



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



B O A R D A G E N D A

March 10, 2021

5:00 PM (virtual)

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ACTION ITEM

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ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Resolution Honoring Keith Tasaka upon His Retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority (with presentation)

ISSUE:

Seeking approval of the resolution to honor Greendale Golf Course Superintendent II Keith Tasaka for nearly 40 years of outstanding service to the Fairfax County Park Authority and the residents of Fairfax County.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Acting Executive Director recommends approval of the resolution honoring Keith Tasaka, Greendale Golf Course Superintendent II.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on March 10, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

Keith Tasaka got his start with the Park Authority as a Seasonal Facility Attendant at Jefferson District Golf Course and Park in 1982, while he was still a college student. The following year, he became a Seasonal Maintenance Worker at Greendale Golf Course and worked for three summers before becoming a full-time Utility Worker at Burke Lake Golf Center. He continued his climb through the Park Authority as a Senior Utility Worker when Pinecrest Golf Course opened and later as a Groundskeeper Specialist at the course. He retires as Golf Course Superintendent II at Greendale Golf Course, a position he has held since 1993.

Throughout his career, Mr. Tasaka has helped to improve the beauty, playability, and environmental friendliness of the courses at which he worked. At the newly opened Pinecrest, he designed and established the flower gardens and landscaping. Over time, he rebuilt all the bunkers to make play more enjoyable, and he expanded the tee boxes to create a larger playing area for golfers.

At Greendale, Mr. Tasaka improved play for golfers by rebuilding all the sand bunkers, redesigning the 17th hole, and expanding the tee boxes, which also helped to protect surrounding neighborhood homes. He transitioned the fairways from Bluegrass Rye to

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Bermuda to provide a more consistent, better playing surface and greatly reduce water expenses during the summer season.

Mr. Tasaka helped to beautify Greendale by creating plant gardens and a rock garden around the clubhouse. He reduced the course's environmental impact with the implementation of a new leading-edge irrigation system for the Park Authority and by creating a rain garden to redistribute rainwater in a more environmentally friendly way. He also was involved in major water re-establishment and construction of ponds.

In addition, Mr. Tasaka took interest in the wildlife that make the homes in and around Greendale by establishing and maintaining Blue Bird Boxes and Purple Martin Houses throughout the course and establishing goose control procedures. He also took measures to make Greendale more friendly to wildlife and naturalized to the environment.

For these reasons and more, Mr. Tasaka is worthy of this resolution in his honor.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

STAFF:

Sara Baldwin, Acting Executive Director
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer

WHEREAS, Greendale Golf Course Superintendent II Keith Tasaka is retiring after nearly 40 years of dedicated service to the Fairfax County Park Authority and residents of Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, Keith Tasaka has contributed his considerable talents to operations at Jefferson District Golf Course, Burke Lake Golf Center, Pinecrest Golf Course, and Greendale Golf Course beginning as a seasonal worker during college and climbing the ladder at the Park Authority to the superintendent's post from which he is retiring; and

WHEREAS, Keith Tasaka has worked tirelessly to improve the beauty, playability, and environmental friendliness of the county's golf courses; and

WHEREAS, at the newly opened Pinecrest Golf Course, Keith Tasaka designed and established the flower gardens and landscaping, rebuilt all the bunkers to make play more enjoyable, and expanded the tee boxes to create a larger playing area for golfers; and

WHEREAS, at Greendale Golf Course, Keith Tasaka improved play for golfers by rebuilding all the sand bunkers, redesigning the 17th hole, and expanding the tee boxes, which also helped to protect surrounding neighborhood homes, in addition to transitioning the fairways from Bluegrass Rye to Bermuda to provide a more consistent, better playing surface and greatly reduce water expenses; and

WHEREAS, Keith Tasaka was an outstanding environmental steward at Greendale by creating plant gardens and a rock garden, implementing a new leading-edge irrigation system for the Park Authority, and creating a rain garden to redistribute rainwater in a more environmentally friendly way; and

WHEREAS, Keith Tasaka took interest in the wildlife that make the homes in and around Greendale by establishing and maintaining Blue Bird Boxes and Purple Martin Houses, establishing goose control procedures, and taking other measures to make Greendale more friendly to wildlife and naturalized to the environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board that it expresses appreciation and thanks to

Keith Tasaka

For dedicated and outstanding contributions to the Park Authority and the residents of Fairfax County.

Adopted by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board on March 10, 2021.

Mike Thompson
Secretary

William G. Bouie
Chairman

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ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Adoption of Minutes – February 24, 2021, Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the February 24, 2021, Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Acting Executive Director recommends adoption of the minutes of the February 24, 2021, Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on March 10, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the February 24, 2021, Park Authority Board Meeting

STAFF:

Sara Baldwin, Acting Executive Director
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
February 24, 2021**

Chairman Bouie called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

In order to conduct this meeting wholly electronically and to effectuate both the emergency procedures authorized by FOIA and the Emergency Ordinance, there were actions that needed to be taken prior to conducting business.

Audibility of Members' Voices

Chairman Bouie conducted a roll call vote to ensure that each member's voice could be heard and to state the location from which they were participating in the meeting.

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
Residence in Providence District
Residence in Lee District
Residence in Sully District
Residence in Mount Vernon District
Residence in Dranesville District
Residence in Mason District
Residence in Providence District
Residence in Braddock District
Residence in Springfield District
Residence in Springfield District
Residence in Hunter Mill District

*Dr. Carter was having difficulty with audio.

Mr. Bouie noted that Dr. Carter's was having difficulty with her audio. He made a motion that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each other member of this board; seconded by enter board member's name. The motion carried by all members present, Dr. Carter voted AYE by show of hand.

Need for an Electronic Meeting

Mr. Bouie made a motion that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for this board to physically assemble and unsafe for the public to physically attend any such meeting, and that as such, FOIA's usual procedures, which require the physical assembly of this Board and the physical presence of the public, cannot be implemented safely or practically. He further moved that this board may conduct this meeting electronically through a dedicated video conference line, and that the public may access this meeting by simultaneous live video streamlining or by calling into the telephone number that has been properly noticed;

seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present. Dr. Carter voted Aye by show of hand.

[This meeting was held electronically and was live streamed at publicinput.com and was accessible via audio by dialing 855-925-2801 and entering the code provided in the meeting announcement.]

Need to Dispense with FOIA's Usual Procedures to Assure Continuation of Operations

Mr. Bouie made a motion that the Park Authority certifies that all matters on the February 24, 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. Dr. Carter voted AYE by show of hand.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Resolution Honoring Yvonne Johnson upon Her Retirement from the Fairfax County Park Authority

Mr. made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Frying Pan Farm Park Manager Yvonne Johnson; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present. Dr. Carter voted AYE by show of hand.

Chairman Bouie commented that Yvonne has touched lot of stuff touched so many different things and so many different people. It is easy to say that she affected in a very positive way hundreds of thousands of people that have gone to Frying Pan Park, Lake Fairfax, Colvin Run Mill, and all the other places that she served and left her mark. He stated that it was always great working with her. She taught him so much about the farm and the historical aspects of it. He looks forward to her continuing to be a volunteer at Frying Pan Farm Park and seeing her there and keeping her eye on things. He thanked Yvonne and turned the floor to her.

Yvonne stated that it has been an honor to serve the people and the Park Authority. Noting that was quite a list of accomplishments Yvonne stated that she could not have done those things alone and that there is an entire army of people at Frying Pan Park. What made it doable and exciting was the huge support from headquarters, all the different departments, divisions, the Park Board, and the Park Foundation. While there are challenges working in a government bureaucracy there are so many advantages and so much power behind what the Park Authority is and what it does and can do, it has been an honor of being a small part of that and to hopefully make things a little better so the citizens and visitors in Fairfax County. She concluded by thanking the board and remarking

that it has been an honor to serve and she looks forward to ways to volunteer and to continue to serve in the future.

Mr. Bouie invited the board members to comment.

Mr. Quincy stated that Yvonne had said that she was a small part, but it is not true. She essentially the face of that park to many people. She will be missed in the role she had but volunteering will mean so much because she is the face of that park. He wished her the very best in retirement life and added that is a good life and he could vouch for that.

(Dr. Carter regained audibility.)

Acting Executive Director Sara Baldwin thanked Yvonne on behalf of the Leadership Team for her contributions to the Park Authority. During the nine years Ms. Baldwin has worked for the Park Authority every time she visited Frying Pan Yvonne was out in the park, sleeves rolled up making sure the carousel was working correctly, setting up for rentals, doing whatever it took to make sure (what we call the beast) the beast runs well. The growth that Parks has seen at Frying Pan Farm Park is a tribute to Yvonne and her dedication to that park over the last 30+ years. Sara thanked Yvonne for her advocacy internally and externally for the park. Yvonne has been a tremendous leader and her leaving will be a loss to the organization and Sara hopes that we will see Yvonne back as a volunteer.

ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes – February 10, 2021, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Bouie made a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 10, 2021, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by enter board member name. The motion carried by all members present.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Bouie asked Dan Sutherland to provide the presentation on the Mastenbrook Grant Requests.

Following the presentation Mr. Thompson stated that his recollection was that when Parks talked about the first pump track there was a question as to whether people liked it or not and if we should no more in other places around the county. He commented that he did not need an answer now but did not want to lose track as to whether or not this has been successful and if Parks should consider doing the same in other parks in the county.

Dan indicated that the feedback received so far is that it is successful and popular. He added that in trying to do it in other parks it would take a good partner like Parks has like Trails for Youth. The original track being mostly dirt takes a lot of wear and tear and requires a lot of maintenance. If done well, Trails for Youth people have said that it could possibly be done somewhere else.

Mr. Hackman noted that there is a pump track at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston that was put in with the support of MORE and is well-used and well-loved. It has been very successful.

Mr. Bouie added that the pump track at Lake Fairfax gets a lot of use. Kids and adults wear it out. It has been popular since the day it opened and is a great complement to the skate park.

Dr. Carter asked if one of the softball fields fitted for girls.

Dan responded that the two southern fields are used for girls' softball and the two northern fields are used for baseball. Parks is excited to get a partner for those fields and to help keep them in good shape.

Dr. Carter commented that during a community meeting some of the girls were very vocal about how important that was, so she is happy that Parks is able to oblige.

Mr. Bouie indicated that all those fields are configured for either baseball or softball depending upon how many fields they would need at any particular time.

A-1 Wakefield Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Mid Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (Braddock District)

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Mid Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE) in the amount of \$16,200 to help fund a trail restoration project at Wakefield Park; seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present.

A-2 Clermont Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Pioneer Baseball League (Lee District)

Dr. Carter made a motion to approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from the Pioneer Baseball League in the amount of \$11,312.50 for renovations and enhancements to fields #1 and #4 at Clermont Park; seconded by Mr. Hackman. The motion carried by all members present.

A-3 Brookfield Park – Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request – Trails for Youth (Lee District)

Dr. Carter made a motion to approval the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from the Trails for Youth Organization in the amount of \$16,910.22 to

help fund a project to construct a bike pump track perimeter trail at Brookfield Park; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried by all members present.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Following a summary of the budget items provided by Mike Baird Mr. Thompson requested that as Parks looks forward to future years to keep the 2019 column in the chart so we are not comparing the numbers impacted by the COVID period, but rather a normal operational period.

Mike Baird indicated that would give a more accurate view of business.

Mr. Kendall stated that this may not be for this time but for a future time. He would like to see the impacts of the adjustments Parks made with the distance learning/distance programming within the program. If there is a way to encapsulate that as we made these alternatives available to park residents and now would like to make them part of the standard package that Parks moves forward with. Parks needs to have a sense of how they are different from business done in the past.

Ms. Baldwin stated that staff can come back to the board with an update on programs. Virtual programming has been very successful, and Parks has offered a lot for free for the community to keep them engaged as well as offering fee-based programming. Parks plans to continue to offer virtual programming this summer even with summer camps going back in session. She reiterated that Parks will come back with an update on virtual programming.

I-1 FY 2021 Second Quarter Budget Review, Fund 10001, General Fund
No action was necessary.

