



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- (CW) ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – January 13, 2021, Park Authority Board Meeting
- (CW) ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes – January 29, 2021, Park Authority Board Special Meeting

ACTION ITEM

(D, HM, SU, B, P) A-1 Scope Approval – Northern Area Natural Resources Management Plan Scope of Work

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Board Agenda Item
January 27, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Adoption of Minutes – January 13, 2021, Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the January 13, 2021, Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends adoption of the minutes of the January 13, 2021, Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on January 27, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the January 13, 2021, Park Authority Board Meeting

STAFF:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
January 13, 2021**

Chairman Bouie called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

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Audibility of Members' Voices

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Board Member Participating:

Dr. Abena Aidoo
Ken Quincy, Vice Chair
Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter
Maggie Godbold
Linwood Gorham
Timothy Hackman, Treasurer
Ron Kendall
Faisal Khan
Kiel Stone
Michael Thompson, Secretary
James Zook*+
William G. Bouie, Chairman

Location:

Residence in Lee District
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Mr. Bouie made a motion that the Park Authority certifies that all matters on the January 13, 2021, board agenda address the State of Emergency itself, are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of this board's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Mr. Zook was absent.

PRESENTATION

P-1 FY 2020 Park Authority Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Mr. Rob Churchman, Cherry Bekaert, provided a presentation on the FY 2020 Park Authority Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, ended June 30, 2020. His presentation covered engagement services, overall audit results, required communications with those charged with governance, and future accounting and reporting changes.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – December 9, 2020, Park Authority Board Meeting

Mr. Bouie made a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 9, 2020, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present; Mr. Zook was absent.

ACTION ITEM

A-1 Scope Approval – Grouped Roofing Replacement - Phase 2 (Braddock and Sully Districts)

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the project scope of the roof at the Area 2 Maintenance Shop and to complete design for the roof replacement at Mount Gilead; seconded by Ms. Godbold. The motion carried by all members present; Mr. Zook was absent.

INFORMATION ITEM

I-1 FCPA Energy Program Update

The 2018 Fairfax County Operational Energy Strategy (OES) included goals to reduce Energy use in existing county facilities and operations, with a target of 20% use reduction

by 2029. To assist County agencies in meeting this and other OES goals, the Office of Energy and Environmental Coordination (OEEC) has implemented the following initiatives to improve energy efficiency and reduce the carbon footprint of County facilities:

- Projects funded in the Carryover Budget via the county Energy Program
- Projects funded via the countywide Environmental Improvement Program (EIP)
- Rooftop Solar Panel Installation via a county Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)
- Canopy-mounted Solar Panel Installation via a County PPA
- Energy Efficiency Projects via a county agreement with an Energy Service Company (ESCO)
- Installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

The Park Authority has benefitted greatly from a strong partnership with the OEEC. In the past two years Parks has implemented over \$2.4 million in county-funded energy projects resulting in an overall energy use reduction of 7% to date.

Keith Snyder provided an update on Parks involvement in the programs listed above and forthcoming energy projects that were presented in the presentation provided with the board package.

Following the presentation Mr. Kendall asked 1) How this nests in with the bond appropriation for having RECenter renovations, is this something that would partner with these kind of construction actions or is it something that will happen, or will it begin when Parks begins its redo of all the RECenters? 2) When looking at the golf courses is Parks including conversion to electric golf carts for those courses that do not have them already?

Mr. Snyder addressed Mr. Kendall's questions. 1) With regard to the bond appropriation, assuming Mr. Kendall was talking about the ESCO effort, this is in addition to the bond projects. Within the bond process major upgrades or potential upgrades to equipment are identified with funding costs. As ESCO funding, which is through the Central Energy Office not funded by the Park Authority, as projects are identified through that and are funded Parks will go through the bond list and say that that project was funded elsewhere now there is money potentially for other projects. That happens once projects are funded and should free up money.

[Mr. Gorham asked a question about the solar panels.]**

Returning to Mr. Kendall's second question regarding the electric golf carts, there are no current plans to switch to electric carts. Most of the facilities have electric already, but he would look to see which do not. Parks would have to look at the electric infrastructure in the current facilities and just add a couple of chargers. If there is not enough capacity at the clubhouse it would require potential transformer upgrades and/or panel installations.

Mr. Kendall noted that some of the 9-hole courses do not have the space or facilities to house the carts and Mr. Snyder indicated that coverings could be provided as they would not require an indoor. He noted that he would make a note of that.

**Mr. Gorham asked Mr. Snyder to briefly explain how the financials work on the solar panels. He heard that we were going to buy the energy from the people that would be installing them and there would be no cost. Could he elaborate on that regarding the fees we are paying for electricity and we would be paying less than the electricity coming from Dominion Power.

The solar vendors would install the solar panels with no cost upfront. They have financial backers funding the project. As power is generated on a day-to-day basis and delivered to the facility the providers would be paid back. The rooftop financials are 6.9¢ per kilowatt. That is slightly higher than what Parks pays at RECenters but similar to what is paid at smaller facilities. RECenters are at 7-8¢ per kilowatt but that is due to demand so really amounts to about 3.7¢. Demand would decrease and benefit on a positive basis. The canopy mounted are at about 11¢ per kilowatt so there will some additional costs upfront for those installations on a short-term basis. Electricity is going up about 2 ½ ¢ per year and has over the past 30 years. Potentially in nine years would break even and after that point would be saving money. Parks looks to pair rooftop installations with canopy mounted to break even.

In response to Mr. Gorham Mr. Snyder indicated that Parks would be cost neutral or cost positive, not cost negative.

No action was necessary.

I-2 Annual Tysons and Reston Update

Andrea Dorlester and Jasmin Kim provided the status of on-going planning and implementation efforts related to the adoption of new transit-oriented Comprehensive Plans for Tysons and Reston, including updates on rezoning application review, work with the Tysons and Reston Steering Committee, coordination with other county agencies, and information on new and future parks and facilities.

* Mr. Zook arrived at 5:48 p.m. during the Tysons/Reston Update.

Mr. Thompson asked if there was any movement on how to do the diamond fields, knowing there are a number of plans for rectangular fields in Tysons.

Mr. Quincy noted that conversation regarding diamond fields has been going on since the beginning of Tysons development. Land availability is an issue for diamond fields as they require more land than rectangular fields. It has not been ruled out but will take a lot to be pursued.

