Hooff's Run Park & Greenway

History and Character

Hooff's Run Park and Greenway contains several city parcels acquired over time. Pieced together, the parcels link an almost continuous 4.5 acre green system through the Rosemont Historic District and neighborhood.

Hooff's Run travels through the park. Native Americans would have fished in the stream and hunted the numerous animals that used the water. There may be archaeological evidence related to such activities within the park. There may also be evidence of seasonal camps. Three Civil War period houses are documented as being east of the current park, though no names are associated with the structures.

The Run was once navigable for cargo boats from Hunting Creek to Duke Street. As Rosemont developed in the early 1900's, the Run presented traffic and health problems as it would frequently



flood and became a public dumping ground. As shown in the image above, the Washington Times reported on September 3, 1922, the residents of North Rosemont making the best of the flooding situation. Despite this "fun," The Alexandria Gazette reported that the water was considered to be a "standing nuisance which not only bed mosquitoes but dangerous fevers." The Run has long since been channelized and covered in asphalt, green space, and concrete in some areas.





By 1955, all of the parcels making up the current park appear to have their current boundaries and all of the parcels are vacant. By 1988, the City owned most of the parcels that make up the current park. The City acquired the two parcels between Linden Street and Rosemont Avenue more recently in 1993 and 2013. These two parcels are zoned for residential use (RB) but permit parks within them. The rest of the City owned parcels are zoned Public Open Space (POS) and do not allow uses other than park and recreational use.

Today, Hooff's Run Park and Greenway includes a frequently used pedestrian trail from the King Street Metro to Chapman Street. The trail is more formal below Rosemont Avenue. Between Linden and Maples Streets the trail is somewhat hidden and runs along a chain link fence adjacent to the Run.

The playground and basketball court south of Rosemont Avenue were both renovated within the past five years. The playground, in particular, serves as a neighborhood gathering space for families with young children and is used throughout the day. The gravel parking lot north of the playground has time restrictions and is meant to serve the park and playground.

Moving north, the concrete area between Maple and Walnut Streets covers the Run. The lower portion of the area is private property, owned by the adjacent apartment complex. The northern portion along Walnut Street (shown below) is publicly owned and unused hard space. Across the street, the entrance to



the park is adjacent to a coffee shop, which creates a social use within the site. It is the area not only surrounded residential use. The tennis court in this area is one of the most popular single courts in the City and was renovated in 2014.

Between Oak and Chapman Streets is an unfenced dog area and a parking lot. The dog area has a rules and regulations sign but appears as an open space with no apparent recreational use (shown below). The parking lot, beyond the dog area, does not have time restrictions and is not used for park use, despite it



being zoned POS. Most often, neighbors, commuters walking to the metro, and commercial vehicles park in the lot for long periods of time.

Existing Conditions



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Tables and chairs. Community gathering places. Access to electricity for block parties and other neighborhood events.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Park?

Response

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Please turn the parking lot into green space!

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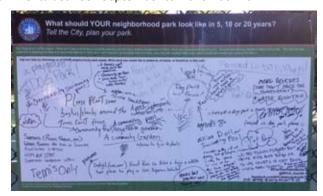
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It seems disjointed. Would love it to be a nice thoroughfare for the kids. Either ditch the parking lot or clean it up.

I know a lot of neighbors are clamoring for a fenced-in dog park. I hope everyone keeps in mind the extra traffic/parking/noise that would entail in an otherwise quiet residential area. Great opportunity to educate about stormwater. Daylight some of the storm sewer! Provide an opportunity to reconnect with a historical waterway - paths along it. What an opportunity! Two years ago, or more, my neighborhood signed a petition to remove the parking lot at Chapman and Commonwealth because it attracted too many cars for a small neighborhood street with lots of kids - a safety and security issue. It is also used for commuters from Maryland and workers walking to construction jobs (check it out in the AM). It is also considered an eye The park between the Metro and Rosemont and between Walnut & Oak are natural gathering places. The parks are underutilized and would be great locations for neighborhood holiday parties, summer block parties, etc.

Graffiti Sign

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. Park users recorded the following comments between September to November 2014



Comments from Community Workshop held on October 25, 2014

- Transform hard surface.
 Concrete surface is a useless eyesore. Do something cool with the concrete (e.g painted kids track, hop scotch)
- Transform parking lots.
 Look at a park pavilion in the parking lot
- Investigate further commuter behavior, Churches schedule and parking use as well as Pre-K
- Put in new signage throughout the park to inform the public what's in the park

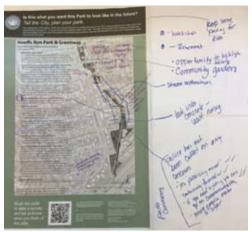
- Put in a curb cut to playground from Rosemont Ave
- Preserve resource protection area as a footpath only. Provide some low-level lightning
- Enhanced stabilize trail.

 Add lighting for safety
- Transform trail. Light the gravel lot between Linden and Rosemont
- Enhance dog park safety with a fence or other on Commonwealth Ave.

Draft Plan Feedback

In Spring 2015, the community provided feedback on the draft park plan (shown below) through online surveys (see appendix for full results), park signs and public meetings. Staff also met with the Rosemont Citizens Association. Based on information

from the Spring input phase, staff updated the plans to best represent current and future community needs.



Improvement Recommendations

1 Convert half of the parking lot to create recreational space
The existing parking lot is, for the most part, not used for park users,
despite it being within an area zoned for recreational purposes. Staff
supports converting half of the parking lot to recreational space, as
suggested through neighborhood petitions and community feedback.
As an interim use the asphalt could be painted with tricycle tracks and
used as black top space for children. The long-term phase includes
restoring the asphalt to landscaped green space with grass, benches
and shade. The portion of the parking lot that would remain would
include six spaces, two of which would be accessible spaces.

2 Enhance the unfenced dog area and add shrubs and a natural barrier along the street

The unfenced dog area is located next to a busy street. While there was some community support for a fenced dog area in Hooffs Run Park & Greenway, there are no appropriate locations in the park as the Dog Park Master Plan guidelines for new fenced dog areas calls for 1/2 acre and 50 ft. from a residential property. This plan recommends shrubs and other plantings along Commonwealth Avenue and Oak Street to define the edge of the unfenced dog area and create a natural barrier to stop unleashed dogs from going into the street.

Add park furniture

The park entrance at Walnut and Marsteller Streets is very shaded from three large and well established trees. The shade provides a great location to place benches for park users to enjoy a cup of coffee or socialize. A trash can and small park information board can also be placed at this site.

4 Transform the concrete area with public art

The concrete surface currently serves no above ground purpose other than to cover a culvert. This plan recommends that the Office of the Arts conduct a "call to artists," per the 2014 Public Art Master Plan implementation strategy, to find site specific and interactive design for the surface.

