



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
Recreation, Parks and
Cultural Activities

Athletic Field Improvement Program

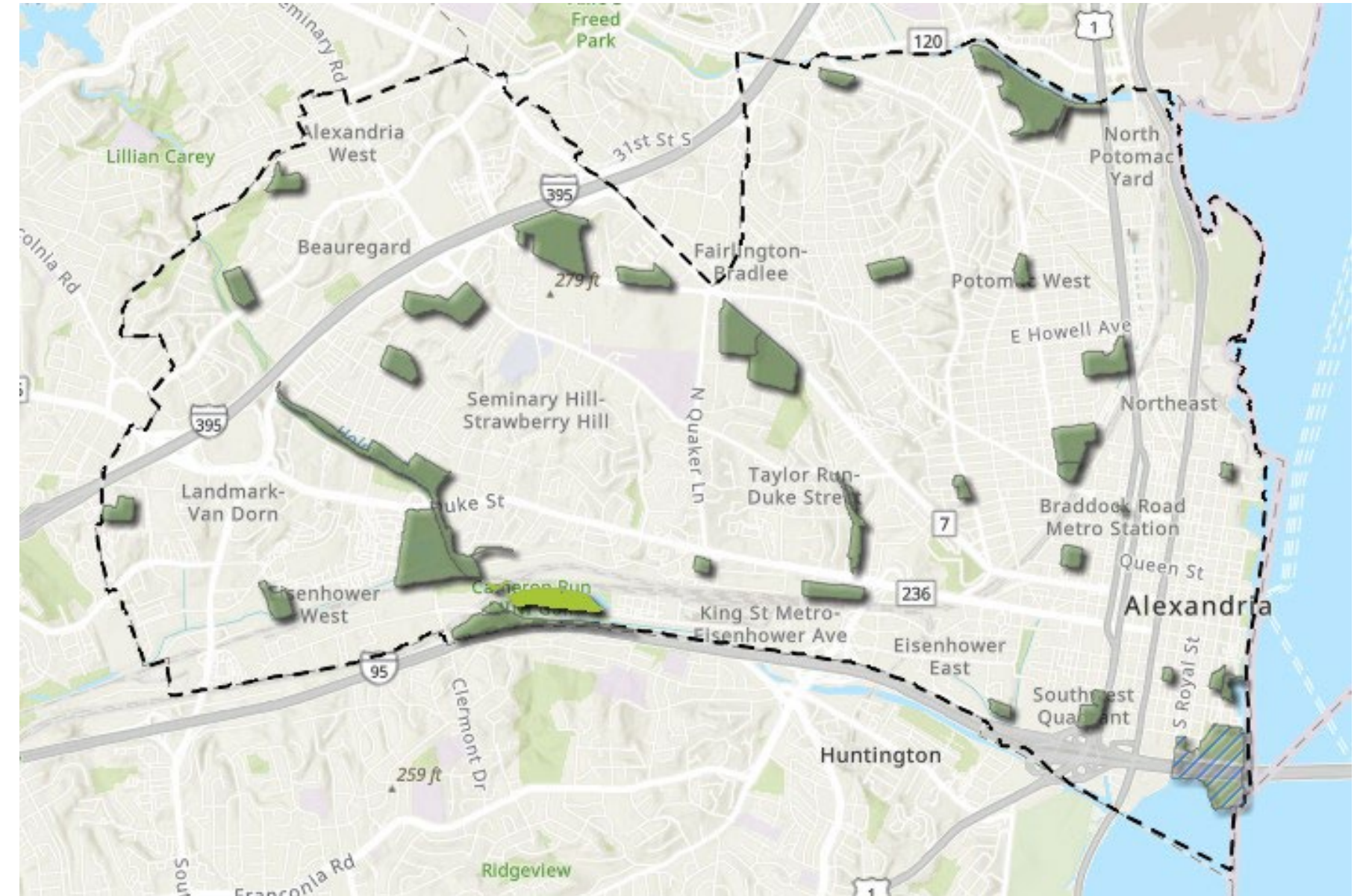
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Program Overview

- ▶ RPCA manages and maintains diamond and rectangular sports fields across the City. These fields are improved through various means including the City's Capital Improvement Program.
 - ▶ 30+ individual fields (not counting ACPS sites)
 - ▶ Various levels of facility infrastructure
 - ▶ Various levels of use and programming
 - ▶ Improvements are recommended through plans and assessments