I-2 FY 2021 Second Quarter Budget Review, Fund 80000, Park Authority Revenue and Operating Fund
No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Bouie stated that County Executive Bryan Hill presented his budget to the Board of Supervisor on February 23. Parks as stayed at the same level in terms of budgeting from 2021. There are a few minor changes, but we must monitor the situation going forward. Mr. Thompson made a valid point about looking at the comparison to 2019 as we go forward than to 2020 or 2021. The board will have budget discussions that will begin soon. We will put together Parks' story for the Board of Supervisors and thank them for everything they can do for Parks.
- The Chairman's Task Force on Equity and Diversity presented its final report and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. It is now up to the County Executive to The

Chairman's Task Force on Equity and Diversity presented its final report and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, February 23. It is now up to the County Executive to assess the recommendations and work with staff to put together an action plan. If any Park Board members have not seen that presentation, he would ensure that he gets a link to Barbara Gorski to share with the board. This is something that board should consider in its decision-making process. This is a continuation of things the board has been doing for the last couple of years, and all the board members are to be commended for.

- Staff has been busy getting ready to go to bat this season. March 1 is almost here. The governor announced new COVID instructions earlier in the day as they relate to indoor and outdoor gatherings. Those numbers have increased. We will continue to see the impact on parks in terms of large numbers of folks coming out. There is so much demand not only around leisure activities, using trails, and parks, but he expects to see youth and adult athletics come back in a big way this spring. There will be a lot more use of parks which were not used as much. The high schools started what would typically be their fall season in the past week, so football started again. Football in February in Virginia is crazy as well as basketball and volleyball and all those other sports. It will be interesting to see how two seasons take place within a calendar year.
- Mr. Bouie thanked Sara Baldwin and Aimee Vosper and the entire staff of the Park Authority for stepping up and doing the things they do. He could not say enough about how great they are and how great they have been in keeping all of this together. He knows it is not easy and everything at this point is cast in jello but they have done a remarkable job in making things happen.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- Sara Baldwin, Acting Executive Director had nothing to report.

BOARD MATTERS

- Mr. Quincy seconded Mr. Bouie's comments regarding Sara Baldwin, Aimee Vosper, and staff.
- Mr. Kendall identified that he had an initial meeting to discuss the summer concert series. The hope is that we can begin having concerts somewhere in the month of July. It would be a shortened season but all is dependent on what the governor says that the Virginia guidelines are but the devil will be in the details when you start looking at auditoriums.
- Mr. Thompson thanked staff for all they are doing to get the fields ready. At the last Athletic Council meeting it was clear there is a lot of pent-up demand from people trying to get out onto the fields and doing things. While he knows that will cause a lot of crisscrossing to make a lot of things work. There is a great deal of interest in doing a one-off this year to identify basketball courts that can be permitted for user groups. In the past they have all been

walk-on use facilities; however, with so many indoor issues the pent-up desire for basketball is significant. A lot of the schools are utilizing their gyms for other things whether it be classrooms or storage, so a lot of gyms are coming offline. He and Sara Baldwin have spoken about it the Acting Director of NCS and Bill Curran from Schools have been included. He just wanted to point out that may be a one off experiment to make it possible for more kids to participate in this very unique and strange time.

He thanked staff for all they are doing.

- Dr. Aidoo, Dr. Carter, Mr. Kahn, Mr. Zook and Mr. Stone had nothing to report.
- Mr. Gorham
- Ms. Godbold addressed February 10 board action, when it renamed the bridge in Gabrielson Gardens Park for Thornton and Mary Elizabeth Burnet. In particular, she addressed the numerous comments the board has received from the community.

The renaming of the bridge for the Burnets in no way takes away from commemorating the critically important work of Dr. Gabrielson. The Fairfax County Park Authority and this Board continue to recognize Dr. Gabrielson for his major contributions to science, to the community, and to our parks.

The renaming of the bridge inside Gabrielson Gardens Park for the Burnets recognizes our community history and the Burnets' contributions to our community. Many people who wrote in did not know who the Burnets were, and she would refer anyone who is interested in learning about the Burnets to the board action of February 10, where a summary of their contributions was listed.

The process for renaming amenities within parks has been misunderstood by many community members. Policy 304 addresses two situations: naming original items for a new park, AND the renaming of a park or of a facility within an existing park. The process for each situation has different requirements. The process for renaming a facility within a park does not require a public hearing. It does require a board action and it especially requires that the individual or family meet one or more criteria. The criteria in the policy describe various kinds of contributions to the park and community. She chose not to read the policy tonight, but the judgment of the Park Authority and the board members was that the Burnets' contributions qualified them for this commemoration.

Residents informally refer to the bridge as the "Gabrielson Gardens Bridge" and there is nothing to keep them from continuing to do so! As she said earlier, Parks' recognition of the Burnets takes away nothing from the contributions of Dr. Gabrielson.

She has carefully read every single comment that has come into the Park Authority about our board action. It is very inspiring to see this level of civic engagement in our community. Active residents like those who took the time to comment ensure we will continue to have a vibrant democracy.

Everyone is invited to the virtual ribbon-cutting ceremony, on Saturday, March 20, at 10 a.m. Thank you.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:53 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).
- a) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(7)
- b) Discussion of personnel matter pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1)

Mr. Quincy seconded the motion. The motion carried by all members present.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 6:48 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

C-1 Addition of Property Located in the Providence District to the Work Plan

Mr. Quincy made a motion to add property located in the Providence District to the Work Plan; seconded by Messrs. Thompson and Hackman. The motion carried by all members present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Guests:

John Burton, County Attorney’s Office
Yvonne Johnson

Participating Staff:

Sara Baldwin, Acting Executive Director
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer
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
Dan Sutherland, Park Operations Division
Mike Baird, Financial Management Branch
Matt Peters, Manager, Human Capital and Development Services
Barbara Gorski, Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on March 10, 2021

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Sara Baldwin, Acting Executive Director

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Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

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ACTION – 1

Approval of Fee Adjustments to the Published Fee Schedule for 2021

ISSUE:

Approval of recommended fee adjustments to the Park Authority's published fee schedule for 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Acting Executive Director recommends that the Park Authority Board approve proposed fee adjustments as advertised with the following two revisions:

- 1) Phase-in the proposed adjustments to the Burke Lake half-day and full-day canoe and kayak fees over the two-year period FY 2021 and FY 2022 to spread out the impact of these fee adjustments. (See pages 13 and 14 of attachment 1).
- 2) Replace the proposed non-county admission fee for Martin Luther King Pool with a non-county season pass. (See page 19 of attachment 1).

TIMING:

Board action is requested on March 10, 2021, as fee changes take effect beginning April 1, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

Park Authority staff reviews fees annually to ensure the agency remains on target to meet financial goals established by the Park Authority Board. As a result of this year's review, a select number of fees were proposed for modification or addition.

On December 9, 2020, the Park Authority Board authorized public notification of the proposed fee adjustments and set a date for a public comment meeting, following Budget Committee review on November 10, 2020. (See Attachment 1 for proposed fee adjustments).

Public notification of the fee proposal and public comment meeting included a press release to news organizations, and advertisement of the fee proposal at staffed park sites and on the Park Authority's web site. Social media posts also announced the public comment period and meeting. Public comments were solicited during a 30-day

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comment period which ran from January 6 through February 4, 2021, and at a public comment meeting held on January 21, 2021.

Public comment on the FY 2021 fee proposal was limited. Two speakers commented during the virtual public comment meeting held on January 21, 2021, and nine comments were received in total during the public comment period.

At the public comment meeting, Queenie Cox, President of the New Gum Springs Civic Association, advocated for increasing the proposed non-county admission for Martin Luther King pool as a stronger deterrent to use by those who live outside the county. Cindy Nelson argued that the extent of the canoe and kayaking fee increases proposed for Burke Lake were not equitable compared to other proposed fee increases. In a comment submitted later, she also supported Ms. Cox's position regarding increasing the proposed non-county admission for Martin Luther King pool. Opposition to the scale of the canoe/kayak fee increases at Burke Lake Park was the most common feedback on the fee proposal (three comments), followed by support for a higher non-county admission fee at Martin Luther King pool and general support for the fee proposal, each coming from two commentors. Opposition to train and carousel fee adjustments and elimination of the camping senior discount were voiced by one commenter each. The table below summarizes the public comment received. A log of all comments received during the 30-day comment period appears in attachment 2.

FY 2021 Fee Proposal Public Comment Summary	
# Comments Received	Topic
3	Burke Lake canoe/kayak fee increases not equitable compared to other proposed increases (1 comment was opposed to the extent of Burke Lake boating fee increases in general, but canoe/kayak increases in particular)
2	Supportive of fee proposal
2	Increase proposed Martin Luther King pool non-county fee
1	Oppose train and carousel fee increases
1	Oppose elimination of camping senior discount

Based on the limited number of public comments received and the arguments posed, staff recommends two revisions to the fee proposal as originally advertised for public comment. The revised Fee Proposal includes: (1) replacing the proposed non-county admission fee for Martin Luther King pool with a non-county season pass to reflect the desires of the Gum Springs community (reference page 19, attachment 1) and (2) a change in the Burke Lake canoe/kayak fee adjustments to phase-in the impact of those increases over a two-year period (reference page 13-14, attachment 1). A multi-year

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strategy like this has been used effectively in the past to phase-in garden plot fee adjustments. Proposed revisions reduce the anticipated incremental revenue of the FY 2021 Fee Proposal in FY 2022 by \$28,000 to \$328,529.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed fee changes are projected to generate approximately \$143,258 in additional revenue in FY 2021 and \$328,529 in FY 2022.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Proposed Fee Adjustments FY 2021 - Revised

Attachment 2: Public Comments on Proposed Fee Adjustments for FY 2021

STAFF:

Sara Baldwin, Acting Executive Director

Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD

Jesse Coffman, Manager, Golf Enterprises

Cindy Walsh, Director, Park Services Division

Nick Duray, Marketing Services Manager, Park Services Division

Proposed Fee Adjustments

FY 2021 - Revised



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Organization of the FY 2021 Fee Proposal

The FY 2021 Park Authority Fee Proposal begins with the Current Situation – System-wide Considerations, which describes the important factors in the Park Authority’s overall operating environment that influenced the composition of this year’s fee adjustment proposal. (Note that data presented in this section is current as of August 2020 when this portion of the document was prepared.) This overview is followed by separate sections for each of the specific fee adjustments that are being proposed. Each of these sections briefly outlines important situational factors specific to that business area that influenced the development of the proposed fee adjustments. This is then followed by a summary of the fee adjustments proposed for that business area.

The Park Authority Board maintains oversight approval for approximately 500 facility use/rental fees in its Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges. Although staff reviews the entire fee schedule annually, only new fees and/or those recommended for adjustment are included in the annual fee proposal. Fee adjustments resulting from review of the FCPA Fee Schedule are designated as Park Authority Board approved. Program and administrative fees are not included in this process. Those are designated by Policy 109 – User Fees as director-approved.

Current Situation – System-wide Considerations

- Fees generated in the Park Authority’s Revenue and Operating Fund (ROF) pay for nearly all of the personnel expenses and operating costs at all Park Authority-operated golf courses and RECenters; at managed parks for fee-sustained facilities and program operations; and for rental facilities, programs, and store sales at nature centers, visitor centers, historic sites and other parks. Sustained revenue growth is essential to support the ROF and to offset increases in operating expenses. Income from fees must also pay back debt service associated with revenue bonds used to develop golf course facilities.
- Revenue growth is intended, by design, to come from multiple sources, including new facility improvements and expansions, program participation growth, new facility users, cost management and fee increases. Several facility expansions that will contribute to future revenue growth have been completed in the past few years, including those adding fitness and recreational space at Oak Marr and Spring Hill RECenters, expansion of event rental space and bunker renovations at Twin Lakes golf course, development of a new clubhouse and driving range improvements at Burke Lake golf course and completion of driving range improvements at Oak Marr golf course.
- As a matter of policy, the Park Authority prefers to adopt regular, gradual fee increases rather than infrequent, but larger increases that are more disruptive to its customers. As the Park Authority’s fee policy states “where feasible, comparatively small and regular fee increases are preferred over less frequent, larger increases.”

- Debt obligations for FY 2021 and FY 2022 are \$1,746,463 and \$983,094 respectively. Final payment for the Park Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds; Series 2013 (Twin Lakes/Oak Marr) will be made in FY 2021.
- The Park Authority's Park Revenue Funds Financial Management Annual Update identifies several significant near-term budgetary impacts, including the following:
 - Benefits. In FY 2020, key changes in benefit costs for the ROF included the following:
 - Retirement contributions decreased \$54,013 or 2.2% to \$2,401,051.
 - Because of the shift from merit staff to seasonal staff, health care benefits for all ROF personnel decreased \$263,710 or 11.6% to \$2,001,067
 - Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) costs for ROF employees were transferred from the county to the Park Authority beginning in FY 2011. The OPEB charge to the ROF in FY 2020 was \$447,510 and is budgeted to decrease nearly 35% in FY 2021 to \$291,448.
 - Employee compensation – market rate adjustment and performance-based and longevity increases. The FY 2021 budget does not include any compensation increase due to the impact of COVID. While the FY 2022 compensation increase is unknown and likely dependent on the continued impact of COVID, a typical compensation increase impacts the ROF by approximately \$950,000.
 - Retirement impacts - leave payouts. Like the general county, the Park Authority is facing an increased number of retirements as Baby Boomers exit the work force. The ROF incurred \$140,119 in leave payouts in FY 2020. Retirement payouts are projected to be \$89,785 in FY2021 and \$89,886 in FY 2022. Future projections are based on employees currently in DROP and their anticipated termination dates.
 - Indirect costs. The county assesses the Park Authority annual charges for indirect costs for provision of legal, human resources and other centralized services. The indirect cost assessment for FY 2021 is \$820,000, unchanged from the prior year.
 - Cost recovery expectations. The impact of COVID on the revenue fund in FY 2020 was significant. Facility/park shutdowns and program cancellations dramatically reduced revenue and net revenue in the ROF. Net revenue in the ROF was down \$6.8 million from FY 2019, despite significant reductions in expenses and maximizing the use of reserve funds, including fully depleting the Revenue and Operating Fund Stabilization Reserve. FY 2020 ROF actual net revenue was (\$3,442,019). FY 2021 net revenue in the ROF is expected to

continue to be down significantly, with stringent spending controls enacted across the board. The ROF generates significant total and net revenue from RECenters, Managed Parks and Resources Management sites, much of which is at risk and impacted by COVID. To illustrate, RECenters only re-opened limited operations in phases beginning in late July, severely impacting FY21 first quarter revenue. Outdoor activities at golf courses have generated positive revenue, but remain susceptible to weather impacts, and while growing during the COVID timeframe, are typically responsible for just 20% of revenue in the ROF.

General market conditions and Park Authority use/revenue trends that have influenced the composition of the FY 2021 fee proposal are outlined below. Collective consideration of these factors has resulted in a modest fee proposal that attempts to remain sensitive to economic conditions, the market dynamics and operational limitations associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for revenue growth.

Consumer price index (CPI). Annual growth in the Washington region CPI during the first half of calendar 2020 slowed considerably compared to the same time last year due, at least in part, to effects from the partial shutdown of the local economy intended to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Over the first half of 2020, the CPI grew 0.6%, compared to 1.3% growth over the same time the previous year. In the past two years, the Washington region CPI has experienced cumulative growth of 1.9%; three-year CPI growth was 3.9%.

Other measures of the current condition of the local economy that are typically considered in the annual fee proposal include trends in the Fairfax County unemployment rate and sales tax receipts for retail sales. The document also tracks consumer confidence in the economy by reporting recent trends in the national consumer confidence index developed by The Conference Board. Two other measures have been included this year to gauge impacts of the pandemic on the local economy. These include a review of weekly unemployment claims in Fairfax County and a measure from the University of Maryland's COVID-19 Impact Analysis Platform that provides an estimate of the daily 'percent change in consumption' relative to a pre-pandemic baseline measure.

Unemployment. In the months prior to the COVID-19 pandemic arriving in northern Virginia, the unemployment rate in Fairfax County had been hovering around 2% with February 2020 unemployment at 2.1%. As a result of the economic slowdown that resulted due to the arrival of the pandemic, County unemployment peaked in April at 10.2% at which point 64,269 Fairfax County residents were unemployed. By July (the most recent data available at the time of the preparation of this document), the County unemployment rate had fallen to 7.5%, representing 47,501 unemployed Fairfax County residents. Following the typical pattern, Fairfax County's unemployment rate of 7.5% is slightly better than that of Virginia overall (8.0%) and significantly better than the U.S. (10.5%). Within the major jurisdictions of northern Virginia, the County's July

unemployment rate was higher than in both Arlington County (5.7%) and Loudoun County (7.0%), but lower than Prince William County (8.6%).

Weekly unemployment claims. Unemployment claims in Fairfax County surged in the spring due to the partial shutdown of the local economy resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of initial weekly unemployment claims in Fairfax County grew from 145 the week of March 14 to a peak of approximately 21,000 the week of April 4 before declining gradually to just under 3,000 by the last week of July. Continuing claims, which numbered 1,278 the week of March 14 peaked in early June at about 49,000. By the end of July, continuing claims had declined to 40,718 – still many times their pre-pandemic level.

Retail sales. Fairfax County retail sales tax receipts are a barometer of the health of local consumer spending. FY 2020 monthly sales tax revenue increased 2.1% over the prior year despite COVID-19 impacts during the last quarter of the fiscal year, largely due to the introduction of a new state law requiring the collection of state and local sales taxes from remote internet sellers. That said, tax revenue from retail sales that occurred March – May 2020 declined 1.8%, 15.9% and 19.0% respectively versus the same months the prior year as a direct result of the economic slowdown resulting from the pandemic.

Percent change in consumption. The University of Maryland's COVID-19 Impact Analysis Platform provides some additional insight into the impact of the pandemic and its lingering effects on consumer spending in Fairfax County. Using an MIT-developed algorithm that crunches cell phone location data, the dashboard measures the daily percent change in consumption in Fairfax County from a pre-pandemic baseline based on “observed changes in trips to various types of consumption sites.” Using daily data available from March 15, 2020 – August 27, 2020 and summarized into monthly averages, the average percentage change in consumption declined 27% in the last half of March. The change in consumption bottomed-out in April (-31%) and then gradually recovered to the point where this indicator was marginally positive for August (+2.7%).

The consumer confidence index. The Conference Board's consumer confidence index (CCI) is a national measure of consumer optimism on the state of the economy and is viewed by economists as a leading indicator of the U.S. economy. While the monthly index can be volatile, the general long-term trend since the Great Recession ended in 2009 had been one of gradually improving consumer confidence. However, the August 2019 to August 2020 trend shows a precipitous decline in consumer confidence that corresponds with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Between February and August 2020, the index fell from 132.6 to 84.8, representing a 36% decline in consumer confidence as gauged by this measure. The CCI is now at its lowest level since 2014 when the index was making its long, steady recovery from the Great Recession. The Conference Board's assessment of the August data suggests that while

“consumer spending has rebounded in recent months... increasing concerns amongst consumers about the economic outlook and their financial well-being will likely cause spending to cool in the months ahead.”

- Park Authority use/revenue trends.

Golf. The total number of golf rounds played at Park Authority courses in FY 2020 increased 2% from the previous year and associated greens fee revenue increased 8% despite all eight courses being closed for at least eight weeks due to COVID-19 beginning March 16, 2020. Golf courses staggered their re-openings over three Fridays in May. Planned marketing, pent up demand and lack of recreational opportunities resulted in record revenues in rounds and bucket sales in the first four weeks of reopening with a 38% increase in rounds revenue over the previous year and 21% increase in buckets revenue.

Despite the course closures, Golf total revenue was only down 2% over FY19, with the biggest impacts due to COVID-19 in the following areas that usually have their highest use in the spring/summer: recreation class fees (-54%), special event fees (-55%), mini golf fees (-47%) and snack bar sales (-19%).

RECenters. Both RECenter attendance and revenue for FY 2020 were down considerably from the prior year due to the facility closures in March, which were a part of the effort to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Year-end attendance of 1.12 million was off 25% from FY 2019 and year-end revenue (\$17.87 million) was down 35%.

Prior to the facility closures, consumer demand for RECenter services was strong and attendance and revenue were both on pace to outperform FY 2019. At the end of February 2020, RECenter attendance was 1.12 million, up 11.6% over the same time the previous year, fueled largely by 55.5% growth in program attendance. February RECenter total revenue was \$17.87 million, a 4.5% improvement over the prior year, resulting from above average growth in both program revenue (+7.2%) and pass revenue (+6.6%).

RECenter attendance and revenue performance in FY 2021 is uncertain and depends greatly on the nation's ability to successfully combat the COVID-19 virus. The current COVID-related facility protocols severely restrict RECenter capacity, and surveys indicate RECenter users' intent to return to RECenter use is strongly correlated with their level of concern about the pandemic.

Managed Parks. With nearly 2 million visitors, attendance at managed parks decreased by -8.9% in FY 2020 and total revenue declined 50.2% as a direct result of the interruptions to park operations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. All revenue categories were significantly affected due to the reduced capacities on amusements and the cancellation of all registered programs and camps. The Water Mine at Lake Fairfax Park was the most heavily impacted with a 49% drop in revenue compared to the prior year because the facility was closed for the entire 2020 summer season as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resource Management. With the onset of the COVID-19 virus, all facilities were closed in March 2020 for the remainder of the fiscal year, which resulted in overall revenue declining 56% from FY 2019. While all revenue categories were affected, due to the cancellation of spring programs and the summer camp season, programs suffered the greatest loss at 63% of FY 2019's revenue. As the Park Authority began a phased reopening of activities, some areas were not impacted as heavily. Farmer's Market Fees were down 16%, as some vendors held off on reserving spaces until later in the season. Garden plot rentals were down only 2%, demonstrating the public's desire to engage in outdoor activities during the pandemic. However, while programming at Resource Management sites restarted in late summer and fall 2020, indoor facilities remained closed to the public.

Golf

Current Situation

- On September 9, 2020, the Park Authority Board approved out-of-cycle fee increases for golf driving range fees and greens fees. Those increases will impact the golfers as they are implemented in phases during fall 2020. Because of these changes, staff are not recommending any additional adjustments to golf driving range or greens fees.
- Park Authority golf courses have experienced a surge in golfers since reopening in May, reflecting a national pattern. The combination of added social distancing and cleaning protocols required due to the COVID-19 pandemic and heavy play have impacted all areas of golf operations, increasing staff and maintenance requirements needed to maintain cleanliness and on-course maintenance standards.
- Staff is recommending small increases to power cart rental fees that will bring the 9-hole cart rental fee consistent across all Park Authority golf courses.
- Driving cage fees at Pinecrest have not been adjusted since 2007. An increase in these fees is proposed for consistency with the out-of-cycle driving range fee increase that was approved by the Park Authority Board September 9, 2020. The fees at Pinecrest are lower than other sites with a driving range because the facilities are not consistent with a full driving range.

