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[EXTERNAL]George Mason - Comment regarding transparency, fencing, and needless destruction of 100+ trees

From Harry Wilmer <harry.wilmer@gmail.com>

Date Thu 5/15/2025 1:02 PM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

2 attachments (8 MB)

FE19EC37-A4C7-4456-8762-6B629A577841.heic; George Mason - Tree Destruction Plan.pdf;

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Dear Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Esteemed Councilmembers, and fellow citizens of Alexandria,

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns with the George Mason Modernization Project. I am writing to advocate for tree preservation and fence line adjustments that will protect this valuable community resource.

To start, I want to underscore the lack of transparency in this project so far. The George Mason Modernization Project has exhibited a pattern of waiting until the last minute to unveil plans, so that the community doesn't have a chance to digest new information before it is voted upon. This occurred last fall, when the 3 potential designs were unveiled to the public mere weeks before the School Board voted to move forward. Despite the short window of time, the community was able to mobilize and gather several hundred signatures on a [petition](#) to request a 4th design - one that built up, rather than out, to preserve the beautiful natural grass field and tree-laden glades behind the school. As you know, this request was denied. The reason given was that they couldn't possibly afford to delay. However, if the team had made the designs public earlier, we could have worked together to come to a more amicable design.

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Please reach out to me any time.

Sincerely,
Harry Wilmer, PhD
George Mason, GWMS, and TC Williams Alum
Father of 2 future GM students
703-965-2689

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[EXTERNAL]Docket #17, 25-3197

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Erin L<els51@yahoo.com>

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to express my concerns about moving forward with the George Mason Elementary Modernization Plan as proposed. Many people in the neighborhood, including myself, have felt that the design does not reflect the needs of the community. There is also concern that not enough time was put into the plan and community members' feedback was not heard. I, too, as a resident of the George Mason neighborhood share these concerns.

In addition, I am concerned about the removal of more than 100 mature trees behind the school. This has always been a beautiful oasis in the neighborhood and the trees and natural areas should be protected at all costs. We have already lost so much of our canopy. We can't afford to lose more.

I know that at some point this project will move forward because a new school is necessary, however, I hope the city council will vote to not move forward with the modernization as planned and continue to work towards a consensus with the community members. Let's make sure we are making the right decisions and that we protect our environment. We can do both: build a great school and protect our trees. I believe it is possible.

Thank you,
Erin Lee
Sent from my iPhone

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[EXTERNAL]GM Park/School re-do: change the fence line & save the trees

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Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, City Council Members:

I am writing to agree wholeheartedly with the following email you received from Harry Wilmer, a conscientious, dedicated NorthRidge community member—and a heck of a nice guy to boot.

I implore you to PLEASE listen to your Alexandria constituents and REPRESENT us in this very important community and environmental matter.

Thank you,
Mimi Saunders

Harry's email:

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[EXTERNAL]George Mason

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Date Fri 5/16/2025 9:44 AM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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I support the email sent to you by Harry Wilmer! -

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Phoebe Jones
Richmond Ln.

Sent from my iPhone

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[EXTERNAL]George Mason Tree Preservation

From John Embrey <va.embreys@gmail.com>

Date Fri 5/16/2025 9:50 AM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Dear Mayor Gaskins and City Council Members,

I am writing to you on behalf of the trees at risk of being removed from the campus and surrounding area of George Mason Elementary School. Specifically, there are beautiful, mature trees that provide oxygen, beauty, shade and tranquility, among other things, that currently stand tall on the school property and surrounding area. To take down 55% of the existing trees would be a travesty, especially given the significant loss of trees we have experienced in the last several years due to storms. We simply must protect and preserve these trees for our quality of life and for future generations. Additionally, the fence line needs to be moved from the current plans and the access to the park by the community needs to be preserved. There is so much at stake here. GME is not just a school, but serves as a sanctuary that is found nowhere else in the city. Please advocate for the citizens of Alexandria by fighting to save it.

I ask each of you to walk the path around the school to see the beauty of the area in the hope that you will understand the importance of preserving the trees. Please show that you support a healthy and green city by voting to protect these gentle giants.

Sincerely,
Mary Embrey
515 Fontaine St
Alexandria, VA
Sent from my iPhone

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[EXTERNAL]George Mason Modernization Project

From Tiffany Del Rio <tanndelrio@gmail.com>

Date Fri 5/16/2025 10:48 AM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Hello,

I am a parent of a kindergartener and a future Dragon at George Mason Elementary School. Thank you for taking the time to read my comments and share my concerns over tree preservation at the site of the future school.

First, I am very excited about the investment into the new school, while also working to navigate it as a parent and a nearby neighbor. I am hopeful that the new school will better serve my own sons and those within the greater community. That being said, I want to advocate for thoughtful preservation of some of the trees that provide canopy cover and shade for the school and the nearby community. I understand the process is moving forward so I have no comments on the size of the campus, but more specifically, keeping the trees that can be preserved that aren't impacted by the direct building. A neighbor shared the following [map for the tree removal schedule](#) and I believe there is an opportunity to preserve a portion of them. Note that all of the trees in these pictures are outside of the proposed footprint of the school itself.

I believe it is possible to thoughtfully preserve some of the environment, while continuing the project and not impacting the timeline. Happy to share further thoughts and appreciate your efforts to support a community as special as Alexandria.

Best,

[Tiffany Ann Del Rio](#)

909 732-7529 | tanndelrio@gmail.com

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[EXTERNAL]DSUP #2025-10001 -- Trees at George Mason School

From Rawles Jones <rawlesjones@gmail.com>

Date Fri 5/16/2025 11:54 AM

To CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov <CouncilComment@alexandriava.gov>

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Dear Mayor Gaskins and Members of Council --

I write to oppose the unnecessary, counterproductive destruction of trees planned at the George Mason School site, and I associate myself with the views expressed by Harry Wilmer.

Sincerely,

Thomas Rawles Jones, Jr.

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Thomas Rawles Jones, Jr.

17 W. Rosemont Ave.

Alexandria, VA 22301

703-405-0584 (cell)

"The future will be different if we

make the present different."

