# Strasburg Master Parks Plan - Addendum of Forthcoming Edits

**Council Work Session**

**March 2, 2020**

**The following comments were received during or shortly after the PMT/PET Meeting #3 with the Strasburg Recreation, Parks, and Trails Committee (January 24th).**

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| COMMENT | ACCEPTED EDITS TO BE INCLUDED IN PLAN |
| 1- Include explicit language to address connections with existing parks and residential neighborhoods | * Make priority emphasis on completing safe pedestrian and bike connections between established neighborhoods and parks. *(Recommendations Summary - page 9, 2020-2025 Feasibility Studies and RFPs; issue a trail development/system RFP to address connections; Appendix, 3-Priorities - page 28)* |
| 2- Respect fence line around pump station with proposed Riverwalk Trail loop extension alignment | * Adjust plan per further evaluation *(Map edit, page 17 of Summary; Appendix, 3-Priorities, page 30)* |
| 3- Include Garden Club of VA grant funding opportunity ($20,000-$25,000 for improvements such as playgrounds) | * Add contact information and grant for Garden Club of VA opportunity to funding sheet *(Appendix, 5-Funding Sources)* |
| 4- Move installation of additional river access earlier in implementation sequence | * Move addition of river access point to 2020-2025 Implementation *(Recommendations Summary - page 8, 2020-2025 Installation; Appendix, 3-Priorities - page 14, Short Term; page 32, 15-Year Installation Actions, 2020-2025)* |
| 5- Interest in revisiting agreement for ballfield maintenance between Little League and Town | * Add mention to revisit maintenance responsibility agreement to 2020-2025 Implementation *(Recommendations Summary - page 9, 2020-2025 Feasibility Studies and RFPs; Appendix, 3-Priorities – page 15)* |
| 6- Include a “volunteer”/memorial fountain at Hometown Park; perhaps in conjunction with a student-led charrette exercise (CDAC @ VT) | * Consider addition of a memorial fountain or sculpture that honors volunteer spirit in Hometown Park; siting via a community charrette *(Recommendations Summary - page 8, 2020-2025 Installation; Appendix, 3-Priorities - page 21, Short Term Implementation 2020-2025; page 32, 15-Year Installation Actions)* |
| 7- Desire for a Regional Aquatic Center/Rec Facility - examine the possibilities to locate it in Strasburg and serve the nearby communities and Shenandoah County | * Monitor regional discussions related to potential aquatic facility *(Recommendations Summary - page 9, 2020-2025 Feasibility Studies and RFPs, Monitor and Continue to Track (Town Staff); Appendix, 3-Priorities - page 24, Short Term 2020-2025, Explore potential for partnerships)* |
| 8- How can the 17-acre Visitor Center be better managed and used for recreational purposes | * Continue discussions on potential arrangement for Visitor Center; with future investments calibrated to length of lease or other arrangement *(Recommendations Summary – page 9, 2020-2025 Acquisition or Agreement)* |
| 9- Consider including ATV-friendly trails within the Town’s overall park system | * Include evaluation of incorporating ATV component in trail system RFP or feasibility study *(Recommendations Summary - page 9, 2020-2025 Feasibility Studies and RFPs; issue a trail development/system RFP to address connections; Appendix, 3-Priorities - page 28)* |
| 10- Suggest a budget cost range feasibility studies or RFPs and establish a separate category for monitoring only | * Where reasonable, suggested budget figures are provided; some activities have been reclassified in “Monitor and Continue to Track’ category *(Recommendations Summary - page 9, 2020-2025 Feasibility Studies and RFPs; page 12, 2026-2030)* |
| 11- Math error on page 5 in Operating Funds table | * Table adjusted to include $40,000 annual contribution plus additional horticultural expenditures *(Recommendations Summary - page 5, last paragraph)* |
| 12- Adjust language in Funding discussion on page 5 | * Terms have been adjusted in Funding discussion to read ‘request’ and ‘consider’ *(Recommendations Summary - page 5, Funding section)* |
| 13- Any pedestrian lights installed will need to be purchased rather than leased from the local utility company due to location of power lines | * All references and estimates for pedestrian light installation will reference purchase vs. lease *(Recommendations Summary - page 8, 2020-2025 Installation; Appendix, 3-Priorities - page 13, Parking and Vehicular Circulations; page 21, Short Term Implementation 2020-2025; page 32, 15-Year Installation Actions)* |
| 14- Include pursue partnership to operate Crystal Caverns and former Quarry Site in 2020-2025 category of ‘monitor’ entry ‘New Site/Acquisition/Public/Private action | * Added recommendation to ‘monitor’ status of Crystal Caverns and Quarry Site in 2020-2025 time period *(Recommendations Summary - page 9, 2020-2025 Feasibility Studies and RFPs, Monitor and Continue to Track-Town Staff)* |
| 15- School system request that an AED be placed in accessible (yet protected) location in Town Park | * Language added to recommend that AED be placed in appropriate location in Town Park *(Recommendations Summary - page 9, 2020-2025 Installation; Appendix, 3-Priorities, page 33, 15-Year Installation Actions)* |

