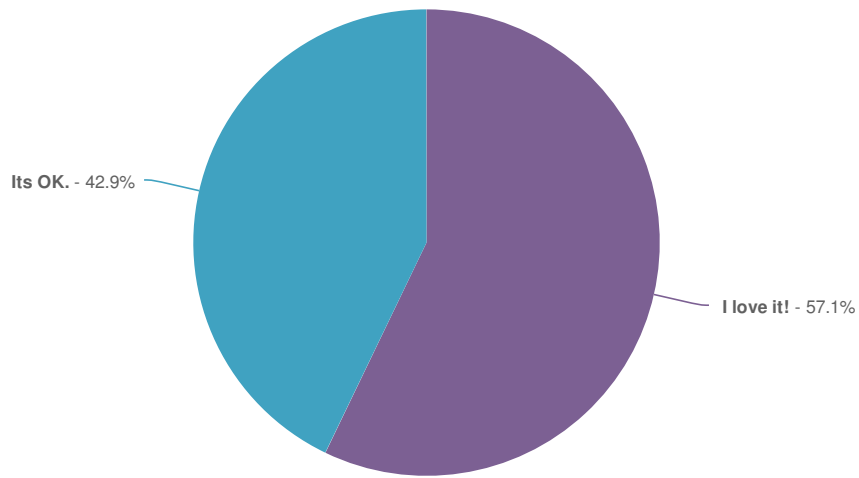


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	28.6%	6
Its OK.	38.1%	8
I don't like it.	33.3%	7
Total		21

Explain-Construct accessible bleachers & plaza into the hillside

Count	Response
1	Hill side is popular on snow days. Do not remove it
1	Horrible idea.
1	Not enough parking and traffic already a problem on west taylor run
1	Why? The park is too small for this. Parking alone is a major concern.
1	Instead of putting a "plaza flush with the sidewalk" and adding benches/bleachers, I strongly recommend that you consider using the sloping pathway, which begins near the pedestrian bridge entrance, that provides access from street level to the park grounds. Formalize that pathway, so it is also convenient for visitors with disabilities, and use the space near the top and at the the left of that pathway to install bike storage. That would provide the ADA compliance you seek without building a whole new structure. Benches/bleachers at street level, I'm afraid, will result in people loitering there, impact the usability of the sidewalk, and create a potential noise nuisance. Benches/bleachers for viewing games ought to begin down at field level and be kept low so as not to encourage transmittal of crowd noise.
1	Need to be careful with this one though. At times, kids hang out playing ball all day and at times this had lead to problems in the neighborhood like cars and houses being broken into since. If people can just hang out there all day watching neighbors go in/out of their houses, it is problematic.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Continue invasive species management

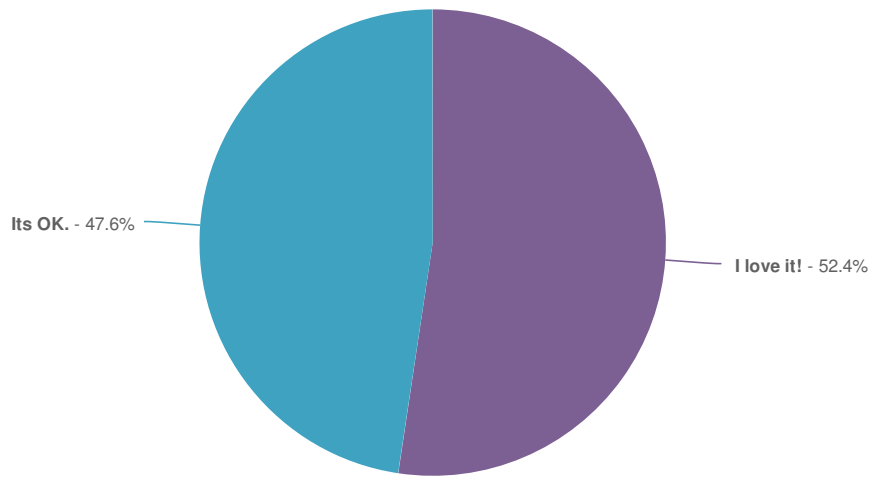


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	57.1%	12
Its OK.	42.9%	9
Total		21

