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# Federation of Friends Meeting

March 14, 2023

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# Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Access (PROSA) Strategy

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## Parks & Recreation System Master Plan Goals

Improve access and opportunities for healthy and active lifestyles.

Ensure protection, conservation, preservation, and interpretation of cultural resources.

Improve and promote natural resource protection and management.



  
Advance Park  
System Excellence

  
Be Equitable and  
Inclusive

  
Meet Changing  
Recreation Needs

  
Promote Healthy  
Lifestyles

  
Inspire a Passion  
for Parks

  
Be Great  
Stewards

  
Strengthen and  
Foster Partnerships

## Strategic Plan FY19 - FY23 Objectives

Balance natural resources, cultural resources, recreational needs, and equity in planning and developing a sustainable park system.

Position the Park Authority as the model organization for increasing physical activity and wellness in Fairfax County.

Increase walkable access (1/4-mile or 5 minute-walk (urban) and 1/2 mile walk or 10-minute walk (countywide)) by County residences to park or facility entrances or trailheads to connect people to nature and recreational experiences.

Increase the Park Authority's land holdings based on a proactive and informed decision-making strategy.



# PROSA Objectives

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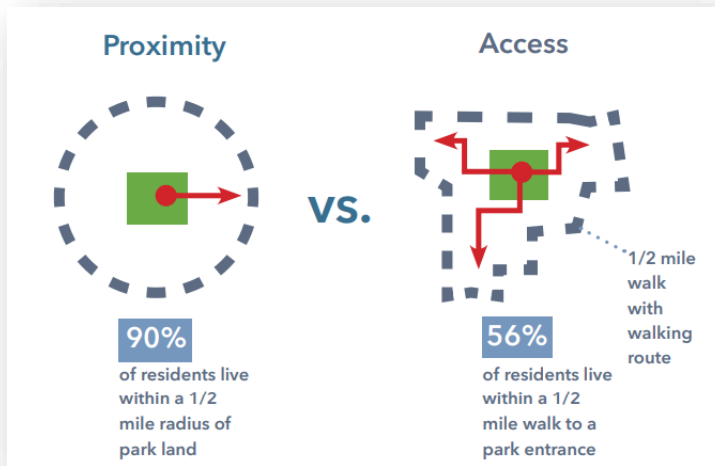
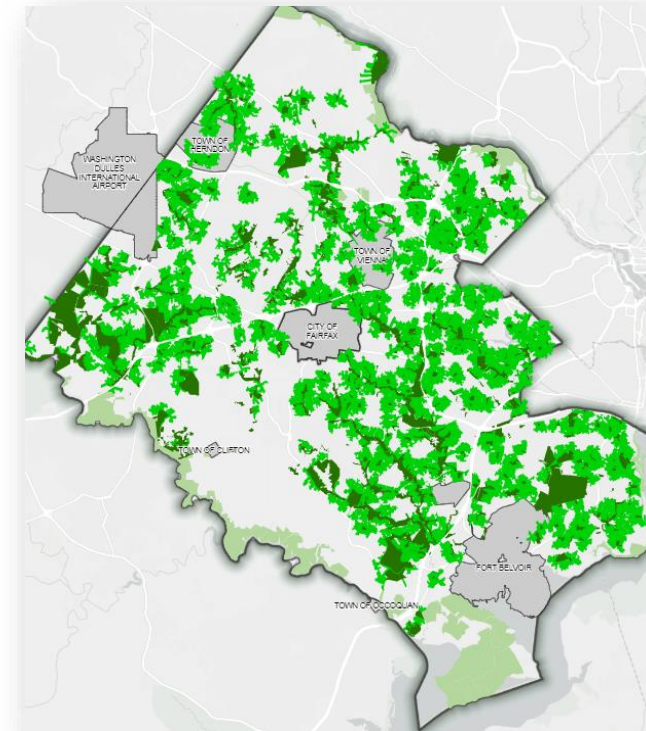
*PROSA advances County Strategic Plan priorities*





# 10-minute Walk Analysis

**Goal:** Ascertain who can and cannot access an FCPA park within a 10-minute walk from their home and provide strategies to expand walkability access.



**+/- 52%** of residents can access one or more FCPA parks within a **10-minute walk** from their home.

# Complete Park Experiences

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**Goal:** Determine the primary experiences categories, analyze the types of experiences at all parks, and provide recommendations as to which parks could improve on the balance of experiences.

- Everyone should have access to a variety of experiences at FCPA parks within 10-minute walk or 5-minute drive
- Primary experience categories:
  - active recreation
  - passive/contemplative recreation
  - social gathering recreation
  - natural/cultural recreation
- All parks will be given a “park score” to understand the current state/balance of primary experiences



# Habitat Connectivity

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**Goals:** Identify which areas have no or little habitat connectivity, provide strategies to expand habitat connectivity for potential/future parkland acquisition, and identify existing park sites where habitat health should be improved.

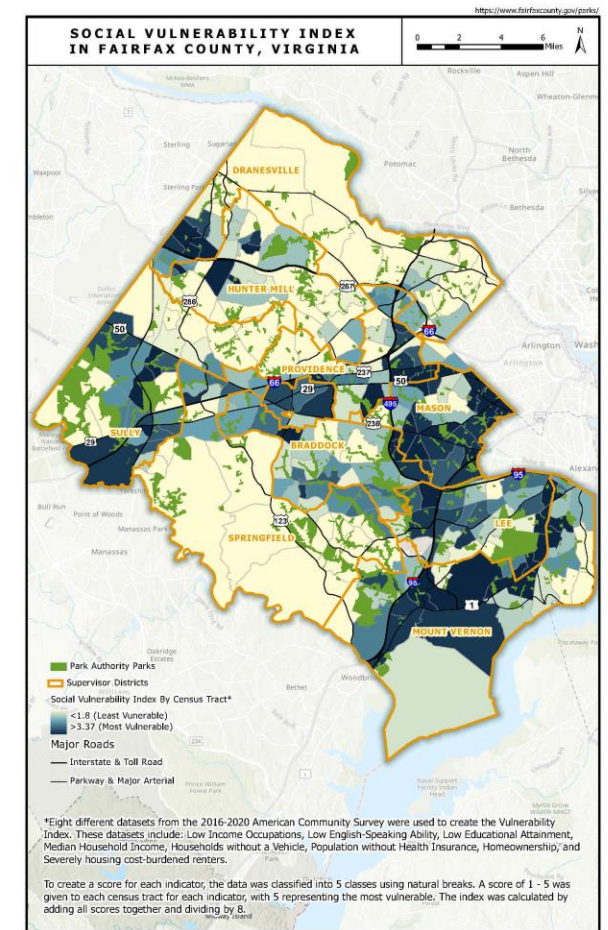




# Equity Analysis

- Utilize U.S. Census Block Groups data for a granular, neighborhood approach
- Vulnerability Index Indicators:

Low Income Occupations	Households without a Vehicle
Low English-Speaking Ability	Population without Health Insurance
Low Educational Attainment	Homeownership
Median Household Income	Severely Cost-burdened Renter



# PROSA & CIP

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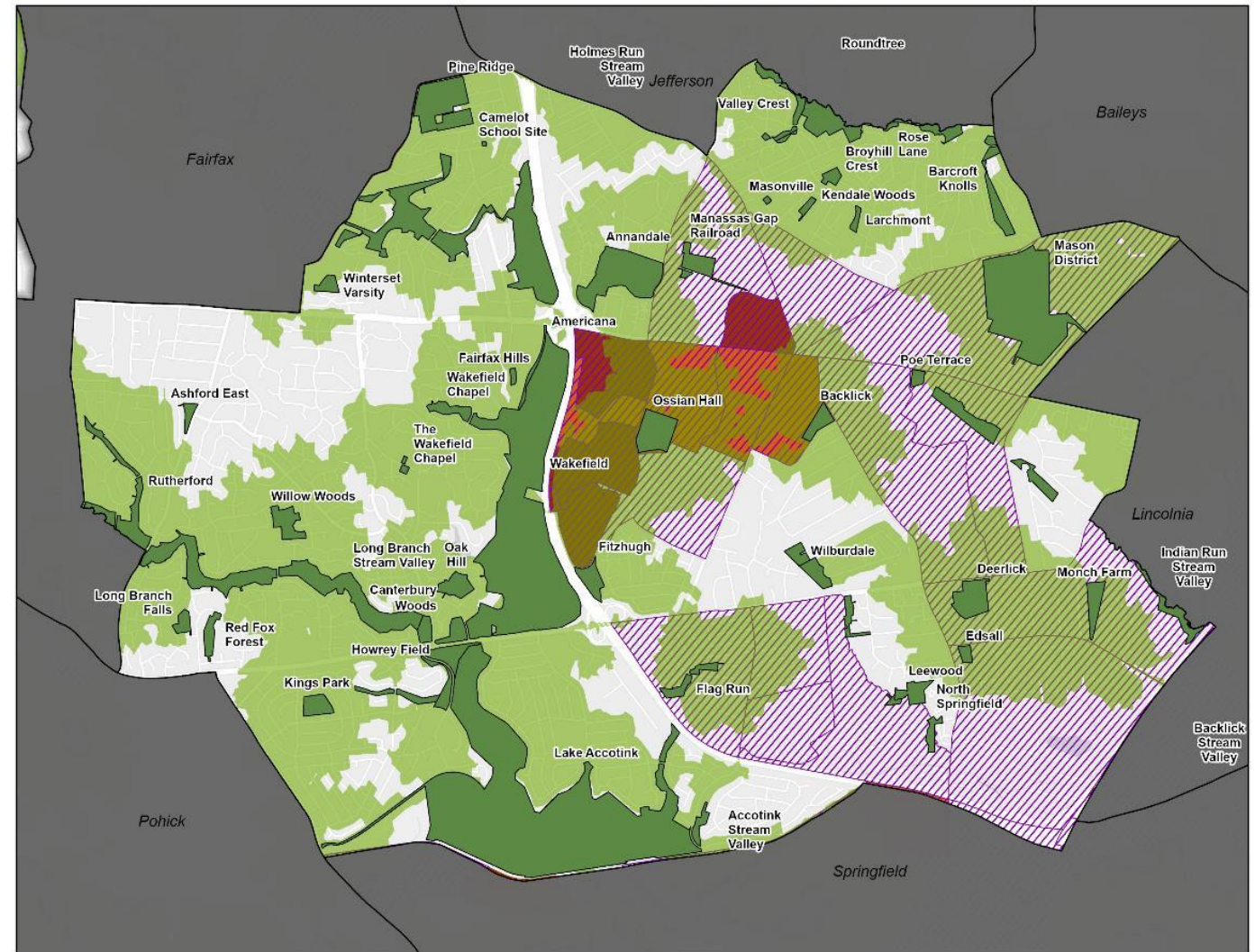
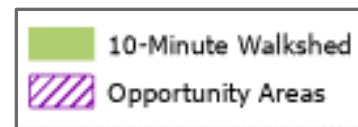
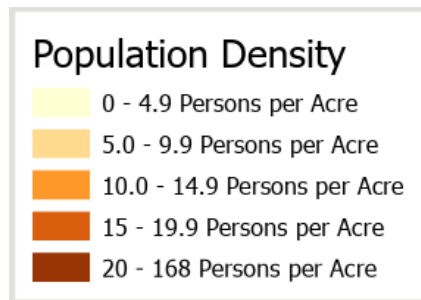
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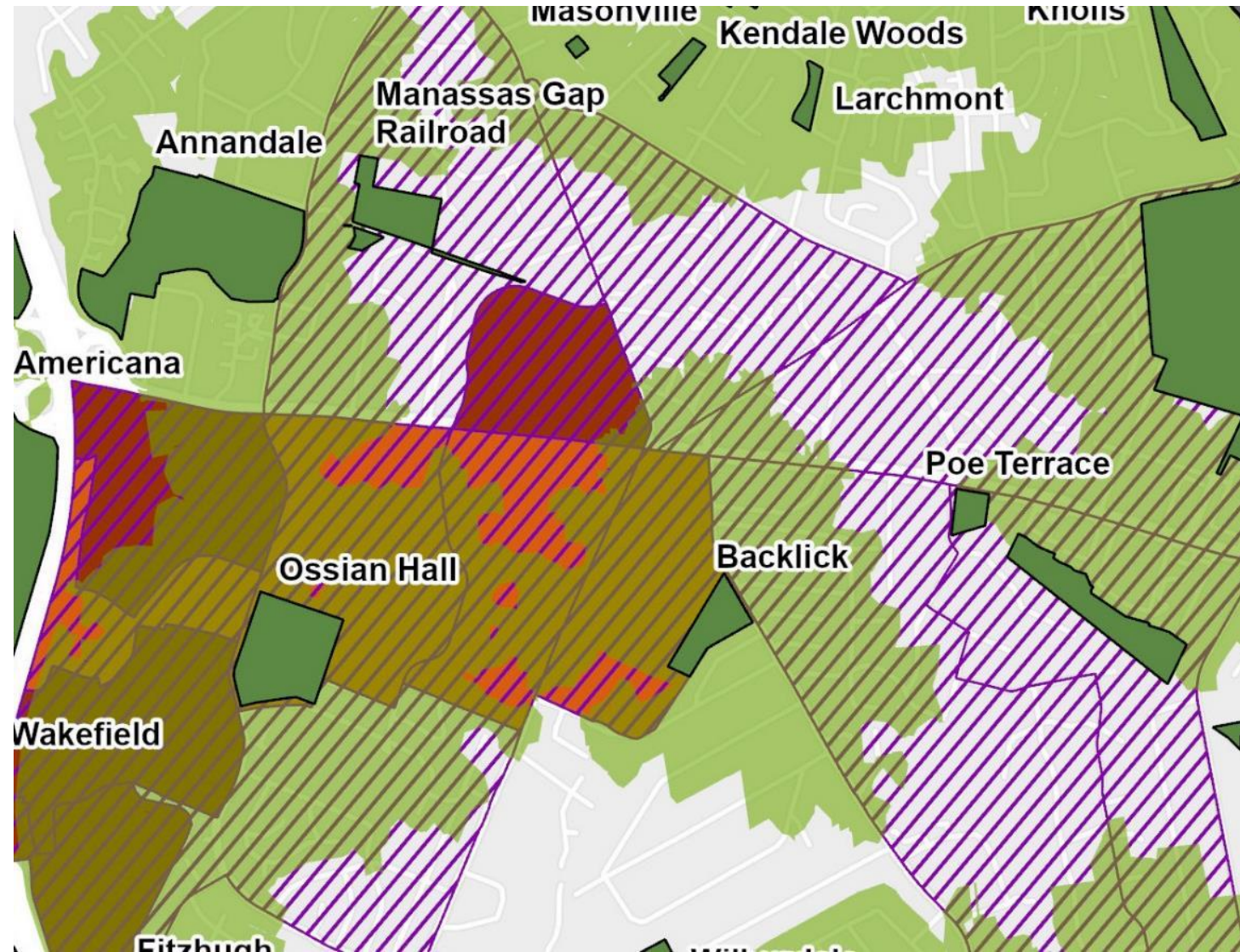
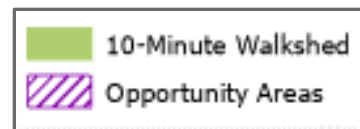
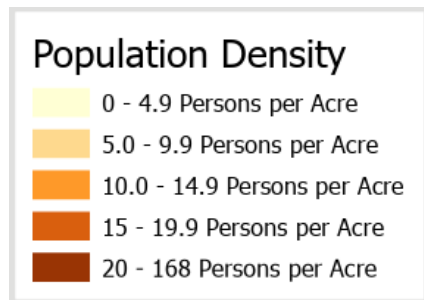
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# Project Schedule

