

Board Agenda Item
September 28, 2016

ACTION

Approval of Halifax Point District Park Land Exchange between the Fairfax County Park Authority and Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Sully District)

ISSUE:

Approval of the Halifax Point District Park Land Exchange between the Fairfax County Park Authority and Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC in the Sully District.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends adoption of a resolution authorizing the land exchange.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on September 28, 2016, after completion of the Public Hearing.

BACKGROUND:

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) is a "natural gas company" as defined under the Natural Gas Act engaged primarily in the business of transporting natural gas and operating underground storage fields in interstate commerce under authorizations granted by and subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Columbia filed an application with FERC on December 30, 2015, requesting authorization for an interstate gas facility project identified as Columbia's WBXpress Project. Columbia's WBXpress Project involves the construction, replacement, and/or operation of approximately 30 miles of various diameter pipeline, modifications to seven existing compressor stations, construction of two new compressor stations, and uprating or restoring the maximum allowable operation pressure (MAOP) on various segments of Columbia's existing Line WB and Line VB natural gas transmission pipeline systems. The proposed project facilities will be located in Kanawha, Braxton, Upshur, Clay, Randolph, Pendleton, Grant, and Hardy Counties, West Virginia, and Shenandoah, Warren, Clarke, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Fairfax Counties, Virginia.

Staff advised the Park Authority Board in October 2015 of the proposed Columbia Pipeline project and potential impacts to Hickory Forest Park, Poplar Ford Park, Elklick Preserve and Halifax Point District Park. Columbia's FERC application proposed a preferred alignment and alternate alignments. The preferred alignment follows existing

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Columbia and Dominion Virginia Power easements that cross Pleasant Valley Road and continue to the Dominion Cove facility and Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC) substation located adjacent to Halifax Point District Park. Staff reviewed Columbia's proposed WBXpress Project with respect to the existing utility corridor and facilities to minimize impact to parkland. Alternate alignments that were considered routed through Hickory Forest, Poplar Ford, and Elklick Preserve, and have significant negative impacts to park resources. Any potential park impacts resulting from the pipe line installation may be mitigated by the development of permanent trails along the pipeline network consistent with the recommendations in the Sully Woodlands Trails Plan. All disturbed areas will be restored under the guidance of staff.

Columbia also proposes to locate a new compressor station in the area of Halifax Point District Park to service the increased volume in natural gas as part of the WBXpress project. Columbia evaluated several sites including one located within Halifax Point District Park across from the existing Dominion Cove facility and NOVEC substation. Park Authority staff worked with Columbia and identified an approximate 10 acre area within Halifax Point District Park that would allow for a compressor station location without impacting the planned uses or cultural and natural resources in the park. Columbia purchased the 63.7 acre Neam Price parcel which is located adjacent to the southern border of Halifax Point District Park and just north of Poplar Ford Park. Columbia is proposing a land exchange with the Park Authority for this entire 63.7 acre parcel unencumbered in exchange for the approximate 10 acres identified by staff in Halifax Point District Park across from the existing Dominion Cove facility and NOVEC substation (Attachment 1). The proposed land exchange would allow Columbia to locate their required new compressor station in an area least impactful to park property while providing the Park Authority with a sizable addition to Halifax Point District Park. In addition, acquisition of the Columbia parcel via a land exchange will provide better connectivity within Sully Woodlands by providing an opportunity to connect Halifax Point District Park with Poplar Ford Park to the south.

In accordance with Park Authority Policy 210 - Disposal of Land or Facilities, the Authority may dispose of property under one or more of the following conditions:

- Where an exchange of property would better serve the needs of the citizens concerned.
- When land more suitable for the needs of the citizens who are being served by the property in question has been or can be acquired.
- When another governmental agency could more appropriately administer the property.
- When protective covenants could ensure the historic, scenic, conservation or other values that otherwise are protected by fee ownership.
- When the disposal serves to further the mission of the Park Authority.

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When any such instance occurs, citizens are guaranteed the opportunity to express their opinions in a public hearing and the Authority is bound to consider them in arriving at a decision.

The Park Authority Board directed staff to proceed with a public hearing for the land exchange on July 27, 2016 in order to take public comment regarding the exchange. Public comment is required prior to a decision by the Park Authority Board to adopt a resolution (Attachment 3) authorizing the land exchange. The public hearing was advertised in August 2016 (Attachment 2) with written and e-mail comments being accepted until September 27, 2016, prior to the Public Hearing on September 28, 2016. The advertising for the public hearing consisted of:

- A posting on the Park Authority web site.
- A Park Authority press release including posting to social media sites Facebook and Twitter.
- Print advertisement in the Washington Post.