Mr. Zook gave a shout out to staff. It has been over 10 years ago that the Tysons plan was adopted and there was a lot of rumbling about what could and could not be done. He also gave a shout out to the Department of Planning and Zoning and the Park Authority staff, Andi Dorlester and Anna Bentley and others, who have made it happen and have been at the table, They have made the encouragement, the arguments, and were successful in making that happen. As a former employee and one who put much of his heart in the parks around Tysons and the parks around the county, it is so gratifying to see our young professionals moving it forward with vigor. He very much appreciates that and applauds them. He concluded by telling them to keep up the good work.

Mr. Kendall had a question that could be answered via email. Has there been a recent comprehensive plan on how many rectangular and diamond fields the countywide needs and where they would be placed if it was possible?

Mr. Kincannon noted that the Need Assessment done in 2015-2016 is the document Parks is working through. Over the next two years staff will identify a process to go through this again to validate what it is seeing and hearing from the user groups. Parks will work collectively with the county to make sure it gets that process in line. Staff is currently looking to identify those locations as part of the next level of the Needs Assessment. Parks hopes to have that information relative to equity and placement which will be the key focus of the agency moving forward.

Mr. Bouie stated that Parks wants to emphasize that while Parks has the study from 2016 it will go back and look at it as it relates to One Fairfax and equity. That will change the dynamics tremendously as to what Parks will do moving forward. There may not be as many ballfields or may be different types of ballfields. That is not cast in stone at the point. There is a reassessment that needs to be done based on the conversation Parks has had in the last year or two.

No action was necessary.

I-3 Draft Dog Park Study

Adam Wynn provided a presentation on the draft dog park study which was provided in the board package.

Mr. Hackman indicated that the map on slide three shows there are two of the highest and largest density of dog population in the southwest section of the county yet there is only one dog park planned for that area.

He further commented that a constituent in the north part of the county recently felt that he was harassed by people with an aggressive dog, a type of breed that is known to potentially be aggressive, and the constituent suggested that Parks might want to consider perhaps a ban on certain types of dogs in its natural resource parks or in dog parks. Mr. Hackman noted that there is a regulation about aggressive behavior of dogs. He personally does not have an opinion of whether there should be a ban and frankly though it would be unworkable but wanted to mention the suggestion.

Mr. Wynn indicated that following a number of internal meetings a couple of things come up, would Parks have the ability to enforce banning of aggressive breeds. This would require volunteers and the public to pinpoint the breeds that may be aggressive. Staff felt that would be a slippery slope to go down.

Regarding Mr. Hackman's first comment Mr. Wynn noted that rather than pinpointing one area and indicated that a dog park is needed there, the study identifies areas that are lacking, and Parks would provide the tools to plan for a dog park in that area.

Mr. Kendall asked 1) if there was any liability statement that goes with the dog parks that reminds owners that they are responsible for their animals even though they are off-leash; 2) regarding the map showing dog parks, it would be helpful if it showed any proximate dog parks in the Arlington or Alexandria area as there may be a dog park close enough but not in Fairfax County.

Mr. Wynn indicated the survey asked people to identify which dog parks they typically use and through that would identify dog parks in Arlington or Alexandria. The mapping was confined to the boundaries of Fairfax County.

Mr. Quincy asked how the target date of 2025 was determined.

In response, Mr. Wynn stated that it was based on the projected population and Needs Assessment.

In thinking of the Orlando Banks Park, Dr. Carter asked if any consideration was given to the surrounding community of Kingstown. Several people had complained, yes, they wanted a dog park, but the neighboring community did not want the noise, and all goes with the dog park. When formulating the report was community placement part of the thinking and regarding funding was funding looked at with the Park Foundation, and is parking still a consideration?

Mr. Wynn responded that in looking at communities the need for dog parks is based on drive times, Supervisory District that does not have a dog park but does not identify individual parks, that is the purpose of the master plan for each park which goes through the community process. The report has a suggested setback and buffer spacing that is more refined from family dwelling units. It has criteria so that the dog parks can be placed in areas of less disturbance to nearby communities.

The report contains a funding section and a volunteering section and staff has worked hand in hand with the Park Foundation to come up with a set of recommendations for enhancing volunteering and sponsoring improvements and funding for individual dog parks through the website.

The standard for parking previously was 10-20 spaces, this report states 20 spaces but is also related to the capacity of each dog park. Typically, 400-700 sq. ft. is allocated per dog so depending on the dog park size will determine how many dogs will fit in the dog park. That will determine the number of spaces needed; however, it is determined on a park-by-park basis.

Mr. Zook commented that with some other public services noted that the time/distance to use dog parks as with other facilities such as libraries, we should be thinking about the related ability for the owners of the dogs to take their dogs to those parks versus making them more accessible.

No action was necessary.

+Chairman Bouie asked Mr. Zook to state the location from which he is participating in the meeting. Mr. Zook stated that he was attending the meeting from his residence in the Springfield District.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Bouie welcomed everyone back hoping that all are well and safe and had a good holiday. Some had better holidays than others. Mr. Khan had some challenges with the pandemic, and he is back and on the way to recovery.
- With the COVID vaccine distribution expanding, he asked Mr. Kincannon if there has been any discussion around the schools or RECenters participating in vaccine distribution.

Mr. Kincannon stated that currently been no discussion of schools or RECenters being used. At this time, it is centered around health district distribution in Fairfax County likely due to the limited number of vaccines available. However, the Health Department is aware that our facilities are available and in the future there may an opportunity for Parks to be used. He noted that he would make sure he mentioned to Dr. Gloria on Friday when he meets with the county senior policy group members.

- As a member of the Leadership Fairfax Board, he is a mentor for the ELI program (the Lifelong Learning Program) and was assigned Sgt. Terrance Bridges from the McLean Bureau as his first mentee and a fantastic guy. Mr. Bouie met with him today and he loves our parks. Sgt. Bridges discussed the major problems with parking at Riverbend and at Scott's Run that he is frequently involved in. Mr. Bouie remarked that the Park Authority is doing as much as it can and if Sgt. Bridges could reenforce it with anyone that if we could do parking zones or whatever, it is certainly needed. Mr. Bouie thanked the sergeant for his service.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- In conjunction with Mr. Bouie's comment regarding the parking situation around Scott's Run, the Board of Supervisors just approved the residential parking permit area around Scott's Run. Parks thanks the county for doing that as it will help with the crowds Parks has experienced at Scott's Run and the parking issues in the community. VDOT has erected numerous no parking signs along Georgetown Pike so police are now able to tow and ticket. This will help reduce the numbers already in an overcrowded park.
- Mr. Kincannon introduced Michael Peter, Division Director of Business Administration. Mr. Kincannon Michael and welcomed him to the Park Authority family. He comes from Land Development Services and worked for Arlington County Parks and Recreation Department. Michael comes to Parks with 24 years of experience and began with Parks on January 4.