Project Phases	14-Month Timeline
Phase 1: Supplemental Data Gathering and Background Research	Completed ✓
Phase 2: Analysis and Preliminary Report Development	Completed ✓
Phase 3: Public Engagement and Report Development	Fall/Winter 2022
Phase 4: Public Feedback on Draft Publication	Winter/Spring 2023
Phase 5: Revise Final Report	Spring/Summer 2023
Phase 6: PROSA Strategy Report Approval	Summer 2023

# Next Steps

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- Continue with planning analysis and developing the report
- Host Focus Groups based on demographics
- Launch Phase 2 of the Public Engagement in Spring 2023
- Upcoming Park Authority Board Updates:
  - Spring 2023 – Core Components/Recommendations in the Draft PROSA Strategy
  - Summer 2023 – Final PROSA Strategy Report Board Item

**Thank you!**





# FY 2024 *Proposed* Budget and CIP Adjustments



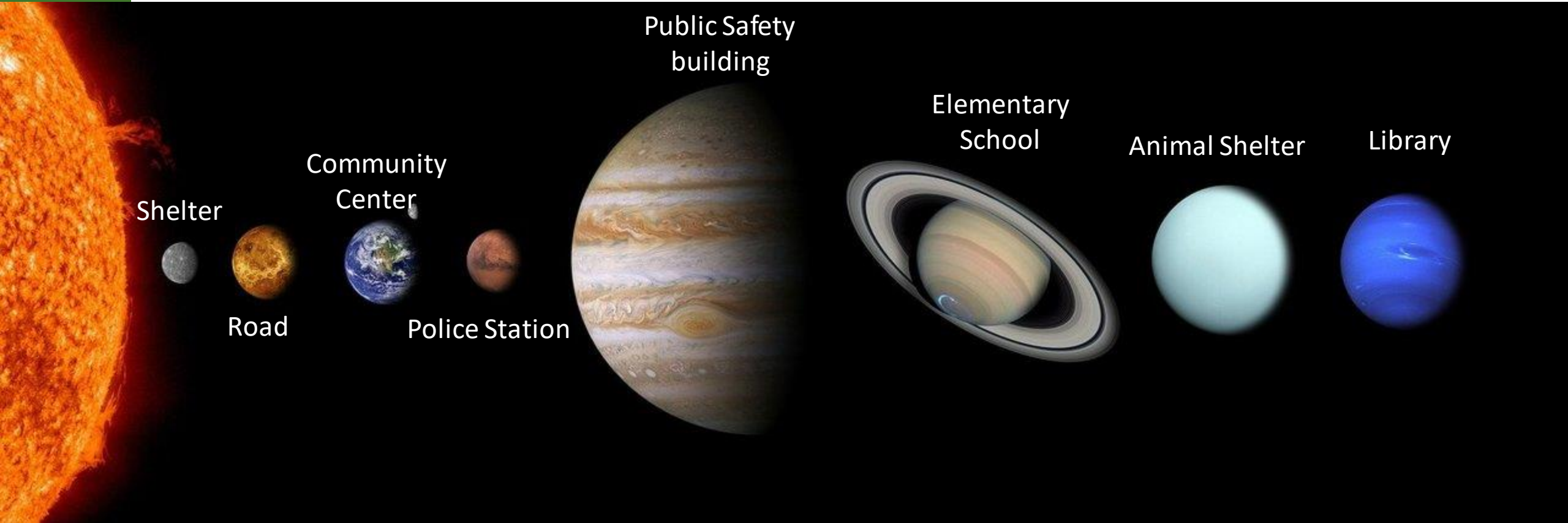
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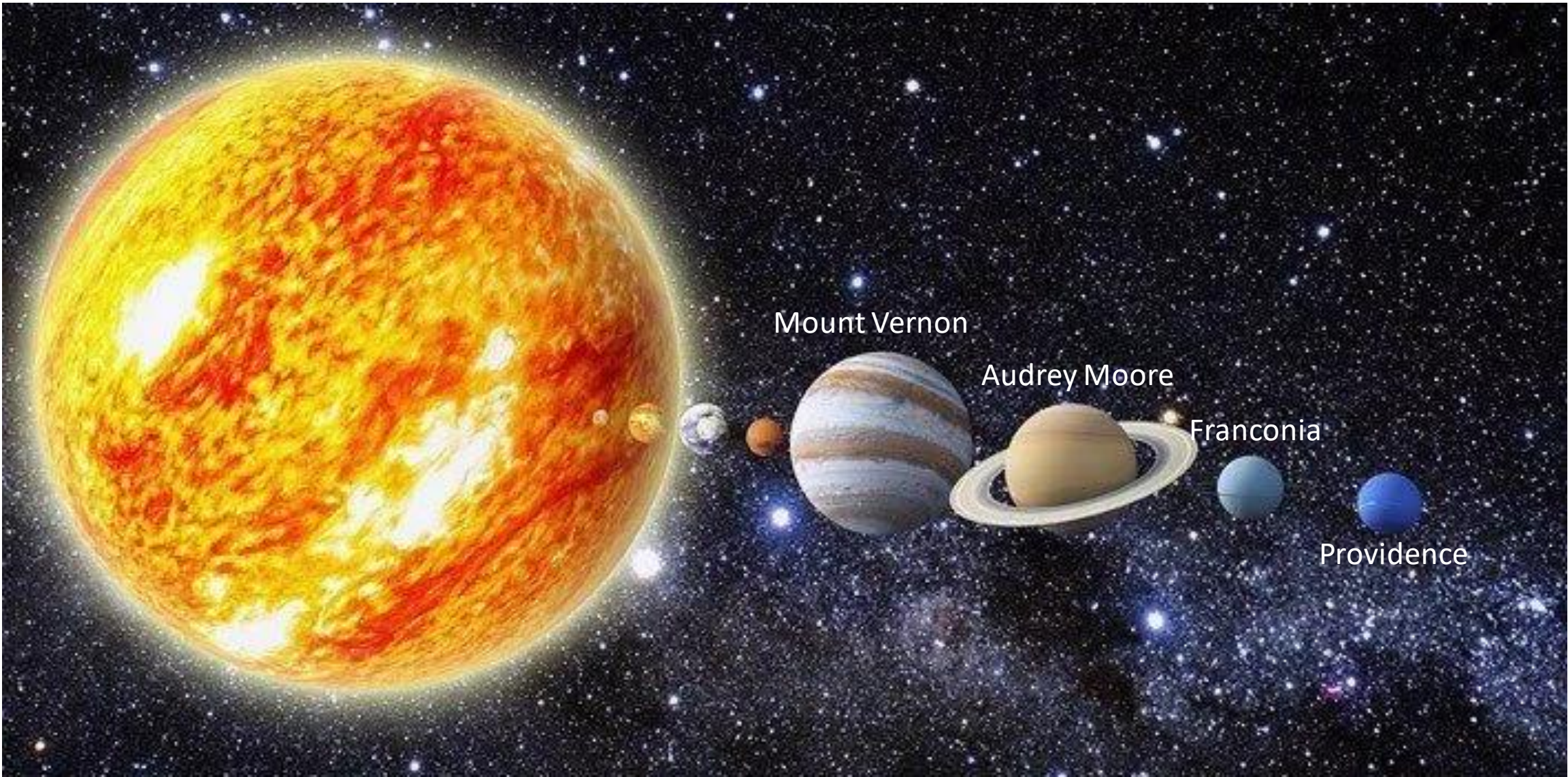
# FY 2024 Proposed CIP Planning



# Normal CIP



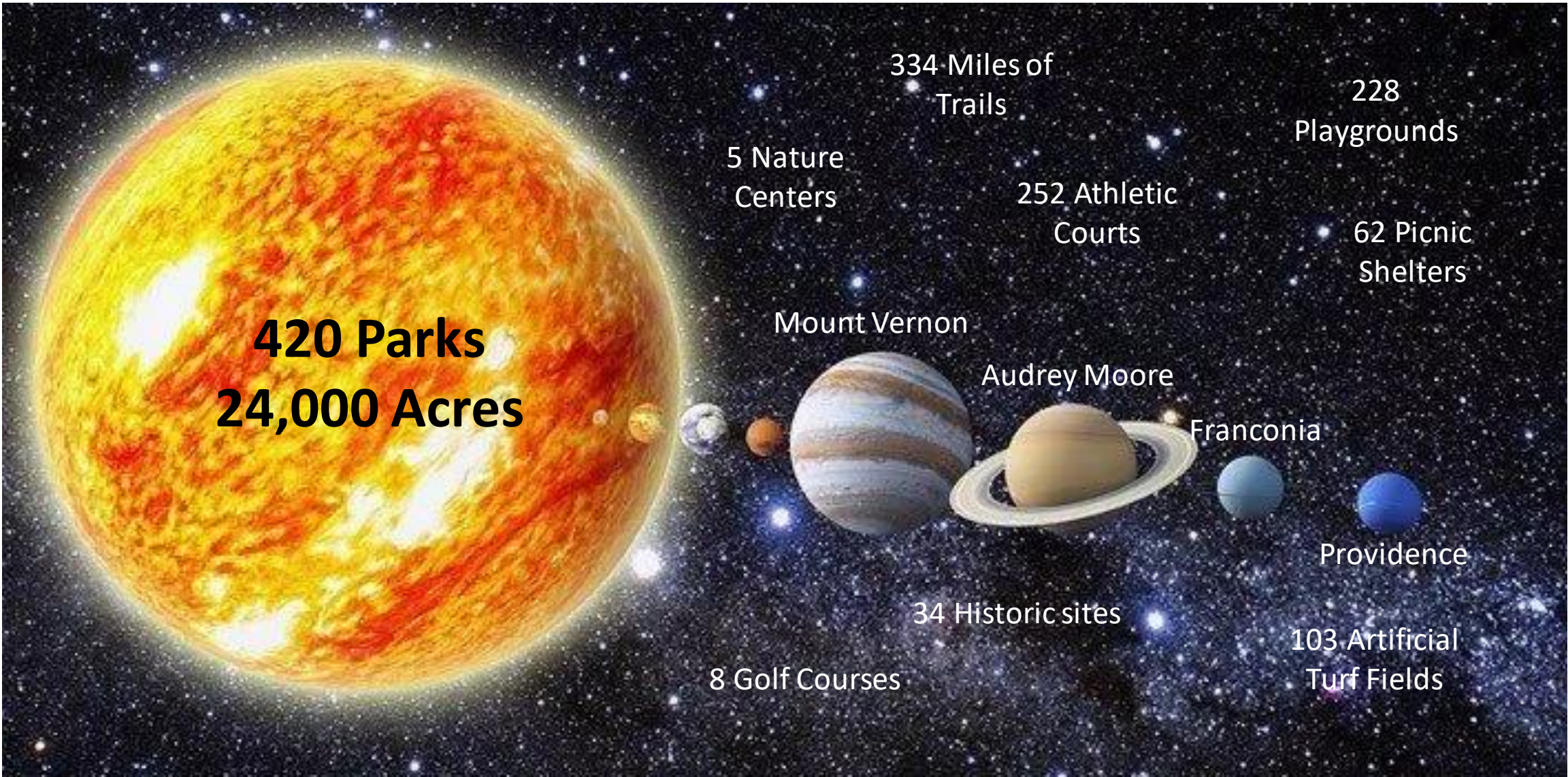




# Parks CIP



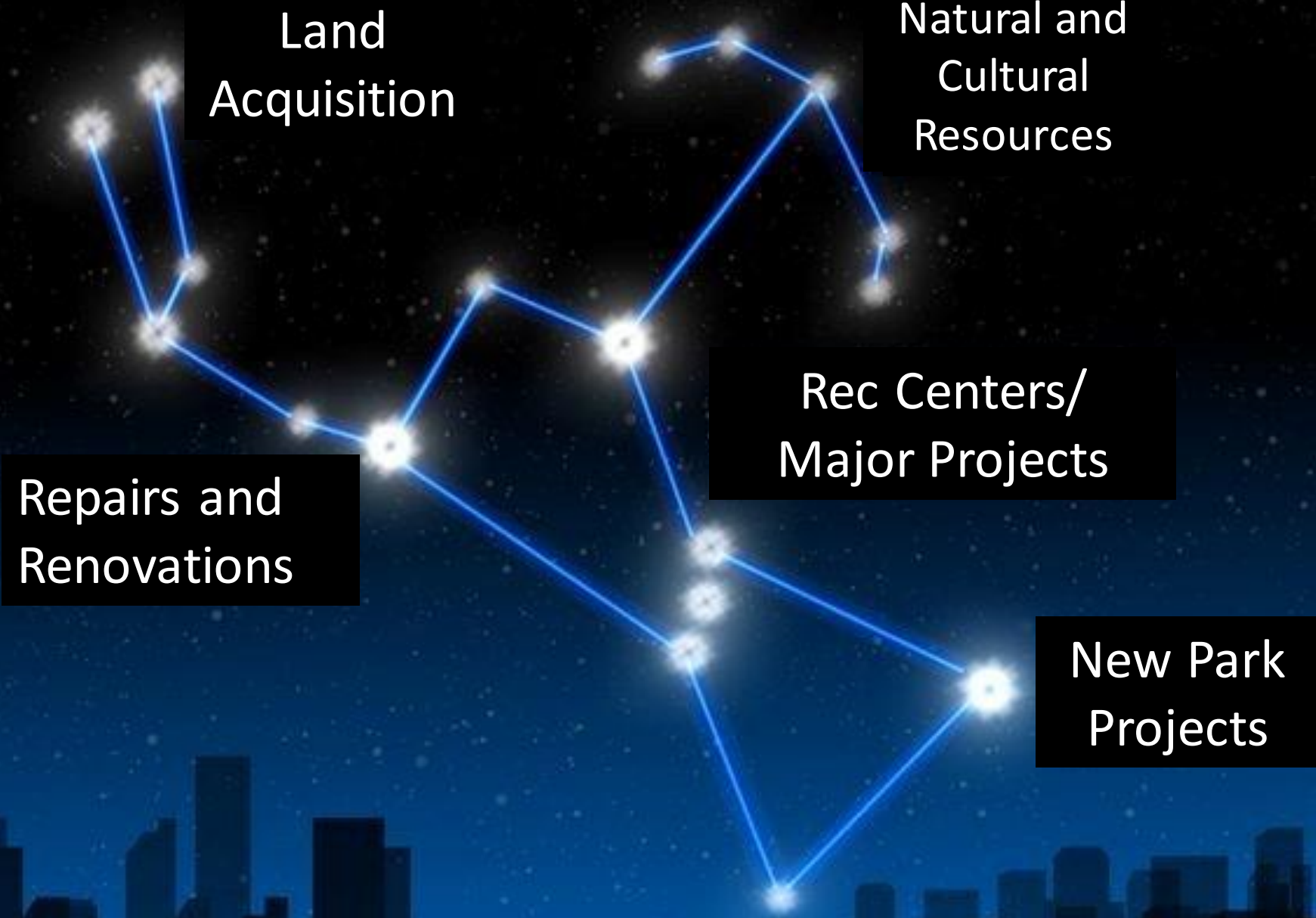




# Parks CIP







Land Acquisition

Natural and Cultural Resources

Rec Centers/  
Major Projects

Repairs and Renovations

New Park Projects



# Mount Vernon Woods Park Redevelopment

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- **Project Scope:** Construct new facilities approved in the 2015 Master Plan, including a skate park, playground, outdoor gym, sport court, picnic shelter, parking lot, grass rectangle field, trails, and stormwater management facilities.
- **Project Cost:** \$2.5 Million





# Burke Lake Marina Improvements

- **Project Scope:** Stabilize beach area, add physical structures to prevent further coastal erosion, add drainage around the existing boathouse and restroom.
- **Project Cost:** \$1.5 Million



# Mount Vernon Rec Center

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- **Project Scope:** Facility will be expanded to include second ice rink, a two-level fitness area, an elevated indoor track, swimming pool, climbing wall and multi-purpose rooms. Building and mechanical systems will also be renovated during the project.