Proposed Golf Fee Adjustments

1. Power Cart Rentals. Staff recommends the following changes to the power cart rental fees.

	Power Cart Rentals Jefferson, Oak Marr & Pinecrest Golf Courses (per person)	
	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
9 Holes	\$11	\$13

	Accessible Power Cart Rentals Burke Lake, Jefferson, Oak Marr & Pinecrest Golf Courses (per person)	
	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
9 Holes	\$11	\$13

2. Driving Cage Fees. Staff recommends the following changes to the driving range bucket fees.

	Driving Cage Fees Pinecrest Golf Course Only	
	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Small Bucket	\$3	\$4
Large Bucket	\$4	\$5

RECenters

Current Situation

- Prior to the third quarter of FY 2020, RECenters were heavily used and were in high demand. Combined general admission and pass attendance through the third quarter grew by 6.9% and revenue increased by 7.8% versus the same time period the prior year.
- By the end of FY 2020, this had changed dramatically due to facility closures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Combined general admission and pass attendance at year end decreased 54.1% and revenue decreased 56.0% compared to the prior year.
- Because of COVID-19, the Park Authority has developed new operational standards to ensure the RECenters meet the best practices for the health and safety of our staff, members, guest, and participants. The new standards result in a significant reduction in facility capacity, limitations on what equipment is available for customer use, and require reservations for admission.
- A comparative analysis of admission fees with those of other local public and private providers showed that RECenter list prices are in-line or slightly above other providers.
- Fees approved by the Park Authority Board in FY 2020 included a reoccurring billing option for annual RECenter memberships in all categories. This allows members to purchase an annual membership and pay for it over time in bi-weekly increments. Currently in software development, this option is expected to be implemented sometime in spring 2021.
- RECenter swimming pool rental fees are structured to encourage high-volume rental. Groups renting at least 3,000 hours per contract are eligible for a discounted rental rate. Low-volume users pay the base rental rates. Although most RECenter swimming pool contracts come from low-volume users, the vast majority of rental hours are generated by high-volume renters. Base rental fees were last adjusted in FY 2020 along with discounted pool rental rates for high-volume users. To maintain an appropriate discount for high-volume renters, the Park Authority has a longstanding practice of adjusting swimming pool rental base rates annually.
- In September 2020, due to swim lane capacity restrictions required by the COVID-19 RECenter operational protocols, a temporary 5% rate reduction was introduced for pool renters renting 100-2999 hours and a 5% reduction off renters renting 3000+ lanes. One-time rental rates remained the same. Fees will return to normal if lane capacity restrictions are removed, although when this might

happen is currently unknown. Therefore, increases to swimming pool base rates are not recommended in the FY 2021 fee proposal.

- Based on new COVID-19 operating standards, current market dynamics and existing economic conditions, no RECenter fee adjustments are proposed for FY 2021.

Managed Parks

Current Situation

- With nearly 2 million visits in FY 2020, managed parks continue to be heavily used and in high demand. During the COVID-19 pandemic, outdoor parks have been heavily used.
- Outdoor park use is on the upswing as people seek what they perceive are the safest ways to recreate and get fitness activity during the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's fee recommendations address those areas in which revenue opportunities exist based on shifting park use patterns resulting from the pandemic.
- Heavier than normal usage of lakefront parks resulting from shifting park use patterns brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic has increased maintenance costs at these facilities.
- The current situation in the Park Revenue Fund necessitates that the Managed Park sites strengthen their cost recovery effort.
- Staff has reviewed all fees at the Managed Parks and has conducted a comparative fee analysis of other local public and private providers. The analysis showed there is some opportunity to adjust select fees at Managed Parks.
- Staff has reported some expressed demand by groups to rent boats at times when marina operations are not open – either prior to opening during daily operations or outside the normal operating season. Establishing a fee is recommended to take advantage of this opportunity and meet user demand.
- This year's fee recommendations will continue to address those areas that have the potential to improve the profitability of these sites.

Proposed Managed Park Fee Adjustments:

1. Canoe & Kayak Rentals Fees. Staff recommends establishing a fee to provide the option for groups to rent boats outside of normal daily operating hours or outside the normal operating season for marina operations. This fee would be in addition to the hourly rental fees already a part of the fee structure. Eliminating canoe rental fees from the Fee Schedule at Lake Accotink Park is also proposed, as canoes are no longer available at this location. This proposal also recommends aligning Burke Lake rental fees to Riverbend Park rental fees to improve pricing consistency. These fees were last adjusted in FY 2016. Fishing kayak rental fees are also proposed for Riverbend Park.

Based on public feedback obtained during the public comment period, staff proposes the following change to the originally recommended Burke Lake Park half-day and full-day canoe and kayak rental fees. To spread out the impact of the recommended fee adjustment, staff proposes to reduce the proposed FY 2021 fee increase by half and implement the remainder in FY 2022. This will bring these fees inline with comparable fees in the area by FY 2022. (See p. 14 for both the original proposed increase and the revised proposal in red italics.)

	Canoe & Kayak Rentals Lake Accotink Park and Lake Fairfax Park			
	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE	
	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>
Hourly Canoe Rental, Lake Accotink	\$7.00	\$8.00	Eliminate	Eliminate
Hourly Kayak Rental	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$13.00
Hourly 2-Person Kayak	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$17.00	\$18.00
Preopening/After Season, Private Use Rental Fee per hour	----	----	\$100	\$100

Canoe & Kayak Rentals, Burke Lake Park

	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE	
	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>
<i>Half-Day Canoe Rental</i>	\$12.50	\$13.50	\$20.00	\$25.00
<i>Full-Day Canoe Rental</i>	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$40.00	\$45.00
<i>Half-Day Kayak Rental</i>	\$12.50	\$13.50	\$20.00	\$25.00
<i>Full-Day Kayak Rental</i>	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$40.00	\$45.00
Half-Day Fishing Kayak	---	---	\$28.00	\$32.00
Full-Day Fishing Kayak	---	---	\$40.00	\$45.00
Preopening/After Season, Private Use Rental Fee per hour	----	----	\$100	\$100

Canoe & Kayak Rentals, Burke Lake Park

	CURRENT FEE		----- PROPOSED FEE -----			
	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/ Holidays</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>		<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>	
		<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>	
<i>Half-Day Canoe Rental</i>	\$12.50	\$13.50	\$16.25	\$20.00	\$19.25	\$25.00
<i>Full-Day Canoe Rental</i>	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$29.00	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$45.00
<i>Half-Day Kayak Rental</i>	\$12.50	\$13.50	\$16.25	\$20.00	\$19.25	\$25.00
<i>Full-Day Kayak Rental</i>	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$29.00	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$45.00

Fishing Kayak Rentals, Riverbend Park

	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE	
	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>
Half-Day Fishing Kayak	---	---	\$28.00	\$32.00
Full-Day Fishing Kayak	---	---	\$40.00	\$45.00

2. Non-Electric Camp Sites. Staff recommends the following adjustments to non-electric camp sites at Burke Lake and Lake Fairfax parks. These fees were last adjusted in FY 2016.

Non-Electric Camp Sites – Burke Lake and Lake Fairfax				
	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE	
	Mon - Thurs	Weekends/Holidays	Mon - Thurs	Weekends/Holidays
Per night, per site	\$28.00	\$31.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
Per night, per site (senior, County resident)	\$18.00	\$19.00	Eliminate	Eliminate
Per night, per site (senior, Non-County resident)	\$25.00	\$28.00	Eliminate	Eliminate

3. Electric Camp Sites. Staff recommends the following adjustments to electric camp sites at Lake Fairfax parks. These fees were last adjusted in FY 2016.

Non-Electric Camp Sites – Lake Fairfax				
Electric Camp Sites with <u>20/30 Amp</u>	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE	
	Mon - Thurs	Weekends/Holidays	Mon - Thurs	Weekends/Holidays
Per night, per site	\$37.00	\$41.00	\$37.00	\$41.00
Per night, per site (senior, county resident)	\$24.00	\$26.00	Eliminate	Eliminate
Per night, per site (senior, non-county resident)	\$33.00	\$36.00	Eliminate	Eliminate

Electric Camp Sites with <u>20/30/50 Amp</u>	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE	
	Mon - Thurs	Weekends/Holidays	Mon - Thurs	Weekends/Holidays
Per night, per site	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$45.00	\$50.00
Per night, per site (senior, county resident)	\$29.00	\$32.00	Eliminate	Eliminate
Per night, per site (senior, non-county resident)	\$40.00	\$44.00	Eliminate	Eliminate

4. Carousel Ride Fees. Staff recommends the following adjustments to the carousel ride fees. These fees were last adjusted in FY 2016.

Carousel Ride Fees				
Burke Lake, Clemyjontri Park, Frying Pan Farm, Lake Accotink, Lake Fairfax, Lee District				
	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE	
	Weekdays	Weekends/Holidays	Weekdays	Weekends/Holidays
Per Person, Per Ride	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$4.00

5. Season Pass Fees. Staff recommends establishing a season pass for non-county residents entering Burke Lake Park.

Season Pass Fee, Non-County Residents – Burke Lake Park

	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Passenger Vehicles & Vans	----	\$80.00
Motorcycles	----	\$50.00

6. Tour Boat Ride Fees. Staff recommends establishing a fee to provide the option for groups to rent boats outside of normal daily operating hours or outside the normal operating season for marina operations. This fee would be in addition to the hourly boat rental fee. Staff also recommends the following adjustment to the rental fees based on high demand. These fees were last adjusted in FY 2016.

Tour Boat Ride Fees – Burke Lake Park, Lake Accotink and Lake Fairfax

	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE	
	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>
Per Person, Per Ride	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$5.00
Preopening/After Season, Private Use Rental Fee per hour	----	----	\$100	\$100

7. Miniature Golf Fees. Staff recommends the following adjustments to the miniature golf fees. These fees were last adjusted in FY 2015.

Miniature Golf Fees

Burke Lake Park, Oak Marr RECenter and Jefferson District Park

	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE	
	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>
Adults	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Juniors/Seniors	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$8.00
Group-Adults	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$8.00
Group-Juniors/Seniors	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$7.00

Lake Accotink Park

	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE	
	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>
Adults	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Juniors/Seniors	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$5.00
Second 9-holes	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Group-Adults	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$5.00
Group-Juniors/Seniors	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$4.00

8. Pedal Boat Rental Fees. Staff recommends establishing a fee to provide the option for groups to rent boats outside of normal daily operating hours or outside the normal operating season for marina operations. This fee would be in addition to the hourly rental fee. Staff also recommends the following adjustment to the rental fees based on high demand and eliminating the half-hour pedal boat rental fee due to limited demand. These fees were last adjusted in FY 2013.

Pedal Boat Rental Fees – Lake Accotink Park and Lake Fairfax Park				
	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE	
	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>
Half-hour Rental Fee	\$6.00	\$7.00	Eliminate	Eliminate
Hourly Rental Fee 2-Person	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$14.00	\$15.00
Hourly Rental Fee 4-Person	----	----	\$25.00	\$26.00
Preopening/After Season, Private Use Rental Fee per hour	----	----	\$100	\$100

9. Rowboat Rentals. Staff recommends establishing a fee to provide the option for groups to rent boats outside of normal daily operating hours or outside the normal operating season for marina operations. This fee would be in addition to the hourly rental fee. Staff also recommends the following adjustment to the rental fees based on high demand. Rowboat fees were last updated in FY 2016.

Rowboat Rental Fees – Burke Lake				
	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE	
	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>
<u>Rowboat</u>				
Half day rental	\$12.50	\$13.50	\$15.00	\$16.00
Full day rental	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	\$21.00
<u>Rowboat, Electric Motor & Battery</u>				
Half day rental	\$30.50	\$31.50	\$32.00	\$35.00
Full day rental	\$44.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$49.00
<u>Electric Motor & Battery</u>				
Half day rental	\$19.00	\$20.00	\$21.00	\$22.00
Full day rental	\$27.00	\$28.00	\$29.00	\$30.00
<u>Electric Motor Only</u>				
Half day rental	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$13.00	\$14.00
Full day rental	\$16.50	\$17.50	\$18.00	\$19.00
<u>Battery Only</u>				
Half day rental	\$ 9.00	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$12.00

Rowboat Rental Fees – Burke Lake

	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE	
	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>
Full day rental	\$11.50	\$12.50	\$13.50	\$14.00
Preopening/After Season, Private Use Rental Fee per hour	----	----	\$100	\$100

10. Train Ride Fees. Staff recommends the following adjustments to the train ride fees. These fees were last adjusted in 2016.

Train Fees – Burke Lake Park

	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE	
	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>
Per Person, Per Ride	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$5.00

11. Trackless Train Ride Fees. When the trackless train was initially introduced it only operated in conjunction with Park Authority programs and, therefore, was not included in the Park Authority Fee Schedule. Operation has shifted and the train now operates strictly as a ride (with a \$3 fee), without being a part of FCPA programming. Because of this change, it is now necessary to include trackless train fees in the Park Authority Fee Schedule. Staff recommends establishing trackless train ride fees that mirror those of the Burke Lake train.

