



FCPA

Athletic Field Maintenance

FY 2011 Budget Reductions / Impacts

FY 2011 Fund 303 Reduction Overview

- The County Executive and the Department of Management and Budget directed Park Authority to propose cuts to Fund 303 in 5% increments up to 25%.
 - Park Authority and Community & Recreation Services staff met and developed a list of proposed cuts to impact all athletic fields in a consistent manner.
 - The County Executive's proposed budget includes a 7.5% cut to Park Authority Fund 303 or approximately 10% of Athletic Field funding.
 - [FY 2011 303 Advertised Summary](#)
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Park Athletic Fields – Fund 303 Reductions

- Eliminates aeration and seeding at all park fields.
- Eliminates 2 Turf Management Program positions.

Impacts:

- Field conditions are likely to decline and the incidents of field closures after rain events may increase over time.
- Increased deterioration of fields could result in playing fields being taken off line by the Park Authority in consideration of player safety.
- Results in the loss of years of investment and returning fields to their current condition will be more costly in the future.

\$160,000

School Field Program – Fund 303 Reductions

Elementary and Middle School Fields:

- Eliminates aeration and seeding.
 - Field conditions are likely to decline and the incidents of field closures after rain events may increase over time.
 - Increased deterioration and unsafe conditions could result in playing fields being taken off line by FCPS or the Department of Community and Recreation Services.
 - Results in the loss of years of investment and returning fields to their current condition will be more costly in the future.
- Eliminates the provision of and maintenance to player benches and bleachers provided by FCPA.
 - The player benches and bleachers may be removed when they become unsafe for participants.
- Reduces mowing from 30 to 29 times per year.
 - Playing conditions will degrade at the end of the playing season after the 29 cuts have been completed. This will result in less safe fields and decreased player satisfaction.

\$250,252

\$ 16,113

School Field Program– Fund 303 Reductions – cont.

High School Fields:

- Eliminates diamond field warning track maintenance.
 - Elimination of this maintenance will affect playability and player safety.
 - The warning tracks will become overgrown and unsightly with weeds
 - Deferring maintenance of these areas will result in more costly warning track maintenance required in the future. \$ 5,000
 - Eliminates vegetation control from infield skin areas.
 - Untreated area will become weedy, affecting playability and player safety. Deferring maintenance of this area will result in more costly infield renovations required in the future. \$ 10,000
 - Eliminates aeration and seeding at all 55 High School diamond fields.
 - Field condition will decline and reduced playability will occur over time.
 - Increased deterioration of fields and unsafe conditions could result in playing fields being taken off scheduling by FCPS or the Department of Community and Recreation Services due to player safety.
 - The loss of years of investment and bringing the fields back to their current playing condition will be more costly in the future. \$100,000
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FY 2011 General Fund Reduction Overview

- The County Executive and the Department of Management and Budget directed Park Authority to propose a 15% cut of General Fund 001.
 - The County Executive's proposed budget includes a 11.3% of Park Authority's General Fund cut.
 - [FY 2011 General Fund Advertised Summary](#)
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Park Athletic Fields – General Fund Reductions

- Eliminates grounds maintenance staff by 12 positions.

Impacts:

- Trash collection at the athletic field parks will be reduced by a frequency of one. Example: If trash pickup is currently twice per week, then it will be reduced to once per week.
- Restrooms will be closed at Annandale Community Park, Beulah Park, Braddock Park, Fred Crabtree Park, Greenbriar Park, Jefferson Manor Park, Lee District Park, Lee High Park, Mason District Park, Nottoway Park, Olney Park, Poplar Tree Park, Roundtree Park, and Wakefield Park.
- Grooming will be reduced on Level 1 athletic field infields from 3 to 2 times per week and on Level 2 and 3 athletic field infields from 2 to 1 time per week. This is likely to affect the playability, safety and appearance of the fields.
- Mowing frequencies will be reduced to twice a week mowing on irrigated athletic fields and once a week mowing on non-irrigated athletic fields.

\$451,715

Park Athletic Fields – General Fund Reductions – cont.

- Eliminate 2 Park Recreation Specialists.

Impacts:

- This reduction eliminates 2 Park Recreation Specialists that manage maintenance of park grounds and programs serving 85 parks (40 athletic fields).
- This reduction will reduce responsiveness to citizen inquiries, decrease staff supervision, and delay completion of administrative responsibilities.
- The elimination of the two positions also will eliminate the Park Authority's ability to directly support any programs and events at several park sites.

\$130,665

FY 2011 Fund 303 Mitigation Strategy

- The County Executive proposed:

An alternative to this reduction in the field maintenance program is raise the Athletic Service Fee from the current rate of \$5.50 per season per participant to \$8.00 per season per participant. This fee adjustment would offset the proposed reductions and avoid the deterioration of playing fields. Each \$1.00 increase to the fee generates approximately \$200,000 in revenue.

Additional FY 2011 Budget Information

- **For additional FY 2011 budget reduction information:**

- <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>

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- **Online:** http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/survey/fy11_budget_comment.htm

- **By Phone:** 703-324-9400

- **Sign up to speak at a budget public hearing**

- https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm
- April 6 (9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Board meeting, 6 p.m. budget public hearing)
- April 7-8 (3 p.m. budget public hearing)

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