- **Project Cost:** \$70 Million





# Sully Woodlands Education Center

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- **Project Scope:** A new 7,000 square foot facility will be constructed to provide STEAM education, nature play, animal observation, and an amphitheater. The facility will be 100% carbon neutral and will be both a model of integration with the natural surroundings and a center to study the same.

- **Project Cost:** \$9 Million



# PROSA Strategy Objectives

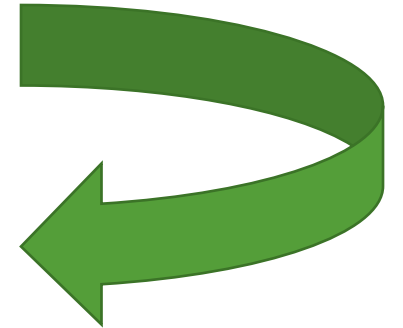
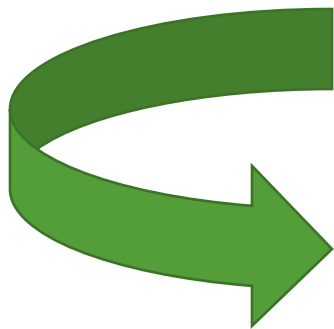
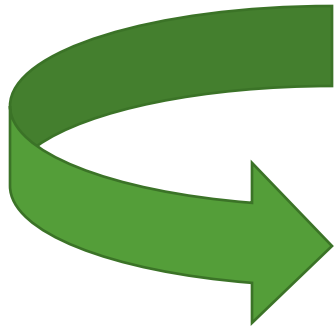
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Identify gaps in 10-minute walk to parks

Determine complete park experiences

Analyze habitat connectivity between environmental corridors

Analyze & prioritize needs and projects with an equity lens (where and when)

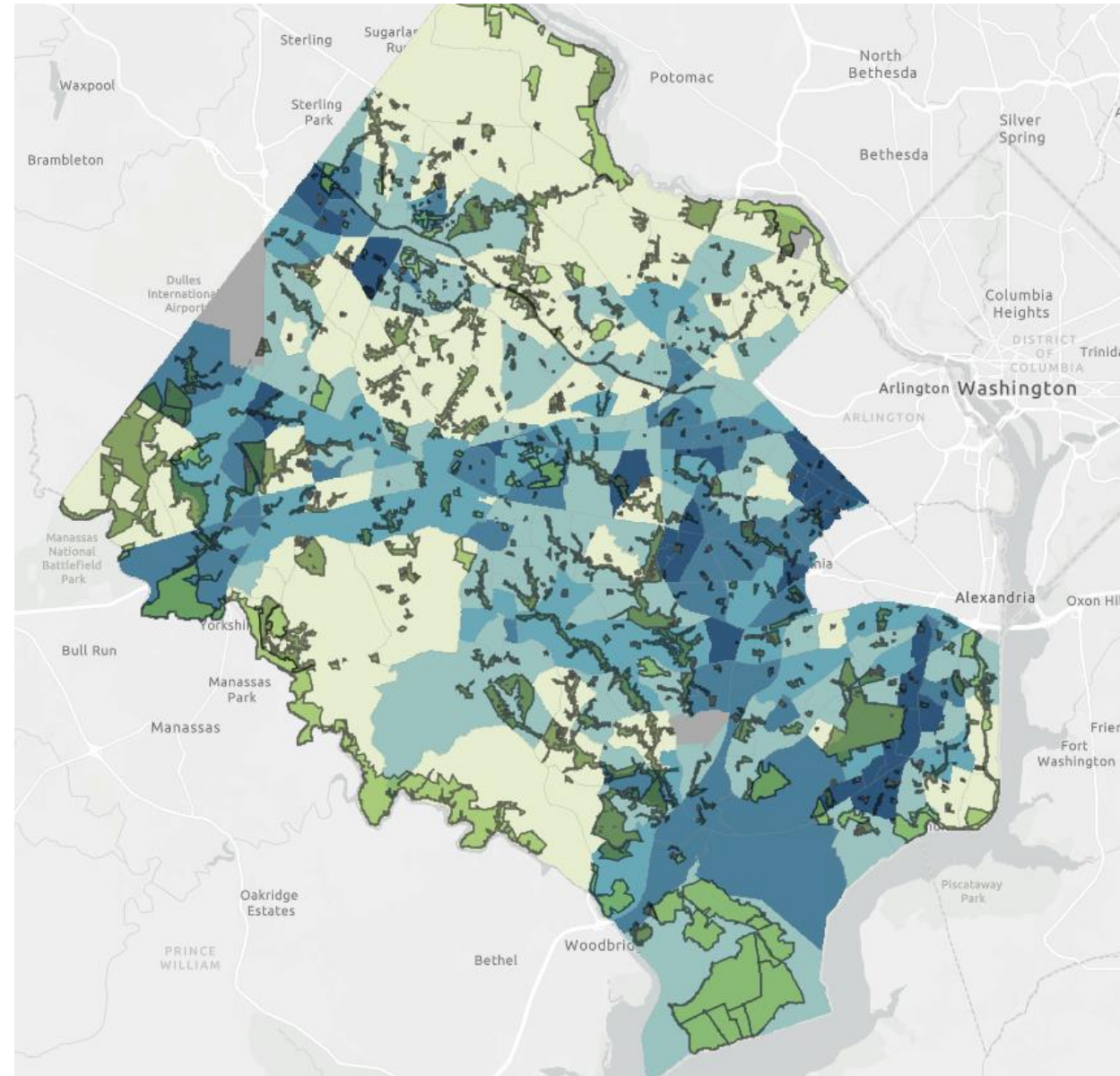




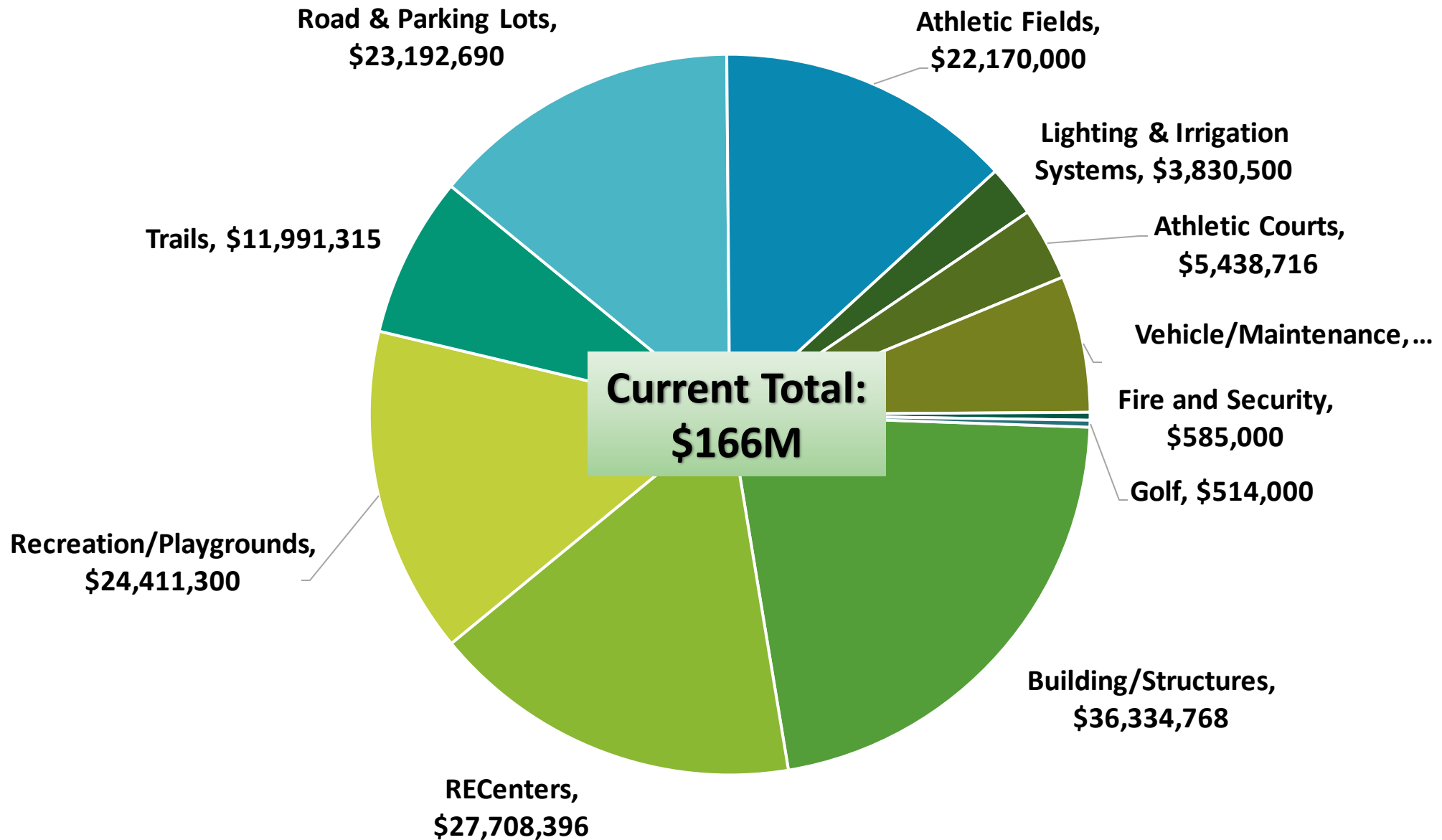
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# Assets Past End of Life or In Need of Repair





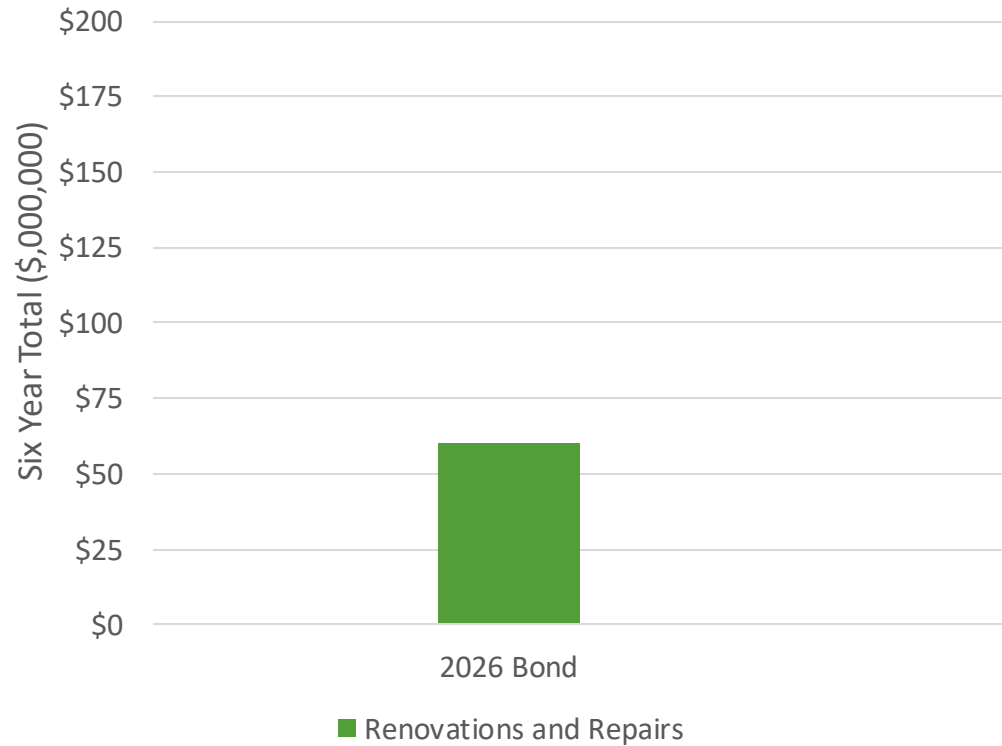
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# Repairs and Renovations (\$60M)