-- Peter Maurin

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Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 4:28 PM
To: Christina Thompson; John Chapman; Kirk McPike; Tenesia Wells; Calvin Moore; Regina Benavides; Melissa Douglas; Imani Thaniel; Sarah Bagley; Jacinta Greene; Keia Waters; Alyia Gaskins; Karl Bach; Canek Aguirre; Michele Griffin; Christine Macey; JoAnn Maldonado; Gloria Sitton; Suzanne Derr; Abdel Elnoubi; CRM Administrator
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Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	25-00015647	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/15/2025 4:26 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/22/2025 4:26 PM
Description:	I have massive concern about the number of trees scheduled to be cut down at George Mason. Do you all realize how long it takes for a tree to get this size. It's bad enough when storms knock down trees, but when it's intentional that speaks poorly about you all. The people who live in this neighborhood care about the whole neighborhood. It looks like some of the walk ways could be improved by moving them a little - not cutting a tree down. Thank you for reading this.		

Contact Information:

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Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/15/2025 4:20 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/22/2025 4:20 PM
Description:	<p>I vigorously object the the proposed UNNECESSARY desruction of so many mature trees in connection with the George Mason School remodel. the Tree Preservation Schedule was made public for the first time in advance of the Planning Commission hearing on May 6. According to their information (DSUP #2025-10001; pages 58-60, 62 attached), there are 198 trees on the entire property of the school and field. Of these, 108 trees are slated for destruction (55%). Using my best estimates according to the maps they have provided, 27 trees will be destroyed to make way for the new building footprint and surrounding landscaping designs. 22 trees will be destroyed to make way for new parking lots. Over 50 trees will be destroyed so that they can replace the walking path and make "improvements" to the existing natural features around the park. Many of the trees slated for removal are 80+ year oaks and walnuts that are crucial for the health of the local environment. Please take a close look at the map, the tree removal schedule, and many of the very old trees scheduled for unnecessary removal, all compiled here . Note that all of the trees in these pictures are outside of the proposed footprint of the school itself. It is unconscionable for this "green" project to include so much wanton and needless destruction of nature. . Note that all of the trees in these pictures are outside of the proposed footprint of the school itself. It is unconscionable for this "green" project to include so much wanton and needless destruction of nature. the Tree Preservation Schedule was made public for the first time in advance of the Planning Commission hearing on May 6. According to their information (DSUP #2025-10001; pages 58-60, 62 attached), there are 198 trees on the entire property of the school and field. Of these, 108 trees are slated for destruction (55%). Using my best estimates according to the maps they have provided, 27 trees will be destroyed to make way for the new building footprint and surrounding landscaping designs. 22 trees will be destroyed to make way for new parking lots. Over 50 trees will be destroyed so that they can replace the walking path and make "improvements" to the existing natural features around the park. Many of the trees slated for removal are 80+ year oaks and walnuts that are crucial for the health of the local environment.</p>		

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Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/15/2025 4:09 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/22/2025 4:09 PM
Description:	Re: George Mason School / Park Project, DSUP #2025-10001		

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Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/15/2025 12:55 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/22/2025 12:55 PM
Description:	Dear Alexandria City Council, My name is Christine and I have a twin 4th graders at George Mason Elementary School. I'm writing to express strong support for the full approval of the George Mason Elementary School modernization project, including the installation of a secure perimeter fence around the entire field, as recommended by the ACPs Office of Capital Programs, Planning, and Design. With future enrollment expected to exceed 650 students, the modernization project is critical to ensuring a safe, functional, and future-ready learning environment. A secure fence is an essential component of that plan. Currently, the lack of fencing around the field prevents students from using it during the school day and has led to ongoing issues with unauthorized use—including individuals allowing dogs on the field during school hours. This poses clear safety risks and denies students access to valuable outdoor space for recess, physical education, and learning. The school field is part of the George Mason campus and should be prioritized for student use. Without a fence, students are being denied equitable access to a resource that supports not just physical health, but also mental well-being, social development, and academic success—particularly important in a school of this size. Installing a fence would provide: • Safety: Restricting access by unauthorized individuals and animals during school hours. • Security: Allowing staff to supervise students in a clearly defined, protected area. • Access: Ensuring students can use the field throughout the day without disruption. • Equity: Giving all George Mason Elementary students the same level of security and access as their peers at other modernized schools. I respectfully urge you to approve the entire George Mason Elementary School modernization project, including the secure fencing of the school field. Our students deserve a modern, safe, and inclusive learning environment—both inside and out. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing support of our students and school community. Sincerely, Christine Friedberg		

Contact Information:

Name:	Christine Friedberg	Primary Phone:	+1 (919) 423-0456
Email:	christine.friedberg@griswoldcare.com	Social Persona:	

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COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council ([25-00015571](#)) service request has been created, updated, and/or requires your attention.

Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	25-00015571	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/15/2025 11:42 AM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/22/2025 11:42 AM
Description:	Please consider saving as many trees as possible at the George Mason Elementary construction site. Thank you.		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
Which Council Member would you like to contact?	All Members
What is the nature of your request?	Boards and Commissions Endorsement
Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

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Service Request Number:	25-00015543	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/15/2025 9:53 AM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/22/2025 9:53 AM
Description:	Dear Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, and City Council Members, We, in North Ridge, are dismayed at the City's plan to remove 108 trees as part of the George Mason School renovation. We live here because of the tree canopy, green space and natural forests. The trees in our yards form an interlocking canopy, which is the supporting forest extension of Monticello Park, the critical Spring migration stopover route for significant species of warblers. The George Mason school trees and green space are part of this important ecological system that we treasure and enjoy. North Ridge neighbors put energy into enhancing and preserving our green environment. The North Ridge Canopy Tree Campaign has planted over 400 trees racing to replace trees that have died due to climate change. In addition, neighbors independently have planted many hundreds more. We are replacing lawns with native plants and shrubs to support beneficial insects, bees and wildlife. The City's planned removal of trees works against the spirit of the neighborhood. Also, less trees and the planned urban style cemented and artificial turf areas would increase and impact summer temperatures, creating a heat island effect which we are trying to limit. It is possible to modernize the school and playground area without the destruction of so many trees and green space. Don't allow the destruction of this neighborhood jewel. Thank you for considering these comments. Jane Seward janeseward@comcast.net 619 Beverly Drive		

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Service Questions:

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What is the nature of your request?	Legislative or Policy Issues
Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

