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## Community invited to help shape Spraygrounds at Ralph Sampson Park

HARRISONBURG, Va. – Harrisonburg Parks & Recreation is inviting the community out to help in the creation of what is likely to become one of the most popular attractions in The Friendly City.

City staff are moving forward on the creation of the Spraygrounds at Ralph Sampson Park, and community input is needed to inform the design of the upcoming project. An open house event will take place Wednesday, April 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Lucy F. Simms Continuing Education Center, 620 Simms Ave. Attendees will get to speak with Parks & Rec staff and consultants, telling them their ideas for the amenity and asking any questions they have about the project.

The spraygrounds will be located where the baseball field is currently situated beside the Simms Center, joining the nearby futsal courts as Parks & Rec modernizes Ralph Sampson Park and creates more opportunities for outdoor recreation in the northern end of the city.



*(Above) The Spraygrounds at Ralph Sampson Park will be located where the baseball field is currently situated beside the Lucy F. Simms Continuing Education Center. It is expected to open in summer 2025. Community members are encouraged to attend an open house on Wednesday, April 24, at the Simms Center to share their ideas for the project and ask any questions they have to Harrisonburg Parks & Rec staff.*

“We are very excited about moving forward on this project and bringing something to Harrisonburg that doesn’t currently exist in our area,” Harrisonburg Parks & Rec Director Brian Mancini said. “We know the Spraygrounds at Ralph Sampson Park will become a destination for our community, and we’re very pleased that this growing park is only a short walk for many families living nearby that will get to enjoy this new feature. All of us at Parks & Rec are thrilled to be able to bring this and many other upcoming amenities to The Friendly City, and we appreciate our community’s support and City Council’s support in doing so.”

The spraygrounds is one of approximately 20 American Rescue Plan Act-funded projects – including six Parks & Rec efforts – approved by Harrisonburg City Council in December 2022. It is currently expected to open to the public in summer 2025.

Find more information on other Harrisonburg ARPA projects at <https://harrisonburgva.gov/ARPA>.

**The City of Harrisonburg** is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 55,990 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov).