



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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TO: Chairman and Members
Park Authority Board

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DATE: December 4, 2014

Agenda

**Resource Management Committee
Wednesday, December 10, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.**

Boardroom – Herrity Building

Chairman: Frank S. Vajda

Vice Chair: Anthony J. Vellucci

Members: Edward R. Batten, Sr., Mary Cortina, Ken Quincy

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3. American Alliance of Museums (AAM) Reaccreditation Update (with presentation) – Information*

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INFORMATION (with presentation)

Cultural Resource Management Plan FY 2014 Accomplishments and FY 2015 Implementation Plan

In April 26, 2006, the Park Authority Board approved the first agency-wide Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP). An update of this Plan was approved on April 11, 2012. This plan provides guidance for the identification, evaluation, documentation, protection, management and interpretation of cultural resources, both on parkland and countywide. Staff has completed the first eight years (FY 2007 – FY 2014) of the plan and is presenting the proposed plan for ninth year implementation (FY 2015). These projects are in line with the Strategic Plan's objectives of "Managing and Protecting Facilities and Properties" and the strategic initiatives to "Foster and Promote Natural and Cultural Stewardship" and "Manage and Protect Natural and Cultural Resources."

The presentation at the December 10, 2014, Resource Management Committee meeting will highlight the Cultural Resource accomplishments for FY 2014 and will present proposed plans for FY 2015. In FY 2014, work was accomplished on 85 of 239 strategies. Thirty strategies are now considered complete or will only require updating when new information is available. Areas of emphasis for FY 2015 include strategies related to archaeological and museum collections in preparation for AAM reaccreditation, the potential Resident Curator program, and large archaeological and other cultural resource projects.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

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**Cultural Resource Management Plan
FY 2014 Accomplishments
FY 2015 Implementation Plan**

FY2014 Implementation Plan

- Staff worked on 85 strategies in FY 2014. 30 of 239 strategies are now considered complete and/or incorporated into ongoing operations.

Cultural Resource Planning

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Coordinated closely with the Department of Planning and Zoning on county-wide projects.
- Conducted more than 250 development plan reviews and other assessments for development countywide and reviewed resulting reports.
- Negotiated proffers to ensure that archaeology is conducted.
- Served on more than 50 project teams including those for Master Planning efforts and Capital Improvement Projects.
- Continued to work with volunteers, Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources, site friends groups, archaeological and historical societies, the Fairfax County History Commission and the public to support cultural resource projects.

FY 2015 Plans

- Continue to coordinate on county-wide projects and conduct development plan review
- Continue to participate on teams for Master Planning efforts and Capital Improvement Projects.
- Coordinate closely with the Department of Planning and Zoning and Planning and Development staff to continue staff training on historic preservation.
- Work with Planning and Development and the Resource Management Division on the Needs Assessment.
- Continue to work with volunteers and students to support projects.

Archaeology

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Continued to support an internship program with George Mason University and other universities to provide students with experience in archaeology.
- Conducted archaeological projects at Salona, Sully Woodlands and provided technical oversight for archaeology at Langley Forks Park.
- Continued archaeological investigations at Old Colchester Park and Preserve to identify and evaluate archaeological resources within the park.

FY 2015 Plans

- Continue fieldwork and preparation of reports for archaeology at the Old Colchester Preserve.

- Continue archaeology at Sully Woodlands.
- Complete archaeology and develop Memorandum of Agreement for Langley Forks Park.
- Continue to conduct archaeology to help better understand historic preservation issues.
- Continue to conduct archaeological projects in support of the Master Planning and Capital Improvement processes.

Civil War Sites

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Co-Chaired the countywide Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration (with Visit Fairfax). Continued to participate in local and regional Civil War Sesquicentennial planning.
- Coordinated with the City of Fairfax and the Fairfax County History Commission for the commemoration events in the City of Fairfax during the Civil War.
- Participated in Civil War Trails Task Force to recommend sites for inclusion in Civil War Trails program as funding allows.
- Worked with Visit Fairfax, the History Commission, and the County Sesquicentennial committee to design, fabricate and install additional Civil War Trails Markers.
- Attended the 2014 Signature Conference at George Mason University.

