

Tell Us How You Navigate Through Lubber Run Park (340 Submissions)

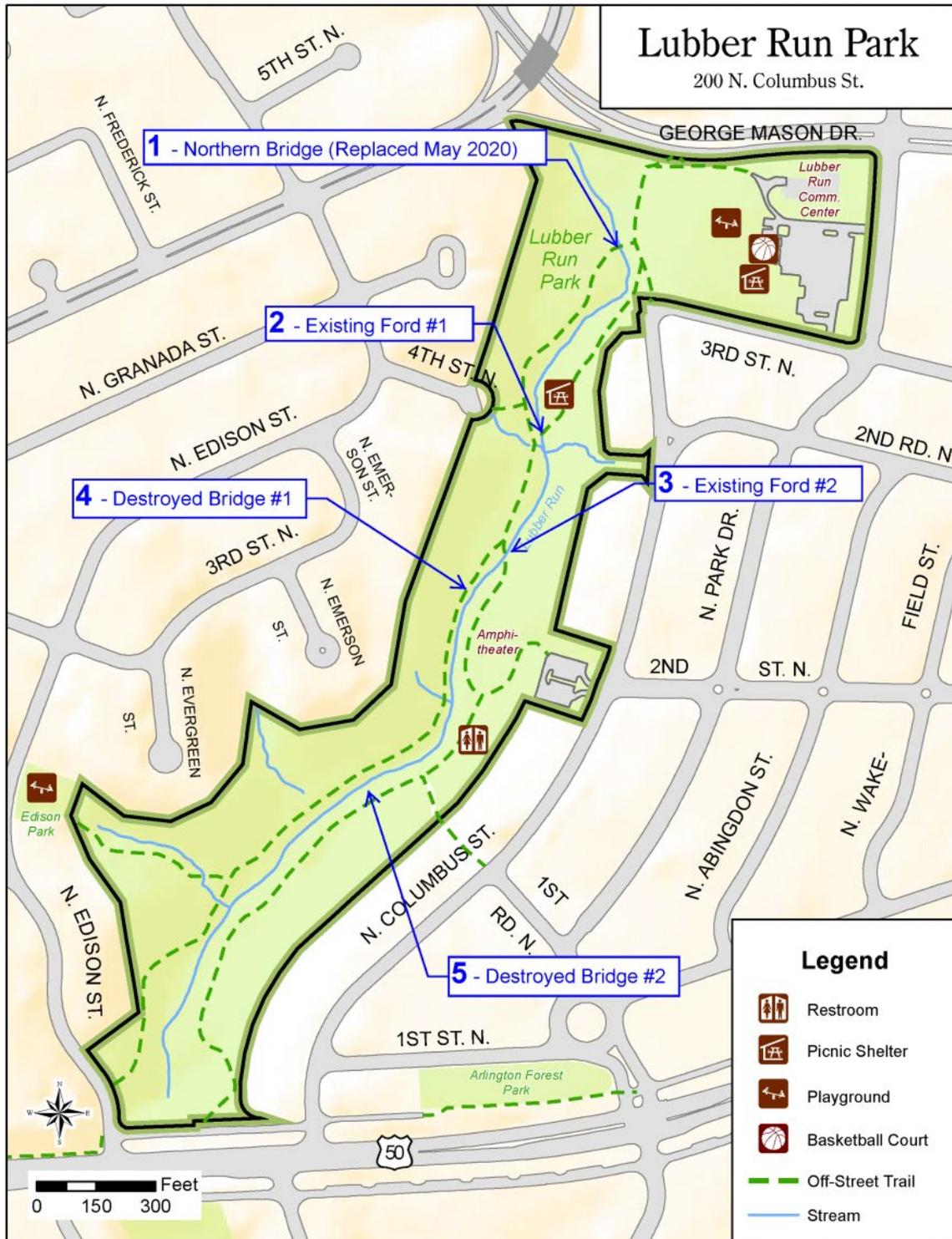
Why do you choose to walk through Lubber Run Park?

(Select all that apply)

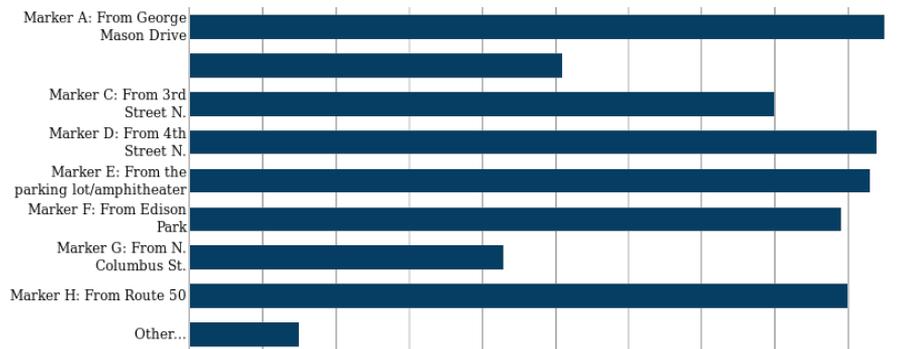


To commute	33
To stroll	277
To observe nature	261
To exercise	251
As a cut through	115
Other...	30
Amazing concerts at Lubber Run Amphitheater.	1
Amphitheater	1
As an activity with my grandchildren	1
Because my dog likes walking and sitting there	1
Boy Scouts use the park for meetings sometimes.	1
Family gatherings and attend summer performances	1
I like the hills.	1
It's fun and beautiful and shady and a treasure for our neighborhood	1
More shade than the treeless streets outside of the park	1
Programming for residents at the campfire pit, nature walks, etc.	1
scouting activities, chorus rehearsal (ampitheater)	1

Scouts use the fire ring areas for meeting and events.	1
To destress and get to the amphitheater.	1
To get my grandchildren outside	1
to get to lubber run community center, lubber fun farmers market, and lubber run amphitheatre	1
to walk from one section of the Arlington Forest neighborhood where I live to the other side of Arlington Forest	1
To walk my dog	2
To walk my dog, participate in a stream monitoring, bird walk, pick up trash, get to the bathroom, get to the amphitheater shows	1
To walk the dog.	1
walk dog	2
Walk my dog	2
walk my dog; go have a picnic	1
Walk my dogs	1
walk our dog	2
Walk the dog	1
Walking my daughter to her bus stop on the other side of the neighborhood--very important to have the bridge for that reason.	1



Judging by the markers on the map above, where are you most likely to ENTER the park?
(Select all that apply)

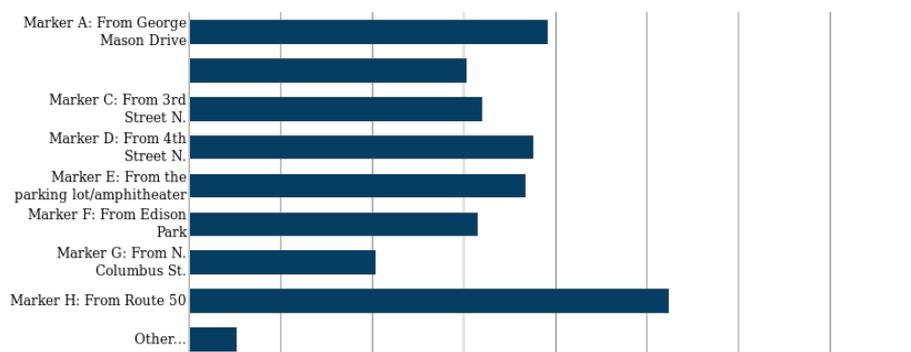


Marker A: From George Mason Drive	95
Marker B: From Lubber Run Community Center (Stairway Access)	51
Marker C: From 3rd Street N.	80
Marker D: From 4th Street N.	94
Marker E: From the parking lot/amphitheater	93
Marker F: From Edison Park	89
Marker G: From N. Columbus St.	43
Marker H: From Route 50	90
Other...	15
2nd Rd. N.	1
Carlin Springs Road near N. 1st Place	1
Edison St just north of Route 50 and south of Edison Park	1
Entrance at Edison & 50	1
Entrance off Edison just North of Route 50	1

Entrance on Edison St just n of Arlington Blvd.	1
Granada	1
I also enter the park from N. Edison St between Markers F and H.	1
N. Edison and Rt. 50	1
Path from N. Edison close to corner with Route 50	1
The footpath between 234 and 244 north columbus	1
The mulch trail directly across from 4th Street on the other side of the park	1
Trail entrance on ramp from EB N. Carlin Springs to SB George Mason	1
Trail from 2nd Rd N	1
Unpaved path on George Mason Drive west of Marker A.	1

Judging by the markers on the map above, where are you most likely to EXIT the park?

