

**Arlington County Civic Federation Parks & Recreation Committee  
Resolution Supporting the 2020 Park & Recreation Bond Referendum  
October 2020**

Whereas the Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) recognizes and commends the County Board and Manager’s approach to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) during the pandemic crisis, whereby this one-year CIP primarily funds ongoing programs or projects,

Whereas Arlington’s parks and recreation facilities add to quality of life, public health and safety, environmental sustainability and property values,

Whereas the County will submit to voters a Park and Recreation bond referendum (question) for \$3,630,000 on the November 2020 ballot to support investments in Tuckahoe Park’s playground (\$485,000), Rosslyn Highlands Park (\$645,000) and the Trail and Bridge Modernization Program (\$2,500,000),<sup>1</sup>

Whereas the Park and Recreation bond question does not include funding for land acquisition to provide more land to meet citizens’ overlapping need for open space and flood resilience—as requested in the ACCF’s February 2016<sup>2</sup> and May 2020<sup>3</sup> resolutions, and

Whereas the Stormwater bond question includes \$4.8 million for land acquisition,<sup>4</sup> providing an opportunity to simultaneously satisfy the dual need for open space in concert with improved flood resilience that will address overlapping and pressing health, safety, environmental sustainability, and quality of life issues,

Therefore be it resolved that the ACCF fully supports the Parks and Recreation bond referendum appearing on the November 2020 general election ballot and looks forward to further collaboration with county staff and elected officials as we work together to develop the upcoming CIP for fiscal year 2022 and beyond.

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<sup>1</sup> FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan Memorandum, dated 6-16-2020: <https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2020/06/CIP-2021-Memo-and-Appendices.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> ACCF Parks and Recreation Committee Resolution, Approved 63-1-1 by Member Organizations Delegates or Alternates, February 2, 2016: <http://www.civfed.org/newContent/2016-02/ParksRec%20Parkland%20Acquisition%20Resolution%20Adopted%202016-02.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Arlington County Civic Federation Resolution Recommending a Balanced Allocation of Bond Funds for Park and Recreation Uses May 2020, Approved 63-5-1 by Member Organizations Delegates or Alternates, May 19, 2020: <http://www.civfed.org/newContent/2020-05/2020-05%20ParkRec%20Cmte%20Res%20Balanced%20Allocation%20of%20Bond%20Funds%20for%20Park%20and%20Recreation%20Uses%20FINAL%20AND%20REPORT.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan Memorandum, dated 6-16-2020