Explain-Continue invasive species management

Count	Response
1	Consider using goats!
1	invasive species management. In addition to removing poison ivy, invasive English ivy needs to be removed for a minimum of two feet on the ground around trees and for 2 feet up the trunks. (English ivy can kill trees according to Arlington/Alexandria Cooperative Extension agents.) Consider hiring Eco-Goats, possibly with a nonprofit's help, to clean poison ivy/English ivy out and get good publicity. In the wooded area between the intersections with Dartmouth and Lamond Place, dead trees and dead branches on trees and on ground need to be removed. On another point, walking toward West Taylor Run Pkway on the paved park path that starts across from the intersection with Lamond Place, I recently saw to right of path a small area of stagnant water, which is a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Consider regrading so that water goes down into the creek.
1	This really needs to be the priority and needs to step up from previous years. There is just poison ivy everywhere

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Develop enforceable guidelines for park shelter use

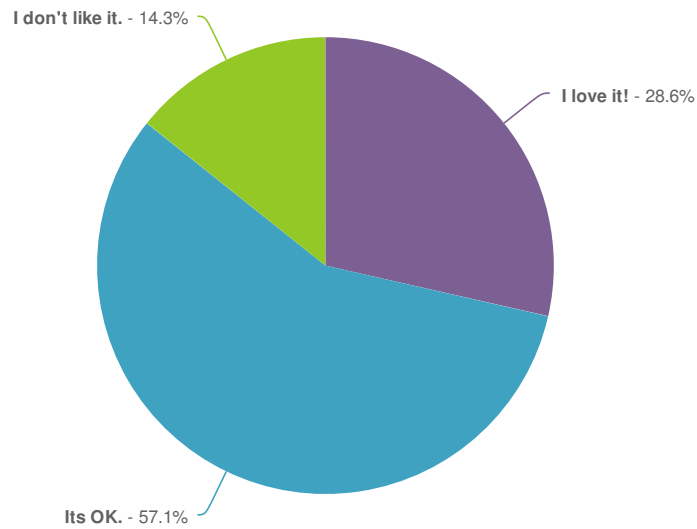


Value	Percent	Count
I love it!	52.4%	11
Its OK.	47.6%	10
Total		21

Explain-Develop enforceable guidelines for park shelter use

Count	Response
1	Functions held there run past time and number of people allowed.
1	Good idea. People come from all over to use the shelter, there should be guidelines for it.
1	The city needs to enforce who can use the park. MD residents don't need our parks.
1	Some groups take over the park, making it less accessible for others and disrupting neighbors. Really need to hold people accountable if they sponsor an event and don't treat it responsibly.
1	Please make your "enforceable guidelines" include language to the effect that this park is surrounded by private property, that parking on private property is trespassing, and that people are likely to be cited and towed. We have had problems in the past with attendees at a large event/party in the park coming onto our property from West Taylor Run Parkway to park. We have had to call the police and the tow company.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install accessible pathways to connect park shelter and basketball courts



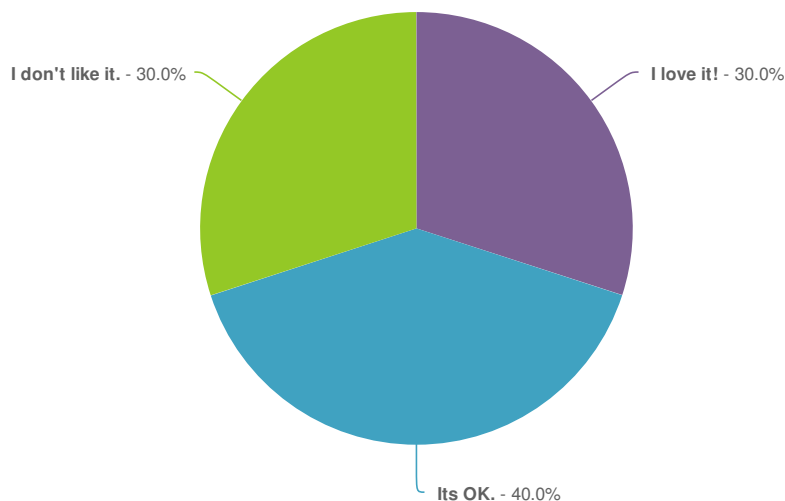
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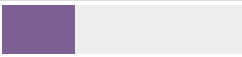

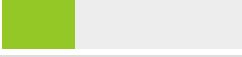
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Count Response

1	Do not like the location of the path on the plan
1	accessible pathways. Consider using permeable eco-friendly surfaces if feasible and ADA compliant. Explore partnership with nonprofits to offset cost.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Relocate the ballfield



Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	30.0%		6
Its OK.	40.0%		8
I don't like it.	30.0%		6
Total			20

Explain-Relocate the ballfield

Count	Response
1	It's fine where it is!!!
1	The only issue is that there is really no shade over there so that needs to be part of the plan.

