

The background of the slide is a blue-tinted photograph. On the left side, there is a tall, ornate stone monument with a statue on top. To the right, a large bridge spans across a wide body of water. The sky is overcast with clouds. The overall scene is serene and scenic.

Parks and Recreation

Programs

County offers variety of active and passive recreation for both youth and adults.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Soccer
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Sports Camps
- Outdoor Rec Camps



Programs

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Summer Fun Camp
- Field Trip Fever
- S.T.E.M. Programs
- Fitness Classes
- Instructional Classes
- Skating
- Events



Programs

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Softball
- Tennis
- Disc Golf
- Fitness Classes
- Instructional Classes
- Educational Programs
- Kayaking
- Wellness Programs
- Trips



Program Budget Constraints-2010

- 2010 elimination of programs due to budget constraints
 - Open gym
 - Hershey Track and Field programs
 - Adult basketball
 - Adult volleyball
 - Upper County roller skating program

Programs: Private Organizations

Increasing private organization offerings:

- Three baseball/softball associations
- 50+ AAU baseball/softball teams
- Five football/cheerleading associations
- Four soccer clubs
- Three swim team/aquatic clubs
- Two church-sponsored and three AAU basketball
- Two wrestling associations
- Two lacrosse organizations

Facilities

- Senior Center of York (SCY)
 - Leased Space in Washington Square shopping center
 - New Lease in 2019
 - Average Annual Number of Patrons 19,369

Variety of activities offered at SCY

- Computer club
- Preventative health services
- AARP driver safety class
- Dining club
- Clubs (quilting, canasta, etc)
- Events such as Monthly “Birthday Bash”



Facilities

- Partnerships with Williamsburg and James City County
 - Make programs and facilities available to upper County residents

Facilities

- School/Park Concept
 - Recreational facilities at school sites for community use
 - Provides:
 - Athletic fields
 - Gymnasiums
 - Playground areas
 - Basketball and tennis courts
 - Nationally recognized concept

Facilities

- School/Park Concept
 - Began in 1985
 - Master planning of school facilities to establish basic set of core facilities:
 - Gymnasium
 - Two playground areas
 - Youth baseball/softball field
 - Soccer field
 - Two outdoor basketball courts

Facilities

- School/Park Concept
 - Some school sites offer larger lighted soccer, baseball and tennis facilities
 - Needs driven by accommodation of site to needed classrooms versus core facilities
 - Many County recreational needs met with this concept
 - Maximizes community use

Facilities

- School/Park Concept
 - Agreement approved by Board of Supervisors and School Board in 1991
 - Updated in 1997 to make Parks and Recreation responsible for scheduling
 - Updated in 2005
 - Mostly uses elementary and three of the middle schools
 - VHSL Rules
 - Challenges

Facilities

- Indoor Facilities in York County Operated by Other Agencies
 - Victory Family YMCA
 - R.F. Wilkinson Family YMCA
 - York County Boys & Girls Club

Facilities-YMCA

- Victory Family YMCA
 - 58,000 square foot building has been expanded twice (2006, 2011) since opening in 2003
 - 16, 000 members
- R.F. Wilkinson Family YMCA
 - 37,000 square foot facility opened in 2007 on the Sentara Williamsburg Community Hospital campus on Mooretown Road
 - 4,343 members

Facilities-Boys & Girls Club

- York County Boys & Girls Club
 - 24,000 square foot facility opened June 2010 at Yorktown Middle School
 - Includes gym with stage, games room with kitchenette, arts and crafts room, reading room, video game room, computer lab, classrooms
 - After-school and summer program ages 6-18
 - No longer operates Queens Lake Middle School program

Facilities-Other

- Other upper County recreation facilities
 - James City County's Abram Frink Jr. Community Center
 - James City County Recreation Center
 - City of Williamsburg's Quarterpath Recreation Center