5 Consider access easement to connect trail

The parcel at Maple Street that seems to connect the trail is private property. An access easement along the site would complete a public path from the Metro through Rosemont. If pursused, the easement would be voluntary by the property owner and is not for the City's determination.

6 Renovate trail between Maple and Linden Streets

While used by many pedestrians, the existing trail has hidden entrances and feels unsafe. The adjacent fence has deteriorated with overgrown vines and brush within it. A new fence, marked entrances, and new pervious surfacing would make this path a safer route and community asset. Improvements would maintain a natural character as much as possible while eradicating and managing the invasive species.

- 7 Resolve drainage and ADA concerns through parking lot renovation Community feedback indicated ponding and associated mosquito issues in the parking lot. The lot is also unstripped. This plan recommends replacing the parking lot surface with a pervious asphalt surface to allow water to flow through. The lot should also be stripped, including accessible spaces, and marked with standard signs to indicate that it is parking for park use. Bike racks can also be added to the lot.
- 8 Install wayfinding signage
 Signs with a map of the park will help identify the park and orient trail users.
- * Transportation and Environmental Services is considering a bike share station for the corner of Maple and Commonwealth. It is in an ideal location for a bike share station because it is 1/2 mile from other bike share stations and a short distance from commercial areas.

Signs will also include standard park rules and regulation signs.

Note: This plan does not recommend further improvements south of Rosemont Avenue at this time because the area was recently updated as part of the playground renovation.



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
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2015 Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan: Appendix



Neighborhood Parks Plan Hooff's Run Park & Greenway

Community Feedback, Fall 2014

The Division of Park Planning, Design, and Capital Development is currently planning for the City's existing Neighborhood Parks, which we characterize as being 0.5 - 10 acres with a service area of up to 0.5 miles. The results of 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.

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It seems disjointed. Would love it to be a nice thoroughfare for the kids. Either ditch the parking lot or clean it up.

I know a lot of neighbors are clamoring for a fenced-in dog park. Hope everyone keeps in mind the extra traffic/parking/noise that would entail in an otherwise guet residential area. Great opportunity to educate about stormwater. Daylight some of the storm seweri Provice an opportunity to reconnect with a historical waterway - paths along it. What an opportunity if two years ago, or more, my neighborhood signed a petition to remove the parking lot at. Chapman and Commonwealth because it attracted too many cars for a small neighborhood street with lots of lods - a safety and security issue. It is also used for commuters from Manyland and workers walking to construction jobs (check it out in the AM). It is also considered an eye. The park between the Metro and Resemont and between Walnut & Oak are natural gathering places. The parks are underubilized and would be great locations for neighborhood holiday parties, summer block parties, etc.

Comments from Community Workshop held on October 25, 2014

- Transform hard surface.
 Concrete surface is a useless eyesore. Do something cool with the concrete (e.g painted kids track, hop scotch)
- Transform parking lots.
 Look at a park pavilion in the parking lot
- Investigate further commuter behavior, Churches schedule and parking use as well as Pre-K
- Put in new signage throughout the park to inform the public what's in the park
- Put in a curb cut to playground from Rosemont Ave

- Preserve resource protection area as a footpath only. Provide some low-level lightning
- Enhanceand stabilize trail.
 Add lighting for safety
- Transform trail. Light the gravel lot between Linden and Rosemont
- Enhance dog park safety with a fence or other on Commonwealth Ave.



Hooffs Run Park & Greenway

Improvement Recommendations

Draft (Spring 2015)

Install bike share station

The parking lot is located in an ideal location for a bike share station because it is 1/2 mile from other bike share stations and a short distance from commercial areas. (This station would need to be re-located upon implementation of recommendation #2).

Convert half of the parking lot to expand the unfenced dog area and add shrubs and natural barrier along street

The existing parking lot is, for the most part, not used for park users, despite it being within an area zoned for recreational purposes. There is community support for a fenced dog area in Hooffs Run Park & Greenway, however, there are no appropriate locations as the Dog Park Master Plan stipulates that fenced dog areas must be 1/2 acre and 50 ft. from a residential property.

The existing unfenced dog area could be expanded into the parking lot. Shrubs and other plantings can be planted along Commonwealth Ave and Oak street to define the edges of the unfenced dog area and create a natural barrier to stop unleashed dogs from going into the street.

3 Install backboard at the tennis court for solo play

There is community support to add a backboard to this already popular tennis court to allow for solo practice.

4 Add park furniture

The park entrance at Walnut and Marsteller Streets is very shaded from three large and well established trees. The shade provides a great location to place benches for park users to enjoy a cup of coffee or socialize. A trash can and small park information board can also be placed at this site.

5 Paint or cover the concrete area with public art

The concrete surface currently serves no above ground purpose other than to cover a culvert. This plan recommends that the Office of the Arts conduct a "call to artists," per the 2014 Public Art Master Plan implementation strategy, to find an enlivening and interactive design for the surface.

6 Consider access easment to connect trail

The parcel at Maple Street that seems to connect the trail is private property. An access easment along the site would complete a public path from the Metro through Rosemont.

Renovate trail between Maple and Linden Streets

While used by many commuters to and from the Metro, the existing trail has hidden entrances and feels unsafe. The adjacent fence has deteriorated with overgrown vines and brush within it. A new fence, marked entrances, and new pervious surfacing would make this path a safer route and community asset.

Renovate the parking lot to define the space

The existing gravel parking lot appears informal and nonstandard. This plan recommends replacing the parking lot surface with a pervious asphalt surface to allow water to flow through. The lot should also be stripped and marked with standard signs to indicate that it is parking for park use. Bike racks can also be added to the lot.

9 Install wayfinding signage

Signs with a map of the park will help identify the park and orient trail users.

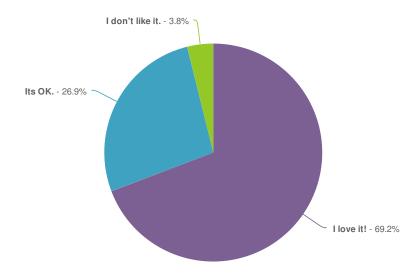
*Note: This plan does not recommend further improvements south of Rosemont Avenue at this time because the area was recently updated as part of the playground renovation.





Hooffs Run Park and Greenway Draft Improvement Plan Survey Results, July 2015

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Add park furniture



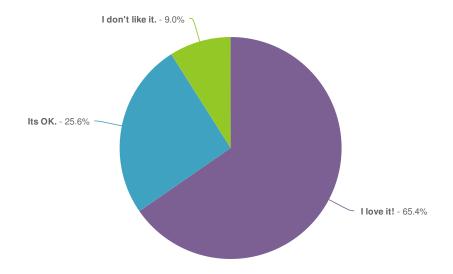
Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	69.2%		54
Its OK.	26.9%		21
I don't like it.	3.9%		3
		Total	78

Explain-Add park furniture

sense of ownership in the public space.