(Select all that apply)



Marker A: From George Mason Drive	98
Marker B: From Lubber Run Community Center (Stairway Access)	76
Marker C: From 3rd Street N.	80
Marker D: From 4th Street N.	94
Marker E: From the parking lot/amphitheater	92
Marker F: From Edison Park	79
Marker G: From N. Columbus St.	51
Marker H: From Route 50	131
Other...	13
2nd Rd. N. (the unpaved trail)	1
Carlin Springs Road near N 1st Place	1
Do you mean "EXIT"? You might want to correct this typo to avoid confusion!	1
Edison St just north of Route 50 and south of Edison Park	1
Entrance at Edison & 50	1
exit at corner of Edison and Rt 50	1
Exit on N Edison and Rt 50 access road (not marked on map but a standard exit)	1

I also exit the park from N. Edison St between Markers F and H.	1
Near H, but on Edison St.	1
the entrance on N Edison near Rt 50	1
the footpath between 234 and 244 north columbus	1
Trail entrance on ramp from EB N. Carlin Springs to SB George Mason	1
Unpaved path on N. Edison Street west of Marker H near Route 50	1

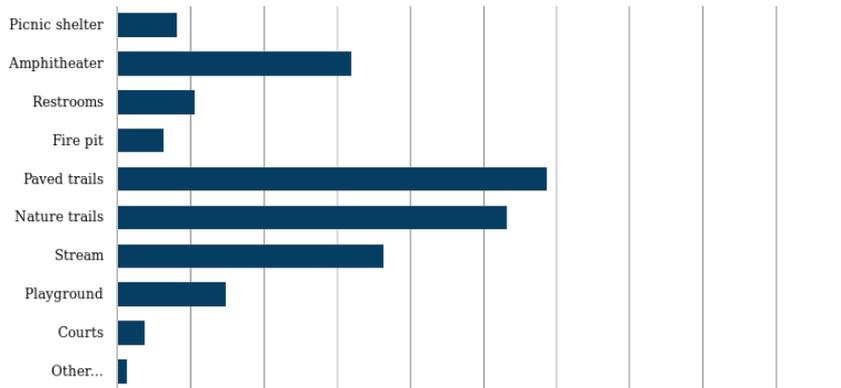
**If and when you commute through the park, what are your most frequent destinations?
(Select all that apply)**



Lubber Run Community Center	81
Barrett Elementary School	30
Edison Park	27
Route 50	18
Arlington Forest Shopping Center (off of Route 50)	31
George Mason Drive	26

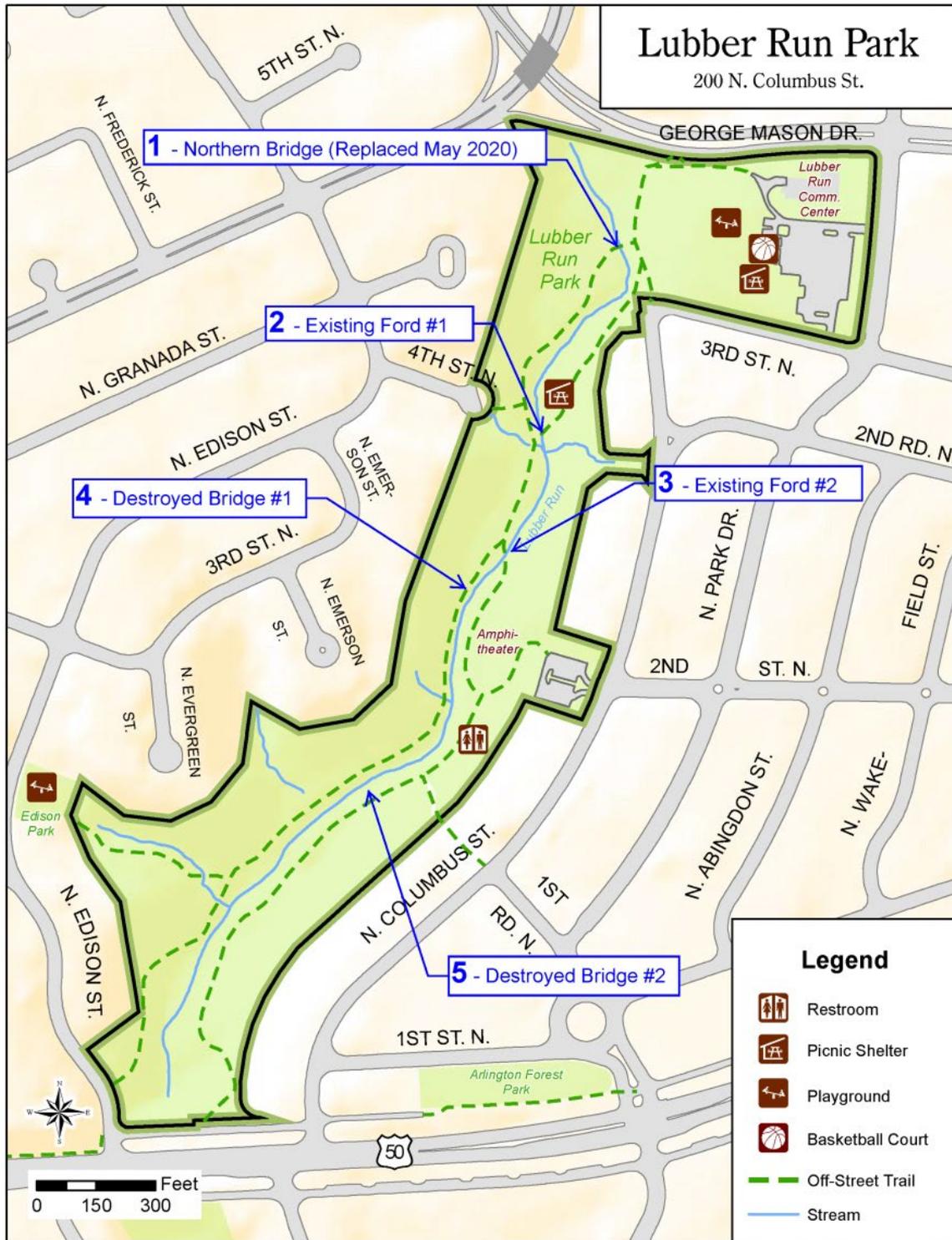
I don't commute through the park	183
Other...	26
Amphitheater	3
Ampitheater	1
Arlington Forest Swim Club	1
Ballston	2
Ballston Metro	3
Barrett for Saturday Farmer's Market	1
Bluemont Park	1
cut through to get on 4 mile run	1
Don't commute thru it	1
Downtown DC	1
From the east side of the park through on my bicycle, then up 4th street/Edison to the Custis trail to go downtown	1
Go to Safeway on Wilson	1
Harris Teeter on Glebe	1
home	1
I simply walk through the park.	1
I walk my dog for exercise and don't have a destination in the park	2
My dog and I like to walk the loop	1
to visit neighbors in houses on the other side of the park (from Northside to Greenbrier sections of Lubber Run)	1
Wilson Blvd shops, restuarants, buses	1
Work, my house	1

**Which of the following park amenities do you frequent the most?
(Select all that apply)**



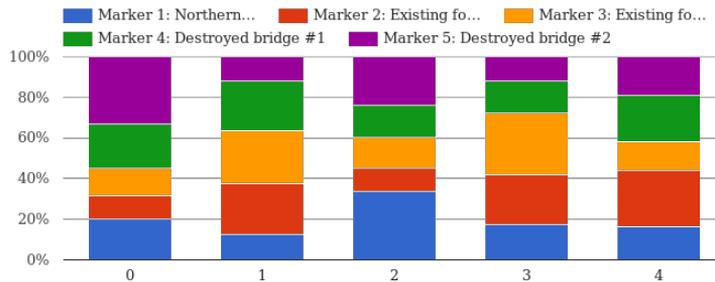
Picnic shelter	41
Amphitheater	160
Restrooms	53
Fire pit	32
Paved trails	294
Nature trails	266
Stream	182
Playground	74
Courts	19
Other...	7
Bridges	1
Drinking fountains	1
I will frequently do a circle route that includes both paved and unpaved paths, which I could do a lot easier with the bridge that used to be in the southern section, closer to the Edison Park entrance	1

open field near George Mason	1
the community center- restrooms, playground, parking lot	1
Trees and plants	1
Water fountain	1



Please consider a time when all of the following options existed. Drag and rank the following existing or former crossings in the order that you've used them the most:

Please use the map above for marker references



	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Marker 1: Northern bridge (replaced in May 2020)	33.53%	12.35%	17.35%	16.47%	20.29%	3.22
Marker 3: Existing ford #2	15.59%	26.47%	30.29%	14.41%	13.24%	3.17
Marker 2: Existing ford #1	11.47%	25%	24.71%	27.35%	11.47%	2.98
Marker 4: Destroyed bridge #1	15.29%	24.41%	15.59%	22.94%	21.76%	2.89
Marker 5: Destroyed bridge #2	24.12%	11.76%	12.06%	18.82%	33.24%	2.75

What are some of the major challenges you experience when getting to your destination in or through the park?

Please keep answers to 200 words or less

Can't cross ford#2 because water is running over it. Can't do a shorter loop because destroyed bridge #2 is gone. Please replace destroyed bridge #2!!!

A challenge for us with a young child is not having a cut through to return home faster if we don't want to walk the entire length of the park to exit near Rt 50. We enter off of 4th street and it would be great if the bridge closest to Edison park were replaced so that we could cut across and enter our neighborhood at that point instead of walking all the way down to Rt 50 and then back up into the neighborhood.

I used to enter from the bottom of the hill on Edison or through Edison Park. The loss of destroyed bridge 2 has completely changed how I use the park. I now walk all the way to 50 or honestly, just avoid the park. I miss crossing that bridge very much because it allows people to use the unpaved paths and still cross over to the paved paths. Now I navigate through narrow trails that were not meant to be used that way along the stream bed, challenging when walking a dog.

Difficult, unstable trail on the West side of the stream where the flood has damaged the path.

Accessible access is needed. When that ford #2 gets flooded over like in the video- individuals using wheelchairs or anyone with impaired mobility is unable to access that feature (fire pit) or get to that side of the park from the amphitheater to explore the other end of the park (getting round the ford #2). The water flowing over that part of the path (ford #2) stops any further equitable access to the park from amphitheater (which has ideal accessible parking, access to park, fire pit, amphitheater and restrooms).

If I'm with my son (who is a wheelchair user), it is the steepness of all but one entrance/exit (George Mason). This was a problem when he did Barrett runners and we tried to join the group at the picnic shelter. We only joined once bc it was not safe for me to propel him down the path by the amphitheater, and there was no way to get back up to the school the way the kids ran back up, so had to exit on George Mason and go way out of the way.

I am just used to easily crossing where the destroyed bridges were as I grew up in the Arlington Forest neighborhood, and like to come back to Lubber Run for walks through the woods with my young child.

all the bridges tend to be toward the side with the protected picnic area(if youre looking from the ampitheater) rather than towards the side with route 50 so if youre trying to walk on that side its a little difficulties

One must choose which side to use, between the Edison Park side and the Amphitheater side. Except for ford #2 and the Rt 50 service road, there is no where to cross south of that ford. And getting to it requires the west bank path, which is not good for many walkers and not good for the ecology.

The lack of bridges; erosion along the nature trails

A paved path off of Carlin Springs Road (near the utility easement) would be nice: we cut through the grss

Flooding on existing ford #2 with no other southern crossing options

Lubber Run frequently spills over Existing Ford #2 after moderate rain, but also without rain in the fall, when leaves clog the flow underneath.

