



Sully Woodlands Core Properties

April 2 Open House - Public Comment Report

Date	ID	ParkName	Category		Comment
5/6/2014	1	Poplar Ford	Facilities, Radio Control, Trails	Email	NVRC is glad to be in a long-standing partnership with the Park authority. I have a couple concerns about some of the locations of interpretive sites and trails. We used to review this with Kirk Holley. I'm not sure who the best person to approach about this is. I wanted to make sure that our safety zones that are mandated by our agreement and by our national organization are maintained. I don't think the public forum at the elementary school is the best place to review together.
4/2/2014	2	Hickory Forest	Environmental	Comment Card	The area at the end of Smiths Trace should be very low key and quiet activities. Please keep the tree removal to a minimum.
4/2/2014	3	Hickory Forest	Trails	Comment Card	MORE is supportive and interested in trail connectivity between all Fairfax County Parks. Our interest is in long 40-60 mile rides on natural surface trails.
4/2/2014	4	Hickory Forest	Trails	Comment Card	MORE and IMBA would support additional sustainable natural surface trail within Hickory Forest Park to form a full loop of off-road trail connected to the larger Sully Woodlands network.
4/2/2014	5	Hickory Forest	Trails	Comment Card	I'm a mountain biker & hiker, having natural surface trails that showcase the unique qualities of each park is a necessity which should be in addition to the thru trail connectivity of all parks. A "stacked loop" or lollipop would be added off of the thru trail.
4/2/2014	6	Hickory Forest	Facilities	Comment Card	The community does not want or need any playgrounds or courts. VA Run has many amenities. The are proposed for the "community park" provides screening & buffering from the school trailer for add foates at Centreville Presbyterian church. This Cul de sac is a night time hangout for teens and drinking/drug activity. VA Run opposed any park when the Regional Plan came out in 2006. Will all-wheel vehicles be permitted on paved trails? Need no parking signs. No paved trails needed.
4/2/2014	7	Rock Hill	Traffic	Comment Card	Please, please fix the curvy & dangerous road that 1,000's of Westfield students use 2x a day (Braddock Road). I have seen head-on collision & also cars sliding down & off the road there.

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4/2/2014	8	Elklick Preserve	Trails	Comment Card	MORE & IMVA are interested in seeing a loop system of natural surface, multi-use, bike accessible trail in Elklick Preserve in addition to the proposed through trails. The Meadow Management area would be ideal for a multi-use trail of similar construction to trails at Laurel Hill. We would also like to see a connection to the natural surface trails in Rock Hill Park, & a safe crossing of the Braddock roundabout.
4/2/2014	9	Elklick Preserve	Trails	Comment Card	Trail link from Braddock Road to Existing trail access by utility easement would be highly appreciated.
4/2/2014	10	Sappington	Trails	Comment Card	MORE is supportive and interested in connecting between all Fairfax County Parks especially natural surface. MORE has great interest in partnering with other groups for multi-use trails and mountain bike/multi-use trails via a more single-track oriented structure in the new Sappington area.
4/2/2014	11	Elklick Preserve	Trails	Comment Card	A large stacked loop bike trail system should be considered in addition to the thru trail. It is not uncommon for mountain bikers to do 40+ miles in a day. This would provide Northern VA an "epic" trail system in our backyards similar to Montgomery County MD where can hold events to build community, tourism, and raise revenue from the parks.
4/2/2014	12	Elklick Preserve	Trails	Comment Card	Please connect the path along the road from Virginia Run north to power lines where it currently stops, then connect to existing path that goes to Braddock Road. Thanks for your work on preserving our parklands!
4/2/2014	13	Elklick Preserve	Trails	Comment Card	What a natural treasure. Please consider adding the adjoining Sappington property to Elklick and running the trail through that area.
4/2/2014	14	Sappington	Trails	Comment Card	Mountain bike trails here would be great!
4/2/2014	15	Sappington	Other	Comment Card	Please add this property to Elklick Preserve, at least the area to the Northeast of the utility easement.
4/2/2014	16	Sappington	Trails	Comment Card	This park would be perfect for a bike park offering stacked loop options for riders of all skill levels.
4/2/2014	17	Sappington	Trails	Comment Card	With the current condition this is an ideal location for a bikeskills park and pump track/jump park. A stacked loop mountain bike trail system should be considered along with a thru trail for connectivity.