Oral testimony provided at the public hearing and written comments submitted to the Park Authority prior to the public hearing are included in the official record, which will be made available to the Park Authority Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No significant fiscal impact is anticipated from the approval for the property exchange.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

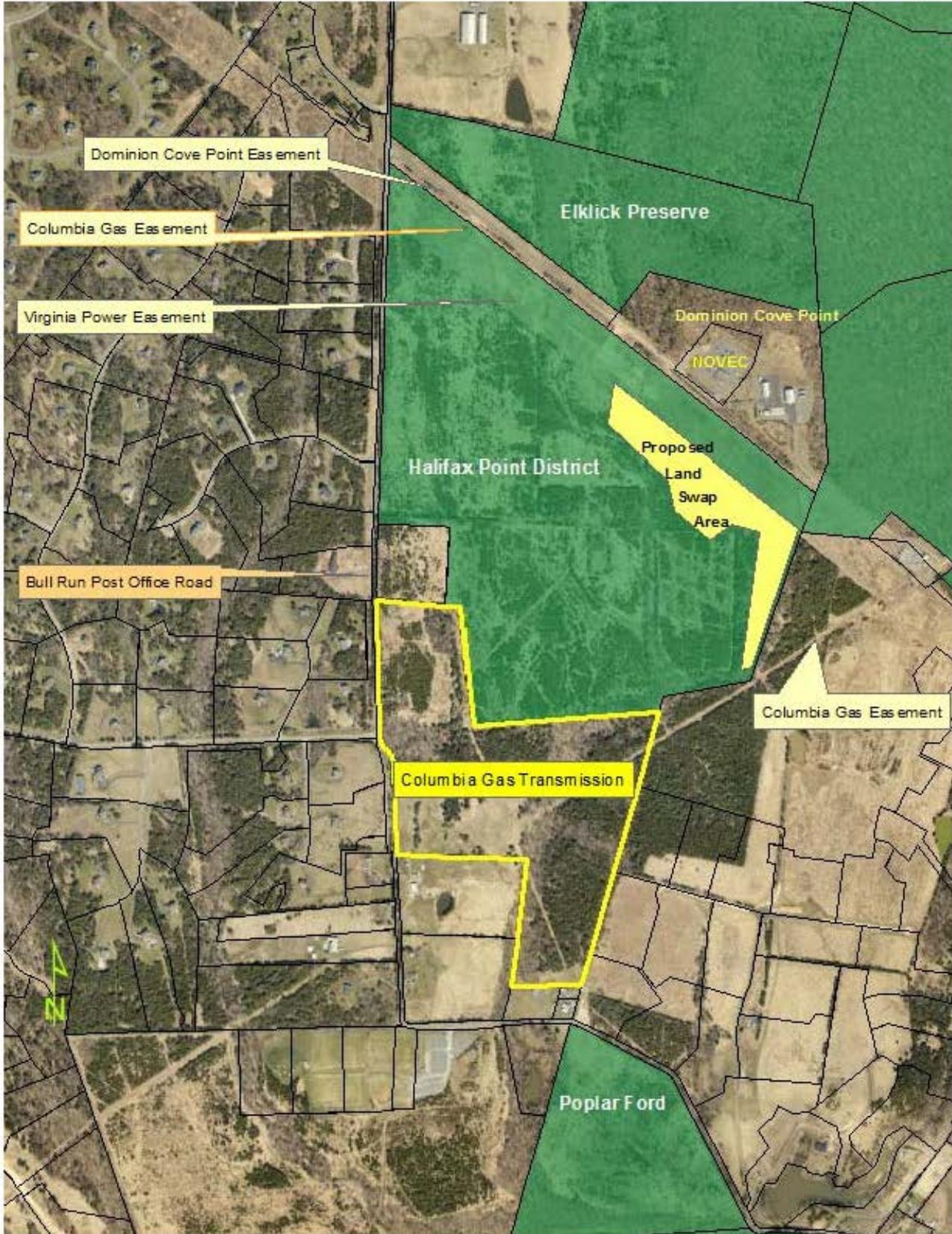
Attachment 1: Location Map
Attachment 2: Public Hearing Notice
Attachment 3: Resolution

STAFF:

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Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
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David Bowden, Director, Planning and Development Division
Cindy Walsh, Director, Resource Management Division
Todd Brown, Director, Park Operations Division
Sandy Stallman, Acting Manager, Real Estate Services Branch

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Cindy McNeal, Land Acquisition Project Coordinator, Real Estate Services
Branch



Fairfax County Park Authority Sets Hearing on Halifax Point Land Exchange

On Wednesday, September 28, 2016, the Fairfax County Park Authority will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the exchange of property in the Sully District. The hearing on the Halifax Point District Park property will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the ninth floor Park Authority Board meeting room in the Herrity Building, located at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA.

The Fairfax County Park Authority proposes to exchange approximately 10 acres of property, which is a portion of the overall 169.5 acres in Halifax Point District Park, identified on the Fairfax County Real Property Identification Map as Tax Map No. 52-2 ((1)) Parcel 11F, for approximately 63.7 acres of property that is owned by Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC and is currently identified on the Fairfax County Real Property Identification Map as Tax Map No. 52-2 ((1)) Parcel 3. Both properties are located on Bull Run Post Office Road in Centreville, VA.

The Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) for Halifax Point District Park includes a planned region-wide recreation zone that allows for active recreational facilities. Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC has requested that the Park Authority consider exchange of approximately 10 acres of property in Halifax Point District Park adjacent to the existing Dominion Power and NOVEC substation facilities to locate a new compressor station in conjunction with their WEXpress project. Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC proposes to exchange the 63.7 acre former Neam Price parcel, which is located adjacent to the southern border of Halifax Point District Park and north of Poplar Ford Park with the Park Authority.