Fiscal Year	Rec Program Participation	Park Acreage	Parks	Tennis Courts	Basketball Courts	Volleyball Courts	Athletic Fields	ADA		FY Sub
								Canoe/Kayak Launch	Boat Landings	
2019	151,048	786	11	36	38	1	77	1	5	2019
2018	140,280	786	11	36	38	1	77		5	2018
2017	131,205	786	11	36	38	1	77		5	2017
2016	105,032	786	11	36	38	1	77		5	2016
2015	121,587	786	11	36	38	1	77		5	2015
2014	100,542	786	11	36	38	1	77		5	2014
2013	108,590	786	11	36	38	1	77		5	2013
2012	101,650	786	11	36	38	1	77		5	2012
2011	119,314	786	11	36	38	1	77		5	2011
2010	113,653	786	11	36	38	1	77		5	2010
2009	130,137	786	11	36	38	1	77		5	2009

Athletic Field Reservations

- Soccer/Football

Instructional-7 Regulation-30

- Baseball/Softball

90 ft. Baseball-11 60 ft. Softball-24

Adult Softball-5



Athletic Field Reservations

- Challenges
 - Inadequate high school facilities effect community use
 - High school interscholastic sports creates scheduling conflicts with other school use
 - Intensity of use affects fields
 - Recent year-round use approval adds further conflicts

Outdoor Park & Recreational Facilities

- Complementing school/park facilities
- Other park and recreational facilities
 - Back Creek Park
 - Charles E. Brown Park
 - Chisman Creek Park
 - Wolf Trap Park
 - Kiln Creek Park
 - New Quarter Park
 - McReynolds Athletic Complex
 - Yorktown Waterfront
 - Old Wormley Creek public boat landing
 - Rodgers A. Smith public boat landing

Outdoor Park & Recreation Facilities

- Several non-County parks
 - Colonial National Historical Park (NPS)
 - Waller Mill Park (Williamsburg)
 - Harwood Mills Park (Newport News)
 - Many subdivision and apartment complex with private recreational facilities