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4/2/2014	18	Sappington	Equestrian, Trails	Comment Card	ATV trails, Mountain bike trails, Horse trails
4/2/2014	19	Sappington	Trails	Comment Card	MORE & IMBA strongly support the proposed mountain bike trail system in this area. We are interested in a stacked-loop trail system that ties into the larger Sully Woodlands trail systems. We would propose both the multi-use & bike-specific trails in this area.
4/2/2014	20	Sappington	Trails	Comment Card	Potential for mountain bike trails.
4/2/2014	21	Sappington	Equestrian, Traffic	Comment Card	The access of Bull Run Post Office Road is not suitable for major events. If the crowds for the Grand Stadium (?) or steeplechase events are large it might be better to have a site accesses from a better road.
4/2/2014	22	Mountain Road	Environmental, Other	Comment Card	The athletic fields and stormwater management areas appear to overlap with existing wetlands. The environmental impacts on the wetlands should be minimized. Please do not put roadways or fields or parking or stormwater management in the wetlands areas. The area of disturbance should be moved away from the wetlands. Also the roadways seem to be in a different location than what was shown on the VDOT drawings for the roundabout.
4/2/2014	23	Mountain Road	Environmental, Other	Comment Card	What is proposed on the wetlands? Will the wetlands be drained and what will be the effect be on the rare plants across from Mountain Road? Where is parking for this facility?
4/2/2014	24	Mountain Road	Trails	Comment Card	MORE & IMBA would love to see a developed community bike park facility or pumptrack on the Athletic fields/facilities areas in the park. Local examples include Rockburn Branch Park in Howard County, MD and South Germantown Recreation Park in Montgomery County, MD. These facilities are a great resource for regional youth, and are most visible & successful when sited w/ traditional sports facilities.
	25	Mountain Road			
4/2/2014	26	Mountain Road	Trails	Comment Card	A stacked loop mountain bike trail system should be considered in addition to a master thru trail. This is an ideal location for a bike skills park and pump track.
4/2/2014	27	Mountain Road	Other	Comment Card	Why is this called Mountain Road when it is described as mostly flat. Consider a different name that conveys the meaning of a more developed athletic field park.

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	28	Mountain Road	Other	Comment Card	The design looks great except there is no garden plots located in any of the areas. My name has been on the wait list for over 5 years. Based on that I assume there is a demand by residents for this use. Could it be added to Mountain Road or Sappington?
4/2/2014	29	Poplar Ford	Trails	Comment Card	MORE & IMBA are interested in seeing sustainable , natural surface trail loops & connections to other parks in the system.
4/2/2014	30	Poplar Ford	Trails	Comment Card	Love the idea of all the trails paralleling Bull Run.
4/2/2014	31	Poplar Ford	Trails	Comment Card	I'm a mountain biker & hiker. Having natural surface trails that form stacked loop trail systems off of a main thru trail is a necessity. Having a central bike skills park is a family friendly activity in addition to athletic fields.
4/2/2014	32	Poplar Ford	Other, Traffic	Comment Card	On figure 14, Land use recommendations for SW section, you have placed a gateway between Eagle/Hickory Forest and Horne. Problems are: 1) that is a treacherous, very curvy road w/o any place to park. 2) the road at that exact spot floods tremendously after each rain, to the point of not being able to see out the windshield due to a massive road spray. Very treacherous road there.
4/2/2014	33	Hickory Forest	Trails	Comment Card	Please contact me regarding moving trail in Hickory Forest away from homes.
2/28/2014	34	General	Other	Email	I previously talked with Charles Smith, senior natural resource specialist when I wrote about the Ellick a few years back. Is he still the source. My main question at this point is how much will the upgrades cost? I'm guessing that they are being paid via the last bond issue that was approved by voters.

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3/27/2014	35	General	Trails	<p data-bbox="1041 126 2032 409">Email</p> <p data-bbox="1041 126 2032 409">I have an usual suggestion, that involves another jurisdiction and another Park Authority. I would like to see a pedestrian/bike bridge built to connect Prince William County's Ben Lomond Regional Park with NVRPA's Bull Run Regional Park. Ben Lomond Park is just across the creek from Bull Run Park. A connection would be huge for bicycle commuters coming from southern Manassas to get into Fairfax County. The 2 closest ways to get into Fairfax County from Manassas are Route 28, and Route 29. These are many miles apart and are hardly bike-friendly commuter options. See map below.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 451 2032 652">Regarding the Sully Woodlands Plan, I support the construction of new trails by professional trail builders, recognizing that many of these come from the mountain bike industry. Trails built by these kinds of contractors at other local parks such as Lake Fairfax, Wakefield, and Fountainhead have shown that modern design concepts result in more sustainable trails and a more enjoyable user experience.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 695 2032 863">I support the creation of "multi-use" trails in most cases, with the exceptions being short interpretive and ADA accessible trails. I see no reason to "prohibit either mountain biking or equestrian use" as mentioned in the quote below from the Plan (Page 35). If a trail is designed and built correctly, and is good enough for a bike, then it's good enough for a horse, and vice-versa.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 906 2032 1075">>New trails should only be constructed in areas identified in the plan following a team design effort to determine location and surface type. Certain trails will be restricted to pedestrian use only or will prohibit either mountain biking or equestrian use. No new "spontaneous" or user generated paths will be allowed to remain open. ></p> <p data-bbox="1041 1117 2032 1188">Thanks for the opportunity to comment. This is a fabulous plan and will be a real asset for the County and region.</p>

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4/3/2014	36	General	Facilities, Trails	Email	<p>Thanks so much for the help in accessing the data on the Sully Woodlands Park. We have been waiting 15 years for the county to appreciate the potential for recreational development in the woods around the West side of Virginia Run. I would support an asphalt trail rather than the slated natural surface trail that exit in the Marston Cluster culdesac, and Eagle Tavern, as it gets swampy in both places and it will be difficult to use bicycles there. We live in Marston Cluster and don't anticipate much traffic there if these trails were to be changed to Asphalt.</p> <p>In terms of picnic tables and basketball courts, I think these components would not be used much and they would be costly to maintain, as well as the original cost to develop.</p>
4/4/2014	37	Elklick Preserve, Sappington	Facilities, Other, Trails	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A few citizens expressed their desire for the northern half of the Sappington property to be added to Elklick Preserve to buffer the site •The president of the Virginia Run HOA expressed concerns over people parking on Iron Stone Court to access the preserve •A citizen asked that we attempt to provide an official trail connection in the eastern half of the park between the forest resource protection area to the north with the diabase forest protection area to the south. I can show you on a map if needed. This is along Elklick Run.