The goal of the property exchange is for the Fairfax County Park Authority to become owner of the 63.7-acre parcel at the southern end of Halifax Point District Park in compensation for the exchange of approximately 10 acres of property in Halifax Point District Park to Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC.

Park Policy 210, Disposal of Land or Facilities, requires a public hearing be held prior to the Park Authority's decision to dispose of land or facilities. Those persons interested in this conveyance are urged to attend the public hearing or send a representative to the hearing to present their views. If you would like to speak at the public hearing or would like more information, please call Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer at 703-324-8662 or send an email to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. For persons with hearing impairments, sign language interpreter services are available upon request. Please call 703-324-3988 TTY at least ten days before the meeting.

Written comments on the exchange of property will be accepted until September 27, 2016. Written comments should be directed to David R. Bowden, Director of Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22036. Email comments should be sent to: parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Halifax Point District Park Land Exchange

At a regular Fairfax County Park Authority Board meeting of Fairfax County, Virginia, held in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia, on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Park Authority (Park Authority) is the owner of record of 169.50 acres of real property identified on a Fairfax County Tax Map as 052-2, Double Circle 1, Parcel 11F, commonly known as Halifax Point District Park in the Sully District;

WHEREAS, the Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) is the owner of record of 63.72 acres of real property identified on a Fairfax County Tax Map as 052-2, Double Circle 1, Parcel 3;

WHEREAS, Columbia filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requesting authorization for interstate gas transmission, identified as Columbia WB Xpress Project (Project), to modify and locate facilities in Kanawha, Braxton, Upshur, Clay, Randolph, Pendleton, Grant and Hardy Counties, West Virginia, and Shenandoah, Warren, Clarke, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Fairfax Counties, Virginia;

WHEREAS, the proposed Project area in Fairfax County will require acquisition of 10 acres of land within the Park Authority's Halifax Point District Park to allow for a substation location,

WHEREAS, the Park Authority has reviewed Columbia's proposed Project area with the approved Halifax Point District Park Concept Development Plan;

WHEREAS, the proposed Project area will not adversely affect natural resources, cultural resources, or features identified in the approved Halifax Point District Park Concept Development Plan;

WHEREAS, Columbia proposed exchanging 10 acres of Halifax Point District Park for a 63.72 acre parcel that is adjacent to the southern border of Halifax Point District Park,

WHEREAS, the Park Authority Board is willing to exchange 10 acres of Halifax Point District Park for a new 63.72 acre parcel to allow Columbia to locate their required compressor station in an area least impactful to park property while providing the Park Authority with a sizable addition to Halifax Point District Park,

WHEREAS, a public hearing pursuant to advertisement of notice was held on this matter, as required by law;

WHEREAS, the Board of the Fairfax County Park Authority finds that it would be in the best interests of the citizens of Fairfax County to exchange, for the consideration described above, 10 acres of Halifax Point District Park.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Director of the Fairfax County Park Authority is hereby directed to enter into the land exchange and acquire the property described above, and is authorized to execute all necessary documents to convey the real property described above to Columbia.

The undersigned Secretary of the Fairfax County Park Authority certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true, complete and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Park Authority held on September 28, 2016.

Secretary, Fairfax County Park Authority

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA:

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COUNTY OF FAIRFAX:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by _____, Secretary of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, this 28th day of September, 2016.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Registration Number: _____

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ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Adoption of Minutes – September 14, 2016, Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Adoption of the minutes of the September 14, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on September 28, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the September 14, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting

STAFF:

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

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
September 14, 2016**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Room 941, Fairfax, Virginia.

Board Members:

William G. Bouie, Chairman
Ken Quincy, Vice Chair
Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary
Walter Alcorn*
Mary Cortina
Maggie Godbold
Linwood Gorham
Timothy B. Hackman
Faisal Khan
Frank S. Vajda
Anthony J. Vellucci

Staff Present:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen, PIO
David Bowden
Todd Brown
Barbara Nugent
Cindy Walsh
Janet Burns
Don Sweeney

Absent*

Guests: John Finegan
Jim Lear

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speakers: Andrew Roselle
Randy Griffin

Topic: Land Acquisition in the Bond
Cell Tower at Fred Crabtree Park

PRESENTATION

P-1 Recognition of Staff Responsible for Boardroom Renovations

Mr. Kincannon presented John Finegan and Jim Lear with a Director's Leadership Award for spearheading the boardroom renovations team. Kirk stated that he will be headed out to the sites to present the Awards to Park Operations staff that were part of the team: Bobbie Smither, Steve Royle, Jason Doyle, Brian Snodgrass, and Jose Bonnin.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes of the July 27, 2016, Park Authority Board Meeting
Mr. Quincy made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously by all members present. Mr. Alcorn was absent.

