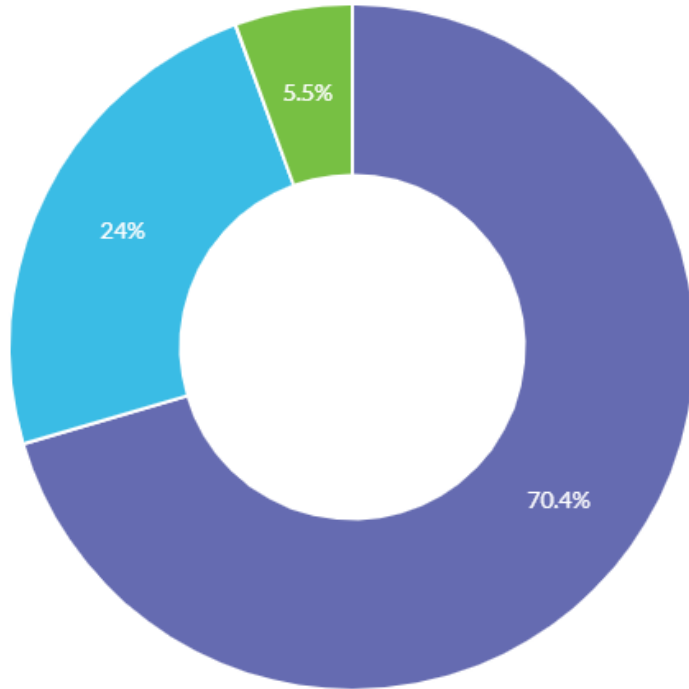


Q1

If you were to visit a park on this property, would you most often enter the park from:  
Multiple Choice



Choice	Total
● South Oak Street	267
● Parker Avenue	91
● Fellows Court	21

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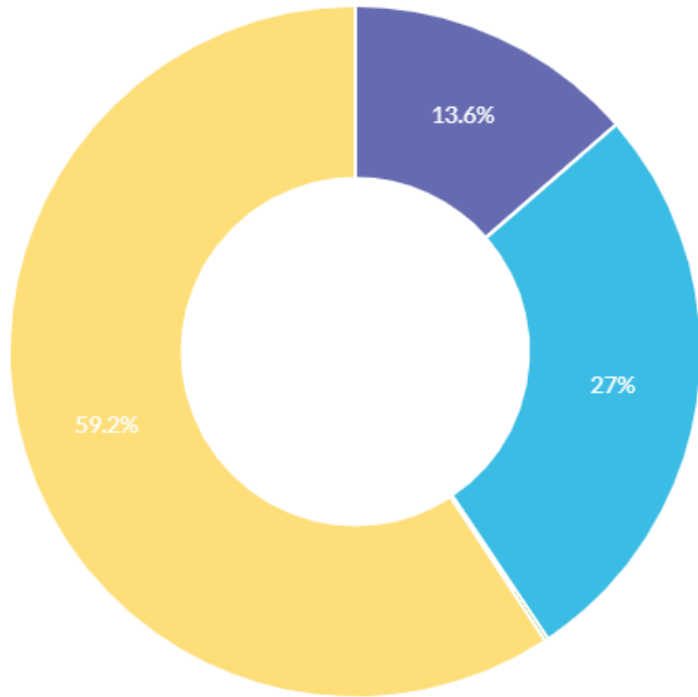
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Q2

How would you get to such a park? Please check all that apply.