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4/4/2014	38	Elklick Preserve	Trails	<p data-bbox="1041 126 2032 483">Email</p> <p data-bbox="1041 126 2032 483">At the public meeting concerning the Sully Woodlands I left a note with the Trail Coordinator suggesting a connection from the Pleasant Forest section of Virginia Run to the natural surface trail in Elklick Preserve. Such a connection would enable residents of Virginia Run from the northern half of the community to access this rich resource in a less unpredictable and potentially damaging way. If no access is provided, people will create their own trails and there will be a number of them rather than the limited access that the FCPA would prefer. It would also provide a way for residents of the area to get to the active recreation sites without having to drive and then park in what will undoubtedly be limited parking.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 521 2032 695">This morning I walked to the streets that abut the narrowest section of Elklick Preserve on the east side. Pebblebrook Drive leads directly into the park. There is already a turnaround for park maintenance vehicles there and the area is marked as authorized parking for FCPA. It is the perfect place to begin a natural surface access to the proposed trail on the west side of the preserve.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 732 2032 873">I hope you will consider this small addition to the trail plan you have illustrated. As I mentioned to the Trail Coordinator, it is an excellent way for small groups of school children to enter the preserve since Virginia Run ES is right across Pleasant Valley Road from Pebblebrook.</p>

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4/7/2014	39	Hickory Forest	Trails		<p>I am specifically writing to voice my concern about the Hickory Forest Park. This park is literally located in my backyard. I have walked this park almost every day for the past 14 years. It is the main reason we picked our lot. Houses that back wooded areas in Fairfax County are far and few between and it took us over a year to find this property! We purposely didn't put up a permanent fence for our dogs because we wanted to preserve the trees and nature view. To say the least, I was extremely disturbed to see the proposed plan for this rare and protected park area.</p> <p>It appears many of our natural resources will be cut down for the proposed 2-acre park and paved trail. This is a globally and state rate (G3/S3) protected area. Most of these areas have disappeared due to urban and suburban growth. Why do we want to disturb this area?</p> <p>Since I moved here in 2000, we have had issues with cars and pedestrians parked/sitting in the future "proposed park area", illegally drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana among other activities. We continue to monitor and maintain this area by picking up trash and moving fallen trees from the soft path. In all these years, I have only seen one park representative walking and inspecting the path. During this time, I voiced my concern about the several piles of horse manure. Dog owners are required to pick up after their dogs and dispose of the waste. What is the protocol for cleaning up after the horses and clearing the footpath of this waste? Is this an equestrian trail? I didn't think so. He stated that the Park Authority was allowing the horse owners to use the path out of courtesy.</p> <p>I have many concerns and questions regarding the proposed plans for Hickory Forest Park. When will these plans be voted on and is the public involved with the vote?</p>

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5/8/2014	40	Hickory Forest	Trails	<p data-bbox="831 126 903 162">Email</p> <p data-bbox="1041 126 2032 552">I am especially opposed to the proposed playground development at Hickory Forest Park as well as carving a paved path that will go through a 2+ mile area in a natural habitat that has diverse/threatened wildlife and plant life as well as rare trees! I would prefer, if anything, that the natural state be kept as much as possible. How about an emphasis on educating! Perhaps a native plant garden in the cul-de-sac labeled for all to become familiar with and benches to sit and enjoy the surroundings. Have a trail but have it be a natural trail so it will be less disruptive to the environment and have labels indicating the various plant life. Make it engaging and not just a pass through. Yes, a natural trail is more costly for you to maintain than a paved one; so utilize the money not spent today on maintaining our future tomorrows while preserving the natural habitat. Enjoyed and preserved.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 584 2032 909">I understand that there needs to be a certain percent of handicap accessible trails, etc. and funds spent, but honestly, the money needs to be better utilized instead of tucking it away far back in a quiet neighborhood when there are already miles of trails currently developed in and surrounding the neighborhood. What a complete waste of money. A dear friend in the neighborhood has a daughter that is 100% wheelchair bound and they don't even use any of the current trails AND a trail goes alongside their house! The playgrounds are not a desire nor a necessity and a complete waste of tax payers money. Utilize the funds to upgrade, refurbish or add to already existent parks.</p>
4/9/2014	41	Hickory Forest	Environmental, Trails	<p data-bbox="831 938 903 974">Email</p> <p data-bbox="1041 938 2032 998">I would like to reiterate that the Hickory Forest Park is rated G3/S3 which is at the vulnerable scale.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 1039 2032 1144">G3 = Vulnerable - At moderate risk of extinction due to a restricted range, relatively few populations (often 80 or fewer), recent and widespread declines, or other factors</p> <p data-bbox="1041 1185 2032 1291">S3 = Vulnerable - At moderate risk of extinction from the state due to a restricted range, relatively few populations (often 80 or fewer), recent and widespread declines, or other factors.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 1331 2032 1437">Please seriously consider removing the 5-acre park from the plan and possibly placing a few benches instead. We have parks within our community and feel that the funds saved from this should be used for the maintenance of the gravel paths.</p>