Count	Response
1	Absolutely. Throw in a chess-top table?
1	Agree with statements about shade and place to socialize and get fresh air.
1	NATURAL PLAYSPACE OR SOMETHING LIKE A LOG COULD BE A BENCH OR CLIMBED UPON / WALKED ACROSS
1	Park furniture would be great next to the tennis court as well. A picnic table would be great.
1	Please also put up "no smoking" signs.
1	Seems like an great, affordable idea that would be easily implemented
1	clutter
1	Providing facilities to extend the use of the park as a picnic and recreational space will help promote use of the park and build a

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Consider access easement to connect trail



Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	65.4%		51
Its OK.	25.6%		20
I don't like it.	9.0%		7
		Total	78

Explain-Consider access easement to connect trail

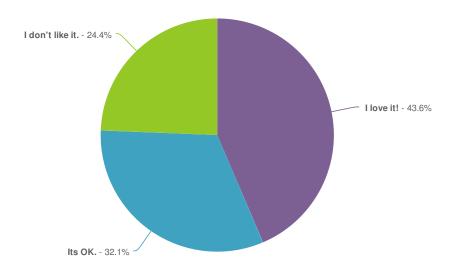
biking all the way from the north to the south end of the park.

Count	Response
1	I walk through here all the time.
1	Makes sense, but please respect the wishes of the owner of said private property.
1	Needs to be done.
1	This is such a pedestrian-friendly neighborhood more paths would be great!
1	This will help make the park more continuous
1	private property
1	Seems lower priority. Commonwealth runs parallel a mere 500' away. I'd say 'do it' if the cost wasn't a factor. Would rather have the above first, however. If you do do it, please make sure it's well lit. It feels unsafe back there/prone for assaults.
1	In order to make the proposed bikeshare station more attractive, this would be a big plus to offer a trail that can be used for

This trail has gone from being used by neighborhod kids cutting throughon their way to and from Maury to an adult commuter route. This is bad for the neighborhood. Somewhere in the plan it says something to the effect that if this trail is converted into a commuter route, we will have a route through Rosemont from the Kind street Metro. We already have a route through Rosemont from the Kind street Metor, It is called Commonwealth Avenue. We do not need or want commuters to be routed off commonwealth Avenue for three block only to pop right back onto Commonwealth Avenue. It is unnecessary and contributes to crime and noise. Also, the opew of this private property had long fenced it exactly to prevent people cutting through; to prevent any indication that there is an easement there. For good reason.

- It would be great to have one continuous trail through this space. We used to live in a duplex that backed up to one of these alleys and did not find use of this trail disruptive at all. We disagree that having a nice trail would be disruptive to neighbors.
- The fences on Maple and Walnut accessing the trail should be replaced with bollards that could also be removed for maintenance (like Pennsylvania Ave near the White House).
- Many people don't know this is private property and use it anyways. Getting an easement would make it easier for people to traverse.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Convert half of the parking lot to expand the unfenced dog area and add shrubs and natural barrier along street



Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	43.6%		34
Its OK.	32.1%		25
I don't like it.	24.4%		19
		Total	78

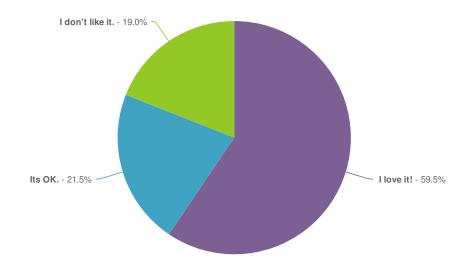
Explain-Convert half of the parking lot to expand the unfenced dog area and add shrubs and natural barrier along street

Count	Response
1	A fence should still be installed even though it does not conform to the "master plan".
1	Good idea, the more grass and green space the better. The extra parking seems unnecessary
1	However, we really need to find a solution for a fully fenced park.
1	I rarely see people using this dog park and don't think it needs to be any bigger.
1	It's crazy to have an unfenced dog park on such a busy street. Low shrubs would be great.
1	Llke the expanded natural barrier, but not sure about the loss of parking

Count Response 1 Parking is necessary for residents. 1 There are so many dog owners in the area who would love this! 1 There is not enough parking already. 1 This should ONLY be done with the parking needs of nearby residents in mind. 1 VERY relieved that city not proposing a fence to the dog park. 1 Would rather see people space, but dog space is better than parking lot. 1 the dog park shoud be fenced in to be useable and safe 1 I am in favor of the parking staying the way it is...there are times when parking on the street is a challenge A natural barrier would greatly improve safety, especially if high enough that most dogs could not see easily see dogs on the 1 other side of the adjacent streets. 1 I would like to see this lot removed completely. Very few residents use it for parking - it is out of town drivers stopping there in day time for metro (a simple survey will show this). I would like the bike share and a child friendly area fenced to keep dogs out. 1 Consider converting the entire Parking lot to green space. The lot is primarily used by non residents and contractors for parking. 1 There is little green space north of the concrete area. It should not be devoted solely for a dog park. 1 Please consider turning part of this space into a community garden, rather than expanding the dog park. 1 I'd rather see the parking lot converted to a play area for children. There are 33 children on E Chapman Street alone. 1 It does not sound safe for either the dogs or residents. If there cannot be a fenced area, I think we should skip the idea. 1 Would also recommend part of the lot be dedicated to a play area, where kids can still ride bikes. 1 The dog park had general approval, with or without taking part of the parking lot. There was a suggestion to fence it in instead of just planting along Commonwealth, but it may not be doable with the current Master Plan for dog parks, i.e., cannot have a fenced park within 50 feet of a residence - in this case, the church on E. Oak, and potentially a couple of houses on Chapman and Oak. However, the Parks & Rec folks said that there was the potential to revisit fencing, especially if a lot of people advocate for it (and considering that a church - no matter the zoning - is not a residence). 1 I think adding shrubs as natural barriers is fabulous. Please make sure you keep this element. Fine to enlarge dog area but also fine idea to use parking lot as combination green space (with a couple of shade trees/greenery and a blacktop area for kids to ride tricyles/scooters/etc. Also fine to use as community garden. Do not keep as a parking lot (currently used only by commuters from out of area.) 1 Just expanding the size of the unforced dog run would make little difference to dog safety for most owners. If the area can't be fenced, just do the bike station instead. 1 I think dogs have enough space dedicated to them in this city. If this is even on the table, in fact, I think the space should be changed from a parking lot to a dedicated blacktop surface. Many local children use this blacktop for learning how to scooter and ride a bike - tremendous life lessons. These children are all local, too small to get all the way to Maury (for instance), and have no other place to do such learning. 1 Underutilized parking space is simply an eyesore and the neighborhood residents and dogs would appreciate more green space.

