



PARKS COUNT

Our Parks. Our Future.

Welcome to the 2026 Needs Assessment Virtual Public Workshop!

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.



MEETING AGENDA

- Welcome
- Virtual Meeting Logistics
- About the Fairfax County Park Authority
- 2026 Needs Assessment Overview
- Polling Session
- Q & A
- Next Steps/Wrap-Up

VIRTUAL MEETING LOGISTICS

QUESTIONS?



Type your comments and/or questions in the chat.

Staff will monitor the comment box and answer questions at the end of the presentation.

RECORDING



This meeting is being recorded. The recording will be made available on the Needs Assessment project website after tonight's meeting.

Park Authority's 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



Strengthen and Foster Partnerships



Meet Changing Recreation Needs



Promote Healthy Lifestyles



Be Equitable and Inclusive



Advance Park System Excellence



American Alliance of Museums

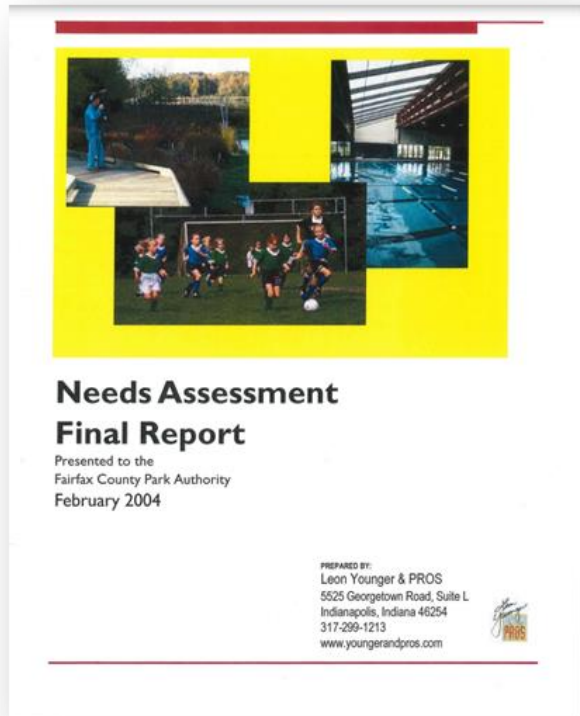
FCPA Park System

23,800+
acres

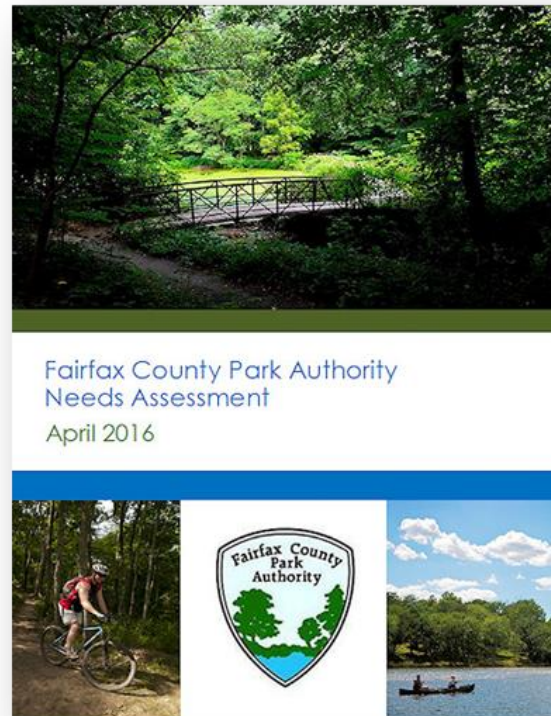
420+
parks

- 325+ miles of trails
- 415 courts
- 355+ playgrounds
- 125+ picnic facilities
- 146 diamond fields
- 117 rectangle fields
- 720+ garden plots
- 9 indoor Rec Centers
- 8 golf courses
- 5 nature and visitor centers
- 10 farmers markets
- 180+ free live summer concerts
- 16,000+ programs throughout the year
- 3+ million artifacts
- Working farm at Frying Pan Park
- Horticultural center at Green Spring Gardens
- And much more!

Park Authority's Needs Assessments



2004



2016



2026 Needs Assessment

Where are we today?

What are Fairfax County's park and recreation needs?

What is the 2026 Needs Assessment?

