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Sully Woodlands Public Information Session June 23, 2005

SUMMARY OF QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Can we get a copy of the presentation?

- Yes, the presentation will be available on the Park Authority website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sullywoodlandsplanning.htm>.

Are the dates and times for the workshops fixed or will they change?

- The dates and times are confirmed. All meetings will be held at 7 pm in the Rocky Run Middle School cafeteria located at 4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Specific workshop dates and topics are as follows:
 - Natural & Cultural Resources—Monday, July 11th
 - Recreation—Tuesday, July 19th
 - Trails—Tuesday, July 26th

A process question – are we back to zero on the planning and public involvement that has already been done for Hunter-Hacor and Popes Head Estates?

- Popes Head Estates is not part of this planning effort as it is located outside of the Cub Run/Bull Run watersheds.
- The work that was done for Hunter-Hacor will not be lost and will be used as a foundation for this effort. After learning some lessons in planning Quinn Farm Park, the Park Authority felt it was important that we take a step back and look at a regional approach.

Will trails planning include HOA trail networks?

- While all trails will be considered, including connections for residents to access trails from homeowners association (HOA) land, we would not connect public trails to private trails on private land.

I applaud this effort to set aside so much land; but how do we reconcile the potential conflict between our goals and those of Loudoun County?

- There is an inherent conflict between Fairfax County and Loudoun County's plans in that Loudoun's Comprehensive Plan concentrates residential development in the eastern portion of Loudoun County, while Fairfax County aims to have less intense development in the western part of Fairfax County.
- Loudoun County is represented on the Citizen Advisory Group for the Cub Run Watershed Management Plan.
- Fairfax County is looking closely at the land use in Loudoun County and trying to take a proactive approach to minimizing the potential negative impacts on land in the western portion of Fairfax County.

Will the plan be complete and approved at the end of the year including a public comment period?

- The current schedule shows completion by the end of 2005.

Can you tell me more about the road improvements (Braddock and Pleasant Valley and Old Lee)?

- The Comprehensive Plan calls for these improvements. There is no timeframe for completion as it depends on build out and resources, but it is anticipated that spot improvements will occur on Pleasant Valley in the near term.
- Specific information regarding the planned transportation improvements in the County's Comprehensive Plan is available online at:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/planareas.htm>

Are the dog park and ball fields that have been recently approved part of this effort?

- Yes, there are a couple of interim uses including athletic fields and a dog park at Quinn Farm that are part of the planning effort.

Who do we contact to arrange for a Park Authority representative to meet with our group?

- A request may be sent via email to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or by calling the Park Authority's Planning and Development Division at 703.324.8741.

Were Loudoun County representatives invited to this public meeting?

- Yes.

I am here because I fly model airplanes. I see lots of goals regarding natural and cultural resources and trails – where is recreation?

- The intent is to develop a resource based plan which will allow natural and cultural resources to be protected. Based on a thorough analysis of these resources, appropriate locations for recreation development will be identified.

Do you have specific goals for recreation?

- They are being developed as part of this process.

What should we bring to the workshops?

- Your ideas—the workshops will involve small group discussions facilitated by Park Authority staff providing an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas.

What are the advertising mechanisms for this process; are you going to reach the average citizen?

- All public meetings are advertised through a variety of methods including meeting and workshop-announcements in the Fairfax County section of the Washington Post, signs at various park sites, mailing to adjacent citizens and all the registered homeowners associations (HOAs) in the County totaling 3,000 notices, and a posting on the Park Authority website.
- Throughout the life of the project, information and updates will be posted on the project website at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sullywoodlandsplanning.htm>

Suggestion: criteria for success should be the largest public involvement possible.

Is there any way the State can intervene with Loudoun to protect our streams?

- They are fulfilling the minimum requirements and the best we can do is pressure them to do more.
- There are federal laws such as the Clean Water Act and there is a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) for Bull Run.
- Each County has a NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit and must demonstrate compliance.
- Loudoun County is represented on the Citizen Advisory Group for the Cub Run Watershed Management Plan.

What is on the other side of the border in Loudoun County?

- Existing and planned residential communities.

Comment: We participated in a similar planning process Laurel Hill and it worked very well.

What should we be prepared for at the focus group? Do we present our ideas? How does it work?

- As long as the numbers allow, there will be breakout groups to react to questions, and interact with one another. Each group will be facilitated by Park Authority staff to collect ideas.
- After the workshops, we will assess if more interaction is needed and plan accordingly.
- If you have specific ideas, please share them at any time.

Is there a plan to remove the trees at West Pleasant Valley Road and South Braddock or will it remain treed?

- There are not any plans yet for this area, as the planning process has just begun.