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ACTION ITEMS

- A-1 Approval – Nominee for the 2016 Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award
Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the nominee for the 2016 Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award; seconded by Mr. Quincy. The motion carried unanimously by all members present. Mr. Alcorn was absent.
- A-2 The Fairfax County Park Authority Operation and Management of the Lorton Workhouse Event Center
Ms. Cortina made a motion that the Park Authority explore the operation and management of the Lorton Workhouse Event Center and to add it to the work plan; seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried by all members present. Mr. Alcorn was absent.

Chairman's Matters:

- Mr. Bouie welcomed the board back following the August break.

He announced that Mr. Batten tendered his resignation effective August 28. Mr. Bouie received a phone call from Mr. Batten indicating that he had put his house on the market, sold his house, packed up, and moved to New Jersey.

The Board of Supervisors is going to recognize Mr. Batten on October 18. He asked the board members to put it on their calendars and to try to attend if possible.

- Mr. Bouie congratulated his fellow Northern Virginia Senior Olympians, Mr. Quincy and Ms. Vosper, both having earned medals in their events. Mr. Bouie also participated in the racquetball area and won a gold medal.
- The 4-H Fair held at Frying Pan Farm Park was great.
- Frying Pan Farm Park is doing a great job with the announcement last week that it is inviting little kids to assist in putting the baby animals to bed at night, which is an unbelievable program.
- Mr. Bouie has spent the last six weeks trying to visit at least three new parks that he had never been to before. He has gone to all of the RECenters, except for Cub Run. He noted that they are all different in the communities that they serve and the things that they do. He's has an extraordinary appreciation for Audrey Moore where he has been on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week because it is its own city. He has become part of the pickleball group which plays from 8-10 a.m. on Wednesdays. It has a robust group that plays regularly.

He suggested that the board members take the opportunity to go out and explore the parks that they have not had the opportunity participate in. They are all completely different and gives him a different perspective going into the discussion around the RECenters and what the RECenters of the future should look like.

Director's Matters:

- The auditor to the Board of Supervisors conducted an audit to:
 - Assess the nature, extent, allowability, and reasonableness of consulting and contractor costs to the Fairfax County (County).
 - Review consultant costs charged directly to contracts, and those charged through indirect pools such as overhead and general and administrative expenses.
 - Determine staff relationships, if any, to the contracts/contractors.
 - Analyze timely payment of invoices to ensure the county fully participates in any payment discounts.

The Park Authority responded on time to multiple information and data requests for a random sample of invoices and contracts. No FCPA findings were uncovered by the Auditor to the Board of Supervisors.

- **Kylie Starck** of Huntley Meadows Park is the recipient of the prestigious 2016 Outstanding New Interpreter Award from the National Association for Interpretation (NAI). Starck is the Senior Interpreter at Huntley Meadows.

The award is presented annually to one person who demonstrates a recognized potential in interpretation, assumption of leadership roles, creativity in programming or facility development, and a commitment to the profession of interpretation.

Kylie joined the Park Authority in 2012 as one of the agency's few roving interpreters to double in both cultural and natural resources, working both at Colvin Run Mill Historic Site and for the Meaningful Watershed Environmental Education program. She has earned certification as a merit badge counselor and as a Certified Interpretive Guide. At Huntley Meadows, she has:

- Pioneered, created, and led nature birthday parties, tot programs, and week-long nature camps;
- Raised the park's involvement in designated national day events, such as Kids to Parks Day;
- Is involved in Teachers in Parks, a training program designed to give teachers tools they need to safely and actively engage students in nature;
- Has worked with the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park to create a financial assistance program that has aided more than 300 students in Title 1 schools; and,
- Helped create a 'Kids to Camp' program that provides financial assistance for children of in-need families to attend camps.

- For the first time in nearly a decade, Parktakes subscriptions have exceeded 200,000 households. With the fall issue, total Parktakes subscriptions are at 201,197 households, up from 162,980 five years ago.

This achievement represents a 26% increase in subscriptions since July 2011 when the Promotional Services staff first developed and began implementing a comprehensive subscriber growth plan.

Some of the more recent strategic outreach opportunities include communications through:

- Board of Supervisors newsletters;
- Chamber of Commerce newsletters and websites;
- Fairfax County and Falls Church City new teacher orientation programs to introduce thousands of new teachers to parks and Parktakes;
- Cardiology practices, to introduce patients to Park Authority fitness opportunities once they're released from cardiac rehab;
- Realtors who help us introduce new Fairfax County families to parks;
- Interior Fairfax Connector bus signs.

A key component of the long-term subscriber growth strategy is to add subscribers at no cost by encouraging electronic subscriptions. While the number of print subscribers has held steady at around 138,000 per quarter, the number of electronic subscribers has steadily increased from 25,423 in July 2011 (when they represented 16% of the subscription base) to 62,387 this past July (representing 31% of all subscribers).

In the last year, E-subscribers have represented nearly 100% of net subscription growth, enabling the Park Authority to avoid nearly \$236,000 in printing and postage costs.

- The Verband Region Stuttgart, a sister region to Northern Virginia, has invited Ms. Vosper to speak at their September 2016 "Expert Conference" in Stuttgart, Germany. The conference is next week.

