



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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TO: Chairman and Members
Park Authority Board

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DATE: November 8, 2018

Agenda

Resource Management Committee
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.
Boardroom – Herrity Building
Chairman: Maggie Godbold
Vice Chair: Linwood Gorham
Members: Kiel Stone, Tim Hackman, Abena Aidoo

1. Cultural Resource Management Plan – FY18 Accomplishments and FY19 Plans (with presentation) – Information*

*Enclosures



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INFORMATION (with presentation)

Cultural Resource Management Plan FY 2018 Accomplishments and FY 2019 Implementation Plan

The current Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP) was approved by the Park Authority Board on March 14, 2018. The CRMP is a component of the agency Strategic Plan. This plan provides guidance for the identification, evaluation, documentation, protection, management and interpretation of cultural resources, both on parkland and countywide.

The presentation will highlight the Cultural Resource accomplishments for FY 2018 and will present proposed plans for FY 2019. The areas of emphasis for FY 2019 are three management themes: Inventory and Planning, Management and Protection and Stewardship Education which are related to continued progress with archaeological and museum collections and large archaeological and other cultural resource projects such as the Resident Curator Program.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Cultural Resource Management Plan FY2018 Accomplishments and FY2019 Implementation Plan

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**Cultural Resource Management Plan
FY 2018 Accomplishments
FY 2019 Implementation Plan**

FY 2018 Accomplishments

- Staff streamlined the Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP), which was approved by the Park Authority Board on March 14, 2018.
- The Resource Management Division received AAM reaccreditation for Colvin Run Mill, Sully, Green Spring, and Museum Collections, and first time accreditation for Archaeological Collections and Frying Pan Farm Park.

Cultural Resource Planning

- Conducted more than 300 plan reviews, as part of easement assessments, development plan review, storm water and other assessments for development countywide and reviewed resulting reports.
- Served on more than 30 project teams including those for master planning efforts and Capital Improvement Projects.
- Continued to work with volunteers, Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources (FOFA), site friends' groups, archaeological and historical societies, the Fairfax County History Commission, Fairfax County Architectural Review Board, and the public to support cultural resource projects.
- Completed third revision to Cultural Resource Management Plan in FY2018.

Archaeology

- Completed archaeological fieldwork at Patriot Park North- Lincoln Lewis Vannoy (LLV); conducted archaeological investigations at Lahey Lost Valley, Stempson House and Barrett House at Laurel Hill, Turner Farm, and Ellmore Farm in support of the Resident Curator Program; and provided technical oversight for archaeology and the preparation of an MOA at Langley Forks Park. Participated in more than 30 archaeological projects.
- Conducted archaeology in support of Natural Resource Management and Protection initiatives in Sully Woodlands.
- Conducted archaeology in support of ADA trail projects at Sully and Ellanor C. Lawrence Park.
- Provided technical guidance to the Department of Planning and Zoning on countywide archaeological projects.
- Served on teams for archaeological oversight for Route 1, Route 7, and Route 66, among others.
- Continued to support an internship program with universities to provide seven students with experience in archaeology.
- Conducted archaeology in support of the Resident Curator Program, ADA, DPWES projects and other initiatives.

Civil War Sites

- Continued dialogue about memorials at Ox Hill Battlefield Park.

Archaeological Artifacts and Collections

- Cleaned, cataloged, and prepared for curation archaeological artifacts from Patriot Park (LLV), Lahey Lost Valley, Turner Farm, Ellmore Farm, and other sites into the Archaeological Material Analysis System (AMAS) database.
- Continued to update and create accession files for all archaeological projects whose materials are curated with Archeology and Collections Branch.
- Transferred more than 150,000 records into the AMAS database using temporary staff and intern support.
- Continued to update older archaeological collections to federal and state standards with the assistance of limited term staff, interns, and volunteers.
- Secured telecommunications funding and donations from FOFA and the History Commission to be used to continue work on requirements for AAM accreditation.
- Secured funding to explore future collections facility and worked as part of the implementation team.