Do you feel all of the comments were heard and addressed in the draft Angel Park plan? If not, what is missing and how can we make the plan better?

Count	Response
1	I support #5 improve access from Taylor Run Parkway
1	I support #5, improved access from Taylor Run Parkway, including a crosswalk and light.
1	Why isn't Chinquapin park on this list of parks?
1	Yes
1	Yes, just need some tweaks as mentioned in the comments before.
1	n/a
1	A traffic-signal-controlled crosswalk already exists on West Taylor Run Parkway. I am concerned that creating an additional one, especially if "bulb outs" are installed, will complicate and already difficult parking situation for residents on West Taylor Run and a number of Seminary Walk residents whose homes front on West Taylor Run and Dartmouth. The traffic signal, which trips when anyone exceeds 25 mph, has definitely helped control the urge to speed down that street. If you add a "bulb out" there, however, it will eliminate a couple of parking spaces on each side of the street. I would prefer to to see you keep the traffic signal as is, but add a push-button that pedestrians can use to trigger the light when they need to cross. If you want better access to the park, move the existing signal from its current location to nearer the entrance to the park, where your map shows an additional crosswalk. I think adding a second crosswalk on this stretch of West Taylor Run would only further snarl traffic, which is quite bad during rush hours, and eliminate badly needed parking spaces. I hope my comments will be considered before you make final plans for enhancements to Angel Park.
1	There is absolutely no parking for this park, West Taylor run has terrible traffic as it is. why would you try to add to it by making more amenities at Angel Park?
1	Definitely increase the number of trash cans available for the pavilion. People often ask about a bathroom when using the pavilion, but I'm not sure what can be done about that.