Update the Dog Park Master plan! One of the issues w/the larger parks is they are super dirty/dusty. Perhaps 1/2 acre is too big? A bunch of smaller, grass covered, parks better? Having shrubs could camouflage pets playing and make it worse for a car to respond if a pooch ran out between them. Yes, good idea to make lot smaller, remove ugly steel posts @ entrance/make it look nicer.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install backboard at the tennis court for solo play



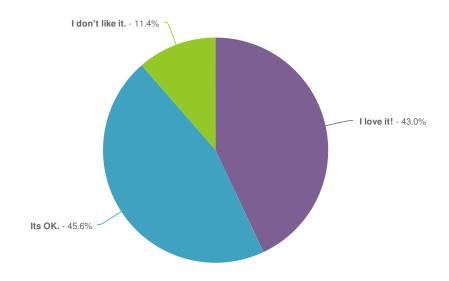
Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	59.5%		47
Its OK.	21.5%		17
I don't like it.	19.0%		15
		Total	79

Explain-Install backboard at the tennis court for solo play

Count	Response
1	The suggestion to add a wall to the tennis court was received favorably
1	Excellent idea for multiple use of site.
1	Good idea.
1	Great idea.
1	Great idea/just make sure it is not wooden and thus really noisy.
1	I dread the noise, since I live very close to the tennis courts.
1	If noise can be mitigated.
1	Less transparency, will make court 'stick out' vs. fence that allows you to 'see through.'
1	Not the best use of funds. How about a community message board for people to find partners.

Count	Response
1	The court is small and neighbors can find the sound annoying.
1	Will create noise for neighbors and conflict with regular tennis players
1	Would need to be concrete or otherwise sound baffled so as not to disturb the neighbors.
1	I don't know the current demand for this, but as a working professional with odd hours and an unpredictable schedule, I would use this!
1	It will be too noisy for residnets near the court having to listen to a ball being smacked repeatedly against a wall.
1	If it is concrete like the one at Minnie Howard, then, I love it. If it is wood, like the one at Chinwuapin, then it is a mistake. You have NO IDEA how much NOISE these backboards make.
1	We are very appreciative of the recent upgrading of the tennis court at Commonwealth and Oak. We are avid tennis players and use the court every week - but the proposal of a backboard gives us concern, as the noise of someone hitting against the wall can be quite annoying to neighbors. We live down the block so the noise will not affect us, however, we would be reluctant to impose the nuisance of a backboard on the immediate neighbors. With a single court, it could also create conflict in terms of a single person using the court versus multiple persons wanting to play. Although we appreciate the idea, it would be more appropriate to install a backboard at the new courts at TC Williams or at the Montgomery Street courts.
1	It will affect the visual impact of this attractive area. It is a single court with plenty of use for its limited capacity.
1	There was discussion at a meeting I attended that these can be very noisy if the wrong material is used.
1	Please also install a community message board, with a cover/door to protect the paper from the elements, so that tennis players can post notes and organize leagues or matches.
1	Depends. If the tennis court is already frequently used and the location of the backboard would impede play on the court, this

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install bike share station



may not be as useful as hoped. Also, speaking as someone who played a lot of tennis in high school, players can realistically

only hit the ball against the wall for so long before their arm gets tired from doing twice as much work as normal.

Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	43.0%		34
		Total	79

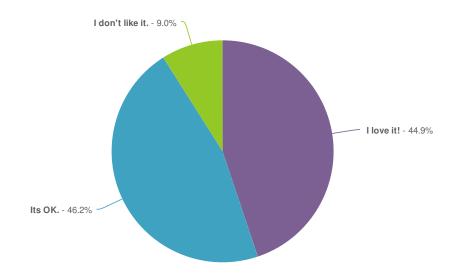
Value	Percent		Count
Its OK.	45.6%		36
I don't like it.	11.4%		9
		Total	79

Explain-Install bike share station

Count	Response
1	A bike share station would be more suitable at a major intersection.
1	Great location for a bike share. The Grape & Bean would also be a great location.
1	I can't imagine that this location would get a lot of use.
1	I think you can install this even closer to the metro.
1	Let's get even more in the neighborhood.
1	No one would use this. Waste of money.
1	Not close enough to public transportation and presently a low-density area
1	See below. Would rather see entire lot converted to open green space.
1	The more the merrier!
1	There are no stations near the park. This would provide a great service to the community.
1	I often use Bikeshare in DC for short trips, especially when public transit does not conveniently connect my departure and arrival points. The proposed location would be a short walk from where I will be living soon and allows for easy, quick travel to Del Ray and Old Town on a more predictable schedule.
1	Yes, but only if it is on a major intersection and located away from homes. Users "jam" bikes into the station late at night creating a disturbing noise for nearby residents.
1	This section of Rosemont is already an unofficial "commuter parking lot." Residents already have to compete with commuters using the side streets to "dump" their cars during the day and walk to the Metro stations. Installing a bike share station will only encourage more commuters to park on residential streets in Rosemont, compounding parking problems.
1	Bikeshare station is a great addition, but it should be located on Commonwealth Abe to maximize visibility, rather than hidden on Chapman St. Chapman also does not go through to Mt. Vernon Ave and Braddock Rd. a better location would be on either corner of Oak and Commonwealth. Oak St goes through the to Russel are, Commonwealth, and Mt Bernon Ave @ Braddock Rd.
1	I'd rather see the parking lot removed. It is almost exclusively used by commuters. If the blacktop must remain, bollards should be installed to prevent cars from entering so children can ride bikes.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Install wayfinding signage

Commonwealth Ave is an excellent bike connector and will become more important as Potomac Yard develops.



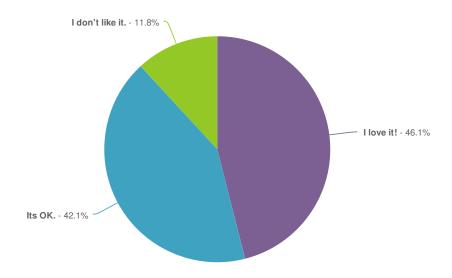
Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	44.9%		35
Its OK.	46.2%		36
I don't like it.	9.0%		7
		Total	78

Explain-Install wayfinding signage

Count	Response
1	Maybe.
1	Seems like a no-brainer.
1	This is a low-cost improvement, so it makes sense.
1	Unnecessary
1	Very nice!
1	Crosswalks and curb cuts should be installed along the entire trail to make it more accessible to users with limited mobility, strollers, and wheelchairs, as well as to make it safer to cross the street. Signage should also be installed on roadways alerting drivers to pedestrian crossings.