Multiple Choice



Choice	Total
Drive	78
Ride a bicycle	155
Public Transportation	1
Walk/Jog	340

Unanswered  
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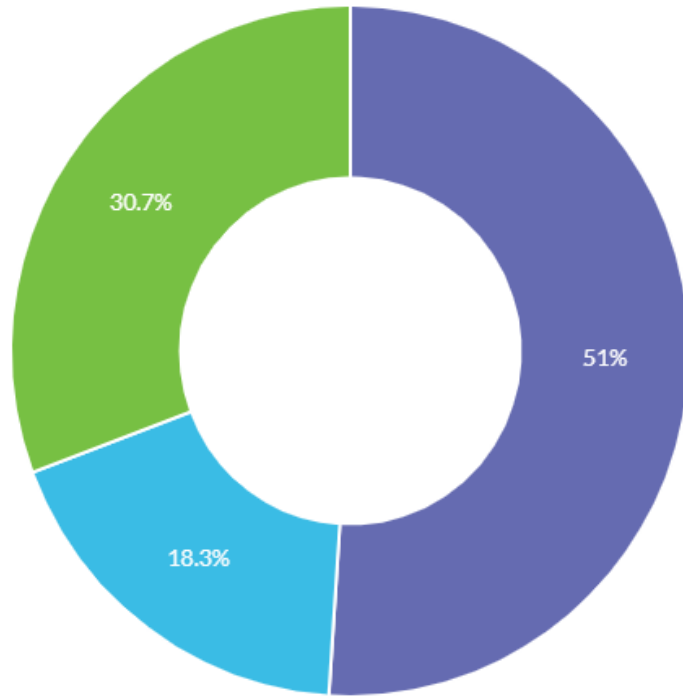
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Q3

What do you believe the purpose of such a park should be? Please check all that apply.

Multiple Choice



Choice	Total
● Passive Recreation - minimal impact to environment - examples: walking, wildlife observation	304
● Active Recreation - considerable environmental impact - examples: organized sports, playground activities	109
● Preserve and protect natural resources	183

Unanswered  
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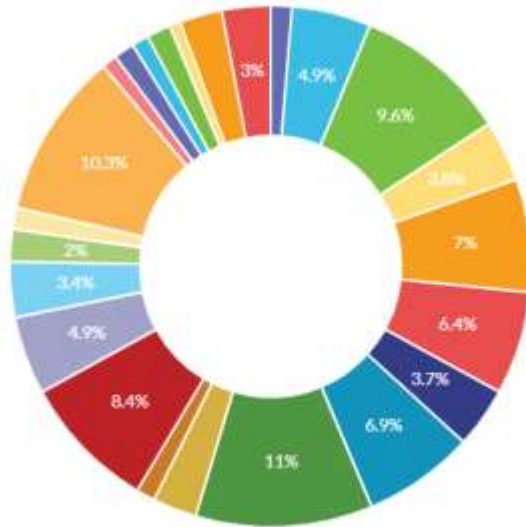
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Q5

What are the top park amenities you would like to see? Please pick up to seven.

Multiple Choice



Choice	Total
Benches and Picnic Tables	208
Trails	195
Natural Play Area	181
Community Gardens	160
Open Space / Large Open Free Play Area	133
Picnic Shelter/Gazebo	131
Perimeter Pathway	121
Public Art	93
Drinking Fountains	92
Traditional Playground	72
Dog Park Area	71
Lighting	65
Other	57
Bocce Ball Court	52
Bike Path/Track	50
Performance Area	38
Pickleball Court	28
Special Event Venue	25
Bar-B-Que Area	25
Tetherball	24
Frisbee Golf	22
Horseshoe Pit	20
Sand Volleyball	18
Badminton Court	13

Unanswered  
4

Answered  
375

11 answers >

Q7 -

If you would like to be contacted directly for future planning meetings for this property, please include your email below:

80 responses/emails submitted.