Nature trails are badly eroded. Heavy rains can flood the whole park south of Destroyed Bridge #2.

The upper trail or nature trail on Greenbriar side of the park has had some gaps and gullies which have made it harder for me to walk safely on that trail. The missing bridges- Destroyed #1 and Destroyed #2- have limited me from being able to cross the stream at those points.

The attempts to prevent erosion such as asphalt and rocks placed on the west or Greenbriar side near the Fire Ring actually contribute to more erosion. That area has become more difficult for me personally to navigate.

I miss being able to walk anywhere, change my route, go back and forth, and just enjoy the woods and stream.

I would like to see erosion better controlled if that is possible without putting concrete and asphalt everywhere.

water going over the fords

Major challenge: erosion on the right bank, where the trail is close to the stream.

When existing ford #2 floods, it's impossible to safely access parts of the park. This is an issue for accessibility for those with disabilities and the elderly. It needs to be a priority for Parks and Rec to 1. improve the ford so it stops flooding and/or 2. prioritize replacing destroyed bridge #1 to allow any north/south access to occur on the paved trails. Again, this is an accessibility issue and therefore should be the priority over destroyed bridge #2.

Existing ford #2 is frequently under water when the pipes under it have been clogged with debris.

Existing ford #2 is frequently flooded but it's the only place to cross the stream south of the amphitheater. My property is alongside the N Columbus entrance backing up to the park, so my family and I use the trails every day. Right now, there aren't great options to go through the park to the Greenbriar section of Arlington Forest.

Missing both of the old bridges as I used both regularly.

Nature trail erosion along Lubber Run, near/across from the amphitheater.

Existing ford #2 is always flooded so there is often no way to cross the stream anywhere between Rt 50 and Existing Ford #1. The nature trails and stream banks are also eroding badly.

There are not any challenges for me as I am young and know here I can cross on the river on foot. The bridges are spaced enough so that I don't have much trouble on my bike.

Lack of a bridge to cross over before the amphitheater (destroyed bridge #2).

When Lubber Run had the parking lot, we started at the Northern bridge and walked to Hwy 50, then walked back on the high path overlooking the run to make a circular route. Can this route be preserved?

Honestly crossing from one side to the other is the biggest consistent challenge. Existing Ford #1 often floods after a heavy rain or many days of rain and that is a occasional challenge when it happens.

The improvements to the trail up to 4th street make it difficult for bikes (the crossrails) so I no longer cut through like that. Some people might like that ... but I miss it. (Instead I need to use the narrow sidewalk along George Mason until it goes under Carlin Springs and across the creek).

Damaged unpaved trail below Greenbrier

It is a lovely path to jog. Please do not construct the bridges at extreme right angles to cross the stream using the paved pathway.

no way to cross the stream near the southern part of the park

Since I live on the George Mason side of the bridge and enter and exit from George Mason, I don't have any challenges.

Overflow/ flooding at the Ford stopping progress through the park.

The sidewalk as you get towards the Route 50 side of the park is often not very clean.

1) When the fords are impassable (without getting wet), we have to walk to the northern bridge in order to cross.

2) When walking the "loop" around the park -- from amphitheater to Rte 50 on the east bank and back on the west bank -- we can't cross near the amphitheater.

Existing Ford 2 often has water rushing over it. And without bridge 1, that's kore of a problem.

Not being able to cross from the paved path to the trail/hiking path throughout the park as I wish. The destroyed bridge (especially #2) will fix that. Also, existing Ford #2 floods often and it can be impossible to pass in some times.

Not being able to cross the stream anywhere except near the picnic shelter. Oh, and the stormwater overflow on the existing bridge near the amplitheatre is often flooded making walk continuation impossible.

Connecting any time I have a stroller or a bike.

Also, safety issues by the water fallout on the nature trail between Existing Ford #1 and Northern Bridge. Once the big tree fell, that became more and more dangerous. Needs support/reinforcement.

i like to make a loop, entering from Edison Park, heading towards the Northern Bridge, and back on the paved trail. I don't like to take the Route 50 exit so I prefer the exit on N. Edison (near 50) that's not listed on any of these maps.

Because there's no easy way to make it a full loop and get back over there, I end up crossing the creek, which can be tricky depending on the water level.

None really except when ford 2 really floods. Worse are excessive litter during the summer and cyclists who don't obey the law (warning when coming from behind, slowing when pedestrians are present) While there are countries that enact laws for decoration, I expect the county and state to do better.

The path from F Edison Playground to the amphitheater become very narrow in parts and is not suitable for young children. When bridge 5 was in place we could walk from the playground to the amphitheater where the kids loved to "perform" on the stage.

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None. I think Arlington County is over-complicating this.

The nature path on the west side of the park needs repair.

I am usually walking my dog through the park. The major challenge I experience is finding place to step aside to let other dog walkers, runners, and bicycles pass.

We need a new bridge south of the amphitheater. The only way to do an in-park loop is to exit up the hill onto Edison (near Rte 50) and re-enter down the ramp from the Rte 50 entrance.

The fords are frequently flooded, cutting off access to the amphitheater

We like to walk on both sides of Lubber Run; it would be more enjoyable to be able to cross somewhere close to the destroyed bridge #2. That would offer the option of a shorter loop walk, instead of having to go all the way to Route 50 to cross.

Coming from parking lot to go across to other side - both bridges are out- and if the Ford is covered with high water, there is no good solution except to walk along nature trail up further and work back.

We like to walk the entire circuit around the park. Destroyed bridge #2 was the only way to cross south of the amphitheater, and we are much less likely to go to the nature trail on the western side of the park now that it's gone--that's the bridge we miss the most. To be fair, the fact that that trail is still washed out

on the western side is also an issue. We do use ford #2 the most, and it is often submerged. I would love to see that ford raised up above the water to the same level as ford #1, which doesn't usually get overtopped. No need for a bridge there if you could raise it just a bit higher.

The loss of destroyed bridge #4 is especially felt during heavy rainfall when existing ford #2 overflows. It is difficult to travel the paved path from the reserved picnic areas to the amphitheater.

Without having a mid way point to cross the stream, this adds significant time and safety challenges for children and adults alike. Please ensure that multiple crossings across the stream are available. Thank you!!

High water that makes the ford #2 impassable. Being on the nature trail on the north side and not being able to cross over until past the amphitheater.

we enjoy the foot path on the north side of the stream, rather than the wider path on the south side. But Erosion here along the stream appears to be a problem. Can the county work on reasonable methods for stabilizing the stream bank here?

The west side of Lubber Run is inaccessible after Ford 2, when walking from the park.

I would like a bridge closer to the N Edison St. entrance to the park (for example, near where destroyed bridge #2 was).

I have a bad knee and if u want to cut through by Edison, I have to go on the uneven path a long way to get to the other side of the stream.

The trails on the west side of the park have narrowed significantly and are quite dangerous. There are several spots where I have fallen or seen other people fall because the trail has eroded so much that one has to jump across rocks to continue walking.

Eroding unpaved trail!!!! Please fix the trail above the amphitheatre. VERY DANGEROUS

When there is stream water running over the fords, and I have a stroller...if it's too high, I can't cross (and, don't want to get my shoes wet!).

The bridge that was destroyed by the fire pit/amphitheater has not been a problem because I always walk on the ford, avoiding the gravel area. However, because the bridge closer to Edison park was destroyed, my path has been

interrupted or made a little harder. I usually exit by Edison Street Park and without the bridge, I must walk (with my dog) on the narrow dirt strip along the stream from the fire pit area to Edison Park. It makes for a very dirty dog after it rains.

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Maybe need more paved trails - challenging when dealing with a stroller. Lack of a bridge crossing on the southern end of the park.

If there is rain or flooding it is very wet and there is no place to cross from the Lubber Run Amphitheater side (east) of the Lubber Run Park to the 4th street side (west).

At Scott's Run there are short concrete posts on the ford over Scott's Run crossing So that one can cross over when the water is high.

If the ford bridge is flooded you can no longer go around by using a bridge (destroyed bridge #1)

Poison ivy near unpaved trails. It's native, but the County still needs to remove it where it is growing near a trail. Also, steep hill on paved trail near Marker H.

Ford #2 is frequently underwater so there is no way to access the Amphitheater and the portion of the park south of there from the Northern Bridge path. Also, access to Edison Street playground from the east side is extremely limited.

Natural path on west side of Lubber Run very rocky and too much cement debris makes it difficult to walk last part of the trail until we get to Existing Ford # 2. Existing Ford #2 sometimes covered with shallow water, making it tricky to cross

Existing Ford #2 is inadequate when there has been rain and destroyed bridge 1 is missing. Please elevate the Ford or at least raise a path down the middle. There's no convenient way to cross through the middle. We have this jewel in the middle of Arlington that seems abandoned.

Washed out bridges #2and #1.

With destroyed bridge #2 gone, residents that enter from Edison park are forced to walk along a poor and very narrow trail on the west side of the stream to get to the other crossings or the fire ring and picnic areas. That trail is very challenging (if not impassible) for people that are not very agile.

Either or both fords are frequently flooded after heavy rains, preventing passage.

No crossing option now south of ford #2.

It is difficult to cross the concrete walkway near the amphitheater when it is covered with water, so i need to retrace my steps and access Columbus Street. Would love to have that bridge replaced as it is about halfway, and connects to flat land or paved trail that people who have challenges walking can manage.

Lack of river crossings between Ampitheater and Edison park. Existing crossing near Ampitheater is too low and frequently floods. The nature trails on the west side of the park can also be a bit narrow/dangerous for kids.

We have little kids and a dog which makes traversing the stream very difficult. Having to walk to the opposite end to cross is time consuming sometimes

Edison Park to shopping plaza and being able to enjoy the paved path across from Edison Park entrance has been missed since that bridge was wiped out.

I honestly thought you were replacing one of the bridges in Glen Carlin Park when I started this survey. One of those bridges really do need to be replaced.. and that is my major challenge.

I ride a bike so fords are fine, but not when there is more flooding. If I cannot ride through the park, which is more for natural enjoyment, I will simply ride on the streets. I picnic in the park as well.

