

City of Alexandria, Virginia



Pickleball Court Facilities Expansion Project

**Park and Recreation Commission
Public Hearing
February 17, 2022**



Commission Action



Following the Public Hearing, the Commission to provide a recommendation on the Pickleball Court Facilities Expansion Project sites.

Public Hearing Agenda



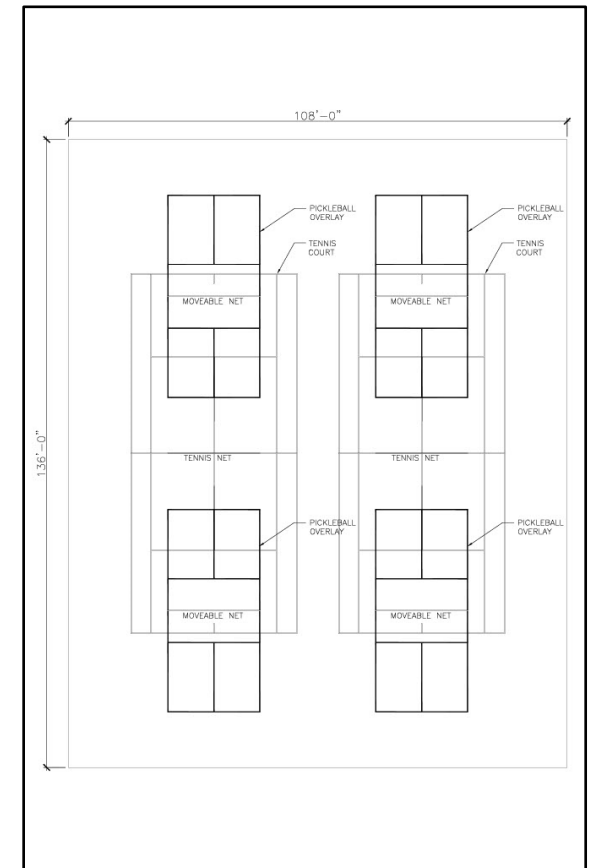
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- The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is proposing to modify tennis courts in five locations to create multi-use tennis and pickleball court facilities.
- Pickleball facilities will overlay two courts on a single tennis court and utilize movable pickleball nets. In one location where this configuration is not feasible, a single pickleball court will be overlaid on the tennis courts and use the tennis nets.
- Recommended locations include Armistead L. Boothe Park, Chambliss Park, Chinquapin Park, Lee Center, and Eugene Simpson Park



Project History



- 2016 – The tennis courts at Lee Center were converted to multi-use and lined for pickleball.
- 2019 – The tennis court at Mount Vernon was converted to multi-use and lined for pickleball.
- 2019 – Pickleball advocates approached the City about additional opportunities to expand play in Alexandria
- 2020 – Staff met with pickleball advocates and toured facilities in the region to identify best practices and review additional multi-use court layouts.
- 2021 – Staff requested and received additional funding to expand pickleball facilities on existing tennis courts.
- 2022 – Current community engagement regarding pickleball facility locations.



