

"South Park" Master Plan Arlington County, Virginia

Feedback Results from Public Meeting #3 and the Online Form

Overview

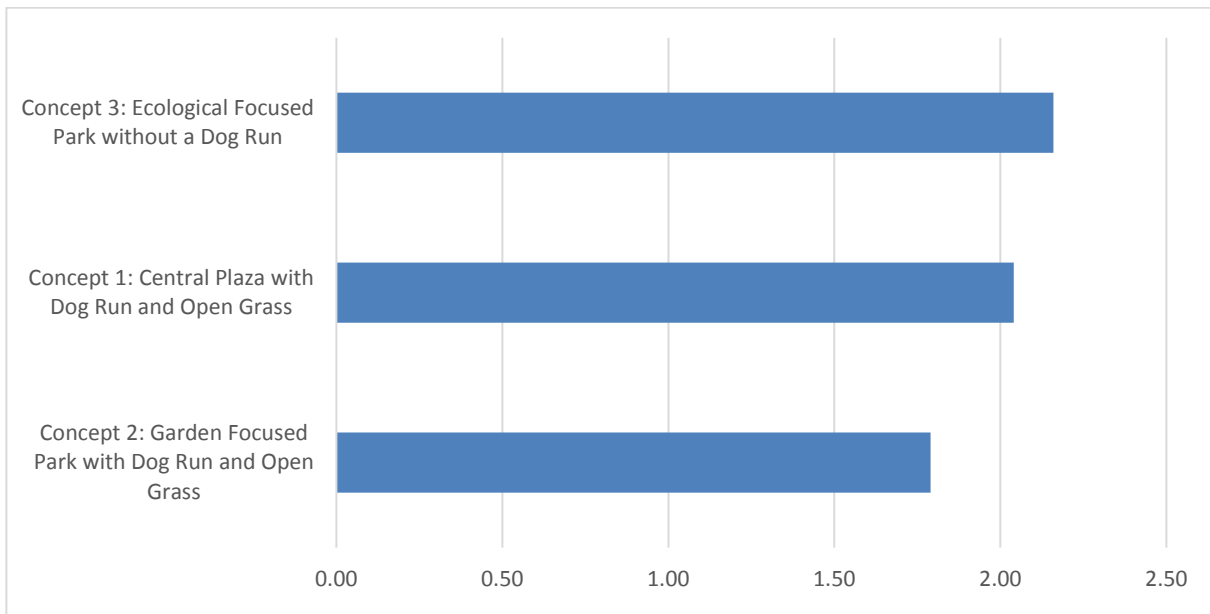
Public meeting #3 (on May 3, 2017) the staff and consultant team shared a feedback form to collect input on draft park concepts, park amenities, and potential park names. This feedback form was made available online and posted on the "South Park" project page from May 15 through May 31, 2017. Citizens were encouraged to provide feedback. Below is a summary of results collect from the paper forms distributed at the public meeting and from the online feedback form, which totaled 213 submissions.

SURVEY QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Question 1

Please rank the following ideas from favorite (1) to least favorite (3).