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|------------|---|
| 1 day ago  | Please do not cut down any of the trees just to build something. but if you do will you plant more?   |
| 2 days ago | More trees  |
| 4 days ago | Please preserve the forest area   |
| 4 days ago | Keep the trees!!  |
| 6 days ago | perhaps something like Arlington's Tuckahoe Park: additional playground capacity to give school kids a different option, but also with trails through natural areas for all ages. Perhaps a kid-friendly bike loop/trail, as this would be unique to the area.  |
| May 26     | I think a creative natural design could incorporate all my suggestions. A winter venue would be a plus! Playgrounds are always welcome esp needed for 8-12 years old.   |
| May 26     | A traditional park is not needed as there is one across the street at the elementary school   |
| May 25     | Resist over developing. Some will argue for playground swings and sports nets, fields, etc and other “stuff”. TJ does and can provide more of those. Paths, benches, and similar low impact “stuff” are best. Don’t make it an annex of TJ. Build up at TJ if you need class space.                             |
| May 25     | Please do not cut any trees and replant the areas that were clear cut. Make the space as natural looking as possible. The area is already close to TJ Elementary with the large playground and sports field, so these are not necessary for this location and the venue would be better as natural as possible. |
| May 23     | No plastic, bright colored playground equipment!  |
| May 23     | No redundant jungle gym with TJ so near and for the love of mike no lights. They are a nuisance to stargazers and evening strollers as well as nearby homes.  |
| May 23     | Given proximity to TJES, intentionally planned gardens for food or environmental purposes (rain gardens or butterfly gardens) could provide expanded hands on learning opportunities for elementary students. There could also be partnerships with students in designing and developing the park.              |
| May 23     | Please be mindful of and plan for increased traffic on S Oak St.  |
| May 23     | Fruit forest, trail thru arboretum/orchard on part of property  |
| May 23     | This should be a permanent park, not a temporary filler for a school annex.   |

- May 23 We hope it doesn't become just a dog park where we need to be concerned about our kids contacting dog pee and poo. That's really our biggest concern. There's a very real possibility that the property's primary use will be a bathroom for the many dogs in the surrounding neighborhoods.
- May 22 So sad to see the old house torn down.
- May 22 All recent park work has destroyed trees. Please don't this time. FC is supposed to be a Tree City. Already plenty of park "development"
- May 22 There is already a playground at the school. Let's focus on a different age group for this park. Leave those beautiful trees on the property.
- May 22 Thanks for doing this, more green spaces are so needed and appreciated!
- May 22 Please preserve as many trees as possible and plant more trees ... shade is a huge plus. Please don't add lighting or if additional lighting is unavoidable for security etc please use night sky friendly lighting fixtures that cast light down (not up and around) and not any brighter than really needed (don't need to be able to read by it) ... this saves energy and avoids light pollution.
- May 22 I think careful consideration needs to be taken in account to being across from the school. Definitely when it comes to parking and bus dismissals.
- May 22 Please don't burden the existing residences with a dog park, which is very noisy, or a new playground. That's not fair.
- May 22 Include Storm water retention in any plans - Low impact recreation opportunities like some on the list would be good - I just can't envision how much space there is and how it could be allocated between different activities
- May 22 We have no community gardens anywhere in Falls Church. I would love to see this land become a combination of a set of community garden tracts, and maybe a small dog park. These are facilities we simply don't have anywhere close by. What we do not need in this space is a sports field or a playground since both are available at TJ and other sites close by.
- May 22 A dog park would really make sense. As Falls Church City adds more condo and apartment residents, a dog park becomes more of a draw. Placing a dog park at this location would also help keep dogs off the nearby school grounds - they aren't supposed to but I see dogs there about half the time I walk by.
- May 22 It's great that the City is developing a park in this area. With the ongoing -- and endless -- construction of huge new houses and the accompanying loss of mature trees, the profile of Falls Church is changing, and not in a good way. Preserving areas like this for use by the general public is a boon to the City and the neighborhood. I hope as many large trees as possible can be saved. Thanks to all City employees engaged in this effort. For better survey feedback, get Nick to run a story.
- May 21 Please leave as many trees as possible. "Outdoor classroom" area.
- May 21 It would be nice to have a dog park in the city and it would be great to have another multipurpose area like at Cherry Hill where people can throw parties and gathering within easy walking distance of this side of the city.

