

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 7, 2012

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE U.S. EPA
2011-2012 CHESAPEAKE BAY GREEN STREETS-GREEN JOBS
INITIATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

ISSUE: Consideration of an application to the to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Urban Waters Small Grants for the Chesapeake Bay Green Streets-Green Jobs Initiative grants program to improve the water quality in urban areas.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) Approve the submission of a grant application, not to exceed \$100,000; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

DISCUSSION: The Chesapeake Bay Trust, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Water, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources have made funds available to improve water quality in urban areas through a green infrastructure Grants program. The goal of the Green Streets-Green Jobs Initiative is to reduce stormwater runoff through the creation of "Green Streets". The City intends to use these funds by installing various low impact development applications to support completion of the currently unfunded Phase II work on the Four Mile Run Park Expansion project now underway in the Arlandria Community. (Phase I implementation was recently allocated funds from the Arlandria Implementation CIP budget.) These activities will complement the educational goals of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, the Four Mile Run and Cameron Run Bacterial TMDLs, our MS4 permit requirements as well as the Eco-City Charter.

Preliminary submission information has been submitted to the grantor who has indicated that this is an appropriate project for consideration, pursuant to approval by the Alexandria City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT: The estimated cost of this project is \$100,000. There is no cost share requirement by this grant, but the City has already allocated \$300,000 to complete Phase I of the Four Mile Run Park Expansion and to complete the renovations to the old Duron Paint store on that site. No new or additional City funds are necessary to pursue this grant.

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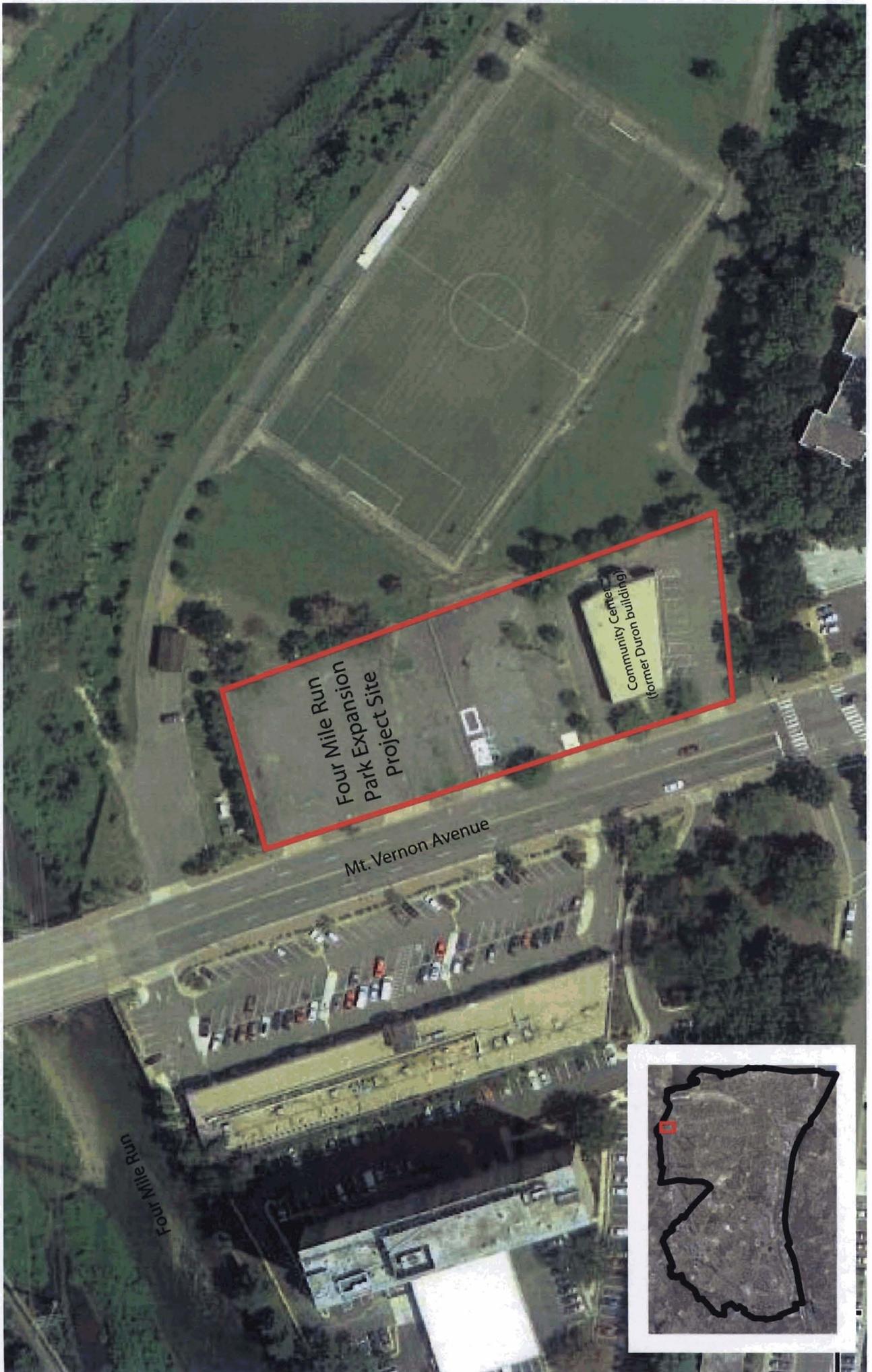
- LEGEND**
1. Renovated Community Building
 2. Renovated Shade Structure
 3. Existing Soccer Field and Fencing
 4. Existing Parking
 5. Future On-Street Parking (no reduction of travel lanes)
 6. Vehicular Entrance Driveway (controlled access)
 7. Existing Crosswalk
 8. Possible Location of Project Marker (art or other vertical element)
 9. Current Farmers Market Layout
 10. Farmers Market and Event Expansion Area
 11. Vertical Posts for temporary Shade Structures, Banners, and Event Lighting
 12. Resurface Existing Asphalt Paving
 13. Art/Thematic Graphics on Pavement
 14. Replace Gravel with Permeable Synthetic Turf
 15. Replace Gravel with Permeable Pavers
 16. Replace Existing Asphalt with Grassblock or Grassings
 17. Remove Pavement to Create New Planting Areas
 18. Rain Gardens / Native Plantings
 19. Seating Areas
 20. New Pathways
 21. Improved Sidewalk and Street Trees
 22. Natural Boulders for Seating and Play
 23. Sloped Lawn Amphitheater
 24. Planted Berms
 25. Stage with Broad Steps & Overhead Canopy
 26. Existing Loading Dock to be Used as a Performance Stage

Four Mile Run Park Expansion
 Concept Plan



0' 10' 20' 40'
 Scale: 1"=20'
 January 2011





Four Mile Run
Park Expansion
Project Site

Community Center
(to be constructed)

Mt. Vernon Avenue

Four Mile Run

