

Holmes Run Acres Civic Association

Annual Meeting - May 19, 2021



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Agenda

- ▶ History and Overview of the Park Authority
- ▶ Park Planning Process
- ▶ Luria Park



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Park Authority Mission

To enrich quality of life for all members of the community through an enduring park system that provides a healthy environment, preserves natural and cultural heritage, offers inspiring recreational experiences, and promotes healthy lifestyles.

Primary Guiding Principles



Inspire a Passion
for Parks



Be Great Stewards



Meet Changing
Recreation Needs



Promote Healthy
Lifestyles



Advance Park
System Excellence



Strengthen and
Foster Partnerships



Be Equitable and
Inclusive



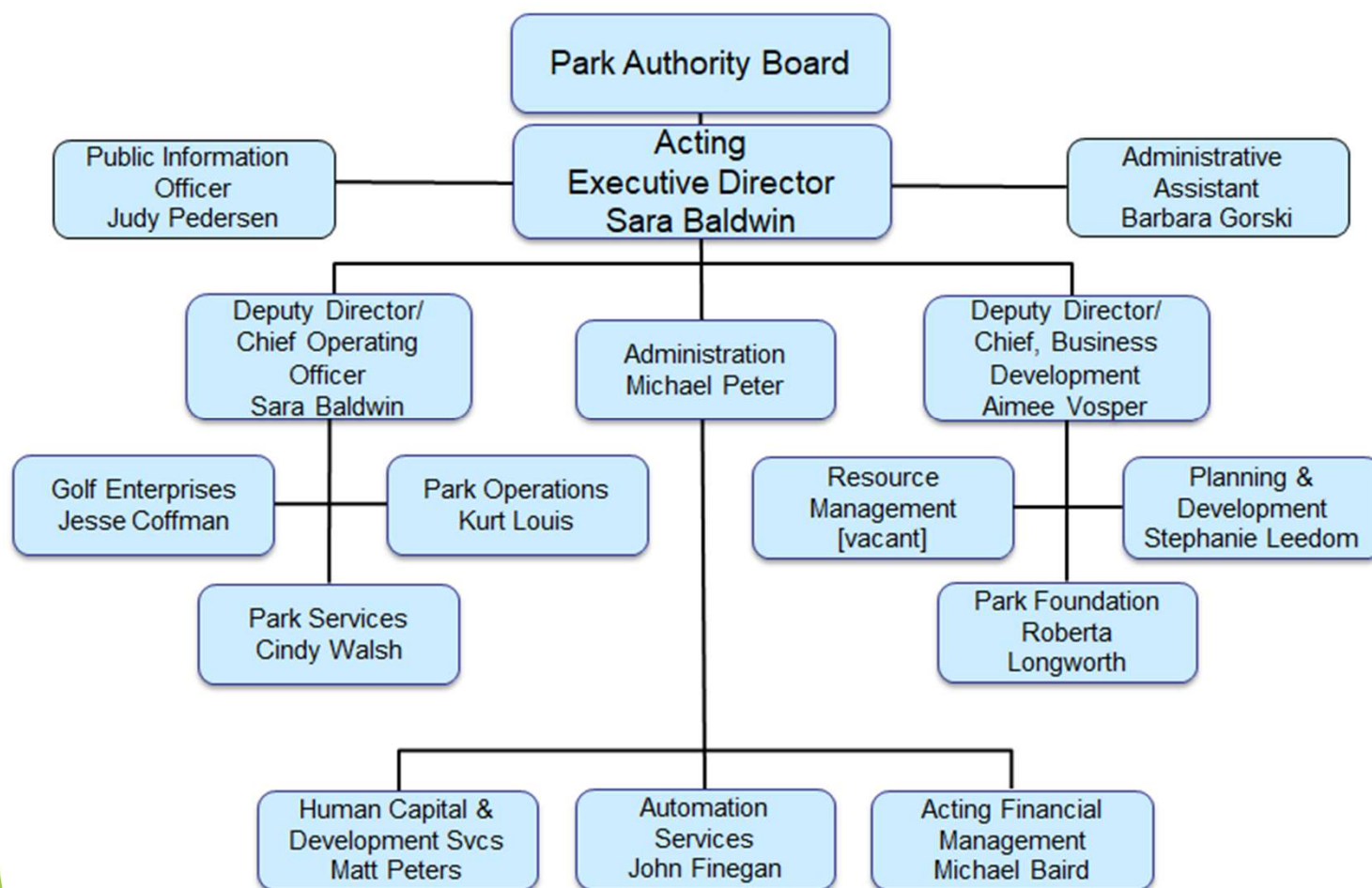
History of the Park Authority

- ▶ The BOS created the Fairfax County Park Authority on December 6, 1950 as a separate entity from the County
 - ▶ Purpose: To acquire, plan, develop, maintain, and operate parks and park facilities in Fairfax County
- ▶ Park Authority firsts:
 - ▶ First Park: Eakin Park, donated by the Eakin family, 1951
 - ▶ First Purchased land —16 acres in Great Falls, 1953
 - ▶ First Park Bond - \$4M for land acquisition only, 1959





Park Authority Overview





Strategic Plan: *Great Parks, Great Communities*

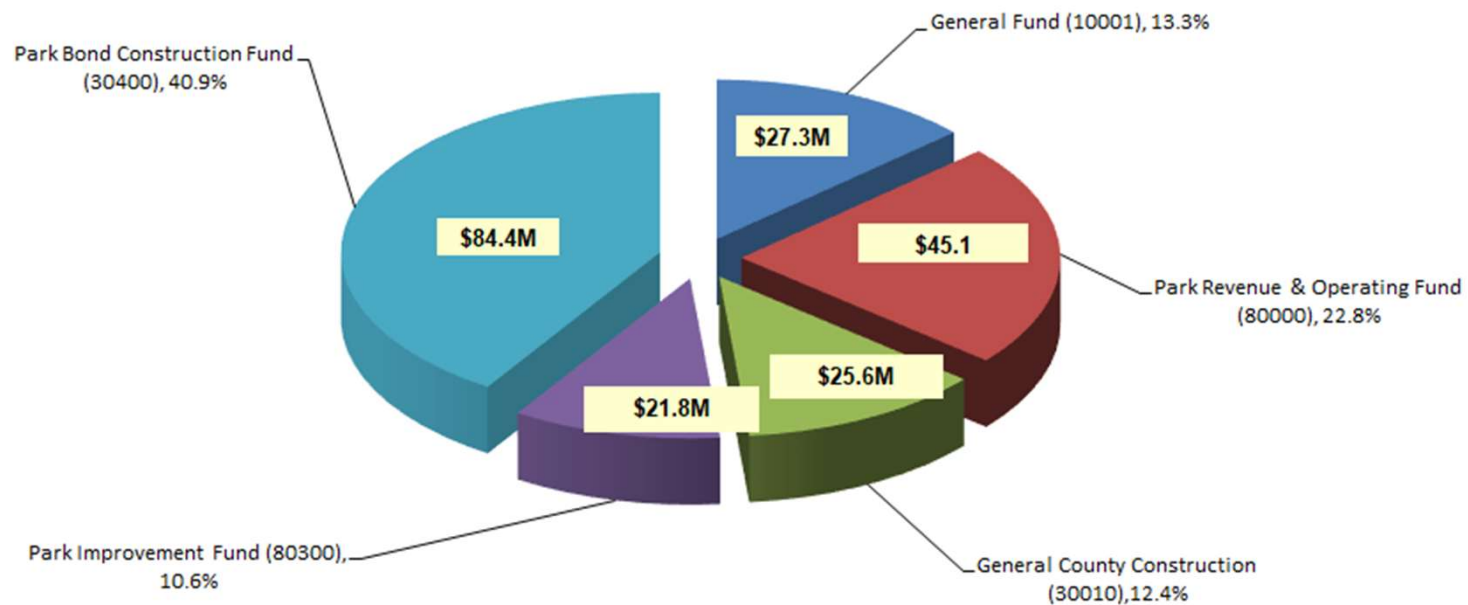
- ▶ 5-year plan
- ▶ Strategic objectives to implement the Master Plan recommendations
- ▶ Current Strategic Plan: FY19-FY23