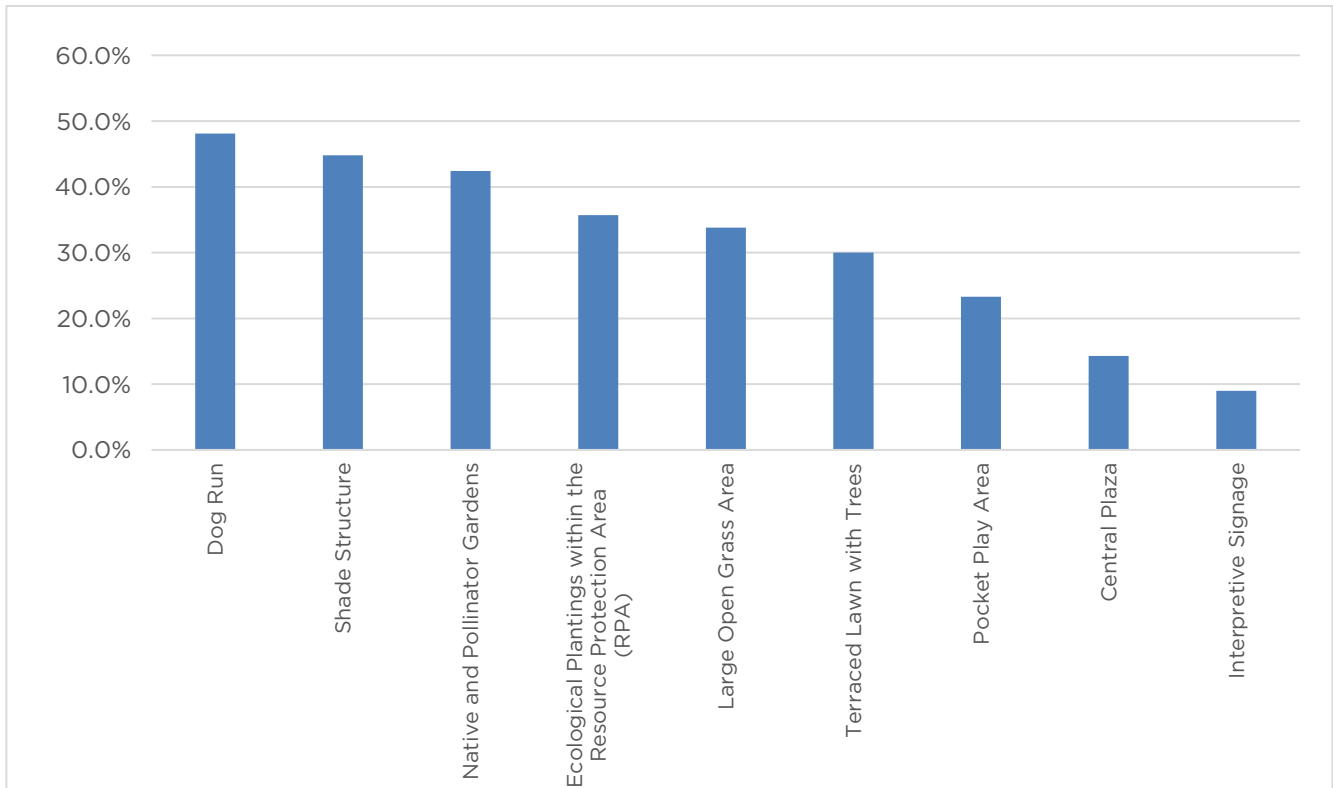
Answer Options	1	2	3	Rating Average	Response Count
Concept 1: Central Plaza with Dog Run and Open Grass	61	57	69	2.04	187
Concept 2: Garden Focused Park with Dog Run and Open Grass	60	113	19	1.79	192
Concept 3: Ecological Focused Park without a Dog Run	70	19	100	2.16	189
<i>answered question</i>					193
<i>skipped question</i>					20



Question 2

Which of the following features/amenities are your favorite? (choose all that apply)