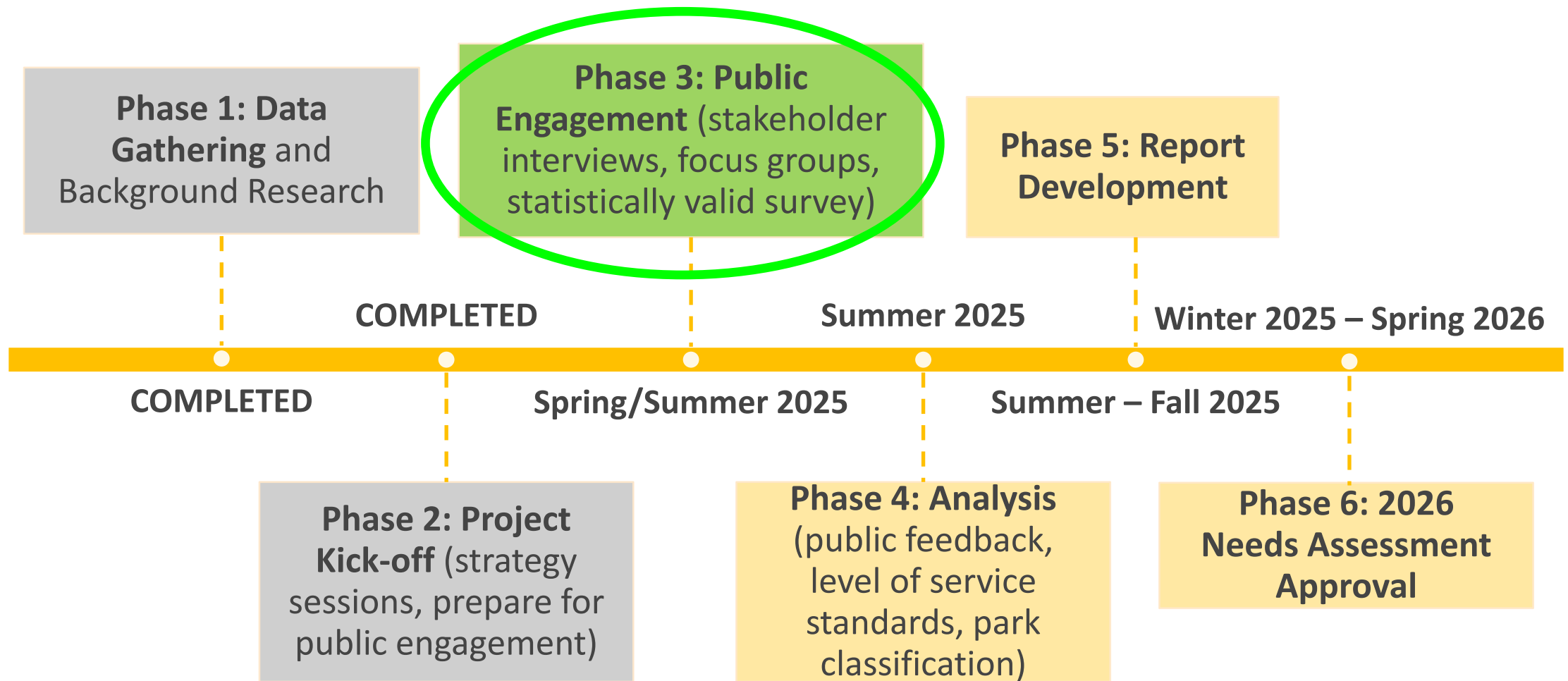
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Needs Assessment Includes:

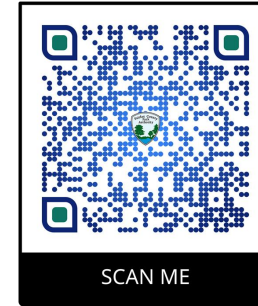
- Background research
- Analysis of leisure and recreation trends
- Comprehensive review of FCPA's inventory of parks and amenities
- Benchmarks with peers
- Community outreach and engagement
- Determines gaps in service
- Assess existing and propose new Levels of Service (LOS) standards, including urban park classifications
- Support implementation of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Access Strategy
- Inform our next Strategic Plan and 2026 Bond

Needs Assessment Timeline



Public Engagement

- Project webpage
- Flyers
- Online survey (3/19 – 6/15)
- Statistically valid survey
- 3/19 Virtual Meeting
- 3/22 In-person Workshop
- Outreach at community events
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Focus Groups