FY 2015 Plans

- Continue the planning and implementation of the Civil War Sesquicentennial commemorative events.
- Complete dedication ceremonies for Civil War Trails markers. Coordinate, prepare and arrange for the installation of additional Civil War Trails signage funded by the Board of Supervisors.
- Continue planning for 2015 event at Ox Hill Battlefield to commemorate the end of the War and the 100-year anniversary of the monument lot.

Archaeological Artifacts and Collections

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Continued to update older archaeological collections to federal and state standards with the assistance of interns and volunteers.
- Initiated a complete inventory of archaeological collections.
- Continued to input data from older collections into computerized database using volunteer and intern support.
- Continued to process the archaeological assemblage from Old Colchester Park and Preserve, Sully Woodlands and other archaeological sites.
- Utilized Department of the Army staffing and funds; completed the process of bringing the Fort Belvoir collections up to current museum standards.
- Identified funding to be used to continue work on requirements for AAM reaccreditation.

FY 2015 Plans

- Using Telecommunications funding and funding donated by the History Commission and FOFA, hire two LTE employees, fund interns and purchase materials to assist with AAM reaccreditation.
- Create complete accession records for 1900+ accessions, including creating database records for accessions and their associated research and documentation.
- Continue to update archaeological collections housing to meet current curation standards.
- Complete inventory of all archaeological collections.
- Create SOPs for archival curation of archaeological materials.
- Create and implement a collections policy that will cover all collections, including archaeological.
- Explore avenues for expansion of collections space, up to and including a new facility.

Museum Collections

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Conducted a 100% inventory of Museum Collections at Walney, Sully, Colvin Run Mill, and began a 100% inventory at Frying Pan Farm Park
- Continued to prepare for AAM Reaccreditation.
- Worked with Archaeology staff to assist with their preparations for AAM accreditation.
- Worked with Frying Pan Farm Park to assist with their preparations for AAM accreditation (for which we won a Trailblazer Award for Project of the Year)
- Improved the quality of the permanent collection.

FY 2015 Plans

- Work with site staff and archaeology staff to prepare for AAM reaccreditation – IPM, Environmental Monitoring, Emergency Plans, etc.
- Expand the use of Re:discovery to cover all collections – historic, archaeology, and archival.
- Complete the 100% inventory of Frying Pan Farm Park.
- Cross-train site staff to be better educated about their site-related museum collections responsibilities.
- Develop exhibits and outreach materials about both archaeological materials and museum objects to showcase our collections and interpret the past.
- Explore avenues for expansion of collections space, up to and including a new facility.
- Continue to find alternative funding sources to assist with AAM reaccreditation.
- Develop a volunteer/intern program to work with museum collections. Continue to train staff in best practices.

Historic Buildings, Structures, Objects, & Traditional Cultural Properties

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Worked with Department of Planning and Zoning and the consultant on the Resident Curator Program Development Study.
- Completed Historic Structures Report (HSR) for the Enyedi (Hannah P. Clark) House at Colchester.
- Initiated HSR for Sully Historic Site.
- Initiated HSR for the Meat House at Ash Grove.

FY 2015 Plans

- Continue HSR for Sully Historic Site.
- Complete HSR for Ash Grove Meat House.
- Provide technical advice for rehabilitation of Ash Grove Meat House.
- Serve on the teams for projects for Historic Huntley Tenant House, Great Falls Grange ADA improvements and others.
- Initiate planning for HSR for Lahey Lost Valley and other properties, as appropriate.
- Complete report for Resident Curator Program in Fairfax County. Present findings to the Park Authority Board, History Commission and Board of Supervisors (BOS). Present draft ordinance to BOS for their consideration. If directed by BOS, begin implementation of the program.

Fairfax County Historic Overlay Districts

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Evaluated six applications under the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Archaeology in Historic Overlay Districts.
- Reviewed Architectural Review Board (ARB) applications and attended meetings, as appropriate.