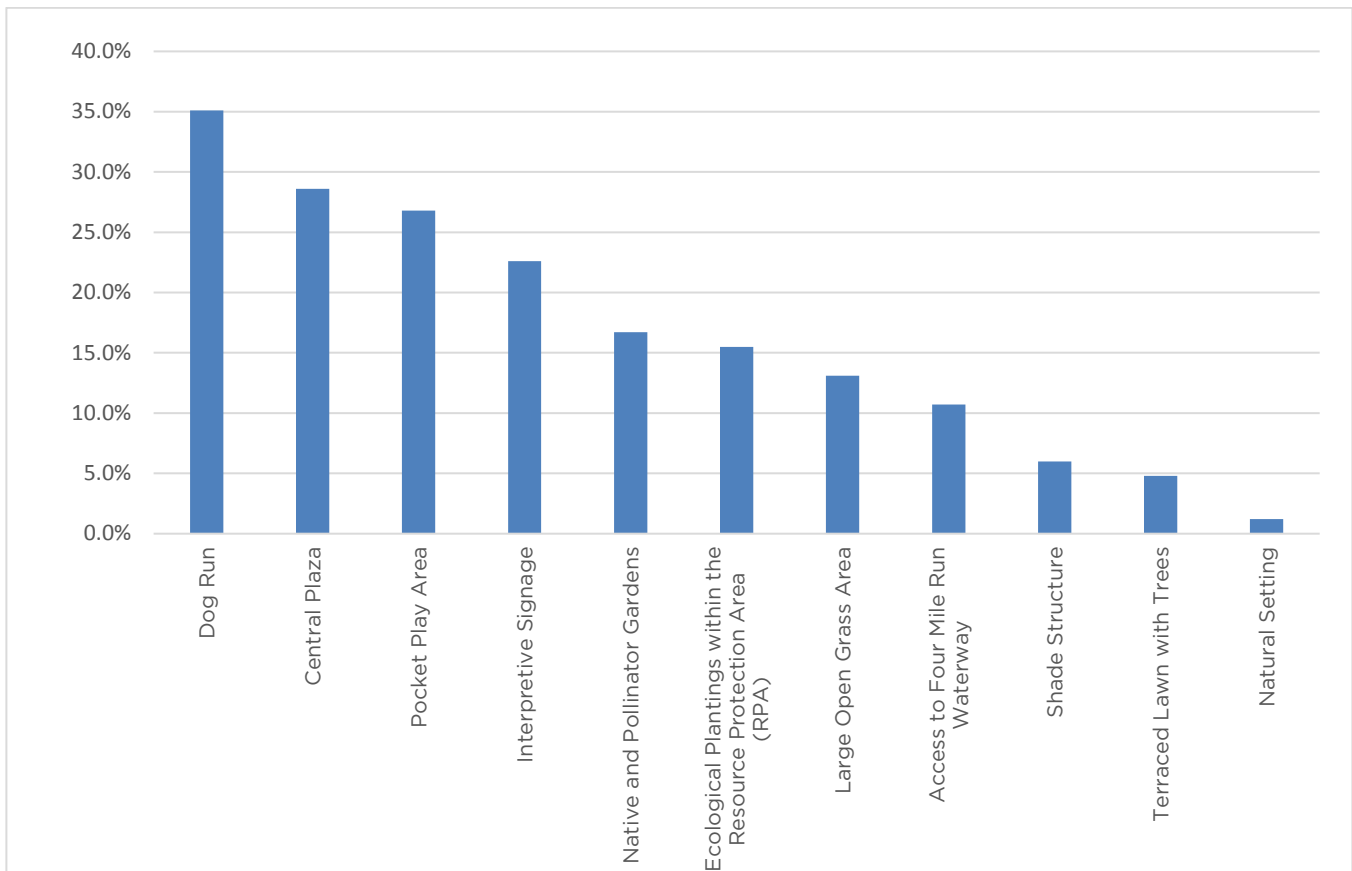
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Natural Setting	53.3%	112
Access to Four Mile Run Waterway	49.0%	103
Dog Run	48.1%	101
Shade Structure	44.8%	94
Native and Pollinator Gardens	42.4%	89
Ecological Plantings within the Resource Protection Area (RPA)	35.7%	75
Large Open Grass Area	33.8%	71
Terraced Lawn with Trees	30.0%	63
Pocket Play Area	23.3%	49
Central Plaza	14.3%	30
Interpretive Signage	9.0%	19
answered question		210
skipped question		3



Question 3

Which of the following features/amenities are your least favorite?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Dog Run	35.1%	59
Central Plaza	28.6%	48
Pocket Play Area	26.8%	45
Interpretive Signage	22.6%	38
Native and Pollinator Gardens	16.7%	28
Ecological Plantings within the Resource Protection Area (RPA)	15.5%	26
Large Open Grass Area	13.1%	22
Access to Four Mile Run Waterway	10.7%	18
Shade Structure	6.0%	10
Terraced Lawn with Trees	4.8%	8
Natural Setting	1.2%	2
<i>answered question</i>		168
<i>skipped question</i>		45



