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Park Board Approves Three Mastenbrook Grants

The Park Authority Board approved three Mastenbrook grants in mid-February, setting in motion more than \$20,000 in improvements at Colvin Run Mill Historic Site, Turner Farm as well as Idylwood Park. These bond funded grants provide limited matching funds for projects in Fairfax County parks. In 1998, John Mastenbrook, a 21-year veteran of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, suggested the creation of a grant program to encourage public and private ventures that would improve Fairfax County parks and park facilities. The program's aim was to fill a gap between limited bond funding and the community's desire for new neighborhood facilities.

The Park Authority Board approved a \$7,500 matching grant from Turner Farm Events for a parking expansion design concept development that ultimately could alleviate overcrowding at the site during equestrian events. A growing number of equestrian events at the site as well as horse trailer parking contribute to the congestion.

Also approved was an \$11,417.17 matching grant for the Falls Church Kiwanis Little League to renovate the infield and install fencing on Field #3 at Idylwood Park. Improving this field to game level will offset the impacts of the loss of the game field previously used at Westgate Elementary School.

Finally, the third grant approved at the meeting provides \$1,600 for the Friends of Colvin Run Mill to purchase flour barrels for display purposes at the mill site. When the mill was actually operating in the 1800s, it could produce up to 20 barrels of flour in a day.

Since 1999, more than 129 Mastenbrook Grant projects and nearly one million dollars in awards have been made, resulting in projects throughout Fairfax County valued at nearly six million dollars. For more information or to apply for a matching grant visit online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/mastenbrookgrant.htm> or call 703-324-8591.

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