## CIP Planning



# Adding Land Acquisition (\$10.5M)



## Fairfax Park Authority acquires historic home, acreage

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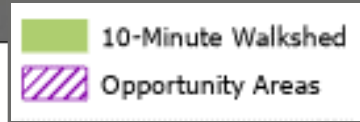
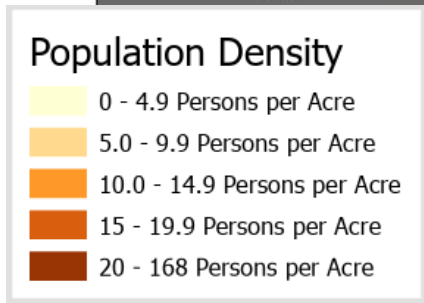
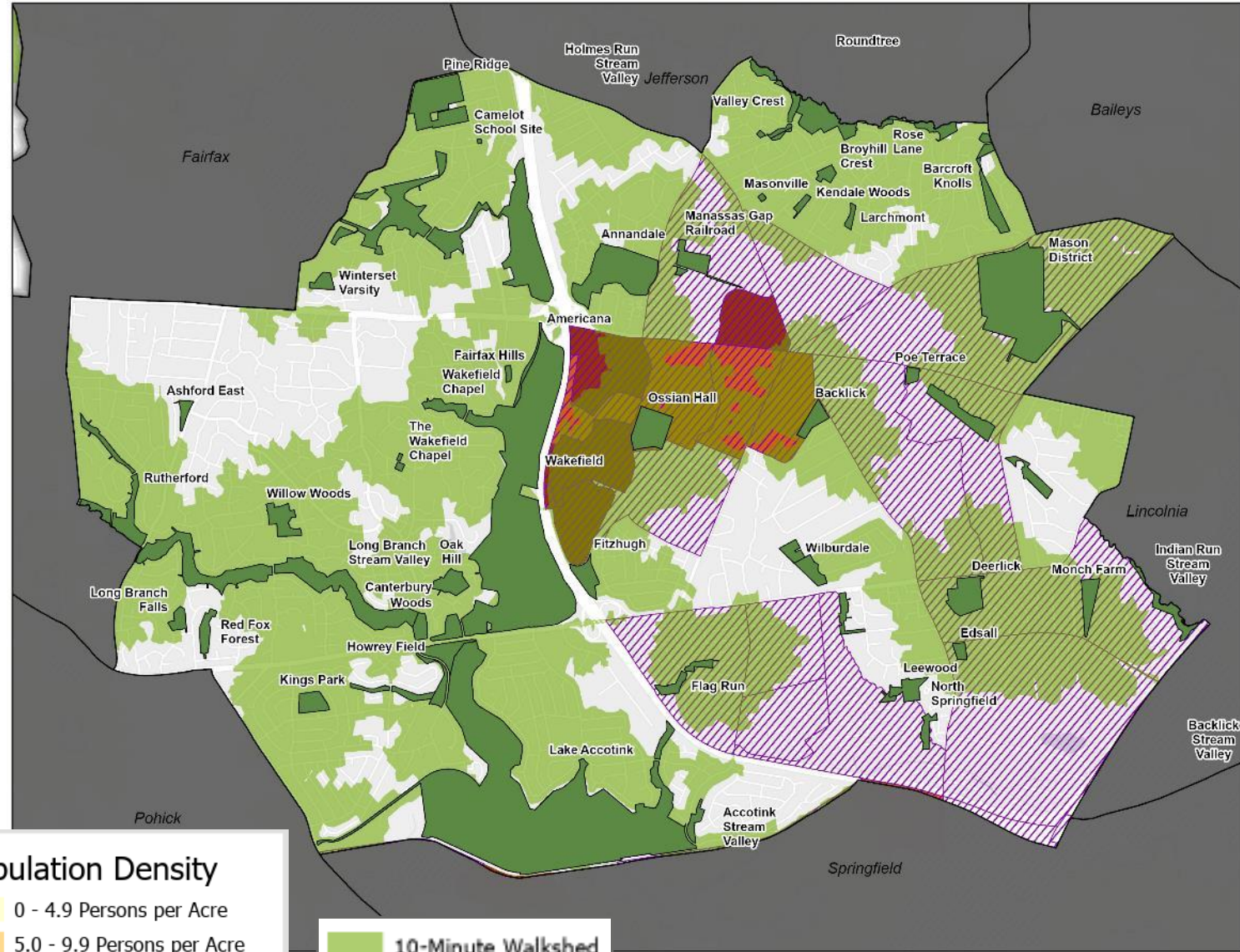
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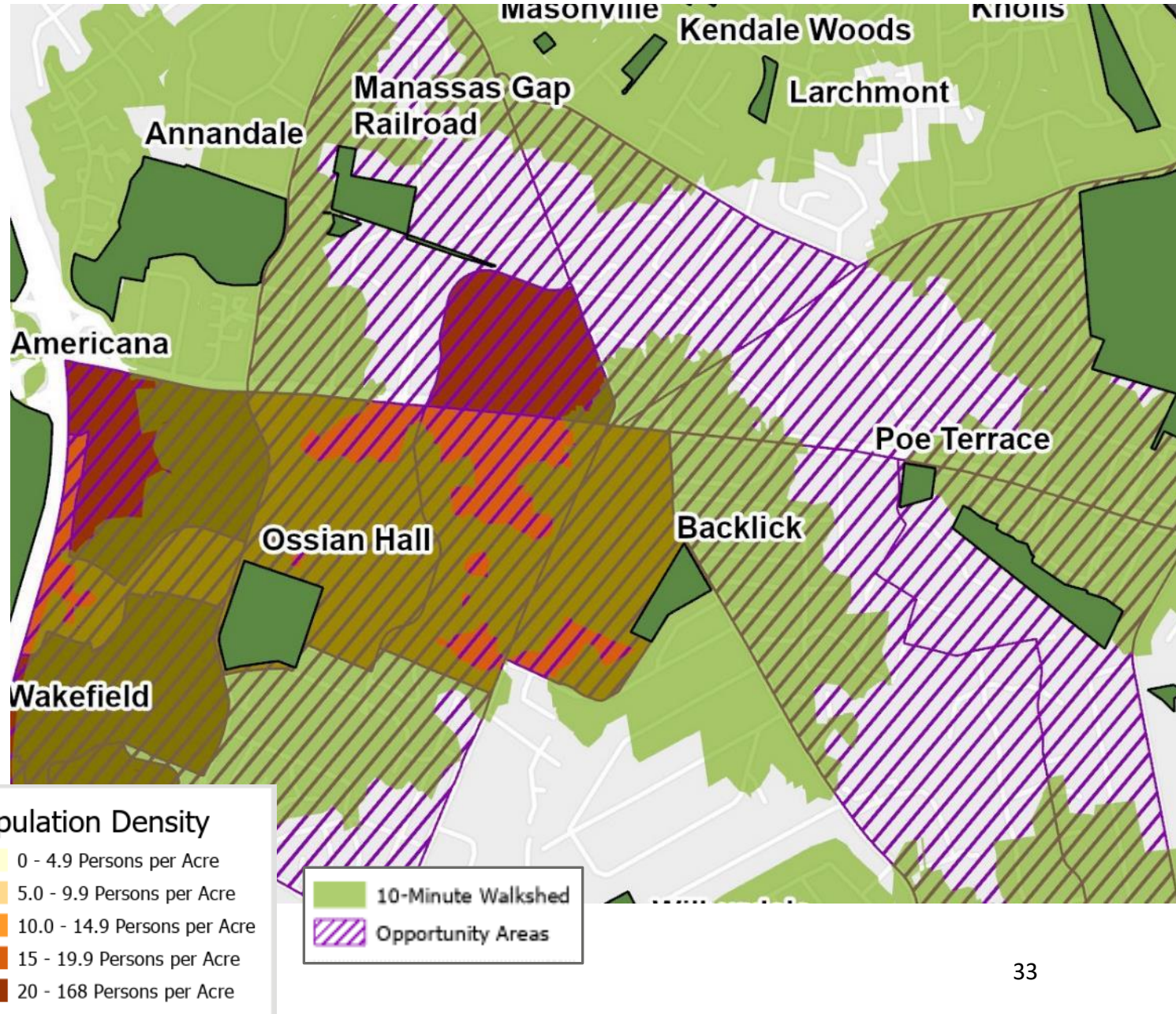
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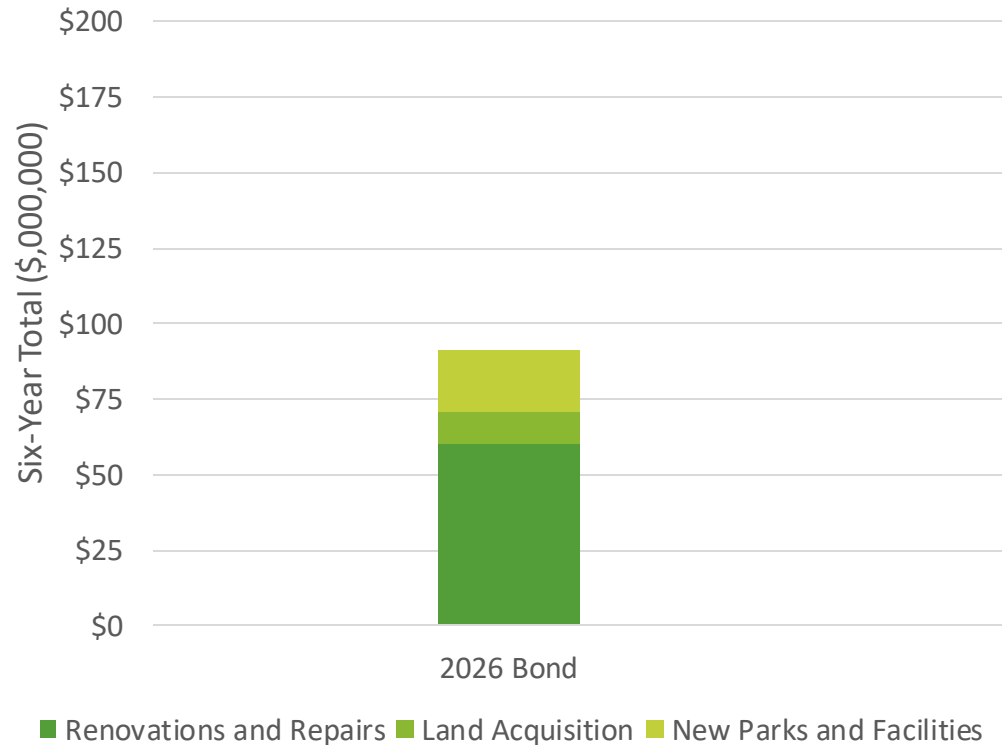




# Adding New Parks and Facilities (\$21M)

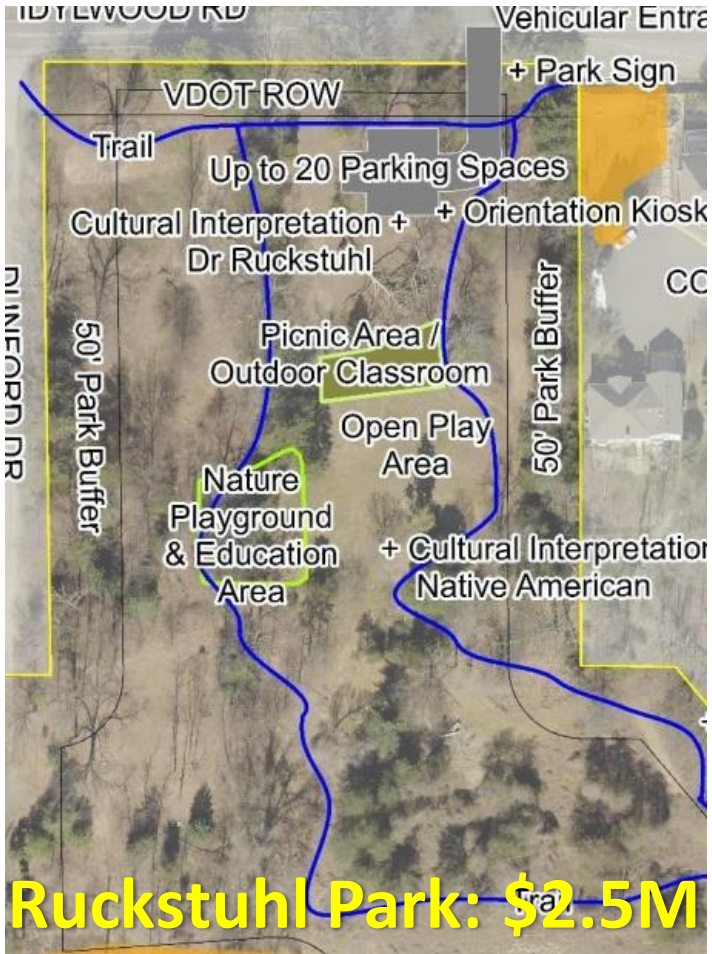
6 New Projects (\$18M)  
 Minor New Construction (\$3M)