Current Schedule

Athletic Field Impacts - City & ACPs Managed Projects																		
FY	Jan-Mar 25	Apr-Jun 25	Jul-Sep 25	Oct-Dec 25	Jan-Mar 26	Apr-Jun 26	Jul-Sep 26	Oct-Dec 26	Jan-Mar 27	Apr-Jun 27	Jul-Sep 27	Oct-Dec 27	Jan-Mar 28	Apr-Jun 28	Jul-Sep 28	Oct-Dec 28	Jan-Mar 29	Apr-Jun 29
	2025			2026				2027				2028				2029		
Patrick Henry Multi-Use Synthetic Turf Field (ACPS/City)	ACPS Led Project																	
James T. Lockett Jr. Memorial Field	City Led Project																	
Hensley Park Phase I Diamond Fields Renovation (City)	City Led Project																	
Minnie Howard HS Project New School & Athletic Fields (ACPS)	ACPS Led Project	ACPS Led Project	ACPS Led Project															
Witter Rectangular (2) Synthetic Recarpating (City)			City Led Project															
Miracle Field Resurfacing (City)			City Led Project															
Four Mile Run Park Rectangular Natural Turf Renovation (City)			City Led Project															
Simpson Park Diamond Fields (2) (City)			City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project												
A.L. Boothe Park Diamond Synthetic Conversion (City)				City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project												
G. Washington Rectangular Synthetic Conversion (ACPS)								* Per the Proposed School Board Budget										
Hammond Rectangular Synthetic Recarpating (ACPS) *												* Per the Proposed School Board Budget						
Four Mile Run Park Field #2 (City/Commonwealth Project)								City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project	City Led Project
Limerick Field Rectangular Synthetic Recarpating (City)											City Led Project							
Fort Ward Rectangular Synthetic Recarpating (City)															City Led Project			

Legend:
 City Led Project
 ACPS Led Project

As of 01/02/2025



James T. Luckett Memorial Field

▶ Field Improvements

- ▶ The project will adjust the infield to accommodate base paths for 60 feet, 70 feet, and 90 feet
- ▶ Netting will be installed along the left field fence
- ▶ Site circulation and path improvements

▶ Phase: Construction

▶ Schedule

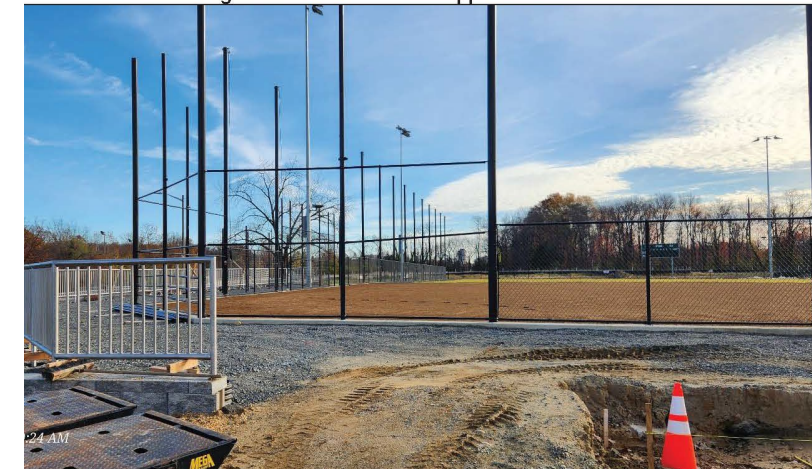
- ▶ Infield modifications and netting will occur in January and February





Joseph Hensley Park Phase I

- ▶ **Citywide Park Plan Renovation**
 - ▷ The approved design covers all park plan recommendations
 - ▷ Phase I will improve the diamond fields, parking, bathrooms, picnic area, maintenance yard, and add a playground, batting cages and flex court area
- ▶ **Phase: Construction**
- ▶ **Schedule:**
 - ▷ All sports fields will open in March and April 2025 as coordinated with Recreation Services
 - ▷ The bathrooms will be complete Summer 2025
 - ▷ Phase II funding/scheduling is TBD





Witter Recreational Fields

- ▶ **Field Surface Replacement**
 - ▷ The project will replace the existing synthetic turf surface with new carpet and organic infill
- ▶ **Phase: Planning**
- ▶ **Schedule**
 - ▷ Construction will occur in summer 2025
 - ▷ Construction will be coordinated with field user schedules to minimize impacts





Miracle Field

- ▶ **Field Surface Renovation**
 - ▷ The project will replace the safety surface and repair the fence fabric and posts
- ▶ **Phase: Planning**
- ▶ **Schedule**
 - ▷ Construction will occur in summer 2025
 - ▷ Construction will be coordinated with the Miracle League Schedule





Four Mile Run Rectangular Field

▶ Field Surface Repairs

- ▷ The project will repair the natural grass field

▶ Phase: Planning

▶ Schedule

- ▷ Construction will occur in summer 2025
- ▷ Construction will be coordinated current field programming and the growing season





Armistead L. Boothe Park Field

▶ Field Surface Conversion

- ▷ The project will convert the field to synthetic turf with organic infill. The project will adjust the light poles and install new support features such as dugouts, bull pens, and storage

▶ Phase: Permits

▶ Schedule:

