

Mount Vernon Town Meeting *HOT* Topics Summary

Our District office received and responded to hundreds of different concerns, issues and topics in 2018. Brief summaries of key projects and topics are briefly described below. You can receive updates on these and other issues through the Supervisor's monthly newsletters and on the Mount Vernon District website.

Airplane Noise

In 2017, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) agreed to consider new departure flight patterns to mitigate the noise in residential communities adjacent to the airport. The new departure procedure is currently in testing. Once tests are complete, there will be a phase of public outreach on any changes. The FAA has had more difficulty addressing arriving flights and we are at an impasse on new arrival procedures. This is an issue that Supervisor Storck will continue to push the FAA to resolve. <https://www.flyreagan.com/dca/dca-reagan-national-aircraft-noise-information>
Supervisor Storck encourages anyone affected by this issue to stay engaged in efforts to address these concerns. Follow the South Flow Alliance on Facebook and attend community meetings. **Report planes that are too loud or too low at:** <http://viewpoint.bksv.com/dca3>

George Washington Parkway Study

In 2019, the National Park Service will conduct a traffic study along the southern portion of the GW Parkway, to include evaluating key intersections between Belle Haven and Mount Vernon Circle. Supervisor Storck and other area leaders have been calling for safety improvements on the Parkway for decades. The study will include public engagement, explore automated traffic enforcement and speed reduction measures. In addition to the study, the National Park Service is working to upgrade existing traffic monitoring devices.

Grist Mill Master Plan Revision

The Fairfax County Park Authority is updating the master plan for Grist Mill Park. The planning process will help guide the future of this 75-acre park which currently provides playing fields, garden plots, off leash dog area, playground, historic barn, parking, trails and forest. A public meeting will be held on March 4 at 7 p.m. at Woodley Hills ES.

Huntington Levee

The Huntington Levee construction is almost complete! The levee is now fully operational, with earthwork continuing into spring to finalize completion. This project includes an earthen embankment, an I-wall, new storm drains, and a pumping station along Cameron Run to minimize flooding and protect homes in the Huntington area. It also features a multi-use trail to connect to area parks. The ribbon cutting celebration for the levee will be June 5 at 10 a.m. at the project site. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/huntington-levee>

Liberty Lorton

Transformed from the Lorton Reformatory, a property on the National Register of Historic Places, Liberty is a new, urban village planned to be a vibrant hub of community residences, workplaces, shopping and green space. This growing community currently has new homes for sale, apartments for rent and an increasing number of community activities. Commercial space is available for lease inside the old Power House and the Chapel. Phase 2 of construction (Fall 2019) includes rehabilitation of the prison wall and towers, cell block buildings, dining hall and guards quarters, and eventually new construction of additional retail space, including space for a restaurant and a grocery store.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/liberty-opens-its-doors-for-new-residents-at-former-lorton-prison/> or Liberty's website at thelibertylife.com.

Lorton Community Center

In November 2016, County voters approved \$18.5 million in funding for a new community center in Lorton. When complete, the Lorton Community Center will provide a broad array of services, programs and activities for individuals of all ages and abilities throughout our community. It will be a single-story 33,000 sq. ft. building with a gymnasium, and the new home for the Lorton Community Action Center and the Lorton Senior Center. In 2017, Supervisor Storck formed a community steering committee that selected the location adjacent to the existing Lorton Library for the new center and guided the planning for the Community Center. The project is anticipated to be completed by early 2022.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/lorton-community-center>

Medical Drug Take Back Boxes

All Fairfax County Police stations and many area pharmacies now provide permanent drug disposal dropboxes where residents can safely dispose of their unused or expired medications anytime of the year.

North Hill Development

The North Hill property is a 33-acre unimproved parcel on the east side of Richmond Highway near the intersection with Lockheed Boulevard, which has long been planned for use as an affordable housing development and a county park. The Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority has put together a public-private partnership with CHPPENN I, LLC that will transform North Hill by keeping 1/3 as a park, developing 1/3 into mixed income, affordable and senior multifamily rental apartments, and 1/3 as for-sale townhomes, of which 20% will be senior housing. The for-sale townhouses will be at market rate, but a portion will offer affordability below market rate prices for first time home buyers. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/communitydevelopment/north-hill>

Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS)

Fairfax County is exploring future uses for the original Mount Vernon High School campus and surrounding property. OMVHS was built in 1939 and is a community landmark. The OMVHS reuse project supports our Economic Success Plan and Embark Richmond Highway. Possible options include:

- Providing educational opportunities from early childhood development to lifelong learners;
- Using the campus for economic development activities, like a new business incubator, maker spaces and an entertainment venue;
- Offering nonprofits or others space for delivering services;
- Creating housing.

In 2018, the master planning process and public engagement began. This year the partnership with Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will be finalized to establish community college classes on the site. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/original-mount-vernon-high-school>

Richmond Highway Widening • Embark/BRT • Strategic Economic Development Team • Embark Housing Advisory Group

Following the Embark Richmond Highway Comprehensive Plan Amendment adoption in March 2018, planning for this innovative, multimodal, mixed-use urban community has been underway, including highway widening and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Supervisor Storck brought community leaders together to form two teams to support Embark planning, the Strategic Economic Development Team and Embark Housing Advisory Group. Throughout 2018, these groups have been working to identify and drive economic development opportunities to the corridor and to support affordable housing initiatives as the housing dynamics change along the corridor. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/embark-richmond-highway>

South County Police Station and Animal Shelter

In 2015, County residents overwhelmingly approved funding for the South County Police Station and Animal Shelter. In 2017, Supervisor Storck formed a community steering committee to provide input into the process and the County began work on this \$30 million project to co-locate the two facilities on the “triangle lot” at the corner of Lorton Road and Workhouse Way. Design of the facility will continue through 2019 while the County completes the permit and zoning process. Construction is expected to begin in early 2020, with occupancy in mid-2022.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/capital-projects/south-county-police-station-and-animal-shelter>

Waste Management CDD Landfill (formerly EnviroSolutions, Incorporated (ESI))

The Waste Management Landfill stopped accepting debris in 2018. The permanent closure process, which includes capping the landfill and planting vegetation, will take approximately two years. After 2020, there is about a 10-year post closure monitoring process by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to ensure compliance with permit regulations. After this period, the property will become a dormant landfill. Supervisor Storck is meeting with Waste Management, County leadership and the community to ensure Waste Management meets the requirements of their Special Exception Application, including landscaping, community access and park facilities.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/lorton-cdd-landfill-closure>

Workhouse Arts Center Request For Expressions of Interest (RFI)

Fairfax County and the Workhouse Arts Foundation are looking for innovative ideas to continue transforming the historically significant, 50-plus acre Workhouse Arts campus into the first mixed-used arts campus in the county.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicaffairs/innovative-ideas-sought-continue-making-workhouse-arts-center-vibrant-mixed-use-arts-campus>