CIP Planning





# New Park Projects



**Ruckstuhl Park: \$2.5M**



**Hogge Park: \$2.2M**



**Mount Vernon Woods: \$2.5M**

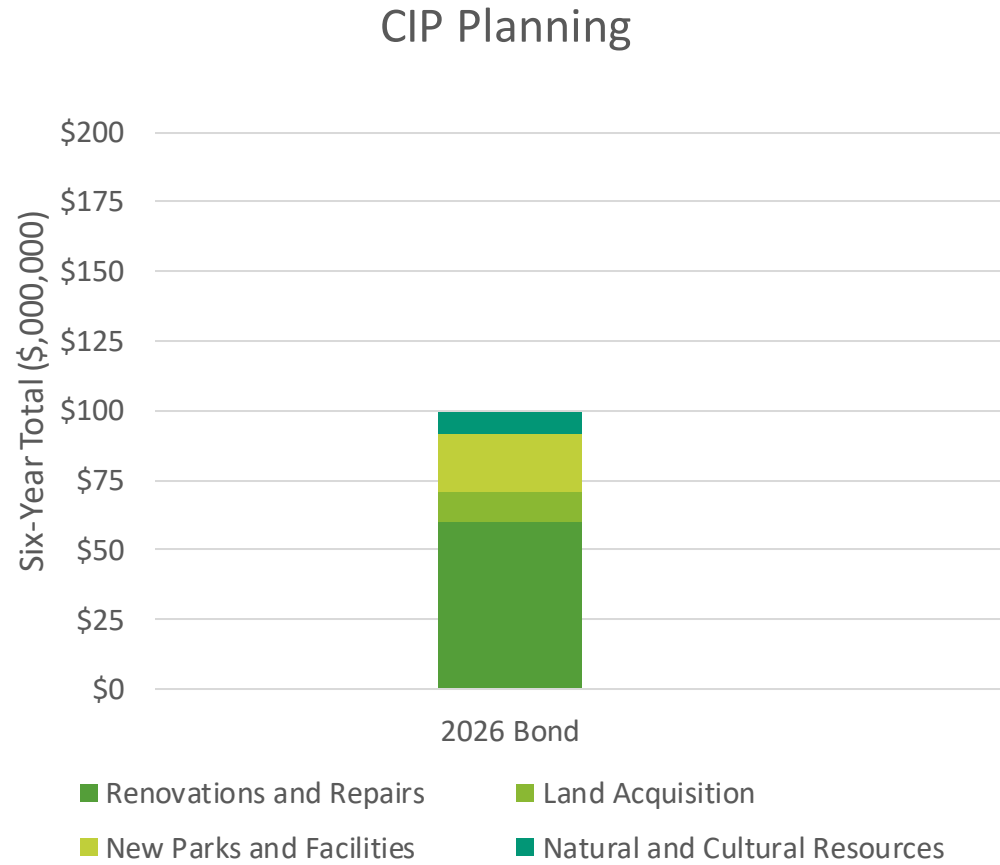


**McLean Central Park: \$2.5M**





# Adding Natural/Cultural Resources (\$8M)





# Natural and Cultural Resources Projects



**Elklick Preserve Reforestation Project**



**Archeology Team Mapping Historic Cemeteries**



**Lake Fairfax Park Meadow Restoration Project**



**Elmore Farmhouse – Resident Curator Program**

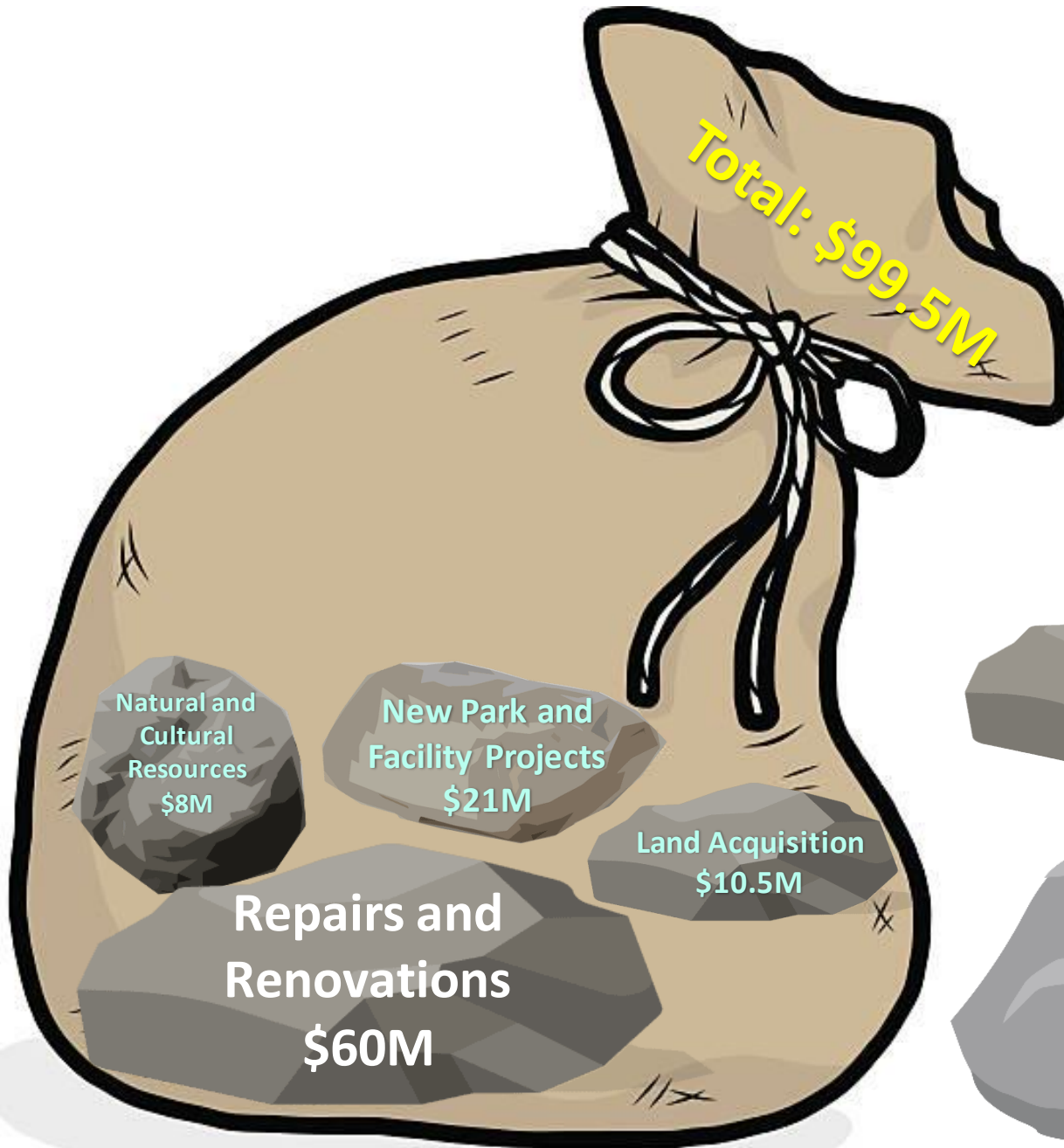




# Major Projects

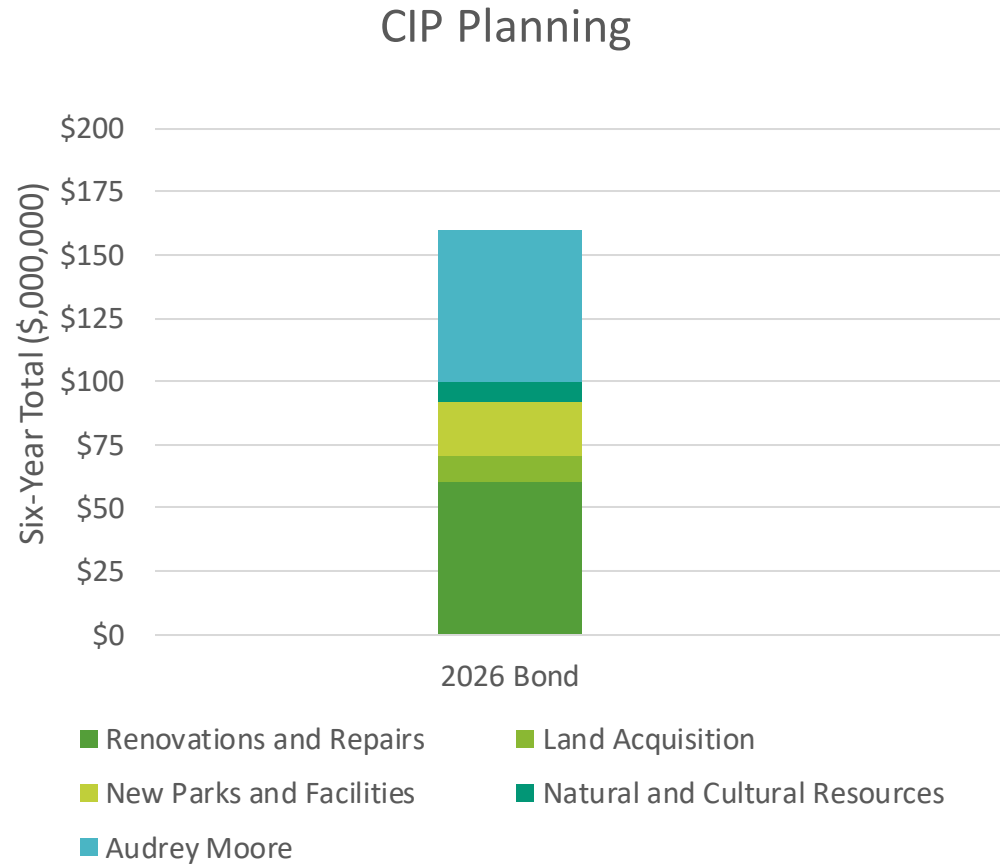


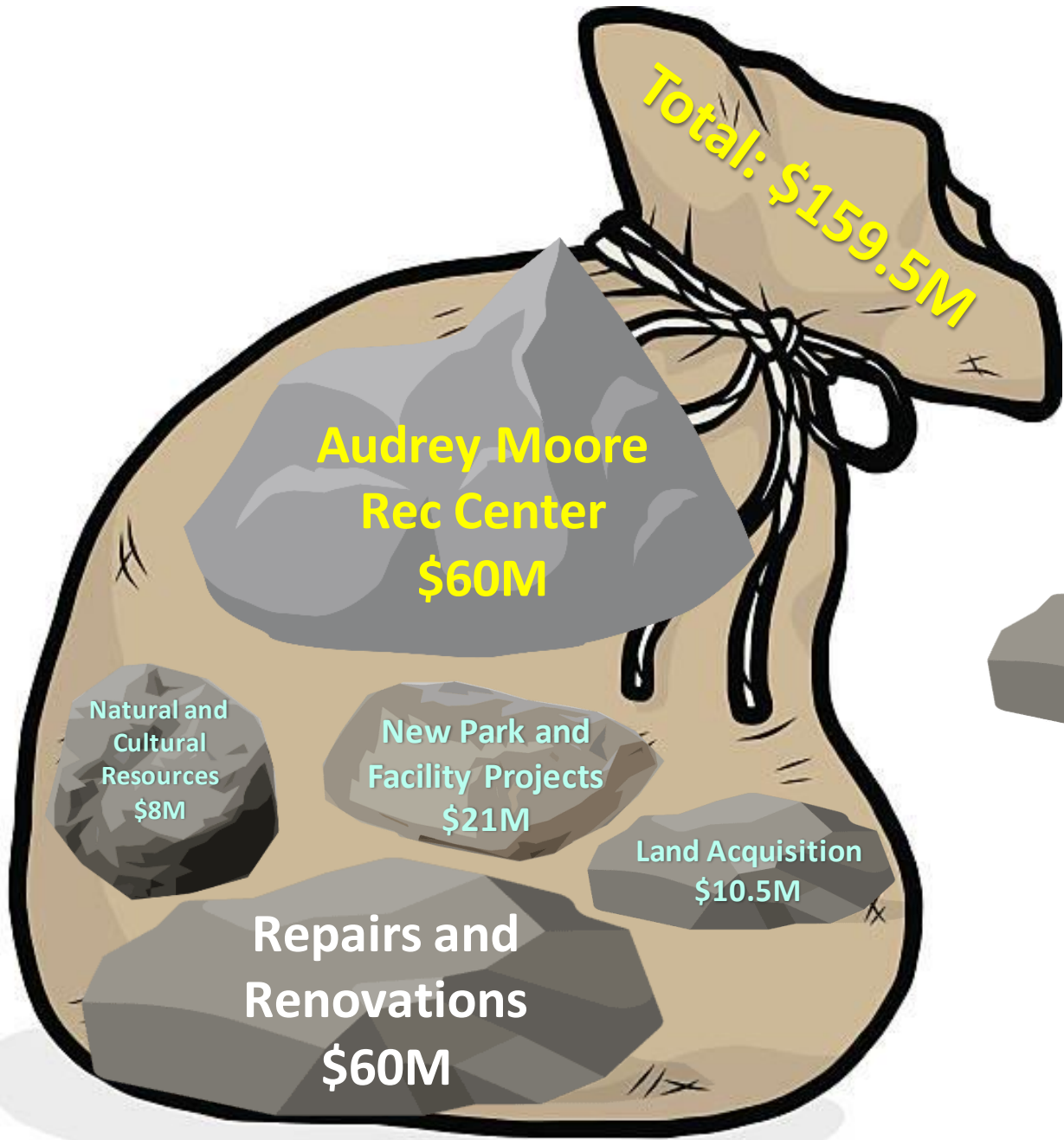
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# Add Major Projects - Audrey Moore Rec Center (\$60M)



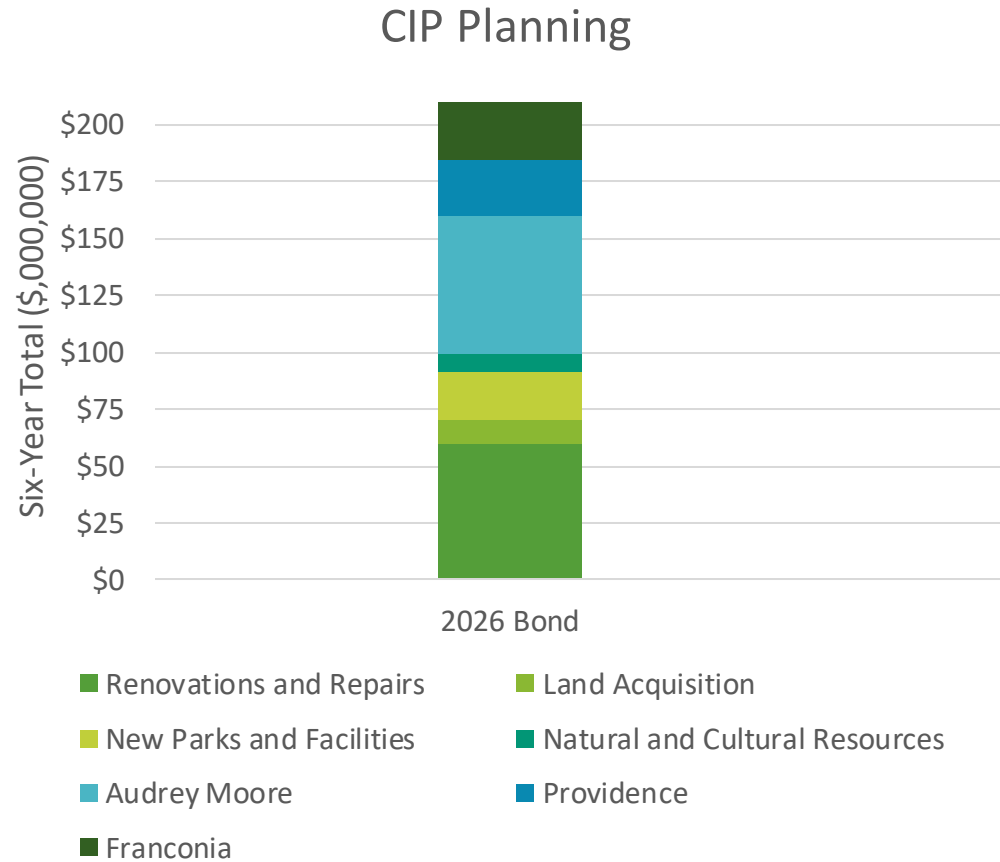


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# Add Major Projects - Providence and Franconia Rec Centers (\$50M)





## Major Projects





# Draft 2026 Bond Cycle

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# Baseline Adjustment: 4 Years to 6 Years



Repairs and Renovations: \$10M Per Year

Land Acquisition: \$1.75M Per Year

Natural and Cultural Resources: \$1.35M Per Year

New Park and Facility Projects: \$3M Per Year

Minor New Construction: \$500,000 Per Year

Major Projects: \$8.4M Per Year





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**CEX PROPOSED AMOUNT: \$180M**



# REDUCE BY \$29.5 MILLION





# Rec Center Original Construction Dates

Rec Center	Opening Date
Mount Vernon	Ice Rink – 1979; Aquatic Center – 1983
Audrey Moore	1977
George Washington	1980
Franconia (Former Lee)	1980
Providence	1982
South Run	1987
Oak Marr	1988
Spring Hill	1988
Cub Run	2005



**Cub Run**



**South Run**



**Spring Hill**



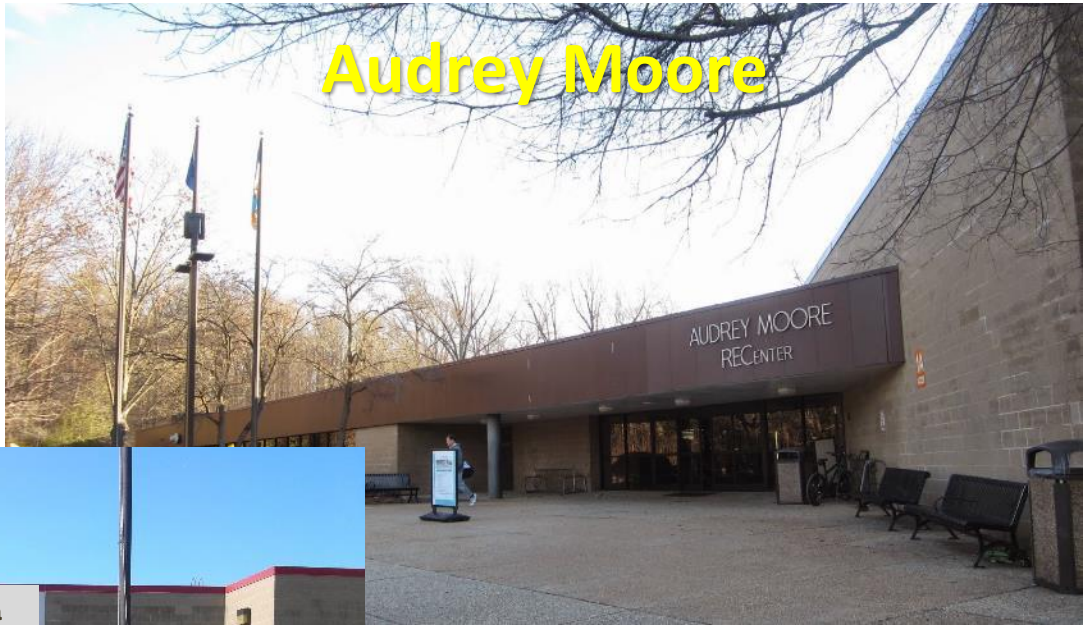
**Oak Marr**







**George Washington**



**Audrey Moore**



**Franconia**



**Mount Vernon**



**Providence**



# FY 2024 CEX Proposed Budget

Fund 1001 – General Fund





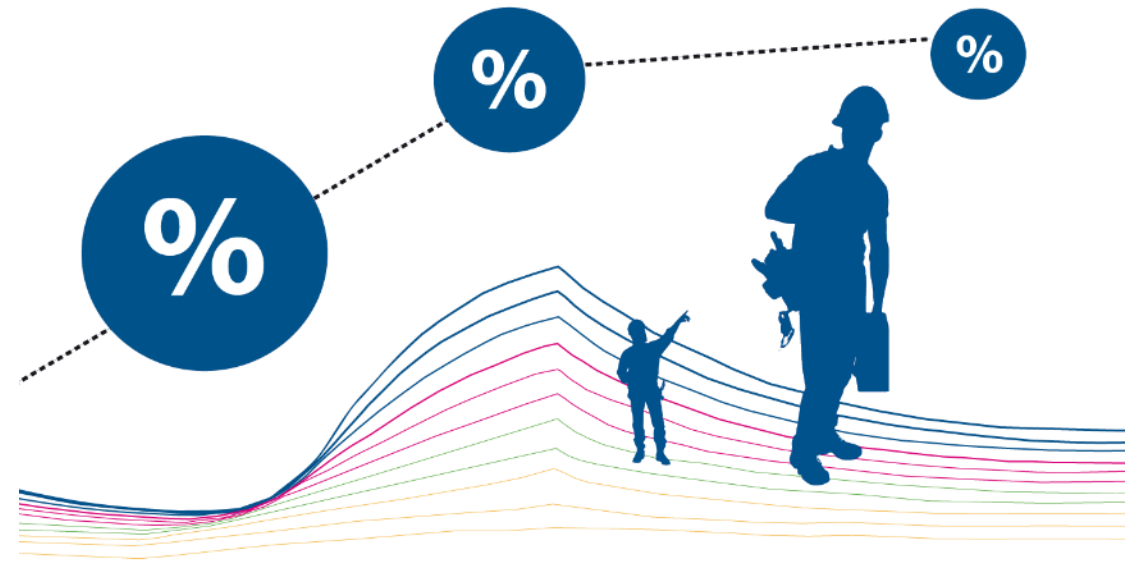
# FY 2024 Proposed Budget – General Fund

	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Adopted	FY 2024 Baseline Proposed	FY 2024 Advertised	Adjustments to Baseline
Revenue	\$246,199	\$513,750	\$513,750	\$513,750	\$-
<b>Revenue Totals</b>	<b>\$246,199</b>	<b>\$513,750</b>	<b>\$513,750</b>	<b>\$513,750</b>	<b>\$-</b>
Merit Salaries	\$20,371,926	\$25,068,163	\$24,908,038	\$26,367,109	\$1,459,071
Non-Merit Salaries	2,056,296	2,955,743	3,115,868	3,174,960	59,092
Operating Expenditures	8,278,588	6,280,102	6,280,102	7,169,545	889,443
Capital Equipment	252,308	250,000	250,000	250,000	-
Recovered Costs	(2,806,038)	(3,876,161)	(3,876,161)	(3,876,161)	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$28,153,070</b>	<b>\$30,677,847</b>	<b>\$30,677,847</b>	<b>\$33,085,453</b>	<b>\$2,407,606</b>
<b>NET COST TO COUNTY</b>	<b>\$27,906,871</b>	<b>\$30,164,097</b>	<b>\$30,164,097</b>	<b>\$32,571,703</b>	<b>\$2,407,606</b>



# Consumer Price Index (CPI)/Baseline Increases: \$275,000 (Contract Increases)

- Inflation and supply chain issues continue to have an impact on the cost of providing services.
- Raw materials and staffing continue to be the primary drivers in baseline increases.
- To continue providing our baseline services as they are, additional funds are required.



