

# Annual Update to the GTCC Parks and Recreation in Tysons

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# Fairfax County Park Authority

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# **Tonight's Objectives**

- 1. Review of Comprehensive Plan Guidance
- 2. Update on Implementation Progress
  - Park acreage
  - Athletic fields
  - Other park facilities
- 3. Q&A



# Comprehensive Plan Guidance

#### The Plan Vision for Tysons Includes Parks

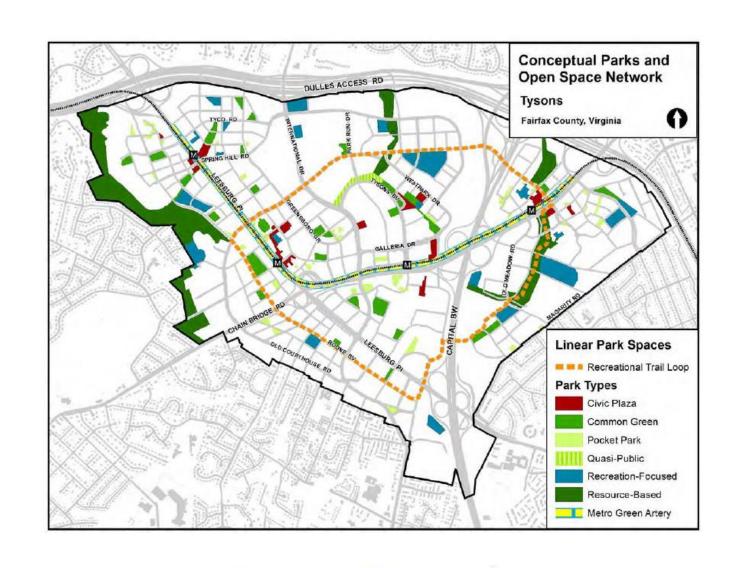
Plan Adopted in 2010, Amended in 2017

#### **Urban park network includes:**

- Natural resources
- Active recreation
- Large and small parks
- Community building spaces
- Signature central parks

#### **Urban parkland standards:**

- 1.5 acres per 1,000 residents
- 1 acre per 10,000 employees

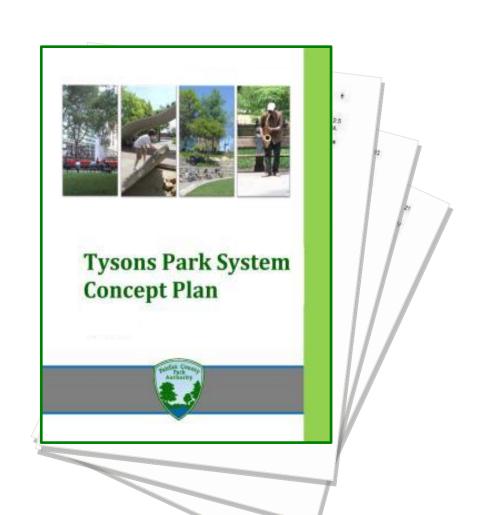


# Guide to Developing Parks in Tysons Created by Community Advisory Group

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

- Tysons Partnership
- Athletic Council
- Park Authority Board
- Industry Experts
- Regional Partners
- Citizens & Staff

**Endorsed by Park Authority Board October 2014** 



#### **ELEMENTS**

- Park Locations
- Park Typologies
- Connectivity
- Athletic Fields
- Other Rec Facilities
- Cultural Resources
- Stream Valleys

#### **Athletic Field Guidance is Strong**

- 20 Athletic Fields Needed
- 1 Field per 4.5m sq. ft. GFA
- Specific District Text Recommendations





#### LOCATIONAL HEIRARCHY

- On-site facility is preferred
- Off-site facility within same district
- Elsewhere within or near Tysons
- Monetary contribution to the County

### **Athletic Field Specifications**

- Utilize synthetic turf and lights to extend hours of play
- Full size rectangle = 360' x 220', with 15foot overruns

- Full size diamond = 90' baselines, 400' outfield
- Diamond fields do not fit within the planned Tysons street grid

 More info on field shapes, sizes, and other specs can be found in the Appendix to the Tysons Park System Plan