Trackless Train Ride Fees

	CURRENT FEE		PROPOSED FEE	
	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>
Per Person, Per Ride	Not Currently in Fee Schedule		\$4.00	\$5.00

Martin Luther King Pool

Current Situation:

- Admission to the Martin Luther King pool is currently free for both county and non-county residents. There is a \$3 per person fee for groups of 12 people or more.
- The group admission fee was approved in FY2010 to help reduce the number of large groups that would utilize the pool for their summer youth (camp and/or day care) programs.
- Residents of the community have asked the Park Authority to consider a non-county admission fee. This fee would help provide greater access to county residents by discouraging non-county use.

Proposed Martin Luther King Pool Fee Adjustments

1. Martin Luther King Pool Admission Fee. Staff recommends implementing a non-county per person admission for individuals that do not live in Fairfax County. Pool admission would remain free for individuals and families of Fairfax County.

Based on feedback received during the public comment period, staff proposes to replace the originally proposed non-county admission with a non-county season pass rate. Discussions with staff and the community indicate this change will facilitate administration of non-county admission at this facility.

Martin Luther King Pool – Admission & Season Pass Fees (per person)	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Admission (per person)		
County Resident	----	----
<i>Non-County Resident</i>	----	<i>\$5.00</i>
Season Pass (per person)		
County Resident	----	----
<i>Non-County Resident</i>	----	<i>\$50</i>

Reservable Picnic Areas and Shelters, Amphitheaters and Volleyball Courts

Current Situation

- After each picnic season, evaluations are conducted to determine reservation demands. The data collected reflects the potential need for additions or the potential need to remove reservable picnic areas from the inventory. Staff is also surveyed at the end of the season for suggestions and/or identification of possible service enhancements. Based on these evaluations and input, staff recommends the following:
 - Staff proposes adding pricing for the existing canopy areas at Frying Pan, Lake Fairfax, and Riverbend, in the event that canopies are not able to be put up in any one season. This fee is comparable to similar picnic areas.
 - Staff proposes that Interim Crossroads Picnic Area, Stratton Woods Picnic Areas, and Mount Eagle Volleyball Court, be added to the reservation program.
 - Staff proposes pricing for new areas that are expected to be completed by the 2021 season: Burke Lake Shelters E and F, Hogge Shelter and Ruckstuhl Shelter.
 - Staff proposes adding 2-hour timeslots at Clemyjontri Shelter to be bookable starting May 1 through September 30. There has been an increase in reservations in the past several years.
 - Staff proposes that the 2-hour rentals where indicated be changed from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend to May 1 through September 30. There has been an increase in demand for these rentals over the past several years. 2-hour rental areas at Burke Lake Park Shelters D, E, F would remain year-round.
 - Staff Proposes Half Day reservations where indicated, be available all year for 9am – 1:30 pm or 3:30pm – 8:00 pm. There has been an increase in demand for these rentals over the past several years.

Proposed Picnic Reservation, Amphitheater and Volleyball Court Rental Fee Adjustments

1. Picnic reservation rental fees. Staff proposes the following changes to picnic reservation fees.

	----- CURRENT FEE -----		----- PROPOSED FEE -----		
	Full-Day Rental	Half-Day Rental	Full-Day Rental	Half-Day Rental	2 Hour rental
	Prime/Non-Prime	Prime/Non-Prime	Prime/Non-Prime	Prime/Non-Prime	
Picnic Areas					
Frying Pan Picnic Area (NEW 2021)	----	----	\$70 / \$60	\$55 /\$45	----
Interim Crossroads (NEW 2021)	----	----	\$70 / \$55	----	----
Lake Fairfax Picnic Area G (NEW 2021)	----	----	\$165 / \$115	---- / \$75	----
Riverbend Picnic Area (NEW 2021)	----	----	\$70 / \$55	----	----
Stratton Woods Picnic Area (NEW 2021)	----	---	\$70 / \$55	----	----
Picnic Shelters					
Burke Lake Shelters E, F (NEW 2021)	----	---	----	----	\$90
Clemyjontri Shelter	\$170 / \$170	\$125 / \$125	----	----	\$110
Hogge Shelter (NEW 2021)	----	----	\$70 / \$55	----	----
Ruckstuhl Park (NEW 2021)	----	----	\$70 / \$55	----	----

2. Volleyball court rentals fees. Staff proposes adding Mt. Eagle Park to the existing rental fee structure for sand volleyball courts that is currently in effect at Burke Lake, Lake Accotink, Lee District, Nottoway and Stratton Woods Parks.

Volleyball Court Rentals, Sand Courts – Mt. Eagle Park

	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Hourly rental fee with paid picnic reservation	----	\$ 25
Hourly rental fee without paid picnic reservation	----	\$ 30

Park Use Permit Fees

Current Situation

- The Park Authority currently assesses an Event Staging Fee at Burke Lake Park for groups that apply for Park Use Permits or Business Activity Fees and request an area for staging their event. This type of rental has increased over the last several years. This fee would not apply to any area within a park that already has an existing reservation fee.
- Staff recommends expanding this fee to any park that can accommodate staging an event in a large grassy area. Whether a park location is suitable for event staging and, hence, application of this fee would be determined during the staff research process that occurs when someone applies for a park use permit at a specified park.
- Staff recommends increasing this fee from \$50 for a 4-hour rental to \$60 for a 4-hour rental.

Proposed Park Use Permit Fee Adjustments

1. Event staging area rental fee. The current event staging area rental fee applies only to designated areas in Burke Lake Park. Staff is proposing to expand application of this fee to any park that can accommodate staging an event in a large grassy area to be determined at the time of park use permit application. Staff is also proposing the fee adjustment shown below. This fee was last updated in FY 2018.

Event Staging Area Rental Fee, 4-hour minimum, per area

	CURRENT FEE (Burke Lake Park Only)	PROPOSED FEE
4-hour rental fee, per area	\$50	\$60

Recommended Fee Schedule Wording:

Event Staging Areas are administered by the Central Services Coordinator and are available at parks throughout the County. Please phone (703) 324-8516 for further information.

Green Spring Gardens Gazebo Rentals

Current Situation

- Demand for the two gazebos at Green Spring is extremely high. Public gardens have long been known as gathering places for families and communities. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, demand for outdoor spaces to host small group special occasions has increased, and ‘minimonies’ – weddings with a limited number of guests – have become popular.
- The gardens at Green Spring, with the White and Pond Gazebos, provide a beautiful and intimate setting, perfect for the minimony experience. Rentals at these facilities include weddings, memorial services, showers, birthdays, and other events.
- Although the White Gazebo is larger and has a greater capacity (maximum of 40) than the Pond Gazebo (maximum of 25), both are currently priced at the same hourly rental rate of \$200. Since it is larger, the White Gazebo is requested more.

Proposed Green Spring Gardens Gazebo Rental Fee Adjustments

1. Green Spring Gardens gazebo rental fees. Staff proposes establishing a fee differential between the White and Pond Gazebos to reflect the larger size and greater demand of the former, as well as an increase in the rental fee for both. These fees were last updated in FY 2012.

Green Spring Gardens Gazebo Rentals

		CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
White Gazebo	2-hour rental	\$ 200	\$ 250
	Extra hour	\$ 100	\$ 125
Pond Gazebo	2-hour rental	\$ 200	\$ 225
	Extra Hour	\$ 100	\$112

Colvin Run Mill Historic Site Wedding Rental Fee

Current Situation

- As mentioned above, the COVID-19 pandemic has spawned demand for smaller, more intimate wedding venues. Informal, unapproved facility use is already occurring for weddings in the garden at Colvin Run, and on the grounds during “closed” hours.
- Establishing a fee for small wedding rentals would provide staff with a tool to better manage this activity, provide a new source of revenue and fill a need for smaller, more intimate wedding venues that have increased in popularity due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Proposed Colvin Run Mill Historic Site Wedding Rental Fee Adjustments

1. Wedding Rental Fees – Formal Garden at Colvin Run Mill. Staff proposes the following new wedding rental fees for the formal garden at Colvin Run Mill, based on existing, informal use and a comparative analysis of rates at similar facilities.

Wedding Rental Fees – Formal Garden at Colvin Run Mill Historic Site

	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
2-hour rental	----	\$ 250
Additional hour	----	\$ 125

Public Comments on Proposed Fee Increases for FY 2021

From: Ethel Pascal
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 7:58 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail; Dranesville BOS
Subject: Park and rec Fee changes

The fees charged should reflect the actual cost of holding the class including the instructor as well as any materials and also the building costs. It is irresponsible to lose money on park and recreation classes because then the costs has to be financed by all taxpayers who do not attend classes. In addition there are private businesses that should be supported and can take over these classes . The government should not be interfering and competing with private business.

Ethel Pascal
Great Falls, VA 22066

From: sharon Reilly
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:22 AM
To: FCPA Parkmail **Subject:** Fee Changed

I think you should leave the current fees for the Train and Carousel. Most users are families with small children. Raising the fees seems an unnecessary burden on them.

-----Original Message-----
From: Carol THOMPSON
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 10:23 AM
To: FCPA Parkmail
Cc: CAROL
Subject: Increase in Activity Fees at Burke Lake PRk

The fee increases are fair and appropriate for the continued care and maintenance of the park.

Carol

From: Alex Beiro
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:31 AM
To: FCPA Parkmail
Subject: Activity Fee Increases Proposed At Burke Lake Park

- Half-Day Canoe Rental: current \$12.50 on weekdays and \$13.50 on weekends/holidays; proposed \$20 on weekdays and \$25 on weekends/holidays. **Are you kidding!?!?!? a 62% increase???**
- Full-Day Canoe Rental: current \$18 on weekdays and \$19 on weekends/holidays; proposed \$40 on weekdays and \$45 on weekends/holidays. **Over a 100% increase? Are you smoking weed? Don't you know that higher fees mean lower revenues?**

- Half-Day Kayak Rental: current \$12.50 on weekdays and \$13.50 on weekends/holidays; proposed \$40 on weekdays and \$25 on weekends/holidays. **Over a 100% increase? Are you smoking weed? Don't you know that higher fees mean lower revenues?**
- Full-Day Kayak Rental: current \$18 on weekdays and \$19 on weekends/holidays; proposed \$40 on weekdays and \$45 on weekends/holidays. **So the same price as a half-day (see above)?? That makes ZERO logic.**
- New season pass option for non-county residents: proposed \$80 for passenger vehicles and vans, \$50 for motorcycles. **Finally a good idea**
- Rowboat half-day rental: current \$12.50 on weekdays and \$13.50 on weekends/holidays; proposed \$15 on weekdays and \$16 on weekends/holidays. **Why don't you try and cut costs instead of raising fees?**
- Rowboat full-day rental: current \$18 on weekdays and \$19 on weekends/holidays; proposed \$20 on weekdays and \$21 on weekends/holidays. **Why don't you try and cut costs instead of raising fees?**

Alex Beiro, Jr.
5901 Mount Eagle Drive
Alexandria, VA 22303

Comments from two speakers at January 21, 2021 Fee Comment Meeting

From: Cindy Nelson
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 5:55 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail
Subject: Fee adjustment comments

Hi there Fairfax County,

I spoke at this afternoon's meeting and wanted to follow-up with comments in writing.

Specifically, I'm concerned about the percent increases in fees that appear not to be equitable to all parties. In particular, kayakers are footing a lot of the fee increases, but no justification is provided on why this is proposed. I could understand if new kayaks were purchased or something like that, but I can't understand the reasoning for the considerable, unreasonable price hikes.