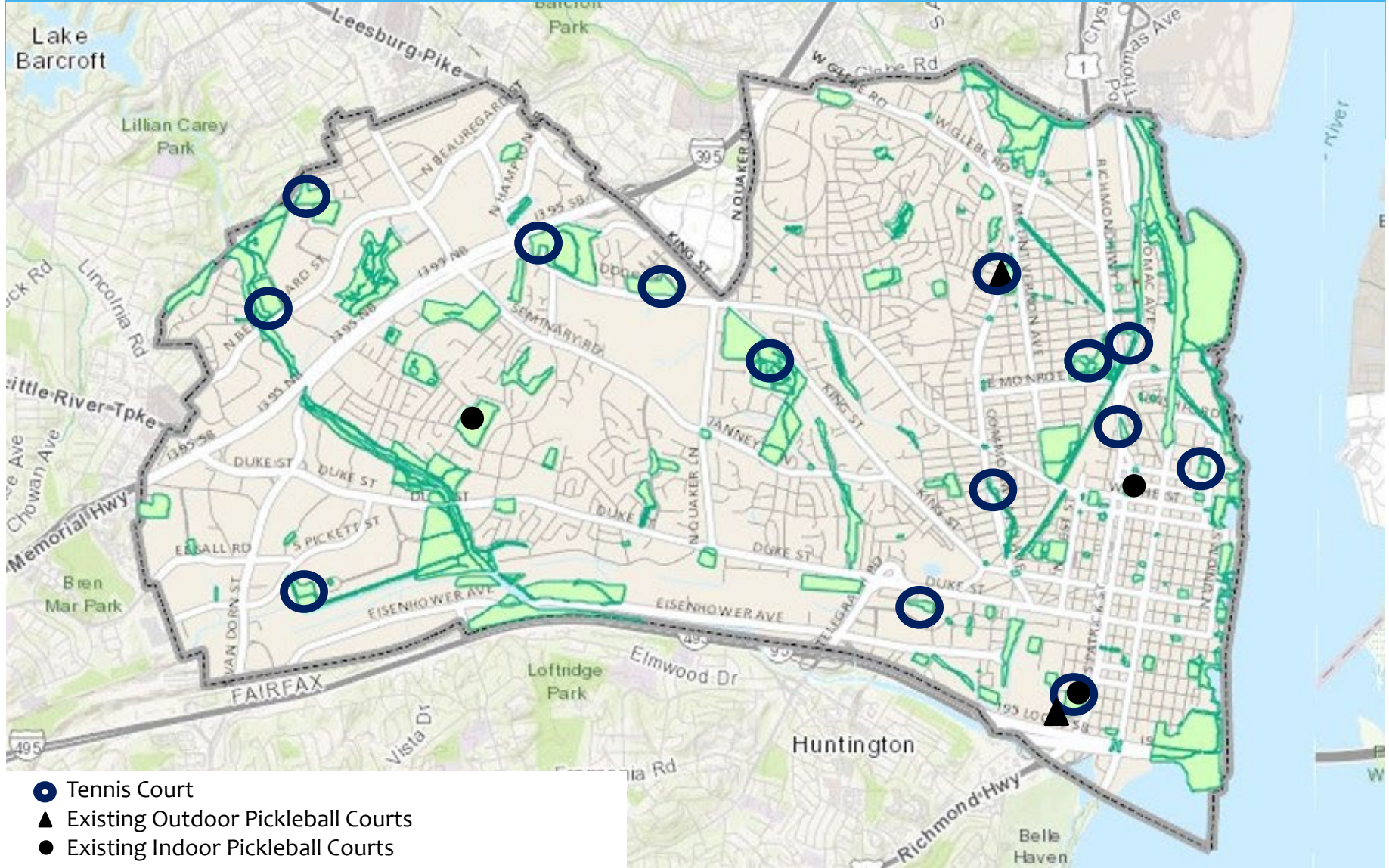
Pickleball Court Location Selection

Locations for expanded pickleball facilities were selected based on a series of criteria applied in three stages.

Only tennis courts under City of Alexandria control were considered for pickleball facilities.

