



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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TO: Chairman and Members
Park Authority Board

FROM: Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

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Agenda

Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, December 12, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
Boardroom – Herrity Building
Chairman: William G. Bouie
Vice Chair: Ken Quincy

1. Park Namings – Discussion*
2. Ox Hill Battlefield Memorials – Discussion*

*Enclosures



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DISCUSSION

Park Names Associated with the Civil War

Based on the direction from the Park Authority Board Executive Committee on November 14, 2018, staff researched the list of current park and facility names that had an association with the Civil War. The list includes parks that have been named for Civil War related events, locations, or historical figures and includes information as to whether the park name was specifically related to the Union, Confederacy, neither, or both. This list is shown in Attachment 1, Naming Matrix.

Attachment 2, Policy 304, of the Fairfax County Park Authority Policy Manual provides guidance and direction in naming and/or renaming Fairfax County Park Authority parks, facilities or resource management areas. This policy describes naming criteria, noting that generally, parks are named in accordance with geographical, historical or ecological features indigenous to the park site or to the immediate vicinity of the site. The policy further outlines naming restrictions or conditions under which individuals would be memorialized through a park naming. The policy discourages renaming parks except after thorough review, a proposed name is found to be “more appropriate than the existing name...”

Review of the list at the Committee of the Whole for discussion and direction related to the next steps.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There would be fiscal impacts anticipated for signage changes related to any park names being changed. The degree of fiscal impact would be determined by the number of parks that are renamed.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Naming Matrix

Attachment 2: Policy 304

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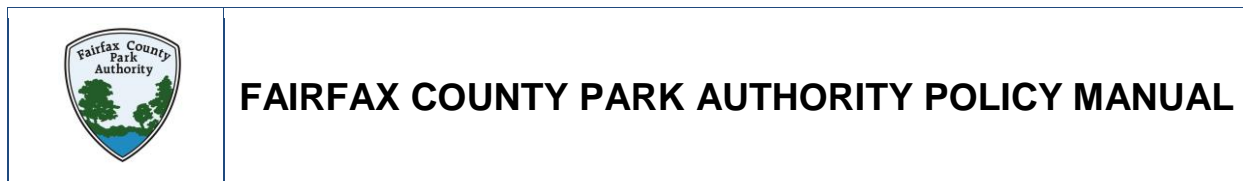
Judith Pedersen, Public Information Officer

District	Name of Park	Background Info on Name	When was the park named?	What was the intent or context for the name for PAB Action	Grantor/Grantee	Related County/VA Impacts	relates to person/event in that park area?	reference/association
Braddock	Dixie Hill	Dixie is a name for the South. It is used particularly to refer to those states that seceded to form the Confederate States of America (CSA).	11/5/1980	The Dix-Cen-Gato Civic Association requested the name change. PAB Approved Dixie Hill Park renamed from West Fairfax Park.	Joseph and Orene Deming, BOS/FCPA	Dixie Hill is the name of a community, a road and a park. It refers to a geographic location.	NO	Resources are divided as to whether the name Dixie refers to the Mason-Dixon Line or to bank currency, called dixies, minted in Louisiana (dix means 10 in French).
Hunter Mill	Freedom Hill Fort	It is believed that the fort was named after its location and proximity to Freedom Hill, one of Fairfax County's earliest and largest communities of free blacks.		Associated prior to PAB acquisition	James R. and Nancy E. Hamilton, BOS/FCPA	No impacts to other county locations. However, there could be a historical association to the Freedom Hill Chapter of the DAR.	YES	It is believed that the fort was named after its location and proximity to Freedom Hill
Lee	Lee District Park	The Park was named after the Supervisory District.	1974	Part of the 1966 Park Bond acquired 122 acres of land, which is now Lee District Park. The largest area of land for the park, 118 acres, was approved for the use of the Francis and Margaret Johnston/T. Wilford and Editha Robinson parcel as public parkland for the "Rose Hill Area District Park". After many delays, the acquisition was completed and recorded on May 15, 1970, for \$1,000,000. <i>The park as dedicated in 1974 as Lee District Park.</i>		The Supervisory District, the park, the recreation center, Lee Highway, and numerous other roads included the Lee name. Also, portions of Route 50 are known as Lee Jackson Highway, named after Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. Some things may also have been named for Fitzhugh Lee, Robert E. Lee's son who was a Confederate officer. However, there were many members of the Lee family who lived in the county and region before and after Robert E. Lee.	YES	It was presumably associated with the Lee family. The Lee Family was associated with Virginia, and Fairfax County as one of the earliest families of the area.
Lee	Robert E. Lee RECenter	Named after Robert E. Lee.	12/2/1980	Per PAB action ReCenter named for Robert E. Lee.	Douglass S. Mackall, III, Mount Vernon Realty, Francis, Margaret, Wilfred and Edith Robinson/FCPA	The Supervisory District, the park, the recreation center, Lee Highway, and numerous other roads included the Lee name. Also, portions of Route 50 are known as Lee Jackson Highway, named after Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. Some things may also have been named for Fitzhugh Lee, Robert E. Lee's son who was a Confederate officer. However, there were many members of the Lee family who lived in the county and region before and after Robert E. Lee.	NO	Named for Conf. General R.E. Lee

