Alexandria City Public Schools

George Mason Modernization: *Construction Update*



Virtual Community Meeting
Office of Capital Programs, Planning & Design
July 28, 2025

Interpretation

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Agenda

- Timeline
- Construction Update
  - Construction Team
  - Site Logistics
  - Construction Progress Tracking
- Q&A



Project Teams

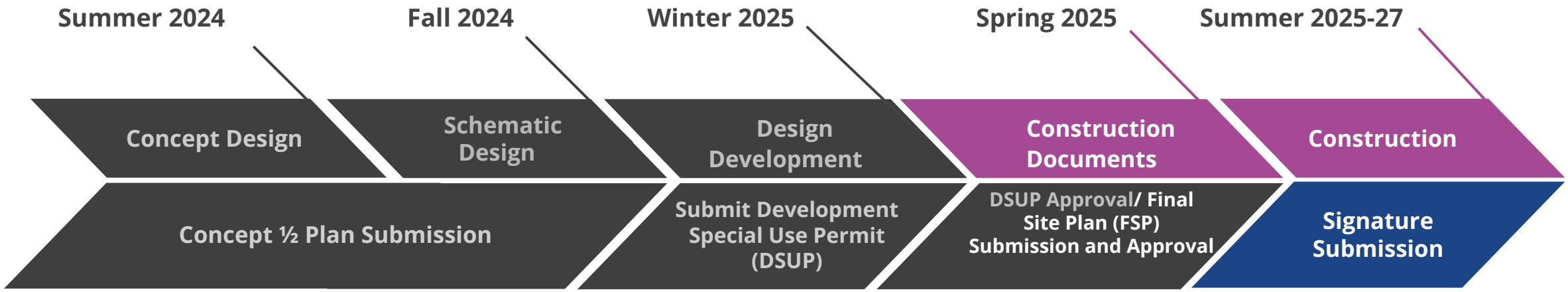
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- **Austin Ray**, Assistant Project Manager
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Approval Schedule



