

ATTACHMENT 1

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENTS OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND STAFF RESPONSE

STATE COMMENT	STAFF RESPONSE
Plan lacks an Executive Summary	One will be added to final Plan
Plan needs County maps	A map of Planning Areas and the "Forever Green" map have been added
<p><u>Recreation Chapter needs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement indicating how recreation and land inventories will be updated annually • discussion of how acquisition goals will be met • Clarify tables showing 2020 needs and future proposals 	<p>Added comment that they will be updated in connection with the annual budget</p> <p>Added-section to Public Hearing Draft</p> <p>Attachment <u>2.3</u></p>
<p><u>Agricultural Chapter needs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map of agricultural land preservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added to Plan
<p><u>Natural Resource Chapter needs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation and analysis of the Natural Resource Conservation Programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial amount of material added to this chapter on the relationship to State Goals, Green Infrastructure, evaluation of programs and recommendations for needed improvements

ATTACHMENT 2

Description of Field Needs Within Community Based Team Areas

The following table indicates preliminary estimates of future field needs to the year 2020. As the service area goal calls for future needs to be met within the Community Based Team Areas, a surplus in an existing area (indicated by a minus) is not subtracted from the needs in another. Positive needs are shown in bold.

2020 Additional Field Needs by Community Based Team Area

COMMUNITY BASED TEAM AREA 2020 FIELD NEEDS Planning Team Area	Number of Youth (Age 0-9) Multi-Purpose Diamonds Needed	Number of (Age 10-14) Baseball /10-65+ Softball) Diamonds Needed*	Number of 90' infield-Baseball Fields (Ages 14+) Needed	Number of Adult (10-65+) Multi-Purpose Rectangular Fields Needed**	Number of Youth (0-9) Multi-Purpose Rectangles Fields Needed	Range Minimum/Maximum
Rural	-1.8	-3.2	1.7	5.2	-2.6	3.7/7.9
I-270	0.1	1.5	3.0	19.4	9.7	33.7
Georgia Avenue	-5.3	-19.3	1.8	7.7	2.3	1.8/11.8
Potomac	-0.3	5.2	4.5	4.6	-4.1	14/14.3
Eastern County	-0.5	-20.5	-0.3	4.8	1.1	0.3/6.2
Bethesda/Chevy Chase	-1.0	-0.9	4.8	20.4	1.7	24.8/26.9
Silver Spring/TP	-1.7	8.7	4.1	10.8	-3.4	23.6
					TOTAL	101.7/124.2

As shown in the tables, a maximum total Countywide need of approximately 124 additional fields are estimated to be needed by 2020, nearly 70% of which are for multi-use rectangular fields. However, within the team area, fields needs may potentially be lowered by converting fields to another use (where feasible) to meet the needs, and can potentially lower the total field need to a little over 100. In the table above, the total needs number on the right is shown as a range reflecting that some field needs may be met by converting one field type to another. The minimum number assumes that adult fields, except for 90 ft baseball can be converted to another field type. Future fields proposed in the Park and MCPS Capital Improvements Program appear to only provide about half of the field need estimates for 2020. However there are many undeveloped park and school sites that have the potential to provide additional fields. A functional plan could be conducted in the future to analyze individual field conversion potential as well as analyze potential for future site development.

ATTACHMENT 3

ESTIMATED PUBLIC NEEDS AND FUTURE PROPOSALS

The following tables show the relationship between the existing number of facilities, estimated 2020 additional facility needs, and current short, mid and long range proposals that could help meet the needs. Short-range proposals include facilities completed since needs were estimated and facilities funded for construction in the adopted FY05-FY10 Park or School Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Mid-range facilities are those funded for facility planning in the CIP or scheduled for construction by a developer. Long-range proposals are for parkland not yet in the CIP for planning or construction, or unscheduled dedication and/or construction by a developer.

Planning Area Facilities

Facility	Existing Park and School Facilities	2020 Estimated Needs	Proposals Short Range 2005- 2010	Mid- Range 2011-2015	Long Range After 2015
Playgrounds (with the exception of regional adventure playgrounds).	285	32	19	9	8
Tennis courts (with the exception of Recreation /regional courts)	411	4	1	0	8
Basketball courts	317	12	14	4	5

Community Based Fields Team Facilities

Facility	Existing Park and School Facilities	Maximum 2020 Estimated Needs	Proposals Short Range 2005- 2010	Mid- Range 2011-2015	Long Range After 2015
Youth diamonds (T-ball, youth softball and baseball)	91*	0	0	1	1
Multi-purpose Youth baseball/Adult Softball diamonds (these sports play on the same type of field)	164 **	15	10	3	1
Baseball (90' base paths- Adults and teens)	35 *	20	2	2	1
Multi-purpose rectangular field (Soccer/Football/Lacrosse)	103***	73	10	7	17
Youth rectangular field (Soccer/Football/Lacrosse)	70	15	4	3	0
Total	463	123	26	16	20

* Methodology assumes youth fields have a lower weekly capacity than adult fields

** Includes 10% Adult Softball Practice Factor.

*** Includes 10% Resting/Renovation Factor for Multi-purpose Rectangular Sports.

Facilities Serving County-wide Needs

Facility	Existing Park and School Facilities	2020 Estimated Needs		Proposals Short Range 2005- 2010	MD Range 2011-2015	Long Range After 2015
Permit Picnic Shelters	78	21		3	2	0
County-Wide Group Picnic Areas	3	1		0	0	0
Nature Centers	4	2.3		0	2.5	0
Roller Hockey (Game Facilities)	1	1		1	0	0
Skate Parks (Including Informal Use Areas)	0	15		1	2	1
Dog Exercise Areas	3	15		2	0	0
Natural Areas in M-NCPPC Parks	17,682	4,595		1,304	1,821	1,471
Natural Surface Regional Trails	115.6	105.4		25	20	60.4
Hard Surface Regional Trails	73.5	22.5		8.3	6	8.2
Community Recreation Centers	18	10		6	4	0
Aquatic Facilities	6 indoor 3 outdoor	1 indoor 2 outdoor		1 outdoor 1 indoor	1 outdoor	0

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