Resident Curator Program (RCP)

- The program has made progress with its pilot properties, welcoming its first resident curator for the Stempson House in Lorton and progressing an application for curatorship for Turner Farmhouse in Great Falls through an extended administrative review period. Staff continues to move the program forward, introducing the Ash Grove property in Vienna which has received applications and is continuing to prepare additional properties for curatorship.
- The first resident curator to enter into the program signed a lease in December 2017 for the Stempson House in Lorton. The lease is 9 years, with total rehabilitation expenses estimated to value of \$165k. The house has already seen dramatic improvements; refinished hardwood floors, patched and painted walls and ceilings, full kitchen installation, with repaired and updated plumbing. Utilities have been updated on the site, with the Park Authority providing a new well and repaired septic in advance of the curator's move-in. RCP staff continues to oversee the curator's rehabilitation work.

Program and Property Advertising

- Curator maintains a blog, (www.stempsonhouserestoration.com) which documents rehabilitation and offers a unique insight into the role of the resident curator. An article about Stempson House and the Resident Curator Program was featured in the Washington Post on May 28, 2018.
- The Ash Grove property in Vienna accepted applications for curatorship through July 25, 2018. RCP staff hosted a public information meeting in March 2018 and an open house in April 2018.
- A public information meeting was held in May 2018 for the Lahey Lost Valley property in Vienna.

Upcoming Properties, Infrastructure and Documentation

- The program development team has established a set of criteria which properties must meet to become ready for advertising in the program. This includes having

an up to date Historic Structure Report and Treatment Plan, sewer and water utilities available on the property, preliminary archaeology report, and a listing on the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites.

- Program staff have been working to prepare Barrett House, Clark-Enyedi House and Margaret White Gardens House for inclusion in the RCP program.
- A Historic Structures Report was completed in FY19 for Lahey Lost Valley and the Lebowitz House at Clemyjontri Park is slated for completion in December 2018. A proposal was received for a Treatment Plan for the Barrett House in Lorton was approved and is underway for completion in FY19.

Utilities

- Septic and soil testing are underway at the Barrett House, in Lorton. The Hannah P. Clark / Enyedi drain field and septic system was evaluated and will undergo minor repairs in FY19.

Inventory of Historic Sites

- Margaret White Gardens in Annandale was approved in June 2018 for listing on the Inventory of Historic Sites.

Historic Sites Volunteer Corp. (HSVC)

- Four events held in FY18
- Over 50 volunteers registered in database

Heritage Conservation Branch (HCB) Museum Collections

- Exhibits – Thirteen were prepared by staff including Sully Historic Site, Colvin Run, Frying Pan and ECLP, as well as three Interactive History Mystery Exhibits
- Five Mystery Object social media posts completed
- Four FPCA loans processed – Two incoming and two outgoing
- Completed annual 100% inventory of Sully Historic Site
- Six artiFACTS blogs drafted
- Frey House – All shelves labeled with their location designation; items inventoried, photographed, tagged and uploaded to Re:discovery. All inventory locations updated in Re:discovery
- Staff responded to 49 inquiries (requests for photos, appraisals, research, etc.)
- Four Quarterly Collections Committee Meetings held
- Environmental data collected from over 50 loggers at sites and collections storage uploaded
- Accession Reconciliation Project:
 - 295 accessions updated
 - 2,207 records updated
 - 857 documents scanned and uploaded
 - 1,335 images scanned and uploaded
 - 375 item locations updated
 - 475 new inventory images

Fairfax County Historic Overlay Districts (HOD)

- Evaluated five applications under the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Archaeology in Historic Overlay Districts.
- Reviewed more than 30 Architectural Review Board (ARB) applications and attended meetings, as appropriate.
- Represented the Park Authority for Heritage Conservation and Archaeology projects.
- Began working with DPZ on potential additional HODs.

