

MAY 23, 2023 – PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

STAFF REPORTS

11th Street Park Renovation (2751 11th Street North)

This is an Arlington Neighborhoods Program project spearheaded by the Clarendon-Courthouse Civic Association. Existing gravel walkways will be replaced in approximately the same location and will be concrete. These walkways will be ADA accessible. Other features include new site furnishings, renovation of the existing lawn areas, additional trees and new native pollinator plantings, signage, natural boulders and path lighting. A purchase order has been completed for the contractor, Francos Liberty Bridge and a notice-to-proceed has been issued. Construction for this project to commence shortly with an estimated completion of 3rd Quarter 2023.

18th and Ives Public Space (Intersection of 18th Street South and South Ives Street) – No Updates

- In November, 2020, the County Board approved a request from Dominion Energy to renovate the Crystal City substation.
- As part of that request, the County and Dominion would swap land, with the County receiving land at 18th and Ives which will become a future park.
- Dominion will replace the existing soil with clean fill before turning the park over to the County.

23rd and Eads Park Renovation (501 23rd Street South) – No Updates

The purpose of the project is to provide minor park improvements that will complement the character of the neighborhood and provide a place for visitors to gather and rest. The Park improvements will enhance the visibility and aesthetics of the site, and this space will continue to offer visitors a casual use experience. This project is funded via the adopted FY2022 CIP through TIF funds. The first engagement is targeted for Summer 2023.

Alcova Heights Park Renovations – Phase 1 and 2 (901 S. George Mason Dr.)

- Pre-Final inspection was done on 4/26/2023. Contractor working on punch list items.
- Basketball court striping complete.
- 8th Street South striping complete.
- Planting complete.
- Landscape fencing posts installed, and cable installation complete.
- Anticipated Completion 3rd Quarter 2023.

APS Projects

- **Cardinal Elementary School (1644 N. McKinley Rd.)**
County Project – [Stormwater Vault](#)
 - Work is proceeding on the stormwater vault. The two athletic fields should be restored at the APS site by fall 2023.

Arlington Junction Park (1051 S. Eads St.)

- Continued coordination with park master plan concept, current design, and utility considerations.
- Park project is developing in tandem with DES Street redesign and streetscape work. DPR staff in coordination with DES team to keep projects aligned.
- Project is currently in permitting. Next steps will be working on the Bidding process once permit approval.
- The County Board approved all requests.
- Address has been established for the park – 1051 South Eads Street
- HALRB coordination with DPR and HP is underway for language on interpretive sign about the evolution of the park.

Bailey’s Branch Park Renovation (990 S. Columbus Street) combined Arlington Neighborhoods and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) project

This project will use combined funding from the Arlington Neighborhoods and CIP (DPR) programs for funding. The project has a focus on the natural elements of the park, such as invasive species control and planting native trees and understory with a focus on pollinator planting. Additional program elements will include a playground renovation, a contemplative area, ADA access and turf renovation. This project was approved by the ANP in the Spring 2022 funding round and was approved at the March, 2023 County Board Meeting. CIP funding through DPR will be available FY2024. A boundary and topographic survey has been completed and invasive plant removal will continue Summer 2023.

Ballston Wetland Park Improvements (4747 Fairfax Dr.)

- The project is progressing well. It is estimated to be completed in the third quarter of 2023.
- See [Ballston Pond Restoration](#)
 - Trash rack installation is complete.
 - Beaver leveler installation is complete.
 - Access step installation is complete.
 - Rip-Rap replacement under observation platform complete.
 - Stop gate installation complete.
 - Overlook installation complete.
 - Sod, pavers, grassy pave installation ongoing.
 - Asphalt demolition of trail ongoing.
 - Planting installation ongoing.

Barcroft Master Finance Development Plan (MFDP) – No Updates

- As part of the redevelopment of the Barcroft apartments, the owner has proposed a [Master Finance Development Plan](#) that also identifies potential future park spaces
 - County Board date to adopt the MFDP is to be determined.
- DPR Staff are working interdepartmentally to determine ownership of these spaces

- There will be a county led public engagement for the design of future park spaces within the site.