Too much poison ivy near the trail or on the trail

We live on in the Northside of Arlington Forrest near the Amphitheater and use the park frequently. We also have two young children who love Edison Park (even before the redo, but more so now). Without the destroyed bridges, we have to walk quite a bit on the narrow nature trail, which is a bit treacherous with the kids. It is also a good way for us to connect with our neighbors on the other side of the park who are kids attend Barrett together. So given the existing Ford Bridge 2 is close to destroyed bridge 1, I would choose

Destroyed Bridge 2. Coupled with the Ford bridges and the Northern Bridge, I think this will allow for crossing the park at the widest array of points.

If it rains, the ford near the amphitheater floods and since the bridge was destroyed, there is not an easy way to get to the other side. Also with only one working bridge at the George Mason side, there is no easy access on the service road side to get to the north side of arlington forest

My closest entrance to the park is Edison Park; both of the destroyed bridges were the most direct neighborhood route to the amphitheater and the paths up to the other side of the neighborhood. Having to traverse the entire "natural trail" side of the stream to before I can get across to the paved section can be a challenge when there is inclement weather and the terrain is eroding or muddy, and navigating some of the rougher sections is becoming more difficult.

I have to walk along the trail on the west side of the park from the Edison St. entrance north towards George Mason Dr. I follow the stream, which is lovely, but the trail is eroding and becoming hazardous.

I'd like to walk in from the Edison Park which is closer to my house and then go over a bridge to go to the paved nature trail. It is difficult to walk along the unpaved rocky edge on the left-hand side

Given there is really only one crossing now, it's much more challenging for us to go on leisurely walks with our dog around the park. We end up in 'traffic' jams on the natural trails when we enter at Edison park and head towards the Lubber Run Community Center b/c the path is so narrow. Our dog is dog-reactive, so it's not an ideal situation, especially when some in the area don't get the concept of leash laws! I prefer the paved side/amphitheater side of the park so I can put more distance between me and others with dogs.

narrow unpaved trails, bridges washed away, fords underwater

No way to stay on the amphitheater side of trail when stream is overflowing ford #2.

Lack of passable options. Bridge #1 was key. Ford #2 gets flooded so those are my prime use areas. Bridge #2 connected the south side of the park. without #2, I use the south side of the park much less and it has cut off walking access for me between Northside and Greenbrier neighborhood sections or Arlington Forest.

I normally enter the park through Edison park or the trail that starts at route 50 and Edison. At this point I can only cross Lubber Run to the other side by

using the natural trail along the west side of the park. That trail is suffering increasing damage from flooding and is unsafe. At some point near term that trail needs to be repaired since people will continue to use it. Also, your film clip ignored/downplayed the extensive and ongoing damage to the stream valley that needs to also be addressed...this is not simply "normal" flood plain damage.

Making sure the dead trees and bushes are removed after a storm and general maintenance are crucial.

Need to be able to cross the stream more often, otherwise too much backtracking and foot traffic. Please add more bridges!

CRIME and SAFETY! Before the pandemic because of frequent assaults in the park at all hours of the day, my entire family AVOIDED Lubber Run. The only times we went to the park were on weekend mornings when we knew there were many others there. Just take a look for yourselves through the weekly crime reports of years past.

Separately, the Fords are easily flooded, blocking access and not having any alternatives to cross the water.

-The nature trail opposite the amphitheater was washed out and was stabilized temporarily. I think a new bridge across Lubber Run at the amphitheater would be the best location. A bridge support at the nature trail side would also permanently rehabilitate the nature trail.

- Ford number 2 is frequently flooded during rain. A larger pipe under the ford is needed to carry high water.

The biggest problem is honestly that when there has been any rain, one of the existing concrete fords (I think it's Existing Ford 2 on the map) gets covered by the stream. If it's just a little bit of water it's not a big issue, but if there's been any substantial rain it becomes impossible to cross the stream without getting shoes completely soaked. Even more than a new bridge, I would like this problem with the ford to be fixed.

No bridge between amphitheater and Route 50.

I use the park for several reasons: exercise within the park using paved and unpaved trails, and walking through it to go see neighbors on the other side of Lubber Run. Ever since the southern bridge washed out I never use the Edison Park entrance anymore even though that is my most logical entry proximity-wise to my house. I like to have a mix of paved and unpaved trails and the only way to do that mix is to come from the west side of the park, which has most of the unpaved trails and cross the river, which can only be done on the northern

half of the park. Kind of ruins the nature/park experience if I have to go down to the noisy Rt 50 service road.

The eastern path leading from 4th St. N to the Northern Bridge needs to be widened, fortified, and made safer to make it actually usable.

1. The deterioration of the trail on the west side.
2. Lack of a paved exit to the west side for bicycling (paving the existing gravel exit at 4th would allow road bikes to cross the park from east and exit to the west on a paved trail)

fords are better than bridges(witness the floods of 2006 and 2019). Adding concrete stepping stones to fords would solve the problem of occasional water flowing over fords. no need to replace "destroyed bridge #1" since it is only 100 ft from a ford. need is to cross LR further downstream, nearer flood plain where there is level ground.

The loss of marker 5 bridge.

Existing Ford #2 is often underwater after heavy rains, causing me to take alternate routes when hiking. No longer having a bridge south the of the Amphitheater (Destroyed Bridge #2) is an inconvenience more than a major challenge ... I would use that bridge when walking between my home and the Amphitheater for events.

Existing Ford #2 ALWAYS floods. It has been cleared and "fixed" many times in the 29 years I have lived in Arlington Forest, but it ALWAYS floods. This needs to be addressed soon. Also, the steep incline going into the amphitheater is not at all ADA compliant and also needs to be addressed so more people can enjoy the offerings at Lubber Run Park.

Sometimes the water is poring over existing Ford #2 so we can't get by

Navigating to the nature paths without the use of Destroyed bridge #1 or #2 (they were both heavily used to get across the creek). We walk our dog the full loop of the park, without bridges it's been more unenjoyable.

Water overflow on Existing Ford #1. Mud and erosion on paved and nature trails. Unable to cross between trails without destroyed bridge #2.

Destroyed bridge #1 is the main crossing point over Lubber Run. Ford #2 is great, but only works when it hasn't been raining - without Bridge #1, whenever it rains, pedestrians have to go way out of the way to get to the other side of the park. Please fix Destroyed bridge #1 asap.

The Existing ford #2 is more frequently flooded and can't be crossed or crossed safely. With the existing ford #2 blocked, there is no way to travel the length of the park now that Destroyed bridge #1 has not been replaced. Also, the trails are often blocked and now destroyed after rainstorms, making movement on alternative routes around the broken bridges and flooded fords impossible.

Existing Ford 2 flooding even with a light rain is very frustrating

Flooding of Existing Ford #2.

Getting to the Amphitheater and restrooms from Edison Park is treacherous and very challenging with young children. The path on the West side is NOT suitable for children and not having the destroyed bridge #2 in place (or some other bridge south of the restrooms) makes getting to the restrooms and amphitheater unachievable with kids, especially after it rains.

I would strongly recommend replacing a bridge south of the restrooms and amphitheater. Putting one to the north still requires extra walking from Edison Park and remains treacherous for children under 7.

Lack of a bridge to get from Edison Park to the trails, paths, and amphitheater.

It would be nice to be able to cross the stream at another point in the middle of the park heading toward 50. There is also a gravel walkway in the park near the shelter that is dangerous for unsteady walkers. Can you replace it with something else?

Miss destroyed bridge # 2 to get from one side of the park to the other. If I cross at existing ford #2, I have to negotiate the nature trail that is poor condition north of the amphitheater.

I do not have any except for getting my feet wet at a ford.

Water moving too fast across Ford #2.

Not able to cross to the Amphitheater when entering from Edison Street

No challenges the existing fords that were not destroyed are adequate to use the park. The newly replaced bridge is a nice addition but I do not feel Arlington county should be replacing the other seldom used and redundant bridges that were destroyed.

If the existing Ford #2 could be kept from flooding, the destroyed bridge#1 would not be as necessary- especially for walking to the amphitheater or just

getting from one side of the park to the other! Right now you can only go through a narrow natural path if Ford #2 is flooded which it frequently is when we have even slightly heavy rain or a few days of rain. I know the county has tried to keep it clear but perhaps the engineers could come up with a more durable solution for that Ford #2 which would make the decision of Bridge #2 easier as there would be 2 places to cross

Getting across the stream if conditions are wet/there has been recent rain.

1) Surface of new Northern bridge is unusually slippery when it rains or becomes even the slightest bit icy. We have to just avoid it, which is a shame; 2) large stones and large gravel that have been placed at the base of the natural path (closest to fire pit) are not safe for walking (people or dogs); 3) Ford #2 floods far too easily. (If it is redesigned or raised, it would be nice to repeat the lined concrete surface used in Ford #1, which is preferable for walking); 4) areas of the natural path that have narrowed are somewhat challenging -- would be nice to shore them up.

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Would love to have destroyed bridge #1 replaced! Trying to cross can be very tricky depending on the rain/water levels.

The natural trail along the stream north of destroyed bridge 2 is badly eroded. Also, the frequency of encountering unleashed dogs while I run is very alarming and sometimes frightening. I have had dogs jump up on me or growl and threaten.

Downed trees. Excess water.

Since "Destroyed Bridge #2" occurred one has to ford the creek in that area. We used to do a 2-mile loop from Barcroft, across Rt. 50, behind the Arlington Forest Mall, through Lubber Run to Edison Park, through Arlington Forest again to the W&OD, then back down the W&OD. We generally just don't do that walk any more.

No major challenges. Is a wonderful little natural paradise hidden in Arlington, great that you are replacing one of the two remaining destroyed bridges, but most people have been able to work around their absence without too much trouble. We tend to simply go there for a walk and a little exercise, easily accomplished unless the fords are underwater!

The pavement is slippery and dilapidated especially on the trail/hill nearest fourth Street entrance. The paved trail has gravel spread all around for some reason near the foot bridge that was recently replaced.

Please build a bridge with engineering that maybe can withstand water force! I am sure engineers and designers know the shape and designs that will withstand more force. Do not waste money.

