



County Response to the Bamboo Ordinance on Public Land

Update to the Board of Supervisors' Environmental Committee

Joint Agency Presentation

February 28, 2023

Background on the Bamboo Ordinance

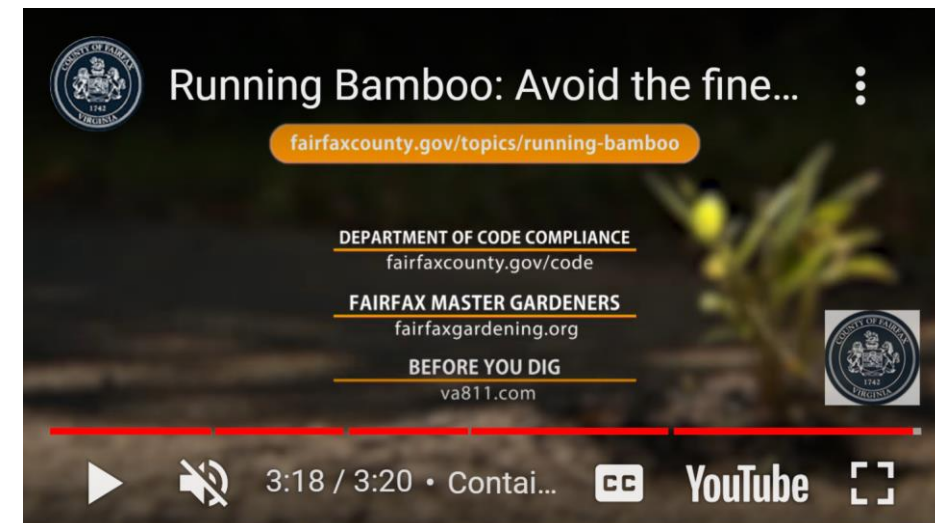
Overview of Running Bamboo Ordinance

- A landowner must not allow running bamboo to spread from his or her property to any public right-of-way or adjoining property not owned by the landowner.
- Civil Penalties sought in General District Court
 - \$50: first unresolved violation (representing 1 day of violation)
 - \$250: If violation remains unresolved (representing 5 days of violation)
 - \$200: If there is a separate bamboo encroachment from the property within 12 months
 - \$2,000: Maximum in a 12-month period, per encroachment

Cooperative Outreach Initiatives

Websites:

- [Invasive Species | Public Works and Environmental Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/public-works-and-environmental-services)
- [Running Bamboo | Topics \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/running-bamboo)
- Educational videos on bamboo removal techniques/policy
- Mailers on identification and management options



Department of Code Compliance's Response

- Focuses on establishing a dialogue and working agreement with landowners
- DCC seeks compliance or progress towards compliance within a reasonable timeframe
- Conducts investigations to assess progress and effectiveness of management strategies
- Based on current complaint volume, DCC predicts it has sufficient staff to enforce the ordinance, but may need to reassess for future budget cycles.

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Fairfax County Public School's Response

- Aware of two schools with bamboo growth on the property.
 - FCPS Grounds Crews taking action to suppress.
- FCPS grounds management will continue to work with neighboring property owners to maintain compliance with bamboo ordinance.
- FCPS will continue to prioritize use of native plants during construction and grounds related projects in compliance with the PFM and School Board Policy 8542 – Environmental Stewardship.