Mr. Peter thanked Mr. Kincannon and stated that he is looking forward to working with everyone.

- On a sad note, former Resource Stewardship Branch Manager Michael Rierson died recently. He was the former Branch Chief for the Resource Stewardship Branch. He has an incredible legacy with the Park Authority. He was around for about 34 years and brought many great things for Parks and the Resource Management Division.

The Park Foundation is accepting gifts to honor the life of Michael Rierson, former manager of the FCPA Resource Stewardship Branch.

Mr. Kincannon thanked those that has already made contributions. He thanked someone who had made an anonymous contribution in honor of Todd Johnson and for him with their retirements.

He reminded everyone that has an opportunity to give to the Foundation in the future making contributions honoring individuals in retirement or have moved on to their next journey in life.

- In three weeks from an idea to the first car rolling through the event, staff from Park Services Division and Resource Management Division installed, ticketed, and hosted the agency's first drive-through "Holiday Lights at the Farm". Combining holiday decorations from Burke Lake Park, Lake Fairfax Park and Frying Pan Farm Park, staff created a delightful winter wonderland at Frying Pan Farm Park.

Our guests were enthralled! Tickets sold like the proverbial hot cakes, including \$150 VIP wagon rides. As tickets were added after each night, they sold out within days, sometimes within hours. Almost 2,000 cars drove the event, plus 30 wagon ride trips were taken, generating \$44,300 in gross revenue.

Mr. Kincannon thanked the incredible team of staff that pulled this off and commented that if anyone did not get a chance to get out this year, to get out next year. It was incredible.

He thanked the contributions from generous supporters that added to the successful event:

- Bill and Regina Bouie who provide funding for sandwiches, snacks and beverages for the staff and volunteers
- Fairfax County Park Foundation who contributed toward event expenses
- Baumgardner's Tree Care who rented a lift and donated staff time to hang lights on other structures
- Fairfax County Fire Department who strung lights on Kidwell Barn

Social Media was the driving marketing force: 51% learned about the event that way.

What did participants like most? The live animals! A calf, two goats, an ewe and her two lambs, plus 6 cows were on display. The animals were the hook that set us apart from the other local holiday lights events.

Celebrations during the holiday season this year were restricted due to Covid-19. That we could safely offer 30 minutes of joy to our community gave staff an immense amount of pleasure. Already staff is buzzing about how to make it better next year.

- Just a reminder to make sure you submit your Statement of Economic Interest forms before the February 1 deadline if you have not already submitted them.

BOARD MATTERS

- Mr. Zook asked everyone to be safe.
- Mr. Quincy shared Mr. Zook's earlier comments about staff regarding Tysons.

The way Mr. Kincannon, staff, and the management team handled Parks role in addressing the pandemic scenario. Parks have been loaded with people but staff is always there and doing a great job.

- Dr. Aidoo had nothing to report.
- Dr. Carter wished everyone a happy new year.
- Mr. Khan had nothing to report.
- Mr. Stone had nothing to report.

- Mr. Gorham stated that it is with great pride to let everyone know that the first multi-lingual Park Planning meeting was held in the Mount Vernon District in the past week. It went extremely well due to Parks' very competent staff. Headliners were Judy Pedersen, Adam Wynn and Stephanie Leedom who did all the interpretation. It looked as if Parks had been doing this for a while. It was very well received by the community. There were 24 participants from the community. He thanked staff that put the meeting together and can't say enough about the fine job they did and how proud he is that the first one of those meetings was held in the Mount Vernon District. The language used was Spanish, which must include half of the population in that area. Bravo!

Mr. Gorham thanked Kelly Davis for providing information at the South County Federation meeting on January 12 about the concerns raised regarding Central Green. She answered question very thoroughly and did a great job.

- Ms. Godbold wished everyone a happy new year and thanked Tom McFarland who has responded to numerous inquiries about the status of the Gabrielson Gardens Bridge.
- Mr. Thompson had nothing to report.
- Mr. Hackman suggested that it might be beneficial to have a program that would complement or supplement the Mastenbrook Grant Program. As an example, Riverbend Park has a need for a new patrol boat to be able to operate its revenue producing boat/kayak rental program. The Friends of Riverbend was prepared to give them \$13,000 toward the \$26,000 cost for such a patrol boat and applied for a Mastenbrook Grant; however, on advice of bond council it was determined that a patrol boat is not a capital improvement project under the terms of the Mastenbrook Grant Program and the bond money which funded it and therefore the grant was denied. Mr. Hackman indicated that he had no problem with that determination. Staff is trying to work around to try to take advantage of that but that takes up a lot of staff time. It seems to him that if a fixed program was in place that would allow Parks to use third party funds more easily for things Parks needs it would potentially be a beneficial thing. He mentioned it for consideration.

Mr. Thompson noted that the Department of Community Services mini-grant program for turf fields may provide a model for doing exactly that.

Mr. Bouie added that something may be able to be set up with the Park Foundation.

Mr. Hackman noted that the money could be given to the Park Foundation and additional funds could be raised but that would take time. In this particular case they are trying to make sure the boat rental program is in place for the summer.

- Mr. Kendall thanked staff for all the work they are doing. There are many things that happen behind the scenes that make things work seamlessly. Unfortunately, folks do not get the

recognition they deserved for doing that. He is looking at 2021 and is hoping Parks can backfill some of the positions along with the new director so everyone gets a little relief in 2021.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:15 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion that the Park Authority Board recess and convene in closed session for discussion and consideration of matters enumerated in Virginia Code §2.2-3711 and listed in the agenda for this meeting as follows:

- a) Discussion or consideration of publicly held real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(3).
- b) Discussion of personnel matter pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1)

Seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 7:35 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion to return to open session; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Thompson made a motion that the Park Authority Board certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code §2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the board; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present.

CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Items presented during closed session were Information Only. No action was required.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Participating Staff:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer
Michael Peter, Director, Business Administration
Stephanie Leedom, Director, Planning and Development Division
Kurt Louis, Director, Park Operations Division
Cindy Walsh, Director, Park Services Division
Cindy McNeal, Planning and Development Division
Keith Snyder, Planning and Development Division
Anna Bentley, Manager Park Planning Branch
Andi Dorlester, Development Review Section Chief, Park Planning Branch
Jasmin Kin, Senior Park Planner, Park Planning Branch
Adam Wynn, Project Manager & Senior Planner, Planning & Development Division
Barbara Gorski, Administrative Assistant
Matt Peters, Manager, Human Capital Development Services

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on January 27, 2021

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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Board Agenda Item
January 27, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE – 2

Adoption of Minutes – January 19, 2021, Park Authority Board Special Meeting

ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the January 19, 2021, Park Authority Board Special Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends adoption of the minutes of the January 19, 2021, Park Authority Board Special Meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on January 27, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

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STAFF:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
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**Fairfax County Park Authority
Special Board Meeting
January 19, 2021**

Chairman Bouie called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

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CLOSED SESSION

At 5:09 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion that the Park Authority Board recess and convene in closed session for discussion and consideration of matters enumerated in Virginia Code §2.2-3711 and listed in the agenda for this meeting as follows:

- a) Discussion of personnel matter pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1)

Seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present; Mr. Stone was absent.

*Mr. Stone arrived at 5:10 p.m. Participating in meeting from his residence in the Braddock District.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 6:29 p.m. Mr. Thompson made a motion to return to open session; seconded by Ms. Godbold. The motion carried by all members present.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

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CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

No action was required.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Participating Staff:

Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO

Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD

Matt Peters, Manager, Human Capital Development Services

Barbara Gorski, Administrative Assistant

Guest: Karen Cleveland, Cleveland Consulting

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ACTION - 1 (with presentation)

Scope Approval – Northern Area Natural Resources Management Plan Scope of Work (Dranesville, Hunter Mill, Sully, Braddock, Providence Districts)

ISSUE:

The Park Authority will complete a Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP) and associated surveys for parks in the northern part of Fairfax County. The NRMP that will be developed will consider options and provide recommended implementation actions for ecological restoration. The scope of the project will include all parks depicted on the map as Attachment 2 and listed by name in Attachment 3. The proposed NRMP is the second of four that will be completed to cover all parks in the county. The project will be managed by Natural Resource Branch (NRB) staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the project scope to begin work on the Northern Area Natural Resources Management Plan.

TIMING:

The period of performance will be 36 months spanning four fiscal years. The completion schedule assumes an April 1, 2021, start date.

Project Year 1 (FY21)				
Tasks	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr
1. Project Management				Start
2. Outline				
3. 50% Draft NRMP				
4. 90% Draft NRMP				
5. Planning-level Surveys				Start

Project Year 2 (FY22)				
Tasks	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr
1. Project Management	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing
2. Outline		Start	Complete	
3. 50% Draft NRMP			Start	Ongoing
4. 90% Draft NRMP				
5. Planning-level Surveys	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing

Project Year 3 (FY23)				
Tasks	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr
1. Project Management	Ongoing	Ongoing	Complete	
2. Outline				
3. 50% Draft NRMP	Ongoing	Complete		
4. 90% Draft NRMP			Start	Ongoing
5. Planning-level Surveys	Ongoing	Ongoing	Complete	

Project Year 3 (FY24)				
Tasks	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr
1. Project Management	Ongoing	Ongoing	Complete	
2. Outline				
3. 50% Draft NRMP				
4. 90% Draft NRMP	Ongoing	Complete		
5. Planning-level Surveys	Ongoing	Complete		

BACKGROUND:

Goals

The project will be conducted in accordance with FCPA Policy 201, Natural Resources. It will also help fulfill the following Recommended Actions in the agency-wide Natural Resource Management Plan.

- Recommended Action 1 – Conduct natural resource inventories of vegetative communities, rare and significant species, habitats and ecological features such as wetlands and their contributing landscapes to identify, map, and monitor biodiversity.
- Recommended Action 2 – Assess the ecological significance of natural resources on parkland according to federal and state protection status, countywide occurrence, ecological function, ecosystem serves and sensitivity to disturbance, and incorporate these assessments into strategic and long-range planning, general management planning, and operational planning.
- Recommended Action 3 – Designate Resource Protection Zones and develop a map of parkland defining these areas in which land disturbance shall be limited and access regulated based on the needs of the resources present.
- Recommended Action 5 – Ensure that natural resource protection is integrated into all aspects of the Park Authority’s practices to include land acquisition, park planning, development, management, maintenance, and interpretation.
- Recommended Action 6 – Create site-specific or resource-specific Natural Resource Management Plans and/or Natural Resource Action Plans as appropriate to guide natural resource management and protection and make these plans available to staff and the public.

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- Recommended Action 10 – Protect water resources from impacts of urbanization and development such as stormwater runoff and excessive flows.
- Recommended Action 16 – Manage natural resources adaptively and holistically on a landscape scale with the ultimate goal of having naturally regenerating native plant systems and healthy native wildlife populations.
- Recommended Action 24 – Partner with diverse groups to conduct resource inventories, formulate plans and manage resources.
- Recommended Action 26 – Participate in and support regional natural resource management planning and management efforts to better identify gaps and opportunities in natural resource protection and management.

It will produce a plan that will be used to manage, restore, and protect the natural resources of the parks identified in this scope. The NRMP will inform future park Master Plans.

Objectives

The following project objectives will achieve the goals identified above.

1. Manage project to meet goals.
2. Conduct planning-level ecological surveys to inform NRMP.
3. Prepare NRMP.
4. Provide recommendations for acquisitions to meet plan objectives.

Tasks

The NRB will manage contractors to achieve project objectives. Project tasks will be performed to complete deliverables according to specifications outlined in this document.

1. Manage the project to include coordination with sites, contractor selection and management, quality assurance, stakeholders, and other factors.
2. Coordinate FCPA comments for NRMP outline to contractor (if applicable).
3. Coordinate FCPA comments for 50% draft NRMP and provide to contractor.
4. Coordinate FCPA comments for 90% draft NRMP and provide to contractor.
5. Coordinate contractor(s) and staff for planning-level ecological survey(s) and ensure information is included in NRMP.
6. Consult with targeted stakeholders, such as the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, to ensure technical rigor.

Specifications

- The NRMP will be compliant with Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Natural Area Preserve (NAP) standards.
- The NRMP will incorporate results from planning-level ecological surveys and existing, suitable FCPA data.
- The NRMP will use natural vegetation community data to delineate management units.