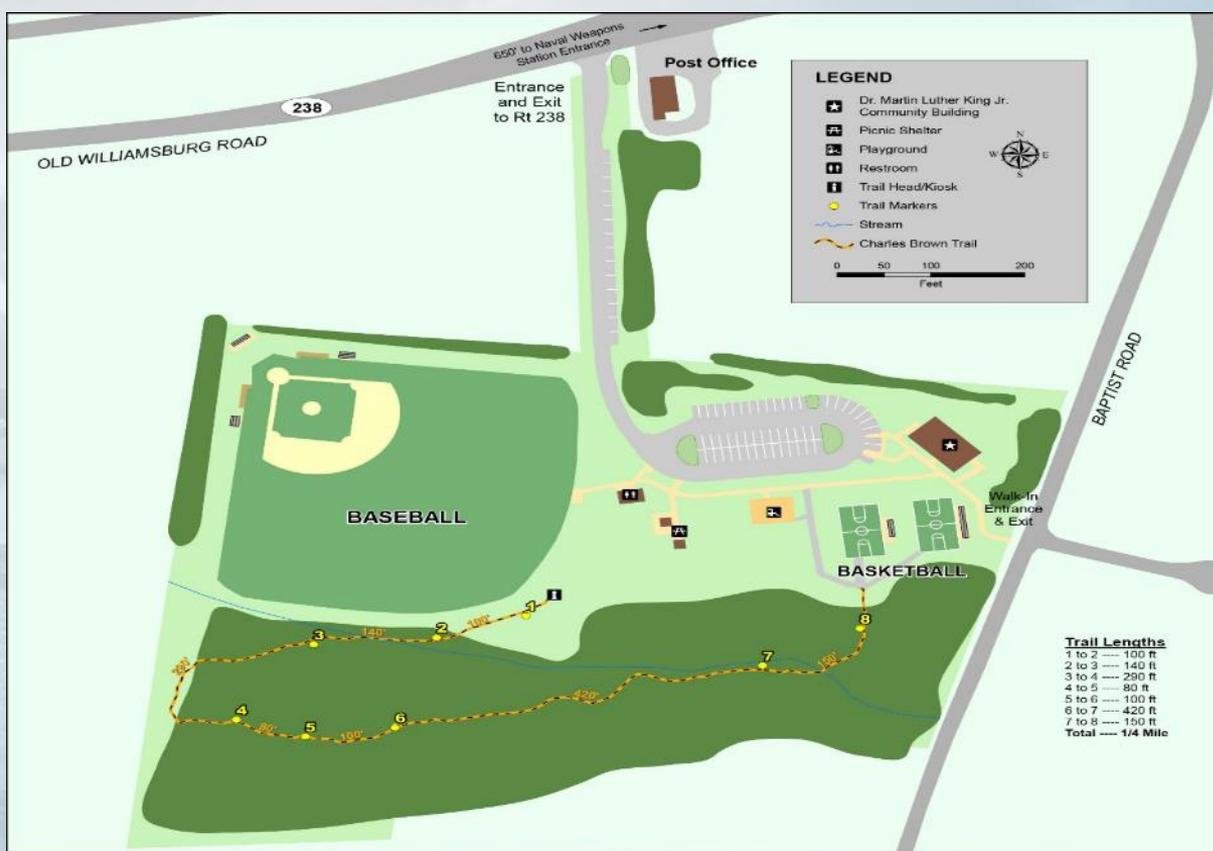


Back Creek Park

- Seaford area off Goodwin Neck Road
- 27-acres waterfront property donated Amoco Oil company in 1978, park designed in 1981
- Facilities include:
 - Six lighted tennis courts
 - Boat launch and fishing/crabbing pier
 - Small picnic area, with restrooms, and small office
- Hub for County's tennis program

Charles Brown Park

- 10-acre site in Lackey
- Opened in 1978 as County's first park
- Facilities include:
 - 3,000 square foot Community Services building
 - Two basketball courts, baseball field
 - Playground area, picnic shelter, restroom facilities
 - Wetlands Interpretive Sanctuary for Education



Charles Brown Park
1950 Old Williamsburg Road, Yorktown, VA 23690



Chisman Creek Park

- Reclaimed EPA Superfund fly ash site
- 13-acre parcel on Wolf Trap Road in Grafton
- Opened in spring 1991
- Facilities include:
 - Two lighted softball fields
 - Restrooms
- 2017 Dugouts Upgraded



Wolf Trap Park

- 2nd reclaimed fly ash site
- 28-acre site on Wolf Trap Road in Grafton
- Opened in 1992
- Facilities include:
 - Four soccer fields
 - Restrooms

Kiln Creek Park

- 20-acre site on Kiln Creek Parkway in Tabb
- Future school site leased by County 1997
- Master planned under school/park concept
- Facilities include:
 - Lighted soccer and baseball field (lights added 2000)
 - Youth baseball/softball field
 - Two half-basketball courts (1999)
 - Playground area, small picnic shelter, and restroom (1999)

