



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



## M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Chairman and Members  
Park Authority Board

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### *Agenda*

**Committee of the Whole**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – 6:15 p.m.**  
**Boardroom – Herrity Building**  
**Chairman: William G. Bouie**  
**Vice Chair: Ken Quincy**

1. Virginia Natural Area Preserve and Open Space Easements at Huntley Meadows Park – Discussion\*

\*Enclosures



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## **DISCUSSION**

### Virginia Natural Area Preserve and Open Space Easements at Huntley Meadows Park (VNAP and OSE) (Lee District)

A proposal was received from Friends of Huntley Meadows Park (FOHMP) and the Virginia Native Plant Society (VNPS) in April of 2015 to consider establishing two easements at Huntley Meadows Park. The two easements include a Natural Area Preserve (NAP) easement and an Open Space Easement. The easements would be established under the Virginia Natural Area Preserves Act and the Virginia Open-Space Land Act, respectively. The Virginia Natural Preserves System was established by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (VDCR) to offer protection to significant natural areas in the State. Properties that become part of the preserve system are conserved by "...placing legally binding restrictions on future activities on a property." The program is intended to offer protection for common native species as well as the rarest native species.

Over the past two years, Park Authority staff have met with the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT), VDCR, FOHM, and VNPS to review the proposal and the requirements of the work. Staff will present information on the NAP program, the steps that would need to be taken in the process, the associated costs and impacts.

#### ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None.

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