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- The NRMP will identify restoration, enhancement, and/or maintenance activities necessary for each management unit, based on existing resources.
- The NRMP will provide cost estimates per activity for each management unit.
- The NRMP will include recommended Resource Protection Zones (RPZ) and potential NAP designation, or similar, for eligible management units.
- The NRMP will identify target, or desired, natural community type(s) for management units identified for restoration.
- The NRMP will recommend areas of high conservation and protection value for potential acquisition.

Project Deliverables

1. Quarterly progress reports submitted by the NRB.
2. A completed NRMP that will include recommendations for RPZs and NAP, as applicable; and identified management units in need of ecological restoration.
3. Final report and/or geographic data for each planning-level ecological survey.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Based on the scope cost estimate, funding in the amount of \$300,000 is necessary to conduct the project (Attachment 1). Funding in the amount of \$1,485,000 is currently available in PR-000076, Natural and Cultural Resource Stewardship-2016, Natural Capital Renovation/Natural Resource Management in Fund 30400, Park Bond Construction Fund.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Scope Cost Estimate for Northern Area Natural Resources Management Plan

Attachment 2: Northern Area Natural Resources Management Plan Scope Map

Attachment 3: Northern Area Natural Resources Management Plan List of Parks

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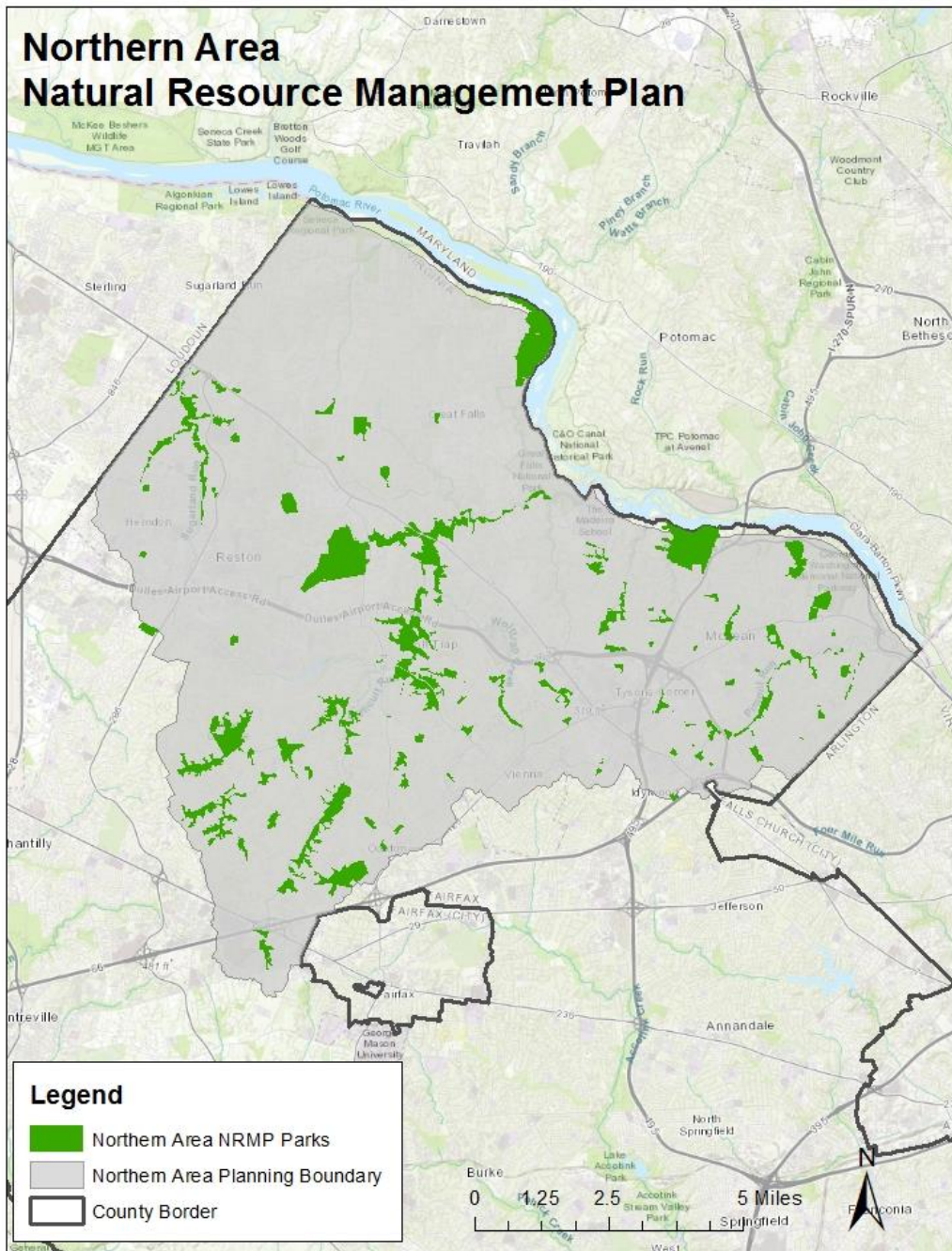
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**Northern Area Natural Resources Management Plan
Scope Cost Estimate**

Project Administration	\$30,000
Planning-level Ecological Surveys	\$90,000
Vegetation Surveys	\$80,000
Natural Resources Management Plan	\$100,000
Total	\$300,000