Dominion Glebe Substation Renovation (3225 S Eads Street) – No Updates

- Dominion is replacing the existing overhead transmission line with a new underground line and renovating the existing substation infrastructure. The site is located along Four Mile Run Trail and the stream.
- For additional project updates, please see the Dominion Energy [website](#) for this project.

Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update

Staff are currently editing the draft text in response to public comment and anticipate bringing the latest draft forward for review in late spring/early summer 2023 (anticipated for PRC discussion in June).

Gateway Park (Rosslyn) (1300 Langston Boulevard) – No Updates

- The RFP solicitation is open to the public. Staff will be accepting proposals through March 16th, after which a committee will begin the review process to select the firm.
- Additionally, a structural analysis of the site is still underway.

Greenbrier Park Synthetic Running Track Replacement

This project is for the design and construction for the replacement of the running track surfacing and long jump pit within the stadium field complex at Greenbrier Park/Yorktown HS.

- Currently in design – construction anticipated to occur in July 2023.

Gunston Park Enclosed Athletic Facility (1401 28th Street South)

- Building mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) works and final cleanup complete.
- Store front doors are onsite and installed.
- Pre-final punch list walk to be scheduled once power and gas services are available.
 - Dominion Energy – Dominion Energy received permit from the County, awaiting scheduling of work on site.
 - Washington Gas – installed gas service to the building in February.
- Purchase Order (PO) issued for turf replacement, awaiting schedule for installation from the contractor.
- Anticipated Completion Date: 2nd Qtr. 2023.

Gunston Park Playground Renovation (1401 28th Street South) – No Updates

This Parks Maintenance Capital project will design and construct demolition, site work, new playground, picnic shelter, grading and drainage, site circulation, site furnishings, landscaping, and storm water management. No new amenities are planned for this project. Design process has started and will continue through 2022. Construction anticipated to begin in the 1st quarter of 2024.

Hillside Park (1601 N. Pierce St.) Arlington Neighborhoods (formerly Neighborhood Conservation (NC))

This project focuses on the natural elements of the park, such as invasive species control, planting native trees and understory with a focus on pollinator planting, replacing picnic tables and adding new site furnishings, and adding boulders and a sculptural element such as a tree carving to add natural play interest in the southern part of the park. This project was approved by the NCAC in 2021 and the County Board approved the NC package in February 2022. A topographic survey and tree inventory has been conducted. Invasive plant removal for calendar year 2022 has been completed and will resume late Spring or early Summer 2023. Erosion control measures such as boulders and coir logs, in addition to leaf compost and wood chip mulch have been installed and trees were planted late Fall 2022. A mulch trail along the desire path and cleanup of the existing stone swale and picnic pads were completed in October 2022. Additional trees, boulders and understory plantings will be installed in Fall 2023.

Met Park Open-Air Market Use Permit Request (1400 S. Eads St. & 501 15th Street South)

At its Tuesday, May 16 recessed meeting, the County Board approved a use permit and associated license agreement for a new open-air market partially located on the Met Park space and adjacent right-of-way (along the new South Elm Street extension). Please review the County Board staff reports (Item #[7.A.](#) and [7.B.](#)) which provide additional details and conditions of approval for this use.

Site Plan Review

- **1601 Fairfax Drive – Inn of Rosslyn – No Updates**
 - Online Engagement Opportunity occurred between April 11th-24th, 2023
 - The applicant proposes redeveloping the site with an eight (8) story multifamily residential building, including:
 - 126,129 sq. ft. of residential (6.11 FAR)
 - 141 dwelling units
 - Underground parking at 0.62 spaces per unit (88 spaces)
 - LEED Gold (0.35 FAR-level)
 - Zoning modifications (subject to change)
 - Additional density
 - Reduced parking requirements
 - Increased compact parking
 - Density exclusions

- **716 South Glebe Road – Sunrise South Glebe – No Updates**
 - 1st SPRC was held on April 24th, 2023
 - Online Engagement Opportunity occurred between March 20th-30th, 2023
 - The applicant, Sunrise Senior Living, LLC, proposes the rezoning and demolition of an existing church building and vacant duplex for the development of a new 4-story assisted living facility. The proposal consists of 108 units with approximately 93,306 square feet of residential gross floor area (1.08 FAR).
 - Additional project details include:

