



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

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## Sully Woodlands Regional Master Plan TRAILS PUBLIC WORKSHOP July 26, 2004—Rocky Run Middle School

### ATTENDANCE

FCPA Board Members: Hal Strickland, Chairman

FCPA Staff: Kirk Holley, Manager, Park Planning Branch; Angie Allen, Project Manager; Charles Smith, Natural Resources Management and Protection Section; Andi Dorlester, Park Planning; Sandy Stallman, Park Planning; Ed Richardson, Area 5 Manager; Jenny Pate, Trails Coordinator; Tammy Schwab, Naturalist

Citizens: 57 citizens

### SUMMARY OF SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

#### Section I—West of Pleasant Valley Road (2 groups)

##### **Charles's Group**

- The group consisted of a large number of equestrian users, at least two bikers, and several hiker/general trail users.
- Those with an equestrian focus were very interested in extending the equestrian trail network from Bull Run northeast across Bull Run Post Office Road to Pleasant Valley and beyond into the Cub Run Stream Valley. They were also interested in improving connections across private parcels within that zone.
- There was a general expression of a need for greater connectivity throughout the area especially along major roads and linking existing trails. Specifically mentioned was the need for a crossing of Elk Lick at Pleasant Valley Road and a trail continuing south. There was also a specific desire expressed for crossing points along Pleasant Valley and establishment of trails along the same. This road currently has some trail in need of linkage and has significant safety concerns due to traffic speed and sight distance.
- There should also be a multi-use trail along Braddock Road.
- There was a desire to provide multiple multi-use trail loops around the newer larger parcels as well as having a forest interior trail experience.
- Along Bull Run, the existing trails are used by equestrians and the occasional hiker. These trails should be left natural surface but improved [they expressed location within the floodplain as an issue] to ensure that they are useful for multiple user groups. There needs to be bridges at several of the larger stream crossings that will accommodate horses.
- There needs to be trail access points and trail heads with maps orienting users.
- The equestrian users identified three locations for potential equestrian parking: west of Cox's Farm, south of Cox's farm, and at Horne. Horne was also identified as a potential location for an equestrian center with rental facilities (the need for this type of facility was supported by non-equestrian groups also).

### **Andi's Group**

- The group consisted primarily of people interested in equestrian trails.
- Participants desired connections and access to the Manassas National Battlefield across the county line.
- One participant who is very familiar with the area mapped out known trails used by horseback riders. He also indicated areas where stream crossings are difficult and bridges or culverts are needed.
- One individual expressed a desire to make some of the existing natural trails accessible as multi-use trails.
- Some members of the group indicated their desire for the unofficial trail along the power line easement to be improved and maintained.
- Most participants desired access to the Hunter-Hacor property from the areas to the south and suggested a multi-use loop trail around the property, in addition to one or more internal trails.
- An equestrian center was suggested for the Horne property, potentially including a riding school, therapeutic riding, boarding, guided trail rides, and trailer parking.

### **Section II—Cub Run Stream Valley/Bull Run Regional Area (Jenny)**

- Focus was making connections across existing gaps in the trails in the area
- No more fair-weather crossings – all weather crossings are desired
- MISSING: Several sections of trail along Pleasant Valley Road, Route 29 (especially at the I-66 interchange), and Route 28/Centreville Road
- Several stream crossings to link trails within Elklick SV and in Cub Run SV.
- Additional trail in Big Rocky Run SV
- A trail along the side of Compton Road to go under Route 66
- Loop trails in Bull Run Regional Park
- A connection from Pleasant Valley Road between Pleasant Valley GC and Quinn Farm to Westfield HS and Cub Run RECenter
- An equestrian connection through or along the edge of Elklick Woodland Natural Area Preserve
- Parking area for cars and horse trailers in several locations, including one with bike rack near the Bull Run trail so people can ride their bikes to the trail and then walk along it (no bikes on the trail)
- No more fair-weather crossings – all weather crossings are desired

### **Section III—Quinn, Richard W. Jones, Cub Run RECenter Area, North to Airport, East to Centreville Rd/Westfields Blvd (Tammy)**

- Maintenance issue on southside of Richard Jones—impassible trail near vernal pools
- GAPS: Near Hindu temple, along Rt. 50, along Braddock, perimeter of Quinn Farm, portion of Pleasant Valley, Flatlick S.V., Pleasant Valley Road (Cub Run Rd to Richard Jones)
- Parking for trail use is concern, particularly at Coscan-Brookfield property (southeast corner of Braddock & Pleasant Valley)
- Need to stream crossing identified along Upper Cub Run S.V., Elklick Run
- Paved trails to connect facilities—handicap accessibility and strollers
- Cement fair-weather crossing not liked

#### **Section IV—East of Centreville Rd/Westfields Blvd, North of Rt. 29 (Angie)**

##### **Recommendations Specific to Section IV:**

- Stream crossing and trail connection need at Frog Branch S.V. near Hollowstone Road (suppose to have been done by developer, but has yet to be constructed). Same neighborhood would also like a connection to Brookfield pool.
- Stream crossing needed along Round Lick at E.C. Lawrence and connection to existing trails on the west side of E.C.L.

##### **Broader-scale recommendations:**

- Equestrian users would like to see large loops throughout project area—through Richard Jones, Quinn, Stephens, Hunter-Hacor Assemblage, Horne, Cub Run S.V., E.C. Lawrence
- All new trails should be multi-use
- CONNECTIONS: south to Manassas Battlefield, Bull Run, and on to Laurel Hill; east to E.C. Lawrence, Rocky Run S.V., Frog Branch S.V.; north to Frying Pan Park, Difficult Run, WO&D Trail, Great Falls
- GAPS: Ellick and Cub Run, Hunter-Hacor and Horn, crossing to Manassas Battlefield, Manassas Battlefield and Bull Run, safe crossings at Braddock Road
- Potential equestrian center/boarding facility at Horne with lesson facilities and pastures
- Need multiple locations for horse trailer parking (suggested locations—Horne, Cub Run S.V. near Rt. 29, E.C. Lawrence, Braddock Rd)
- Would like to have fenced in areas along trails where picnic tables are to put horses (12' x 24'-36,' 3-board or split rail fence)
- Would like to see camping area to compliment trail system—pull-off area for trailer parking with electric hook-up, some examples of this in Tennessee, not found in this region

END OF NOTES