- May 21 Please please please put in a small section for a dog park! 😊😊😊😊
- May 21 We don't have a dog park in the city. I'd really like to see one here. There're two playgrounds nearby, so we definitely don't need another one on this site.
- May 21 The city needs more field space for organized sports. Embrace it! Please don't use the space for additional parking -- encourage fewer cars. Long-term, this could become the field space for TJ if the school needs to expend further. A pedestrian tunnel (or two) could be installed underneath Oak Street.
- May 21 What are you plans for the buildings on the property?
- May 21 Please consider adding parking slots. Transit in that area is already bad when cars from people going to TJ Elementary are parked on the sides of Oak street. If there were to be more cars parked on the street from people going to the park, the park would become a source of stress and not of relaxation for nearby residents.
- May 21 Increased turf fields needed throughout the City - could be used by Parks & Rec, as well as school play area for PE.
- May 21 Please no dog park! I would like the area to be enjoyed by all and I don't think it is safe to have dogs running around without a leash. Plus the smell from dog waste and urine would quickly ruin the area.
- May 21 We think this part should be kept as natural as possible, with an emphasis on native plants. We do not want any playground equipment or other structures to interfere with nature. The area that was previously cleared of trees should be replanted with native trees and shrubs. Keep the whole park as natural as possible for people to enjoy quietly.
- May 21 I walk through this area all the time and just want it to remain natural and welcoming!
- May 20 It would be great to not have too many big trees knocked down. I think there are enough traditional playgrounds nearby, it would be nice to see something a little different.
- May 20 I would like to see this historic area preserved so that community members and elementary school children can visit it to learn about wildlife in as natural an environment as possible. Given that it is a smaller area, I would love insofar as possible to see it emulate the nature centers that exist in counties like Arlington.
- May 20 I strongly support MORE and BRIGHTER street lighting at all corners and along the streets that line the park. We were walking across the Parker crosswalk during winter evening hours and a car stopped appropriately at the 3-way stop sign but then zoomed through the crosswalk as she turned left on Parker. I had to literally pull my son from the headlights. SO PLEASE, benches and gardens are lovely, but safety has to be considered if even more people will be walking/biking to this destination.
- May 20 This park should be for the youth of the City. Considering that more and more field space is lost to construction or other uses over time, the City should make a stronger effort at providing field space for its youth so that they may be able to develop sportsmanship, leadership, teamwork, and life skills in physical activity.
- May 20 I hope that many trees can be kept. With TJ just across the street, adding a play ground and active organized recreation seems to me of less priority. I envision a place of serenity, a place to enjoy the natural environment within this residential area. Alternatively, it could be a great site for community gardens. I have been resident on W. Greenway Blvd for 45 years and I consider the proposed park part of my neighborhood.