I believe this path should be closed. It already is supposed to be closed at dark but that is not enforced. Pedestrian and vehicle traffic should be directed to commonwealth Avenue, not off Commonwealth for 3 blocks onto cut-through through side streets, and then back onto Commonwealth. All that does is increase noise, traffic, parking, crime and sanitation problems in the neighborhood, for no discernible reason except that someone in the city has the idea that ever single patch of green, no matter if it is only 7 feet wide and a block long, every single piece of green space must have a path for commuters through it. This is not required or in accordance with the Complete Street s program, nor is it in accordance with the Alexandria City Police ideas about access control as a tool to prevent crime. There is no reason to cause the neighborhood such problems just to satisfy the vision of one or two city employees who don;t have to live here and suffer the results of implementing their vision. Not to mention that the current signage between East Rosemont and Linden, and between Linden and Maple violates the zoning code. These parcels may not be used for amplified sound, after dark, or for any active activity or congregating activity. And no matter their use, the residential lots next to them must be protected. Appropriate signage in Hooff's Run would be something like "Visitors who require parking, picnic, or sanitation facilities, please visit Fort Ward or Chinquapin parks, which provide these amentities." Proper signage for the areas between East Rosemont and East Linden, and east Linden and east Maple would be anything from 'no loitering" to "Path closed at dusk; police enforced."

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Paint or cover the concrete area with public art



Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	46.1%		35
Its OK.	42.1%		32
I don't like it.	11.8%		9
		Total	76

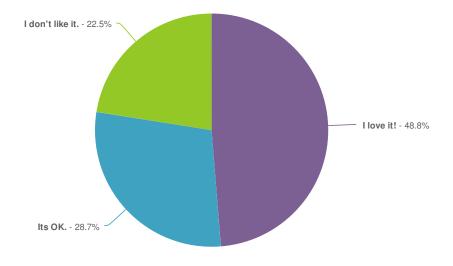
Explain-Paint or cover the concrete area with public art

Count	Response
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1	Don't like the concrete.
1	I think it should be interactive / sports area, not just an art work
1	I vote for daylighting the creek altogether. We should celebrate urban creeks, not bury them.

Count	Response
1	Of course, that depends on the quality of the art.
1	This will improve the look so much!!
1	Would prefer ways to have a more green / trail feel.
1	You need to improve access to this section too.
1	cover with sod? Yes. Paint? Ugly. What do you call "art"?
1	This would be aesthetically pleasing and could probably be done for low cost using volunteer artists from the area.
1	We had been told by the former TES director that there are funds set aside to landscape the concrete culvert between Maple and Walnut streets similar to the soil and plantings along other sections of the culvert. This should be the solution to this blighted area. An art installation or painting the culvert surface would not be an appropriate substitute for more ecologically sensitive landscaping. In addition, the culvert top is poorly drained (water pools at every rain event and creates areas of vegetative deposition) which would make painting the culvert surface impracticable and messy. We do support public art in Alexandria and would suggest that a more appropriate location for the type of community art painting would be the very high/large retaining wall that supports the metro tracks just north of the King Street metro station northern entrance. We have noticed that at least twice attempts have been made to plant trees along the street, but all have failed due to the lack of sunlight and "wind tunnel" effect of that street. The large (and blank) retaining wall provides an ideal solution and would be a more efficient solution than yet another round of failed tree plantings.
1	I would love to have the stream and culvert daylighted. Remove the concrete and restore the waterway!
1	Sounds neat although it would be so much better if that space was 'usable.' Anyway to put fenced dog park there?
1	Nothing gaudy, please. This would only be okay if the selection is tasteful and respects the neighborhood character.
1	Painted concrete isn't attractive. I'd like to see the site beautified, with somthing more natural. For example, pavers and some sort of hardy ground cover.

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Renovate the parking lot to define the space



Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	48.8%		39
		Total	80

Value	Percent		Count
Its OK.	28.8%		23
I don't like it.	22.5%		18
		Total	80

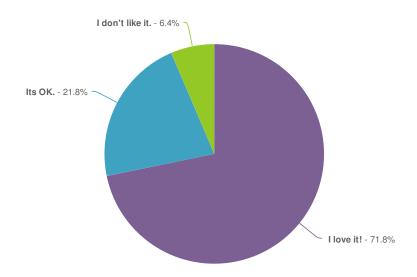
Explain-Renovate the parking lot to define the space

Count	Response
1	Adding grass could make it muddy and frozen during winter months. Gravel preferred.
1	Doesn't seem worth the money.
1	Drainage is poor already
1	I had no idea either parking lot was for the park.
1	Love these ideas - particularly the bike racks.
1	Signage is important so people know they are allowed to park.
1	The Convert into park as the car park is underutilized
1	dogs are more important than parking for non-residents
1	what I want to say is keep the parkingsimple the way it is
1	This will reinforce the importance of the park and provide a clear link from one end to the adjoining section
1	If the decision is made to pave the parking lot, we appreciate the recommendation to utilize pervious asphalt, or better yet, pavers or grass lattice work. We encourage you to consider not only the stormwater issues of paving the lot, but also the temperature (heat island) and habitat (albeit limited) implications of removing the existing unpaved surface.
1	I am not sure if the expense of putting down a formal parking lot would be worth it. Most people who use this park are most likely residents from nearby who do not need to drive to the park.
1	This parking lot is unnecessary and is often empty (no parking allowed weekday morning and afternoons). It would be a great park to walk my dog. Also, it gets flooded easily and cannot be walked through during/after rain. A better walkway is needed.
1	The zoning code prohibits parking in required yards in the POS zone, of which this is one. Additionally even were parking allowed here, residents should be protected from the influx of people going to MEtro and the play area in Hooff's Run. Commuting is good, visiting the play area is good - parking on side streets to attend a pedestrian usage intended park is not. It changes the nature of the Park from a neighborhood park to a destination Park. That is bad for the neighborhood, but it also may be a violation of the zoning code which prohibits increases in use density, Providing parking specific to the park would increase the use density. I propose that this area echo the labyrinth design at the park at other end of commonwealth, possibly in low growing plants which the city can still easily mow but keep the design through use of different plants with different colors and textures, such as creeping thyme, creeping geraniums, etc. They smell, good, would be a nice thing to look at from the street, but do not create a commuter path right behind everyone's house.
1	I really don't know anyone who uses the parking lot. Bike racks would be a good idea. Have you done studies of how many people drive to the park? I don't think it is many.
1	No, this parking lot is an eye sore and really breaks up the trail/park system. This should be a park. It would be a much more efficient use of space. It seems like park goers don't use this space for parking, it is usually filled with out of town license plates or the neighborhood. We need grass and trees here.