**The following comments were received during or shortly after the Recreation, Parks, and Trails Committee Meeting (February 6th).**

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| COMMENT | SUGGESTED EDITS FOR PLAN CONSIDERATION |
| 1- Add the “John Rhodes” name plate to the Riverwalk | * Text to be added will encourage the Town to develop a policy and implement appropriate requests for commemoration and memorials within the park system *(Recommendations Summary - page 9, 2020-2025 Studies; Appendix)* |
| 2- Look into a “Friends of…” group or other nonprofit group to implement portions of the plan | * Text to be added to document to suggest development of a Friends group for the system as a whole and/or for specific activities such as the dog park (private action) |
| 3- Consider planting shade trees between the two main little league fields | * Text will be added to planting recommendations on page 8 along with general text recommending tree planting wherever possible *(Recommendations Summary - page 8, 2020-2025 Installation, add to “Town Park – plant trees…”; Appendix, 3-Priorities - page 15 - Athletic Fields; page 32, 15-Year Installation Actions)* |
| 4- Don’t forget about accessibility to the Little League fields | * Text will be added to reference accessible path connection between parking and baseball fields *(Recommendations Summary - page 11, 2026-2030 Installation; Appendix, 3-Priorities - page 15, Mid Term Implementation 2026-2030; page 33, 15-Year Installation Actions, 2026-2030)* |
| 5- Conversation with SC + SCPS: Consider “Kline” stadium in park land availability; tennis court; Keister Tract | * Text will be added to reference accessible path connection between parking and baseball fields *(Recommendations Summary - page 9, 2020-2025 - Feasibility Studies and RFPs, Monitor and Continue to Track (Town Staff); Appendix, 3-Priorities - page 25, Expansion of Town Park; page 34, 15-Year Recommended Studies and Feasibility Explorations, 2020-2025)* |
| 6- Look into a policy about open fires at the park | * Text to be added will encourage the Town to develop a policy regarding open fires within the park system *(Recommendations Summary - page 9, 2020-2025 Studies; Appendix)* |
| 7- Concern about losing the view from the Rotary Shelter if it becomes a parking lot | * Add text to ensure that any new shelter siting preserves view *(Recommendations Summary - page 13, 2031-2035, Installation Actions; Appendix, 3-Priorities - page 14; Park Shelters; page 33, 15-Year Compilation of Recommended Installation Actions)* |
| 8- If shelter is moved from east side of park, where would water come from for Community Garden? Also, how would people easily move their harvest if there is no parking lot beside it? | * Add text to ensure that a water source and vehicle access is provided for the Community Gardens when any reconfiguration is considered *(Recommendations Summary - page 13, 2031-2035, Installation Actions; Appendix, 3-Priorities - page 14; Park Shelters; page 33, 15-Year Compilation of Recommended Installation Actions)* |
| 9- Consider lighting the basketball and tennis courts | * Add text to recommend tennis court and basketball court lighting in 2031-2035 period *(Recommendations Summary - page 13, 2031-2035 Installation; Appendix, 3-Priorities - page 14, Public Boat Launch and Landing; page 16, Court Sports, Implementation 2031-2035; page 33, 15-Year Compilation of Recommended Installation Actions)* |
| 10- Consider lighting the boat landing. | * Add text to research the feasibility and requirements for lighting the boat landing (DGIF coordination required) *(Recommendations Summary - page 13, 2031-2035 Installation; Appendix, 3-Priorities - page 14, Public Boat Launch and Landing; page 33, 15-Year Compilation of Recommended Installation Actions)* |
| 11- Perform additional maintenance on Riverwalk Trail to improve visibility of user; better police off leash dog use of Riverwalk trail; provide some of emergency call service or video surveillance to improve safety and security of user | * Add text to recommend additional landscape maintenance along Riverwalk and research into potential emergency call system (power source/solar requires sun) *(Recommendations Summary – page 7 2020-2025 – Maintenance and page 9 2020-2025 Studies)* |
| 12- In addition to identifying multiple future river access points, in the more immediate future, add a second location for water access point within Town Park | * Add potential location for second water access point within Town Park *(Map edit, page 15 of Recommendations Summary; Appendix, 3-Priorities, page 9; page 14, Midterm 2026-2030; page 29, map)* |