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Mason	Munson Hill Park	Timothy Munson was a Union sympathizer and owned land known as Munson's Hill. Early in the war, it was held by Confederate sharpshooters and later was used by the Union Army.	First mentioned in Minutes as an acquisition by the PA 12/3/1974; Master Plan approved 9/6/1983.	Named after the Munson Hill neighborhood.	J. Maurice and Marian Lee/FCPA	Munson's Hill is a geographic location. Munson Hill Road.	YES	Timothy Munson was a Union sympathizer and owned land known as Munson's Hill
Mason	J.E.B. Stuart Park	The Park was named for the school. CSA Army General JEB Stuart who attended West Point and served in the US Army before resigning his post when Virginia seceded.	PAB purchased the property adjacent to JEB Stuart HS between 6/1960 and 9/1961 as recorded in PAB Minutes, where it was first referred to as J.E.B. Stuart Community Park.	Named after the high school.	Mamie Murray/FCPA	As well as the park, JEB Stuart High School, JEB Stuart Square, many streets reference Stuart and are named for General Stuart.	NO	Southern General
Mason	Stuart Road Park	Confederate States Army General who attended West Point and served in the US Army before resigning his post when Virginia seceded.	First mentioned in PAB Minutes 6/4/1985 re Master Plan Review.	Named for Stuart Road.	Reston Land Corporation/F CPA	(See above); Stuart Mill Road	NO	Southern General
Mason	Lincolnia Park	Presumably named for Abraham Lincoln, President at the time of the Civil War. Lincolnia was a settlement of freed slaves established after the Civil War, which remained an African American community for well more than 100 years.	First mentioned in PAB Minutes 6/13/1970.	Reference to the Lincolnia Park Citizen Association.	Ruth B. Callus, Pear Tree Court Assoc., Eighth Street Joint Venture/FCPA	Lincolnia Park Citizen Association	NO	Presumably named for Abraham Lincoln, President at the time of the Civil War.
Mason	Joseph Barnes Battery Park	Joseph Barnes was the 20th century owner of this property. The battery park was named after him.	No records found	No records found	Joan L. Barnes/FCPA		YES	NA