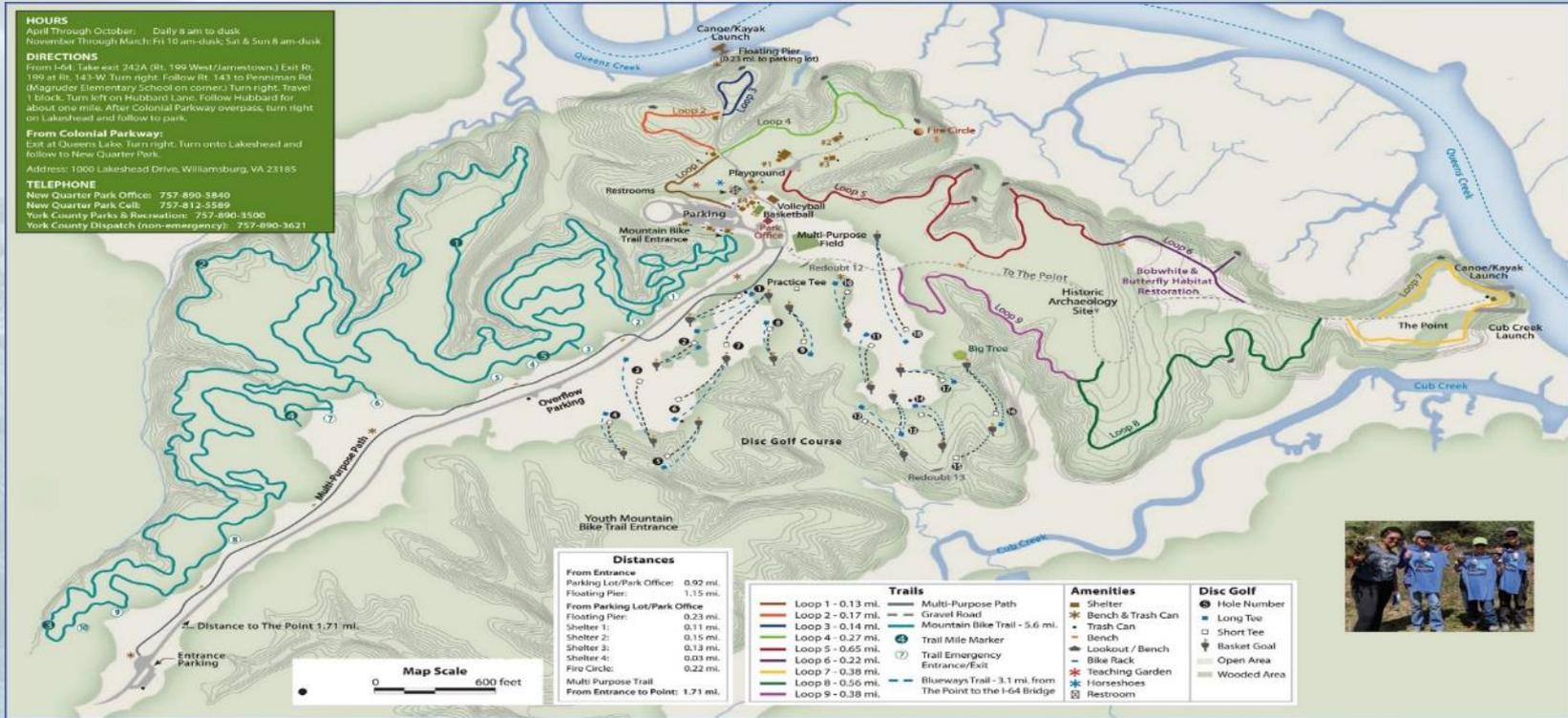
New Quarter Park

HOURS
 April Through October: Daily 8 am to dusk
 November Through March: Fri 10 am-dusk, Sat & Sun 8 am-dusk

DIRECTIONS
 From I-64, Lakeside 242A (Rt. 199 West/Jonestown) Exit Rt. 199 at Bl. 143-W. Turn right. Follow Rt. 143 to Pennington Rd (Magruder Elementary School on corner). Turn right. Travel 1 block. Turn left on Hubbard Lane. Follow Hubbard for about one mile. After Colonial Parkway overpass, turn right on Lakeshead and follow to park.

