

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Pickleball

Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation

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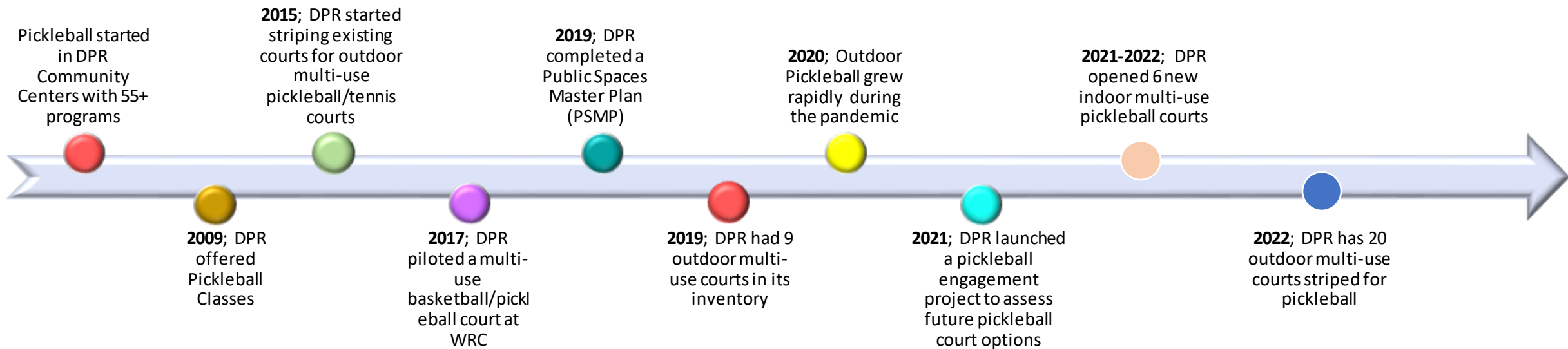
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History of DPR Pickleball



- 2019-2022, DPR striped 11 additional outdoor pickleball courts to bring the outdoor total to 20 multi-use courts
- 2021-2022, with the new Lubber Run and relining of Arlington Mill Community Center, DPR added 6 indoor pickleball courts to the inventory

DPR Pickleball Courts Inventory

Outdoor Multi-Use	Total Courts
Glebe Park	4
Lubber Run	4
Walter Reed	9
Gunston	2
Fort Scott	1
Total	20

Indoor Opportunities a	Total Courts
Arlington Mill CC	4
Carver CC	3
Thomas Jefferson CC	3
Lubber Run CC	4
Walter Reed CC	2
Total	16

Pickleball and the Public Spaces Master Plan

- The Public Spaces Master Plan is the County's blueprint for public space.
- Action Step 1.4.3 (pg. 65) calls for a dedicated pickleball facility to meet the growing demand.

Court Engagement Assessment

- In Fall 2021, DPR launched an outdoor court assessment survey where Arlingtonians shared their input ([Arlington Outdoor Courts Assessment](#))
- Engagement Highlights:
 - Tennis players were concerned with losing space by adding pickleball lines to tennis courts
 - Pickleball players felt there weren't enough pickleball courts in Arlington and also had mixed feelings about sharing courts.



DRAFT CRITERIA FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS

- Community feedback on court preferences.
- Outdoor courts used for Arlington Public Schools (APS) were removed from consideration to minimize conflict with programmed uses, except the Gunston Park tennis courts.
- Tennis courts at Bluemont Park were removed from consideration as they are designated in PSMP as a dedicated, tennis-specific facility. (Action Step 1.5.7, page 67)
- Only include County-owned basketball courts located at community centers.



Multi-Use Courts at Lubber Run

NEXT STEPS



Create a dedicated, single-use pickleball facility at Walter Reed

- Scored highest against criteria

- Funding identified through the Adopted FY2023-2032 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Create new multi-use pickleball courts based on criteria.

Continue to evaluate outdoor court inventory, demand and access.

Strive to achieve more equitable distribution across the County.

Facilitate opportunities for tennis, basketball and pickleball players to learn about each other's playing practices (e.g. signage, improved messaging)

CIP

- **Emerging Uses Program:** Funds to convert the outdoor courts at the Walter Reed Community Center into a permanent pickleball facility. It will also provide funding to create multi-use courts at several of DPR's existing tennis courts by adding pickleball lines to them ([Pickleball Timeline](#)).
- **Bond Referendum Initiates Project:** November 2022
- **Timeline:** 17-22 month process to include public engagement, design, permitting, contracting, and construction.