- May 20 I hope the park will have amenities for more than elementary aged students who happen to be across the street.
- May 20 I think there is an opportunity to have low level impact on the property which would benefit everyone. I can envision some activities that would not be inviting to large groups of people at one time. Planting trees in the back of the property to replace some of the ones that were cut down should be a priority.
- May 20 A lovely spot for Art shows (children's art as well as art by adults). Identify types of trees, flowers, approximate age, planted or natural. The close proximity to homes would make sports with golf balls or the like inappropriate. (Cherry Hill has available land for such activities and also for performances.) The Fellows property could offer tranquility, nature, and open space without crowds—under-developed, but accessible.
- May 20 Keep as many trees as possible, both for aesthetic reasons and to absorb storm water. Consider impact of park development on the surrounding, low-density-zoned residential neighborhood, both in deciding on the features of and activities supported by the park and in determining their location within the property. Consider also that parking is very limited when school is in session and that S Oak Street and Parker Ave. are closed to through traffic at the beginning and end of the school day.
- May 20 I live a block away. I hope the beautiful old trees can be kept I tack. We have some much infill home building where all tree canopy is erased.
- May 20 I understand and support the need for keeping trees and native growth as part of this, but with the shortage of parks and rec field space it is surprising to hear this whole space is possibly going to be kept for a nature park only.
- May 19 With TJ Elementary and it's playground and fields right across the street, I feel this property presents an opportunity for the city to take advantage of some preexisting features - loosely landscaped tree, shrub, and flower beds, large lawn at the S Oak side of the property, etc. - and develop those into a space to showcase native plants, house community gardens, and still allow neighbors to gather and enjoy open green spaces.
- May 19 Would appreciate an inclusive playground that accommodates special needs kids. Some thing like the playground at Quincy Park in Arlington.
- May 19 Jjg530@yahoo.com
- May 19 Q re what ages wld you use park w is unclear. I am 50+ w teens that no longer spend time at the park but I still think primary purpose shld be for family. Hence would love to have pocnic tables and kids activities both.
- May 19 The city made a huge mistake tearing down the house. We could have used the house to provide needed housing for young, single teachers/staff. We do not need another park. It would be best used now as a natural trail area.
- May 19 This property offers a unique opportunity. The City has plenty of parks with active recreation opportunities. This property offers opportunity to have a one of a kind Urban Forest and community gardens which is now lacking in Falls Church. It could be a place for more calm community gathering and a sharing place of gardens. It would also limit the impacts on the surrounding streets and neighborhood. Lastly, with TJ School across the street, environmental learning could take place if the U F.



- May 19 I would like to see it stay in a natural state. Also, a hut where there could be nature talks, IF there haven't been too many lightning bugs destroyed with all the (needed) work that was done, it could make a wonderful night group event on a June night looking up at all of the fire flies. I am a neighbor and former caregiver to Betty Fellows, Before there was any work done, I went up there alone or w/ my son and it was a sight to behold w/ hundreds of lightning bugs lighting up the sky!
- May 19 Dearest Falls Church City, There are plenty of playgrounds in our 2.2 sq mile city. I do not endorse any use that promotes more cars, lights, sports or destruction of the natural beauty of the property. I've lived nearby for 28 years We knowingly bought our house on a busy street and accept that, however; anything that would encourage more speeding car traffic is a bad idea. Please preserve the trees and plants. Also, if you decide to have lighting I ask that your respect the birds and neighbors
- May 19 Please do not install a large artificial turf field (concerned about VOC emissions and destruction of nature). We already have similar facilities elsewhere. Please retain as many large trees as possible. A natural open space would be preferable. Thank you for purchasing this property for community use instead of more development.
- May 19 A dog park would be very popular. Because TJ is across the street there is no need for a traditional playground. This need not replicate Roberts Park either. Adults may appreciate a half-court basketball court.
- May 19 Please don't destroy the large trees on the property.
- May 19 Please no lighting. Lighting ruins the dark night sky and ability to see stars and lighting hurts the life cycle of fireflies/lighting bugs. We are seeing fewer and fewer fireflies because of night lighting. Please keep it naturally dark.
- May 19 A playground without a structure is ideal for children. It gives them freedom to explore. A mud table, tires, lumber, pot, pans buckets etc. gives lots of opportunity for open ended play. It gives children the chance too explore with their muscles in new ways without the muscle memory of a structured playground.
- May 19 Would also be open to seeing this used as extra space for TJ
- May 19 Turn back the clock and return it to Mother Nature by restoring to when the Iroquois lived here. It would be a very unique Little City park, full of the sounds of nature, birds, breezes, insects. We already have many busy places for human activity and entertainment....let the forest "return" with all its natural beauty, native plants and fruit trees. Benches throughout the trails. TJ kids & teachers to enjoy fresh forest air, de-stress, and explore plants, insects & the future of the planet.
- May 19 I believe the city needs a dog park. This could occupy some of the sloping area. Adjacent to this there could be a playground for pre-school kids and their parents/guardians. This part should be on rather level ground, and there should be benches and a wandering all-weather pathway suitable for tricycles, strollers, and other kid things. The space is adequate for these two areas plus a small picnic area for family size groups. I would NOT like to see large groups or noisy activities.
- May 19 TJ Elementary is across the street and has a recently upgraded playground which has met community needs for years. The sport field at TJ Elementary also supports a variety of athletic activities that require open space and engagement distances of up to 100 yards. Lastly, Betty Fellows had a toxic relationship with this city that went back decades. The name this park is given should not include the Fellows family name. She was no Mr. Brown.
- May 19 Given the volume of organized sports activities on the Thomas Jefferson field, additional organized sports at this location would create too much volume for the local streets both in parking needs and traffic.