For example:

Golf fee	\$11 to \$13	18% price hike
Miniature golf fee	\$7 to \$8	14% price hike
	\$8 to \$9	11% price hike
Train ride fee	\$3 to \$4	33% price hike
	\$4 to \$5	25% price hike
Kayak fees	\$11 to \$18	64% price hike
	\$10 to \$17	70% price hike
	\$7 to \$12	71% price hike
	\$8 to \$13	63% price hike

\$12.50 to \$20 60% price hike
\$18 to \$40 122% price hike YIKES!!
\$19 to \$45 137% price hike YIKES!!

Fairfax, can you please provide justification for why kayakers are footing these fee increases? Am I understanding these numbers wrong? I don't think these kayak price increases are fair. **These are HUGE price hikes!!!** I think perhaps Fairfax is taking advantage of this group, which is not right.

Please adjust your kayak price increases to align with the other fee increases proposed. I may have been the only one that attended today's meeting, but people are also aware of these price hikes. Unfortunately, a 5:00 pm meeting is not convenient for many who have day jobs.

Thank you,
Cindy Nelson

From: Queenie Cox
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:31 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail
Subject: Proposed Fee Adjustment Comments

As directed during the public comment meeting on January 21, 2021, here are the comments mentioned and transmitted on behalf of the Gum Springs community pertaining to the proposed fees for 2021.

The changes proposed by Gum Springs are indicated in red.

Martin Luther King ~~Pool~~ **Park**

Martin Luther King Pool

Current Situation:

- Admission to the Martin Luther King pool is currently free for both county and non-county residents. There is a \$3 per person fee for groups of 12 people or more.
- The group admission fee was approved in FY2010 to help reduce the number of large groups that would utilize the pool for their summer youth (camp and/or day care) programs.
- Residents of the community have asked the Park Authority to consider a noncounty admission fee. This fee would help provide greater access to county residents by discouraging non-county use.

Proposed Martin Luther King Pool Fee Adjustments

Martin Luther King Pool Admission Fee.

Staff recommends implementing a noncounty per person admission for individuals that do not live in Fairfax County.

Pool admission would remain free for individuals and families of Fairfax County.

Martin Luther King Pool – Admission Fee (per person)

CURRENT FEE PROPOSED FEE

County Resident ---- Non-County Resident ---- ~~\$5.00~~ **\$10.00**

- **Groups per person -- \$5.00 regardless of residency**

- Limit groups to specific time blocks
- Limit number of persons in groups per day to no more than half the pool capacity (i.e., pool capacity is 66 persons—groups cannot exceed 33 people regardless of number of groups. Limiting group capacity allows space for other Fairfax County residents and community use.)

Reservable Picnic Areas and Shelters, Amphitheaters and Volleyball Courts
Park Use Permit Fees
Proposed Park Use Permit Fee Adjustments

Martin Luther King (MLK) Park
Current Fee: \$100 prime and \$80 non-prime

- Proposed Fee: FCPA waives the park permit fee for the New Gum Springs Civic Association (NGSCA/Civic Association), a community-based organization, to use the reservable picnic area once a month for July and August each year.
- The Civic Association currently hosts the annual community day, held during June, and would like to provide two additional events to build a sense of belonging for all residents in the community.
- The MLK Park is a community meeting place where all residents can feel welcome and interact with each other while learning about the culture and history of this historic community.

I would be happy to discuss further, if necessary. It would be greatly appreciated if the community is notified by FCPA regardless of the Board's decision prior to implementation on April 1st.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board concerning the Gum Springs comments.

Queenie Cox
President, NGSCA

From: Cindy Nelson
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 7:27 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail
Subject: Pool for Fairfax residents only should be implemented

Hi there,

I attended the Fairfax Parks and Recreation meeting this week and wanted to follow up on the comments made by the lady in reference to non-resident pool usage.

When I click on the link below for Montgomery County residents, it states that only county residents are allowed to use their pools. Non-residents are not allowed to use the pools.

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec/facilities/aquaticcenters/outdoorpools.html>

The lady is right in that Fairfax County pools are overcrowded. I know Fairfax County wants the revenue and will pack the pools like sardines, but this results in excessive normal wear and tear on the pools,

higher maintenance costs, thus higher property taxes for residents, in addition to Fairfax residents not being allowed to use their county pools.

I think Fairfax County should also implement the same policy, as only allowing Fairfax County residents to use county pools.

Please consider this option as county residents are paying for these pools, not non-county residents. Otherwise, non-county residents should pay hefty entrance fees (at least \$10 per person) and groups must not be discounted because one member is a Fairfax County resident. Addresses should be checked at the gate like the policy at Burke Lake Park.

Thank you,
Cindy

From: Bill Luedke
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 3:57 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail
Subject: Proposed Fee Adjustments FY 2021 / Public Comments

1/29/2021

To: Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Re: Fairfax County Park Authority FY 2021 "Proposed Fee Adjustments"

Hello,

Our names are Joyce Radcliffe and Bill Luedke. We are writing to urge the Board to reconsider eliminating the discounted senior rates at the Lake Fairfax campground. Lake Fairfax Park, within its 476 acres, contains a campground for the public to use for overnight camping for Recreational Vehicles, Motorhomes, Trailers and Tent camping. It is a family campground for everyone to enjoy. Campers pay a fee to reserve their site. Camping has been operating here at Lake Fairfax for 55 years supporting both residents and non-residents. Access to the campground allows campers to visit their extended families and take in the local sites and attractions. Many of the campers are seniors both retired and non-retired. Most seniors who travel to Lake Fairfax visit their children and grandchildren. Their stay can range from a few days to a couple of weeks. Staying at the campground enables them to save money and invest it back into the county by visiting restaurants and tourist attractions.

Today, Fairfax County Parks offer "senior rates" for Lake Fairfax. This "senior rate" is a definite draw for seniors to come and camp at Lake Fairfax. It offers an affordable rate for the retired people on a fixed income. It also shows the support Fairfax County has for its senior residents. Supporting seniors is reflective of Fairfax County's view of appreciation. However, as you can see the proposed budget calls for a significant rate increase for seniors. The proposal submitted asks the Board to "eliminate" senior rates in Lake Fairfax Park campgrounds for residents and non-residents. However, regular rates, for people under 65, remain the same. Seniors are being used to effectively help increase revenues for the park.

Eliminating senior rates will now have all seniors pay the 'regular rate' with a rate increase up to 36%! This rate increase of 36% for seniors is discriminatory. Eliminating senior rates damages how Fairfax

County, as a whole, is viewed by seniors. Let us hope Fairfax County does not make this elimination of senior rates through the entire county. Many seniors are on a fixed income. Budgeting is a rite to passage for seniors. We have worked hard all of our lives and finding rates that fit in our budget is a major factor in our spending decisions.

By contrast Federal parks offer significant senior rates and most if not all State parks offer senior rates. Many County parks have offered senior rates among other discounted rates for handicap and Military veterans. However, Fairfax County Park Authority is proposing to “eliminate” all senior rates.

Further, considering we are in the middle of the worst public health crisis in over a century that has disproportionately affected seniors. It is unacceptable that Fairfax County would increase costs making it more difficult for seniors to enjoy one of the few “safe” activities – camping outdoors.

Therefore, we are asking the Fairfax Board of Supervisors to disapprove the rate increase for seniors at Lake Fairfax Park.

Respectfully,

Joyce Radcliffe
William Luedke

From: chrisevoss
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 2:10 AM
To: FCPA Parkmail
Subject: 2021 Fee Proposal // Burke Lake Park

Hi,

From reviewing the proposals, I saw a significant increase in the half-day and full-day rentals for canoes and kayaks at Burke Lake Park (almost doubled) but minimal increases in row boat rentals, with and without electronic motors/batteries (only a few dollars more).

What was the basis for the way these activities were treated when it comes to the proposed fee increases? Are they different because there is an unspoken goal to reduce the number of canoes and kayaks being used at Burke Lake? While walking around the lake, I read on one sign that kayaks were not allowed, with an exception for fishing kayaks.

Additionally, fees for camp sites did not appear to be increased much, if at all. Why not? Would think that these could be made comparable to the charges for picnic pavilions. Are the camping sites not in as high of a demand as the picnic pavilions?

I watched the public comment session and agree with the woman who spoke in support of the \$5 fee for out-of-country residents at Martin Luther King pool. This would most like reduce the number of out-of-county people and make the pool more accessible for Fairfax County residents, as it should be.

I think it would have been more equitable to apply a minimum % fee increase across the board and then explain the reasoning for larger increases if they were based on associated costs -- equipment, maintenance, etc. -- in the section detailing the applicable fee.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide comments on the fee proposal.

v/r,
Chris

Christina Voss

FY21 Fee Proposal Revisions

- Based on public feedback, recommend approval of FY21 Fee Proposal with two revisions:

1) Burke Lake half-day and full-day canoe and kayak fees:

- Phase-in the proposed adjustments over the two-year period, FY 2021 and FY2022

Canoe & Kayak Rentals, Burke Lake Park						
	CURRENT FEE		----- PROPOSED FEE -----			
	<u>Weekdays</u>	Weekends/ <u>Holidays</u>	Weekdays		Weekends/Holidays	
				<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY21</u>
Half-Day Canoe Rental	\$12.50	\$13.50	\$16.25	\$20.00	\$19.25	\$25.00
Full-Day Canoe Rental	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$29.00	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$45.00
Half-Day Kayak Rental	\$12.50	\$13.50	\$16.25	\$20.00	\$19.25	\$25.00
Full-Day Kayak Rental	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$29.00	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$45.00



FY21 Fee Proposal Revisions

- 2) Replace the proposed non-county admission fee for Martin Luther King Pool with a non-county season pass

Martin Luther King Pool – Admission & Season Pass Fees (per person)		
	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Admission (per person):		
County Resident	----	----
Non-County Resident	----	\$5.00
Season Pass (per person) :		
County Resident	----	----
Non-County Resident	----	\$50



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ACTION - 2

Scope Approval – Grouped House Demolition – Bren Mar and Raglan Road Parks (Mason and Hunter Mill Districts)

ISSUE:

Approval of the project scope to demolish the residential properties at Bren Mar and Raglan Road Parks.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Acting Executive Director recommends approval of the project scope to demolish the residential properties at Bren Mar and Raglan Road Parks.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on March 10, 2021, to maintain the project schedule.

BACKGROUND:

Bren Mar Park is a 32-acre local park in the Alexandria area of Mason District. Facilities at the park include a playground, diamond field, picnic shelter and nature trails. A single-family residential house, known as the Alexander House, is located within the park. The Park Authority Board approved an initiative in February 2011 to discontinue the Residential Rental Program. Staff has continued to demolish residential houses that have no historic value or park uses when they become vacant in accordance with this initiative.

The Alexander House is a wood two-story single-family dwelling that is located in the active area of Bren Mar Park at 5415 Colliers Lane, Alexandria, Virginia (Attachment 1). The structure is approximately 3,000 square feet in size and has a basement, detached car port, and screened porch. Accessory structures also on the property include retaining walls and septic tank. The Alexander House has been vacant and deteriorating since June 2017.

The residence has suffered considerable vandalism in the past year and as a result staff recommends demolishing the structure at this time. A project team comprised of staff from the Park Operations, Resource Management, and Planning and Development Divisions recommends the following scope of work to complete the demolition:

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- Demolish and dispose of the two-story single-family home (approximately 3,000 square feet), and all accessory structures.
- Import, place, and compact soil material to match existing grade.
- Import and place 4" of topsoil.
- Fine grade, seed and mulch all disturbed areas.

The consulting firm of Bowman Consulting was hired to prepare the Rough Grading Plan required to obtain a demolition permit. The project scope cost estimate for the demolition is \$151,020 as detailed in Attachment 2.

Raglan Road Park is a 12.72-acre local park in the Vienna area of the Hunter Mill District. The park contains forest, and open lawn areas. It is located adjacent to Spring Branch SV Park.

The house is a one-one-half story cinderblock single family dwelling built in 1941 that is located at 8590 Raglan Rd, Vienna, Virginia. The structure is approximately 800 square feet in size and has a basement, and a porch. Accessory structures also on the property include shed and well. The house has been vacant and deteriorating for several years. A project team comprised of staff from the Park Operations, Resource Management, and Planning and Development Divisions recommends the following scope of work to complete the demolition:

- Demolish and dispose of the single-family home (approximately 800 square feet), and all accessory structures.
- Import, place, and compact soil material to match existing grade.
- Import and place 4" of topsoil.
- Fine grade, seed and mulch all disturbed areas.

