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Needs Assessment Final Report Released

Parks Count Survey: More Maintenance, Open Space

Fix what you have, and step up the maintenance – because parks are more important than they’ve ever been. That’s the message from the public, stakeholders, and a consultant team working on the Parks Count Needs Assessment Study. The study began in 2014 and just recently concluded, producing recommendations for capital investments in the park system based on a body of data that the Park Authority will continue using for years to come.

The Parks Count Final Report is now complete and available on the project website (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parkscount/>). The report compiles information gathered and analyzed during the two-year process, including:

- RECenter facility assessment findings
- Natural and cultural cost assessment findings
- A summary of need survey results
- Need analysis and service level recommendations
- Consultant recommendations for future planning
- Capital improvement framework to guide investments for the next ten years

In presentations to the Park Authority Board and the public at an April Open House, the PROS Consulting team described how survey results, public input, and research all support turning a closer eye to investing in existing park system infrastructure, addressing deferred maintenance, and strategically meeting customer needs. Several of the findings echo staff observations and mirror recent initiatives undertaken by FCPA, including an economic impact study and a renewed focus on prioritizing deferred maintenance. The Final Report provides these insights and more.

For more information, please visit Parks Count online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parkscount/>, or send a note to Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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