# Implementation Progress Park Spaces

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## The Mile Commits to Build Signature Central Park

- 5-acre Central Public Park
- 11 acres total parkland





### **Urban Plazas Open for Public Gatherings and Casual Use**



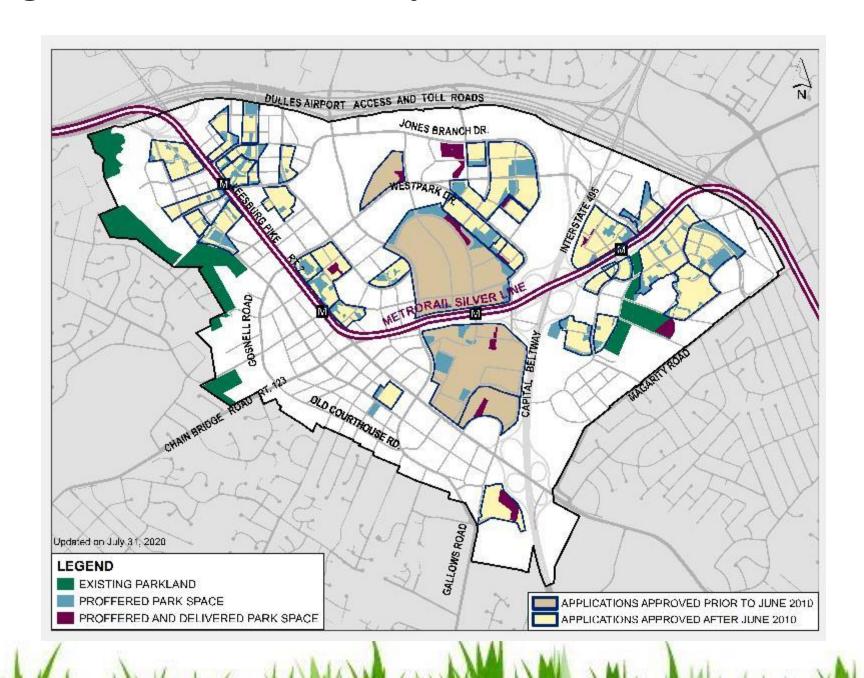
**Boro Park** Open to public in 2019





### **Making Progress on Park Plan Implementation**

- 89 park acres in 2010
- 112 acres today
- 10 new park spaces
- 93 additional acres proffered



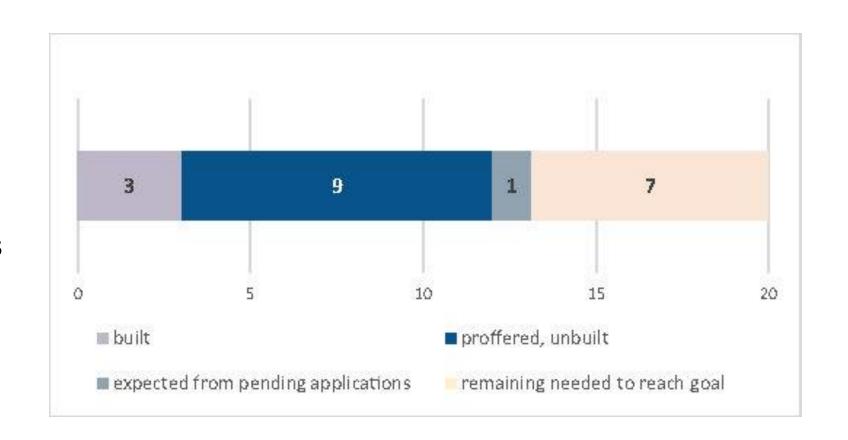
# Implementation Progress Athletic Fields

# **Halfway Point Reached for Proffered Fields**



## **Pace of Field Construction Exceeds Expectations**

- Comp Plan: Provide 1 field per 4.5 million sq ft GFA
- 6.9 million sq ft GFA built since June 2010
- New development thus far generates need for 1.5 fields
- Built: 2 full size rectangles, 1 interim youth rectangle, and 1 diamond/rectangle upgrade