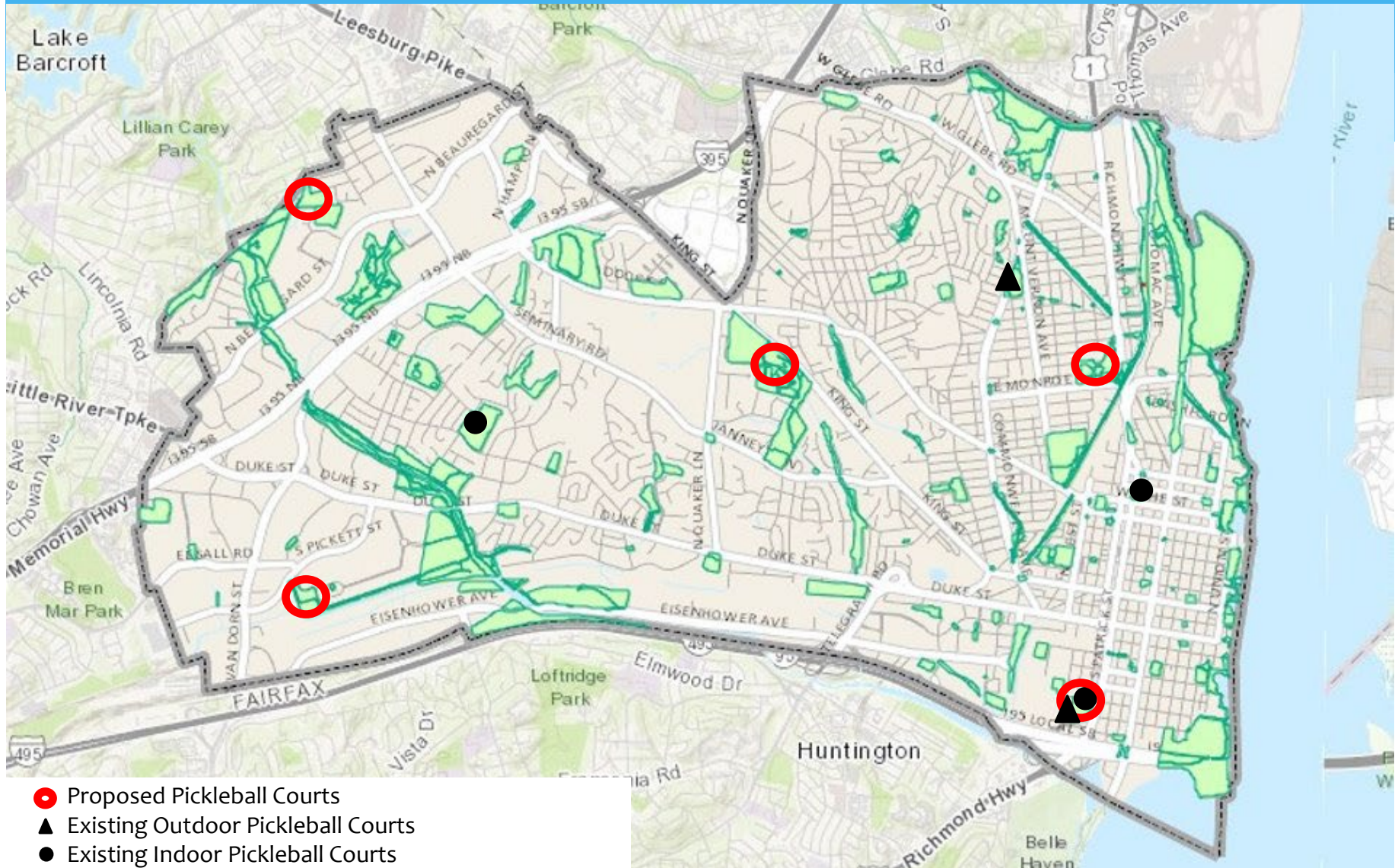
- Stage 1 – Court Characteristics
 - Number of possible courts
 - Available parking
 - Restroom access
 - Lighting
- Stage 2 – Equitable Distribution Across Alexandria
- Stage 3 – Coordination with renovations planned in the Department Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Potential Locations



- Tennis Court
- ▲ Existing Outdoor Pickleball Courts
- Existing Indoor Pickleball Courts

Proposed Locations



- Proposed Pickleball Courts
- ▲ Existing Outdoor Pickleball Courts
- Existing Indoor Pickleball Courts

Zip Code 22301



Possible Locations

- Colasanto Center/Mount Vernon (4 points)
- Eugene Simpson Stadium Park (6 points)
- Hooff's Run Greenway Park (2 points)
- Potomac Yard Park (6 points)

Proposed Location: **Eugene Simpson Stadium Park**

- Allows for four pickleball courts on two tennis courts
- Allows sufficient timing before CIP renovations
- Access to parking and restrooms
- Community Feedback
 - Positive and negative feedback for this location



Zip Code 22302



Possible Locations

- Chinquapin Park (4 points)
- Minnie Howard School (Not Scored)

Proposed Location: **Chinquapin Park**

- Allows for five pickleball courts on four tennis courts
- Allows sufficient timing before CIP renovations
- Access to parking, lights and restrooms
- Community Feedback
 - Positive feedback for this location



Zip Code 22304



Possible Locations

- Armistead L. Boothe Park (8 points)
- Fort Ward Athletic Facility (4 points)