We live in the Greenbrier section of Arlington Forest and walk to Ballston (and beyond) several times per week. We really miss the bridge (#2) that was destroyed a few years ago. The unpaved trail on the west side of Lubber Run between Edison and the Amphitheater alongside the hill is often muddy, with loose rocks and erosion. While we can walk to the access road along Route 50 and enter the park that way, it's much less convenient (and pleasant), vs. the path from the Edison playground that led to the bridge, crossing to the east side of the stream and continuing along the paved path towards the Amphitheater.

Seeking solitude on nature trail on west side of stream. Asphalt trail is overused by too many people

That it is accessible using a stroller. Please keep at least one side paved.

Felled trees/limbs occasionally blocking pathways (usually cleared quickly by Parks staff); high water flow over "Ford #2"; the absence of the two destroyed bridges, and; erosion/instability of the Nature Trail on the western side of Lubber Run, south of Ford #2, and on the less established trail on the eastern side of the Run, north of Ford #2.

We walk in LR park every single day as part of a 5 mile loop that includes the Bluemont Park and the Bon Air Park. The greatest challenge to our LR walk is when existing ford #2 (closest to amphitheater) floods, which requires us to backtrack and either use the very narrow trail to the east of LR or to exit the park and walk on Columbus St. to the amphitheater to re-enter the park.

The stream routinely floods when we get any amount of rain. Because the bridge was destroyed, one cannot walk along the path that takes you behind the amphitheater. I have walk backward and take the hillside trail on the other side of the stream. That bridge desperately needs to be replaced.

crossing the stream
None
Trail is really washed out on the NW side of the creek, hard to navigate - but if we walk on SE side we can't get across to Edison park and have to loop the whole way around
Would be good to have all the paths paved.
After it rains, part of the paved trail is flooded.
Water flowing across Existing ford #2
Concern about eroding paths. Excess water over the fords.
Without the two bridges is a lot hard to do a loop around the park, going down one-side and up the other. You loose a lot of flexibility and options.
The concrete walkway over water that floods all the time. Sometimes I turn around bc I don't want wet feet.
The West bank trail between bridges 5 & 4, even with the belated repairs, is far to narrow for people to pass, and pretty narrow even solo.
No way to walk a good loop while staying in the park.
Our house at 367 N. Edison borders the park and we have walked our dogs 2-3 times per day there for the past 15 years. We LOVE the park. The biggest challenge is getting across the run when it rains since the existing ford #2 is frequently under water. The nature trail that runs parallel to the paved trail also has some erosion and steep drop-offs.
Part of the paved trail, especially towards northern bridge and towards Route 50 needs to be repaved.
Would like to be able to cross the run in the area of Destroyed Bridge #2 but cannot. If Ford #1 is flooded, cannot cross to restrooms.
Going from the amphitheater to Edison park
Navigating exposed roots and erosion!

The trails on the west side of Lubber Run are in need of repair. Some are currently unsafe and/or not passable.

Existing ford #2 floods quite regularly. When it does, my sneakers get wet.

Before bridge #1 got destroyed, I would bypass ford #2 using this bridge to get back to the main trail.

I use the hiking trails from Edison Park and it would be nice to have a bridge in the middle of the Park so people using the paved trail can access the hiking trail without going all the way past the amphitheater

When Ford #2 is flooded (much more in the past year).

In some spots particularly the trail on the west of Lubber Run the path is too narrow to comfortably pass others especially during times of social distancing

Flooding at ford 2 requires a detour.

My wife seriously injured herself crossing Lubber Run where the southernmost bridge washed out.

When the steam is running over the existing Ford #2, there is no way to cross to the other end of the park.

Trail erosion and the lack of stream crossings

Existing Ford #2 floods very easily and is difficult to cross during any rain event. This needs to be the highest priority replacement.

We use the park to walk in a natural but not challenging natural environment. We enjoy the variety of trees and open space under the canopy. We walk the circular route beginning at the north end of the park, following the paved path to the frontage road paralleling Arlington Boulevard, and return on the rock and gravel path on the west side of Four Mile Run. Because we walk the park from end to end, the addition of another bridge would be of limited benefit to us.

Of greatest interest to us is the maintenance of the dirt and rock path on the west side of park. The path is narrow in some places and walkers proceeding in opposite directions are challenged in passing each other. We enjoy the views of Four Mile Run from the heights of this path and hope that the path will be maintained and improved. We are over 75 and hope that we will be able to continuing this path for many more years.

A nuisance in the park are the barbecue pits used by picnicking visitors in the summer. The smoke billowing from these stands is annoying and noxious. Cooking should be limited to the covered facility on the east side of the paved path. The picnic area on the east side of the run is easily avoided while the cooking stands on the west side are not.

The descent from route 50 to the stream is steep.

Walking on the skinny dirt path from Edison park towards the 4th street entrance and amphitheater areas

With three little girls, not having a bridge makes it difficult on our family to fully enjoy the park because we are trying to navigate crossings.

Flooding/water flowing across Ford #2 when water level of river is high.

When water overflows after rains - path near fire ring.

The entrypoint to the nature trail by the firepit has deteriorated quite a bit.

Ford #2 is the primary challenge as it is by the amphitheater in the middle of the park and not always clear as water overruns as shown in the video.

No major challenges besides pandemic related ones.

Existing Ford 1 is sometimes a bit under water.

I rarely use the nature trail because I'd have to do the entire length of it to get back home. There are no points of entry or exit other than the beginning and the end

None

Crossing existing Ford #2 when covered by water after rain storms; the Route 50 end can be rather pungent after storms as well.

Without the bridges as an option, I sometimes have to exit to Columbus Street in order avoid a flooded ford #2

Without the bridges, I generally must choose which side of the park to enjoy before entering, limiting my options

Need to get to bathroom and only one bridge!

Nature trail in rough shape--few sections pretty eroded or rocky

existing ford #2 sometimes underwater. Still good to have as a ford, but needs better culverting/maintenance

--The absence of a central bridge due to the two that were destroyed

--The erosion along the natural trails that make them hard to traverse in certain places

Actually, with the possibility of ascending out of the park and crossing the stream at route 50, I find that there is no serious need for a new bridge. Were a new bridge to be added, I would be glad to find it at the far end of the park, just before Route 50 and beyond the earlier bridge sites, so that a longer loop of walking -- which is what I like to do -- would be possible.

Once you get south of existing ford #2, you can't cross over to the other side to walk back by a different path and see different things, unless you leave the park at Arlington Blvd and come back in -- a long and mood-disrupting way to go.

Existing ford #2 tends to be flooded with water whenever it rains. After watching the video I see it was designed that way, but if there's any way to help getting across it when the rains are high and afterwards, that would be helpful.

Can't walk all the way through following a heavy rain because water is too deep at existing ford #2 and destroyed bridge #1 hasn't been replaced.

Below the amphitheater on the way toward Route 50, there's no place to cross from the Columbia St side of Lubber Run to the Edison side. It's not that big a deal to go all the way to Route 50, but if walking with a senior, that steep clime to route 50 can be a challenge. If from the 4th street entrance you want to exist at Edison Park, you have to talk a trail full of obstacles,

Fords overrun with water after rain

Inability to cross over the second ford when the water is running over it, so I cannot easily continue the running trail from George Mason all the way to route 50/W&OD. The north side is more for hiking and not running.

I don't have particular challenges. It would be nice to have an extra place to cross, but otherwise I sincerely appreciate how Arlington's park service maintains the area!

Can no longer walk a loop within the park using two bridges and both sides of the creek.

The natural hiking trail that leads from Edison Park to Existing Ford #2 has two difficult spots: one where rocks (some of which are unstable) need to be stepped on to cross a small culvert and one where erosion has made the path very narrow before a steep drop to the stream (currently marked with an orange cone). Hard to navigate, particularly with a dog pulling on a leash. The stony access to the picnic grounds across from Existing Ford #2 can also be a bit tricky.

When entering from Edison Park, must walk on an eroding trail on the west side of Lubber Run to get to the fire pit area where there is access to the paved trails.

After it rains, it is very difficult to walk through the park with a children and a stroller because ford #2 is usually flooded over.

Ford#2 often floods after a rainstorm.

Going from one side of the park to the other without the bridges and when the middle ford is flooded

None, I love it just the way it is!

erosion in the non-paved trails

missing bridges

Flooding at existing Ford #2. Icy bridge crossing, unplowed/shoveled walkways. Severe erosion in places on west side nature trail. Trail from Edison Park has a fallen tree across it.

The trail just to the north of Route 50 and east of the stream can get pretty muddy after a heavy rain.

Getting to above the creek nature trail is hard now with the two bridges destroyed. Plus if the ford near the amphitheater floods it is hard to get from one part of park to the other.

Missing bridges, water across the paved trail

The west side nature trail section across from the amphitheater has suffered significant erosion damage, badly narrowing the pathway.

If you enter from Edison Street, there is no good way to get to the other side of the park until you are past the fire pit.

Duh. The bridges are down.

Existing ford #2 overrun with water and no easy path to stay on the paved east side of the run.

The paths on the Edison park side of the stream are overgrown, narrow and hard to navigate due to dead trees, old roots and overgrowth.

Hard to get across the stream to the amphitheater when we enter the park just off of 50

Cannot cross Ford after rain floods crossing.

I would REALLY like to see a new bridge near the location of destroyed bridge #2. The nature path that continues from that point (on the Edison Park side) up to the fire pit and Ford #2 is very narrow with a steep slope on one side and a drop-off on the other, plus it washes out after heavy rain. It is dangerous for young children and older adults and almost impossible to navigate if there are people/dogs coming toward you or in the evening dusk after concerts. With the new Edison Park project now beautifully completed, that entrance will attract more walkers, some with strollers, into Lubber Run and safe way to access the Amphitheater and LRCC is MUCH needed.

Would like better signage at the 4th Street entrance, not big signs, just better.

(3) Existing Ford #2 is often flooded - sometimes for days at a time. Not having
(4) Destroyed Bridge #1 makes it difficult to access the paved trail and the amphitheater from the west side ((D) N. 4th Street entrance) of the park.
Please replace Destroyed Bridge #1 in the original location.