*Note: These are tentative dates and subject to change

Primary Schedule
City Approval Schedule
Completed Work

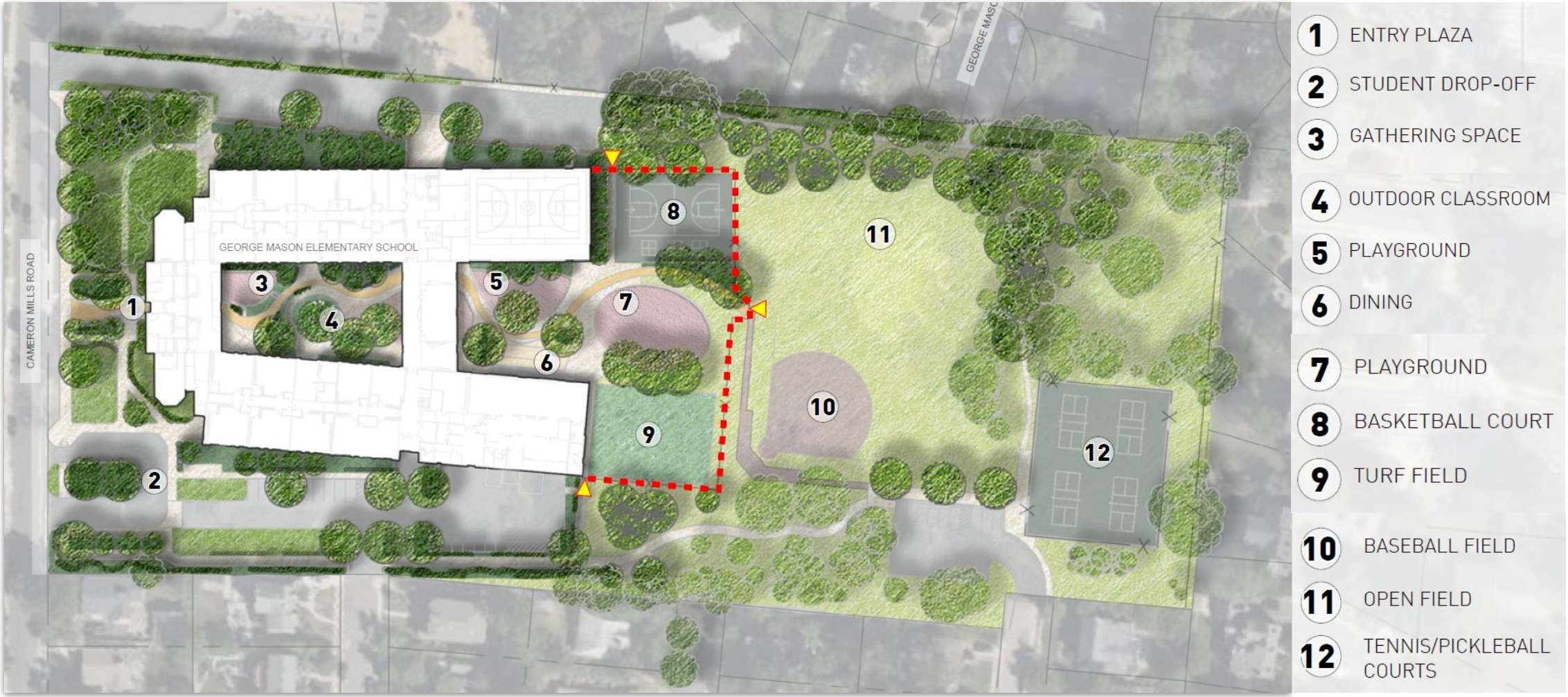
Construction Timeline



Activities Complete
Activities Ongoing
Activities Anticipated

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Design Update: Fence Location*