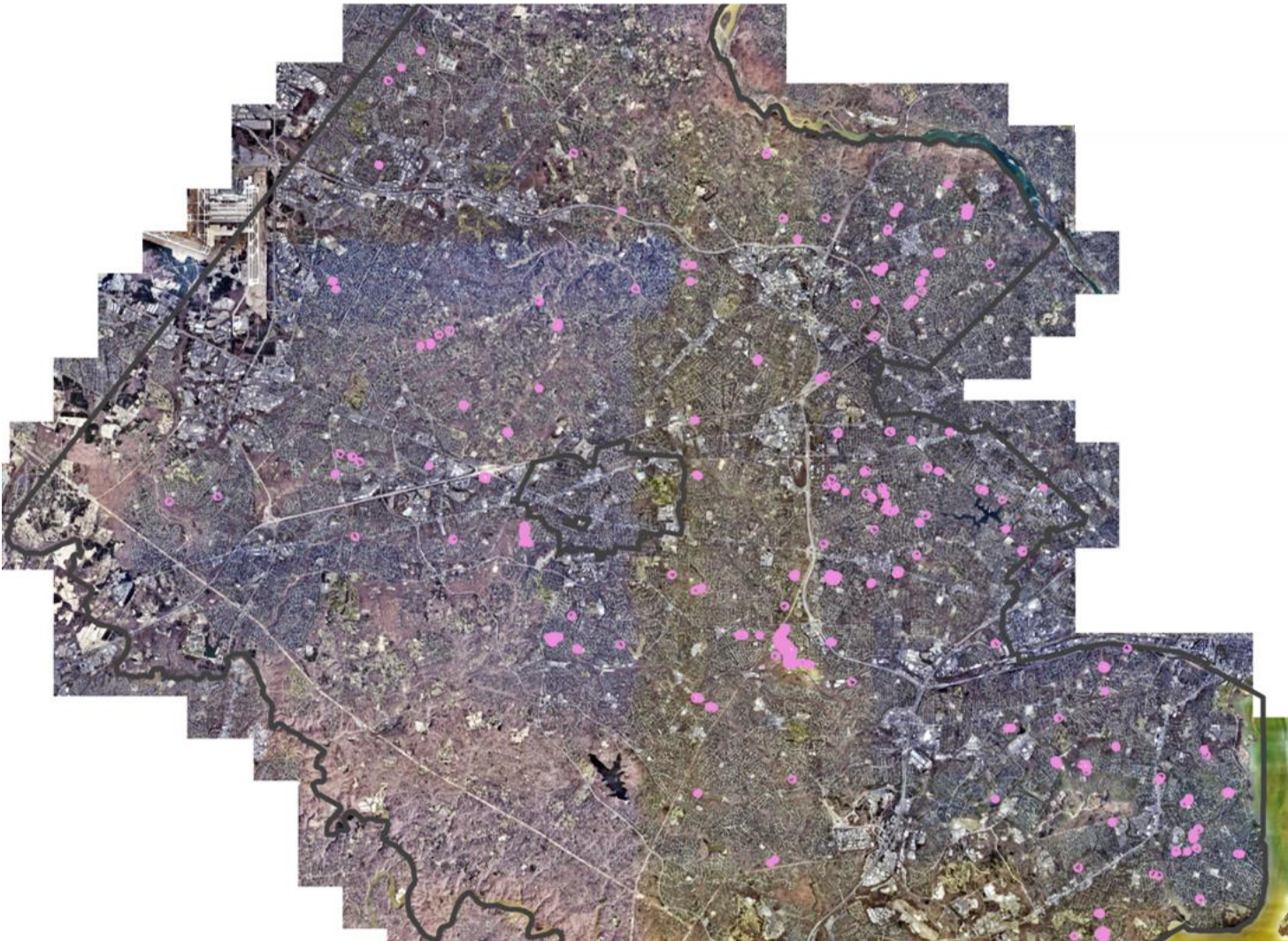
Facilities Management Department's Response

FMD 2023 Bamboo
Removal Count

Total: 1.5 ACRES

<i>Property name</i>	<i>Square Footage</i>
Dranesville District Government Center	2000
School Lane lot	6480
Woodrow Wilson Library	3500
Penn Daw Fire Station 11	4800
Hollin Hall Center	6600
James Lee Comm Center	650
Lewinsville Parcel	500
Mason District Government Center	43,000
TOTAL IN ACREAGE	1.5 ACRES

Fairfax County Park Authority



Current Status of Bamboo on Parkland

- 185+ Bamboo Patches on FCPA property identified since 2015
- ~250 acres of bamboo

Fairfax County Park Authority's Response

- Established the Bamboo Project Prioritization Protocol based on
 - Site Conditions
 - *Ease of access*
 - *Size*
 - *Proximity to rare resources*
 - Cooperation from neighboring landowners
 - Fairfax County Vulnerability Index
 - Other factors
- Continues to support outreach by distributing running bamboo educational materials
- Records and tracks complaints and occurrences of bamboo on FCPA property



Fairfax County Park Authority's Response

- Bamboo management on parkland will be a long-term issue
- FCPA has requested recurring and dedicated funds for contracted bamboo removal and suppression projects on FCPA property
- Questions?