The Verband Region Stuttgart is the political entity for the Stuttgart Region and is tasked with creating sustainable development. Its mission is to warrant diversity, high quality of life, mobility and economic strength in the long term. It is a regional government that includes planning on all levels, much like a combination of COG, NVRC and NVTA.

This conference is to show the importance of Green Infrastructure in the quality of life in metropolitan areas as well as to present international planning and governance approaches, and project ideas as best practice examples for the Stuttgart Region Landscape Park.

There will be presentations from colleagues from Switzerland, the Netherlands, Aimee, and the keynote speaker, Tom Wild, from VALUE. VALUE (Valuing Attractive Landscapes in

the Urban Economy) is a European partnership project aiming to demonstrate the economic value of Green Infrastructure in cities and regions.

Ms. Vosper will be giving a presentation on The Challenges and Opportunities in Creating and Maintaining Vibrant Recreation and Green Infrastructure in the Northern Virginia Metropolitan Area, specifically focusing on land preservation/open space operation and development including parks, trails, golf courses, classes, and programs; funding opportunities and challenges; fundraising and public/private partnerships; and what we do to create an inclusive, vibrant system for all our citizens. She will be representing the Park Authority and Fairfax County.

- It's time again to start the review of our policy manual as we prepare for reaccreditation in 2018. As you are aware the accreditation standards require the review of policies every five years. The first step in the review process is for each of the board members to review and provide input any revisions needed. By the end of the week you will receive an email with directions on accessing the policy manual with a survey for you to enter your feedback on-line. Staff will review the feedback from the board during our review of the policies and then bring the revised policies back to the Administration and Board Management Committee and then finally to the full Board for approval. Our goal is to complete the review and approval process by December 2017.

Board Matters:

- Mr. Khan commented that it has been a long time since they were last in the boardroom and noted that it is completely different.

He congratulated Messrs. Bouie and Quincy, and Ms. Vosper on the medals they earned at the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics.

He also congratulated staff on the audit.

- Mr. Gorham noted that he had gotten together with staff and School Board staff, and Supervisor Storck's staff to discuss the trails around South County schools. As a result, the Park Authority has done quite a bit of work to increase the visibility near one of the schools in the vicinity. Park staff did a timely, bang up job about a month before school began for the fall session. He expressed his gratitude for the collaboration between Schools, the Park Authority and the Supervisor's office for a safer and nicer walk for those children that do walk to school. He thanked all staff members that were involved in getting this done.
- Ms. Godbold said it was good to be back and to see everyone again. She echoed Mr. Khan's comments regarding the boardroom renovations, the audit and Messrs. Bouie and Quincy and Ms. Vosper's participation in the Senior Olympics.

- Mr. Vajda thanked his wife for the bourbons balls and extended regrets to Mr. Batten that he was not there to enjoy them.
- Mr. Hackman offered a shout out to Beverly Bradford, in the gallery, who is very active in Great Falls on the Citizens' Association Environmental, Parks, and Trails Committee; Turner Farm, Marmota, and just about everything having to do with things concerning Parks. She and others in Great Falls work very hard around those activities.

With respect to some recent fun things at Riverbend Park, a couple of weeks ago he and Mr. Kincannon were helping with the dedication of the new sign to recognize Madison's crossing, or as Mr. Hackman likes to say, Madison's re-crossing of the Potomac, at Conn's Ferry at Riverbend Park where the boat ramp is. Madison had actually crossed on the Georgetown Ferry out of town and this was going back to join up with American troops to go back to Washington for continuity of government and to lead the reconstruction.

The Virginia Indian Festival was held on September 6, which was fantastic. Chris Sperling and one of his folks was there with a booth on archaeology. In terms of attendance, there was a bumper crop. There were no traffic issues primarily due to the somewhat hot day. There were no traffic backups. The police were there doing a wonderful job. In all it was a fun day.

Turner Farm is getting very close to being announced for the resident curator program. Folks in the area are anxious to see that happen. A renovations assessment is being done to put together the terms and conditions for that program.

- Mr. Vellucci thanked John Berlin and Sousan Frankeberger and the rest of the staff who made the summer entertainment series a success throughout the county. Patrons had a lot of positive statements about the mix of music and the quality of performers, locally, from other parts of the country, and internal. One performer was from Prince Edward Island, Canada.

He recognized Mike McCaffrey and Kyle Hughes-Segroves of Hidden Pond Nature Center and the many volunteers who supported them. They came out and built a campfire, the kids had marshmallows, and brought out the snakes and reptiles to let kids of all ages learn about wildlife.

On August 24 Tony attended a bank shot presentation in Supervisor Cook's office. This made him aware that Parks needs to address another demographic group – the adult handicapped and infirmed. Parks has Clemyjontri, but nothing for folks that are a little older. Bank shots provides a means for individual to play by themselves, with family members, and with others. Competition is against one's self or the course. Pickup games are easily facilitated by others. Mr. Vellucci asked the director to have Planning and Development look into this. He suggested that with Monticello Park coming up next year it may be a good test site.

