

SULLY WOODLANDS CORE PROPERTIES CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING, OCTOBER 1, 2014
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A Public Comment Meeting was held on the evening of October 2, 2014 to present the revised draft CDP's for the Sully Woodlands Core Properties to the community. The public was then invited to share their comments on the proposed park plans.

INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING REMARKS

Mike Coyle	Office of Mike Frey, Sully District Supervisor
Hal Sutherland	Park Authority Board, Sully District
Kirk Kincannon	Park Authority Director
Judy Pedersen	Public Information Officer
Dave Bowden	Director, Planning and Development Division
Sandy Stallman	Manager, Park Planning Branch, PDD
Pat Rosend	Project Manager, Park Planning Branch, PDD
Kevin Williams	Manager, Park Authority Area 3
Justin Roberson	Senior Natural Resource Specialist, Resource Management Division
Steve Groff	Neighborhood and Community Services
Liz Cronauer	Trails Project Coordinator, Special Projects Branch
John Rutherford	Senior Historian, Cultural Resource Protection Branch
Taylor Dixon	Neighborhood and Community Services

STAFF PRESENTATION

Overview

Judy Pedersen provided an outline of the evening's agenda as well as an overview of Fairfax County Park Authority and the Park Master Plan process.

Background and Conceptual Development Plan

Pat Rosend provided background on Core Properties plans and presented the revised elements of the draft conceptual development plans.

COMMENTS

Speaker 1

Representing Fairfax Trails

- Happy to see the extensive trails proposed in the Sully Woodlands core properties
- Strongly supports this trail network expansion
- Working towards a goal of a West County Trail to connect Bull Run Regional Park to the CCT in Reston
- Would like to work on the Sully Loop also

Speaker 2

Representing MORE

- Happy to see the space at Sappington devoted to the off-road bike community
- His group is looking forward to working on a trail network and course

Speaker 3

- Support of multi-purpose trails supporting equestrian use
- Would like to see more trails on Ellick Preserve
- Sappington is a wonderful site for birders. The short eared owl is especially prevalent.
- Birders come from all over on the weekends to watch at the site
- Would like to see even more trails at Hickory Forest
- Mountain Road is a very swampy piece of land

Speaker 4

- Lives in Virginia Run
- It is critical that Virginia Run remain connected to the regions trails
- Need to keep the existing trails and supplement with new
- Hard to go back and add trails after development comes in

Speaker 5

- Lives on Bull Run Post Office Road next to Hickory Forest
- Not in favor of trailhead location at corner of Hickory Forest and BRPO Rd. Very dangerous location

Speaker 6

Representing Fairfax for Horses

- Happy to see the expansive trail network being proposed
- Looking for a riding arena and a place for lessons and a barn

Speaker 7

- Lives in Fairfax National across from Sappington
- BRPO Rd is very dangerous It needs improvement before park development should be allowed
- Also concerned about the entry at Poplar Ford. Very dangerous especially with horse trailers

Speaker 8

- Fairfax National resident
- Concerned about traffic and access to Sappington

Speaker 9

- Fairfax National resident
- Concerned about potential light pollution at Sappington.
- Area is very dark now and good for star gazing
- Concerned that the private trail access to Poplar Ford may encourage ATV use and driving on the community roads

Speaker 10

- Lives in the area
- Concerned about the traffic impact to Braddock and Pleasant Valley rds.
- Doesn't think the roundabout is going to solve anything
- Make trails development the first priority in the core properties

Speaker 11

- Supports the expanded trail network and equestrian opportunities
- Happy to see such expansive open space being preserved in Fairfax County