Question 4

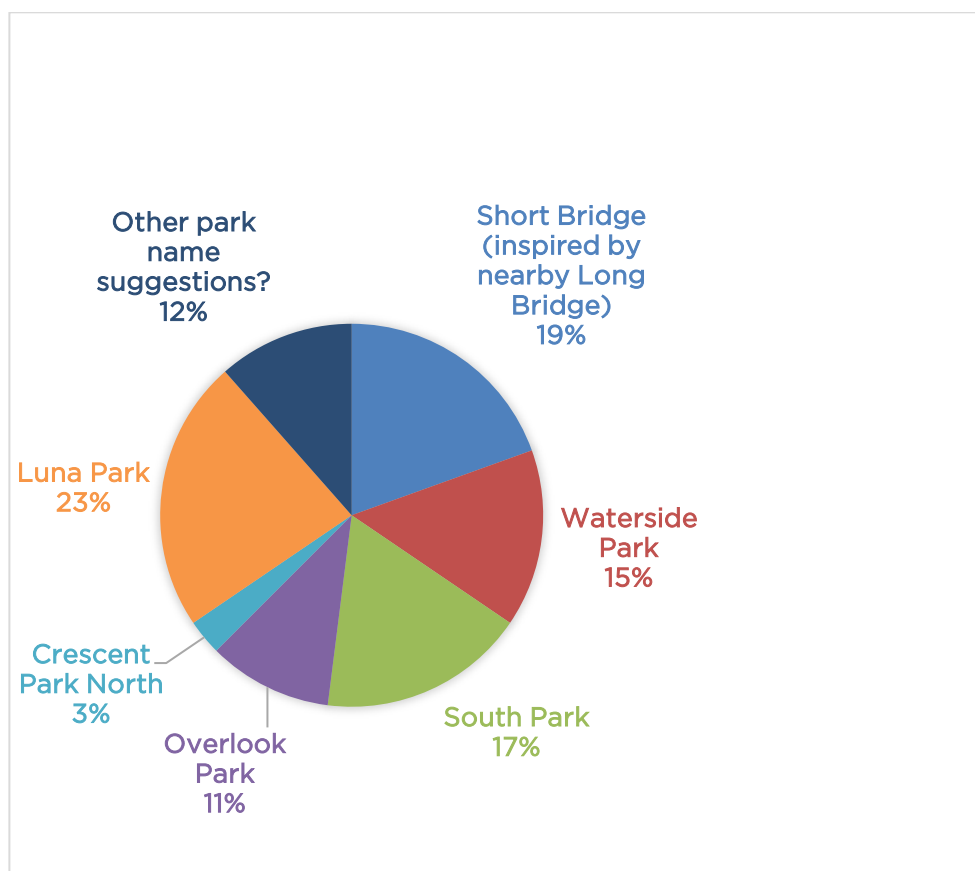
What other features/amenities would you like to see included in the park?

- Water fountains (6)
- Volleyball/Bocce Ball (5)
- Bathroom facilities (4)
- Benches (4)
- Playground (4)
- Picnic area (3)
- Wildlife awareness features (3)
- Wildlife protection area (2)
- Water access (2)
- Kayak launch (2)
- Permeable pavement

Question 5

Which of the following park name suggestions for the park do you like best?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Luna Park	23.0%	46
Short Bridge (inspired by nearby Long Bridge)	19.5%	39
South Park	17.5%	35
Waterside Park	15.0%	30
Other park name suggestions?	11.5%	23
Overlook Park	10.5%	21
Crescent Park North	3.0%	6
<i>answered question</i>		200
<i>skipped question</i>		13



Question 6

What else do you want us to know?

- There is a large community demand for dog park (7)
- Area needs more space for children to play (5)
- Proposed dog space should be bigger (4)
- Area needs more preserved natural areas (2)
- Area doesn't need more space for children (2)
- Walkway along 4 Mile Run should be cleaned up
- Efforts should be taken to mitigate auto/pedestrian conflicts
- There needs to be a plan for cleaning dog waste
- Water in adjacent stream is polluted from urban runoff
- Existing bike ramp should be improved
- Crossing middle of park could be challenging for disabled/mobility-impaired
- Design of stepped access to tidal area is crucial