Uneven pathways or fallen trees. Inability to cross stream to get where I want to go.

Existing Ford #2 floods a lot and destroyed bridge #2 is gone, so you can only cross in the north area. We need a reliable crossing at mid-park.

<p>The existing Ford #2 floods a lot</p>
<p>The natural unpaved trail on the greenbrier side south of the amphitheater is getting tough to navigate due to stream bank erosion.</p>
<p>Existing Ford 2 is clogged underneath and floods with the slightest rainfall. Trails on west side near Destroyed Bridge 1 and east side near 3rd St have washed almost completely away.</p>
<p>We live on one side of the park. There are not enough places to cross over to get to the other side. In addition, the existing fords get flooded anytime there is any significant amount of rain.</p>
<p>I really miss Destroyed Bridge #2. It is in an area of the park that is quite removed from all the other bridges and fords, but one that I used to cross all the time on dog walks. It would be my top choice for replacement.</p>
<p>Crossing Lubber Run where Destroyed Bridge 2 was located. Recommend that the County replace this bridge with a ford similar to the current two fords but with concrete toadstools like Holmes Run that enable dry crossing when water levels are high. These types of fords appear to be resistant to flash flood damage.</p>
<p>There is only one place to cross Lubber Run to get from Greenbriar section to Northside. Going all the way to Route 50 can be difficult due to the steep hill at the southern end.</p>
<p>Existing fords 1 and 2 can flood or be covered in water making for wet shoes for commuting or mud and mess. I mess an alternate cut through near the ampitheatre/ center of the park for commuting.</p>
<p>Not being able to get across stream in almost 2 years.</p>
<p>Crossing from one side of the stream to the other side is challenging.</p>
<p>We have to go around a section where the bridges were destroyed, and sections of earth are eroding.</p>
<p>No bridge at south end of park</p>
<p>This map is excellent. Essentially what I recommend is that destroyed bridge #1 should be replaced or a bridge be placed somewhere between destroyed bridge #1 and Ford #2. Ford #2 is regularly overrun with water no matter how many times the County tries to clean stones under Ford #2 or even tries to</p>

damn in front of it. Once a heavy rain happens, stone and debris is invariably pushed down into ford #2 and the water volume/velocity is too great and runs over the ford so there is no path to cross Lubber Run without Bridge #1.

Many people that live in Arlington Forest (the surrounding neighborhood for Lubber Run) - walk, hike, bike the length of Lubber Run Park (one end and then back) and if a bridge is not built near bridge #1 the park becomes split in half. While there is technically a "trail" that remains completely on the west side of the Lubber Run that trail is a dirt/mud off-road trail and not navigable for strollers, bikes, small children, elderly, people not looking to get muddy etc especially since the ground is muddy when the Ford #2 is flooded. The only "paved trail" and main trail crosses over Lubber Run at Ford #2 and since Ford #2 floods regularly a second way to cross (a bridge) near Ford #2 is essential.

Very few people used Bridge #2 in my recollection and while many probably would prefer both bridges be replaced - the essential bridge to allow use and access to the full length of the park is to essentially replace Destroyed Bridge #1.

To give a specific example, I live at the corner of N. Edison St and 4th St N. and enter the park daily on 4th St. N. Any day after a moderate/heavy rain I will be cutoff from the park south of Ford #2 unless I walk all the way down to route 50 outside the park (on Edison) and enter from the route 50 access road unless I want to stomp through mud the whole time.

Did we miss something? Please share any additional thoughts that might not have been covered earlier:

Thank you for taking time to get community feedback!

I absolutely love the stair access to Lubber Run. Thank you for creating that.

A rebuilt bridge at destroyed bridge #2 would create an unnecessary double back for any park users (those using wheelchairs, strollers, etc.) if coming in from amphitheater. Not to mention once over Lubber Run at that site, the access on dirt trail is non-existent. The best access is to rebuild bridge by campfire fit since the terrain is more level and accessible to continue on to other parts of the park in both directions.

I walk every day through the park as part of my exercise. I take the paved trail south and then come up north through the nature trail. I like to cross back over the river to walk up/down the amphitheater stairs, so replacing destroyed bridge #1 would be my recommendation.

Between flood damage and bridges out, the damage to the unpaved trail on the west side continues to be serious. It is dangerous for many and is degrading in real time. Many park users and commuters enter or cross the park via the Edison path. Destroyed bridge # 2 is the highest priority because it is the most direct path from that entrance path to all other amenities and the Northside section of Arlington Forest. Destroyed bridge # 1 was near ford #2, and with some minor adjustments that means of crossing works except during rainstorms, when park trail use is lower than normal. Bridges need to be restored in approximately the are of both destroyed bridges, but #2 will help more and avoid more damage, more of the time, than having #1 right now.

Lubber Run is in our neighborhood and we regularly used all the bridges when they existed, both for exercise and getting to/from places in the neighborhood. Between George Mason Drive and Rt. 50 I think only one additional bridge in addition to improving the ford is all that's needed.

Not really relevant to the bridge question, but there's a lot of poison ivy in the south end of the park: on the east side of the paved trail and around the bus stop and Edison St entrance on the west side.

I miss being able to walk anywhere, change my route, go back and forth, and just enjoy the woods and stream in a leisurely way.

I would like to see erosion better controlled if that is possible without putting concrete and asphalt everywhere.

My preferred location for the new bridge: on the site of Destroyed Bridge #1

Thank you for FINALLY replacing/repairing one or both bridges. Please consider investing in making the new bridge(s) more resistant to flooding damage/destruction. A higher upfront investment that isn't destroyed due to flooding will be a better choice for taxpayers. Consider that, with climate change, we will be experiencing more and more "once in a lifetime" storm and flooding events. We need to start making our infrastructure resistant to expected destruction and not built for the pre-climate-change era. Thank you again!

The nature trails and stream banks are also eroding badly.

I saw in the video that the bridge has to comply with county standards of not damaging existing vegetation, and I was wondering to what extent that works. My input is that the placement doesn't require the chopping down of mature trees, preferably no trees at all, but definitely not mature ones as they benefit the native wildlife in so many ways: Nesting sites for birds, food for caterpillars that feed others, roosting sites for bats, homes for numerous beetles and other insects, and so much more. Thank you for considering my opinion in the planning of this bridge.

Please give some thought to removing the smoky barbeques. The smoke usually travels along the ground, choking walkers and children playing near the water.

During the nearby Carlin Springs bridge replacement I had hoped a less scary way to get from Carlin Springs to the George Mason Street entrance (A) would be considered. The sidewalk next to the vehicle exit ramps is too steep for wheelchairs, strollers, scooters, etc. - and frankly isn't even that comfortable to walk (it must be very difficult for some of oldest residents).

Thanks so much! I live nearby and love the park. My kids grew up playing in the creek and watching shows in the amphitheater.

I think the new bridge should replace be placed at site #5, "Destroyed Bridge 2" since there is no bridge near there and it would make for a good crossing for those wanting to go from one side to the other to get to and from Edison Park.

Would highly recommend destroyed bridge number 2! Having no lower crossing makes it far more inconvenient. (I live very near the park and are there several times a week.)

Good luck!

The major stormwater events in Arlington are a continued problem. I think there's a need for DES to change the rules and require major home renovations that change house size/lot coverage to require additional stormwater mitigation efforts the SAME way they do for NEW construction with retention ponds/basins/permeable pavement, etc.

Unrelated I would love to see a Dog Park added near the George Mason side of the park

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I love this park.

it's a small park. It's a small bridge. Please don't overcomplicate this. A replacement should be pretty easy. Thank you!

Grandkids have spent happy time on the new bridge and love striking the metal railings with sticks to hear the tones.

I used both of the destroyed bridges frequently. The greatest need will be near the amphitheater but there should be some way to cross over before having to climb that very steep hill up to Route 50.

We miss being able to walk up through the woods and through Edison Park which has been blocked off for more than a year. Hoping this opens up soon.

I would like the design and/or elevation of the new bridge to be such that it will not be washed away in the next big storm. Destroyed bridge #2 was at least the second bridge located at that spot.

If existing ford #2 were elevated a few feet like existing ford #1, no bridge would be needed at or near the site of destroyed bridge #1.

Please consider replacing the #2 bridge that was destroyed. The other one has a giant ford. Yes, occasionally the water level is high and runs over the ford but it is not that often.

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The field in Lubber Run is hardly used. It would be great if that was a fenced in dog park.

Parts of the "goat trail" that parallels the west side of the stream is in rough shape, but highly used by commuters, kids walking to Barrett School and many others. If there are any further efforts that could be made to fix the eroded portions, it would greatly improve safety.

The new Lubber Run rec Center is beautiful. Hope we can integrate it with the park beyond just the staircase.

If you enter Lubber Run from Edison Street partway up the hill from 50 (not H on the service road and not Edison park), as the dirt trail starts to bend left there's a small stump the size of a coffee can in the path next to a tree that blends into the dirt and is a serious tripping hazard. Can we remove it or paint it a bright color? Thank you!

What can be done about increasing the capacity for water to exit Lubber Run Park (underneath Rt 50) so as to decrease the flooding potential? That seems to be the biggest "lever" that can be used to reduce flood damage to the park and risk to bridges.

Fords should be replaced with higher concrete walkways and larger culverts/conduits (as in Four Mile Run Trail) to minimize clogs.

Yes, please find a way to replace the Glen Carlin bridges. Sorry to layer on the tasks!!

more lighting in the park needs to be added and improvements to the ampitheater should be considered

I can't think of anything, just VERY excited for a new bridge(s) to go in!

We really need multiple crossings within the park - south, middle and north ends of the park.

Forgot about transportation and mode of use in the park. What about enhancing safety against assaults?

The feeder streams need erosion control, especially the access path between 234 and 244 North Columbus. Ivy eradication has severely increased erosion, and more trees are lost to erosion than were lost due to ivy encroachment. Rehab of the feeder streams does not have anything to do with upstream flood control, since the feeder streams drain the local streets.