FY 2015 Plans

- Continue to evaluate applications submitted under the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Archaeology in Historic Overlay Districts.
- Review Architectural Review Board applications and attend Architectural Review Board Meetings, as appropriate.

Listings in Historic Registers

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Preparing Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites nomination for the Hannah P. Clark House in Colchester.
- Prepared a Preliminary Information form for the Confederate Military Railroad for submittal to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) for consideration. DHR approved the PIF.

FY 2015 Plans

- Complete the nomination of the Hannah P. Clark Inventory nomination and submit it to the History Commission for consideration.
- Complete additional nominations for properties to be listed in the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites and National Register.

Cemeteries

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Continuing to provide support and technical assistance to Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association for cemetery clean up and documentation.
- Conducted regulatory review and provided technical assistance for projects with cemeteries that might be potentially impacted by development.

FY 2015 Plans

- Continue to provide regulatory review and technical assistance for cemeteries that may be impacted by development.

Cultural Landscapes

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- A Cultural Landscape Study commenced at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park (ECL).

FY 2015 Plans

- A Cultural Landscape Study is planned for the Great Falls Grange early FY 2015.
- Complete CLRs for ECL and Great Falls Grange and incorporate findings in future planning and development for the sites.
- Continue to incorporate CLRs into the Master Planning process for priority properties, as funding allows.

The Human Impact on Cultural Resources

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Cultural Resource promotional materials were prepared for Colchester, Ox Hill and other projects and distributed to inform the public.

FY 2015 Plans

- Continue public outreach initiative to support resource stewardship.
- Continue to follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and other federal regulations (the National Historic Preservation Act; the Antiquities Act; the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act; the Archaeological Resource Protection Act; the National Environmental Policy Act; Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act) and state and local regulations and policies as they apply to cultural resources.

Stewardship and Education

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Participated in the Council of Virginia Archaeologists (COVA) meeting and in the Archeological Society of Virginia meetings in October 2013. Staff chaired symposium.
- Co-sponsored and participated in Fairfax County History Conference in November 2013.
- Co-sponsored and participated in the Fourth Annual Archaeology Symposium with Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources (FOFA).
- Co-Sponsored African American archaeology symposium with FOFA and Gunston Hall that was held at Gunston Hall on April 19, 2014. Cultural Resource staff made presentations.
- Conducted archaeology summer camps at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, Riverbend Park and Huntley Meadows in coordination with site staff.
- Using proffer funding, completed interpretive signage for Ash Grove, Lahey Lost Valley and Newgate Tavern. Installed Audiobox at Freedom Hill Fort.

FY 2015 Plans

- Continue to work with partner organizations (History Commission, FOFA, ASV, COVA and other organizations to report our findings to the public.
- Coordinate closely with interns and volunteers to provide opportunities in the next phase of the Old Colchester project. Appropriately disseminate information about the site.
- Continue to utilize proffer funding to prepare interpretive signage.

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INFORMATION (with presentation)

Natural Resource Management Plan – FY 2014 Accomplishments and FY 2015 Implementation Plan

On January 29, 2014, the Park Authority Board adopted the agencywide Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP). The plan coordinates agencywide efforts to achieve the resource preservation mission of the Fairfax County Park Authority and implement agency Policy 201 – Natural Resources. Staff began implementation of the new NRMP during the second half of FY 2014 and developed a plan for its first full year of implementation (FY 2015). These projects are in line with the Strategic Plan's objectives of "Managing and Protecting Facilities and Properties" and the strategic initiatives to "Foster and Promote Natural and Cultural Stewardship" and "Manage and Protect Natural and Cultural Resources."

This presentation will highlight the NRMP, the FY 2015 implementation plan and FY 2014 accomplishments. In FY 2014 work was accomplished on all four management themes, and 20 of the 26 recommended actions. Areas of emphasis for FY 2015 include completing 2014 activities carried forward while maintaining existing service levels.