Listings in Historic Registers

- Reviewed three Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites nominations (Margaret White Gardens, Fort Belvoir Military Railroad and the Hannah P. Clark House) as part of our countywide responsibilities.
- Serve as part of the Inventory of Historic Sites Committee which meets monthly.
- Reviewed four National Register nominations, Woodlawn Cultural Landscape District, Lake Anne update, Original Mount Vernon High School and the unsuccessful Colvin Run Historic District nomination, and one Preliminary Information Form that was eventually withdrawn.

Cemeteries

- Provided support and technical assistance to Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association for more than 10 cemetery clean-up and documentation projects.
- Conducted regulatory review and provided technical assistance for projects with cemeteries that might be potentially impacted by development.
- Delineated cemeteries at Patriot Park North- Lincoln Lewis Vannoy (LLV) and Lahey Lost Valley.
- Provided technical reports to Virginia Department for Historic Resources for cemeteries at LLV.
- Staff made presentations on cemeteries as part of cemetery symposia.

Cultural Landscapes

- Initiated Cultural Landscape study at Lanes Mill in Centreville with Heritage Conservation Branch.

The Human Impact on Cultural Resources

- Provided input regarding encroachments that include impact to Cultural Resources.
- Continued to provide outreach to community members, volunteers, and educational institutions about the impact of humans on cultural resources.

Stewardship and Education

- Participated in the Council of Virginia Archaeologists (COVA) meeting and in the Archeological Society of Virginia meetings in October 2017. Staff made presentations.

- Co-sponsored and participated in Fairfax County History Conference in November 2017.
- Co-sponsored and participated in the Annual Archaeology Symposium with Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources (FOFA).
- Presented papers at the Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference in March 2018; judged student papers, served on committees.

FY 2019 Implementation

Resident Curator Program FY19

- The application review process, including administrative review began for the Ash Grove Property, following the July 25, 2018, deadline.
- The Historic Structures Report and Treatment Plan for Lahey Lost Valley is complete and open house was held in September 2018. The Ellmore House was re-advertised with an open house held in October 2018.
- Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) contacted the RCP staff to request future assistance in developing a state wide RCP program.

Inventory and Planning

- Draft and finalize Implementation Plan for the Revised Cultural Resource Management Plan.
- Initiate archaeological survey plan with the ultimate goal of having a comprehensive survey of parkland
- Continue to process and update archaeological and museum collections.
- Continue to update and develop the archaeology and heritage conservation GIS data layers.

Management and Protection

- Participate in planning, design and construction for combined archaeological and museum collections facility.
- Implement the level of collections care that has led us to AAM accreditation.
- Inventory archaeological artifact collection, report library, and update all associated database information.
- Implement the Old Colchester Park and Preserve Cultural Resource Management Plan.
- Additional Resident Curator Program properties and developing other Heritage Conservation strategies.
- Participate in development plan review for archaeology on county-wide development projects.
- Monitor projects in Tririga for potential impacts to cultural resources and Total Cost of Ownership (TCO).
- Advise staff in the Park Authority and other agencies regarding federal, state, and local law, regulations, and policies.
- Provide site assessments for land acquisition.
- Provide technical assistance for encroachments, easements, trail projects, utility projects, and DPWES projects on an as-needed basis.

- Participate in Park Master Planning processes.
- Utilize bond funding appropriated for historic structure reports and infrastructure needs for historic sites.
- Strategic planning to maximize museum collections workplan, including deaccessions, rehousing and evaluating collections.

Stewardship Education

- Partner with groups such as Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources (FOFA), the Fairfax County History Commission, Gunston Hall, and George Mason University.
- Participate in symposia to promote Fairfax County cultural resources.
- Address citizen inquiries regarding cultural resources on parkland and countywide.
- Continue successful volunteer program, providing archaeological laboratory and field opportunities for volunteers, which includes intensive training in archaeological methods.
- Participate in countywide history efforts and will serve on the committee to be a part of the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War
- Promote Resident Curator Program and Historic Site Volunteer Corps at public events.
- Use emerging technologies such as virtual reality and augmented reality as an analytical and interpretive tool.