From Colonial Parkway:
 Exit at Queens Lake. Turn right. Turn onto Lakeshead and follow to New Quarter Park.
 Address: 1000 Lakeshead Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185

TELEPHONE
 New Quarter Park Office: 757-890-5840
 New Quarter Park Call: 757-812-5889
 York County Parks & Recreation: 757-890-3500
 York County Dispatch (non-emergency): 757-890-3621



Distances

From Entrance	0.92 mi.
Parking Lot/Park Office	1.15 mi.
Floating Pier	0.23 mi.
Shelter 1	0.11 mi.
Shelter 2	0.15 mi.
Shelter 3	0.13 mi.
Shelter 4	0.03 mi.
Fire Circle	0.22 mi.
Multi Purpose Trail	
From Entrance to Point:	1.71 mi.

Trails

Loop 1 - 0.13 mi.	Multi-Purpose Path
Loop 2 - 0.17 mi.	Gravel Road
Loop 3 - 0.14 mi.	Mountain Bike Trail - 5.6 mi.
Loop 4 - 0.27 mi.	Trail Mile Marker
Loop 5 - 0.65 mi.	Trail Emergency
Loop 6 - 0.22 mi.	Entrance/Exit
Loop 7 - 0.38 mi.	Blueways Trail - 3.1 mi. from The Point to the I-64 Bridge
Loop 8 - 0.56 mi.	
Loop 9 - 0.38 mi.	

Amenities

Shelter	Teaching Garden
Bench & Trash Can	Horseshoes
Trash Can	Restroom
Bench	
Lookout / Bench	
Bike Rack	

Disc Golf

Hole Number
Long Tee
Short Tee
Basket Goal
Open Area
Wooded Area



RAINOUT LINE
757-890-3501

Extensions:

Entire Park	32
Trails	33
Disc Golf Course	34
Events	35



Activity Area Amenities

- Trash Can
- Bench
- Shelter
- Electric Car Charging Spaces
- Grill
- Bike Rack
- Polinator Garden

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The Point:	0.85 mi.



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New Quarter Park

– Facilities include:

- 14 picnic shelters
- Campfire circle (seating for 100 people)
- Multi-purpose field
- Two half-basketball courts
- Horseshoe courts
- Floating pier on Queen Creek
- 5.5 miles of mountain bike trails
- Sand volleyball court
- One-mile asphalt pedestrian bike path
- 18-hole disc golf course
- Three miles of natural surface hiking trail
- Two playground areas

McReynolds Athletic Complex

- 2005 County leased 70-acres
- Opened in May 2009 as York County Sports Complex
- Renamed McReynolds Athletic Complex in 2015
- Facilities include:
 - 13-lighted athletic fields
 - Multipurpose path and bike lane
 - Playgrounds
 - 31 picnic shelters
 - Three concession stands and restroom buildings
 - Community Garden-2014
 - Fitness Stations-2016

McReynolds Athletic Complex

- Available to rent for games, tournaments, and sports camps
- Home of York County Little League
- County adult softball
- Fall and spring youth soccer programs
- Summer youth sports camps
- Host site for tournaments and events

Rogers A. Smith Boat Landing

- Located on Poquoson River off Tide Mill Road
- Renovated in 2006-2007
- Facilities include:
 - Two boat launching ramps
 - Fishing/crabbing piers
 - ADA accessible floating aluminum pier and ramp
 - Lighted parking lot and restrooms

Old Wormley Creek Boat Landing

- Located in Hornsbyville Road area
- Facility Features:
 - Small boat ramp
 - Fishing/crabbing pier
 - 2019-Boardwalk and ADA Canoe/Kayak Launch
 - Lightning and paving added

Old Wormley Creek Boat Landing

Addition of ADA Canoe/Kayak Launch



Water Access-Chesapeake Bay

- 2000 agreement replaced with 2014 agreement
- Chesapeake Watershed Agreement Act Themes
 - Abundant Life
 - Clean Water
 - Climate Change
 - Conserved Lands
 - Engaged Communities