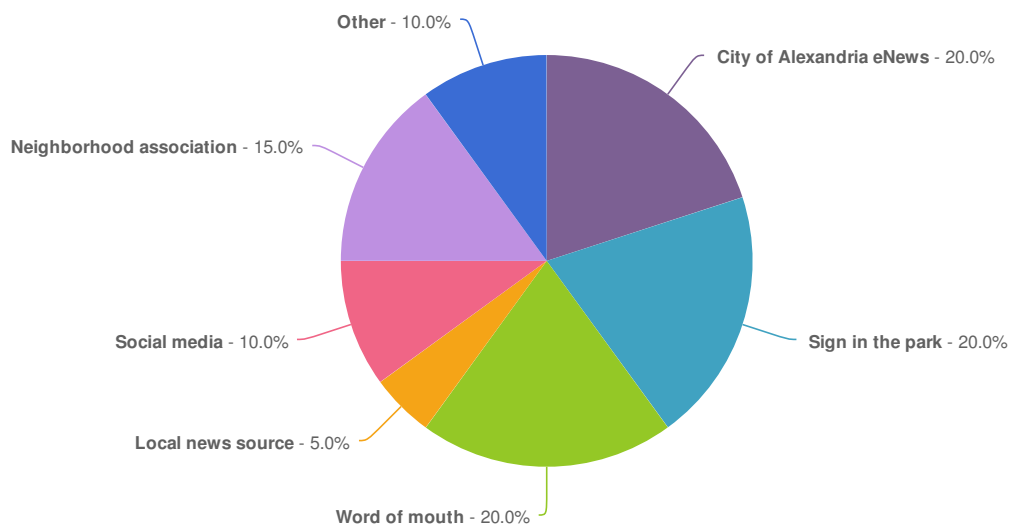
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- 1 I would like to see plans that include the paths from East Taylor Run to Angel Park. WE have many families that use the park. There are also commuters that live on W. Taylor area that use the path to get to and from the Metro. They also need a pedestrian crosswalk at East Taylor Run. Also the park needs to consider the noise that it generates on East Taylor. Several parties the last few years where amplified loud music including obscene language lyrics and screaming. It seems to echo off the hill back towards East Taylor. That will also occur if stadium seating is put in the park. Would love to see a small community garden in the park and trash cans for dog waste. The park is greater then the area considered for development so that should be included in the plan. Part of the park is on East Taylor and little to no work to be done on this side of the park I would have attended the meeting if I was aware of it. Sorry I missed it.
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- 1 I did not know about these changes. Parking and traffic already a problem on West Taylor Run Parkway. Rollover of parking ends up on private property and loitering on private property.
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- 1 The way that the park is set up it would be great to see a multi-use basketball court that includes the ability to play futsal.
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- 1 No. I provided some comments on the board by the bridge, was not aware of other opportunities. You should use other social media such as the local community Facebook pages. You are not aware that the hillside is very popular during snow days. In the winter people drive from miles away to sled on to the field. It is very popular for the community. Please be more creative And reasonable in providing Ada accessibility. Your plan implies that disabled people can not make it down to the softball field. We do not want to be limited to viewing a game from far away. We want people with disabilities to be included in the game and therefor have access to the level of the field. You do not need to reorient the field to do this. Use the existing service road and continue a smooth path to the shelter and the field to provide Ada access. West taylor run parkway turn into a nightmare during rush hour. You should be aware of this before inviting people to spend time viewing a game from the sidewalk. The traffic mess is a hot topic around here. There even was a show about it in local radio show. We like the slope be aide it provides a physical protection from west taylor run parkway. I don't hear anything about improving the pedestrian bridge. This area is the clear entrance to the park. Please make this more welcoming.
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- 1 Something urgently needs to be done about the use of the pavilion area in the summer. Every weekend the neighborhood has to tolerate loud music and filth left after various parties. Last weekend there was a huge bounce house! Don't those things need a permit?
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- 1 Improve access. Existing crosswalk across West Taylor Run Parkway at the traffic signal should be retained. Steps near that crosswalk should be repaired and/or replaced with ADA-compliant ramp. Ramp would also be good for stroller-pushers. Consider putting in a push-button control of signal light. There is very heavy traffic on West Taylor Run Pkwy, especially during rush hours, as it accesses the Telegraph Rd ramp. I feel strongly that shortening the crossing distance across this relatively narrow road is not necessary or desirable. Consider painting a crosswalk near 226 West Taylor Run Parkway to intersect with the pedestrian path that many people use to walk to the King Street subway and to walk dogs. The Seminary Walk condo's fire lane opens onto 200 block of West Taylor Run Pkwy. It is routinely blocked during rush hours by cars extending past fire lane. Consider adding a sign in this area saying something like Do Not Block Fire Lane. In effort to deter those who park in Seminary Walk's property and use the condo's dumpsters, consider adding a sign saying Private Property: No Trespassing.
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- 1 I'd like to see more developed and signed trails to connect the park to the neighborhoods behind it that allow people to walk to the King St. Metro station.
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- 1 There is also a concern with lighting. While the park closes at sunset, the pathways remain open. A better set of lighting on footpaths would be an excellent addition to the plan. Also, please ensure that a pedestrian walkway is added to the north end of the park (crossing West Taylor Run near the entrance of the Pedestrian path through the woods). And seating for parents that is separate and apart from the bleacher area would be imperative (especially if there are nursing mothers using the park space for siblings of nurslings).
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- 1 Generally yes, in particular address the large party gatherings and noise as well as updating playground is great. Would like to see some tot swings/tot lot equipment included as well as a number of residents have small children.
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- 1 A crosswalk/stop sign should be installed across Taylor Run closer to the bridge. That is where I cross every morning and I see a lot of other people do it too. The paths through the forested area could be repaved and have lights to make it safer.
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- 1 I recently talked to a few friends who live in other urban areas across the country where urban orchards are being planted in public parks. This of course would help with food production, but more importantly allows children to have a connection to nature and understand where food comes from. I think the slope between the steps and the playground, with some regrading and introduction of walls and ramps would be a great place for a terraced orchard. This area is not the area where children use for sledding.
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- 1 W. Taylor Run is a bypass for commuters all day long & weekends too. We have an overflow of traffic on that street as is. Please don't make it worse by adding bleachers, etc. Parking is a major issue with the new added enhancements. I live in the Seminary Walk Condos and visitors to the park would begin parking in our back parking lot that faces the park. We owners would have to begin policing the area and calling on the Alexandria police to enforce the "no trespassing" on private property. How much time & effort does the police have to maintain enforcing the no trespassing flow into our back parking lot especially in the evening and weekends. It's a total nightmare. Where will the residents who live on W.Taylor Run facing the park going to park themselves. This will be a total disaster to our community. Leave it alone...
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- 1 The importance of improving access to the park from Taylor Run cannot be stressed enough. There is a sidewalk that dead-ends into the roadway close to Dartmouth Rd where pedestrians frequently cross the street. Taylor Run is exceptionally busy at rush hour. Providing a safe crossing for neighborhood children to access the park and providing access for commuters who pass through Angel park to access the metro there should be a top priority.