Northern Area Natural Resource Management Plan Project**List of Parks**

DIFFICULT RUN STREAM VALLEY PARK	GARNCHAYNE PARK
LAKE FAIRFAX PARK	WAYLAND STREET PARK
RIVERBEND PARK	TAMARACK PARK
LITTLE DIFFICULT RUN STREAM VALLEY PARK	MARIE BUTLER LEVEN PRESERVE
SCOTTS RUN NATURE PRESERVE	CLEMYJONTRI PARK
SUGARLAND RUN STREAM VALLEY PARK	MCLEAN HAMLET PARK
FRED CRABTREE PARK	WAVERLY PARK
CLARKS CROSSING PARK	ASHLAWN PARK
OAK MARR PARK	LITTLE PIMMIT RUN SV PARK
LANGLEY OAKS PARK	BULL NECK STREAM VALLEY PARK
PIMMIT RUN STREAM VALLEY PARK	LEXINGTON ESTATES PARK
COLVIN RUN MILL PARK	DRANESVILLE TAVERN
BARON CAMERON PARK	FOXSTONE PARK
WOLFTRAP STREAM VALLEY PARK	ASHGROVE HISTORIC SITE
THE TURNER FARM	EUDORA PARK
LANGLEY FORK PARK	SOUTH LAKES DRIVE PARK
GREENWAY HEIGHTS PARK	SHAKER WOODS PARK
SPRING HILL PARK	LAWYERS ROAD PARK
FOLLY LICK STREAM VALLEY PARK	CLARKE'S LANDING PARK
COLVIN RUN STREAM VALLEY PARK	RAGLAN ROAD PARK
CARNEY PARK	WESTGATE PARK
SALONA PARK	CHURCHILL ROAD PARK
WAPLES MILL MEADOW PARK	GABRIELSON GARDENS
TATTERSALL PARK	OLNEY PARK
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STRATTON WOODS PARK	SCOTTS RUN STREAM VALLEY PARK
MCLEAN CENTRAL PARK	WOLF TRAILS PARK
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POTOMAC HILLS PARK
GREAT FALLS GRANGE PARK
BRUIN PARK
FREEDOM HILL PARK
OAKBOROUGH SQUARE PARK
KEN LAWRENCE PARK
RUCKSTUHL PARK
TYSONS PIMMIT PARK
STUART ROAD PARK
SYMPHONY HILLS PARK
HOLLY KNOLL PARK
PETERSON LANE PARK
BRIARCLIFF PARK
PIMMIT VIEW PARK
LOCKMEADE PARK
BRYN MAWR PARK
GRAND HAMPTONS PARK
TOLLBROOK RIDGE PARK
DOLLEY MADISON ESTATES PARK
FALSTAFF PARK
MOUNT ROYAL PARK
MCLEAN KNOLLS PARK
KIRBY PARK
HERITAGE RESOURCE PARK
FRANKLIN WOODS PARK
GRIFFITH PARK
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ALFRED ODRICK HOMESITE



Natural Resources Management Plan

Northern Area

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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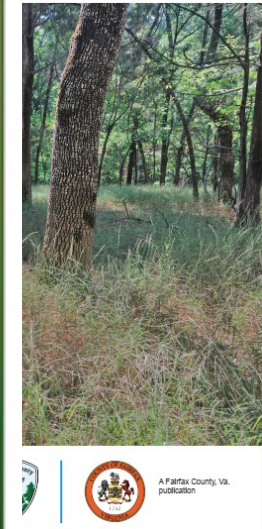


Background

- Nine Recommended Actions
- Second of Four Regional Plans
- Adapts Sully Regional Master Plan Concept
- Apply Regional Natural Resources Management Planning County-wide

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Park Authority**
Natural Resource
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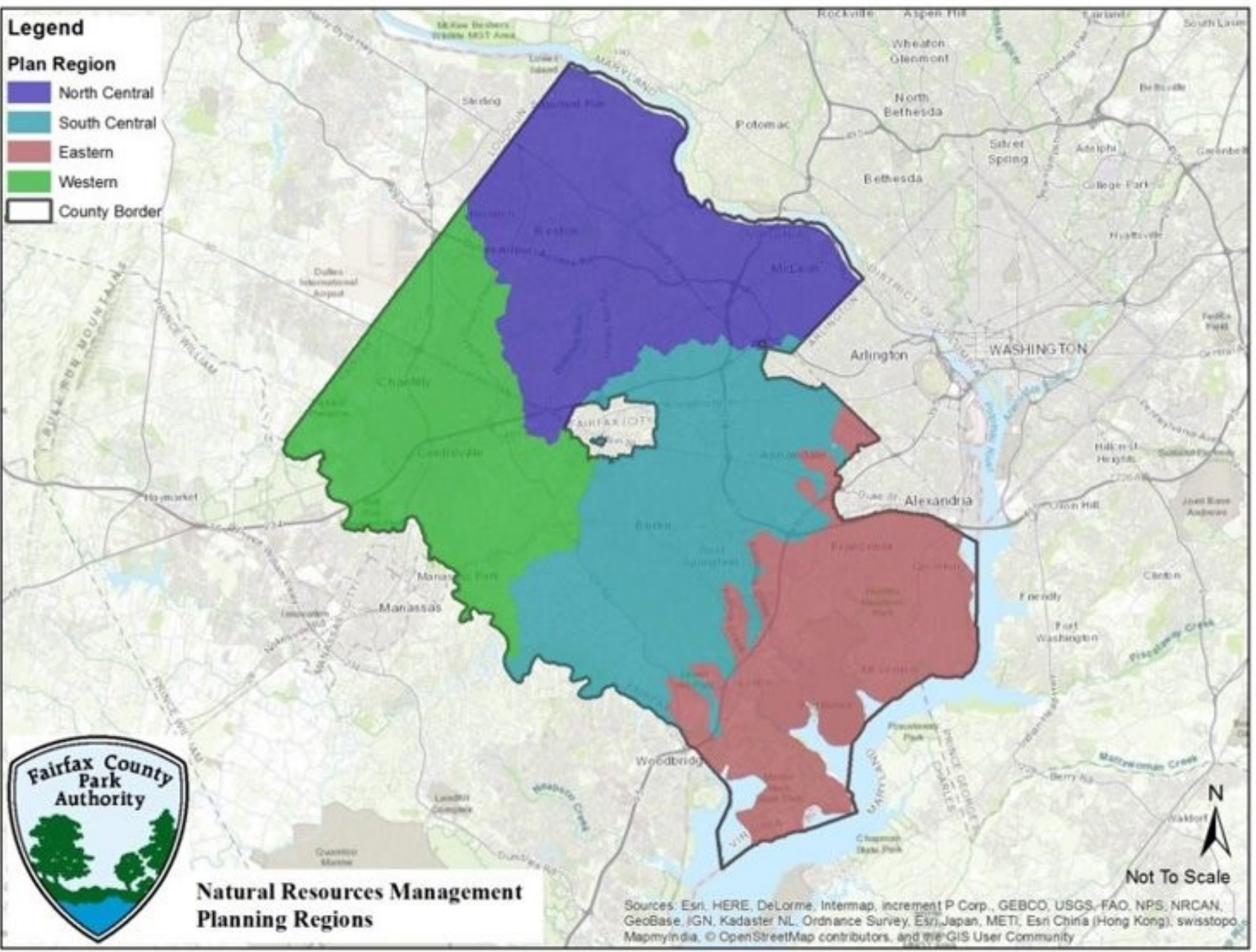
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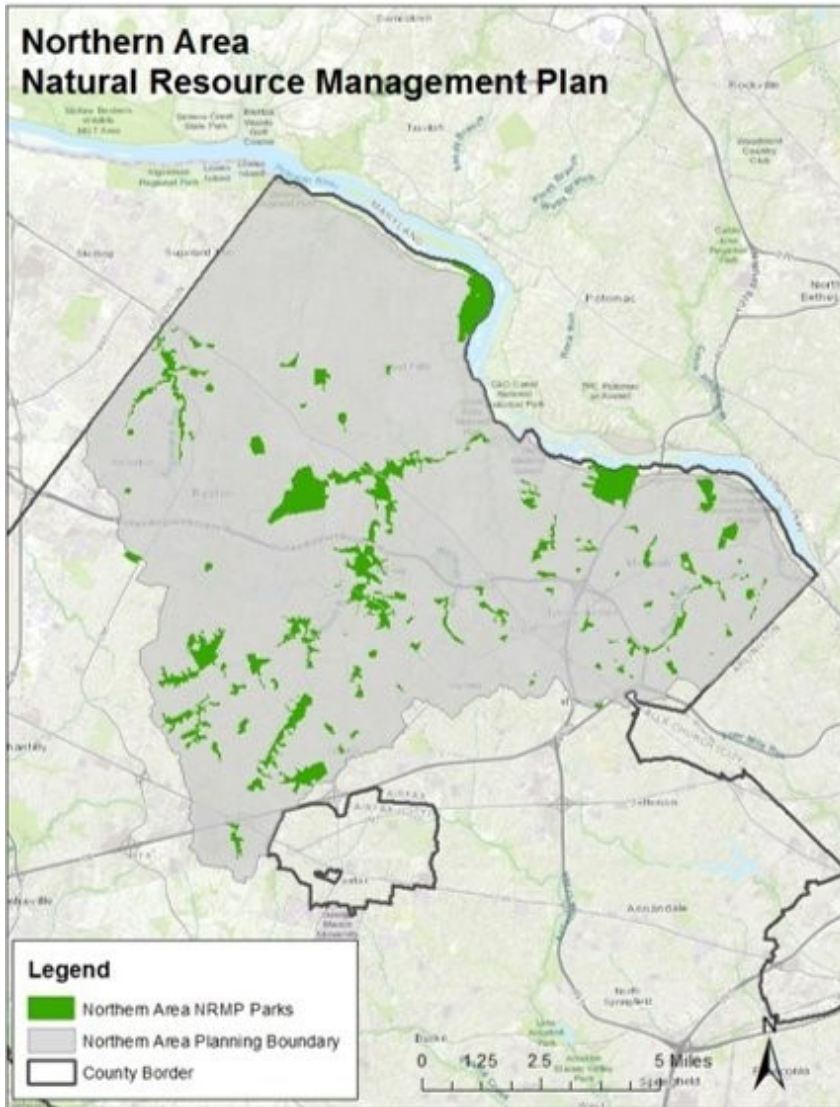
Plan Region