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4/10/2014	42	Hickory Forest	Environmental, Equestrian, Other, Trails		<p>I am concerned about the potential impact these trails and the proposed trailhead will have on the safety, security and value of my property.</p> <p>Specifically, I am opposed to the installation of the paved (what you refer to as accessible) trails through the woods behind my house, the paved trails from Meherrin Drive to the woodlands, and the pedestrian entrance. I am further concerned by the potential of this project to promote the use of drugs in the woodlands. I have young kids and there have been recent problems with drug usage in this area. Improving the trail system will ease access to this region making it a haven for potential drug use and crime.</p> <p>Before such a plan is approved, I would like to know what the plan is to address the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.The impact to my property value due to the increase in visitors to the area and perceived risk due to this higher volume of strangers and reduction in privacy. 2.The degradation to the privacy on the property. My property was built at an angle on the lot based on the zoning in this area that did not include the development (including trails) behind and adjacent to my yard. It was understood that access to the storm water runoff facility would be intermittent and therefore privacy in my backyard would not be disturbed. Creating a trail head in this area results in a significant reduction in my privacy which cannot be restored without significant investment. 3.The maintenance of the trail and trailhead area needs to be addressed and coordinated with the Fairfax County Storm Water group as well as the Virginia Run community. The current mowing plans (i.e. contract) for Virginia Run was developed based on the storm water maintenance plans. As an example, the area you intend to build your trailhead in is currently maintained by the Storm Water portion of Fairfax County. During discussions at the open house, the operations gentlemen indicated that this area would be mowed "2-3 times per year." This area is currently mowed more frequently by the Storm Water folks. In the past when they failed to maintain this area, the grass became so high that folks walking their dogs in this region walked in my yard (which is mowed) routinely; creating dog waste and trash in my yard, and reducing the privacy. A further reduction in the maintenance of this area will result in pedestrian and animal traffic in my yard. 4.The plan to prevent equestrian traffic on adjacent properties. The area you propose to put a trailhead is currently used for equestrian traffic. These horses will not be walked on the paved trail (or adjacent gravel) and will therefore be

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4/10/2014	42			<p>transiting this region outside the paved/gravel area. This will put horse traffic and their associated feces into my yard.</p> <p>5.The plan to limit and correct damage to flora adjacent to the proposed trail. The plan to stage material for the construction of the paved trails at the trailhead and in the woodlands. During the recent (2010) upgrade to the storm water facilities, the work trucks disrupted the environment resulting the loss of numerous trees in my yard from which I am still trying to recover. There was no presentation of the plan to stage material and how the woodlands would be accessed during this time period and therefore consideration must be given to the damage this work will inflict on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Trails generate trash; specifically trailheads where individuals look to dump their trash (i.e. water bottles). During the open house, it was explained that there was no plan for the county to police this area. I routinely have to mow the area now to reduce tick population in the summer. Construction of a trailhead at this location with no plan to keep the area clear will decrease the value of my house due to the constant trash buildup. The solution to this is not installing trashcans as they add another maintenance requirement.</p>
4/8/2014	43	Hickory Forest	Environmental, Equestrian, Other, Trails	<p>Email</p> <p>horse manure concerns along the footpath in Hickory Forest Park. What can be done to control this and what is the protocol? Dog owners must pick up after their dogs. Is this the case for horse owners? It is extremely abundant during the spring, summer and fall months. You mentioned that you would research this for me.</p> <p>Is there anything that can be done? I don't believe this path is an equestrian trail. Is the Park Authority allowing the horse local horse stable to use this trail out of courtesy? I walk my dogs and run this trail on a daily basis and would appreciate it if this issue would be addressed. I look forward to hearing from you regarding my concerns.</p>
4/16/2014	44	Poplar Ford	Equestrian, Radio Control	<p>Email</p> <p>Harry Mulford</p>

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4/17/2014	45	General, Hickory Forest, Poplar Ford	Equestrian, Trails	<p data-bbox="1041 131 2024 196">Letter</p> <p data-bbox="1041 131 2024 196">We of Fairfax4Horses applaud the fact that equestrian usage is part of the plan for the new Sully Woodlands Park.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 240 2024 337">As you know, our group seeks to ensure that horses, riding lessons, and equestrian recreation will remain available in Fairfax County for generations to come, and part of the means for that is having public park space dedicated to it.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 381 2024 618">However, it was unclear to us, at the April 2 Open House, what exactly is in the plan. We understand that an equestrian area is part of the Hunter-Hacor section of the park and would like to ensure that plans for this area include riding rings and trail connections as a minimum starting point, with the eventual possibility of a stable or riding school. With these facilities, the site could be used for riding lessons and equestrian events that would draw participants, not only from within Fairfax County, but potentially from as far away as neighboring states.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 662 2024 834">We will be happy to work with you at Sully Woodlands, much as we have done for Laurel Hill, which is having its ribbon cutting ceremony for the riding ring on April 26. Please let us know how we can participate. Fairfax4Horses Board Member Rebecca Brown Thompson is the point of contact; she may be reached via e-mail at rebeccabrownthompson@yahoo.com, or by phone at 479-530-8971.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 878 2024 976">Thank you for enabling us to work with the Park Authority on equestrian issues throughout the County. We appreciate our partnership with you and look forward to future projects.</p>

