

Wakefield Park Tennis/Pickleball Redevelopment Project

In July 2024, GR participated in a Fairfax County Parks Authority hosted videoconference to review their proposed Tennis/Pickleball Redevelopment Project. See <https://engage.fairfaxcounty.gov/wakefield-project>

Wakefield currently offers 9 dedicated tennis courts, 2 dual use courts, 2 dedicated pickleball courts, and a dual-sided practice wall. The proposed project envisioned: converting Court 11 into 4 dedicated pickleball courts, re-stripping Courts 9 and 10 into dedicated tennis courts; converting half of the tennis practice wall into 2 practice pickleball courts and modifying existing lighting to match the new layout.

The project will provide 6 additional Pickleball Courts and 1 additional Tennis Court. A shaded area will be added and Tennis Courts 1, 2, 7, and 8 will be repaired.

Our comments stated that GR represents the interests of tennis and pickleball players. We applauded the project' benefits to both sports but requested FCPA consider: 1) adding a shade element for players; and 2) reconstructing, or at least repairing, the cracks in courts 1, 2, 7 and 8 to enhance playability. FCPA responded favorably to our recommendations. The redevelopment is planned will roll out in two phases:

Phase I: Tennis courts 7,8 and Pickleball Court 11 will be constructed in the April-June timeframe. Tennis courts 1, 2, 9 and 10 will be repaired from June 16-July 6

Phase 2's TBD scope: Convert half of the tennis wall area into 2 practice pickleball courts and add a nearby shade sail with two picnic tables. Dates are not yet firm but expect Fall 2025.