- May 19 I would like to see that the trees and other natural features currently in the park remain in the park and that the park is mostly a natural play area with little human impact. It would be a great loss to the City if the trees and plants were to be taken down.
- May 19 Thank you guys so much for making this spot a park. Everyone in my family appreciates it a lot.
- May 19 Keep many of the older trees: 1. because too many trees are being cut; 2. for shade- lacking at most of the other FCC parks. The idea of a performance area for the community is appealing, akin to a smaller Lubber Run stage to be used by the FCC residents, esp the schoolkids to have a venue to perform, perhaps in the summer. A biking area is integral; there are very few places for littles to ride their bikes away from the streets. Drainage is important; learn from Lincoln Park fiasco.
- May 19 Do not desire a venue where traffic will increase on either W, Marshall St or S. Oak St. These streets are already cut-thrus with heavy commuter & construction (truck) traffic.
- May 19 While planning, please give proper consideration to the impact it will have on the traffic flow on an already busy (with often speeding and STOP sign rolling cars) on S. Oak St and nearby streets. Thank you!
- May 19 Thank YOU for doing this! So many families around here, and as we have seen in these times, a place to have families come together with their kids (for some play, a snack), and observe nature would be great. Also having light and a pickleball court where kids can challenge themselves and coordinate. Thank you!
- May 19 The City should consider closing S Oak St from Parker Ave to Fellows Court. Or limit this stretch of road to school bus use only. The south side of the City is burdened by a lot of cut-through traffic by vehicles taking S Oak/W Marshall from Broad St to S Washington. I'm concerned that the establishment of this new park will draw more people to the area and more people will use this street as a cut-through. Eliminating the "convenient" cut-through street (Oak/Marshall), will lessen this problem.
- May 19 Would be great to use the park for environmental education for TJ and the larger community. Topics like composting, native plant identification and importance, pollinator ID, nature scavenger hunts, building a wildlife habitat at home. The park needs be certified as a Park Wildlife Habitat in support of the Community Wildlife Habitat designation that the City has through the National Wildlife Federation. It should also be planted to be a Monarch Waystation.
- May 19 This area is most appropriate for activities that take into account the surrounding homes and neighborhood in general. Avoid thinking about loud activities and sports and instead think about quiet use of this space more in keeping with the neighborhood environment. Include meditative space, Zen garden and spots conducive to small gatherings where people can meet and talk, have their kids run around, NOT among plastic playground equipment, but instead in a garden with green spaces & with paths.
- May 19 Looking for some benches, perhaps a loop walkway or a spot for kids to ride bikes around the perimeter while the parent sit and quietly reflect on the choices in their life that led them to this point :). Open and green with some trees or gardens.
- May 19 With the current budget short fall and continuing increases to our real estate tax bills, nothing should be done. We can't afford more spending by our government.
- May 18 Benches and picnic tables are one category. I definitely think some benches are good, as in Howard Herman park, but not so sure about picnic tables.
- May 18 Once upon a time I thought we were going to add onto TJ by securing this property. I missed the word that it would just become a park instead.