- Rezoning from “R-5” One-Family and Restricted Two-Family Dwelling District and “R-6” One-Family Dwelling District to “S-D” Special Development District
- The GLUP designation is Semi-Public and “Low” Residential (1-10 du/ac)
- 108 assisted living units (141 bedrooms)
- 55 parking spaces (0.39 spaces/bedroom)

Proposed modifications for:

- Reduced residential parking ratio (0.50 spaces/bedroom required)

- **4600 Fairfax Drive (Ballston Holiday Inn)**

- Anticipated to go to County Board July 2023
- 3rd SPRC was held on April 20th, 2023
- 2nd SPRC was held on February 16th, 2023
- 1st SPRC was held on October 24th, 2022
- Online Engagement Opportunity occurred July 25th-August 4th, 2022
- The applicant, 4600 Fairfax Partners LLC, proposes a site plan to rezone two (2) single family home parcels from “R-5” to “RA8-18,” and redevelop the entire site with two (2) multifamily residential buildings

Project Details:

- The applicant proposes rezoning two (2) single family home parcels from “R-5” to “RA8-18,” and redeveloping the entire site with two (2) multifamily residential buildings:
- North Building: a seven (7) story multifamily building consisting of 477 units and 428,533 square feet of residential GFA.
- South Building: a five (5) story “townhome-style” building consisting of 85,388 square feet of residential GFA and 29 units.
- Parking: Surface and structured parking would total 416 spaces, at 0.87 spaces per unit.
- Zoning Modifications: include additional density for LEED Gold (0.25 FAR-level); reductions in parking and loading spaces; density exclusion

- **3200 Wilson Boulevard (Bingham Center/Silver Diner Site) - No Updates**

- Anticipated to go to County Board July 2023
- 2nd SPRC was held on March, 16th, 2023
- 1st SPRC was held on October 20th, 2023
- Online Engagement Opportunity occurred September 12th-26th, 2022
- The applicant, Bingham Center Holdings LLC, proposes to redevelop the site (consisting of two office buildings, the Silver Diner restaurant, an auto repair facility, outdoor beer garden, and surface parking) with hotel and multi-family residential buildings including ground floor retail.

Additional project details include:

Residential Building

- 11-stories

- 290 units

Hotel Building

- 10-stories
- 229 rooms

Proposed Modifications

- Setbacks and Bulk-Plan Angle requirements
- Parking and Loading
- Density Exclusions
- Bonus Density

• **3140 Washington Blvd. & 1025 N. Irving St. - (Wells Fargo/Verizon Site) - No Updates**

- 2nd SPRC was held on April 17th, 2023
- 1st SPRC was held on February 27th, 2023
- Online Engagement Opportunity is occurring between January 9th-19th, 2023
- The applicant proposes to demolish the existing bank and construct a mixed-use building with approximately 238 dwelling units, approximately 60,000 square feet of office uses, and approximately 30,000 square feet of retail uses (including a replacement bank with a drive through) with a maximum height of 12 stories. The Verizon telephone switching station will remain and will be incorporated into the site plan. To accomplish this development, the applicant proposes:
 - a change in the General Land Use Plan designation for the Verizon site only from “Government and Community Facilities” to “Medium Density Mixed Use”;
 - a site plan, with requested modifications to the zoning ordinance regarding parking requirements, and for additional density through a combination of achieving LEED Gold certification for the site and other provisions as permitted by the Zoning Ordinance (e.g., provisions for public open space, affordable housing, etc.), and exclusions from gross floor area;

Additional project details include - Site Plan infrastructure and improvements include:

- Underground utility fund contribution;
- Affordable housing contribution or on-site affordable units;
- Streetscape improvements;
- On-site public art or contribution to public art in the neighborhood; and
- Proposed LEED Gold certification

• **1400 Richmond Highway (Americana Hotel)**

- Approved by County Board April 2023
- 2nd SPRC was held on February 13th, 2023
- 1st SPRC was held on November 28th, 2022
- Online Engagement Opportunity occurred October 17th-27th, 2022
- Long Range Planning Commission (LRPC) Meeting was held on June 14th, 2022
- The applicant, JBG Smith, proposes the demolition of the former Americana Hotel building and the development of a 19-story residential building with ground floor

retail. The proposal consists of a 636-unit building with approximately 529,132 square feet of total gross floor area (8.61 FAR).

