



Complete and Connect Long Bridge Park

The FoLBP “Complete and Connect Long Bridge Park” campaign is aimed at realizing the full vision and plan for the park in a timely manner. This includes: moving forward with the Phase 1 facility construction of the Aquatics, Health and Fitness Center; actively pursuing the bicycle connection from the park over the GW Parkway to the Mount Vernon Trail; and moving forward with the planned Phase 2 facility development of the Multi-Activity Center (MAC). The campaign also aims to ensure adequate public transit to and from the park and that other planned park elements, such as the additional outdoor athletic field, are added as soon as possible.



Learn More About Long Bridge Park

To learn more about Long Bridge Park, visit the County's Long Bridge Park web page at: www.arlingtonva.us/longbridgepark. Please also visit the Friends of Long Bridge Park web page at: www.longbridgepark.org and like our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/longbpark.



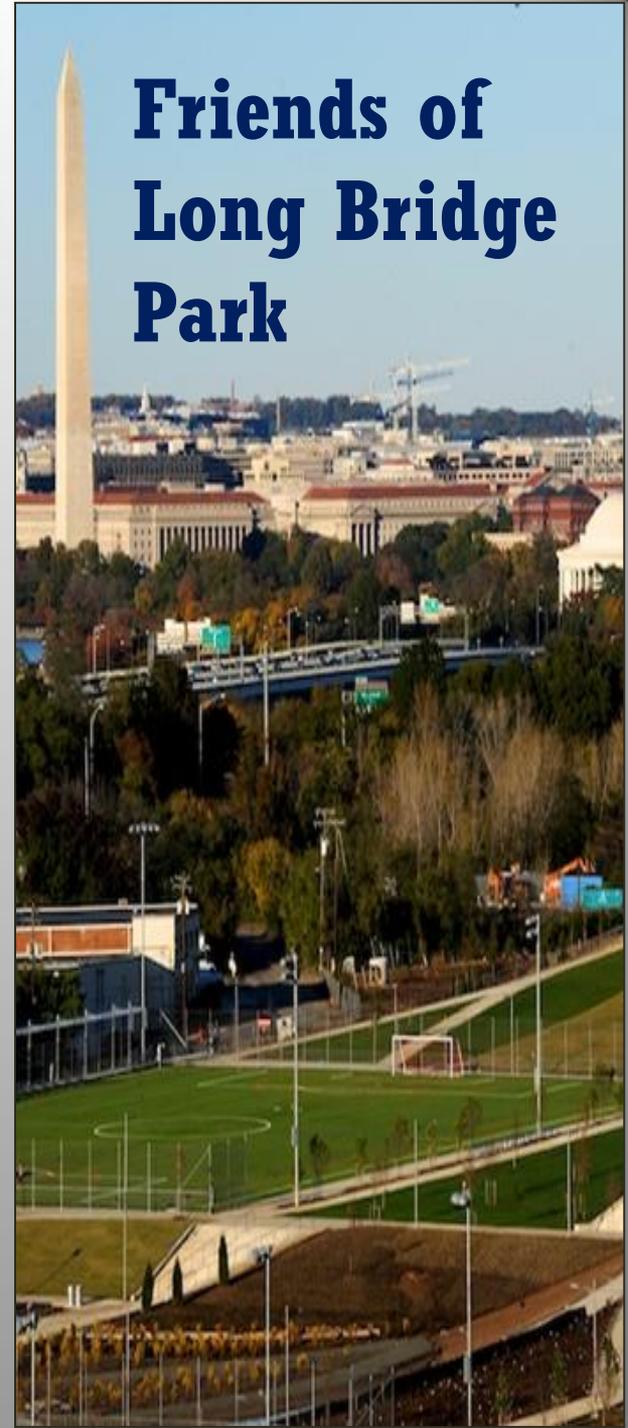
Get Involved with FoLBP

FoLBP is in the process of determining how we can best support the park and upcoming park events such as the activities being planned for July 4th, 2012. The group meets monthly and is eager to enlist people interested in helping.

To get involved:

- Contact us at: Friends@longbridgepark.org.
- Subscribe to our Yahoo Group listserv by sending an e-mail to: folbp-subscribe@yahoo.com.
- Join the FoLBP Facebook Group at: www.facebook.com/groups/folbp.

Friends of Long Bridge Park



Friends of Long Bridge Park

Friends of Long Bridge Park (FoLBP) is a citizens' group dedicated to supporting, improving and further developing Long Bridge Park, Arlington's newest public park and recreational open space.

FoLBP is devoted to:

- Working with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Resources to improve, promote, and interpret Long Bridge Park
- Supporting the development of additional recreational facilities planned for the park
- Co-sponsoring and facilitating park events
- Developing programs to encourage diverse uses of the park and foster a sense of community
- Recruiting volunteers to support park activities, programs and workdays
- Educating the public about the park's development, history and environmental restoration
- Creating a forum for the park's constituents and multiple user groups



Long Bridge Park: Arlington's Signature Park

Long Bridge Park is located north of Crystal City between I-395 and the George Washington Parkway. The park, which opened in November 2011, has transformed a major brownfield into a high-quality green space and recreational area for Arlington residents and workers. The Washington Smart Growth Alliance has identified development of the park as a top conservation priority.

The park features three full-size, multi-sport, lighted, synthetic turf athletic fields; a network of walkways; an overlook at the north end with views of the U.S. Capitol and Washington Monument; a "wave arbor" public art feature; and a three-quarter acre rain garden that directs runoff from the park's sports fields and parking lot into a planted garden of native shrubs and perennials. The park also offers picnic areas, interpretive displays, restrooms and on-site parking.

The park's unifying feature is its Esplanade, an elevated public space that runs parallel to the adjacent railroad tracks. Here park visitors are able to stroll, bike, watch trains and airplanes, participate in festivals, or just relax under the shade of flowering trees while enjoying amazing views of the Potomac River and Roaches Run Waterfowl Sanctuary.

What's Planned Next for Long Bridge Park?

The county's plan for Long Bridge Park development includes a comprehensive, state-of-the-art Aquatics, Health and Fitness Center; a bike and walking connection across the GW Parkway that will connect the park to the Mount Vernon Trail and 14th Street Bridge walkway; and a fourth full-size synthetic turf athletic field.

The facility will be built in two phases. Phase 1 will include a 50 meter Olympic-sized pool with diving boards and a 10-meter platform, designed for recreational, fitness, and competitive aquatics. Two smaller pools will accommodate more lap lanes, teaching and therapy opportunities. A leisure pool with slides, a lazy river and other play features will attract Arlingtonians of all ages. The facility will also include cardiovascular and weight training equipment, group exercise rooms, a child-care drop off area, locker rooms, and two community rooms.

The facility's future Phase 2 will feature an indoor track, a climbing wall, racquetball/squash courts and a large multi-activity center (MAC) suitable for indoor field sports such as soccer, basketball, volleyball, tennis and large community gatherings.