Park Authority Funding

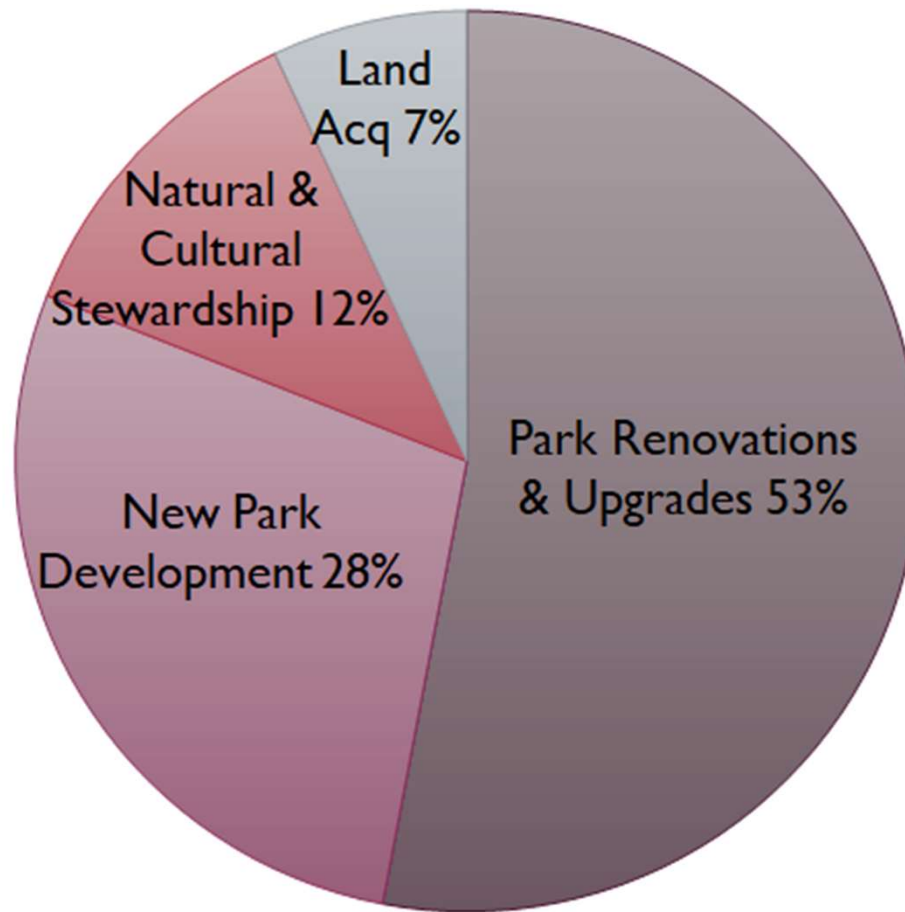
**Five (5) Park Authority Funds
FY 2021 Revised Budget
Total budget: \$206,338,818**



*Includes 2012 & 2016 General Obligation Bonds authorized, but not issued.



2020 Park Bond Allocations (\$100M)



- Park Renovations & Upgrades 53%
- New Park Development 28%
- Natural & Cultural Stewardship 12%
- Land Acquisition & Open Space Preservation 7%



Park Services Division

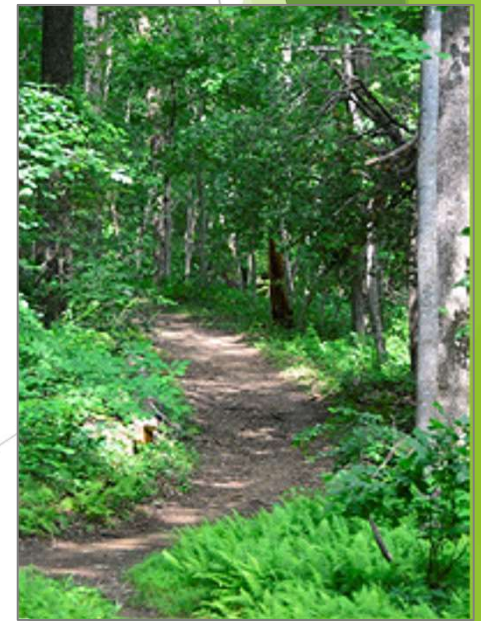
- ▶ RECenter Operations: plan, manage and operate 9 RECenters.
- ▶ RECenter Classes and Programs: provide health, fitness, and wellness programs
- ▶ Lakefronts & Waterparks: 3 lakefront parks provide amusements, rides, picnic facilities, campgrounds, and water activities.