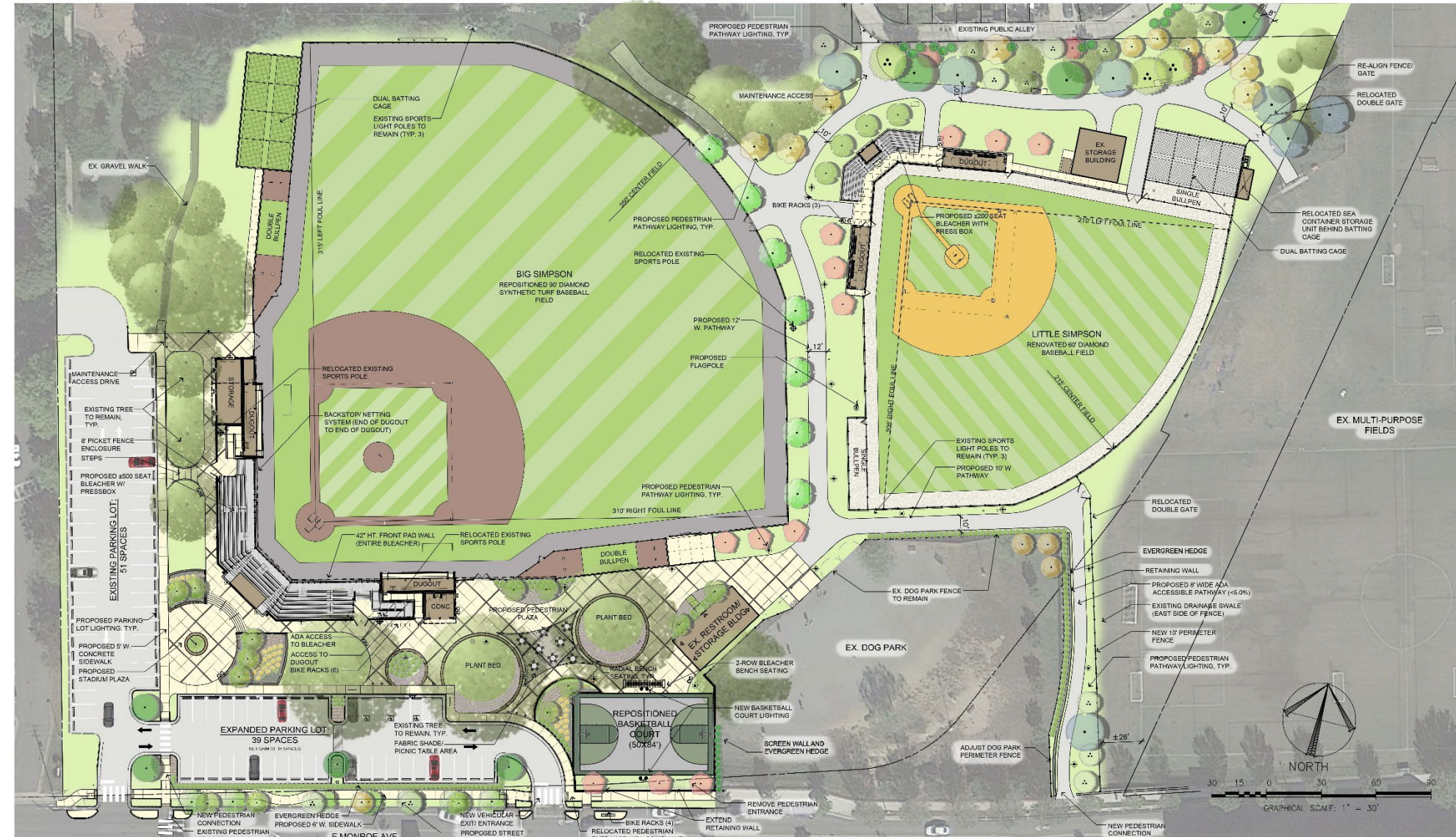
- ▷ Permits will be approved in Spring 2025
- ▷ Construction Procurement will occur Spring/Summer 2025
- ▷ Construction is anticipated to begin in Fall 2025 and conclude in Spring 2026





Eugene Simpson Stadium Park

- ▶ **Citywide Park Plan Renovation**
 - ▷ The project will implement the recommendations of the Citywide Park Plan including improvements to the diamond fields, circulation, stormwater, canopy coverage, and parking
- ▶ **Phase: Construction Bid**
- ▶ **Schedule:**
 - ▷ Construction Contract Award in Spring 2025
 - ▷ Park facilities will be closed 2025 through Summer 2026





Four Mile Run Field #2

(Commonwealth Ave. Stormwater Improvements)

▶ Construction Impacts

- ▶ The City's Flood Mitigation Project for Commonwealth, Ashby and Glebe will impact Field #2 and remove it from service during construction

▶ Phase: Design

▶ Schedule

- ▶ Construction is anticipated to start in Summer 2026 and be complete in Summer 2029
- ▶ Field #2 will be out of service for the duration of construction





Next Steps

- ▶ Conduct a program assessment of current use on all fields
- ▶ Analyze fields data from the 2025 Needs Assessment
- ▶ Conduct stakeholder focus groups for facility experience feedback



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Discussion



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