Count Response 1 What's wrong with the gravel lot? Why does it have to be "standard"? Why introduce more asphalt in a "greenway"? Even if it's 1 I love it provided that it remains a parking lot with as many spaces as possible. It is highly used and alleviates street side parking. 1 This lot is frequently muddy and there is a large opening sewer drain that is ominous/prone for pet/child to fall in. Would be good to 'tighten it up.' 1 As a hometowner of a nearby property that has no on-site parking, I am against any reduction in evening parking. That said, the area is frequently muddy and prone to standing water (and mosquitos) from lack of adequate drainage. It can be impossible to walk to the metro after a rain or thaw. 1 This would assist with the many drainage issues the parking lot has (it often puddles with water which affects usability of the walking trail and contributes to our mosquito problem. Adding defined parking spaces will assure maximum usability in the lot. The lot is not usuable for park patrons during the day however so I would suggest a 2 hour parking limit during the day (with no such time restrictions overnight) so that it may be used for park patrons while also preventing people from parking there for the metro. Some of my neighbors would like the parking lot removed which would be quite a detriment to the park, the neighborhood and our property values. Parking is already quite limited (often there is no street parking available after 7pm and on weekends) and the additional parking of park patrons cannot be absorbed on the streets. For those of us bordering the parking lot who do not have parking spaces on our lots, the ability to park overnight (when the park is closed anyways) in the lot is essential to our property and resale values. 1 We greatly support keeping this as a parking space and improving it with either paving bands in grass or asphalt to help with drainage. Please do not convert it to a park. The parking spots are crucial to the neighborhood as you can only park on one side of Linden Street. Also suggest making the lot available to park for residents (zone 7) only during the work week. 1 This area presents an excellent opportunity to expand the green space in the neighborhood and provide an area for dogs and children to play. The current setup feels disconnected from the rest of the trail and the parking lot is underutilized, with many out-of-state license plates. Greener space would increase infiltration and decrease the urban heat island effect. However, if keeping parking is deemed a priority, please consider an alternative parking that increases green space. In lieu of permeable asphalt, an option would be grass pave in the parking bay. This approach would increase infiltration, decrease urban heat island effect, and formalize parking spaces while maximizing green space athletic. Brick pavers would replicate aesthetic of Old Town, but other materials could be used if this is cost prohibitive. Shrubs and trees lining Linden Street could also increase green space while defining the edges of the parking lot, improving aesthetics, and creating a natural barrier. 1 Parking lot is hardly used. Make it a park and add something like horse shoes or bocci ball. Also looks like some person is incroaching on the space with a garden. KEEP THE PARKING!!! Whatever you decide to do, KEEP THE PARKING!!! It is absolutely essential for local residents, as 1 street parking is insufficient to meet the needs of the neighborhood. Your proposal is a good one, but please respect the parking

What do you think of the following recommendations?-Renovate trail between Maple and Linden Streets

needs of E. Linden ST residents.



Value	Percent		Count
I love it!	71.8%		56
Its OK.	21.8%		17
I don't like it.	6.4%		5
		Total	78

Explain-Renovate trail between Maple and Linden Streets

Count Response

- 1 Ditto previous comment.
- 1 This is such a pedestrian-friendly neighborhood -- more paths would be great!
- 1 This will make the park more continuous.
- 1 Yes! Would never use it at night currently.
- This area is 7 feet wide. It was and still sometimes is a cut through for kids going to and from school. It was not meant to be a thoroughfare for adult Metrocommuters. It contributes to crime and noise, as well as parking issues, in that people park on Commonwealth and the side streets as close as they can get to Metro to avoid paying Metro parking fees, then cut through here to get to MetroThis should be discouraged, not encouraged.... Commuters should be routed
- We utilize this informal trail frequently and value and prize it for its semi-"wild" character. While we appreciate your accurate characterization of the trail as "feel[ing] unsafe", it is not actually unsafe in any way. This small section of trail is perhaps the only natural and wild portion of the greenway (perhaps the entire Rosemont area) and represents an important alternative to kempt and overly landscaped areas. As short as the trail is, it is a lone opportunity for our youth to feel a sense of exploration, challenge and experience a little bit of wild. With so many other fiscal needs, we urge you to leave this short section of trail as it is. Because we are frequent users of the path, we have seen first-hand the birds that frequent the brush along the trail and we feel the dramatic (cooler) temperature variation that the open water and green canopy provides.
- 1 This is a must as is pointed out here, the existing trail is creepy, hidden and muddy after rains.
- 1 Really needs to be done as is, I think many don't realize the path is even there, and it's certainly too deteriorated to use at night.

Count	Response
1	I have not seen the trail in question, so I do not have strong feelings. That said, safety is essential to allow people to feel comfortable using the space, and commuters may be coming back after dark especially during the winter.
1	This is a great idea; however the path is so narrow I don't know that it would improve the safety of it. It has no sight lines from either side-only from the narrow openings.
1	It is ESSENTIAL that you re-grade this area in order to keep Hoof's Run water levels at bay in the event of major, prolonged rain events. Ideally, this section of Hoofs should be covered as it is in other areas. This would prevent dumping in the open area. In general, this area needs better maintenance and landscaping. Mosquitos are a major issue.

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

Count	Response
1	A-Ok
1	Appreciate having the opportunity to participate.
1	Good realistic plan
1	I cannot address this as I am not familiar with the comments.
1	I don't really know. This is the first time I've become part of this process.
1	I think my prior comments need to be considered.
1	I think the plan is very thoughtful and considerate of residents' views.
1	No, I did not know about the previous comment period.
1	Ok
1	Please do not convert the gravel parking area between Linden and Rosemont into another park.
1	Recommendations are terrific.
1	Safer pedestrian access along the route.
1	Sounds very good
1	The area just flooded again the other day and that is not addressed in the plan.
1	These all seem like reasonable ideas.
1	We should not give up on a flexible solution for a fenced in dog park
1	Why do we have to do anything - Leave it as it is.
2	Yes
1	Yes, thank you
1	leave park as is
1	need to be clear that basketball hoops will be maintained
1	parking lots should remain parking lots, it may affect real estate value if it is limited.