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4/21/2014	46	Hickory Forest	Environmental, Other, Trails		<p>As a resident in the area, I do not support any of the developments in the area. In particular is the Hickory Forest Park. This should be left as natural forest for any hiking. The addition of trails takes away from the natural forest. There are already plenty of state parks with trails for walking and jogging. In addition, the county funds for the parks should be used to improve and maintain the quality of our current parks. This is a simple case of quality over quantity. The additional park trails and buildings will require funds for maintenance and cleaning, this places more burden on the parks budget. As a taxpayer, I do not support more funding for these projects when our Fairfax county Public Schools are suffering from lack of funding.</p> <p>The Hickory Park Project also requires five access point in the middle of the Virginia Run community. This will be additional traffic and trash for the area. One final thought on the project if it is approved would be to move the accessible trail at least 200 yards west. This to give the trail a true woods approach instead for going along the back of houses. If it is designed to be scenic then keep away from the houses so it is really surrounded by the forest.</p> <p>The only part of the project I would really support is the natural trail as this would keep the forest mostly in tact, as stated earlier in preserving the natural forest.</p>

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4/19/2014	47	Hickory Forest	Facilities, Trails		<p>I am opposed to this project for multiple reasons and am very appreciative that you have given me an opportunity to voice those concerns.</p> <p>The projected plan calls for six pedestrian entry ways, accessible trails, natural surface trails and park facilities all into the Virginia Run Neighborhood. This will cause a significant amount of traffic into a residential neighborhood that does not have traffic lights, cross walks and a significant number of small children living in the community. We already have a significant amount of traffic on Pleasant Valley Road and this would only increase the amount of traffic into the neighborhood.</p> <p>The projected proposal shows the accessible trail is 200 yards behind homes giving visitors direct access to Virginia Run Residents property. The trails would allow park visitors to see into the homes and yards of Virginia Run residents and direct access to their property.</p> <p>I am happy with the amount of parks that Fairfax County has and the availability of all residents to utilize their trails and services but at this time I do not support utilizing Sully Woodlands. When looking at the plans it appears that what we are attempting to do is to allow Loudon County residents access to our parks to meet their growing needs, not Fairfax County residents.</p> <p>If I am not mistaken based on information provided on your web-site Fairfax County's Budget FY '14 proposed is \$28m less than FY '13. Where exactly would the money for additional Park Services come from? If there is any additional money, why wouldn't it be going towards education? I have already received notice from our school that we may be losing teachers based on the proposed FY '14 budget. It certainly makes sense to invest in children's education vs. more walking trails for residents.</p>

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4/28/2014	48	Mountain Road	Facilities, Traffic, Trails	Email	<p>I am a resident on Pleasant Forest Drive. Building this park on the corner of Pleasant Valley and Braddock Road will bring to much traffic to the area. The road (even with the round about) can not take care of all the traffic this will bring to the area. Between the Cox Farm festivals and a large District park, traffic will be horrible.</p> <p>There is a area on the corner of Old Lee Road and Braddock Road, are soccer fields and dog park. A good idea would to put winding walking/ running trails in this area. This could also be used by Westfield High School students that run for training. Right now the students run around Centreville. With the traffic growing from all the buildings around the NRO, this is becoming dangerous for the students running around traffic.</p> <p>Consider putting the District park closer or part of EC Lawrence Park, off of Route 28. Closer to a larger road that can carry large amount of traffic.</p> <p>The roads around this area can not carrying anymore traffic</p> <p>NRO traffic (and more buildings being built) High School traffic South Riding traffic Cox Farms traffic District Park traffic Enough!!!!!!!</p>
4/29/2014	49	Mountain Road	Traffic	Email	<p>I am writing about the County's plans to build a District Park at the corner of Pleasant Valley and Braddock roads, Mountain Road District Park.</p> <p>Apparently, the Park Authority thinks they can start constructing ballfields and the District Park as soon as the round-about is completed. That would be a DISASTER for everyone! These roads cannot handle more trips! I cannot imagine soccer/baseball/softball games going on at the same time as the Cox Farm Fall Festival. Or parents trying to get their kids to and from practice during the evening rush hour.</p> <p>The roads themselves need to be expanded to 4-lanes before a District Park can be put in at this site. In the Fairfax County Master Plan, both Braddock and Pleasant Valley are planned to be 4-lanes at some time in the distant future. I am all for the park, but NOT with the current roads—and the Roundabout will NOT make nearly enough of a difference.</p>

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4/30/2014	50	General	Trails	Email	I just wanted to say I'm strongly in favor of the plans for Sully Woodlands plans. The addition of multi-use natural surface trails would be a great benefit to the area and I know many local mountain bikers would be happy to assist in trail construction.
5/7/2014	51	Hickory Forest	Other, Trails	Email	<p>We are writing in regards to the proposed accessible trail in the Hickory Forest Park. We are residents of Virginia Run on Meherrin Drive (15624) and the this trail would greatly affect our property.</p> <p>We don't understand the County's need to put an accessible trail approximately 200 feet from our property line. We fully appreciate the county making accessible trails, however it would make more sense to place these trails where there is available parking and points of interest. This trail would accomplish neither. Too many trees would need to be removed to make this trail. It is our understanding that the Hickory trees are protected. Also isn't this area considered the "green space" for Virginia Run community?</p> <p>Furthermore, by paving a trail behind the homes, you are creating an area for undesirable behavior. Several months ago the police were called twice in one week for kids smoking pot in the very woods you want to put a paved trail. How is this area going to be policed? And what about trash, and the greater risk of our homes being broken into? There are also safety issues. This area is involved with the controlled deer hunters.</p> <p>In closing, please reconsider this path to no where. We really don't see how this trail would be cost effective. Use the funds to make a trail that could be enjoyed by more of the Fairfax County population and especially those with special needs to access trails.</p>
5/7/2014	52	Hickory Forest	Environmental	Letter	
6/4/2014	53	Mountain Road	Traffic	Email	I do not thin that building a park across Cox's farm is a good idea at all. The traffic on Braddock road is already bad during rush hours and this will make it worst.