On September 8 he attended the RECenter Study provided to Supervisor Cook's office. He feels it will provide a lot of great input for RECenter stability. His only concern is the timeline and number of meetings, and survey timeline, in that there is sufficient time for folks to respond because this a very busy time of year.

On September 10 Mr. Vellucci attended the Royal Lake outdoor fitness equipment ribbon cutting ceremony. That equipment replaced the Wells Fargo grant equipment that was installed back in the 1980s and was never maintained. He mentioned Paul Hardy and Ted Togashi who were the champions of that effort. He thanked staff that supported that effort. He thanked those that helped out that day – Judy Pedersen, Ann Cissel, Chrissy Mead, Ed Richardson, Walter Wesley, Margaret Thaxton, Don Sweeney, and a special thanks to the cook – Judy Pedersen's husband, Dave.

Following Mr. Bouie's comment about getting out to our different parks, Tony recommended that everyone try to get out to Royal Lake. DPWES is now spending \$6.57M. The dredging operations are in full swing, resulting a lake that was approximately six inches to one of nearly eight feet in many parts. The trucks are making about 120 trips a day and he is concerned about the damage to the park driveways and roadways. He believes there is a cause in the contract to replace the roadways; however, the roadways are four inches and they only have to replace two inches. He asked if someone could look into that.

Mr. Vellucci reported that there is a beaver that has taken up residence at Royal Lake and has constructed four dams since the dredging operation began and his habitat keeps getting disrupted. He has now relocated about one-half mile upstream away from dredging operations. He therefore learned that harassment works if you are persistent.

There is also a beaver at Carney Park. VDOT and USDA have asked that the beaver be removed due to flooding and potential road damage. You cannot relocate beavers in Virginia, so if you take them out you are basically signing their death sentence. USDA has decided that removal was the only viable alternative and recommended it. Mr. Vellucci has asked the Park Authority to take a closer look at that. He has pointed this out because Parks needs to take its role of stewardship very seriously, both of the land and of the creatures that inhabit that land.

The roadway is at least 20-25 feet above the creek level; there are no visible debris lines or high water marks on the trees to indicate flooding, therefore he could not conclude that the beaver was the sole cause of flooding which would prompt USDA and VDOT to make that request. Based on his one experience with the beaver with Royal Lake persistent harassment efforts do work and he cannot support the beaver's death sentence at Carney Park until VDOT does a lot more there.

The last chicken coop in the Braddock District has been demolished. Neighbors say that it has been there since the late 1950s or early 1960s and hasn't been used for chickens for a

very long time. This important because it has been an encroachment at Oak Hill Park since the 1970s. The new owner has taken it down after being approached and demolished everything that he thought was on his property, savings Parks some money.

If it takes more than 40 years to remove something from Park property, don't you think Parks needs an Encroachment Management Plan? He doesn't know why this went on so long, but he thinks the board should reconsider an Encroachment Management Plan.

There is a Braddock District constituent who has made more than 50 FOIA requests over the past year regarding the Accotink watershed. One question which Mr. Vellucci believes had some merit concerned was whether the Park Authority had a formal complaint system. He suggested that if there wasn't one, it might be something that might be worthwhile looking into. This would help with continuous improvement opportunities to be made to Parks policies, processes, and procedures and also to provide trend data as to where Parks is improving and needs more attention.

Lastly, he thanked Mr. Bouie for bringing the Lorton Workhouse Events Center to the Committee of the Whole rather than to the Executive Committee or any other committee.

Mr. Vellucci shared with Aimee Vosper that Stuttgart has a 60-kilometer bike path that goes around the city.

- Ms. Cortina reported that the Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB) is holding a bid fund-raising on Friday, September 16, at the Reston Town Center. She encouraged folks to get out and support FABB as they support Parks and its trails.

With regard to the year-end financial results, Ms. Cortina acknowledged the work of the Park Authority since summers are its busy season. It has served 35,000 children in programs and camps, including Rec-PAC. That does not included all the other programs or the Water Mine.

Over the Labor Day weekend, she and her family stayed at the Lake Fairfax camp grounds which was pristine. Everything about that place was wonderful. Hats off to Lake Fairfax and all the other lakefront parks, which she loves to visit.

The Park Authority is the largest employer of young people over the summer in Fairfax County.

Ms. Cortina expressed her condolences to the Johns family over her death over an incident in one of our parks.

- Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Batten for serving on the Park Board and everything he did. Mr. Thompson will miss him, his comradery, and what was always a smile even when he disagreed, he disagreed joyfully.

He will miss Mr. Batten, but will take up his baton and remind everyone that the Park Foundation is always looking for people that would like to join and help the Foundation. Mr. Thompson is sure that Mr. Batten would enjoy it if we could all remember that.

He also thanked the all the staff and staff at Burke Lake. He has received a number of compliments over the course of the summer including Supervisor Herrity's office for a lot of little repairs and procedural things that made it better.

Supervisor Herrity and Mr. Thompson met with the director, staff, and the consultant earlier in the day regarding the RECenter Sustainability Study. The meeting was very insightful and he looks forward to learn the end result.