Water Access-Chesapeake Bay

– Theme Engaged Communities Goals

- Public Access: Goal 300 sites by 2025

176 sites currently: 59% of goal

2018 York County ADA Canoe/Kayak Launch

- Environmental Literacy

2019 BCP Erosion Project

- Citizen Stewardship

Water Access-Chesapeake Bay

- Water Access
 - 1990 Chesapeake Bay Public Access Plan
 - Ways to accommodate increased demand
 - Boat access west of Coleman Bridge
 - Boat access east of York River State Park
 - Boat sites on Poquoson River
 - Increase accessibility to tidal marshes
 - Environmental education
 - Identify areas on Colonial Parkway

Water Access

- Water Access
 - York River Water Trail
 - 120 miles along York, Mattaponi, and Pamunkey
 - Connects multiple gateways (Yorktown, Gloucester Point, York River State Park, Pamunkey Indian Reservation)
 - Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail established in 2006
 - 3,000 miles traveled by Smith in 1607-1609

Water Access-VOP 2018

Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation,
Virginia Outdoors Plan, 2018

- Survey ranked water access and land trails as tied for 3rd for most needed activity
- Survey ranked the following top activities by participation:
 - Swimming/outdoor pool as 5th
 - Sunbathing/relaxing on a beach as 6th
 - Swimming/beach/lake/river as 8th
 - Fishing as 10th

Water Access-VOP 2018

– Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, *Virginia Outdoors Plan, 2018*

- Rated sunbathing/relaxing on a beach (47%) # 2
- Rated swimming at beach (37%) as #4

Water Access-York County

- York County has **six** public boat ramps, located in lower County
- New Quarter Park kayak/canoe launch
- Old Wormley Creek Landing ADA kayak/canoe launch
- Most York County shoreline federal-owned
- 27 miles of water trails

Water Access

– Other possible solutions:

- Boat access on Queen Creek
- Boat access on Chisman Creek
- Improve access at Back Creek Park

Greenways

- Established in 1999 Comprehensive Plan
- Linear parks, alternative transportation routes, or other open space that provides passive recreational opportunities, pedestrian/bike paths, or natural areas
- Board sets aside funds yearly in CIP

Greenways

- Can include natural corridors, old railroad ROW, power line ROW, and bike/walking paths
- Provides linkages between resources, neighborhoods, and/or small commercial nodes
- 10 Minute Walk Campaign 2050

Greenways

– Benefits

- Economic
- Healthier lifestyles
- Environmental
- Historical resource enhancement
- Cultural resource enhancement

Greenways

– Economic Benefits

- Increase marketability of real property
- Attractive views
- Easy access to recreation
- Expenditures by residents and tourists increase because of linkages to shops, restaurants, recreational areas

Greenways

– Healthier Lifestyle Benefits

- Proximity to residential areas encourage citizens to engage in recreation that otherwise might not be close to them
- Opportunities for biking, walking, in-line skating, jogging, horseback riding.
- Alternative travel mode to and from work or other activities

Greenways

– Environmental Benefits

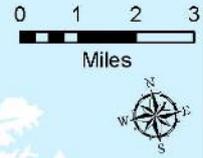
- Reduction in pollution and traffic
- Protect critical environmentally sensitive areas

– Historical/Cultural Benefits

- Walkable access to sites
- Utilize existing historic rail or canal corridors
- Link multiple historic buildings and areas

Parks and Greenways

York County, Virginia



York County Facilities

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| | Marina | | National Park Service Responsible Facility |
| | Park | | Shared Roadway |
| | Parks & Recreation Bldg | | Existing Multi-Use Path |
| | School/Park | | Proposed Multi-Use Path |
| | Launch Site | | Existing Bike Lane |
| | Water Trail | | Proposed Bike Lane |
| | | | Proposed Greenways |



Planning for the Future

- Create Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Review need for a Recreation Center
- Technology in Parks and Programs
- Assess land acquisition for indoor and outdoor recreation
- Synthetic Turf
- Splash Pad
- Development plans for Seaford Elementary and Marquis Proposed School Site



Parks and Recreation



Questions