

Parking Donations at Huntley Meadows Park

A Friends of Huntley Meadows Park pilot project

Purpose:

- * diversify revenue sources
- * support the park's programs, projects, operations



Proposed Sign – Coming this March

➔ **Keeping it as a Donation** rather than a fee removes any need for regulation, penalties or staff presence, and encourages public participation.

➔ **Attaching it to Parking** has three benefits:

- 1) encourages “greener” means of transport (biking, walking, public transportation, carpool)
- 2) allows pedestrians/bikers to use the park for free
- 3) keeps it simple (i.e. “per vehicle”) and affordable

➔ **FAQs:**

- 1) Are program participants free? How about volunteers, Friends members, etc.?

The answer would always be, “That’s up to you. Please use your judgment. It’s a suggested donation, so it’s your decision”.

- 2) Do I need a decal, tag or card to show I’ve paid?

No – this operates on the honor system. No one will be checking cars to see if they have paid. We may provide decals for visitors that give the \$20 annual donation, but they wouldn’t need to display them.

- 3) How will the money be used?

It will always be used solely to support Huntley Meadows Park.

➔ **Protocol:**

- * Park staff empty donation boxes every day
- * Money is deposited in Friends bank account
- * The Friends board develops a budget and they decide how to use the money.

➔ **Questions?** Please ask to speak to the Park Manager, (703) 768-2525 or kevin.munroe@fairfaxcounty.gov

Friends of Huntley Meadows Park **PARKING DONATION**

Suggested Amount:
\$2 a day (per vehicle)
\$20 a year

Honor System

No Tickets – No Towing – No Fines

Can’t donate today? Please give next visit.

Your donations are used by
Friends of Huntley Meadows Park
(a non-profit citizens group)
to support Huntley’s programs, projects
and operations.
Thank you!



Safe Box

(in use at Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge)

*our sign would be placed
above & behind the safe box



above photo for scale –
safe box is approx.
3' tall and 1' wide



**Vandal-proof,
secure design**

**Total cost of safe box,
installation, signage, etc. –
\$2,500-\$5,000**