**PARTIALLY FUNDED: \$65,000**





# Summer Concert Series: \$50,000

- More than 150 performances and outdoor events each Summer at 17 different locations.
- The cost of sound and technical support has been steadily rising.
- Several series are expanding the length of concerts from 1 hour to 1.5 hours, scheduling a longer season, or adding a second venue, adding to costs.
- The County funded a one-time increase at FY22 Third Quarter to cover these costs for the FY23 Summer Season, but the support is needed on an ongoing basis.



**FULLY FUNDED**



# Maintenance Funding: \$350,000

- FY22-FY23: 9.35 acres added to inventory
- All new and majorly renovated properties require additional maintenance, utility, and operating costs that are not in the current budget

## Newly Acquired /Renovated (FY22 – FY23)

Arrowbrook Park – Ratcliffe
Fairfax Arms Property
Arrowhead Park
Greendale GC- Storage Structure
Grist Mill Park- Union Farms
Oak Marr Rec Center- Cricket Netting Install
Chandon – Playground/ADA Improvements
Holladay- Synthetic Turf Conversion
Raglan Road Property Stabilization
Bren Mar Property Stabilization
Riverbend - Maintenance Facility
Laurel Hill - Central Green
Scotts Run - Station 44 Athletic Field
Pohick Stream

**NOT FUNDED**





# Bamboo Removal on Parkland: \$552,642

- We estimate that there is currently ~200 acres of running bamboo countywide on FCPA property and receive multiple resident complaints per month.
- In response to Fairfax County Code §119-3-2, passed in March 2022 (with enforcement beginning January 2023), funding is needed to proactively mitigate bamboo infestation.



**NOT FUNDED**



# Zero Waste Trash and Recycling: \$2,990,781

- Add emptying and hauling services that cannot be handled by current resources.
- Provide additional trash and recycling services in our parks on the weekends.
- In the current model, maintenance staff spend 2-3 days per week on trash, impacting their ability to focus on other park maintenance projects.
- Ensure that trash and recycling separation is occurring at our parks and transport according to associated standards.



**NOT FUNDED**





# Asset Management: \$220,397

- System Procurement in Process with Department of Information Technology. Implementation and Operation will Require Dedicated Technical Support
- FCPA will Catalogue all Assets and Develop Lifecycle Costs in Concert with Work Order Systems
- Will Form Basis for Future Capital Budget Requests



**NOT FUNDED**



# IT Services Support: \$232,064

- With more than 2,500 employees at the peak of our summertime activities, our IT Services Branch has been stretched to even provide basic levels of support, let alone plan for the support needs of these systems.
- Our workforce has become mobile and many also opt to work from home. The current agency laptop/desktop allotment has been 575 since 2015 even with increased technology and demands for a virtual and mobile workforce.



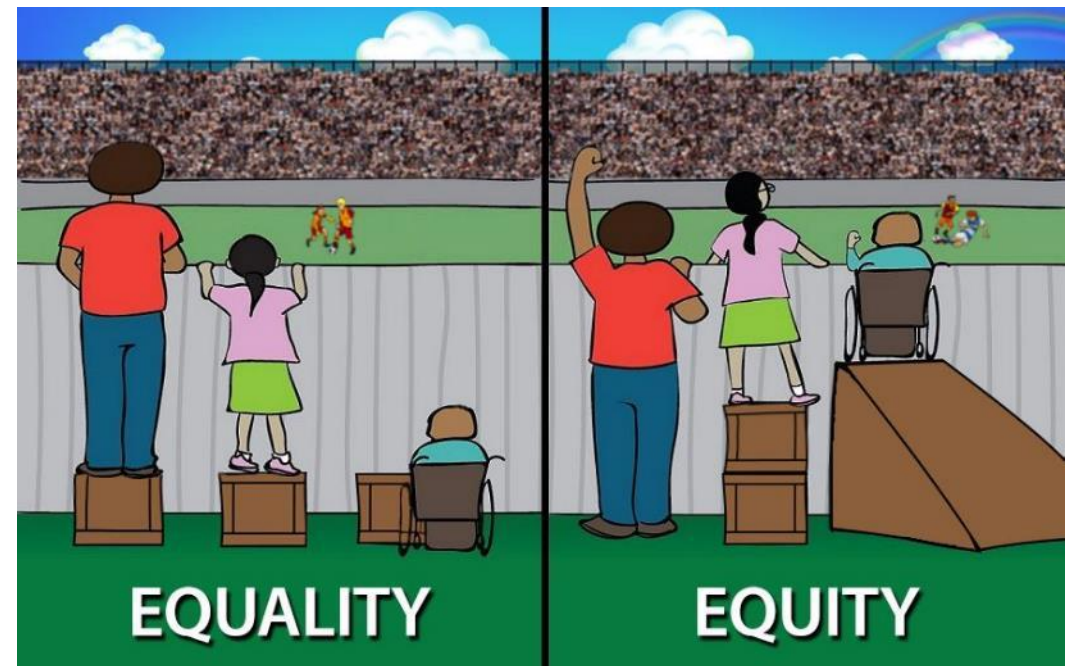
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# Equity: \$803,980

- “Down payment” on equity while staff continue to work with consultants on long-term equity plan
- Hold Summer 2023 camp fees at 2022 levels
- Additional investment is being discussed



**PARTIALLY FUNDED: \$500,000**

# New Fairfax Museum: \$453,380

- In Summer 2022, representatives of a local museum approached FCPA with concerns that their volunteers were aging and would be unable to care for the building and grounds.
- They offered to donate the museum to FCPA as long as staff and operating costs could be funded to manage and maintain this new asset.



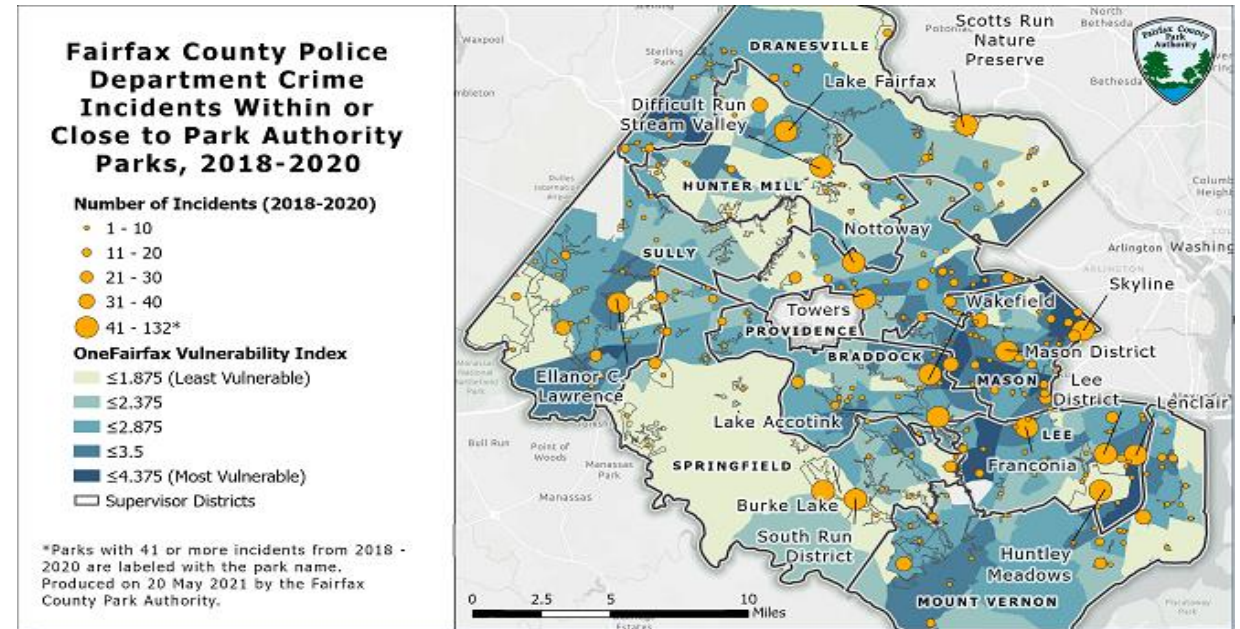
**PARTIALLY FUNDED: \$200,000**





# Park Ranger Pilot Program: \$1,072,202

- Continued lack of resources to provide adequate park security will result in continued degradation of park facilities and decline in community satisfaction, safety and well-being.
- The program will lessen the burden on the Fairfax County Police Department,
- Surrounding jurisdictions all have successful park ranger programs
- This funding will allow the Park Authority to proactively patrol parks and facilities and to develop a program that is focused on and attuned to the needs of park users.



# NOT FUNDED

# Activation Staff: \$314,320

- Work with communities to activate local parks with events.
- Working with the communities we will plan and facilitate events to create a sense of place and belonging.



**NOT FUNDED**



# Forestry Funding: \$739,463

- The current contract budget of \$276,000 only covers about 40% of the annual costs of removing high-risk trees
- Average # of trees removed as increased by 143% (1,341) compared to ten years ago
- Cost overruns are taken from other high priority maintenance projects. With no additional funds, we must scale back to only high-risk trees
- Additional funding will allow FCPA to move from reactive service delivery to proactive and preventative care needs
- Add 3.0 Merit FTE for proactive urban forestry planning, along with vehicles



**PARTIALLY FUNDED: \$57,000**



# Capital Equipment: \$370,000

- The Park Authority has 378 pieces of equipment including vehicles, trailers, and grounds equipment in its inventory, that is valued at \$7.1M – almost half is in poor condition and beyond life expectancy.
- Equipment is critical to maintain our parks, trails, fields, and all of the amenities that exist throughout our 420 parks.



**NOT FUNDED**





# Mobile Nature Centers: \$229,279

- 2 specialized vehicles required – sponsorship will be explored
- Assist with community engagement and allow staff to go TO communities
- Promote stewardship opportunities and build interest and rapport with the community



**NOT FUNDED**



# Interpretation/Translation Services: \$50,000

- Improve communication with all community members
- Enhance outreach efforts
- Ensure equitable access to community meetings



**NOT FUNDED**



# Other Needs - Synthetic Turf Fields

- *Priority: Cultural and Recreational Opportunities*
- Current Inventory of Synthetic Fields: 105 (81 Community Use)
- Average Replacement Cycle: 10 Years/8-10 Fields Per Year
- Average \$540k Replacement Cost per Field
- Current Annual Funding: \$2.3 Million
- Annual Ongoing Target for Uninterrupted Replacement: \$4.37 Million



**NOT FUNDED**



# FY 2024 General Fund Budget Requests - Conservation

Items	\$ Request*	\$ in CEX Proposed Budget*
Bamboo Removal on Parkland	\$552,642	3rd Quarter
Zero Waste Trash Removal and Recycling	\$2,990,781	
Forestry Operations (County Construction Fund)	\$739,463	\$57,000 – 3rd Q
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$4,282,886</b>	<b>\$57,000</b>



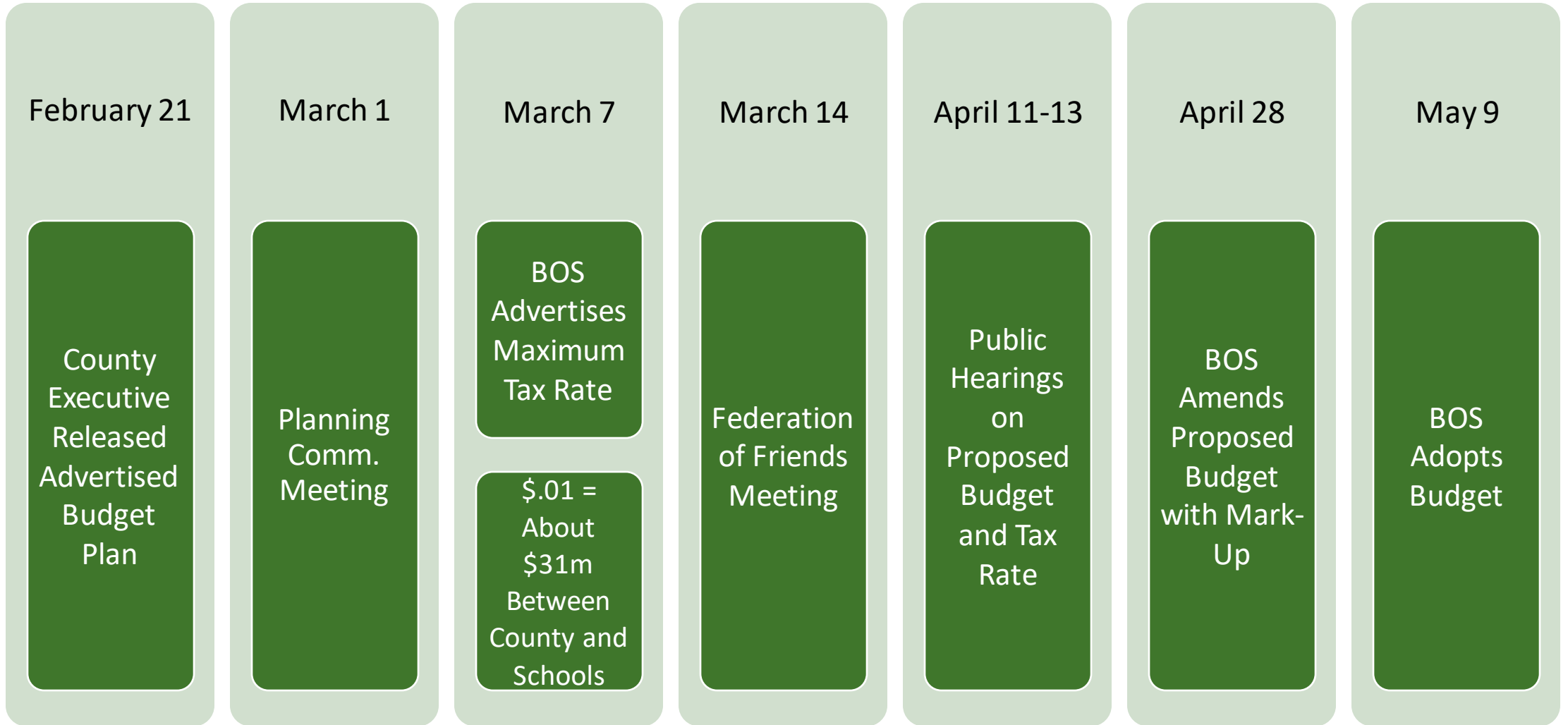


# FY 2024 General Fund Budget Requests - Equity

Items	\$ Request*	\$ in CEX Proposed Budget*
Equity Request	\$803,980	\$500,000
Park Ranger Pilot Program	\$1,072,202	
Mobile Nature Centers	\$229,279	
Activation Staff	\$314,320	
Interpretation and Translation Services	\$50,000	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,469,781</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>



# Budget Process Timeline







# Revenue Fund Analysis

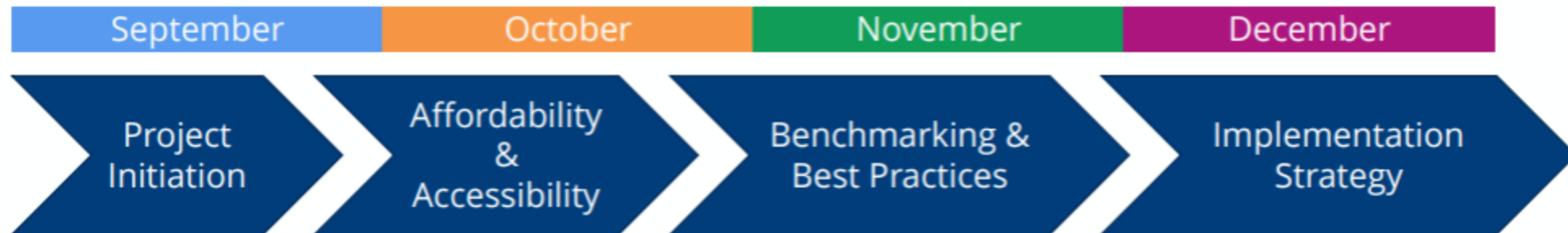
Fund 80000 – Park Revenue and Operating Fund



# Areas of Analysis



- Scope: HR&A is supporting FCPA in its efforts to make programs, services, facilities, and operational areas affordable and accessible to all Fairfax County residents, regardless of race or income.
- Initial Scope Phase



# Areas of Analysis

- Multi-Faceted Solution
- What should the Revenue Fund support?