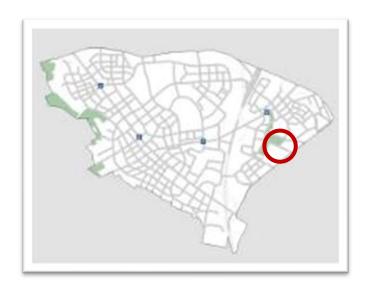
### **Ken Lawrence Park**



Opened to the public in May 2015



# Westgate ES & Park – Field Upgrade



Completed in Fall 2016

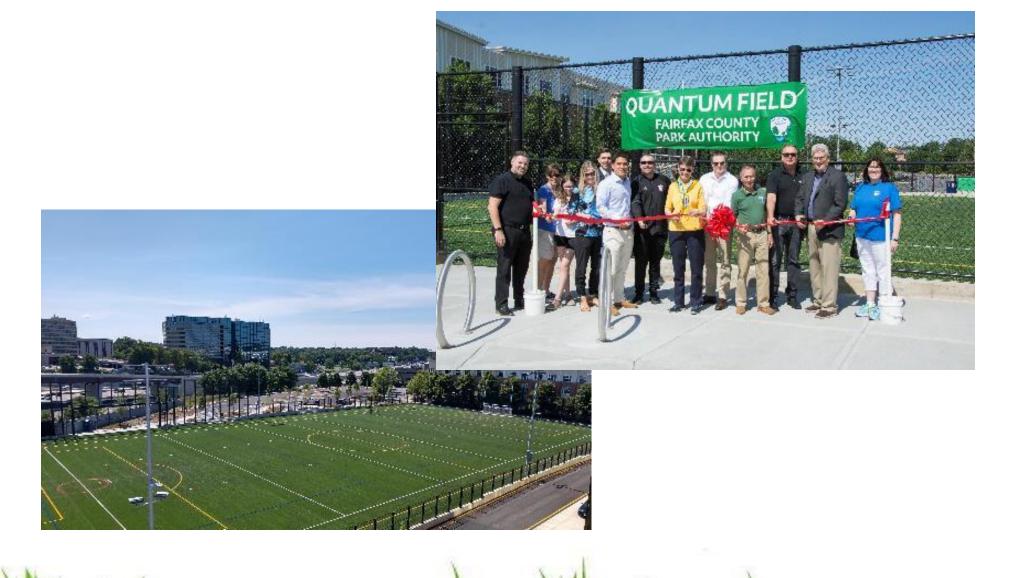




# **Quantum Field at Tysons Technology Park**



Opened to the public in June 2019



# Implementation Progress Other Park System Elements

#### **Stream Restoration & Trail Connections Completed**

- Arbor Row Stream Restoration & Trail
- Vesper Trail
- Scotts Run Trail (in progress)





#### **Active Recreation Facilities Open to the Public**

- 1 dog park built; 6 more proffered
- 2 playgrounds built; 16 more proffered
- 1 sport court built (volleyball, pickleball, basketball, tennis, bocce, petanque, ); 30 more proffered

Proffered facilities will be built and opened to the public as new buildings are constructed



# Progress Summary

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#### **Summary of Park System Implementation Progress**

#### PARK SPACE

- 10 new park spaces (23 acres) open to public
- 93 more acres proffered

#### **STREAM RESTORATIONS**

- Arbor Row Stream restored
- Scotts Run & Old
   Courthouse stream
   restorations funded

#### **TRAILS**

- 2 new trails opened
- 2 more trails being built
- Segment of the Tysons Community Circuit proffered by The Mile

#### **ATHLETIC FIELDS**

- 3 new fields built
- 1 existing field upgraded
- 9 more fields proffered

#### **CIVIC SPACES**

- Signature Central Park proffered by the Mile
- Tysons Mall plaza open
- The Boro plaza open

#### **OTHER RECREATION**

- 1 dog park built; 6 more proffered
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#### **RESOURCES**

Tysons Comprehensive Plan

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/comprehensive-plan

Policy Plan, Parks & Recreation Element (Urban Parks Framework)

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/sites/planning-development/files/assets/compplan/policy/parksrec.pdf

Tysons Park System Concept Plan

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sites/parks/files/assets/documents/plandev/tysons-park-system-concept-plan-final.pdf

Tysons Urban Design Guidelines

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/urban-design