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Mt Vernon	Fort Willard Historic Site	One of the Union forts that served as part of the Civil War Defenses of Washington. Named in honor of Union Colonel George Willard who was killed in Gettysburg. Willard did not own the property.	9/6/1977 - PAB accepted donation of the property already named Fort Willard.	To commemorate Union Colonel George Willard. The Olmi family, one of the original land developers, granted the circle of land to the Fairfax County Park Authority and donated funding to restore the fort and to do historical interpretation on the history on the land. On Saturday, October 15, 2011, Mount Vernon District Board Supervisor Gerry Hyland, members of the Fairfax County Park Authority, and the Belle Haven Citizens Association, and the Belle Haven Garden Club along with park benefactor Gene Olmi participated in the dedication of the park surrounding Fort Willard.	Eugene J. and Natalie Olmi, Jr./FCPA		YES	Named in honor of Union Colonel George Willard
Providence	Mosby Woods Park	John Singleton Mosby who was commander of the 43rd Battalion, VA Cavalry (Confederate) known as Mosby's Raiders. Mosby Woods subdivision named in his honor. Mosby did not own this land or any land in Fairfax County. Zipcode 22042 is referred to in the US Post Office as the Mosby branch.	First mentioned in PAB Minutes 9/12/1962 as parcels acquired by the PA as part of a subdivision plat.	(Mr. Brown) recommended that we accept the donation as indicated on plat and release the remaining proposed parklands that are included on the Mosby Woods on the preliminary plat.	George and Mildred Blattner/FCPA	As well as the park, there is a Mosby Woods neighborhood, Mosby Woods Elementary School, and Mosby Woods Drive. There is also a community called Mosby. There is John Mosby Highway and a Mosby precinct for voting. In addition, there is Mosby's Rock where Laura Ratcliffe passed information to John Singleton Mosby and JEB Stuart.	NO	John Singleton Mosby who was commander of the 43rd Battalion, VA Cavalry (Confederate)
Providence	Oak Marr Park/Oak Marr ReCenter/Oak Marr Golf Course	The park was named partially for the town of Oakton where the park is located and partially to honor popular local hero and first Confederate soldier casualty, John Quincy Marr.	12/2/1975 - Name approved by PAB as a result of a "Name Your Park" Contest.	The park was named partially for the town of Oakton where the park is located and partially to honor popular local hero and first Confederate soldier casualty, John Quincy Marr.	William and Luann Fullerton, Irene H. Morgret, George H. Rucker Realty Corp., Allan H. Gasner/FCPA	There is a John Marr Drive.	NO	The park was named partially for the town of Oakton where the park is located and partially to honor popular local hero and first Confederate soldier casualty, John Quincy Marr.
Springfield	Confederate Fortifications Historic Site	The earthworks in this park constructed by Confederate forces but used by both the Union and the Confederacy. During the Civil War, tens of thousands of Union and Confederate soldiers camped in this area alternately using the same fortifications in some instances. This location has significant association to the First and Second Battles of Bull Run a.k.a Manassas. In 1997, this location was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer. Previously known as Union Mills Park.	PAB Meeting Minutes 1/26/2005; the Park was previously known as Union Mills (named after a 19th century settlement).	The name was changed from Union Mills Historic Site to Confederate Fortifications Historic Site as part of the General Management Plan (GMP).	BOS/FCPA	The park was previously referred to as Union Mills (a location) prior to the Master Plan (a.k.a GMP). The earthworks were built by the Confederacy to overlook (and protect) the town of Union Mills and the railroad. The fortifications were abandoned by the Confederacy and later used by Union forces. If it were to be changed, it could be referred to as the Civil War Fortifications to Union Mills, since the earthworks were used by both sides.	YES	The earthworks in this park constructed by Confederate forces but used by both the Union and the Confederacy.

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Springfield	Ox Hill Battlefield	Confederates called the battle "the Battle of Ox Hill"; the Union called the battle "the Battle of Chantilly."	1990s	The Ox Hill Battlefield was named to commemorate the September 1, 1862, Battle of Ox Hill/Chantilly. Named prior to acquisition.	BOS/FCPA	Ox Hill is a geographic location. Please note: The Battle of Ox Hill is the Southern name for the battle; the Northern name is the Battle of Chantilly.	YES	Confederates called the battle "the Battle of Ox Hill"; the Union called the battle "the Battle of Chantilly."
Sully	Military Railroad Park	Built by Confederate forces between Nov. 1861 and Feb. 1862. It was the first exclusively-used military railroad. Situated on this site are remnants of the 1861 Confederate Railroad (Virginia State Site Number 44FX1750). The railroad was constructed by the Confederate Army during the winter of 1861 and 1862 to move troops from Manassas to Centreville. Railroad ties and rails were removed when the occupying Confederate Army abandoned the area. It may be the first railroad built in North America exclusively for military purposes. The remnants are significant and likely eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. AKA as the Centreville Military Railroad.	6/21/1994 - First mention of the railroad land being deeded to the PA in the PAB Minutes.	<i>Likely named after the feature</i>	BOS/FCPA		YES	Built by Confederate forces between Nov. 1861 and Feb. 1862.
Sully	Stringfellow Park	Benjamin Franklin Stringfellow was a Confederate officer and spy. He was a personal scout for J.E.B. Stuart. He infiltrated Union territory on multiple missions until a \$10k reward was offered for his capture. He did not live in or own property in Fairfax County.	First mentioned in PAB Minutes 10/9/1973.	Named after Stringfellow Road	BOS/FCPA	As well as the Park, there is a Stringfellow Road.	NO	Benjamin Franklin Stringfellow was a Confederate officer and spy.
Springfield	Johnny Moore SV Park	Johnny Moore Stream Valley Park is named after Johnny Moore Creek. Johnny Moore Creek appears on a historic land grant from 1710. There was a Confederate General with this name but no evidence that specifically links him to Fairfax County	First reference by PAB to this park in Minutes dated Jan 10, 2001			Johnny Moore Civic Association; Johnny Moore Lane; Johnny Moore Creek; Johnny Moore Watershed	NO	NA



