

Fairfax County Resources

Potentially Bearing Confederate Names

The History Commission thanks you for your time in this effort. We expect that this form should not take more than one hour to complete.

Name of Resource: Lee District RECenter

Location and Existing Information:

Resource Type: Street, Monument, Building, Marker, Other: Building

Tax Map Numbers and/or Street Address, if known/if applicable: 6601 Telegraph Rd.

Ownership type: Public/Private: Public

Owners, if known: Fairfax County Park Authority

Supervisory District: Lee

Confederate Connection:

Full name of Individual for whom it is named or Confederate association: Originally named for Robert E. Lee

Position under the Confederate States of America and dates held: Commander, Army of Northern Virginia (June 1862 – June 1863), General in Chief of the Armies of the Confederate States (Feb 1865-Surrender).

Individual's or Confederate association to the property/location, if any: None to this specific location, however, there were many members of the Lee family who lived in the county and region including Robert E. Lee.

History of Asset:

Date Constructed: 1980

Confirmation of Intentional Confederate Naming, if known: Yes. Original name honored Robert E. Lee. It was changed on January 23, 2019 to Lee District RECcenter

Original Name(s), if different: Robert E. Lee RECenter

Date Renamed, if applicable: 1/23/2019

Responsible party for name: Park Authority Board

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Background/notes: The Supervisory District, the park, the recreation center, Lee Highway, and numerous other roads included the Lee name. Also, portions of Route 50 are known as Lee Jackson Highway, named after Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. Some things may also have been named for Fitzhugh Lee, Robert E. Lee's son who was a Confederate officer. However, there were many members of the Lee family who lived in the county and region before and after Robert E. Lee.

Sources:

Fairfax Park Authority Board Minutes, January 23, 2019.

"Confederate Names Parks" Fairfax County Park Authority Spreadsheet, shared July 2020.

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