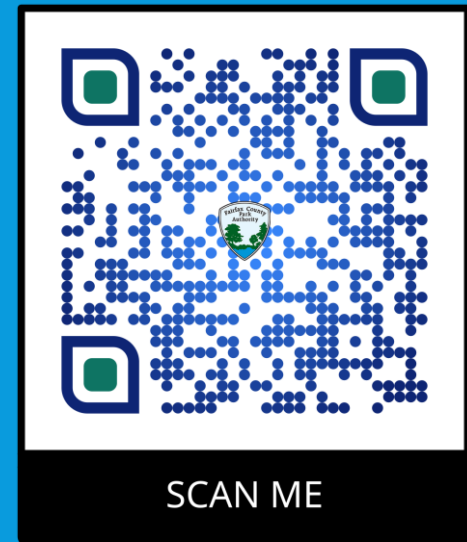


- Survey and flyers available in the top six (6) languages spoken at home by population without English proficiency (Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese – Mandarin and Cantonese, Arabic)



<https://bit.ly/parkscountpoll>

PARKS COUNT POLL



PARKS COUNT POLL - PARK USAGE

When choosing to visit or use a park and/or recreation amenity, CHECK ALL criteria that are important to you.



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When choosing to participate in recreation program or activity such as a sport or class, CHECK ALL criteria that are important to you.



PARKS COUNT POLL - PARK ACCESS

Please CHECK ALL the reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using parks, trails, recreation facilities, or programs by the Fairfax County Park Authority more often.



PARKS COUNT POLL – PARK BENEFITS

Parks, trails, recreation facilities, and open spaces offer various potential benefits to you and your household. Please indicate which benefits you believe are the most important to you and/or your household.



PARKS COUNT POLL- PARK & REC NEEDS

Select up to FIVE recreation amenities you have a need for and are important to you and/or members of your household.



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Do you have a desire to participate in ANY of the following activities or would like more access to the activity? **SELECT ALL** that apply.



PARKS COUNT POLL - PRIORITIZATION

Which **FOUR** priorities are **MOST IMPORTANT** to your household?




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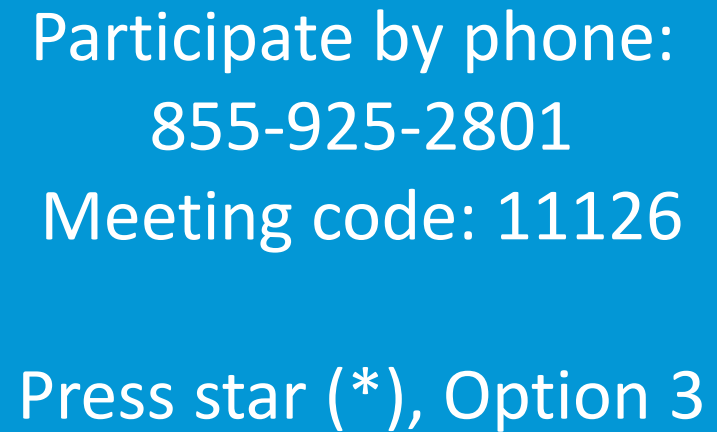
Select **FOUR** actions the Fairfax County Park Authority could take to continue to improve parks, recreation, trails and open spaces that you would be **MOST WILLING** to fund with your tax dollars.



Q&A



Type your
comments and/or
questions in
the chat.



Participate by phone:
855-925-2801
Meeting code: 11126
Press star (*), Option 3



Next Steps



Take the online survey. It is available on the project webpage and will be open through June 15, 2025.



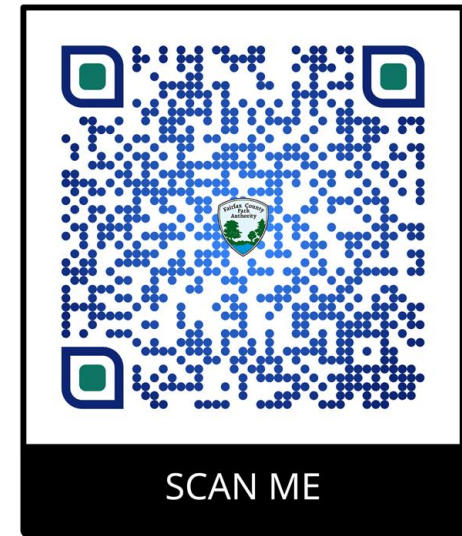
Attend our family friendly, in-person workshop this Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Franconia Rec Center, 6601 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA , VA, 22310.



Sign up for project updates on the project webpage.



Questions, ideas, or comments? Please send an email to: parkscout@publicinput.com.



THANK YOU!



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