***Per DSUP Conditions**

Design Update: Trees*

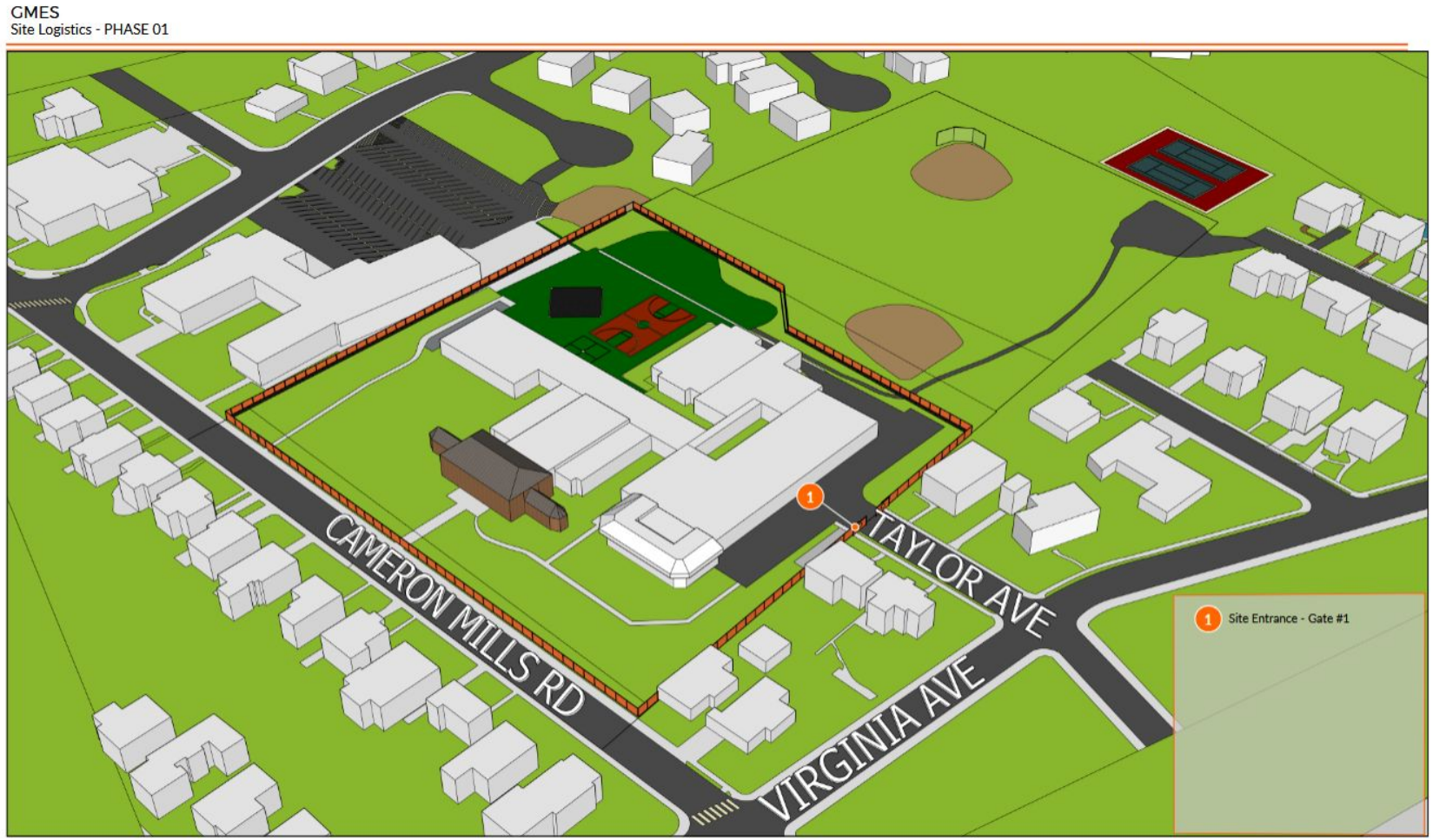


Trees to Remain	
Originally planned to remain	88
Planned to removed, but now saved	32
Total	120

Trees to be Removed	
Invasive/Non-native	13
Dead/Poor existing condition	7
Design/Grading Constraints	53
Total	73

*Updated per CC direction on 5/17/25

Summer Construction Phase 1



Construction Hours

Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Weekend or extended work will be communicated in advance, following City approval.*

- Duration: Mid-July through August
- Encloses the existing campus for abatement of hazardous materials
- Primary site entrance on Taylor Ave.

Parking

All subcontractors will park within the existing school lot and paved courts

Pedestrian Paths Phase 1



- The baseball field and tennis courts will remain accessible from Hayes Street, Clay Street, Argyle Drive, and George Mason Place.
- The sidewalk along Cameron Mills Road will remain open for use.

Construction Phase 2



- Duration: August through completion
- Encloses the campus and surrounding fields to facilitate geothermal well construction and demolition staging
- Primary site entrance and exit moves to Cameron Mills Rd.
- Taylor Ave. becomes secondary/emergency exit

