

# Altavista Parks and Trails Master Plan

## Recommendation Framework - Draft 1/18/18

*Goal → the overall purpose and vision we are working toward*

*Strategy → the approach to meeting the goal*

*Recommendation → the action that implements the strategy*

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## I. ENGLISH PARK

### Goal 1 - Enhance English Park:

#### Strategy A: Improve Circulation in English Park

##### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Identify and correct all deficient ADA issues.
2. Clear the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Pittsylvania and add landscape and signage to create a formal park entrance. Add trees along 3<sup>rd</sup> street.
3. Standardize the semicircular-entry parking lot.
4. Standardize the boat trailer parking lot.
5. Standardize the parking at the playground to separate the travel-way from the playground.
6. Improve circulation and separate pedestrians from the roadway.
7. Correct the odd condition of the road splitting at the pier. (Part of VDOT Bridge Replacement)
8. Separate the pedestrian/bike trail from the roadway.

#### Strategy B: Update English Park's infrastructure and amenities.

##### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Add a pavilion to support a larger playground.
2. Renovate playground. (2018 CIP)
3. Add a dog park.
4. Add a splash pad.
5. Add a disc golf course (2018 CIP)
6. Update the park furniture with new benches and trash cans.
7. Renovate the restroom building, inside and out. (complete spring 2018)
8. Plant trees and add landscaping. Preference is for native vegetation for wildlife habitat.

9. Consider future ballfield improvements to finish the county field improvements. (Long term)
10. If constructing a water settlement pond, integrate it into the park as a feature. (Long term)

## **Goal 2 - Increase Connectivity to and through the Park:**

### **Strategy A: Create Loop Trails in English Park**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Add a loop trail along the outside of the main park greenspace.
2. Add a loop trail around the partially complete ball fields on the west side.
3. Develop loop trails on the far west side of English Park to allow trail users more walking options and the ability to expand length (ties to lengthen trails recommendation)

### **Strategy B: Increase access to the riverfront in English Park**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Create a river overlook at the top of bank.
2. Add a low water canoe take out and fishing pier, something that can flood. Grade so that it is accessible.
3. Renovate the existing low water access at the boat ramp.
4. Undertake limited selective clearing as allowed by DEQ and DCR to allow for river views from the park.

### **Strategy C: Strengthen Connection between English Park and Town**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Renovate Broad Street from Main to the railroad track overpass, and from the overpass to the Booker Building to create a strong visual and physical connection and pleasant walking experience.
2. Create a wide pedestrian underpass along Pittsylvania that connects Downtown to English Park.
3. *Create trail connections to the neighborhoods on the west side of the park.*

# II. SHREVE PARK

## Goal 3 - Enhance Shreve Park:

### Strategy A: Improve Circulation in Shreve Park

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. Identify and correct all deficient ADA issues.
- 2. Standardize the parking lot.

### Strategy B: Update Shreve Park’s infrastructure and amenities.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. Renovate playground
- 2. Add a nature playground centered around the hill and the stream.
- 3. Add a splash pad (1 total - consider location to “Y”??)
- 4. Update the park furniture with new benches and trash cans.
- 5. Plant trees and add landscaping. Preference is for native vegetation for wildlife habitat.
- 6. Renovate the restroom building, inside and out. (completed winter 2017)
- 7. Restore the stream for water quality.
- 8. Build a bridge connection so that access is not through the stream.
- 9. Consider removing little league field from Shreve Park to open up more space and allow a proper outfield fence in War Memorial Park. Little league fields could be located on the improved ball field areas of English Park. (Long Term)

## Goal 4- Increase Connectivity to the Park:

### Strategy A: Strengthen connection to YMCA

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. Better integrate the Y into the park so that it feels like one cohesive space. Add consistent landscape and reduce paving.
- 2. Create a strong connection between the Trade Lot and the “y”.
- 3. Plant trees and unify the streetscape between the main “y” building and the pre-school/afterschool building.

### Strategy B: Strengthen Shreve Park Connection to Downtown and Neighborhoods

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. Create a trail through Shreve Park to link Downtown to the northern neighborhood.

2. Create a trail from the RR underpass along Pittsylvania to 7<sup>th</sup> Street and the entrance to Shreve Park.
3. Renovate 7<sup>th</sup> as a bike friendly corridor to link downtown and Shreve Park.

## III. BOOKER BUILDING

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### Goal 5 – Adaptive Reuse of the Booker Building

#### Strategy A: New Use for the Booker Building

##### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Create a business plan, proforma, and marketing plan for the Booker Building.
2. Develop an architectural plan that will support the business plan (should be done in conjunction with the business plan)
3. Renovate the Booker Building to support the business plan.
4. Create an event space behind and joined with the Booker Building to support more activities. Do this in conjunction with the Booker Building renovations.
5. Either partner with or develop in house, the necessary staff and operations personnel to implement the business plan.

# IV. CONNECTIVITY

## Goal 6 – Improve Walking & Biking Connections

### Strategy A: Develop a system of loop bikeways around the Town

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. Develop a map and set of recommendations for connecting key destinations and allowing for loop biking circuits around the Town
- 2. Implement a series of low-cost restriping and signage programs that add bike lanes where feasible and install shared lane markings and signage where possible.

### Strategy B: Improve walkability to key destinations and recreational opportunities.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. Complete the key sidewalk connections to link destinations.
- 2. Complete additional sidewalk connections as recommended in the VDOT Rural Long-Range Plan for the Town
- 3. Improve key intersections to enhance pedestrian safety at crosswalks

### Strategy C: Improve Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Between English and Shreve parks.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. Plan and implement a multiuse trail along Pittsylvania Avenue to connect English Park to downtown and to Shreve Park.
- 2. Develop intersection improvement projects to ensure safe crossings of Seventh and Main Streets along Pittsylvania Avenue.

## Goal 7 – Expand the Trail Network

### Strategy A: Implement key trail connections

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. Create a trails connection to Lane Access
- 2. Develop Lane Access Road east from Pittsylvania Ave. to the water treatment plant as a multi-use trail.
- 3. Develop the sewer easement east from Pittsylvania Avenue to the water treatment plant as a multi-use trail to create a loop.

4. Study options and routes for a trail from the sewer plan east to the town limits.
5. Add loop trails to English Park (*refer to English Park Goals*)