Additional project details include:

- Rezoning from RA-H-3.2, Multiple-Family Dwelling and Hotel District to C-O Crystal City, Mixed Use Crystal City District
 - Located within the Crystal City Coordinated Redevelopment District (GLUP Note 1)
 - 636 new units
 - 3,801 sf of ground floor retail GFA
 - 392 total parking spaces (including 188 on-site residential and visitor parking spaces and 204 off-site parking spaces at the [Bartlett Apartments](#))
- Proposed modifications for:
- Reduced residential and retail parking ratios
 - Reduced loading space
 - Bonus density
 - Density exclusions

- **2201 Arlington Boulevard (ARVA)**

- Anticipated to go to County Board in July 2023
- 2nd SPRC was held on March 20th, 2023
- 1st SPRC was held on January 23rd, 2023
- Online Engagement Opportunity occurred between Nov. 22nd – Dec. 5th, 2022
- The applicant proposes to demolish the existing motel and construct a mixed-use building with approximately 251 dwelling units and approximately 2,900 square feet of ground floor retail, with a maximum height of eight (8) stories. To accomplish this development the applicant proposes:
 - A change in the General Land Use Plan designation for the site from “Service Commercial” and “Low-Medium Residential” to “Low Office-Apartment-Hotel”;
 - A proposed rezoning from “C-2” and “RA6-15” to “C-O-1.5”; and
- A Site plan, with requested modifications to the zoning ordinance regarding parking requirements, and for additional density through a combination of achieving LEED Gold certification for the site and other provisions as permitted by the Zoning Ordinance (e.g., provisions for public open space, affordable housing, etc.).

Additional project details include:

- A public open space;
- Underground Utility fund contribution;
- Affordable housing contribution or on-site affordable units;
- Streetscape improvements;
- On-site Public art or contribution to public art in the neighborhood;
- Proposed LEED Gold certification.

- **2025 Fairfax Drive (Wakefield Manor) - No Updates**

- 2nd SPRC was held on May 15th, 2023

- 1st SPRC was held on March 27th, 2023
- Online Engagement Opportunity occurred between December 1st-12th, 2022
- In Person Walking tour was held on December 2nd, 2022
- The applicant, FORTIS Companies, submitted a major site plan amendment to SPLN22-00001 (SP #417). The applicant proposes the removal of a single-story structure, a significant tree identified in the Fort Myer Heights North Plan, and two surface parking areas for the development of a 12-story residential building located at the southeast corner of the site. The proposal consists of a new 166-unit building with approximately 142,182 square feet of new residential gross floor area (1.76 FAR). The total site plan density is 3.89 FAR, inclusive of the existing Wakefield Manor and Courthouse Manor properties (0.84 FAR) and Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) to [Site Plan #435 \(Wendy's Site\)](#) (1.29 FAR).

Additional project details include:

- The site is zoned RA8-18, Multiple-Family Dwelling District
- Located within the Fort Myer Heights North Special District (GLUP Note 22)
- 166 new units (84 existing units at Wakefield Manor and Courthouse Manor, for a total of 250 units)
- 120 parking spaces (0.48 spaces/unit)

Proposed modifications for:

- Reduced residential parking ratio
- Bonus density
- Density exclusions

- **1600 S. Eads St. (Crystal Towers 3)**

- Anticipated to go to County Board June 2023
- 2nd SPRC was held on April 3rd, 2023
- 1st SPRC was held on February 23rd, 2023
- Online Engagement Opportunity occurred between November 28th - December 8th, 2022
- In Person Walking tour was held on December 2nd, 2022
- The applicant, Dweck Properties, proposes to construct a new residential building and new retail building at 1600 S. Eads Street within the Crystal Towers apartment complex.

Additional project details include:

Residential Building:

- 10-stories
- 209 units
- Expansion of underground parking for a total parking ratio of .3 spaces per unit.

Retail Building:

- 1-story
- 27,901 sq. Ft. of retail gross floor area

Proposed Modifications:

- Required residential parking (.3 spaces per unit)
- Density Exclusions

- Additional Density achievement through LEED Gold Certification
- Loading dock reduction
- **3400 13th St. N. - YMCA (No Updates)**
 - An Online Engagement Opportunity was provided from December 5th-16th, 2022
 - The applicant, including the Young Men’s Christian Association of Metropolitan Washington (YMCA) and Republic Michaels, proposes to redevelop the site and construct a new standalone YMCA facility and a seven-story multifamily residential building. Additional project details include:
 - Request to amend the General Land Use Plan (GLUP) to change the GLUP designation from “Service Commercial” to “Low” Office-Apartment-Hotel
 - Request to rezone the site from C-2, Service Commercial-Community Business District, to C-O-1.5, Mixed Use District
 - New 7-story multifamily building, with:
 - 340,151 sf
 - 374 units
 - 295 parking spaces
 - LEED Gold at and Green Building Incentive Program (GBIP) commitments to achieve 0.35 bonus density for the residential building
 - New YMCA recreation center facility with:
 - 87,850 sf
 - Indoor swimming pools, pickleball courts, tennis courts, fitness space, and conference/breakout/lounge space
 - 203 parking spaces
 - WELL certification
 - Proposed modifications for:
 - Additional density consistent with Section 15.5 of the Zoning Ordinance
 - Required parking and loading
 - Density exclusions
 - Site plan improvements and public amenities, including
 - GBIP commitments with LEED Gold certification for the residential building
 - Public Art contribution
 - Utility Fund contribution
 - Streetscape improvements
 - Achievement of goals and recommendations of the November 2017 *Washington Boulevard & Kirkwood Road Special GLUP Study “Plus” and Concept Plan*
- **Shirlington Public Improvements (No Updates)**

The site is located within the Village at Shirlington which encompasses approximately 27 acres of land in the southern portion of Arlington County and includes a mix of residential, office, hotel, retail, entertainment and civic uses. The project area includes the streetscape primarily located between the 4000 - 4200 Blocks of Campbell Avenue

The applicant, Street Retail, LLC, proposes a plan for streetscape and landscape improvements along Campbell Avenue. These improvements include:

- New seating
- Expanded planting areas
- Protection of existing trees
- Renovations and improvements to public spaces near the library and theater
- New light fixtures
- Bike racks
- Seat walls
- Changes to the physical layout of the street, in the form of shifted curbs, new crosswalk locations, and a reimagined median on Campbell Avenue.

A Phased Development Site Plan (PDSP) amendment is required to remove outdated conditions requiring specific streetscape dimensions that conflict with the proposed improvements and vision of the General Land Use Plan (GLUP) Study, while amendments to the adopted site plan are required to implement the changes within each approved final site plan along Campbell Ave.

Thrifton Hill Park Renovation via Arlington Neighborhoods Program (ANP) (2814 23rd Street North)

This project was scoped as part of an Arlington Neighborhoods project for part of the Fall 2022 ANP funding round. Meetings were held with the civic association parks committee and at the September 2022 Maywood Civic Association meeting there was a unanimous vote for scope approval. The project was part of the ANP funding Fall 2022 funding package, and funding was approved by the County Board on March 18th. Invasive plant removal will begin in Fall 2023.

Upper Bluemont Park Conceptual Design Project (601 N. Manchester St.)

The goal of this Parks Maintenance Capital project is to replace the tennis court complex, lighting, restroom/storage, shelter, parking lot, site circulation, section of Four Mile Run Trail, site furnishing, drainage and landscaping in the Upper Bluemont area, as well as bring the area up to 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design. Draft concept is currently [online](#) and public review and comment will be open until April 20. The design process is expected to be completed by the end of 2023 with construction beginning 3rd Quarter 2024.

Urban Forestry Office Updates

Guidelines:

1. Update the Commission on new projects, and changes to existing projects
2. Consider non-standard events, like presentations, outreach, roundtables as worth noting
3. Quantity reports are okay (amounts of plans reviewed, trees maintained), but keep it consistent

4. Get to the point, and note how the item is relevant to Forestry

Maintenance:

- Fairlington Preventive Pruning – the 8th batch of pruning has started, which is made up of three sections. The first section has been completed. With eighteen (18) trees pruned and one (1) removed. Staff continue doing tree inventory for the remaining two sections.
- We have received a significant number of Requests involving trees on private property. We have made these property owners aware of the issue through a letter left by our staff.
- As far this year, we have significantly reduced the workload of the stumps in our unit. Our staff has been available to address the numbers in our queue from (2021-2022) To be working with the stumps of this present year.