Parking

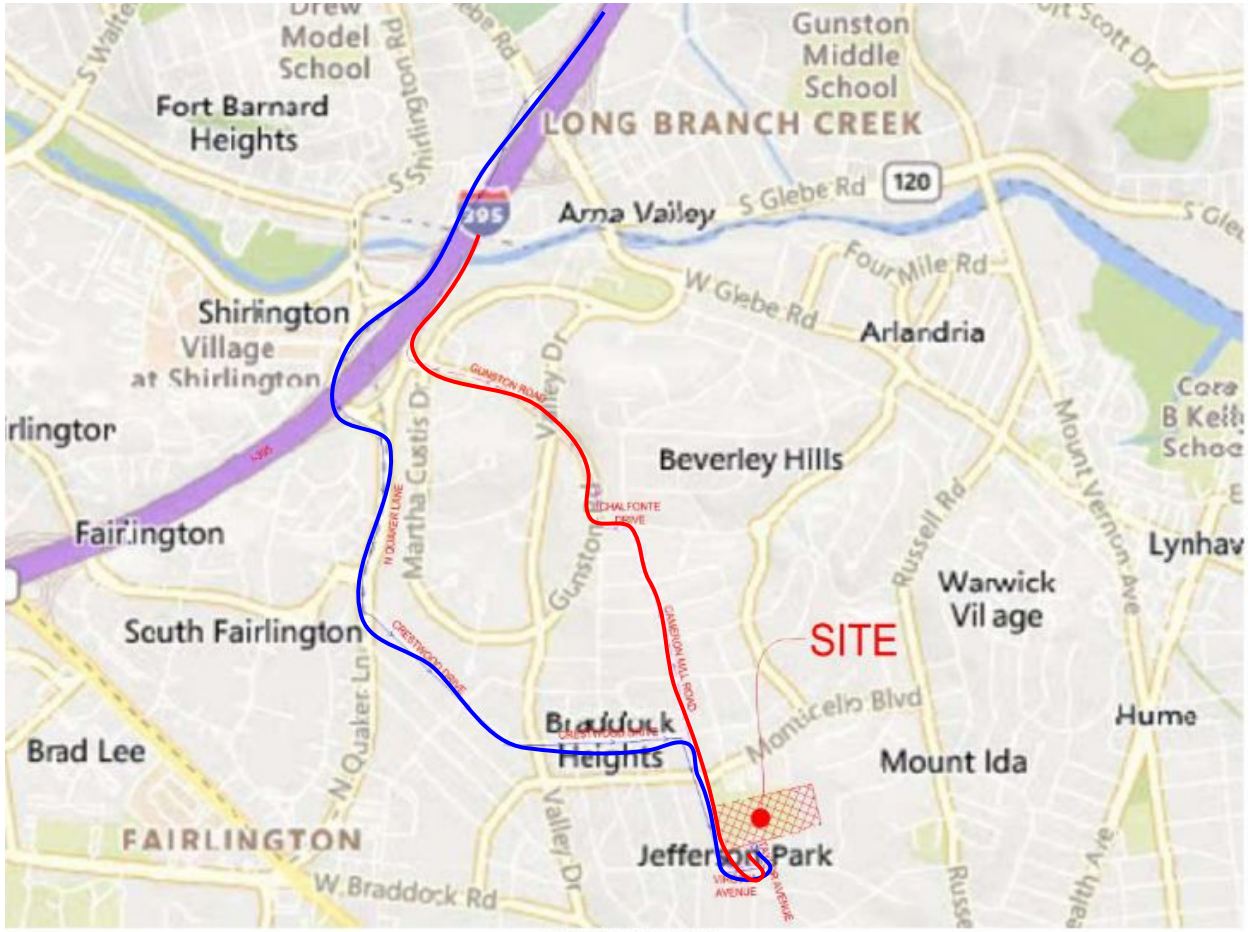
Temporary parking within the site and overflow parking coordinated with the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Pedestrian Paths Phase 2



- For safety, the site will be closed to all pedestrian traffic.
- Cameron Mills sidewalk adjacent to the school will be closed.

Truck Haul Routes



- **Inbound Route to Site:**

Trucks will enter Cameron Mills Road from Crestwood Drive, turn left onto Virginia Avenue, and enter the site via Taylor Avenue.

- **Outbound Route from Site:**

Trucks will exit the site at Taylor Avenue, turn right onto Virginia Avenue, right onto Cameron Mills Road, and proceed to the highway via Shirlington Road.

Construction Fencing







The temporary screen fencing will display the ACPS, George Mason, City of Alexandria, Whiting-Turner and VMDO logos.

Construction Progress Tracking

Communications:

- Information communicated on the Capital Programs, Planning, and Design Webpage & George Mason Modernization Webpage
- Sign up for our CIP Newsletter
- Community members can send questions, comments and concerns to: Ask ACPS

To be implemented this Fall:

- Updates to the ACPS George Mason webpage
  - A contact form to reach the on-site construction team with concerns
  - A detailed construction timeline
  - Road and safety information
  - Link to a monthly timelapse videos showing project progress
- QR codes on construction fencing, provided by Whiting-Turner

Construction Meetings & Topics

Date	Topic
Fall 2025	Demolition Update
Winter 2025	Preparation for Construction
*Dates are tentative and subject to change. Please visit the George Mason Modernization webpage and CIP newsletter for confirmation.	

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Questions?

Please use the Q&A Feature