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5/29/2014	54	Hickory Forest	Facilities, Trails	<p data-bbox="1041 126 2032 266">Email</p> <p data-bbox="1041 126 2032 266">we hear rumors that much the trail system will be scuttled because of the rare hickory trees or something like this. We hope the trail system remains intact, as it will enhance the recreational opportunities in the area, especially biking and hiking.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 308 2032 412">There are too many nimby's in the Virginia Run subdivision that are voicing opposition to this project. Please don't let them influence the demise of your very well planned-out action plan for the sully woodlands.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 451 2032 516">The one project that could go by the wayside without too much of an adverse impact is the picnic and basketball courts.</p>
6/30/2014	55	Mountain Road	Trails	<p data-bbox="1041 542 2032 607">Email</p> <p data-bbox="1041 542 2032 607">I oppose the building of ball fields at the corner of Braddock and Pleasant Valley roads until either Pleasant Valley or Braddock roads are widened.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 649 2032 714">I feel that the additional traffic on two lane roads would lead to additional traffic congestion/</p>

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5/30/2014	56	Mountain Road	Traffic	Email	<p>I am writing to express my concern with this project proceeding as scheduled prior to having further road improvements on Braddock and Pleasant Valley Roads (and intersection). While I commend the addition of playing fields and expanded park areas in this part of Fairfax County, I am very concerned with the congestion this project will create on an already over congested road.</p> <p>I understand that a traffic circle is to be installed at the above intersection but the amount of traffic that flows into and out of Loudon County seems to increase daily. Frankly, I question whether the traffic circle will alleviate this increasing congestion. For instance, not only on week days is traffic backed up, (over 1 mile) each morning as I leave my home heading west on Braddock Rd and equally bad in the evenings heading east as traffic is backed up to around the "s" curve to Old Lee Rd - traffic is nearly as bad during the Fall with Cox Farm Festivals. I can only imagine the nightmare and safety issues for ball field users each evening trying to make practice or a game during the week in this congestion. Additionally, the Fall congestion would be just as bad through the weekends...</p> <p>I strongly recommend that this effort be delayed until at a minimum the traffic circle is in place and traffic is reevaluated, or that Braddock Rd be expanded to 4 lanes to handle the increasing volume of traffic to and from Loudon County residents.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration in this matter.</p>
5/30/2014	57	Mountain Road	Traffic	Email	<p>RE:County's plans to build a District Park at the corner of Pleasant Valley and Braddock roads. (Mountain Road District Park).</p> <p>NO ballfields should be built until at least either Braddock Road or Pleasant Valley Road are improved to 4 lanes. Building these fields now would be a traffic disaster for everyone involved, including the ballfield users!</p>

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5/30/2014	58	General, Hickory Forest	Facilities, Traffic, Trails	<p data-bbox="1041 131 1892 155">These are comments on the Draft Conceptual Plan for Sully Woodlands.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 240 1304 264">GENERAL COMMENTS</p> <p data-bbox="1041 313 2022 475">County staff has done a great job putting together a comprehensive plan for this massive parkland to address many of the desires of residents. However, there are still concerns about the size and the scope of this plan. Now that the draft plan gives people something more tangible to deal with, I truly hope staff takes into account the concerns of surrounding neighborhoods.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 524 2022 727">I am concerned that some of the areas are so remote to most of Fairfax County's citizens that in fact, the new park will serve Loudoun County. For an example, just go to the temporary dog park on the old Quinn Farm site on a weekend. Talk to people about where they live. You will find that most live in Loudoun County. I don't think that is in the best interest of Fairfax County residents to pay for parkland for Loudoun County usage.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 776 2007 833">Most specifically, I am concerned with the Mountain Road District park proposal, which is proposed for the remotest park of Fairfax County.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 881 1297 906">SPECIFIC COMMENTS</p> <p data-bbox="1041 954 2022 1157">Mountain Road District Park out of line. This is the downzoned area of Fairfax County. Developers were not allowed to build here because of the sensitivity of the land, the uniqueness of the soils, and the flow of the waters into the Occoquan Reservoir. This humongous district park proposal is not consistent with the downzoned area. A smaller park would be more appropriate. It could still be called a district park, just not such a large complex.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 1206 2022 1336">I live on the neighborhood closest to Pleasant Valley and Braddock Roads, where the park is proposed. We moved here, from another location in Centreville, to be within this parkland. I was told that lighted fields were not going to be allowed in the downzoned areas. The lighted field component is very disappointing.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 1385 1976 1474">The most distressing part of this project is the increase in traffic on our tiny, winding roads. If this District Park is indeed approved, it really needs to be downscaled. There should be a limited number of fields, and no event facility.</p>