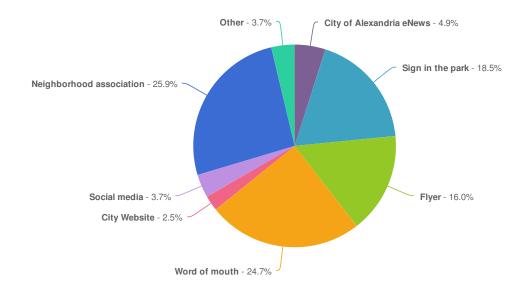
Count Response 1 yes I think the draft plan is fabulous, and makes reasonable compromises between various competing stakeholders. Great work, I 1 also went to meeting at Maury school on this, and the city person was fabulous at handling meeting, including handling disparate views. 1 The existing parking lot on E Chapman serves no benefit to City residents. Most people who park there are commuters from outside the City. We would like to see the lot converted into a playground for neighborhood children. There are over 30 kids under 8 years old on E. Chapman alone. Part of the lot can be turned into a dog park. Thank you, Thanet Williams 9 E. Chapman. 1 The current dog park area would be so much more friendly and community oriented if it were fenced in. Dogs cannot safely play next to the busy street of Commonwealth without fear of danger from passing cars. A fenced park would encourage a sense of community and connectivity. The added safety that a fence would provide will encourage neighbors to safely let their animals play 1 I love usinf permeable surfaces for the parking lot between Maple and Linden. I have lived on Linden for some 20 years and had no idea that it was supposed to be for the park. If you can't park during the day, it doesn't make any sense for it to be used as a lot for the park. Linden Street residents use the lot when allowed as there is not enough street parking. 1 I strongly feel the parking lot at E Chapman needs to go. This lit is not used by people using the park. It is used by commuters and long term parkers. It is out of place in the neighborhood. At the very least, bollards should be put up, to keep cars out so kids can skate and ride bikes. A basketball hoop would also be great. Alternatively, a tot lot, green space or rain garden would make better use of that space. A slash park would also be fun. 1 The existing path between Linden and Maple streets should have a sidewalk just like there is in the larger park closer to the metro. Also, I would love a community vegetable garden in some of the unused/underused space between the parking lot at Linden (which I can't stress is vital to me as a resident without property having a dedicated parking space and without a lot having adequate room to add a space) and Rosemont Ave. 1 Please consider a community garden in part of the area where the parking and dog park are currently located. 1 The parking lot at E Chapman should be removed and turned into a green area. The lot is used mainly by commuters. Alternatively, block auto access and allow children to use the area to ride bikes/scooters. 1 No. I did not have the opportunity to comment on the proposed renovated parking lot between Linden and Rosemont Streets. This area presents an excellent opportunity to expand the green space in the neighborhood and provide an area for dogs and children to play. The current setup feels disconnected from the rest of the trail and the parking lot is underutilized, with many out-of-state vehicles. Greener space would increase infiltration and decrease the urban heat island effect. However, if keeping parking is deemed a priority, please consider an alternative parking plan that increases green space. In lieu of permeable asphalt, an option would be grass pave in the parking bay. This approach would increase infiltration, decrease urban heat island effect, and formalize parking spaces while maximizing green space athletic. Brick pavers would replicate aesthetic of Old Town, but other materials could be used if this is cost prohibitive. Shrubs and trees lining Linden Street could also increase green space while defining the edges of the parking lot, improving aesthetics, and creating a natural barrier. 1 Convert parking lot between E Linden and E Rosemont into a park as the car park is underutilized anyway- as not allowed to park during weekdays

- A. Suggestions for the parking lot on corner of E. Chapman included: MANY SUGGESTIONS FOR INCREASING BIKING 1 ACCESS 1. Agreeing to bike share, but putting bollards so no cars could come in, allowing for kids to bike and/or add a basketball hoop. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT HOOPS ARE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FEATURES TO INCREASING KIDS' PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN A PARK 2. Removing pavement entirely (with or without bike share) to make it a green space (with or without play equipment). 3. Leaving parking available so that construction vehicles can park there when they are doing roadwork in the area. 4. Keeping the same size, i.e., not making smaller to add to the dog park. 5. Agreeing that the dog park could take up more space from the parking lot. C. The suggestion to add a wall to the tennis court was received favorably. The most contentious part of the plan involved the Greenway headed down towards Blue Park, RE SRS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE "CUT-THROUGH" PATH ENCOURAGED, ALTHOUGH I THINK KEEPING IT GREEN OR MORE TRAIL-LIKE WOULD BE FUN FOR KIDS AS OPPOSED TO PAVING ALL OF IT D. A suggestion was made to pave a walking path on the various parts of the Greenway between E. Rosemont and E. Oak so that it becomes a cohesive park. However, a resident who lives close to Blue Park/E Rosemont seriously opposed this suggestion. It was pointed out several times that "it was kids cutting through to go to Maury" who "wore a footpath" on the Greenway between E Linden and E Oak. (This was said as if the children were doing something wrong, instead of walking through a City park.) POSSIBLY A "TRAIL HEAD" SIGN WOULD LET FOLKS KNOW THIS IS OK TO DO AND THAT IT'S PUBLIC PROPERTY. E. A resident also opposed paving the City parking lot off E Rosemont, because it would encourage more people to come from further away to use Blue Park - making it a "destination" park instead of a neighborhood park. ALTHOUGH I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE NEED FOR THE PARKING LOT. IS THIS A BAD THING TO DRAW FROM A BIGGER AREA. AND ISN'T IT ALREADY A DESTINATION PARK -- IT WAS WHEN MY KIDS WERE GOING THERE 6 YRS AGO 1. Rather, this resident proposed banning parking during the day and only allowing the lot to be used for residents at night. 2. An alternative suggestion was to remove the parking altogether and replace it with a wild flower field with no path. ROSE GARDEN, SISSY? (; 3. The third suggestion was to remove the lot, but pave a foot path through the Greenway. F. A resident suggested that the entrance to Blue Park from E Rosemont be blocked completely, requiring everyone to go down Commonwealth to enter Blue Park near Metro so that people would not disturb the neighbors by walking behind their homes to get to Blue Park or to commute to Metro, and discouraging people from using park property after dark. I THINK BLOCKING OFF THE ENTRANCE DETERS FROM OUR ACCESS OBJECTIVE -- MAKES IT HARDER FOR RESIDENTS TO GET TO PARK
- No, please do not just renovate the parking lot off Linden street. This is a bandage on a problem. This parking lot is unnecessary and a missed opportunity for park/green space. Just plant some grass and some trees.
- I have no problem with what is planned for upgrading the parking in No. 8, the Linden/Rosemont area. My only suggestions might be to limit the day time parking hours to one or two hours, for people using the park(s) for kids and dogs. Our parking lot is used mostly by residents and guests for overflow parking at night and on weekends, since both streets have parking on one side only. Maybe you want to consider an entrance to the parking lot from Rosemont?
- I don't understand how ideas like a noisy tennis backboard, painted concrete, and more asphalt are consistent with the concept of a "greenway." None of those ideas seem conducive to the peace and tranquility that an urban park should have.
- One thing not addressed is the complete lack of playground equipment for older children. Blue Park used to be fun for kids of all ages but now it is really only targeted at small kids. Nothing in the new plans gives options for older kids.
- I am not sure that the project has penetrated the community as the Maury Project has dominated (rightly) discussion. Can more effort be made to attract local comment?
- Overall, we recommend that the city operate from a less-is-more premise. While this is our neighborhood and we appreciate the efforts to improve the neighborhood and believe that some of the recommendations will make important storm water, heat island, and recreational improvements (for example landscapes the culvert between Maple and Walnut), we are also keenly aware of the budget constraints city-wide and believe that some of the recommendations are not needed and resources are better utilized elsewhere. Thanks again for the opportunity to be heard in this process and thanks for your great work.
- I would love for the concrete to be removed. I was not apart of the draft plan, as I am a newer homeowner in the surrounding neighborhood. I would love to see better walking & biking path through this area (some parts already have this very nicely).
- Just please do not take away the parking lot at linden street. The lot improves home value. It just needs grading and the aforementioned resurfacing.