# Revenue Fund



## Employee Pay Increases - \$958,089

- 2% Market Rate Adjustment for ALL Employees
- Performance/Longevity Increases for Merit Employees
- Projected Impact of Salary Compression Study

## Benefits Adjustment – (\$45,751)

- Reduction in Required Retirement Contributions

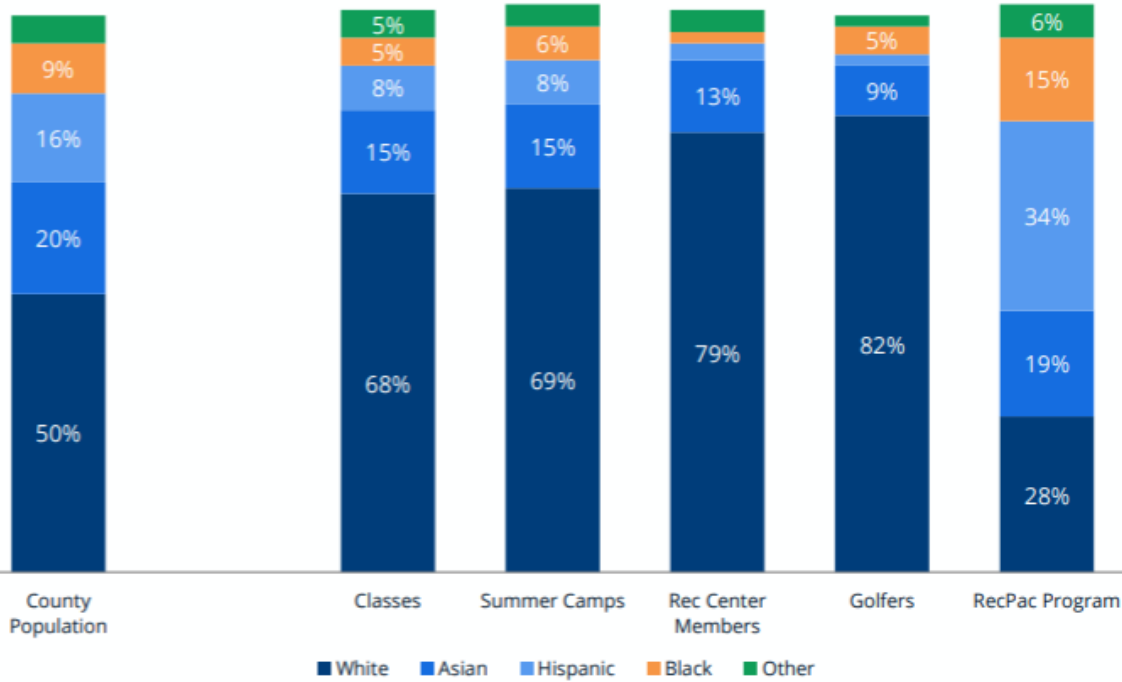
## Competitive Salary Increases/Bonuses - \$500,000

**TOTAL: \$1.4M (Recouped from Fees)**

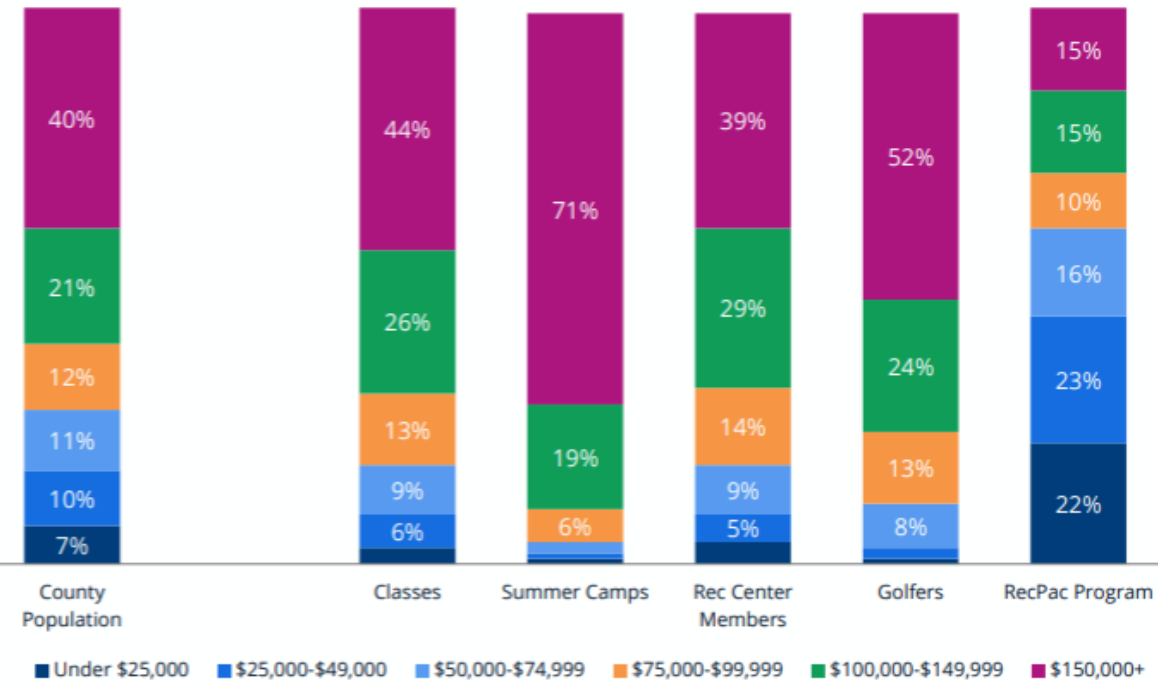


# Demographics

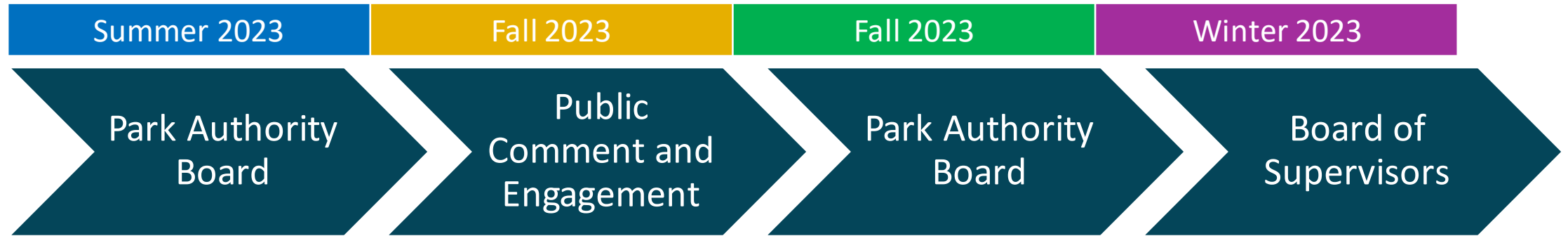
**Program Participation by Race**



**Program Participation by Household Income**



# Timeline for Recommendations







# FY 2024 *Proposed* Budget and CIP Adjustments



Federation of Friends Meeting  
March 14, 2023



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# New Staff at the Park Authority

- Ryan Carmen – Division Director, Golf Enterprises
- Kim Eckert – Division Director, Park Operations
- Brendon Hanafin – Division Director, Planning & Development
- Susan Kalish – Director, Marketing and Communications Office
- Ben Boxer – Public Information Officer



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# Friends Groups - MOUs

## Extended MOUs:

- Friends of Huntley Meadows Park
- Friends of Lake Accotink Park
- Friends of Riverbend Park



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# Friends of Accotink Creek

Avril Garland

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# Friends of Accotink Creek



## *Elly Doyle Park Service Award*

Longtime Friends of Accotink Creek volunteer and board member Beverley Rivera was a recipient of the Park Authority Elly Doyle Outstanding Volunteer Award for her admirable progress in invasive plant control at Lake Accotink Park.



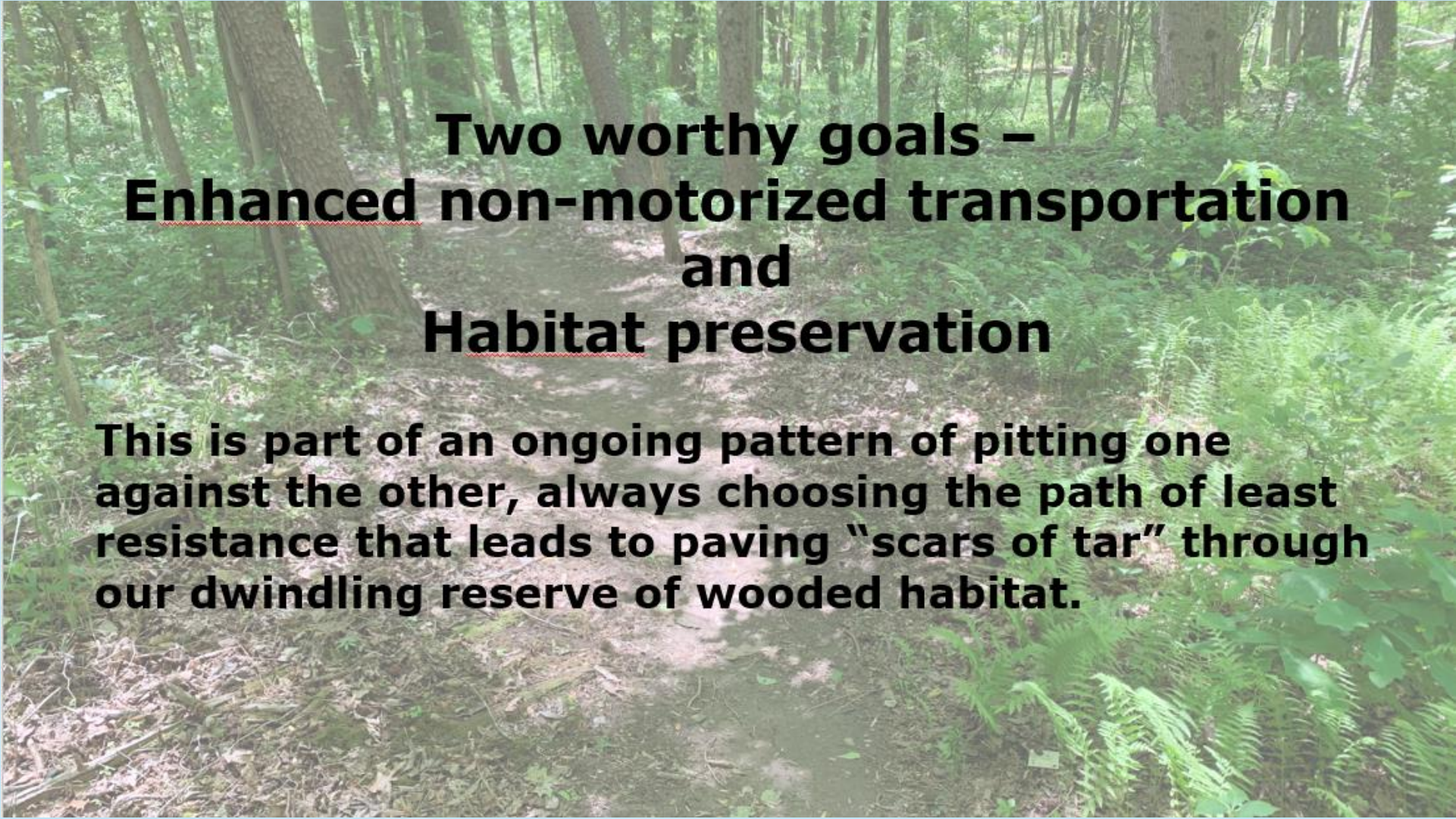




**Cinder Bed Road Bikeway  
On the wrong path!**

**#Save Cinder Bed Woods**



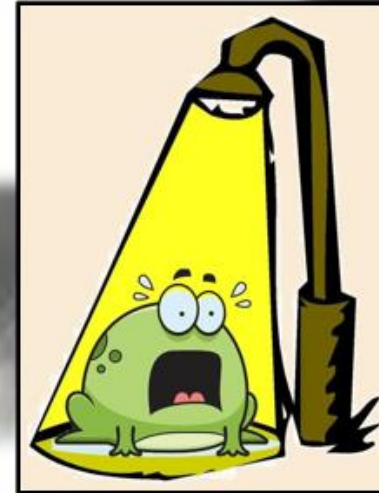


**Two worthy goals –  
Enhanced non-motorized transportation  
and  
Habitat preservation**

**This is part of an ongoing pattern of pitting one against the other, always choosing the path of least resistance that leads to paving “scars of tar” through our dwindling reserve of wooded habitat.**



**Worse in this case is the plan for 24-hour lighting of the path, stressing and disrupting the lives of wildlife large and small.**



*Don't light me up!*

## Friends of Accotink Creek



**If you build in a floodplain, you can expect to get wet, and often**



## Friends of Accotink Creek

**"The Accotink Gorge is truly one of the most biodiverse locations I have ever had the privilege of exploring."**

**Anemone quinquefolia,  
Wood anemone**





## Friends of Accotink Creek



**It is not too late to save this oasis, but it will be soon.**

**Wisteria sinensis (Chinese wisteria) vines are rapidly killing its canopy trees.**



## Friends of Accotink Creek

**Citizen naturalists seek solutions to preserve this biological gem.**



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# Friends of Colvin Run Mill Park

James Wallar

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Friends of Colvin Run Mill

# Major Projects – Past Year

Renovated Family Garden

Hosted Celebrate Great Falls – Mingle at the Mill

Sold mill products at Reston and Great Falls Farmer's Markets

Supported Two Days of Santa at the Mill

Monthly Blogs & Quarterly Newsletters on history, technology, food



# Ongoing and Upcoming Activities

Support building trail on south side of new tunnel

Committed to purchasing additional site signage

Hosting mid-Atlantic Chapter of SPOOM – April

Supporting Engineering Then and Now Day – May

















**Ask a Naturalist!**  
with Kersten & Claire

**The Living Building Challenge Building Challenge for Building Community in Challenging Times Challenge**



ELLANOR C. LAWRENCE **PARKĒMON!**  
AUGUST 13, 11AM - 5 PM, 2022  
SUPPORT YOUR PARK. BRING YOUR TEAM AND COMPETE FOR PRIZES!  
ELLANOR C. LAWRENCE PARK, WALKWAY ROAD, CHANTILLY

**FIELD NOTES**

**Let's Talk Trash.**  
Fairfax County: Put our focus where our parks are.  
#FundFCPA

**Fair Parks Initiative; \$750k in Funding Passed**  
(Thanks to Todd Caron, President of Friends of Historic Huntley for writing the majority of this article)

In March 2022, the Federation of FCP Friends met and decided to work together as an Alliance of Park Friends in pursuit of increased County funding for the parks. ECLP Friends along with seven other Friends groups (Historic Huntley, Cowin Run Mill, Fairfax Archaeology & Cultural Resources, Flying Pan Farm Park, Holmes Run, Aczotink Creek, and Pinnel Barn) developed and launched the Fair Parks Initiative (FPI) which sought to increase funding for park maintenance and full-time staff positions. FPI activities included development of the brand, messaging and media resources, participation in district budget town hall meetings, and providing testimony before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, including from ECLP Friends Board Members. The FPI also serves as an information hub for sharing other groups' initiatives. This sharing allows maximum knowledge of and participation in all advocacy efforts aimed at increasing the state of County funding for parks.

