

As a general statement, applicable to all future station areas, EAC reaffirms the goals set forth in its recommendation to the RA Board of January 2007 about future development, impervious surfaces and stormwater management. These are that

- All future development is designed so that no additional stormwater runoff is generated at that location.
- All infill development is designed to decrease stormwater runoff compared to existing levels at that location.
No waivers to the stormwater runoff regulations of Fairfax County are granted.

No net loss of tree canopy cover,

The Fairfax County Tree Action Plan shall be followed on this and all other sites

- An EAC recommendation that RA pursue gaining ownership of the site was included in the Special Committee on Parks & Recreation Planning's report to the Board in July 2007. EAC would still like to see this occur as a way of protecting the Sunrise Valley Wetlands Natural Area and making it a unique addition to Reston's natural areas.

Other Opportunities:

This Natural Area, that already exists, constitutes a singular enhancement for the mixed-use neighborhood that will develop around the Herndon-Monroe station. Current Reston residents have often stated the existence of natural areas and pathways as an important reason why they moved here. These types of amenities not only allow nature to have a space but are open and available for all residents/visitors regardless of age or skill level, unlike many other types of park areas such as swimming pools, tennis courts, soccer and baseball fields. Although partially man made this area supports a much more diverse level of flora and fauna than a plaza, green roof, or open space with lawn and trees or many other man made green spaces.

Protecting and preserving this natural area under RA ownership would allow both current and future residents access to a local natural area that will enrich their experience and make Reston a better place to live work and play.