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**Natural Resource Management Plan
FY 2014 Accomplishments
FY 2015 Implementation Plan**

FY 2014 Implementation Plan

- The Park Authority started implementation of its newly adopted agency-wide Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP), adopted January 29, 2014.
- This report and all future NRMP reporting will follow the structure of the new NRMP.
- The four management themes are: Inventory and Planning, Protecting Natural Capital, Managing Wild Populations and Restoring Ecosystems, and Fostering Stewardship and Expanding Natural Capital.
- Work was accomplished on 20 of the 26 recommended actions.

NRMP Program

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Completed the revision of the NRMP.
- Continued Ellanor C. Lawrence Park (ECLP) Pilot Project and implemented the NRMP for Old Colchester Park and Preserve (OCP).
- Implemented 2008 bond expenditures at identified parks.
- Continued to implement non-native, invasive plant best management practices and treat high priority areas with contractors.
- Completed the Huntley Meadows wetland restoration project.
- Completed construction of the stream stabilization project in Wakefield Park.
- Expanded and refined deer management methods.

FY 2015 Plans

- Continue to refine deer management methods.
- Improve data collection methodologies and develop a geodatabase model.
- Work on best practices for natural community identification and mapping; and improve management practices for deer, forestry, and vernal pools.
- Continue ECLP Pilot Project and implement NRMP for OCP.
- Continue to seek funding to manage natural capital.
- Continue to produce stewardship education materials including brochures and signage.

Inventory and Planning

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Surveyed approximately 6,000 acres using the Non-native Invasive Assessment Prioritization (NNIAP) protocol for a total of 15,000 acres surveyed.
- Assessed 21 parks for deer browse impacts to inform white-tailed deer management efforts.

- Completed NRMP's for Huntley Meadows and Riverbend Parks.
- Designated Resource Protection Zones (RPZ) at Riverbend Park, Barron Cameron Park, Old Colchester Park and Preserve, and Franconia Park.
- Implemented a new NNIAP protocol method using web-based Geographic Information System (GIS) technology for increased efficiency.
- Developed approximately 90% of the geodatabase model for natural resource data.

FY 2015 Plans

- Continue to survey park lands using the new NNIAP protocol method to obtain the first complete agency-wide dataset of non-native invasive vegetation species. Park lands will require re-survey every three to four years to ensure that treatments are effective, and goals and objectives are achieved.
- Continue to assess parks for white-tailed deer browse impacts. Parks will be revisited every five to six years to ensure that treatments are effective, and goals and objectives are achieved.
- Finalize best practices for natural community identification and mapping, to include vernal pools.
- Complete the geodatabase model and use it to ground-truth a RPZ for one park. If successful, the geodatabase will be expanded for agency-wide implementation to identify proposed RPZs and inform natural resource management.

Protecting Natural Capital

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Reviewed 150 development plans to avoid decreasing adverse impacts to natural resources.
- Served on 46 park project teams to ensure that the agency-wide NRMP is being implemented on Park Authority projects.
- Provided technical assistance for an estimated 35 encroachments on park lands.
- Provided technical assistance for an estimated 30 easement actions on park lands.
- Provided technical assistance for an estimated 50 trail projects on park lands.
- Conducted site assessments for six (estimated) potential land acquisitions.
- Reviewed 11 permit requests for restricted activities in natural areas.

FY 2015 Plans

- Continue to review development plans for adverse impacts to park lands, as needed.
- Continue to serve on park project teams for FY15.

- Continue to provide technical assistance for encroachments, easement actions, and trail projects on an as needed basis.
- Continue to provide land acquisition site assessments on an as needed basis.
- Continue to review permits for restricted natural area activities on an as needed basis.

Managing Wild Populations and Restoring Ecosystems

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Treated 850 acres for non-native invasive vegetation.
- Removed 900 white-tailed deer from 48 parks.
- Treated 114 Canada goose nests at lake front parks and golf courses using best management practices.
- Completed two ecosystem restoration projects: Huntley Meadows wetland restoration and Wakefield Run stream restoration
- Continued to implement two ecosystem restoration projects: ECLP forest management pilot project and OCPP natural resource management plan implementation.