Planning:

(Projects with high impact or high opportunity highlighted in **bold**)

Long-term planning

- Staff are reviewing the final draft of the Forestry and Natural Resources Plan
- Staff met with the County team to discuss Route 1, and held firm on having 12 ft medians and tree planting areas along the side. This will remain the County's recommendation for VDOT, to provide sufficient soil volumes in this corridor.
- Staff met with the County Team and consultants on the route 50 multi-use trail and are working through ideas for tree preservation details to retain trees in locations where the tree density makes a wide path difficult to construct.

Site plans (special exception and by-right)

- In review:
 - Crystal Towers 3 at 1600 S EADS ST(SPLA22-00018) group walk of the Open Space Corner with Applicant to enhance and improve the tree preservation measures of the proposed landscape plans. The applicant will provide renderings before resubmitting the plans. The application is removing more trees than can be planted onsite. The applicant is encouraged to expand tree preservation measures to reduce the total tree replacement amount.
 - Reviewed the Bingham Center (SPLN21-00009). The plans were rejected as the forestry previous comments were not resolved. Comments involved lack of tree preservation measure for the street trees and to maximize proposed plantings on Wilson Blvd.
 - Reviewed the Wakefield Manor (SPLN22-00001) 2025 Fairfax Drive. The application was rejected as the applicant is not meeting onsite planting requirements and offsite planting is not permitted to meet their onsite requirements.
 - Discussed with the applicant of the Ames Center the current unresolved comments. The applicant will include larger canopy trees in the project to meet

their canopy cover and street tree requirements due to utility conflicts in the streetscape.

- Discuss the Wakefield Manor project at 2025 FAIRFAX DR (SPLN22-00001). Most of the comments have not been resolved. The community and the County believe that the site can be redesigned to enhance its openness and meet canopy cover requirements onsite.
- Wells Fargo at 3140 Washington Blvd (SPLC20-00005) discussion with applicant to determine the best approach of the Irving Street Plaza and the street tree requirements. The project was rejected because the North Irving Plaza should include midsize trees and higher soil volumes to support their growth. The project is missing street trees calculation and should increase species diversity.
- Reviewed the Hotel Americana Redevelopment (SPLN22-00004). The project has addressed most of our comments, but there are two landscape conflicts for the proposed trees. One tree will need to be relocated from the dog park and a species change is required for the two American Elms located on the Penthouse floor.
- Reviewed the Sunrise Senior Living of South Arlington Project (SPLN22-0007). The plan was rejected as trees should not be planted in Bioretention planters and site conditions should be improved for the trees around the parking lot.
- Reviewed the 1327 S Rolfe St (FBCN23-00001) Arlington View Terrace West. The application was rejected as there is space for tree preservation for some of the onsite trees. The landscape plans should also be improved on their tree species diversity and the canopy cover calculations.
- The Marbella project continues to work through utility conflicts with existing trees and tree-planting spaces. Currently, a new gas line installation may impact trees on neighboring properties. Urban Forestry is working to reduce the impact ut will work with the developer to remove and replace if the impact is too great.
- Approved:
 - Inspection of the Dine in park at 2121 Crystal Dr (LAPL21-00040). The site must address some of the planted landscape as the wrong tree species were planted and will need to change to native species. One tree that was supposed to be protected is in decline and will need replacement.
 - Staff inspected The Milton (part of Pentagon Centre) for compliance.
 - The Crystal City Water Park is nearing completion. Transplanted trees are being planted.
 - The Landmark at Courthouse Square is working on final items. Completion is likely this Fall.

DES

- Staff reviewed the Military Road Culvert which still needs an accurate tree inventory that is coordinated with plans. The current design will impact parkland and result in the loss of trees and natural spaces, possibly including the pollinator garden.
- Ballston Pond plant material inspection, most of the plant material was accepted, but there were 6 Silky Dogwoods that were rejected because they were pruned back too hard by the nursery. Their form was poor and they were too large for the 3-gallon pots.

A second inspection was conducted of trees, and several groups of trees were rejected because they did not meet ANSI standards. The majority were accepted.

- Planting was laid out and material accepted (with 7 trees rejected due to injuries, structural issues, or health issues at the Carlin Springs Hospital demolition site. Planting is occurring today and Saturday.

Parks

- Alcova Heights biweekly progress meeting. The project is reaching completion during the next couple of weeks. The contractor requested the removal of all the controls but will collaborate with SWM to make sure the areas are stabilized.
- Upper Bluemont park to evaluate the onsite trees and how to best mitigate impact to existing canopy. After inspecting the site one large oak is in decline and should be considered for removal with this project.
- Met Park landscape inspection. Most of the issues were resolved except for the species change of the two Oaks planted in the planters in the dog park section of the project. The applicant will be changing species with *Ostrya Virginiana* in the next couple of weeks.
- The 11th Street Park preconstruction meeting. The idea of this meeting was to discuss with the contractor what to expect from them during the construction phase. The park has large trees, and this project will require extensive tree preservation controls. The construction should start in the next couple of weeks.

By-right projects

- Reviewed and inspection of the By-Right project North Irving Towns at 911 N Irving St (CEPL23-00025). The plans were rejected as there is space for more tree preservation measures within the project.

Schools

- The Heights school will have its parking garage and streetscape completed soon. Staff met to discuss items to be completed.

Tree Planting:

- Spring 2023 tree installation started on 12 April this year. The contractor has planted 138 out of the 242 trees scheduled and should be finished in two weeks. The remaining task is installing the 79 replacement trees from the 2022 spring planting season. That effort should start early next month once the current installation list is complete.
- Two volunteer tree plantings took place in the past month. 25 trees were planted in Tyrol Hills Park and 30 trees were planted on county land near the water tower off N Wakefield St. on Earth Day. A new deer enclosure was erected around this planting area and a water tote (cistern) was also installed to reduce the effort needed to water trees inside the fence. There is room for more trees to be planted in this location later this fall.
- Watering has started, for the season. Landscape watering staff is currently at 2 members of the 4 needed.
- Bids for the new tree planting contract are being reviewed.

Outreach:

- Staff attended Earthfest, to celebrate Earth Day. Attendance was around 30-50 people.
- Tree lists were combined to include tree canopy data. The updated lists can be found here: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Sustainability-and-Environment/Trees/Plant-Trees/Recommended-Trees>
- Staff worked to help two new landscape architects in DES do their first tree inventory and guide them to meet UF requirements. We look forward to reviewing the end product.

Personnel:

- The DES Engineering bureau is contracting with 2 landscape architects, to help with their projects tree and other natural resource components.

Other:

- Arbor day was rescheduled for May 12, at 11 AM, still at Claremont Immersion School.

- [Deer Management Assessment Update: 4/27/23](#)
[Project Status](#)

- Contractor is working on their initial report.
- County staff are preparing materials for a suite of engagement opportunities including an online form, community meeting, pop-up engagements and more.

- [Anticipated Project Timeline](#)

- **Spring/Summer 2023:**
 - Release of a project webpage which will include the contractor's initial report and the first opportunity for online feedback.
- Community meetings and pop-up events.
- **Fall 2023:**
 - Draft plan released.
 - Community engagement around draft plan—informed by engagement from summer.
- **TBD:**
 - Community engagement around final draft—informed by engagement from fall.
 - *Commission updates will occur throughout this timeline.*

[FNRP Update: 4/27/23](#)

[Project Status](#)

- The project team is finalizing the next iteration of the draft FNRP and has started planning for our next public engagement opportunity. We're excited to bring the updated draft to the public this June

[Project Timeline](#)

- Staff anticipate sharing the final draft with the community in early June 2023
- The engagement opportunity will include a public open house, commission briefings, and an online comment form as well as a less formal, office-hours style opportunity to interact with the project team.
- Dates to be finalized, so please stay tuned to the FNRP webpage and your emails for details
 - Staff anticipate bringing the plan forward for adoption in winter 2023/2024

How to Get Involved

- Sign up for updates on the [FNRP website](#)
- The Arlington Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) is the primary public forum for plan updates and discussion, stay tuned to future meetings and review past presentations on [the website](#).
 - We will be presenting a more thorough overview of the upcoming engagement and timeline at NRJAG on May 1st, I'd encourage anyone interested to tune in!

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 - Community engagement around final draft—informed by engagement from fall.
 - *Commission updates will occur throughout this timeline.*