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5/30/2014	58			<p>Furthermore, not one field, not one improved, should be allowed to be built until at least one of the roads, either Pleasant Valley or Braddock, is improved to 4 lanes. (The 4-lanes have already been approved in the VDOT plans for the area.)</p> <p>Park Authority personnel have told me that once the round-about is built, improving the intersection of Pleasant Valley/Braddock Roads, no other improvements will be needed to build Mountain Road District Park. This is not true. The traffic will still be terrible. A huge park cannot simply be plopped down in the area on these 2-lane country roads.</p> <p>Just this past month, Braddock and Pleasant Valley roads were closed to all traffic THREE times. Twice due to flooding, once due to a car accident. There are no shoulders, there are no safe areas to avoid accidents. Cars cross over the double yellow line on the many curves. Improvements to the intersection will not change these problems.</p> <p>Over 2,000 cars an hour, over 16,000 cars per day, travel the intersection. And these are old VDOT numbers from 2012. The number of cars increase ever month as development continues to the west. Can you imagine a mom trying to get her child to soccer practice during rush hour? Or a child trying to get to a game during Cox Farms Fall Festival? Even with the improvements to the intersection, the roads will be gridlocked.</p> <p>I urge you to prevent this area from being developed until at least one of the major roads are improved to 4-lanes.</p> <p>PRIORITIES</p> <p>As far as priorities go, I think the community would be best served to put a trail down the length of Pleasant Valley Road. This would provide a great access spine to all the Sully Woodlands properties.</p> <p>There is a terrific trails network proposed for the properties. The first step should be to provide the trail along Pleasant Valley. Who knows, it might even ease traffic along our roads given people who bike a choice for commuting.</p> <p>Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment. I appreciate all the hard work that has gone into preparing this proposal.</p>

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5/30/2014	59	Elklick Preserve	Equestrian, Trails	<p data-bbox="831 126 903 152">Email</p> <p data-bbox="1041 126 2032 266">This is just to affirm that Fairfax4Horses believes it is important to include equestrian facilities as part of the plan for Sully Woodlands. Along the model of Laurel Hill and Turner Farm, we hope to see a riding ring at a minimum and eventually a stable and indoor ring for lessons and general riding.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 308 2032 406">We note that you have included some equestrian facilities in the Elklick section and there are references equestrian trails in several other sections of the master plan:</p> <p data-bbox="1041 448 2032 587">Elklick Preserve (Hunter-Hacor Core) (Special Use Zone (along Loudoun County border) for an equestrian riding ring, horse trailer parking, possible future equestrian facility, orienteering, managed hunts and/or natural resource education activities.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 630 2032 727">Fairfax4Horses looks forward to working with you to ensure riding and equestrian activities will be available and accessible to future generations to Fairfax County residents.</p>
5/15/2014	60	General	Equestrian	<p data-bbox="831 760 903 786">Email</p> <p data-bbox="1041 760 2032 1036">I am writing to express interest in equestrian facilities at Sully Woodlands. There is a great need for riding lesson facilities and places for people to ride their horses as land is being taken up for development. Please include in the plans a lesson barn with an indoor ring as well as a trail system and trailer parking. Sully woodlands is a perfect place for such a facility. As well, thank you so much for the work and progress going on at Laurel Hill Equestrian Center. The excitement is building down there amongst the users and word is getting out that it is open for use!</p>
5/15/2014	61	Elklick Preserve	Equestrian	<p data-bbox="831 1068 903 1094">Email</p> <p data-bbox="1041 1068 2032 1377">I understand that an equestrian area is part of the Hunter-Hacor section of the park and would like to ensure that plans for this area include riding rings and trail connections as a minimum starting point, with the eventual possibility of a stable or riding school. With these facilities, the site could be used for riding lessons and equestrian events that would draw participants from all over Fairfax County along with other counties and potentially from neighboring states as well. There are too few such riding facilities left in northern Virginia and I would strongly encourage you to develop an equestrian area as part of the new Sully Woodlands Park as suggested above.</p>

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5/14/2014	62	General	Trails	Email	<p>The Potomac Heritage Trail Association believes the Sully Woodlands Plan should incorporate the West Fairfax Trail. This is a new 26 mile trail linking the Bull Run-Occoquan Trail at Bull Run Regional Park with the Cross County Trail in Reston near Soapstone Drive.</p> <p>The trail passes through many parts of the Sully Woodlands, including much of the Cub Run Stream Valley Trail system, and many of the new parks near Pleasant Valley Road (see attached powerpoint slides).</p> <p>With Sierra Club Regional Outings, we have sponsored two hikes of this trail, in spring and fall 2013.</p> <p>We have discussed this in detail with Supervisor Frey. He plans to host a meeting soon with FCPA officials and trail advocates to discuss routing options. It is crucial to consider this new long-distance scenic trail when determining the final plans for the many new parklands comprising the Sully Woodlands.</p>
5/14/2014	63	General	Trails	Email	<p>We would love to see equestrian facilities be a central part of the Sully Woodlands' plan. There is a crying unmet need for horse facilities in Fairfax County, and I support a ring, stable, and indoor arena for public use at the park. We are working on funding the Turner Farm Park, and would love to see another park take some of the demand for equestrian facilities in the county.</p> <p>I am confident that a user group, similar to Turner Farm Events, set up to assist Turner Farm Park, will help raise funds to make the facility a reality. Every day we get more requests for horse back riding lessons, camps, and facilities - please make the Sully Woodlands another resource for horse lovers!</p>
5/14/2014	64	Sappington	Trails	Email	<p>I am in favor of putting in cross country biking trails at Sappington property (Sully Woodlands).</p> <p>There are few park parcels that cater to or encourage bike paths. There would need to be a gravel parking area to park your vehicle, too.</p>