The consulting firm of Bowman Consulting was hired to prepare the Rough Grading Plan required to obtain a demolition permit. The project scope cost estimate for the demolition is \$121,000 as detailed in Attachment 4.

The proposed timeline for completing the project is as follows:

Planned Completion

Scope	March 2021
Design	April 2021
Construction	August 2021

Staff estimates the residential structure demolitions will result in no additional annual revenue. Staff estimates a slight decrease in annual maintenance costs nor are there any additional lifecycle costs.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

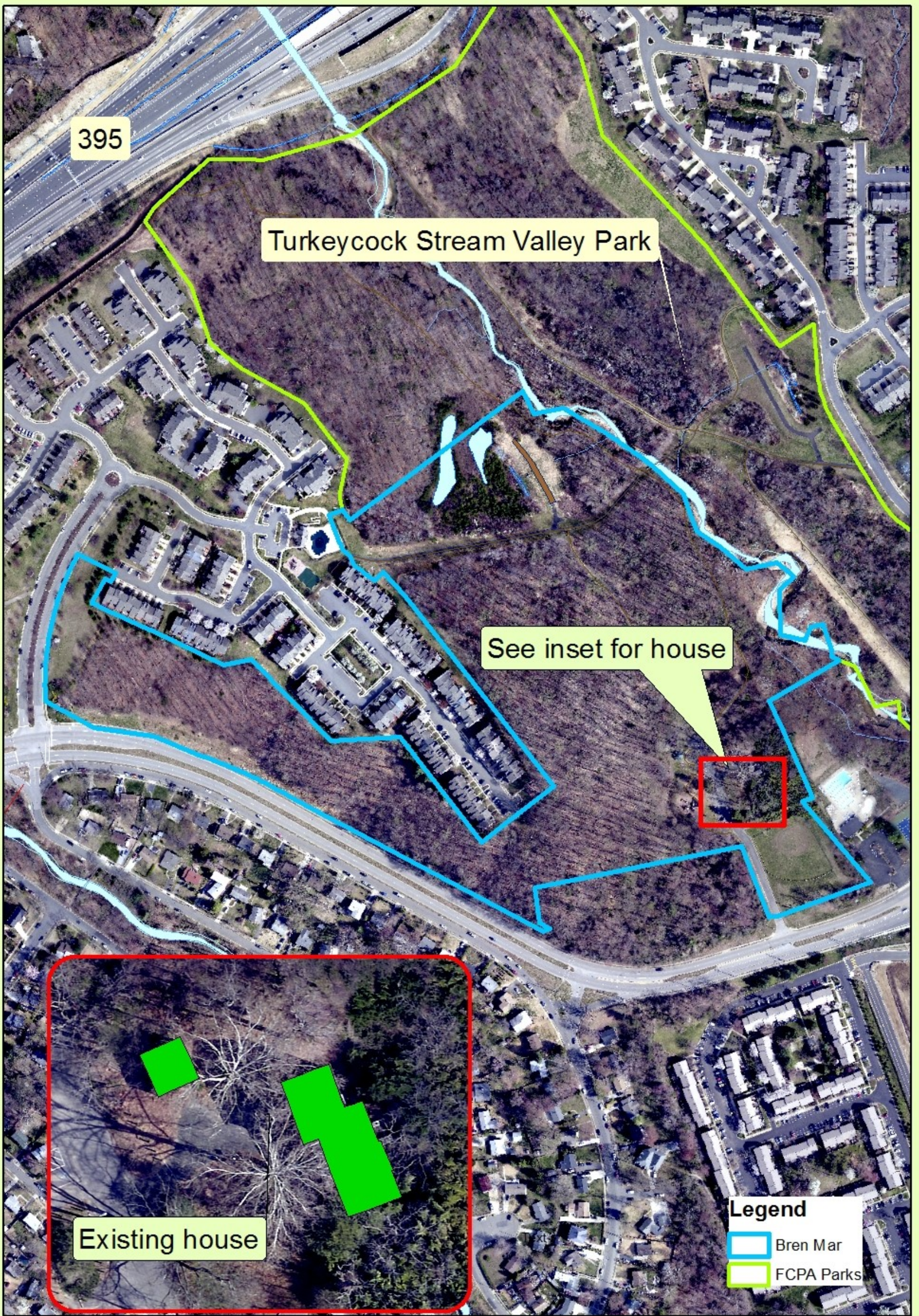
Based on the scope cost estimate, funding in the amount of \$272,020 is necessary to fund this project. Funding is currently available in the amount of \$11,020 in PR-000077-13, Bren Mar Demolition, \$11,000 in PR-000077-12, Raglan Road Demolition, and \$250,000 in PR-000091, Existing Facility/Renovations-2012 Bond Premium, all in Fund 30400, Park Bond Construction Fund for a total of \$272,020. Encumbrances and expenditures to date in the amount of \$23,180 were necessary to advance the project scope.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Bren Mar Park Map
Attachment 2: Bren Mar Scope Cost Estimate
Attachment 3: Raglan Road Park Map
Attachment 4: Raglan Road Scope Cost Estimate

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Turkeycock Stream Valley Park

See inset for house

Existing house

Legend

- Bren Mar
- FCPA Parks



**Bren Mar Park Park
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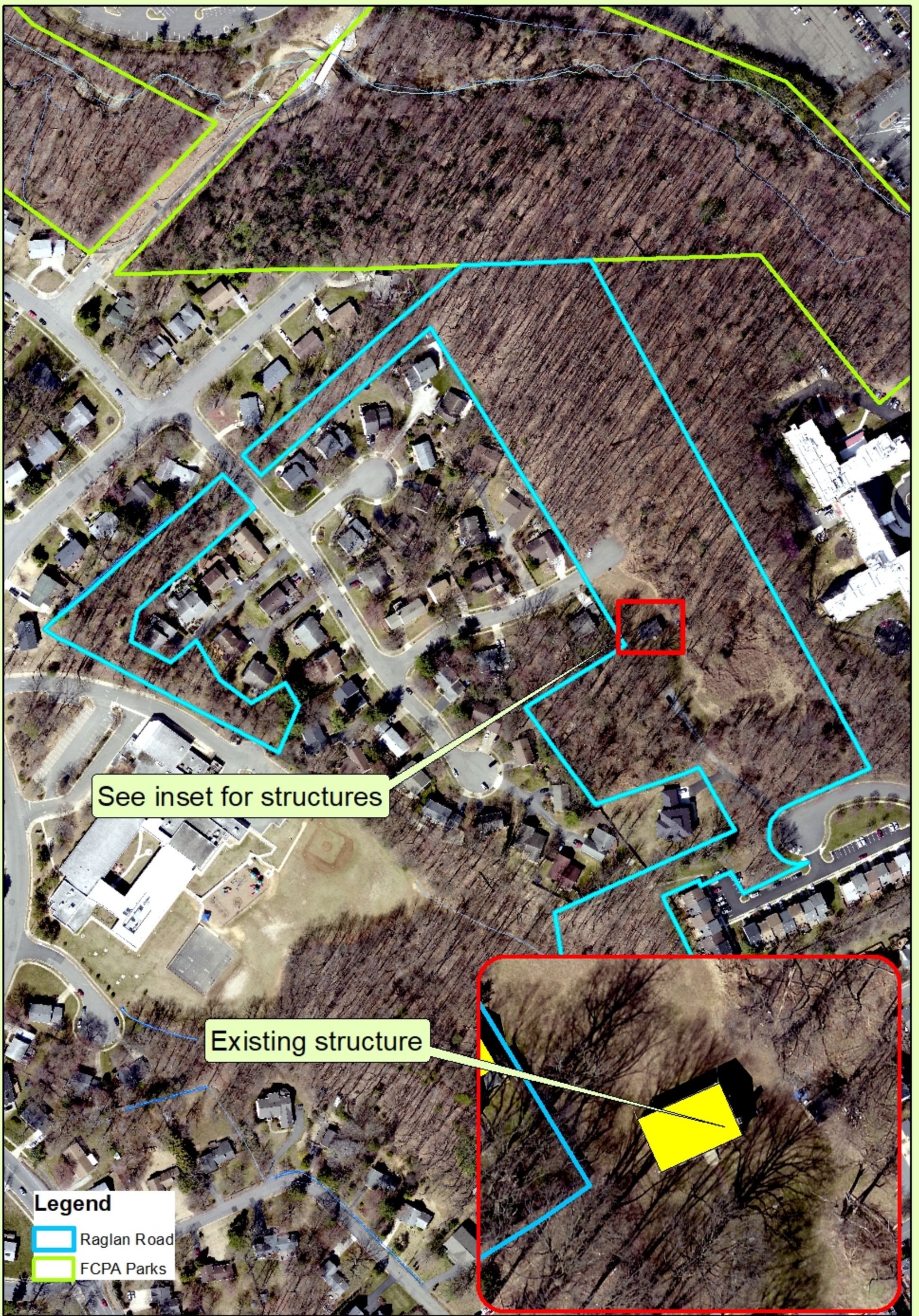
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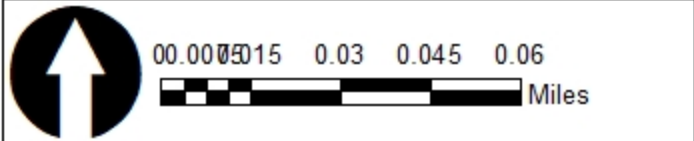
COST ESTIMATE

Demolition of House at Bren Mar Park



Ragland Park House Location Map

March 2021



COST ESTIMATE

Demolition of House at Ragland Road Park

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INFORMATION - 1 (with presentation)

Archaeology and Collections Storage Facility (Mount Vernon District)

The 2016 Park Authority Bond included a project for the design and construction of a new Archaeology and Collections Storage Facility. The facility will be located adjacent to the Workhouse Arts Center (WAC) at 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton, VA 22079 by means of renovating an existing 14,000 square-foot (sf) building known as “W-35.” This building was constructed in 1993 as a boiler plant that served the Lorton prison facility. The project will include renovation and expansion of the existing W-35 building, site improvements as required to meet regulations, utility connections, and construction of a staff parking lot. The archaeology and collections storage facility will include drive-in delivery bays, laboratories, administrative areas, meeting spaces and other uses. The storage design will comply with curation standards for preserving archaeological artifacts, museum objects, and associated archival materials in compliance with federal, state and industry standards, guidelines and best practices.

The 2016 Park Bond Capital Improvement Program project includes funding in the amount of \$2,320,000 for the architectural and engineering design services for the Archaeology and Collections Storage Facility.