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Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	25-00015538	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/15/2025 9:34 AM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/22/2025 9:34 AM
Description:	<p>My name is Jay Vallario, and I have a third-grader at George Mason Elementary School. I'm writing to express strong support for the full approval of the George Mason Elementary School modernization project, including the installation of a secure perimeter fence around the entire field, as recommended by the ACPs Office of Capital Programs, Planning, and Design. With future enrollment expected to exceed 650 students, the modernization project is critical to ensuring a safe, functional, and future-ready learning environment. A secure fence is an essential component of that plan. Currently, the lack of fencing around the field prevents students from using it during the school day and has led to ongoing issues with unauthorized use—including individuals allowing dogs on the field during school hours. This poses clear safety risks and denies students access to valuable outdoor space for recess, physical education, and learning. The school field is part of the George Mason campus and should be prioritized for student use. Without a fence, students are being denied equitable access to a resource that supports not just physical health, but also mental well-being, social development, and academic success—particularly important in a school of this size. Installing a fence would provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety: Restricting access by unauthorized individuals and animals during school hours.• Security: Allowing staff to supervise students in a clearly defined, protected area.• Access: Ensuring students can use the field throughout the day without disruption.• Equity: Giving all George Mason Elementary students the same level of security and access as their peers at other modernized schools. <p>I respectfully urge you to approve the entire George Mason Elementary School modernization project, including the secure fencing of the school field. Our students deserve a modern, safe, and inclusive learning environment—both inside and out. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing support of our students and school community. Sincerely, Jay Vallario</p>		

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Service Questions:

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What is the nature of your request?	Boards and Commissions Endorsement

Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes
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Service Request Number:	25-00015494	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/14/2025 9:11 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/21/2025 9:11 PM
Description:	My name is Matt Konrad and I have a fourth grader and two GMES alumni George Mason Elementary School. I'm writing to express strong support for the full approval of the George Mason Elementary School modernization project, including the installation of a secure perimeter fence around the entire field, as recommended by the ACPS Office of Capital Programs, Planning, and Design. With future enrollment expected to exceed 650 students, the modernization project is critical to ensuring a safe, functional, and future-ready learning environment. A secure fence is an essential component of that plan. Currently, the lack of fencing around the field prevents students from using it during the school day and has led to ongoing issues with unauthorized use—including individuals allowing dogs on the field during school hours. This poses clear safety risks and denies students access to valuable outdoor space for recess, physical education, and learning. The school field is part of the George Mason campus and should be prioritized for student use. Without a fence, students are being denied access to a resource that supports not just physical health, but also mental well-being, social development, and academic success—particularly important in a school of this size. THE NEIGHBORHOOD WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE FIELD OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS... AND NO ONE SHOULD BE ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING SCHOOL HOURS! This should be a no-brainer! Installing a fence would provide: • Safety: Restricting access by unauthorized individuals and animals during school hours. • Security: Allowing staff to supervise students in a clearly defined, protected area. • Access: Ensuring students can use the field throughout the day without disruption. • Equity: Giving all George Mason Elementary students the same level of security and access as their peers at other modernized schools. I respectfully urge you to approve the entire George Mason Elementary School modernization project, including the secure fencing of the school field. Our students deserve a modern, safe, and inclusive learning environment—both inside and out. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing support of our students and school community. Sincerely, Matt Konrad 2809 Ridge Road Drive		

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Service Questions:

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Service Request Number:	25-00015486	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/14/2025 8:02 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/21/2025 8:02 PM
Description:	My comments are related to DSUP #2025-10001 regarding the George Mason Elementary Modernization project. The park located to the rear of GMES is a neighborhood gem, in constant use by neighbors and the larger community. It is a rare greenspace in a city that declares itself an Eco City, highly valuing trees and the environment. The DSUP states that 108 of the 198 trees (55%) currently on the school / park property will be destroyed Oh, my, oh, my. And of those, 58 trees will be destroyed as the walking path is replaced and to make "improvements" to the existing natural features of the park. Yikes. Also proposed for you to vote on is an 8' fence to go around the entirety of the field, closing off the area to the community. If a fence, why an 8-foot high fence? Why enclose the entire property? The community is grieving over these possibilities. Please vote against the mass destruction of trees and this fence!		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
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What is the nature of your request?	Boards and Commissions Endorsement
Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]25-00015442 - Open - COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council

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Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	25-00015442	Created By:	Customer
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/14/2025 4:54 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/21/2025 4:54 PM
Description:	LIMIT THE FENCE ! SAVE THE TREES ! REDUCE PROJECT COST !! May 17 Agenda Item 17: George Mason School The proposed design for the new George Mason school will enhance learning for 670 students, preserve the historic front, and retain a low vertical profile. Excellent! BUT The City Council should require two very important, easily implemented, money-saving tweaks regarding the recreational area in the rear of the new school - an area which has been enjoyed by generations of Alexandrians: 1. Don't fence the grass area beyond the new playground and artificial turf. No part of this area is next to traffic. Young children have played soccer and T-ball there for years, as our grandchildren and their fellow George Mason students now do. If sweeping circumferential fencing must be installed around the grass field (hopefully not!), limit the height to 4 feet 10 inches. This would match the height of the back fence at the new MacArthur School.] 2. Don't cut down trees to widen and pave over the existing paths. More than 50 (!) trees would be destroyed to implement this unnecessary plan. (Staff Report, page 58.) Saving these trees is ecologically sound, and is required by Alexandria City Council's Eco-City Charter: "We envision Alexandria as a city that ... embraces natural beauty, where we create ..trails and open spaces that ... increase our tree canopy..." Respectfully submitted, Jack and Genie Wilmer 504 Malcolm Place for the past 35 years 703-915-0290		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
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What is the nature of your request?	Other
Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

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Service Request Number:	25-00015304	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/13/2025 9:32 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/20/2025 9:32 PM
Description:	Regarding DSUP 2025-1001, George Mason Park is an essential part of life in my section of North Ridge. Those of us who live nearby use the park all the time. We walk, we play sports, we run, we pause and listen to the birds in the tall trees. A proposal to wall off the park with a high fence and, even worse, take down more than 50 of its trees, is an awful way to treat this precious community resource. While the City seems unable to prevent developers of private properties from destroying the natural environment, surely Alexandria can do better with a public park. I urge the Council to give more consideration to the community and the environment in deciding the future of George Mason Elementary School and the attached city land.		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
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Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

