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Park Authority Adds Acreage With Three Land Acquisitions

The Fairfax County Park Authority has acquired three new parcels of land, all of which will add to the Park Authority's parkland holdings and ultimately provide new recreational opportunities and natural resource areas.

The most recent acquisition is a ten-acre parcel located within the Mason District at 6570 Edsall Road in Alexandria. This parcel will become Monch Farm Park. Designated as a local park, this property will support nearby recreational needs in this densely populated area. Specific uses and facilities will be determined through a public master planning process in the future. The property was purchased at a cost of \$4.3 million.

Two other parcels were acquired and will add to existing stream valley parks. A 1.7-acre property surrounded by Long Branch Stream Valley Park, adjacent to the Somerset South subdivision, was donated by the Van Metre Companies, a local developer. This wooded property provides additional protection for Long Branch Creek.

The second property is another wooded parcel. This 4.5-acre wooded parcel is located on the western side of Horsepen Run adjacent to Mustang Drive in Herndon and was transferred to the Park Authority as part of a 1982 development proffer. This addition fills an important gap in the greenway along Horsepen Run.

The Fairfax County Park Authority is among the largest landholders in Northern Virginia with 23,343 acres of public parkland. For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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