



County of Fairfax, Virginia

Winston Knolls Community Sign

Since the community was built in the late 1970s, Winston Knolls' community sign was a simple one; wooden and mounted on two posts. When members of the Winston Knolls Civic Association (WKCA) decided to replace the current sign with a more modern, cement one, they were unaware how much of a task they had ahead of them. Because the sign was not being replaced with one of similar construction, it turned out the community would need to obtain a sign maintenance agreement with the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA), whose land it had been and would continue to be located on. FCPA's approval of the sign maintenance agreement was contingent on several items: a site permit from the Department of Public Works, a sign permit from the Department of Planning and Zoning, and confirmation from the Virginia Department of Transportation that the sign did not interfere with sight distance or encroach on the state right-of-way. These numerous "hoops" to jump through (including several other issues that came up during the process) before the sign maintenance agreement could be executed proved a daunting task. This project would likely not have been completed were it not for the perseverance of former WKCA president Bonnie Olsen, the members of the sign committee, and support from the Park Authority. My office looks forward to working with the new WKCA board and community in the months and years to come.

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