My biggest problem with the park is that one of the existing concrete fords (I think #2) is frequently covered in water when there has been any rain, making it difficult or impossible to cross the stream without getting feet totally wet. If

this problem were fixed, I don't even think we'd need a new bridge since there would be one very convenient and reliable place to cross the river.

To me it is incredibly obvious where to put the new bridge: Replace Destroyed Bridge #2. There are 3 stream crossings in the northern half of the park. There are NO stream crossings in the southern half of the park. You've also got all the kids using the new Edison Park playground that want to come down into the park for the trails and pretend act on the amphitheater stage. After living here 20 years, I always found Destroyed Bridge #1 superfluous and I RARELY crossed it because I typically used the other equally good option: Existing Ford #2, which is so close by to make Destroyed Bridge #1 kind of useless and redundant. If you want to fix the occasional times that Ford #2 isn't as easy to use (when some water goes over the bridge making it harder to cross for people who don't want wet feet), then either keep the area under the ford clear and/or install cheap large concrete "pavers" on one side of the concrete ford so people can use them as stepping stones. I see this done in many NOVA urban parks. The water is never deep enough on Ford #2 to cause a problem--there would still be wheelchair access to the firepit by going through an inch or two of water on those rare occasions that the area under the ford isn't cleared. No deeper than a puddle in a parking lot.

Existing ford 2 frequently floods - when there is moving water (during and a day after rain) it is unsafe to cross.

trail on west side of LR, across from amphitheatre, is about to disappear from erosion. it is dangerous to traverse. trail on east side of LR, north of amphitheatre is not well maintained, either. get rid of those trails and encourage walking on paths.

That's all. Thanks for soliciting input form the community!

I liked both bridges that were there previously there, but if a I had to choose one I would vote for destroyed bridge#1 location..but either location would be helpful.

One or more bridges have been condemned, damaged or destroyed since 2019. Why it's taking so long to fix Lubber Run has never been clear, but it's tough to imagine any reasonable explanations at this point. If it takes literally years to fix storm damage, why are we paying so much in taxes?

I think Lubber Run Park deserves a multi-year re-development plan to fully address the accessibility, acceptability, environmental quality (flora, fauna excess, water quality, trash, stream flooding) and functionality of the park and its structures. The band aid approaches are not helping to maintain the Park as an asset in the County. The County also needs to continue to address the non native invasive species that have returned to the Park. The deer are also

reeking havoc by eating the understory trees, shrubs, and saplings; destroying the park for the future.

I think replacing Existing Ford #2 is the highest priority. Making this ford have sufficient capacity to allow flow under the low water bridge so that it doesn't become clogged and remain a ford once high water recedes. This may require some careful assessment and mitigation of potential flooding into the fire-pit area.

The second best option would be to locate a bridge between the two destroyed bridges, but this would still require mitigation of flooding in the area immediately downstream of the fire pit and would be complicated for ADA access.

Major work is also needed on the path that hugs the hillside north of the creek.

Also, many people believe there is a path going from the park up through the backyards of Emerson and Edison Streets. While it is a rightaway it deadends at a house on third st. Many people believe that private property is a part of the park. It would be nice if the county put a small sign up noting that it is NOT a trail.

If the new bridge is built at the site of the #1 destroyed bridge, then the nature trail in that area is in need of extensive repair.

Yes, you did not include the Community Center as one of the amenities of the park!!!

Tree preservation and conservation of the park's natural resources. Maybe replacing bridges doesn't make sense in this park, which is prone to flooding. Also, the county has failed to discuss, much less address, the root cause of flash flooding—the increasing percentage of impervious/built surface area as a result of weak regulation and enforcement, inadequate zoning restrictions, and irresponsible land-use planning and management. Yes, it will be difficult to reduce imperviousness, but that is key to getting urban stream syndrome under control. Otherwise, replacing infrastructure like bridges is an exercise in futility.

The storm exposed pipes making it rubble that is hard to navigate near the fire circle and a few places on the wooded paths have fallen in and could use some shoring up. Some larger rocks strategically placed where the path has fallen in would make them easier to navigate, especially after a rain when they get muddy. There are 2 I know of: a fallen spot across from the amphitheater on the wooded path and one on the amphitheater side near the wooded walkway out of the park at N. 2nd Rd (near the pavilion) that you do not show on the map.

There were bridges in South Arlington's portion of the park that were destroyed too. What is happening with those?

Thank you for doing this!

I am delighted to hear that the County will replace a bridge!

So the park needs regular maintenance and attention. It's so sad how the new plants at the Lubber Run Center water garden feature are surrounded by weird brush and leftover dead plants from the construction just over the perimeter of the lubber run center. Also, some of the new trees and plants are dying. So sad.

Replacing the bridge will bring more people to west side of stream reducing opportunities for solitude there.

If there is only funding in the near-term for design and installation of one new bridge across Lubber Run, it would probably be best located at/near the location of "Destroyed Bridge #2." This would allow for greatest flexibility and widest range of access to both the Paved and Nature trails - as both of these pathways ascend steeply at the Southern end of the park, which could cause issues for mobility-impaired users of the Park.

At the same time, improvements to Ford #2 must be installed -- namely raised concrete "stepping stones" (perhaps 3-4" high) to allow for use of this as an avenue to cross the Run even during those periods when the flow of the Run is high enough to go over the walking/driving surface of the ford.

Also, there must be stronger enforcement of dog owners allowing their animals off a leash while in the park. I am frequently met with derisive/aggressive responses when I remind such dog owners of the LAW that requires their animals to be on a leash. Everyone of these law breakers seem to think their animal is "special" - but they fail to think that even "good dogs" may cause angst for small children as well as anyone who is generally frightened of dogs. Weekend enforcement (in person) by a County animal control office could help to set these people straight. Thanks.

If there is to be a new bridge placed in the park, we believe the best location would be to cross LR between the fire ring and the amphitheater, close to existing ford #2, where the destroyed bridge #1 was located. This would enable walkers to cross LR even during higher water events; it would diminish the urgency of park employees to quickly re-open ford #2 after a rain. When destroyed bridge #2 existed, we only ever used it one single time, just to see what it was like. For us, its absence has been utterly unimportant.

None

Need some erosion control along with a new bridge. We love the park!

While not relevant to the bridge project, the park has clearly gotten a lot busier during the pandemic and many times I see unleashed dogs. This makes it very difficult to walk our own dog or use the park for exercise. Is there a way this can be policed better (and not by the patrons)?

Lubber's is my favorite park in Arlington for walking, but much of the park is unused and inaccessible due to the absence of trails. Is it not possible to build maintainable trails along the upper reaches of the valley? How about a concrete pillar stepping-stone crossing at the south end of the Run (like one has a Donaldson Run), then a trail up the west bank through an otherwise unused part of the park.

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Rather than replace a previous bridge, would be better to have a bridge at southern end in a new location; create a natural path to join the existing natural path on the north side of the stream. Would allow more use and access to park and create many walking/hiking/access options.

Thank you for your efforts to replace the bride.

As I'm sure you're aware, two bridges in Glen Carlin Park were also destroyed during the 2019 event. I actually witnessed the larger of these collapsing, and it was my observation that the design of the superstructure of the bridge (the hand rails and fencing) was a primary cause of the destruction of the bridge. During the flood, the upstream side of the superstructure functioned as a sieve that allowed water to pass while trapping leaves, trees and other vegetation. as the mass of vegetation built up, the sieve no longer functioned, and the superstructure instead became an effective sail or sea anchor that allowed the pressure from the flowing water to build up substantially. Even before the superstructure was washed away, the pressure from the flood bowed the I-beams and weakened the anchors of the deck so that the whole bridge was more vulnerable to destruction. Can a suitable bridge be designed that permits the superstructure to break away BEFORE the sea anchor effect increases the likelihood of destroying the entire bridge? Obviously, such a design would result in more damage to superstructures during more moderate floods, but would tend to preserve the much more expensive deck and structural elements. I am a principal owner of a mechanical engineering firm. Please let me know your thoughts on this matter.

-Joe Reid

The Park is in immediate need of restoration due to erosion. Just take a walk through and the maintenance needs are obvious.

Adding another bridge is a great idea!

This is such a great park and I think arlington county does a really great job of maintaining it. Really wonderful amenity.

Some care should be taken to address the powerlines that run through the park. When the fall, it is very dangerous.

I live on the park and love Lubber Run. However we shouldn't over engineer this especially as it's in a flood plain. Fix Ford #2 and we may not need additional bridges. It is a park and there are ample paths on Edison or Columbus Streets for walking commuters. Mind our tax dollars! Thanks for considering.

We don't need a new bridge at location 1. It is a place that floods a lot and I don't see how you can build a safe bridge that is t enormous. An enormous bridge will ruin the park.

Not every location needs to be perfectly manicured.

If you really want to make this park better, find a way to connect it to the rest of the park system in a way that doesn't involve an unsafe walk down rt. 50. That is where I would spend some money.

Love this park, thank you for working to get a new bridge!

I think the 2 destroyed locations are the best locations to rebuild.

Some interim signage in the park would be welcome. I am a frequent user of Lubber Run Park and until now did not fully know what had happened to the bridges.

Bridge should be replaced soon -- not enough access at lower end of park

See above.

For the reason above, I'd like to see the new bridge at the farthest south location, where Destroyed bridge #2 used to be.

An additional note: I noticed that the images section of the project description here:

<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/lubber-run-park-pedestrian-bridge/>

contains a map with Destroyed bridge #2 shown below its actual location. It is placed where you enter from Edison Parl, instead of the actual location, which was opposite the small tributary creek that runs from the area between the Evergreen St. circle and the Emerson St. circle into Lubber Run proper.

Thank you so much for replacing the Northern bridge! I'm so thankful for that. I live nearby Lubber Run park and it has kept me sane during the pandemic. It's an amazing resource. Thank you so much!

Replacing destroyed bridge #1 in that general area would most improve mobility throughout the park for all users regardless of which side they enter the park from

If the low water bridge near the amphitheatre continues to be the only way to cross Lubber Run there (ie. if you decide not to replace Bridge number 1, you might consider putting some flat stones across the bridge so it can be traversed easily even when there's water over the bridge.