FY 2015 Plans

- Continue to treat non-native invasive vegetation.
- Continue to remove white-tailed deer from parks by partnering with the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD).
- Partner with the FCPD to refine deer management methods.
- Continue with second and final option year for contracted deer culling at ECLP, and continue with second option year for contracted deer culling at OCPP with the possibility of a third option year for FY 2016.
- Continue to treat Canada goose nests to maintain acceptable populations.
- Complete ECLP forest management pilot project and continue to implement the OCPP natural resource management plan.
- Rebuild agency capacity for prescribed fire and maintain existing level of service.

Fostering Stewardship and Expanding Natural Capital

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- Addressed an estimated 1,800 citizen inquiries regarding natural resources on park lands.
- Volunteers donated approximately 5,600 hours removing non-native invasive vegetation at 40 sites and 32,000 total volunteer hours since the Invasive Management Area (IMA) program inception.
 - The donated volunteer time equates to an estimated \$126,280 in FY 2014 and \$721,600 since program inception.
- FCPD volunteers donated approximately 18,000 hours removing white-tailed deer among 27 hunt groups and an estimated 48,000 total volunteer hours since the FCPD archery program inception.

- The donated FCPD volunteer time equates to an estimated \$405,900 in FY 2014 and \$1,082,400 since program inception.
- Fostered partnerships with state, regional, private, non-profit, and county organizations to include:
 - Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council;
 - Virginia Departments of Forestry, Game and Inland Fisheries, and Conservation and Recreation;
 - Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District;
 - Earth Sangha;
 - Fairfax Releaf;
 - Fairfax County Police Department
 - Fairfax County Departments of Public Works and Environmental Services, Health, Planning and Zoning, and Fire and Rescue;
 - Fairfax County Park Foundation
 - Friends Groups;
 - REI
- Presented the “Take Back The Forest” campaign at the National Association of Government Communicators conference.
- Awarded a grant by REI for \$10,000 to the IMA program. Four grants total have been awarded to the IMA program by REI.

FY 2015 Plans

- Continue addressing citizen inquiries on an as needed basis.
- Continue the IMA program operations at 40 sites and encouraging volunteer-based stewardship.
- Continue partnering the FCPD to remove white-tailed deer among 27 hunt groups on park lands.
- Continue to foster partnerships with state, regional, private, non-profit, and county organizations.
- Continue to produce stewardship education materials including brochures and signage.
- Continue to seek funding to manage natural capital.

Fairfax County Park Authority
Natural Resource Management Plan



Adopted January 29, 2014

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks>



Natural Resource Management Plan – FY 2014 Accomplishments and FY 2015 Implementation Plan

Resource Management
Committee Meeting
December 10, 2014

FY2014 Activities Accomplished

Complete revision of NRMP

Continue ECLP Pilot Project and implement NRMP for OCPP

Implement 2008 Bond Expenditures at identified parks

Continue to implement non-native, invasive plant best management practices and treat high priority areas with contractors

Complete the Huntley Meadows wetland restoration project

Complete construction of the stream stabilization project in Wakefield Park

Expand and refine deer management methods

FY2014 Activities Carried Forward to FY2015

Refine deer management methods

Improve data collection methodologies and develop geodatabase model

Best practices: natural community identification and mapping, improved management practices for deer, forestry, and vernal pools

Continue ECLP Pilot Project and implement NRMP for OCPP

Continue to seek funding to manage natural capital

Continue to produce stewardship education materials including brochures and signage