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Service Request Number:	25-00015286	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/13/2025 5:56 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/20/2025 5:56 PM
Description:	Dear Mayor Gaskins and City Council Members, I am writing to express my concern regarding the George Mason Elementary School modernization project, specifically the potential removal of trees and changes to the surrounding field and park grounds. As a longtime member of this community, I have a deep personal connection to this space. My children attended George Mason Elementary, and we have spent countless hours on those fields playing soccer, baseball, t-ball, basketball, and enjoying the playground. Even now, I continue to walk my dog daily around the park, and I see the same fields being used actively by local families for practices, games, and recreation. The area is a vital, vibrant part of our neighborhood. Recently, while walking the perimeter of the field, I was amazed to see a bald eagle flying overhead, circling as if nesting nearby. I believe one of the trees may host a nest. This was a powerful reminder of the natural value and ecological richness of this green space. I respectfully urge you to consider preserving the trees and fields at George Mason Elementary as much as possible during the modernization process. This green space is more than just land—it is a cherished gathering place, a community asset, and an important habitat for local wildlife. Thank you for your time, and for your ongoing service to our city. I hope you will take these concerns into serious consideration as you move forward with plans for the site. Sincerely, Katherine Mitchell		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
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What is the nature of your request?	Other
Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]25-00015197 - Open - COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council

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Service Request Number:	25-00015197	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/13/2025 11:41 AM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/20/2025 11:41 AM
Description:	<p>To the Members of the Alexandria City Council, I'm writing to express my deep concern about the potential fencing of the grass field at George Mason Elementary School following the construction of the new school building. As someone who grew up in this neighborhood, that field holds a special place in my heart. I spent countless afternoons there — playing with friends, learning to ride a bike, enjoying its expansiveness. It was a space that felt truly shared, where kids, families, and neighbors could connect freely. I now relish in seeing my own young children—current GMES students—run on that same field, bike on the surrounding paths, and duck in and out of the trees around it. I fully understand and respect the importance of student safety and the need to protect school grounds. Certainly, the last thing I want is for my children to be in any way unsafe while at school. But, with no busy roads nearby, the potential for a run-in with traffic seems unlikely and has not to date presented an issue. Indeed, after more than forty years of personal connection to that park, I can think of no instance in which a lack of fencing has proven detrimental to the neighborhood and its children. Fencing, however, would be detrimental, significantly changing the character of this space. The sense of openness that makes that park so valuable to the community would be lost, and with it, the feel of it as a unique and accessible gathering place for people of all ages. The field is more than just a piece of land — it's part of the social fabric of our neighborhood. It's where my mother taught me how to dribble a soccer ball, where I have flown kites with my own children. It is where we teach our children to play, to share, and to build community. The fencing would make the park far less welcoming to the neighbors while also literally hemming in the children who play on it. I also have significant concerns about the threat posed to the trees that line the field by any fencing — trees the benefit us all every day. I urge you to consider alternatives that maintain safety while still allowing public access outside of school hours. Whether that's timed availability, signage, or community agreements, I believe there are solutions that can balance both priorities — in large part because these solutions have worked for decades. Thank you for your time and for your commitment to our community. I hope you'll choose to keep the field open and accessible for all of us who cherish it now as well as for future generations.</p>		

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]25-00015652 - Open - COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council

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Service Request Number:	25-00015652	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/15/2025 5:04 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/22/2025 5:04 PM
Description:	See attached letter in support of the George Mason Modernization project		

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Service Request Number:	25-00015655	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/15/2025 5:21 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/22/2025 5:21 PM
Description:	I'm writing regarding the George Mason Modernization Project. I strongly urge you to consider options that don't require removing so many trees from this important green space. It appears that more than half of the park's trees are slated for removal. It's surprising that is coming from a city that claims to value green space, improving the climate and protecting the environment. Is their removal required for the rebuilding of the school? I don't think so. And, once again, the information is provided so late that there isn't time to investigate other options. It makes the "public comment" period disingenuous. Please reconsider or seek other options.		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
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Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

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Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/15/2025 6:00 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/22/2025 6:00 PM
Description:	Dear Mayor Gaskins and City Council Members: I am writing to express my concern about the redevelopment plans for the George Mason Elementary School and its adjoining park area. My understanding is that the current plan provides for removing about one-half of the mostly mature trees surrounding the school and park area and erecting a tall fence enclosing virtually all of the park area. I ask that the City Council decline to approve the existing plan, with instructions that city and school staffs develop a plan that preserves the trees to the maximum extent practicable and one that allows unfenced access to the open space for community and recreational use. As you no doubt are aware, the open space that adjoins George Mason is the only open space in North Ridge available for youth sports and similar recreational activities. For over 50 years this space has served George Mason families and their neighbors as a place for playground activities, youth sports and other neighborhood activities. My now adult children played there almost daily as kids and their own children now play there once or twice weekly — on the playground or playing soccer or baseball for practices and games. It would be a drastic change if the open use of this area — outside regular school hours — is curtailed. I do not know if that is intended under the current plan but it can reasonably be inferred from the erection of a tall fence encompassing the entire area. If that's not intended, then I request the Council make clear that open access will remain the policy. If a fence is deemed necessary to properly secure an area during regular school hours, I suggest that the fence extend no further east than the school's proposed immediate play area. I have lived in the area for over 45 years and I am aware of no circumstances, in the absence of fencing, that has posed any risk to students. Thank you for considering my views. Respectfully, William J Stone		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
Which Council Member would you like to contact?	All Members
What is the nature of your request?	Legislative or Policy Issues
Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

Gloria Sitton

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Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 8:29 PM
To: Christina Thompson; John Chapman; Kirk McPike; Tenesia Wells; Calvin Moore; Regina Benavides; Melissa Douglas; Imani Thaniel; Sarah Bagley; Jacinta Greene; Keia Waters; Alyia Gaskins; Karl Bach; Canek Aguirre; Michele Griffin; Christine Macey; JoAnn Maldonado; Gloria Sitton; Suzanne Derr; Abdel Elnoubi; CRM Administrator
Subject: [EXTERNAL]25-00015685 - Open - COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council

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Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	25-00015685	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/15/2025 8:27 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/22/2025 8:27 PM
Description:	Dear Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, and Esteemed City Council Members, I am a 15 year old freshman in high school. I live near the George Mason school. My dog Freckles and I often cross the school grounds. My dad told me about the George Mason Modernization Project. I am aware that my dad and our neighbors don't support what the city is proposing. I hope to live in Alexandria all my life. Please consider tree preservation and the proposed fence line adjustments that will protect this valuable area. Thank you. Jed Friedman		

Contact Information:

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]25-00015679 - Open - COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council

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Service Request Number:	25-00015679	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/15/2025 7:45 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/22/2025 7:45 PM
Description:	Dear Mayor Gaskins and City Council Members, I write to you today to plead for a better, more thoughtful plan for the grounds of George Mason Elementary School. There is a better way to renovate the school and its grounds without destroying all the 108 trees I see listed on the map for removal. I just walked along the path that is slated for renovation, where so many of these trees are growing. Most of them are large, healthy trees that benefit the school and surrounding neighborhood. Many of the trees are mature oaks. A previous generation of planners must have known that oak trees are the most ecologically beneficial trees in our area. Not only do they provide shade and beauty, but they also support hundreds of native species, beginning with the insects that in turn support bird life. Leaving that path and its surrounding trees undisturbed is particularly appropriate for the grounds of a school. The path has bumps and cracks in it and is not terribly attractive. Riding a bike there might take some care. This is a teachable moment! Somethings are more important than a bike ride today or another immediate concern. The long-term benefit of the trees outweighs the cosmetic appeal of a new path.		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
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What is the nature of your request?	Legislative or Policy Issues
Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]25-00015718 - Open - COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council

COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council ([25-00015718](#)) service request has been created, updated, and/or requires your attention.

Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	25-00015718	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/16/2025 8:35 AM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/23/2025 8:35 AM
Description:	<p>Dear Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, and City Council Members, Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns about the George Mason Modernization Project. I'm writing to advocate for a revised fence line and greater tree preservation that will protect a beloved neighborhood resource and one of the few remaining unstructured greenspaces in the area. From the beginning, this project has lacked transparency. Key design details, including the original plans and, more recently, the Tree Preservation Schedule, have been released only shortly before key votes. This has made it difficult for the community to respond meaningfully and propose constructive alternatives. Tree Loss: DSUP #2025-10001 shows that 108 of 198 trees on the property—many of them old-growth oaks and walnuts—are slated for removal. Much of this is not for the building itself, but for parking and landscaping changes. Removing trees that are not in the construction footprint is not aligned with the city's environmental values and further depletes the tree canopy that is so valued in this neighborhood by those who live here, the visiting birders, and most importantly the kids and families who live in nearby apartments who use this green space as their own back yard. Fundamentally, that is what city parks and greenspaces are supposed to be - community backyards used for recreation, connection, and fully accessible to everyone. It is truly the only unstructured green space within walking distance that doesn't require the use of a permit. Forts are built throughout the park by big imaginations and our kids meet their peers and teammates from the surrounding Arlandria apartments to kick around a soccer ball. Please tell me where else the teens are supposed to hang out? They meet in the afternoons to play sports and to be outdoors together. There are so few places for them to just be teenagers together - safely away from McDonalds at Bradlee but far enough away from parents so they feel they have some autonomy, but still under the watchful eyes of the neighborhood. It is a very healthy place for all of us. Neighbors (of all ages!) are built here, please don't destroy this community treasure. Fence Line: It was only at a recent Planning Commission hearing that we learned of an 8-foot fence planned to surround the entire field. That fence would cut off community access to spaces we've used for years—not just as parkland, but as a gathering place. Our neighborhood, along with surrounding neighborhoods, has a long tradition of pickup kickball games, weekend soccer, and even Thanksgiving morning flag football. Generations of families have built memories in that open green space. With a more limited fence—surrounding just the turf, paved areas, and basketball court—those traditions could continue. This isn't just about a fence or a few trees. It's about preserving a vital space where children play under century-old trees, where neighbors connect, and where we</p>		

	model environmental care and community values. Please help us protect this space—for today's families and those to come. Sincerely, Marcy Crisler 202 Birch Street
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Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 12:53 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides
Cc: Calvin Moore; Melissa Douglas; JoAnn Maldonado; Tenesia Wells
Subject: [EXTERNAL]PZ-Planning and Zoning General Comments, Complaints, and Inquiries - (25-00015286) [thread::gOYDeUdyHMqjtFJ6ZtyaPSA::]

Dear Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley and Members of City Council:

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Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	25-00015286	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/13/2025 5:56 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/20/2025 5:56 PM
Description:	Dear Mayor Gaskins and City Council Members, I am writing to express my concern regarding the George Mason Elementary School modernization project, specifically the potential removal of trees and changes to the surrounding field and park grounds. As a longtime member of this community, I have a deep personal connection to this space. My children attended George Mason Elementary, and we have spent countless hours on those fields playing soccer, baseball, t-ball, basketball, and enjoying the playground. Even now, I continue to walk my dog daily around the park, and I see the same fields being used actively by local families for practices, games, and recreation. The area is a vital, vibrant part of our neighborhood. Recently, while walking the perimeter of the field, I was amazed to see a bald eagle flying overhead, circling as if nesting nearby. I believe one of the trees may host a nest. This was a powerful reminder of the natural value and ecological richness of this green space. I respectfully urge you to consider preserving the trees and fields at George Mason Elementary as much as possible during the modernization process. This green space is more than just land—it is a cherished gathering place, a community asset, and an important habitat for local wildlife. Thank you for your time, and for your ongoing service to our city. I hope you will take these concerns into serious consideration as you move forward with plans for the site. Sincerely, Katherine Mitchell		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
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What is the nature of your request?	Other
Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]25-00015783 - Open - COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council

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Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	25-00015783	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/16/2025 1:03 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/23/2025 1:03 PM
Description:	I m alarmed and feel under informed at the extent of tree removal proposd for George Mason ES. The plan needs much more public discussion and review, and search for a less impactive approach. It is not just for the school but an active community amenity that is under consideration. Thank you.		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
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What is the nature of your request?	Legislative or Policy Issues
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]25-00015792 - Open - COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council

COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council ([25-00015792](#)) service request has been created, updated, and/or requires your attention.

Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	25-00015792	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/16/2025 1:23 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/23/2025 1:23 PM
Description:	George Mason Elementary Modernization Project - support for proposal, docket item #17 on May 17 City Council Public Hearing		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
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What is the nature of your request?	Other
Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes



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To: City Council; City Council Aides
Cc: Calvin Moore; Melissa Douglas; JoAnn Maldonado; Tenesia Wells
Subject: [EXTERNAL]PZ-Planning and Zoning General Comments, Complaints, and Inquiries - (25-00015494) [thread::R8YvQegYGr6jwBBBYtm2ZyA::]

Dear Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley and Members of City Council:

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COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council ([25-00015494](#)) service request has been created, updated, and/or requires your attention.

Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	25-00015494	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/14/2025 9:11 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/21/2025 9:11 PM
Description:	My name is Matt Konrad and I have a fourth grader and two GMES alumni George Mason Elementary School. I'm writing to express strong support for the full approval of the George Mason Elementary School modernization project, including the installation of a secure perimeter fence around the entire field, as recommended by the ACPS Office of Capital Programs, Planning, and Design. With future enrollment expected to exceed 650 students, the modernization project is critical to ensuring a safe, functional, and future-ready learning environment. A secure fence is an essential component of that plan. Currently, the lack of fencing around the field prevents students from using it during the school day and has led to ongoing issues with unauthorized use—including individuals allowing dogs on the field during school hours. This poses clear safety risks and denies students access to valuable outdoor space for recess, physical education, and learning. The school field is part of the George Mason campus and should be prioritized for student use. Without a fence, students are being denied access to a resource that supports not just physical health, but also mental well-being, social development, and academic success—particularly important in a school of this size. THE NEIGHBORHOOD WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE FIELD OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS... AND NO ONE SHOULD BE ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING SCHOOL HOURS! This should be a no-brainer! Installing a fence would provide: • Safety: Restricting access by unauthorized individuals and animals during school hours. • Security: Allowing staff to supervise students in a clearly defined, protected area. • Access: Ensuring students can use the field throughout the day without disruption. • Equity: Giving all George Mason Elementary students the same level of security and access as their peers at other modernized schools. I respectfully urge you to approve the entire George Mason Elementary School modernization project, including the secure fencing of the school field. Our students deserve a modern, safe, and inclusive learning environment—both inside and out. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing support of our students and school community. Sincerely, Matt Konrad 2809 Ridge Road Drive		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
Which Council Member would you like to contact?	All Members
What is the nature of your request?	Legislative or Policy Issues
Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

Sincerely,
Calvin Moore
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City of Alexandria, Virginia
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To: City Council; City Council Aides
Cc: Calvin Moore; Melissa Douglas; JoAnn Maldonado; Tenesia Wells
Subject: [EXTERNAL]PZ-Planning and Zoning General Comments, Complaints, and Inquiries - (25-00015486) [thread::Ai92QJ3zEpi24HKJVeB5JCA::]

Categories: Red Category

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COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council ([25-00015486](#)) service request has been created, updated, and/or requires your attention.

Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	25-00015486	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/14/2025 8:02 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/21/2025 8:02 PM
Description:	My comments are related to DSUP #2025-10001 regarding the George Mason Elementary Modernization project. The park located to the rear of GMES is a neighborhood gem, in constant use by neighbors and the larger community. It is a rare greenspace in a city that declares itself an Eco City, highly valuing trees and the environment. The DSUP states that 108 of the 198 trees (55%) currently on the school / park property will be destroyed Oh, my, oh, my. And of those, 58 trees will be destroyed as the walking path is replaced and to make "improvements" to the existing natural features of the park. Yikes. Also proposed for you to vote on is an 8' fence to go around the entirety of the field, closing off the area to the community. If a fence, why an 8-foot high fence? Why enclose the entire property? The community is grieving over these possibilities. Please vote against the mass destruction of trees and this fence!		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
Which Council Member would you like to contact?	All Members
What is the nature of your request?	Boards and Commissions Endorsement
Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

Sincerely,
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City of Alexandria, Virginia

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Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 2:01 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides
Cc: Calvin Moore; Melissa Douglas; JoAnn Maldonado; Tenesia Wells
Subject: [EXTERNAL]PZ-Planning and Zoning General Comments, Complaints, and Inquiries - (25-00015543) [thread::ETDxk4uNFyqSGZCWSjn1GSA::]

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COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council ([25-00015543](#)) service request has been created, updated, and/or requires your attention.

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Service Request Number:	25-00015543	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/15/2025 9:53 AM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/22/2025 9:53 AM
Description:	Dear Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, and City Council Members, We, in North Ridge, are dismayed at the City's plan to remove 108 trees as part of the George Mason School renovation. We live here because of the tree canopy, green space and natural forests. The trees in our yards form an interlocking canopy, which is the supporting forest extension of Monticello Park, the critical Spring migration stopover route for significant species of warblers. The George Mason school trees and green space are part of this important ecological system that we treasure and enjoy. North Ridge neighbors put energy into enhancing and preserving our green environment. The North Ridge Canopy Tree Campaign has planted over 400 trees racing to replace trees that have died due to climate change. In addition, neighbors independently have planted many hundreds more. We are replacing lawns with native plants and shrubs to support beneficial insects, bees and wildlife. The City's planned removal of trees works against the spirit of the neighborhood. Also, less trees and the planned urban style cemented and artificial turf areas would increase and impact summer temperatures, creating a heat island effect which we are trying to limit. It is possible to modernize the school and playground area without the destruction of so many trees and green space. Don't allow the destruction of this neighborhood jewel. Thank you for considering these comments. Jane Seward ianeseward@comcast.net 619 Beverly Drive		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
Which Council Member would you like to contact?	All Members
What is the nature of your request?	Legislative or Policy Issues

Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?

Yes

Sincerely,
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To: City Council; City Council Aides
Cc: Calvin Moore; Melissa Douglas; JoAnn Maldonado; Tenesia Wells
Subject: [EXTERNAL]PZ-Planning and Zoning General Comments, Complaints, and Inquiries - (25-00015638) [thread::8_TJoiHOGP67KVuzebPuqCA::]

Dear Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley and Members of City Council:

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Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	25-00015638	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/15/2025 4:02 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/22/2025 4:02 PM
Description:	Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, and City Council Members, I am writing to express deep concern about the recently revealed plans to cut existing trees, and erect a high fence around the George Mason Elementary School. Trees. As I read the Tree Preservation Schedule (DSUP #2025-10001, pp 58-60 and 62) released May 6, 108 of the 198 trees (55%) on the property of the school and field are slated for destruction. This is far more than is necessary. Over 50 trees will be destroyed so that they can replace the walking path and make "improvements" to the existing natural features around the park. Many of the trees slated for removal are 80+ year oaks and walnuts that are crucial for the health of the local environment. Fencing. I understand that the plan is to build an 8 foot fence around the field. Our community deserves greater access to what will be left of the park. Please insist that a shorter 4' 10" fence be used to surround only the artificial turf field and paved play areas. This is an important moment for the City Council to call out the lack of transparency by ACPS and the opportunity to save valuable trees and green space (as well as money) by limiting the planned destruction in this essential community park. Sincerely, Charles Kent Past President of NRCA 40 year resident of Alexandria		

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Service Questions:

Question	Answer
Which Council Member would you like to contact?	All Members
What is the nature of your request?	Legislative or Policy Issues
Is your request related to the upcoming public hearing or Council meeting?	Yes