- North Central
- South Central
- Eastern
- Western
- County Border



Natural Resources Management Planning Regions

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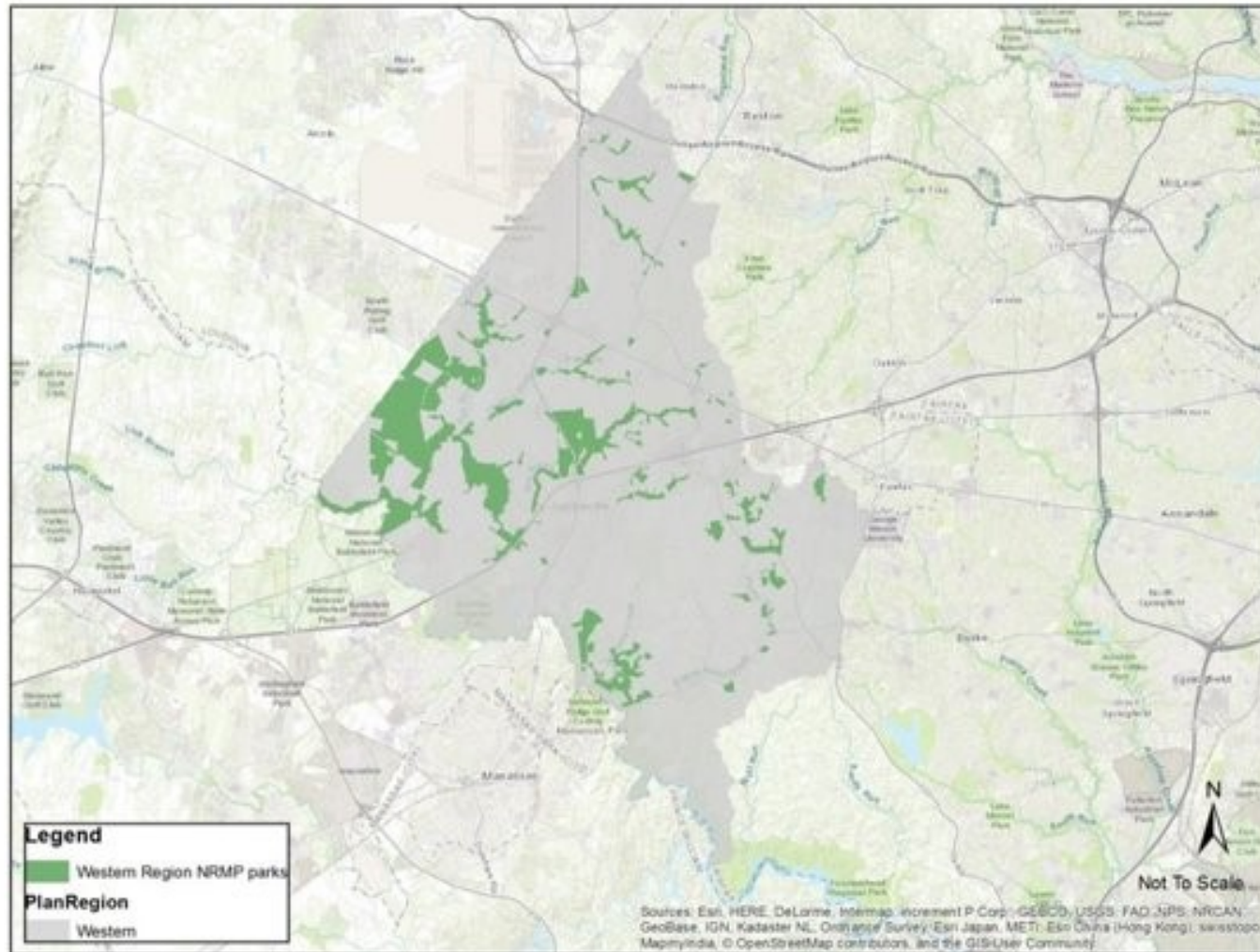