Inventory and Planning

6,000 acres surveyed using NNIAP protocol in FY2014; 15,000 acres total

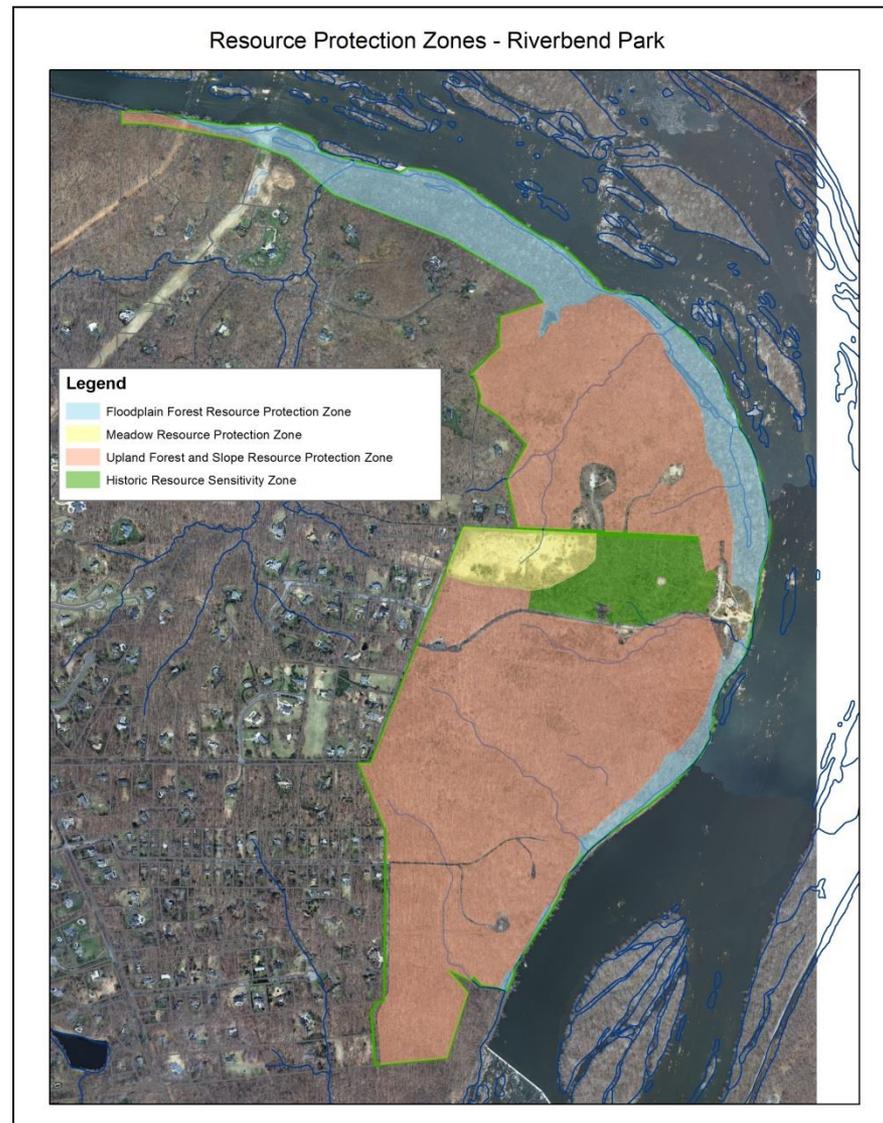
21 parks assessed for deer browse impacts

2 natural resource plans completed in FY2014

4 Resource Protection Zones designated at Riverbend, Barron Cameron, Old Colchester Park, and Franconia

Implemented new NNIAP protocol method using web-based GIS

Geodatabase model development 90% complete



“Knowing what we have”

Protecting Natural Capital

150 development plans reviewed

46 park project teams served

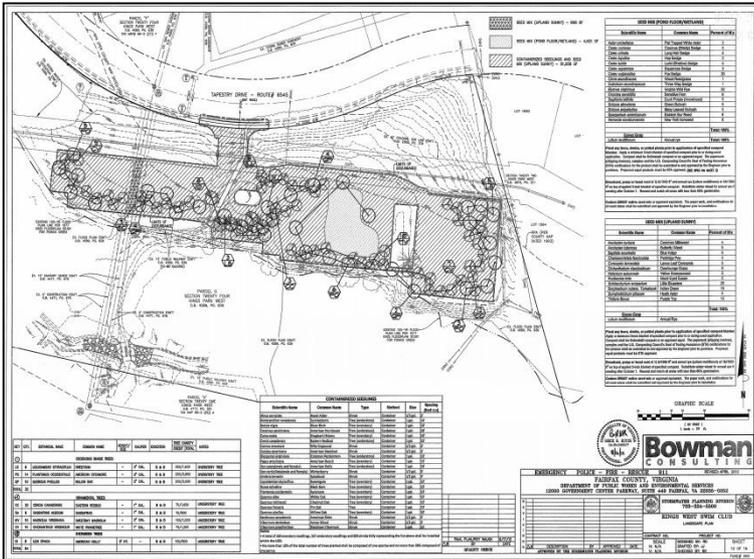
35 (estimated) encroachments where technical assistance was provided