Park Operations Division

- ▶ Maintain all Park Authority owned buildings
- ▶ Provide grounds maintenance for 429 parks
- ▶ Athletic field maintenance (parks and schools)
- ▶ Parks & Trail Maintenance





Resource Management Division

- ▶ Natural Resources & Stewardship Education
- ▶ Collaboration with Schools on education programs
- ▶ Community Gardens, Farmers Markets, and Nature Centers
- ▶ Natural Resource Management -plant and animal diversity and restoring ecosystems
- ▶ 78% of Parkland remains in natural state
- ▶ Partner with Department of Public Works and Environmental Services on Stream Restoration





Resource Management Division

- ▶ Archaeology Collections & Preservation of Historic Structures
- ▶ Responsible for curating artifacts and collections for Fairfax County
- ▶ Review all development projects related to History and Archaeology
- ▶ Preserving & maintaining historic structures
- ▶ 3.5 Million Artifacts & 10,000 museum items





Golf Enterprises

- ▶ Manage, operate and maintain 8 golf courses
- ▶ Facility operations including clubhouses, driving ranges, picnic areas, and mini golf
- ▶ Classes, events, and programs for all ages and skill levels





Planning & Development Division

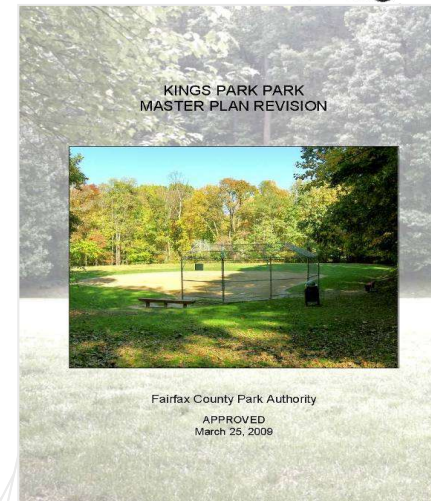
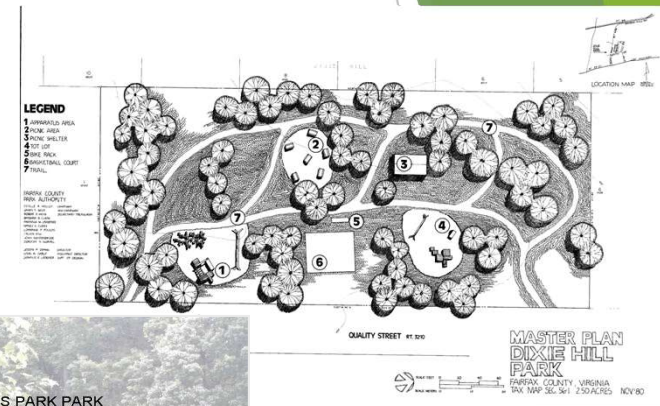
- ▶ **Real Estate Services:**
Land Acquisition, Surveying, Land Management, Easements & Encroachments
- ▶ **Park Planning:**
Master Planning, Development Reviews, GIS, Special Studies (Dog Parks, Pickleball, PROSA)
- ▶ **Project Management:**
Scoping, Design, Construction, Implementation of Capital Improvement Program, Energy Program





What Is a Park Master Plan?

- Written report and/or a Conceptual Development Plan (CDP)
- Defines areas of use, park design, and planned amenities
- Sets expectations and informs financial decisions
- Requires approval from the Park Authority Board