Sincerely,
Calvin Moore

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Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 3:34 PM
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Service Request Number:	25-00015838	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/16/2025 3:32 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/23/2025 3:32 PM
Description:	<p>Dear Mayor Gaskins, Vice- Mayor Bagley, and Alexandria City Council Members, Thank you for all the service and leadership you offer to our community. Again, I am happy that I do not have your job. I am reaching out in support of pedestrian walkability and bike accessibility for the new George Mason Elementary School Campus, by accepting the tree removal as necessary to improve the paths. For my day job, I have the unique position to visit every ACPS elementary school and facilitate their Biking in the Schools (BITS) unit through 3rd grade PE. I see almost every school, gym, bike fleet, PE teacher, front desk, and outdoor areas. I recognize the differences in class sizes, population, and space and how each PE department (and school) has their own particular challenges. And I also see the biking and walking infrastructure and the culture at each school. George Mason has a huge blacktop and many bike racks. They are filled with bikes even in December. During the biking unit, many children come to school with their own helmets, evidence of a strong biking culture. The surrounding streets are low stress cycling networks and both walking and biking safety and accessibility are built into their single family home neighborhood. A side note: this is not the case in every neighborhood, especially the West End, FT Day for example. As well, you are familiar with my advocacy work as a member of BPAC. It is with this background and experience that I recommend that the paths at George Mason follow the design recommended by ACPS to remove some trees and their roots. Pedestrians need a smooth path to walk over. Have you ever fallen over an imaginary or real rock on a walk? Not fun. While I am not of certain age yet, I have watched family members who are unable to lift their feet high enough trip on the edge of an 1/4 of inch rug. Not fun for them. For toddlers and small children who are members of the school community who use this path, even a small root bump in the path is actually big to them and presents a hazard. Cyclists need a smooth path to pedal over. Have you ever pushed a stroller on the bricks of Old Town? Not fun. Have you ever ridden a bike over tree roots in an otherwise smooth path? Not fun and not safe. Hitting a damaged sidewalk and flying over the handlebars can happen. While George Mason has a strong biking culture, small children are still learning to balance and pedal. Tree roots in a bumpy sidewalk are a danger. We want them to be safe. It is unfortunate that trees need to be removed- they give shade, they support our ecosystem. I support Alexandria and our environmental efforts. But this path is for students who walk and bike, for parents who push their kids in strollers to pick up George Mason students, for grandparents who also may support their grandkids at school. And as the Alexandria Environmental Plan states "expanding low carbon options such as transit, bikes, and walking for transportation are significant opportunities to reduce carbon emissions." We can plant more trees in other areas of town. Like in the urban heat island</p>		

	on the other side of town by Eisenhower and Van Dorn that is always hotter than the average temperature. In conclusion, the removal of these trees will improve the path. The trees cause root damage to the pathway and therefore impede both pedestrian and cyclist accessibility. Please support the plan by ACPS to design their land for the environment and the use as a school. Thank you again for all your work to make Alexandria a great city. Sincerely, Nicole Radshaw
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Service Request Number:	25-00016168	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Android	Submitted On:	5/19/2025 8:31 AM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/26/2025 8:31 AM
Description:	Good morning! Just letting you know it is 8:28am on. Monday, a school day. And there are at least 4 unleashed dogs on the George Mason Elementary school property. This happens every morning. I encourage you to come to the school in the mornings and see for yourself. Otherwise I am happy to constantly email the pictures. A fence around the school property which is owned by the school would solve this problem.		

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Service Request Number:	25-00016026	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Mobile	Submitted On:	5/17/2025 7:32 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/23/2025 7:32 PM
Description:	I am upset by the vote regarding fencing at George Mason Elementary today. The unleashed dogs are a huge problem. I am currently at the George Mason field playing with my children and three different groups with unleashed dogs are on the field. My children do not feel comfortable. This is a school. I am attaching photos. This is also what happens during school hours, every single day. The fact that you are closing the field to our children during the school day so that neighbors can walk their dogs on the field is absolutely disappointing. Our kids will be unable to use the fields just as they are unable to use the fields today. You all spent more time on trees than you did on the safety of children. It is not okay and I have lost confidence in this council to protect our kids. As I was typing this a fifth dog has shown up off leash.		

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Service Request Number:	25-00015966	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/17/2025 11:06 AM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/23/2025 11:06 AM
Description:	<p>My name is Danielle Sims Vote and I am a mom to a second and fourth grader at George Mason Elementary, as well as the current PTA President. As a parent and community member, I respectfully request that the City approve the George Mason Modernization Project and support the installation of a fence around the entire field at the Modernized George Mason Elementary School. The modernization of George Mason is a long-awaited investment in our children's education, but to fully realize its benefits, we must ensure the outdoor spaces are safe and accessible to the students during the school day. Currently, that is not the case. As it stands now, students are largely unable to use the field regularly during school hours due to the lack of fencing. There is a risk that students can wander from the unfenced fields as well as a risk of unauthorized individuals and unleashed dogs entering the fields while the children are playing. This concern becomes even more pressing considering that the student body at George Mason is expected to double in size after Modernization. With a significant increase in enrollment, space will be at a premium. Without access to the field, children will be restricted to a much smaller and more crowded playground area, limiting their ability to safely run, explore, and engage in physical activity — all essential for their well-being during the school day. Moreover, the field, which is school property, is currently open to the public at all hours, including during the school day. While we all appreciate and love the George Mason field, the use of the field during instructional hours by unrelated individuals — including frequently those with off-leash dogs — poses a real safety concern and prevents the full use of the field during the school day by students. But let me be clear: fencing the field does not mean shutting the community out. The proposal would allow continued full access to the field during early mornings, evenings, weekends, holidays, and all school breaks — just like the model at other ACPs schools. In fact, other elementary schools like MacArthur and Brooks already have fences enclosing their fields. Why should George Mason be treated differently? How is it fair or okay that our children do not get full access to their school campus during the school day? Fencing the field allows us to expand student access. We are making sure our children can play and learn in a safe, secure environment during their school day, just as kids do at other schools across Alexandria. This is a common-sense, equitable, and necessary step to ensure the well-being of our growing student body. I urge you to support the installation of a secure perimeter fence around our newly modernized field. Let's give our children the safe, welcoming outdoor space they deserve. Please approve the George Mason Modernization Project. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>		

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Service Request Number:	25-00015944	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/17/2025 9:19 AM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/23/2025 9:19 AM
Description:	The tree removal plan at George Mason Elementary needs to stop. This is horrible for our environment, animals, children who play all year round in the park, citizens who walk their dogs. This whole plan has been very rushed and not transparent . There is not reason these trees need to be cut. It takes 100s of years to recover from the destructive behaviour.		