Mr. Thompson extended congratulations to Todd Brown on his appointment to Park Operations Director and also thank him for the outreach to the athletic community and Athletic Council. He is grateful for Mr. Brown being proactive and looks forward to working with him as they attend their first Athletic Council meeting next week.

- Mr. Quincy seconded Mr. Vellucci's comments regarding the summer concert series. Nottoway was another great example of a true success. Sousan Frankeberger and John Berlin are to be complimented.

On Saturday, September 6, Mr. Quincy represented the Park Authority at the opening ceremonies of the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics along with other entities that provided services and facilities for the Olympics. A registration record was set this year with well over 900 registrants. It's a gratifying experience.

Not only did Ms. Vosper win a gold medal, but she set a record for her age group. This was her first time as a competitor in the Olympics. She won the rowing event for her age group.

Mr. Bouie added that it is a fantastic event every year. It costs a total of \$12 for all the events you want to enter. He again offered to pay the entrance fee for any board member that wants to participate. There is a guy that Bill plays pickleball with that entered 11 events, noting that he wanted to get his \$12 worth.

Ms. Vosper noted that Mr. Quincy never talks about it, but he has two gold medals.

Mr. Quincy commented that there were two woman over 100 years old and three that were 90 years old that race walked. It's very inspiring.

At last year's Senior Olympics in the 100-year-old division in the 100-meter finals there were seven runners. The guy that won it in 18 seconds and was 101 years old.

Mr. Bouie's parting words were, "Think about it."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Bouie called the meeting to a close at 8:23 p.m.

Michael W. Thompson, Jr., Secretary

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on September 28, 2016

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ADMINISTRATIVE – 2

Resolution Honoring Edward R. Batten, Sr., upon His Departure from the Fairfax County Park Authority Board

ISSUE:

Seeking approval of the resolution to honor Edward R. Batten, Sr. for 13 years of outstanding service to the Park Authority Board and the residents of Fairfax County.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the resolution honoring Edward R. Batten, Sr.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on September 28, 2016.

BACKGROUND:

Edward R. Batten, Sr., was first appointed to the Fairfax County Park Authority Board on January 12, 2003, by then Lee District Supervisor Dana Kauffman and reappointed four additional times by Kauffman and later, Supervisor Jeff McKay. He played a significant role in the success of the Park Authority on many fronts during his many terms and brought not just leadership, experience, and knowledge to the discussion but also a robust sense of humor and decorum.

During his tenure on the Board, Mr. Batten held a host of leadership positions. He chaired the Administration and Board Management Committee, Diversity and Succession Committee, Park Operations Committee, Park Services Committee, and Nominating Committee. He also served as vice chair of the Diversity and Succession Committee, and Park Services and Golf Committee and. In addition, he was a member of the Resource Management Committee and the Planning and Development Committee, and the liaison to the Fairfax County Park Foundation. In that role particularly, he was dedicated to the search for new members, helping to expand the Foundation Board and to populate that organization with qualified and active members. He never missed a chance to remind Park Board members of the opportunity and responsibility to support the work of the Park Foundation.

During the 13 years that he served on the Board, the Lee District charted a long list of park improvements:

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- At Lee District Park and the Lee District RECenter, the Family Recreation Area Spray Park and Playground, Chessie's Big Back Yard-Nautical Cove Accessible Playground, and the Accessible Tree House were opened. Mechanical systems were improved, an ADA trail and parking improvements were completed, and the roof was replaced. The Lee District Park Master Plan was revised.
- At Huntley Meadows Park, the Wetland Restoration project was completed, the boardwalk renovated, a trail was raised, a hike-bike trail resurfaced, and an Outdoor Education Shelter built. Improvements were made to the South Kings Highway Entrance. The Accotink Stream Valley was enlarged and Huntley Meadows Park expanded by 0.64 acres.
- Backlick Run Stream Valley Park grew by 27.6 acres with the donation of property with Civil War significance.
- A rectangular field at Franconia Park was converted to synthetic turf.
- A rectangular field at Lee District Park was converted to synthetic turf and new lights installed.
- The lighted synthetic turf field at Loisdale Park was delivered through a turnkey development proffer.
- Drainage improvements were made at Manchester Lakes Park to improve drainage conditions on private and homeowner association property.
- Infrastructure, landscaping, and related site improvements were made at Hooes Road Park.
- Demolition work was completed at the Olander and Margaret Banks Community Park and the Master Plan revised.
- The Master Plan for Brookfield Park was revised and the pond reconstructed.
- The Master Plan was revised for Mount Vernon Woods Park.
- The Black Jack Dog Park was constructed.
- Restrooms at Beulah Park were made ADA compliant.
- Landscape screening was installed at Lenclair Park.
- A playground was replaced and an accessible trail was added at Wickford Park.
- The irrigation system was replaced at Greendale Golf Course.

As liaison to the Park Foundation, Mr. Batten was an enthusiastic attendee at both Park Authority and Park Foundation Board meetings and events. He made personal voluntary contributions to the Park Foundation and promoted recruitment of qualified prospects to join the Park Foundation Board of Directors. Mr. Batten also advocated for the PACT summer camp scholarship program for children and youth in supportive housing.