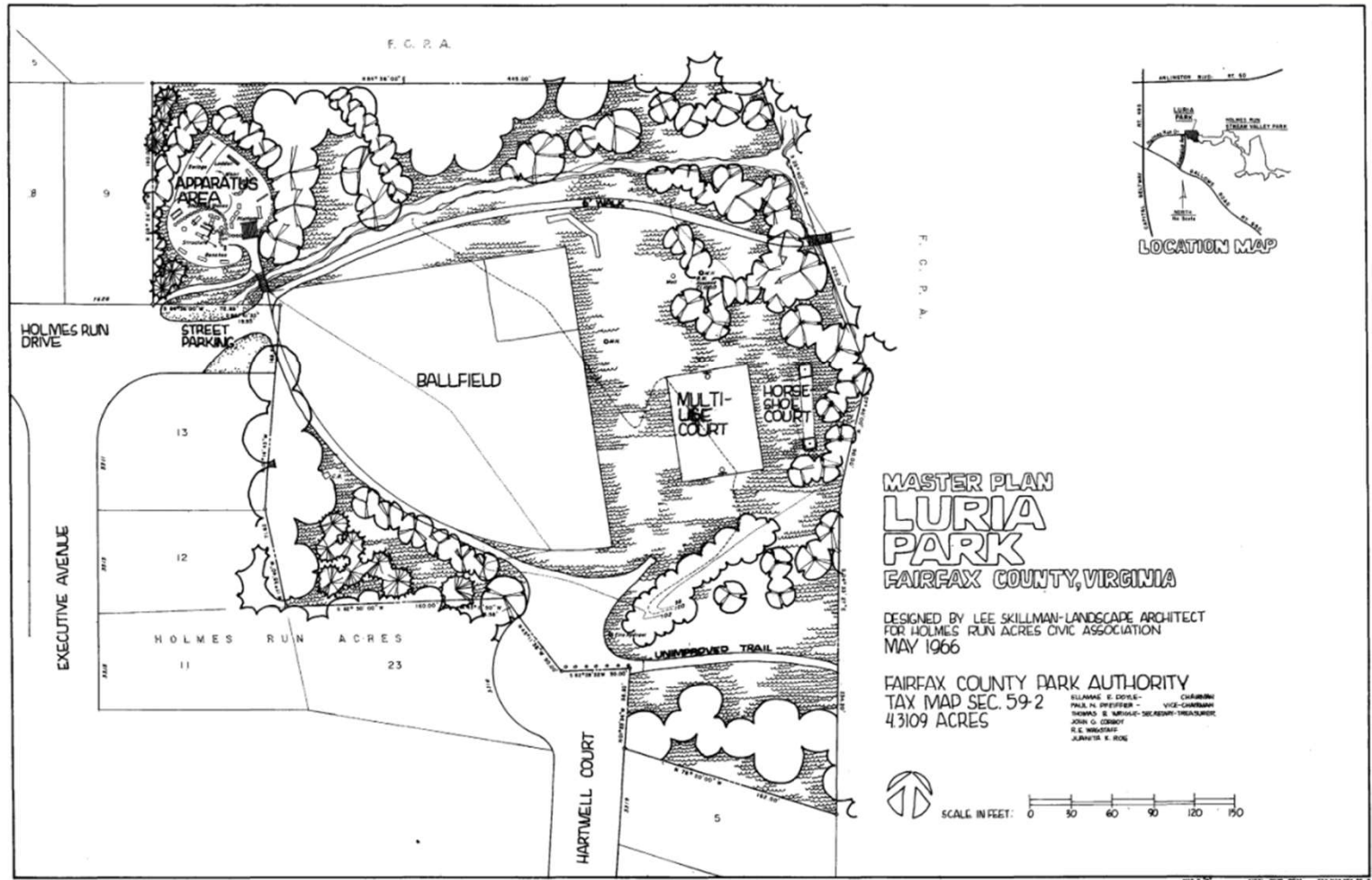


Master Planning Process





Luria Park Master Plan

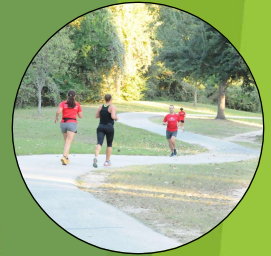


Master Plan Archives: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/masterplan-archives>



Luria Park Master Plan Elements

Elements	Planned	Built
Diamond Ball Field	✓	
Multi-Use Court	✓	✓
Horseshoe Court	✓	
Fitness Apparatus Area	✓	
Trails	✓	✓
Playground		✓
Open Play Area		✓





Opportunities to Get Involved

- ▶ **Volunteer:**

- <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/volunteer>

- ▶ **Organize:**

- ▶ **Friends Groups**

- <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/friends>

- ▶ **Park Volunteer Teams**

- <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-volunteer-team>

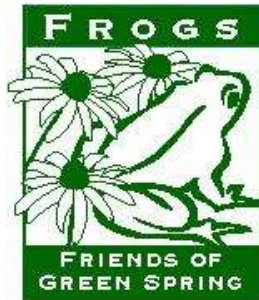
- ▶ **Apply:** for a Mastenbrook Grant, limited matching funds for volunteer-led projects,

- <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/mastenbrook-grants>

- ▶ **Participate:** in your park's Invasive Management Area (IMA) program



It's All About Partnerships





Thank you!

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