



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Chairman and Members
Park Authority Board

VIA: Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

FROM: Barbara Nugent, Director
Resource Management Division

DATE: November 6, 2019

Agenda

**Resource Management Committee
(Committee of the Whole)
Wednesday, November 13, 2019 – 5:10
p.m. Boardroom – Herrity Building
Chairman: Maggie Godbold
Vice Chair: Linwood Gorham**

1. Approval - Ellanor C. Lawrence Trust Spending Plan – Funding for Natural and Cultural Based Projects at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park - Action* (with presentation)

*Enclosures



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ACTION

Approval – Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Trust Spending Plan – Funding for Natural and Cultural based projects at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park (Sully District)

ISSUE:

Approval of the FY20 and FY21 spending plan for improvement projects exclusively at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park to be funded by the Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Trust.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of FY20 and FY21 Ellanor C. Lawrence Trust spending plan to be funded by the Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Trust.

TIMING:

Board approval of the project scope is requested on December 11, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park was donated to the Park Authority in 1970 by David Lawrence, in accordance with Mrs. Lawrence's will. During FY 1997, the Park Authority received a bequest of \$1,306,555 from the David Lawrence family estate. Subsequently, the Park Authority Board created the Ellanor C. Lawrence Trust in sub-fund 371, now 83000 with these funds to be used solely for the improvements and support of E. C. Lawrence Park. On December 11, 1996, the Park Authority Board approved the use of the funds as such, "The investment earned from the investment of the trust will be spent solely for the park purposes...".

In accordance with the established operating procedures for spending from the Ellanor C. Lawrence Trust, the park manager has submitted this 2-year proposal with spending recommendations and priorities to the Resource Management Division. The Park Authority Executive Director, and the Sully District park Authority board member support this 2-year spending plan request.

Improvement projects could include cultural resource stabilization at the dairy and icehouse; natural resource invasive plant removal projects; restoration of forest, wetland and meadows; rare plant surveys; and planning and interpretation. Funding could also provide for capital improvements and site stabilization. This 2-year plan estimates a cost of \$78,898 for Natural Resource based projects and \$187,948 for Cultural Resource based projects for FY20 & FY21, with a total estimated cost of \$266,846.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Based on the 2-yr spending plan cost estimate, funding in the amount of \$266,846 for both FY20 & FY21 is necessary to fund the project. Funding is available in the amount of \$330,691.94 in Project 000112, Lawrence Trust, in Fund 800-C80300, Park Improvement Fund. After funding the 2-yr spending plan, \$63,845.94 will be available in the fund interest balance.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None

STAFF:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
Aimee L. Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD
Barbara Nugent, Director, Resource Management Division
Cynthia Walsh, Director, Park Services Division
David Bowden, Director, Planning and Development
Michael Baird, Financial Management Branch

E C Lawrence Trust Spending Plan

Request
for
FY 20 & FY 21

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT





E C L P Funding

Proposed projects are to be approved by the Park Authority Board in consultation with site staff and the Directors Office

Currently has an available balance (interest only) of \$330,692

Funds committed to improvements solely to E C Lawrence Park

Improvement projects suggested for this cycle include site stabilization at the dairy, icehouse, invasive plant removal projects, restoration of forest, wetland and meadows, rare plant surveys, planning and interpretation

Two-year plan requests to be submitted annually with progress reports

Examples of Natural Resource projects include:

- Plan ecosystem restoration projects
- Implement restoration treatments
- Maintain healthy natural areas
- Prescribed fire
- Interpretative programs
- Volunteer program support





Natural Resource Action Plan for FY20

\$41,774 Provides:

- Work Force Hours
- Tools
- Materials

Actions include: Actions are determined by the Natural Resource Action Plan and by staff assessments.

- Park-wide prioritization of natural resource treatments (NNIAP, IMA, HOLH)
- Park-wide Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) to noxious weeds
- Removal of non-native invasive plants
- Maintenance of healthy meadows



Natural Resource Action Plan for FY21

\$37,124 Provides:

- Work Force Hours
- Tools
- Materials
- Volunteer support activities

Actions are determined by the Natural Resource Action Plan and by staff assessments.

- Removal of non-native invasive plants in project areas
- Planting native species
- Monitoring of healthy ecological communities
- Rare plant surveys

Supports
management of
cultural sites within
the park that
include:

- Surveys
- Assessments
- Planning
- Training
- Treatment Plans
- Preservation
- Protection
- Interpretation
- Conservation





Cultural Resource Action Plan for FY20

\$130,000 Provides:

- Work Force Hours
- Tools
- Materials
- Equipment
- Treatment Plans and Implementation

Actions are determined by the Cultural Landscape Report and by staff assessments. Specific sites for this plan period will include but are not restricted to, an 18th-19th century dwelling feature and the Walney Dairy. A number of sites need to be surveyed, preserved, and protected from environmental damage and human intrusion.



Cultural Resource Action Plan for FY21

\$57,948 Provides:

- Work Force Hours
- Tools
- Materials
- Equipment
- Treatment Plans and Implementation

Actions are determined by the Cultural Landscape Report and by staff assessments. Specific sites for this plan period will include but are not restricted to, an 18th-19th century dwelling feature and the Walney Dairy. A number of sites need to be surveyed, preserved, and protected from environmental damage and human intrusion.



ECL Fund Balance After FY20 and FY21

\$41,774 - Natural Resources FY20

\$37,124 – Natural Resources FY21

Sub total - \$ 78,898

\$130,000 – Cultural Resources FY20

\$ 57,948 - Cultural Resources FY21

Sub total - \$187,949

Grand Total \$266,846 for FY20 and FY21

Fund Balance after Spending Plan (interest only) - \$63,845.94

(Note: Fund accumulates approx. 2% each year, or approx. \$25,000 in interest per year)



Questions?

Thank you for your support