Staff will brief the Park Authority Board on the progress of the ongoing building renovation design effort including the following:

- Project Scope
- Project Team
- Project Milestones
- Schematic Design
- Order of Magnitude Project Cost Estimate

Staff will continue to update the Park Authority Board as the design of the renovation advances.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:
Attachment 1: Presentation

STAFF:

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Archaeology and Collections Storage Facility Schematic Design



Archaeology and Collections Storage Facility

- Adjacent to WAF
- Convert an existing building boiler plant
- Process the Park Authority's archeological and historical collections
- Include archaeology labs, collections storage, research room, loading dock, offices



Archaeology and Collections Storage Facility

Project Funding:

• 2016 Bond Museum and Archaeology Collections	\$2,320,000
• 2020 Bond Archaeology and Collections Storage	<u>\$6,300,000</u>
Total	\$8,620,000

Project Cost Estimate:

- Total Project Cost: \$13,154,000

Funding Gap:

- \$4,534,000



Archaeology and Collections Storage Facility

FCPA Project Team:

Aimee Vosper	Directors Office
David Buchta	Cultural Resources
Megan Leining	Cultural Resources
Liz Crowell	Cultural Resources
Aimee Wells	Cultural Resources
Keith Snyder	Energy Manager
Gary Logue	ADA Coordinator
Alan Crofford	Park Operations
James Lear	Automation Service Branch
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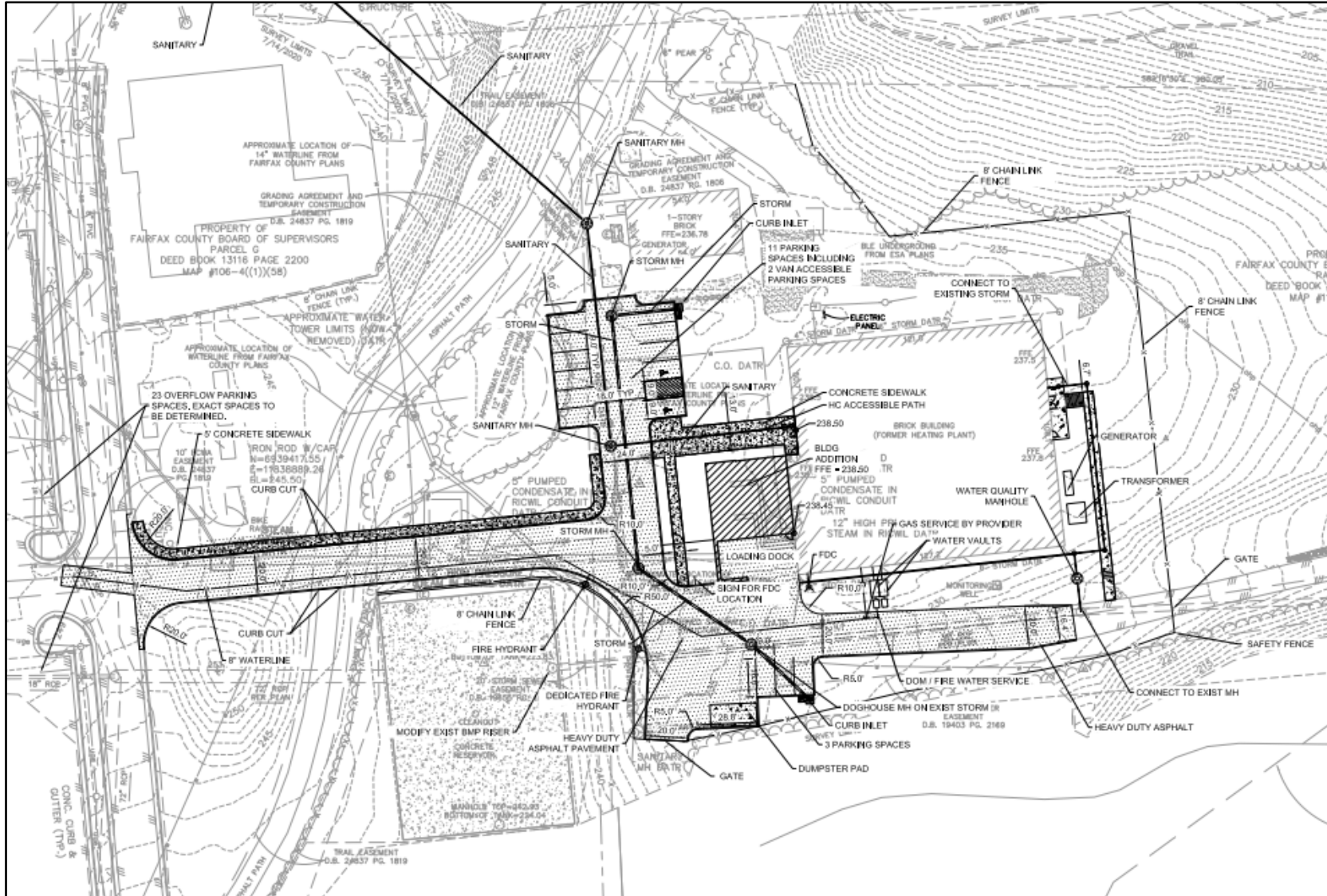
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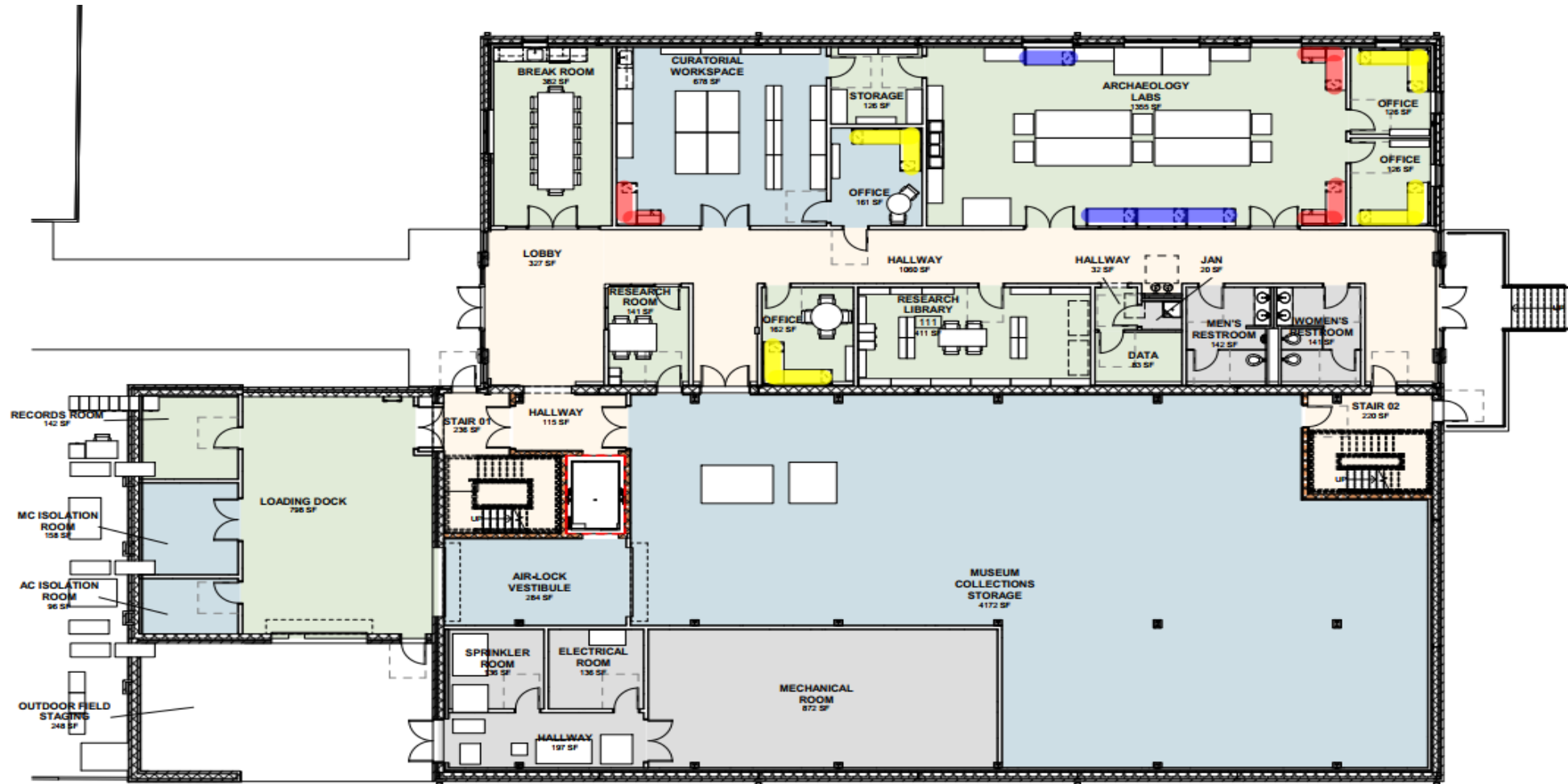
Kickoff Meeting	May 2020
Concept Drawings	Sep 2020
35% Project Design Drawings	Mar 2021
ARB Application	Mar 2021
PAB Scope Approval	Mar 2021
50% Project Design Drawings	May 2021
50% Construction Documents	Jul 2021
95% Construction Documents	Aug 2021
100% Construction Documents	Nov 2021
Obtain Permits	Mar 2022
Bid Project	Apr 2022
Start Construction	Jul 2022
Final Completion	Jul 2023



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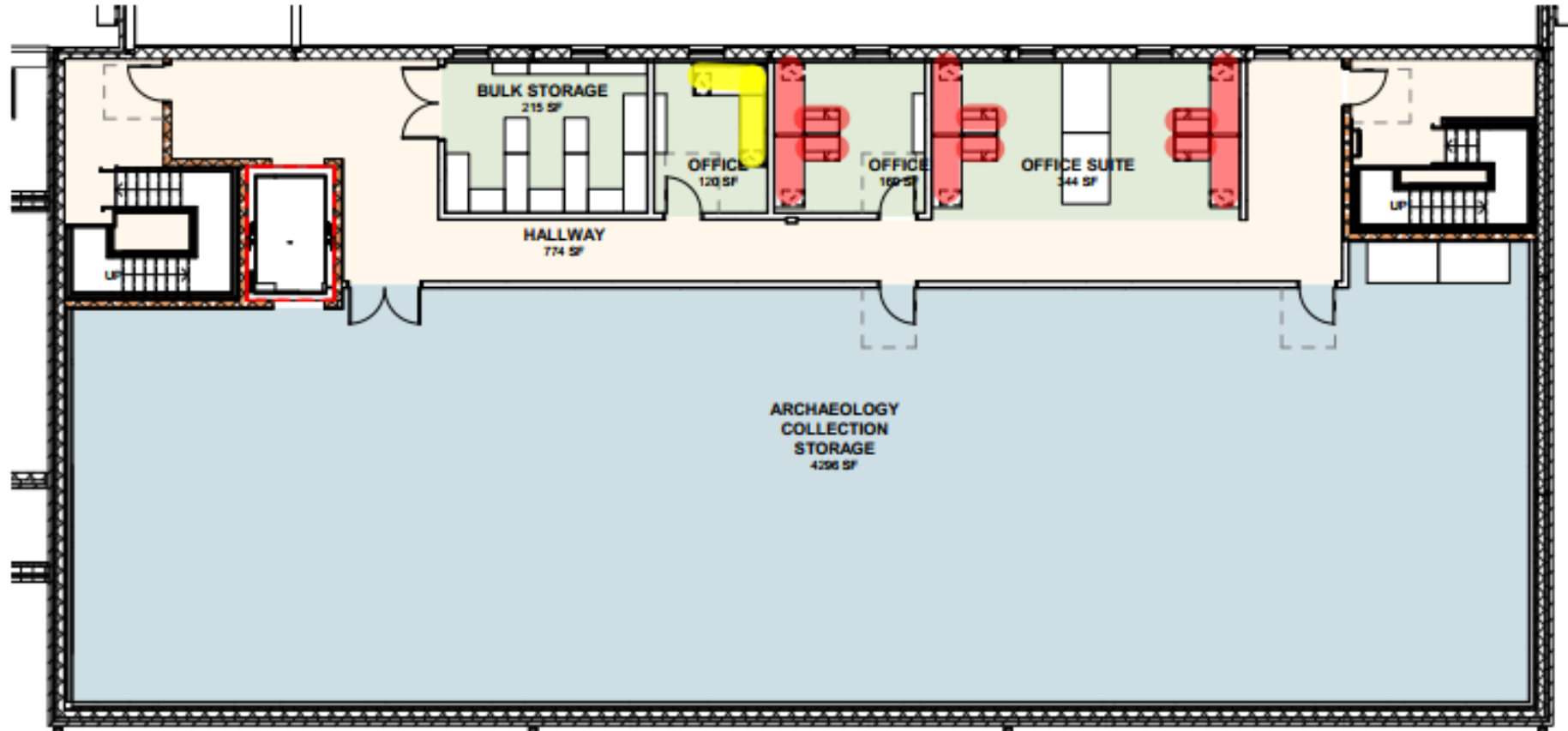


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Questions / Comments?



Board Agenda Item
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CLOSED SESSION

- 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)