- May 18 I have a nearly 8 and 9.5 year old kids and feel like they could really use some additional places to do sports/recreation type activities beyond playgrounds in a few years once they outgrow them... or more older playground/climbing/appealing equipment that would work for the older kids... Or things that multi-age groups/generations can do together would be great...
- May 18 Minimize impact on environment but include something to engage kids. Maybe a small meeting space/amphitheater or climbing equipment but nothing obstructive.
- May 18 please please please preserve the trees.
- May 18 please consider building a dog park space!
- May 18 Try to remain wooded as possible. NO CLEARCUTTING, the City has a habit of cutting down old growth trees. Limit use of concrete and blacktop. Retain stormwater on property or severely reduce runoff. Make it a park not a playground especially being across street from TJ. KEEP IT GREEN
- May 18 Please use this space to help educate the community and especially children about the environment.
- May 18 For many years, the Fellows property was a small oasis in our community where wildlife flourished. It also had the last significant stand of mature forest in the City until an effort was made to develop home sites. It would be a shame to lose these contributions to peace and quiet completely.
- May 18 Mostly interested in dog park and place for young children to play and enjoy
- May 18 With so much intensive development in the City, it would be nice to preserve the green space and trees on the site, and to keep the site as undeveloped as possible. There are beautiful plantings on the site: lilacs, phlox, rose and ferns. The side yard is a field of snowdrops in the wintertime. Some of the mature hollies are magnificent specimens. This is only what is visible from walking around the perimeter.
- May 18 Who designed this survey? It is highly biased and skewed toward environmentally impactful "active recreation" as the purpose. "Purpose" Choice 1 and Choice 3 under Question 3 refer to nature-oriented uses that are compatible. Choice 2 refer to infrastructure and activities that would be incompatible with either of those choices. THEN, on Question 5, 22 of the 23 "amenities" choices refer ONLY to the active and environmentally impactful purpose. Very biased survey design!
- May 18 Use the park as an educational resource for the City's natural resources including trees, shrubs perennials plants, birds, insects, fungi, storm water detention & infiltration, etc. I envision the City protecting the natural resources currently existing in the park for the benefit of the public, adjacent school, and wildlife. Erect educational signs relating to nature and create a woodland paths throughout the tree area. Good opportunity to make this park a botanical garden or arboretum. Thanks
- May 18 Me and my family have been traveling to Arlington to use their dog park for our 3 dogs. Having a dog park in the city would be a lot of fun, and being a city with an abundance of families with dogs, it would get used very often. There are many ways the city could make it environmentally friendly, and it would be the greatest location for a dog park. I also am doing my Girl Scout gold award on creating a dog park in our city and would love to be involved in future planning with this space.

- May 18 We live a couple blocks away from the site and already use Roberts Park for most activities. I think the Fellows property should be kept more natural since it is in such close proximity to many homes that are already surrounded by the noise and activity from TJ Elementary. Frisbee golf would be great because we don't have it anywhere else in the City, along with some more walking trails and gardens. Please don't cut down all the big trees!!!!
- May 17 Please preserve the mature trees on this lot! It's a lovely wooded space that would be great with a few benches and maybe a picnic pavilion, but please don't overdo it. No dog park! This is a residential area and dog parks are smelly and noisy.
- May 17 A place for kids to free play would be nice, but it does not have to look like the school playground! How about a fountain or some climb-able art? And trees for shade, of course! (The neighborhood does not need another sports field.)
- May 17 ##
- May 17 This property already has some tremendous plantings — great trees, azaleas, rhododendron and most of all NINE BOXWOODS planted in an L shape. Plans should take advantage of what's already there and, at all costs, PROTECT THE BOXWOODS. Some benches would be nice. A tennis court in the middle that TJ could use? Just spitballing there. Thank you.
- May 16 I would like the park to keep as many trees as possible
- May 16 I would like to see the front portion remain as natural as possible in order to maintain the wildlife habitat. I cannot see the necessity of another playground when there is literally one across the street at TJ Elementary. Keep the trees and azaleas wherever possible.
- May 16 With more and more of TJ developed please leave much natural.
- May 16 I would love to see an adventure playground: <https://www.citylab.com/life/2018/08/can-risky-playgrounds-take-over-the-world/565964/>
- May 16 In this time of short funds, I believe we should delay this project or sell it on open market. We are already blessed with many open areas and parks nearby. We don't really need more. Especially so close to a school with a field and playground already.
- May 16 Falls Church Badly needs a covered pool for local school teams to practice and residents to do lap swimming.
- May 16 Please keep the trees if you can and make a walking/trail path as its strength is the natural setting and smaller size; you have Robert's Park for large areas to play sports. It would be nice if you could build a bridge to connect the pathway by TJ to this new park. If you do put lighting please make sure it meets Dark Sky standards so as to protect animals at night. Please make sure you plant only natives plants and trees and remove invasives
- May 15 This is not a traditional park acquisition and it should not be treated that way. This is a large tract of mostly undeveloped land geared to future and probable school needs. Short term small expense uses is fine but it is not a traditional park.
- May 15 A community garden is something we don't have in the city yet and would be a wonderful addition to the options for use of public space.