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5/15/2014	65	Hickory Forest	Trails	<p data-bbox="1041 131 2024 337">Email</p> <p data-bbox="1041 131 2024 337">I attended the Sully Woodlands Plan Open House on April 2nd at the Bull Run MS. I am a resident of Virginia Run and reside at 15600 Lawnes Creek Court, Centreville, VA. My house is adjacent to the planned location for a pedestrian entry ("trailhead") to the proposed trails in the Hickory Forest Park and I am concerned about the potential impact these trails and the proposed trailhead will have on the safety, security and value of my property.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 381 2024 621">Specifically, I am opposed to the installation of the paved (what you refer to as accessible) trails through the woods behind my house, the paved trails from Meherrin Drive to the woodlands, and the pedestrian entrance. I am further concerned by the potential of this project to promote the use of drugs in the woodlands. I have young kids and there have been recent problems with drug usage in this area. Improving the trail system will ease access to this region making it a haven for potential drug use and crime.</p> <p data-bbox="1041 665 2024 727">Before such a plan is approved, I would like to know what the plan is to address the following:</p> <ol data-bbox="1041 771 2024 1510" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1041 771 2024 833">1.The impact to my property value due to the increase in visitors to the area and perceived risk due to this higher volume of strangers and reduction in privacy. <li data-bbox="1041 841 2024 1081">2.The degradation to the privacy on the property. My property was built at an angle on the lot based on the zoning in this area that did not include the development (including trails) behind and adjacent to my yard. It was understood that access to the storm water runoff facility would be intermittent and therefore privacy in my backyard would not be disturbed. Creating a trail head in this area results in a significant reduction in my privacy which cannot be restored without significant investment. <li data-bbox="1041 1089 2024 1510">3.The maintenance of the trail and trailhead area needs to be addressed and coordinated with the Fairfax County Storm Water group as well as the Virginia Run community. The current mowing plans (i.e. contract) for Virginia Run was developed based on the storm water maintenance plans. As an example, the area you intend to build your trailhead in is currently maintained by the Storm Water portion of Fairfax County. During discussions at the open house, the operations gentlemen indicated that this area would be mowed "2-3 times per year." This area is currently mowed more frequently by the Storm Water folks. In the past when they failed to maintain this area, the grass became so high that folks walking their dogs in this region walked in my yard (which is mowed) routinely; creating dog waste and trash in my yard, and reducing the privacy. A further reduction in the maintenance of this area will result in pedestrian and animal

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5/15/2014	65			<p>traffic in my yard.</p> <p>4.The plan to prevent equestrian traffic on adjacent properties. The area you propose to put a trailhead is currently used for equestrian traffic. These horses will not be walked on the paved trail (or adjacent gravel) and will therefore be transiting this region outside the paved/gravel area. This will put horse traffic and their associated feces into my yard.</p> <p>5.The plan to limit and correct damage to flora adjacent to the proposed trail. The plan to stage material for the construction of the paved trails at the trailhead and in the woodlands. During the recent (2010) upgrade to the storm water facilities, the work trucks disrupted the environment resulting the loss of numerous trees in my yard from which I am still trying to recover. There was no presentation of the plan to stage material and how the woodlands would be accessed during this time period and therefore consideration must be given to the damage this work will inflict on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Trails generate trash; specifically trailheads where individuals look to dump their trash (i.e. water bottles). During the open house, it was explained that there was no plan for the county to police this area. I routinely have to mow the area now to reduce tick population in the summer. Construction of a trailhead at this location with no plan to keep the area clear will decrease the value of my house due to the constant trash buildup. The solution to this is not installing trashcans as they add another maintenance requirement.</p> <p>I appreciate you conducting the open house (and rescheduling due to the snow) and taking feedback and ask that the plan be modified to remove the trailhead adjacent to my property.</p>
5/20/2014	66	Elklick Preserve	Equestrian	<p>Email</p> <p>I understand that an equestrian area is part of the Hunter-Hacor section of the park and would like to ensure that plans for this area include riding rings and trail connections as a minimum starting point, with the eventual possibility of a stable or riding school. With these facilities, the site could be used for riding lessons and equestrian events that would draw participants, not only from within Fairfax County, but potentially from as far away as neighboring states.</p> <p>There are very few equestrian facilities in Fairfax County and the ones available are very crowded.</p>

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6/1/2014	67	Hickory Forest	Facilities, Trails		<p>My husband and I just returned to Virginia from our holiday vacation yesterday and realized we missed the deadline for comments on the proposed addition of a five acre local park that could include a playground, Courts, or a picnic facility. We live on this cul-de-sac at the end of Smiths Trace where someone at the Bull Run School Meeting also suggested the possibility of putting park benches there.....</p> <p>It is our strong desire that nothing be done to this area. We have a problem already with teens drinking and using drugs in the cul-de-sac and on the trails. We would not like to make it any more comfortable for them by supplying a comfortable place to hang out!</p> <p>We presently have small ATV's going onto the trails. If the trails are widened and paved, we will get much larger ATV's and a lot more traffic and No One in this area wants or needs that!!</p> <p>All my neighbors here in Virginia Run want our lovely cul-de-sac to remain as it is, with just the split-rail fencing as an enhancement! Please leave it alone.</p>