Northern Area Natural Resource Management Plan

- 98 Parks
- Ecological Surveys
 - 5015 Acres
 - Rare Resources
 - Unhealthy ecosystems
- Restoration Opportunities
- Recommended Actions

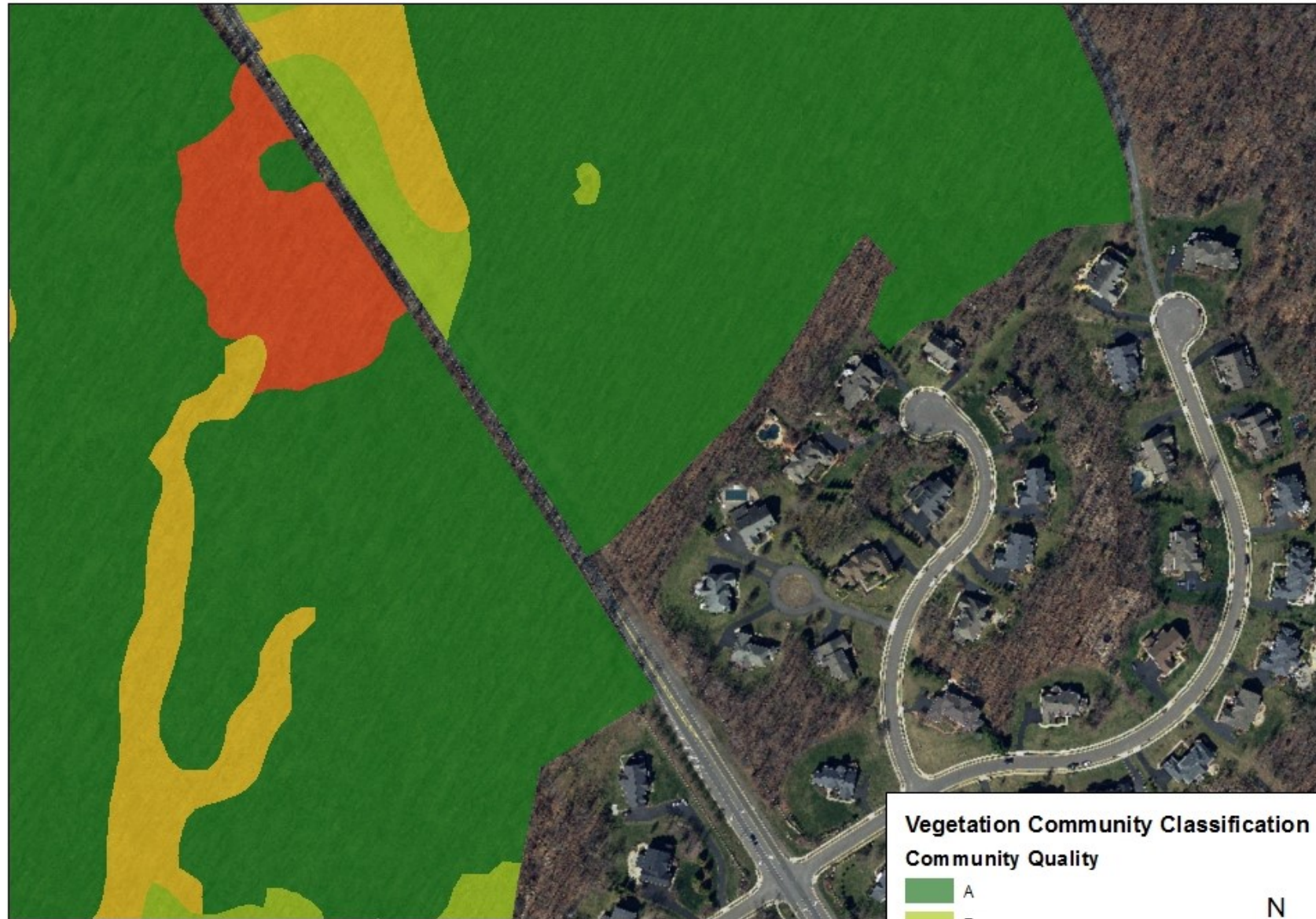
Western Area Natural Resource Management Plan

- 2018 – 2021
- 54 Parks Surveyed
- 5550 Acres Mapped
- Rare Plants: 26 Species, 146 Occurrences
- Rare Animals: 4 Species, 12 Occurrences
- 7 Types of State Rare Natural Community

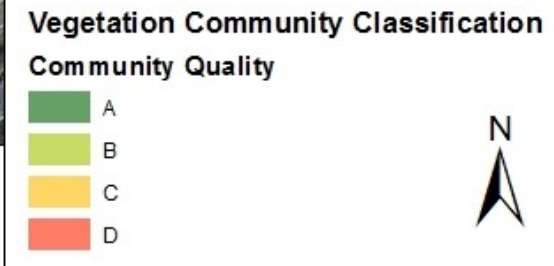


Vegetation Mapping

- Ecosystem Types
- Natural Area Health
- Restoration Opportunities



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Dranesville District Parks

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Providence District Parks

DIFFICULT RUN SV

BRIARCLIFF PARK

OAK MARR PARK

HERITAGE RESOURCES PARK

WAPLES MILL MEADOW

TATTERSALL PARK

ASHLAWN PARK

WESTGATE PARK

SCOTTS RUN SV

OAKTON COMMUNITY PARK

OAKBOROUGH SQUARE

KEN LAWRENCE PARK

RUCKSTUHL PARK



Sully District Parks

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FRED CRABTREE

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GARNCHAYNE PARK

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Braddock District Parks

CARNEY PARK

RANDOM HILLS PARK

HOW WE TREAT THE LAND HAS LASTING IMPACTS



Questions?



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