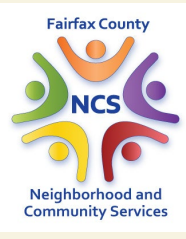




FCPA and NCS History



FCPA

1950

Virginia General Assembly passed the Park Authority Act and the Fairfax County BOS established the Park Authority

1951

LeRoy Eakin Sr. donated 14 acres to the Park Authority in one of the earliest land acquisitions

1959

President Eisenhower transferred the FAA's property at Sully to the Park Authority for use as historic site

1959

First bond referendum gave FCPA \$4.8M for the acquisition of 75 community parks and 20 miles of stream valley parks

1960

Springfield Reservoir (lake Accotink) is leased from the federal government. Other parks acquired: Great Falls, Frying Pan Park, Riverbend,

1960

Plans to build an airport (Dulles) in the area were abandoned, FCPA acquired Burke Lake from the federal gov.

1967

In *Loving v. Virginia*, the Supreme Court ruled portions of Virginia's Racial Integrity Act of 1924 unconstitutional

Fairfax County Park Authority likely segregated

NCS

1946

David and Sarah Pinn donated land to build a church, social hub, and education center for the black community.

1947

James Lee Elementary School was built on land sold to FCPS by Russell and Nancy Lee to serve black students

1952

Drew-Smith Elementary School was built on land donated by Annie Smith to serve black students.

1954

Brown v. Board of Education declared racial segregation in schools unconstitutional.

1956

Lilian Carey Elementary School was built on land donated by Florence Green, Minnie Peyton and Russel Moore to serve black students.

1961

Fairfax County Department of Recreation was established to serve black and brown communities.

1967

As Fairfax County finally began desegregation, black schools became predominantly community led community centers



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1964

FCPA acquires Colvin Run Mill and Lake Accotink Reservoir.

1965

The Black community of Pine Ridge was acquired through eminent domain for a future High School that was never built. Land transferred to FCPA in 2001

1966

FCPA begins the 4 year process of acquiring Scotts Run Nature Preserve. FCPA purchases Lake Fairfax Park .

1966

FCPA purchases Lake Fairfax Park from the Lake Fairfax Corporation – likely the result of the Mott ruling. Second park bond referendum approved for \$15M

1968-70

Martin Luther King Jr., Wakefield, Mount Vernon District, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, Dranesville District, Ellanor C. Lawrence, Green Spring Gardens, are dedicated.

1971

Third park bond referendum approved. \$28M. For the first time, land acquisition was not the top priority. 51% designated for development.

1979-82

Schools needed pools. Decision was made to make pools a community benefit. Five Rec Centers were built. (Wakefield, Mt. Vernon, Providence, Lee, and George Washington.

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1967-92

Fairfax County Department of Rec used elementary schools and the Woodrow Wilson library as a hub for youth and civic activity

1968

BOS adopts Fair Housing Ordinance. County maintained structural obstacles and racial housing policies through red lining.

1965

Braddock Community Center was created on land owned by Marguerite and James Mott after they were turned away at Lake Fairfax

1972

Saunders B. Moon – a black led child development organization created the first Head Start Program in the county at the Drew Smith Elementary school.

1974

Department of Recreation was changed to the Department of Recreation and Community Services.

1975

Adoption of Comprehensive Plan for land and Resource use which maintained structural obstacles and racial policies that continued segregation through eminent domain

1986

Fairfax County department of recreation and community services established senior and performing / fine arts programs.



FCPA and NCS Now

1982

FCPA Revenue Fund was established. Focus was on 100% cost recovery

1990s

Global Recession resulted in Budget cuts. Programs and personnel moved to ROF, fees increased, never moved back.

1995-96

DRC became DCR. Fastran and 4H added. Mott Community Center was purchased and FCPS transferred the Drew Smith Elementary School to operate the Gum Springs Community Center and Head Start.

2008

Great Recession resulted in budget cuts. Programs and personnel moved to ROF, fees increased, never moved back.

2010

DCR and Department Systems Management for Human Services merged to create the Department of Neighborhood and Community Servicers.

2015

NCS opens Providence Community Center marking the first Community Center not built for underserved communities.

2022

NCS opens Sully, Lorton and Hybla Valley Community Centers.



What is our Recreation Strategy?

