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## Mastenbrook Grant Funds New Batting Cages at Stratton Woods

New batting cages will be coming to Stratton Woods Park. The Fairfax County Park Authority Board has approved a Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Northern Fairfax County Babe Ruth (NFCBR) for \$6,332.57. Approval came at the Park Board meeting on May 25, 2016.

NFCBR will match the grant money and add another \$20,000 from telecommunications funds to complete the project that is designed to enable more practice time for youth teams. The batting cages will be installed adjacent to Field 1 at Stratton Woods Park. The baseball organization has been a participant in the Adopt-A-Field program for several years and has previously contributed funds toward maintenance and improvements for the field at Stratton Woods, as well as other athletic fields in the county.

Mastenbrook bond-funded grants provide limited matching funds for projects in Fairfax County parks. In 1998, John Mastenbrook, a 21-year veteran of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, suggested the creation of a grant program to encourage public and private ventures that would improve Fairfax County parks and park facilities. The program was designed to fill a gap between limited bond funding and the community's desire for new neighborhood park facilities.

Since 1999, there have been more than 140 Mastenbrook Grant projects. Awards in excess of \$1.1 million have been made, resulting in projects throughout Fairfax County valued at more than \$7.4 million.

For more information, or to apply for a matching grant, visit online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/mastenbrookgrant.htm> or call 703-324-8591.

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