

## **Odenton Library Community Park 2.19 Community Preconstruction Meeting Q & A**

Q1: Will you be planting native species plants along the trail to go along with the story board, as part of an interpretive walk of native plants in our area.

A1: There will be some native tree plantings going on at the project, including some shade trees, understory trees, and there will be ornamentals planted along the trails as well.

Q2: How many trees will be lost?

A2: 2.02 Acres of Lot Clearing is to be expected during construction.

Q3: How much will trees be impacted from the construction?

A3: Refer to the previous question

Q4: What else might be done to improve the health of this urban forest?

A4: We are planting native plant species while simultaneously protecting specimen trees on the parcel.

Q5: What is the demand for boche ball?

A5: Bocce ball is one of the adaptive sports that the Department of Recreation and Parks offers and we have the opportunity here with the library adjacent to the park, to be able to check bocce balls out of the library to use in the park. That's something that the department gets a lot of requests for, both for able-bodied and for support of our adaptive recreation program.

Q6: If fewer courts were developed could a more forested and natural environment be available to the public?

A6: Thank you for the question. This meeting is to discuss the planned construction impacts. No design changes will be made at this time. This park will create a more accessible natural environment for patrons to utilize.

Q7: How will horseshoes and bocci balls be checked out? Will facilities be made available at the library? Any liability issues?

A7: The tentative plan is to make the equipment available at the library, so that park visitors can check equipment out at the library and use it while they're there in the park. The exact process has not been determined yet.

Q8: What percent of trees removed?

A8: Approximately 8.44% of the plat area is anticipated to be cleared.

Q9: What efforts have been made to find other locations for the amenities? Isn't it the county's policy to build on already developed land rather than destroying forest? Pavilion, amphitheater, dog park (Phase II) should be located elsewhere. Where is 7300 sq. ft. playground to be located?

A9: Other locations were explored, but this site was selected. Questions related to phase II and future development will not be answered at this meeting; there will be future community meetings to discuss these planned improvements. The playground constructed during phase I will be located adjacent to the parking lot near the southern trail entrance.

Q10: Any plans to encourage wildlife habitat? Like birds?

A10: No plans at this time.

Q11: Policy for building on forested land. Stuart Pittman has articulated several times that development should be on already developed land.

A11: Thank you for your comment. Other sites were explored, and this site was ultimately selected.

Q12: Any concern for non-native plants?

A12: Not at this time.

Q13: Do you need help finding sites for Phase 2 amenities? "

A13: Thank you for the question. There will be future community meetings to discuss phase 2.

Q14: Will trees be cut down for the playground

A14: There will be lot clearing associated with the playground construction.

Q15: Does trail have to be impervious?

A15: Thank you for the question. No design changes will be made at this time.

Q16: Pavers to allow water to soak through for Chesapeake

A16: Permeable pavement will be used for the new parking spaces and additional efforts to prevent any contamination of waterways will be in place.