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Draft Resident Curator Implementation Study To Be Posted Friday

A draft implementation study supporting the establishment of a Resident Curator Program (RCP) in Fairfax County has been completed and will be available online for review and comment at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/resident-curator-program.htm this Friday, June 27, 2014. The release of the draft study also starts a 30-day public comment period ending at midnight on Monday, July 28, 2014. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors directed Park Authority and Department of Planning and Zoning staff to work with the Fairfax County History Commission to evaluate how a RCP would work in the county. To that end, the county contracted with John Milner Associates, Inc. (JMA) to deliver a program implementation package identifying what it will take to execute and maintain a successful RCP in Fairfax County.

Those who wish to submit comments may do so online through the web site form www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/resident-curator-program.htm or via Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov with the subject Resident Curator Study. All comments will be considered and added to the record.

Resident curator programs identify publicly-owned historic properties with no immediate or practical public use and through an open and competitive process, select outside parties with skills, resources and vision to rehabilitate a property in accordance with accepted preservation standards for historic buildings. In exchange for rehabilitating the property, the curator gains use of the property and pays little or no rent.

A program in Fairfax County would potentially provide a fiscally responsible means to put many of the county's historic properties back into use. Curators would be required to provide opportunities for the public to visit and tour the properties in order to appreciate and understand their historic and architectural significance.

The final study is expected to be completed by early fall 2014.

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