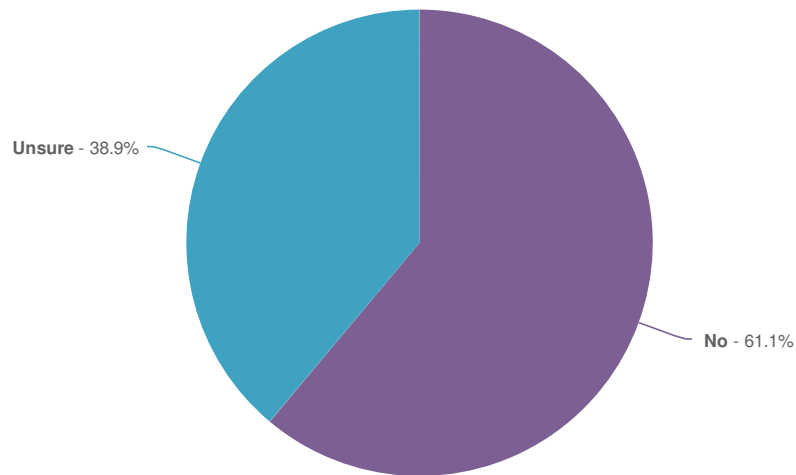
How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?



Value	Percent	Count
City of Alexandria eNews	20.0%	4
Sign in the park	20.0%	4
Word of mouth	20.0%	4
Local news source	5.0%	1
Social media	10.0%	2
Neighborhood association	15.0%	3
Other	10.0%	2
Total		20

Responses "Other"	Count
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Neighbor saw the sign and pointed it out.	1
email	1

Will you be attending the workshop on May 27 from 7pm-8:30pm at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center to discuss the draft plan?



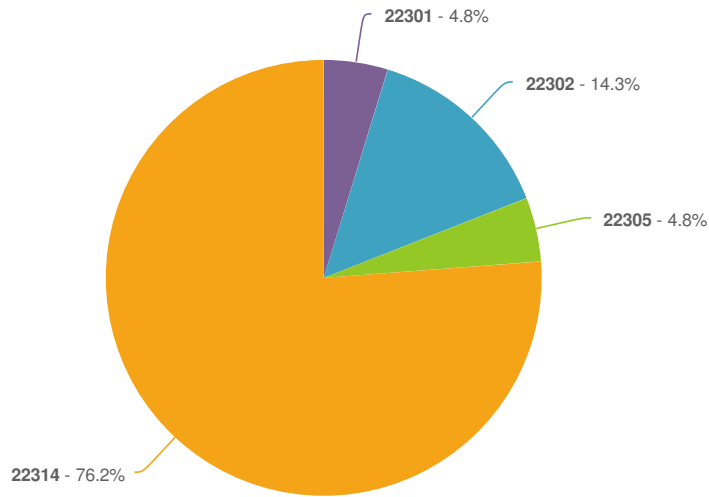
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No	61.1%	11
Unsure	38.9%	7
Total		18

How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	12 100.0%	12
6-12	4 100.0%	4
13-18	1 100.0%	1
19-29	5 100.0%	5
30-49	15 100.0%	15
50-69	3 100.0%	3

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70 or above	1 100.0%	1

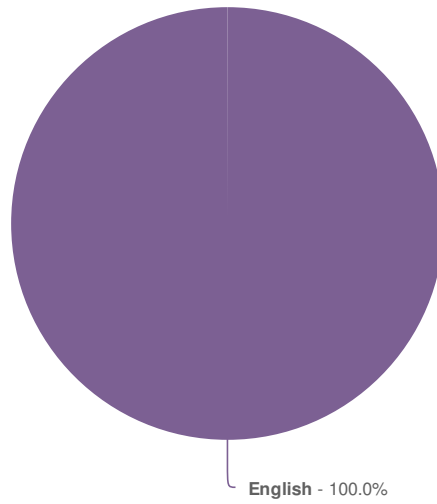
What is your zip code?



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22302	14.3%	3	Average 22,311.2
22305	4.8%	1	StdDev 5.0
22314	76.2%	16	Max 22,314.0
Total		21	

Responses "I live outside of Alexandria"	Count
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What is the primary language spoken in your home?



Value	Percent	Count
English	100.0%	21
Total		21

Responses "other"	Count
Left Blank	25