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Service Request Type:	COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council	Status:	Open
Service Request Number:	25-00015915	Created By:	Jenny Ware
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/16/2025 10:22 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/23/2025 10:22 PM
Description:	I live near George Mason Elementary school and I am concerned about the number of trees the City is proposing to cut down around the George Mason field. Please take a moment to talk to the City Arborist and Master Gardeners in our community and make sure the removal of 55% of the trees in that area is necessary. I cannot imagine it is. I understand why the field is going to be fenced in, but the fence does not need to be 8' high. That will ruin whatever charm is left of the field. Neighbors should NOT have their dogs off leash on the George Mason field, in clear violation of the multiple signs around the park, but I would like to be able to keep walking my dog around the field and not stare at an 8' fence the whole time. Thank you.		

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]25-00015876 - Open - COU-Contact Mayor, Vice Mayor and/or City Council

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Service Request Number:	25-00015876	Created By:	Customer Site Guest User
Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/16/2025 6:18 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/23/2025 6:18 PM
Description:	This is to express my concerns about the recently-released plan for re-development at George Mason Elementary School. I am in complete agreement with the concerns raised by Harry Wilmer and other residents of the Northridge community, regarding the plans for installing fencing and removing mature trees. It's hard to imagine a justification for the proposed fencing, as the area behind GMES is not near any busy streets, just four quiet dead-end residential roads. I believe the residents there would be shocked to see a high fence installed to wall off their access to the park behind the school -- especially since they have not been engaged in any advance discussion about these plans. As for the mature trees in the area, you may not realize that the tree canopy in this part of Alexandria was severely damaged, and much of it totally destroyed, by a severe storm that came through in 2010. Since then, with the help of the neighborhood associatio, the neighbors have been trying our best to rebuild the canopy. We have planted may new trees, but of course those new trees will require some 20 to 30 years of growth before they will be mature enough to serve as canopy. Please, please don't remove unnecessarily the mature canopy trees that managed to survive the storm -- and that do not interfere with the footprint of the planned new school building.		

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Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 4:47 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides
Cc: Calvin Moore; Melissa Douglas; JoAnn Maldonado; Tenesia Wells
Subject: [EXTERNAL]PZ-Planning and Zoning General Comments, Complaints, and Inquiries - (25-00015718) [thread::bb548_OJGrOCRslAArUXayA::]

Dear Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley and Members of City Council:

This request has been assigned to Planning and Zoning for review and response. Updates about this case will be shared on the weekly wrap-up sent every Monday. Please let us know if you have any questions. We are here to help!

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Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/16/2025 8:35 AM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/23/2025 8:35 AM
Description:	<p>Dear Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, and City Council Members, Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns about the George Mason Modernization Project. I'm writing to advocate for a revised fence line and greater tree preservation that will protect a beloved neighborhood resource and one of the few remaining unstructured greenspaces in the area. From the beginning, this project has lacked transparency. Key design details, including the original plans and, more recently, the Tree Preservation Schedule, have been released only shortly before key votes. This has made it difficult for the community to respond meaningfully and propose constructive alternatives. Tree Loss: DSUP #2025-10001 shows that 108 of 198 trees on the property—many of them old-growth oaks and walnuts—are slated for removal. Much of this is not for the building itself, but for parking and landscaping changes. Removing trees that are not in the construction footprint is not aligned with the city's environmental values and further depletes the tree canopy that is so valued in this neighborhood by those who live here, the visiting birders, and most importantly the kids and families who live in nearby apartments who use this green space as their own back yard. Fundamentally, that is what city parks and greenspaces are supposed to be - community backyards used for recreation, connection, and fully accessible to everyone. It is truly the only unstructured green space within walking distance that doesn't require the use of a permit. Forts are built throughout the park by big imaginations and our kids meet their peers and teammates from the surrounding Arlandria apartments to kick around a soccer ball. Please tell me where else the teens are supposed to hang out? They meet in the afternoons to play sports and to be outdoors together. There are so few places for them to just be teenagers together - safely away from McDonalds at Bradlee but far enough away from parents so they feel they have some autonomy, but still under the watchful eyes of the neighborhood. It is a very healthy place for all of us. Neighbors (of all ages!) are built here, please don't destroy this community treasure. Fence Line: It was only at a recent Planning Commission hearing that we learned of an 8-foot fence planned to surround the entire field. That fence would cut off community access to spaces we've used for years—not just as parkland, but as a gathering place. Our neighborhood, along with surrounding neighborhoods, has a long tradition of pickup kickball games, weekend soccer, and even Thanksgiving morning flag football. Generations of families have built memories in that open green space. With a more limited fence—surrounding just the turf, paved areas, and basketball court—those traditions could</p>		

continue. This isn't just about a fence or a few trees. It's about preserving a vital space where children play under century-old trees, where neighbors connect, and where we model environmental care and community values. Please help us protect this space—for today's families and those to come. Sincerely, Marcy Crisler 202 Birch Street

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Sincerely,
Calvin Moore
Alex311 Lead Customer Service Agent
City of Alexandria, Virginia
Department of Emergency and Customer Communications.



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Priority:	Standard	SLA Detail:	5 Business Days
Method Received:	Web	Submitted On:	5/16/2025 2:33 PM
Location:		Overdue On:	5/23/2025 2:33 PM
Description:	Dear Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, and Esteemed City Council Members, I wish to state my opposition to the changes proposed in DSUP #2025-10001 regarding the George Mason Elementary Modernization project. The park at the rear of George Mason Elementary School (GMES) is heavily used by neighbors and the larger community. We have so little greenspace in a city that declares itself an Eco City, a City that supposedly values trees and the environment highly. According to the DSUP, 108 of the 198 trees currently on the school / park property __ well over half! -- will be destroyed. Of those, 58 trees will be destroyed to replace the existing walking path. The project also proposes to erect an 8' fence around the entirety of the field, closing off the area to the community. Why is any fence required, let alone an 8-foot high fence? Why enclose the entire property? As near as I can tell, the entire community opposes these proposed changes. Please vote against the mass destruction of our already diminished stock of trees and the fencing in of a heavily used park! Respectfully submitted, Bruce Snapp 517 N. Overlook Drive		

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