Policy 304	Title: Naming of Parks and Facilities	
Date Approved: 1/24/2018	Last reviewed: 6/26/2013	
Objective: <u>Planning and Development</u>		
Plan and develop a balanced park system that provides for the stewardship of significant natural and cultural resources and provides a variety of park facilities and amenities to meet the diverse leisure and recreation needs of current and future Fairfax County residents, workforce, and visitors.		

Purpose: This policy provides guidance and direction in naming and/or renaming Fairfax County Park Authority parks, facilities, or resource management areas.

Policy Statement: Generally, parks are named in accordance with geographical, historical or ecological features indigenous to the park site or to the immediate vicinity of the site. Preliminary park names are designated at the time of acquisition by staff unless the name is specifically designated in the deed or as a specific condition of a contract or donation. Park names are finalized through the park master plan process which includes community input. The Park Authority Board approves the naming of all parks and facilities.

Initial naming of parks, facilities, or resource management areas:

Parks, facilities, or resource management areas shall not be named after someone still holding an elected or appointed office or for persons working for the county. They may be named for an individual, family, or combination of family names, living or deceased under the following conditions and will be reviewed on a case by case basis:

1. The entity has made a significant gift of land to the Authority; or
2. Is memorialized for a significant contribution to the Fairfax County park system; or
3. Has made a significant contribution to the protection of natural, cultural, or horticultural resources of the Fairfax County park system; or
4. Has substantially contributed to the advancement of commensurate types of recreational opportunities within the Fairfax County park system; or
5. Has made a significant contribution to the betterment of a specific park; or

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6. Has made significant contributions to Fairfax County toward the betterment of the county and the park system.

Renaming of parks, facilities, or resource management areas:

In order to respect the historical tradition, community values, and lessen confusion, renaming of parks and facilities is strongly discouraged. Existing park and facilities names shall not be subject to change unless, after a thorough investigation and review, the proposed name is found to be more appropriate than the existing name and does not diminish the original name or discount the value of the prior contributors. Any action to change the name of an existing park or facility shall follow the same conditions as above.

Temporary naming rights for parks, buildings, or facilities may be conferred as a part of a sponsorship or partnership agreement. Conditions under which temporary naming rights may be assigned are governed by the Sponsorship Policy.

The Park Authority Board has the authority to rescind the naming of a park or facility without prejudice.

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Ox Hill Park Memorial

As part of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, the Fairfax County Sesquicentennial Committee planned and implemented the fabrication of two stone memorials representing the Union and Confederate forces who fought during the Battle of Ox Hill/Chantilly. The Master Plan called for “two additional monuments to recognize the contribution of all of the soldiers involved in the battle (one Union and one Confederate).” The two memorials list the military units that participated in the battle. Concerns for public safety halted the installation of the memorials at Ox Hill Battlefield Park in 2017.

Based on concerns for public safety following the issues in Charleston, and later in Charlottesville, the installation of the memorials was halted. Subsequently, the Park Authority Board Executive Committee met on November 14, 2018, to discuss the memorials and installation and directed staff to bring the item to the Committee of the Whole prior to the end of 2018 for further discussion on the matter.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None

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