In 2004 Mr. Batten was honored by Fairfax County as the Lee District recipient of the distinguished Lord Fairfax Award. In December 2005 Mr. Batten received the Les

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Dorson Distinguished Public Service Leadership Award for his dedicated service to the citizens of Lee District and Fairfax County.

It is for these reasons and more that Mr. Batten is worthy of this resolution in his honor. Clearly, he will be missed by his colleagues and those who come after him will be challenged to meet the high performance standards he has set forth.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

STAFF:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer

***WHEREAS**, Edward R. Batten, Sr., is departing the Park Authority Board after providing 13 years of outstanding service to the Fairfax County Park Authority and the residents of Fairfax County as the Lee District Representative to the Board; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mr. Batten served in many important positions on the Board, including Chair of the Administration and Board Management, Diversity and Succession, Park Operations, Park Services, and Nominating Committees; Vice Chair of the Diversity and Succession and Park Services and Golf Committees; and as a member of the Resource Management and the Planning and Development Committees; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mr. Batten served as Board liaison to the Fairfax County Park Foundation was an enthusiastic attendee at both Park Authority and Park Foundation Board meetings and events, making personal voluntary contributions to the Park Foundation, always cheerfully and without reserve, promoting recruitment of qualified prospects to join the Park Foundation Board of Directors, and advocating for the PACT summer camp scholarship program for children and youth in supportive housing; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mr. Batten helped to bring major improvements to Lee District Park with the opening of the Family Recreation Area Spray Park and Playground, Chessie's Big Back Yard-Nautical Cove Accessible Playground, and the Accessible Tree House; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mr. Batten, served as the Lee District representative as Huntley Meadows completed a highly successful wetlands restoration project, installed a new boardwalk, opened an Outdoor Education Shelter, grew in acreage, and made trail and parking improvements; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mr. Batten helped to bring new recreational opportunities to county residents with the addition of synthetic turf fields at Franconia Park, Lee District Park, and Loisdale Park; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mr. Batten was instrumental in overseeing the revision of master plans for Lee District Park, Olander and Margaret Banks Community Park, Brookfield Park, and Mount Vernon Woods Park to leave a legacy for park development following his departure from the Board, and with all these good works in mind, we will all miss his kind words and thoughts, his engaging laughter and smile, and his sense of humor and goodwill towards others; and*

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

Edward R. Batten, Sr.

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

Adopted by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board on September 28, 2016

Michael W. Thompson, Jr.
Secretary

William G. Bouie
Chairman

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ACTION – 2

FY 2018 Budget Submission, Fund 10001, General Fund

A revised item will be distributed at the September 28, 2016, Park Authority Board meeting.

ACTION – 3

FY 2018 Budget Submission, Fund 80000, Park Revenue & Operating Fund

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the FY 2018 Park Revenue & Operating Fund (Fund 80000) Budget Submission, as presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on September 14, 2016.

ACTION – 4

FY 2018 Budget Submission, Fund 30010, General County Construction Fund

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the FY 2018 General County Construction Fund (Fund 30010) Budget Submission, as presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on September 14, 2016.

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ACTION - 5

Scope Approval – Colvin Run Millrace Stabilization (Dranesville District)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the project scope to design and construct repairs to stabilize the millrace at Colvin Run Mill as presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on September 14, 2016.

ACTION – 6

Adoption of the One Fairfax Resolution that Directs the Development of a Racial and Social Equity Policy and Strategic Actions to Advance Opportunities and Achieve Equity

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends adoption of the One Fairfax Resolution and joining with the Board of Supervisors and School Board in pursuing an intentional leadership-oriented approach to equity, which includes the development of a racial and social equity policy and strategic actions to advance opportunities and achieve equity with intentional collective leadership, community engagement, equity tools and infrastructure to support and sustain systemic changes, and shared accountability.

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INFORMATION – 1

FY 2016 Year-End Budget Review, Fund 10001, General Fund

As presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on September 14, 2016.

INFORMATION – 2

FY 2016 Year-End Budget Review, Fund 80000, Park Authority Revenue & Operating Fund

As presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on September 14, 2016.

INFORMATION – 3

FY 2018 Budget Submission, Fund 80300, Park Improvement Fund

As presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on September 14, 2016.

INFORMATION – 4

FY 2018 Budget Submission, Fund 30400, Park Authority Bond Construction

As presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on September 14, 2016.

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INFORMATION – 5

Infrastructure Projects Affecting Parkland Update

As presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on September 14, 2016.

INFORMATION – 6

Dominion Virginia Power Transmission Rebuild of Belvoir-Gum Springs Double Circuit 230 kV Lines #204 and #220 Adjacent to Huntley Meadows Park, Muddy Hole Farm Park, and Mount Vernon Woods Park

As presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on September 14, 2016.

INFORMATION – 7

Quarterly Project Status Report

As presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on September 14, 2017.

INFORMATION – 8

FY 2014 – FY 210 Strategic Plan FY16 Report and FY17 Implementation Plan

As presented to and reviewed by the Strategic Planning and Initiatives Committee on September 28, 2016.