## Great Parks, Great Communities Creating Places People Want to Be

The link between the high quality of life for Fairfax County residents, and our robust park system is undeniable. The 2015 Needs Assessment Survey found that **90%** of respondents believe that parks make Fairfax County a more desirable place to live. FCPA provides open access to parks for county residents and visitors, acquires new parkland, manages the development of parks, and provides equipment and grounds maintenance at all parks and park facilities

352 planning and capital projects were completed in FY15

FCPA provides grounds management for **426** parks including athletic fields, playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, and infrastructure plus over **324** miles of trails.

An FY2015 expansion of the Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole in Lake Fairfax Park opened to record breaking crowds eager to enjoy the **\$5.5 million** capital project improvements. The expansion provides new amenities geared to teens, greater local employment opportunities and fee-based revenues to the park system.

In 2014, FCPA completed major renovations and expansions of two RECenters, Oak Marr and Spring Hill. Fitness centers, an indoor track, improved locker rooms, new class space and LEED building standards are hallmarks of the projects.

More than a **quarter million** athletes flock to local athletic fields for soccer, cricket, football, softball and baseball each year. Sully Highlands Park, a **17-acre** sports complex in western Fairfax, was recently constructed through partnerships with the Chantilly Youth Association and Fairfax County Government.





In recent years, the requests for accommodations from customers with disabilities has doubled. Adaptive programming includes aquatics, kayaking and other activities, as well as fully-accessible playgrounds at Clemyjontri Park, Chessie's Big Backyard and Our Special Harbor spray ground. An accessible tree house graces Lee District Family Recreation Area.