Proposed Location: **Armistead L Boothe Park**

- Allows for four pickleball courts on two tennis courts
- Will align with current CIP improvements planned in Spring 2022
- Access to parking, lights and restrooms
- Community Feedback
 - No specific community feedback received



Zip Code 22311



Possible Locations

- Chambliss Park (4 points)
- William Ramsay Recreation Center (Not scored)

Proposed Location: **Chambliss Park**

- Allows for four pickleball courts on two tennis courts
- Allows significant timing before CIP renovations
- Access to parking
- Community Feedback
 - No specific community feedback received



Zip Code 22314



Possible Locations

- Carlyle Tennis Courts (4 points)
- Lee Center (7 points)
- Montgomery Park (6 points)
- Powhatan Park (Not scored)

Proposed Location: **Lee Center**

- Allows for four pickleball courts on two tennis courts
- Will align with current CIP improvements for light improvements
- Access to parking, lights and restrooms
- Community Feedback
 - Positive feedback on expanding the number of courts at this location



Written Comments



Staff posted information online and at the courts proposed for pickleball facilities

Staff received comments from 26 individuals regarding the expansion project

- 76% in favor
- 16% against
- 8% neutral

Concerns

- Reduced access for tennis use on site high use courts
- Confusion during play due to multiple lines
- Noise

Support

- Additional courts for play/expanded use
- Appropriate height nets for pickleball

Project Timing and Next Steps



- The project is currently in planning and design
- Project funding is additional operating money and must be spent in FY2022.
- If approved, staff will engage contractors and vendors for May/June completion at all sites.
- Implementation may be staggered to minimize disruption to court users and align with existing CIP projects planned for Spring 2022.

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Commission Questions



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Public Comments



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Pickleball Court Images



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Pickleball Court Ranking



Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities

10-Jan-22

Pickleball Court Location Ranking

Park Name	Existing Pickleball	Existing Courts	Number of Courts	Parking	Restrooms	Lighting	Zip Code	Year in CIP	Total Score
Armistead L. Boothe Park	No	2	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	22304	FY 2022	8 points
Carlyle Tennis Court	No	2	4	Yes	No	No	22314	FY 2027	4 points
Chambino Park	No	2	4	Yes	No	No	22311	FY 2024	4 points
Chingaspin Park	No	4	5	Yes	Yes*	Yes	22302	FY 2026	4 points
Colasanto Center/Mount Vernon	Yes	1	1	Yes	Yes*	No	22301	FY 2030	4 points
Eugene Simpson Stadium Park	No	2	4	Yes	Yes	No	22301	FY 2026	6 points
Fort Ward Athletic Facility	No	2	4	Yes	No	No	22304	FY 2028	4 points
Woolf's Run Greenway/Oak Street	No	1	2	No	No	No	22301	FY 2030	2 points
Lee Center	Yes	2	4	Yes	Yes*	Yes	22314	FY 2023	7 points
Minnie Howard School	Design through ACPS	2	4	Yes	Yes*	Yes	22302	ACPS FY 2023	NA
Montgomery Park	No	4	8	Yes	No	Yes	22314	FY 2024	6 points
Potomac Yard Park	No	2	4	Yes	No	Yes	22301	FY 2025	6 points
Powhatan Park	No	1	0	No	No	No	22314	FY 2028	NA
William Ramsey Recreation Center	No	2	0	No	Yes*	Yes	22311	FY 2029	NA

Existing Pickleball	Yes - Pickleball courts currently exist at this site No - Pickleball courts do not currently exist at this site (0 points)
Existing Courts	Number of existing tennis courts at this site (0 points)
Number of Courts	Number of pickleball courts possible at this location (0-2 points)
Parking	Yes - Off-street parking available No - Parking is on-street or a significant distance (0-2 points)
Restrooms	Yes - Restrooms are available Yes* - Restrooms are available when the adjacent recreation center is open No - Restrooms are not available (0-2 points)
Lighting	Yes - The courts have lighting No - The courts do not have lighting (0-2 points)
Zip Code	Location Zip Code (Secondary Factor)
Year in CIP	The year the site is anticipated to be revoated in the Capital Improvement Program (year may change based on the 2022 Ball Court Conditions Survey) (0 points)