- The parking lot on Chapman & Commonwealth is routinely used by commuters and construction workers from out of state or area. The lot should be for residents ONLY. Preferably, we should remove the parking lot altogether, as our entire neighborhood petitioned the city twice before! At a minimum please beautify it with natural hedges & ban non-city cars and overnight parking for safety and aesthetic reasons.
- 1 It's okay...just please DO NOT add lighting at the dog park area, it would only encourge people to be out for an extended period at all hours of the night.
- Please preserve the quiet neighborhood. I want folks to enjoy the park, but this work should not lead to an increase of people parking on the streets and making noise in the neighborhood. MOST OF ALL, Hoof's Run needs to be deepened and covered. The nearby areas along Linden need to be properly graded. Properties are at risk due to the City's negligence in directing storm water into Hoof's Run and away from properties.
- 1 Yes, but for #2, given the large number of kids in the neighborhood, a park for them would be preferable.
- What in the world is wrong with a parking lot! Parking is at a premium. There is the blue park right across the street we don't need another park. Beautify the parking lot if you want and let people PARK IN IT. Why do we prohibit weekly parking? If you want to do something work on the open waterway of Hoof's Run to prevent flooding. Reinforce the concrete walls / or dig a deeper trench and re-cement. We live in fear of floods and the weather is only becoming more severe every year.
- I'm sorry to say I'm reading this for the fist time, having said that I think all that is proposed sounds warranted for each location & need. I'm mostly in favor for the fenced dog park.
- 1 The park needs a trail going all the way from the King Street Metro to the dog park/parking lot at Oak Street.
- In general, I love the redesign concept. It would be great if some space in the parking lot at Chapman and Commonwealth were reserved as a play area for kids to ride bikes.
- More kids/adult rec space basketball, gardens, play area for older kids, fitness trail stuff would be used by our family and neighbors.
- For the north parking area (Hooff's Run), I recommend elimination or repurposing. It is currently used as year-round parking for commercial vehicles. I don't object to commercial vehicles which are on service calls, but others use it as permanent parking. The city should not subsidized such private businesses and the vehicles are an eyesore. Repurpose for children's activities or expansion of the dog park.
- No, I do not. What is missing is: discussions of how to protect the neighborhood from the hoped for and expected influx of 1 commuters due to the opening of the new entrance to the King street Metro station, and the popularity of the play area in Hooff's Run park, while still encouraging commuting and play area use; measures to be taken for protection of the adjacent property owners from the noise, traffic, parking issues, crime, and sanitation problems that arise when a huge increase in use density happens; how to enforce the closing of the park, including the path through it, at dark, or, in the absence of funds for the enforcement, ways to shut or redirect the path through the Park back to Commonwealth Avenue in such a way as to accommodate commuters as well as protect the neighborhood from the effects of many commuters using it as a gateway to Old Town and the Metro; Given the immense popularity of the park with people form outside the intended use area, consideration of options for closing the East Rosemont Entrance to the play area and using the Commonwealth Avenue Entrances as the entrance and egress to and from the play area and the Metro. (This would not inconvenience people arriving from the south, and would only require a walk of about 200 feet further for people entering from the north. Additionally, there are no houses at the Commonwealth Avenue Entrances to the Park, even further protecting the residents from the impact of large numbers of people visiting the Park and going to the Metro.) Compliance with the zoning code and the city code. (Zoning Code Sections 6-109, 6-108(C), 6-106(B)(2),6-106(B)(3), 6-102(B), 6-107(A); City Code sections 6-1-1 and 6-1-8(a)(1) all impact the expansion of Hooff's Run into Hooff's Run Park and Greenway, as well as the issues of providing parking lots in the park, closing times required, protection for adjacent residential property, etc. Additionally, at the meeting it was discussed that the city would like to open up the Hooff's Run storm sewer, but currently does not have the funds. This may be a violation of of Section 6-301, 6-306(C), 6-310(D), 6-311(A)(2), 6-311(B)(1),(2),(6),(7) and other subsections of Section 6-300 of the zoning code, which is specifically devoted to floodplains. But even if it is not, I would like to have a written commitment from the city in the plan to the effect that it will not take such action without first notifying all adjacent homeowners, and without first doing a study as to the effect of such action on both our flood insurance rates as well as actual flooding.

I would like to add compost and recycling bins next to trash and more sun coverage/shade for the park. It would also be nice to have more benches or seating areas and increase play equipment for toddlers.

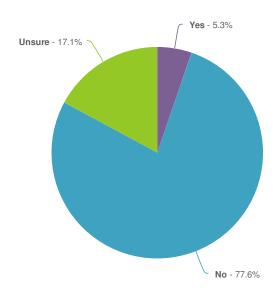
How did you learn about the Neighborhood Park Plan survey?



Value	Percent		Count
City of Alexandria eNews	4.9%		4
Sign in the park	18.5%		15
Flyer	16.1%		13
Word of mouth	24.7%		20
City Website	2.5%		2
Social media	3.7%		3
Neighborhood association	25.9%		21
Other	3.7%		3
		Total	81

Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	81
Maury listserv	1
Maury pta meeting	1
Maury school listserv	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?

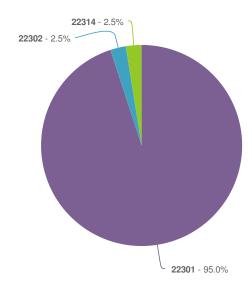


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How many members of your household are in the following age groups?

	# in household	Responses
Under 5	27 100.0%	27
6-12	27 100.0%	27
13-18	6 100.0%	6
19-29	7 100.0%	7
30-49	60 100.0%	60
50-69	27 100.0%	27
70 or above	5 100.0%	5

What is your zip code?



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22301	95.0%		76	Sum	1,784,108.0
22302	2.5%		2	Average	22,301.4
22314	2.5%		2	StdDev	2.0
		Total	80	Max	22,314.0
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