Thank you to everyone who contacted their supervisor, signed a petition, wrote a letter, provided testimony to the Board, or simply took the time to become informed by reading an FPI flyer providing information about the funding status of our parks.

You have most assuredly helped to make a difference, as the funding was approved! Thank you!

**FOOD. FUN. FRIENDS. FEST.**  
THE WALKAWAYS & KENTUCKY AVENUE ONO BREWING CO., DISTRICT SMALL BITES, TURCUISINE, RIVERSEA CHOCOLATE FACTORY, LOCAL ARTISANS, VENDORS, CRAFTS & MORE! BYOB BLANKET FOR LAWN LOUNGING!

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**FAIR PARKS INITIATIVE**  
From an Alliance of Park Friends  
#FundFCPA

**Sully Woodlands Stewardship Education Center**



The Sully Woodlands Stewardship Education Center will provide a place for the community to gather and explore their dependent connection to natural & cultural resources. Designed to be one of only two "Living Buildings" in Virginia, and only one of 25 in the world, the Sully Woodlands Stewardship Education Center will be wholly sustainable; it will use renewable energy and operate in a pollution-free manner. Built with environmentally friendly and reused or recycled materials, this unique community resource will be an international model of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

The Center - fully accessible to everyone - is being built within the Fairfax County Park Authority's ELLANOR C. LAWRENCE PARK. The Park is a square mile of resource-rich land set aside by a gift from Ellanor and David Lawrence to the people of Fairfax so it could be preserved and open for everyone to enjoy as they had. Setting the land aside protected its cultural resources while allowing its large collection of natural habitats to flourish as the area around continues to change and grow. The park is a vital part of not only the surrounding community but the FCPF ecosystem as well.

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & STEAM**  
The Center will provide education and interpretation along with meaningful and memorable interpretive experiences that connect visitors directly to resources.

Located adjacent to the Center, the STEAM Learning Area will have accessible outdoor activities that teach about weights and measures, solar energy, sustainable building practices and other subjects that promote the restoration and management of natural resources to improve human health and the health of our environment.

- Wildlife Feeding Stations
- Bike Charging Stations
- Bicycle Repair Stations
- Solar Charging Picnic Table Benches
- Outdoor Amphitheatre

**PARKTOBER FEST**  
2022

**MUSIC. FOOD. FUN. FEST.**  
OCTOBER, 8TH | 12PM - 5PM  
CABELL'S MILL / MIDDLEGATE LAWN

THE WALKAWAYS & KENTUCKY AVENUE ONO BREWING CO., DISTRICT SMALL BITES, TURCUISINE, RIVERSEA CHOCOLATE FACTORY, LOCAL ARTISANS, VENDORS, CRAFTS & MORE! BYOB BLANKET FOR LAWN LOUNGING!

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You're invited!  
Park and Bark  
Saturday, May 13!  
ParktoberFest  
Saturday, October 7

Lazy Dog  
Fly Dogs  
LoveBiteS  
ScentHound

Pet Portraits  
Laura's Cakes  
Cinder Goods  
Live Music







**PHOTO BY RYAN SWINDELL**





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# Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources

John P. Mullen  
President, FOFA

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# Friends of Green Spring Gardens, FROGS



Marylou Wall,  
FROGS Vice President





## SUPPORTING GREEN SPRING GARDENS FOR 30 YEARS

- Raised over \$2.6 M in 30+ years
- Thousands of volunteer hours
- Worked along with GSG staff and FCPA as gardens grew
- Back to a full schedule of fundraising and volunteer work
- Implementing the plantings from last year's appeal
- Joined with other Friends groups to advocate for increased park budget

## 2023

- Our **2022 Appeal** is for the Historic House and environs. It will include recognition of the people who built and worked in the Garden. We are already beginning implementation of repairs.
- **Community Outreach** We are developing more activities to bring in a mix of visitors, especially families. We have more kids activities, including book readings in multiple languages, and more social media. We hope it will bring in new visitors who did not know about the park, and we hope it will increase membership.
- **Main challenge for Green Spring Gardens** continues to be staffing.





# Friends of Historic Huntley

Todi Carnes, President

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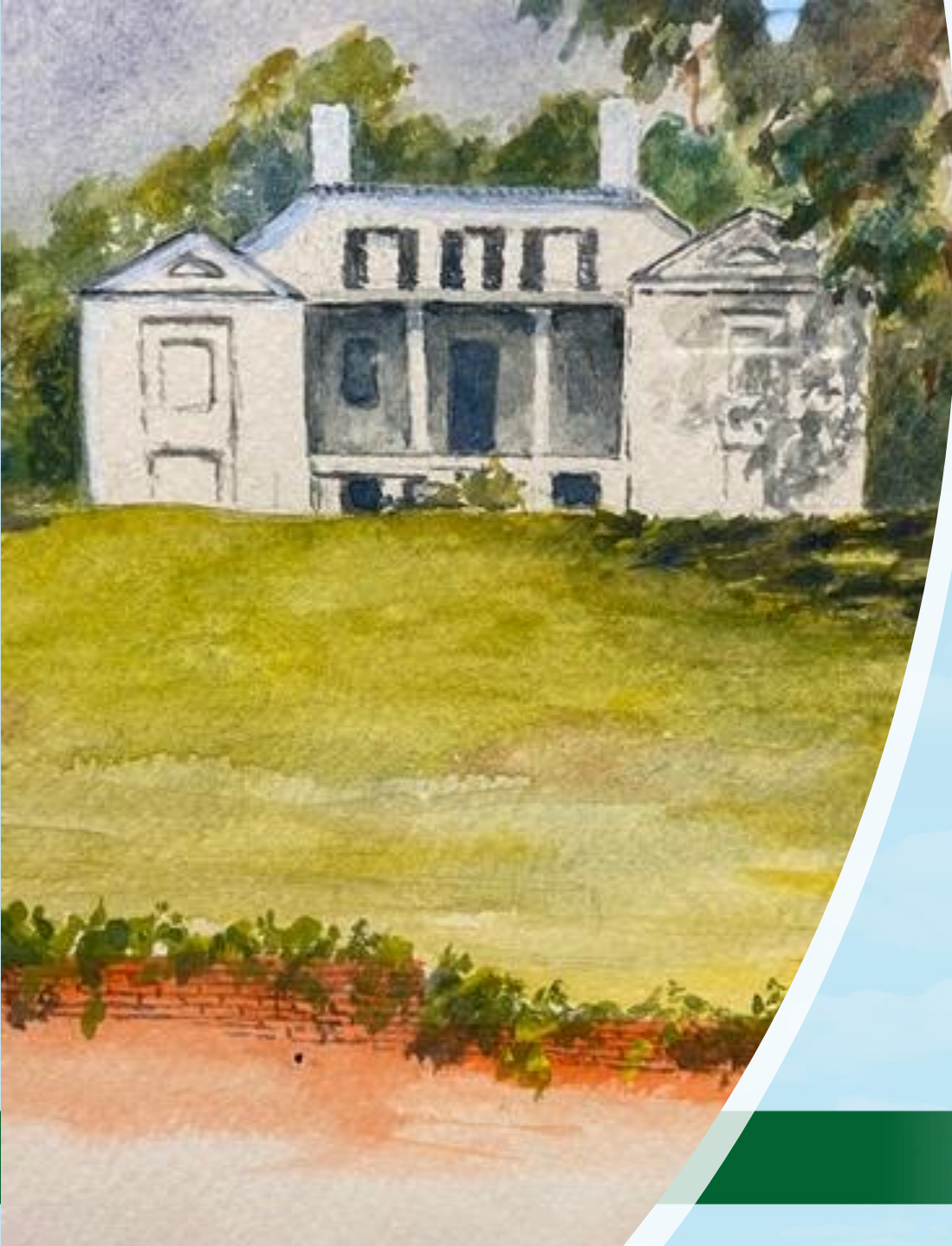


Fair Parks Initiative  
Join us!  
[todicarnes@verizon.net](mailto:todicarnes@verizon.net)

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Plein Air Event  
Saturday, April 15  
1:00 – 4:00 pm

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# Friends of Holmes Run

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## Our goal is...

*“...to rescue trees within the Holmes Run stream valley and associated parks and surrounding communities from invasive vines in order to align with the county’s tree and conservation goals.*”

*We can commit to 1-3 areas this first year. An area might be a neighborhood and/or associated park/trail.”*



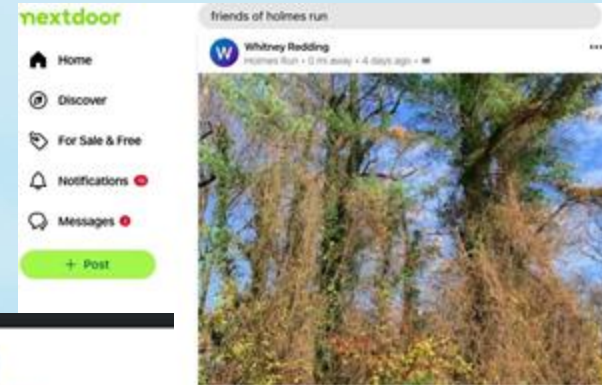
# Taking a watershed approach

- Civic associations
- Community Pools
- Individual FoHR members
- Social media networks
- IMA sites



Join our 'Ivy League' ∞

Non-native vines such as English Ivy and Porcelain berry undermine a native tree's ability to fulfill its role in the ecosystem and eventually cause it to fall. Friends of Holmes Run has teamed up with Plant NOVA Natives, FCPA and others on a five-year campaign to train community volunteers to identify at-risk trees in parks and neighborhoods and free them from invasive vines. Take the free online training to become a Tree Rescuer, and then join our team targeting the Holmes Run watershed! For more information, contact our 'Ivy League' coordinator.



Alert - What's wrong with this picture...? English Ivy and other nonnative, invasive vines are taking over many trees in our parks and yards. Left unattended, an infested tree WILL succumb and topple. This Saturday, March 4, grab your favorite garden clippers or loppers and join Friends of Holmes Run from 1 to 2:30 p.m. to learn about the county's tree rescue program. You'll learn the basics of how to identify and manage vines in your yard or neighborhood while we work together to rescue trees at the Valleycrest Blvd. trailhead into Holmes Run's Trail in Broyhill Crest. For full details, RSVP to friends@holmesrun@gmail.com. For more about FoHR's tree rescue partnership with FCPA, visit Friends of Holmes Run







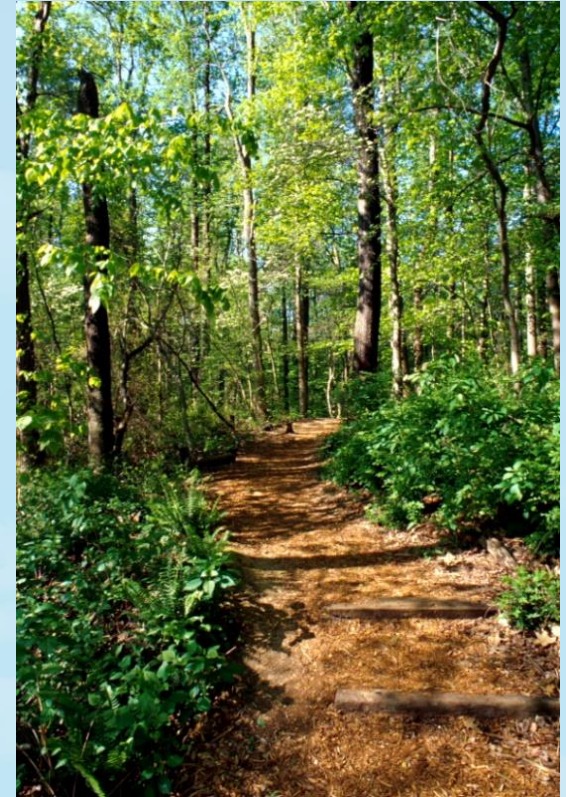
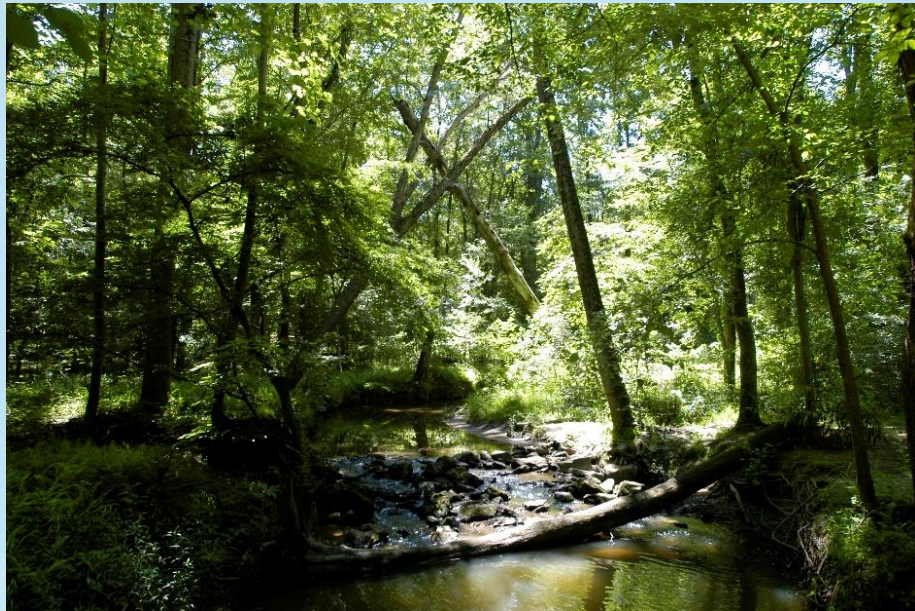
22 Tree rescue trainings  
41 Trainees  
140 Volunteer hours  
312 Trees  
7 Sites  
... since March 2022





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*Thank you for joining us & we look forward to continuing to work together to improve Fairfax County parks!*



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