The surface on the Northern Bridge is slippery. It gets real slippery when when. Can you add friction with sandpaper strips or something like that?

Is there any chance of fencing off a small area (perhaps the grassy area to the West of the Northern Bridge) to create a dog park/run??

If existing Ford #2 was maintained correctly so it would only flood during hard rain events, destroyed bridge #1 would not be necessary. However, Ford #2 is always flooded.

The nature trails are starting to erode badly and need to be shored up before they completely collapse and become impassible

It is peaceful and beautiful. Please don't change anything. BTW...I am 70 years old. I like that it is challenging. It's my favorite Arlington park.

The county needs to plant more trees to replace the many that have fallen down and do something to prevent continued erosion

I am not sure another bridge is actually needed, if Ford #2 could be raised and made to function like Ford #1, which I have never seen flooded, except at extreme rain events. I would rather see the funds go towards stabilizing the nature (unpaved) Sarai on the west side of the stream, which is about to

collapse in places between Edison Park entrance and fire pit...it is very hazardous, especially in muddy weather.

n/a. Thank you for considering the bridge reconstruction!

We tend to go into the park to be in the park, not to commute through it.

Replace both bridges. How much could they possibly cost compared with structures that have to bear actual weight.

I prefer for destroyed bridge #1 to be replaced.

It seems the least destructive place to put a new bridge is where Destroyed Bridge 1 was.

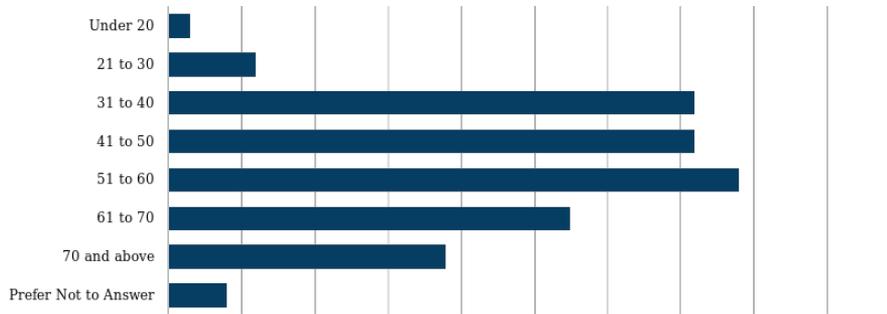
I hope Destroyed Bridge #2 is replaced first.

Please reinforce the severely eroded sections of Lubber Run with large boulders, railway ties or other means to preserve the trees on the bank and preserve trails along the run.

Thank you for the survey! The park is central in our family life particularly during the pandemic.

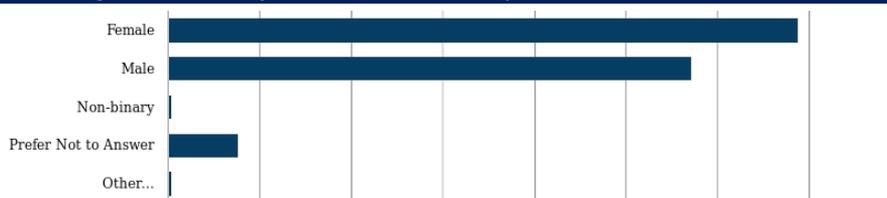
The county is very slow at replacing bridges and upcoming park.

Age Range



Under 20	3
21 to 30	12
31 to 40	72
41 to 50	72
51 to 60	78
61 to 70	55
70 and above	38
Prefer Not to Answer	8

Which gender do you most identify with?



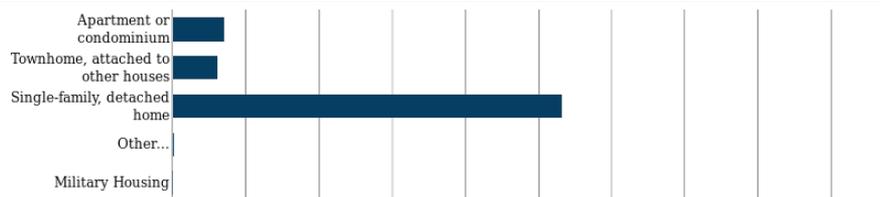
Female	172
Male	143
Non-binary	1
Prefer Not to Answer	19
Other...	1

Which of the following describes your race or ethnicity?



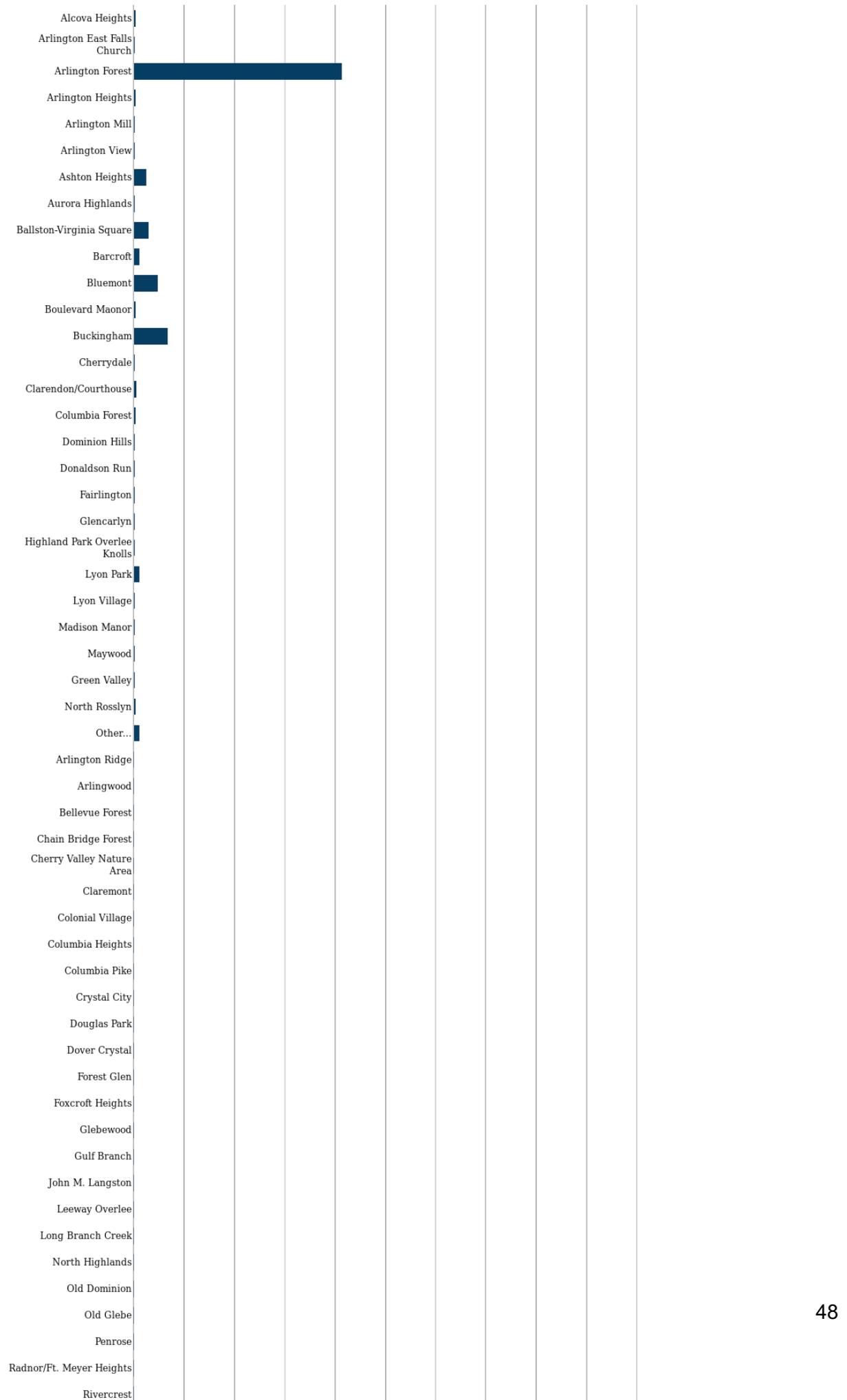
Asian	11
Black or African American	3
Hispanic or Latino	9
Native American	1
White	270
Prefer not to respond	42
Other...	2

Which of the following best describes your current home?



Apartment or condominium	36
Townhome, attached to other houses	31
Single-family, detached home	266
Other...	1

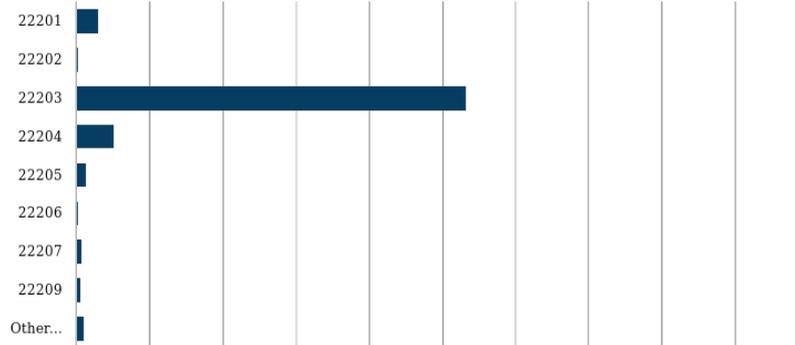
Which neighborhood do you live in?



Alcova Heights	2
Arlington East Falls Church	1
Arlington Forest	207
Arlington Heights	2
Arlington Mill	1
Arlington View	1
Ashton Heights	13
Aurora Highlands	1
Ballston-Virginia Square	15
Barcroft	6
Bluemont	24
Boulevard Maonor	2
Buckingham	34
Cherrydale	1
Clarendon/Courthouse	3
Columbia Forest	2
Dominion Hills	1
Donaldson Run	1
Fairlington	1
Glencarlyn	1

Highland Park Overlee Knolls	1
Lyon Park	6
Lyon Village	1
Madison Manor	1
Maywood	1
Green Valley	1
North Rosslyn	2
Other...	6

What zip code do you live in?



22201	15
22202	1
22203	266
22204	26
22205	7
22206	1
22207	4

22209	3
Other...	5