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Park Board Approves Mastenbrook Matching Fund Grants

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board approved Mastenbrook Matching Fund Grants at its meeting on October 13, 2016. The funds will be used to improve athletic fields and parks, develop trails and tackle invasive plants.

The Board approved a Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Falls Church Kiwanis Little League in the amount of \$6,126.52 to install concrete pads on field 3 and replace fencing on field 2 at Idylwood Park. It approved a request for \$20,000 from the Friends of Green Spring to renovate the glasshouse at Green Spring Gardens Park.

Board members also approved a grant request from the Gunston Soccer Club in the amount of \$14,850 to convert field 6 to Bermuda grass at Grist Mill Park. The Overlook Foundation will receive \$7,200 in grant money to assist with controlling invasive plants at Bren Mar and Turkeycock Run Stream Valley Parks. Annandale North Springfield Little League will receive \$7,992.48 to replace the backstop fencing on field 1 at Pine Ridge Park.

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 a grant program be established to encourage public and private ventures that would improve Fairfax County parks and park facilities. The program fills a gap between limited bond funding and the community's desire for new neighborhood park facilities.

Since 1999, there have been more than 151 Mastenbrook Grant projects. Awards in excess of \$1.2 million have been made, resulting in projects throughout Fairfax County valued at more than \$7.9 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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