30 (estimated) easement actions where technical assistance was provided

50 (estimated) trail projects where technical assistance was provided

6 (estimated) land acquisition reviews conducted

11 permit requests reviewed for restricted natural area activities



“Do no harm”

Managing Wild Populations and Restoring Ecosystems

850 acres treated for invasive, non-native vegetation

900 white-tailed deer harvested from 48 parks

114 Canada goose nests oiled at lake front parks and golf courses

4 ecosystem restoration projects in progress or completed:

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park forest management pilot project

Old Colchester Park natural resource management plan

Huntley Meadows wetland restoration

Wakefield Run stream Restoration



“Helping our land heal”



TAKE
BACK
THE
FOREST

“Spreading the word”

Fostering Stewardship and Expanding Natural Capital

1,800 (estimated) citizen inquires addressed

5,600 volunteer hours removing invasive, exotic vegetation in FY2014 at 40 sites, 32,000 total volunteer hours since IMA program inception

18,000 FCPD volunteer hours harvesting white-tailed deer in FY2014 among 27 hunt groups, 48,000 (estimated) total FCPD volunteer hours since archery program inception

13 partnerships fostered with state, regional, private, non-profit, and county organizations

“Take Back The Forest” campaign presented at the National Association of Government Communicators conference and wins 4th REI grant

FY2015 Planned Activities

Refine deer management methods

Improve data collection methodologies and develop geodatabase model

Best practices: natural community identification and mapping, improved management practices for deer, forestry, and vernal pools

Continue to seek funding to manage natural capital

Continue to produce stewardship education materials including brochures and signage

Complete ECLP Pilot Project and implement NRMP for OCPP

FY2015 Resources Strategy

Draft implementation plan and funding strategy was completed

Sources:

General Fund

Telecom Fund

Bond Fund

Vulcan Fund

Partnerships and Shared Resources



Acknowledgements

Park Authority Board

Environmental Quality Advisory Council

Fairfax County Police Department

Virginia Departments of Forestry, Game and
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Friends Groups

Volunteers and Citizen Stewards

REI

Northern Virginia Audubon Society

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INFORMATION (with presentation)

American Alliance of Museums (AAM) Reaccreditation Update

The Park Authority has held AAM accreditation since 1979, being the first county agency in the nation to hold such accreditation. AAM accreditation is the standard through which an agency is recognized for its commitment to excellence, accountability, professional standards and continued institutional improvement. AAM accreditation ensures that the agency is operating in accordance with current best practices and professional standards. This project on the FY15 Implementation Plan meets the Strategic Plan's objectives of "Managing and Protecting Facilities and Properties" and the strategic initiative to "Foster and Promote Natural and Cultural Stewardship".

The Park Authority was most recently reaccredited in 2000 and the accreditation period was extended as a result of changes to AAM. The current process has been streamlined and has transitioned to a digital submittal. For the 2016 reaccreditation, the agency must include all collections, including archaeological, live plants and live animal collections which were not previously included. Sully, Colvin Run Mill, Green Spring and Frying Pan Farm Park will be part of the reaccreditation effort.

The process includes the development of an in-depth collections management policy. The agency must address issues of appropriate curation storage space, sufficient staffing and adequate funding. Staff members from the Resource Management Division including Sully, Colvin Run Mill, Green Spring, Frying Pan Farm Park and the Cultural Resource Management and Protection Branch are working together to accomplish this mission-critical task.

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