- May 15 Use of this property should include passive mulched trails to protect the health of the mature trees - three enormous tuliptrees, one specimen red oak, multiple hollies, magnolias, and American hornbeam among others. No biking. The park should serve as an arboretum with planting of edible native shrubs in the cleared area at the back of the site that extends between Parker and Fellows Court creating an edible community garden that exemplifies what is possible for residential landscapes.
- May 15 The city needs better pedestrian access to and within the parks.
- May 15 Please keep this area natural as much as possible. Even if the City creates a community garden, it should be in a way that allows the City to keep the large trees there to compensate for the removal of so many mature trees throughout residential areas in the City.
- May 15 I vote for more green space...
- May 15 Please don't mess it up with a bunch of playground equipment. Not every park has to be a playground. Our parks have enough of that. Look at what's being done to Big Chimney park - tore down all the old growth and putting in pave walkways. Ruined the nice pocket park. Cheeky Hill park has been destroyed by all the new stuff installed there.
- May 15 There is already a playground, a basketball court and a football field open to all at TJ. This park is in a dense residential area, so I would rather have a minimal impact to the environment to be considered of the neighbors. There are so many parks in the city geared towards children that are walking distance. A couple of benches and picnic tables will be perfect.
- May 15 Such a lovely idea!
- May 15 I would love to see this park be a natural extension of the trail from Broad St to the school. Please keep it wildish. Trees are disappearing all over. We need nature more than ever now.
- May 15 I have frequently have seen deer on this property. For their sake, and to provide an area to absorb water runoff, this property should have no impermeable surfaces. Existing tree cover should be preserved. A trail or two with wood chips, like the newer trail in the Howard Herman Stream Valley Park, is all that should be considered for "improvements". Such a plan has the added advantage of barely making a dent in the stressed Falls Church City budget!
- May 15 "We'd love for this park to be for everyone." - by Grace (9) and George (7). Thank you so much for considering making this a park! It has always been our dream to be able to walk/bike to a playground in our neighborhood (we live on W. George Mason). It would be wonderful if you might consider adding a pump track for bikes - nothing overly challenging, just something different for young bikers to try. Thank you so much!
- May 15 Please no sand. kids move that sand all over the place. Perimeter path - crushed gravel instead of paved. Please have one way arrows and indicate the distance for one "lap". Aim this at the older resident (calmer, quieter, neater)- the kids have plenty of playgrounds around town, many of them new playgrounds.
- May 15 It would be nice to have a park that was quiet and contemplative especially since there is a playground for kids across the street at TJ and we at investing significantly in Big Chimney

May 15

Land has beautiful established trees and other vegetation. Helping to maintain its natural beauty, while incorporating a trail, nature scape play, possible smaller outdoor venue area. However, sports fields etc should be completely OFF the table.