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Public Hearing Slated for Langley Fork Park Exchange

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) will hold a hearing to receive public comment on the exchange of property located in the Dranesville District. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Park Authority Board Meeting Room, Suite 941, Ninth Floor, Herrity Building located at 12055 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax, VA.

The Park Authority proposes to exchange Langley Oaks Park, a 101.6 acre property (identified on the Fairfax County Real Property Identification Map as Tax Map Nos. 22-1 ((2)) Parcel J, 22-1 ((02)) Parcel F, and 22-3 ((4)) Parcel A) for approximately 52 acres of a 742-acre property that is owned by the National Park Service known as Langley Fork Park (identified on the Fairfax County Real Property Identification Map as Tax Map Nos. 22-3 ((1)) Parcel 40.) Langley Oaks Park is located to the east of Langley Oaks Park subdivision near Ridge Drive, and Langley Fork Park is adjacent to Georgetown Pike just west of the intersection of Dolley Madison Boulevard and Georgetown Pike. Both properties are located in McLean, VA.

Langley Fork Park was master planned, developed and continuously managed by FCPA under Special Use Permits issued in 1981 by the National Park Service (NPS). That 25-year permit expired in 2006. At the time of expiration, NPS informed FCPA that it no longer granted Special Use Permits over an extended period of time and would only be willing to grant additional Special Use Permits in one year increments moving forward. The current structure of the Special Use Permit process makes continuous improvement and ongoing management of Langley Fork Park difficult for both FCPA and NPS.

The goal of the property exchange is for the Park Authority to become fee owner of the Langley Fork Park by compensating the National Park Service with an equal exchange of property pursuant to the legislative authority of the National Park Service under the Capper-Cramton Act. The Capper-Cramton Act provided the original authorization and funding for the acquisition, by the Federal Government, of property to protect the Potomac watershed.

Park Policy 210, Disposal of Land or Facilities, requires a public hearing be held prior to the Park Authority's decision to dispose of land or facilities. Individuals or organizations are invited to speak at the hearing. To sign up in advance please contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662, send us a email at Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or you may sign up at the hearing.

Written comments will be accepted between now and March 22, 2016 and should be directed to David R. Bowden, Director, Planning and Development, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035. Email comments can be sent to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Call the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 for information.

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