

Information Item

Date: August 12, 2019

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

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William L Royston, Recreation and Parks Director

From: S. Kirk Bjorling, Real Estate Administrator

Subject:
Additional Park Property Added to Long Creek Park

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Expand Open Space and Recreational Facilities

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



In September 2018, the Recreation and Parks Department presented the Long Creek Master Plan to the Public Works Committee and City Council for approval. The master plan was developed through an extensive public input period that included renovated walking trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds, and many other park amenities. Due to the size of the Long Creek Park, it was recommended that there should be different type of access to the park for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Property has become available which could serve as an addition to Long Creek Park. This additional property will allow much easier and safer access for residents accessing the park from Bethania-Rural Hall Road to amenities at Long Creek Park. The lot is identified as 1640 Bethania-Rural Hall Road and it contains 1.51 acres. It is further identified as Tax PIN 6819-03-3135. The tax value is \$21,600. The property is owned by The Conservation Fund, 1655 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 1300, Arlington, VA 22209. The appraised value is \$24,925 and the owner has agreed to a negotiated purchase price of \$23,000.

This acquisition would provide an opportunity for additional park access at Long Creek Park. The Recreation and Parks Director and Recreation and Parks Commission are supportive of the acquisition.