

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2015
From: Reston Hunt Club Board of Directors
To: Reston Department Planning and Zoning
Cc: Supervisor Catherine Hudgins' Office; Fairfax County Archeology Office; Reston Association; Reston Hunt Club Cluster Board of Directors; Heather Greenfield
RE: Fairfax Hunt Club Rezoning Plan

On behalf of the Reston Hunt Club HOA, we, the Board of Directors, would like to submit to Reston Department of Planning and Zoning, our suggestions/recommendations in regards to the Reston Master Plan II language affecting the property known as the Fairfax Hunt Club on Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, VA.

We appreciate staff from the Fairfax planning and zoning department and archeological department visiting unnamed cemetery #FX242, which is on or adjacent to the Fairfax Hunt Club property as well as our cluster association. Fairfax records show this cemetery began on the Mildred Johnson property between 1854 when she inherited 100 acres of land from her husband, and in 1882 when her children sold the property after her death. We see from the other language that Fairfax staff has drafted for the Reston Master Plan II, that there is sensitivity to the historic value of the log cabin on the property, and we would appreciate similar consideration for the cemetery so that it is also preserved with appropriate buffers. Please consult with your archeologists on this matter of what is typical for a historic cemetery whose original boundaries may have been already altered due to development. Our understanding is that 500 feet is typical and we have suggested incorporating this language for overall accuracy as noted below. We also strongly support a stipulation that any housing development plans should come under the jurisdiction of the Reston Association and Reston PRC zoning laws.

Requested edits/suggested language to replace item #5 on page 50 of the Reston Master Plan II

5. 1321 Lake Fairfax Drive (Tax Map parcel 18-1 ((1)) 2) is planned for private recreation use. A log building associated with the Fairfax Hunt Club is on the property and a Civil War era cemetery, listed in Fairfax records as Unnamed cemetery #FX242, is located on or adjacent to the property. The Fairfax Hunt Club clubhouse is eligible for listing in the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites and should be retained and preserved. In addition, the Cultural Resource Management and Protection Branch of the Park Authority should be consulted about required surveys and studies for the cemetery. When the extent of the graves is discovered, it is recommended the cemetery should be preserved with a 500 foot buffer around it. As an option to the current private recreation use, the parcel may develop as residential use at 0.5-1 dwelling units per acre. A lot size of one acre or larger is

recommended for the Fairfax Hunt Club clubhouse to retain enough of its cultural landscape in relation to its rural history. In the event this parcel is redeveloped for residential use, then the new residential neighborhood should be incorporated into the planned community of Reston.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to include buffer language for the historic cemetery as is included for the log cabin and we look forward to seeing the next draft of the Reston Master Plan II.

Sincerely,

Reston Hunt Club Board of Directors:

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