



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All FCPA Sites

**FROM:** Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer

**DATE:** August 10, 2020

**SUBJECT:** First Amendment Signage Areas at FCPA Sites and Facilities

Parks are a traditional public forum, in which the First Amendment's protection of free speech has been strictly enforced by the United States Supreme Court. Specific areas in our parks have been designated as First Amendment signage areas. That list is reviewed periodically. These areas relate solely to the location and placement of signs and are not intended to regulate other activities that may be protected by the First Amendment in County parks. For example, individuals who are handing out brochures, interacting with the public, and expressing their First Amendment rights in person may do so in any outdoor park area as long as those activities do not damage park facilities or interfere with park programming such as athletic events or other scheduled programming.

It is legally permissible to ensure that the location and placement of signs on park property does not obstruct the vision of drivers or otherwise hamper traffic in the park. In addition, the location of signs may also consider impacts on programming and events within County parks. Accordingly, we have developed a list of approved areas for sign placement for FCPA sites and facilities. These areas are generally defined as being within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign at the entrance to each park. In those instances where a different location is identified, a departure may be warranted due to traffic safety or programming concerns that would exist if the general 20 to 50-foot rule were observed. Signs may not be placed outside of the designated sign placement areas. Signs must be no larger than 4 feet by 4 feet in size. Any sign more than 16 square feet is not permitted because of their adverse impact on traffic and park programming. If we need to update sign placement areas please let me know, and please do not hesitate to contact me for clarity or questions at 703-324-8662 during work hours, or after hours at 703-475-2267.

cc: Kirk Kincannon, Executive Director  
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### **Baron Cameron**

Only adjacent to sign on Baron Cameron Avenue

### **Beulah**

Along Beulah Street, between park entrance and Silver Lake Boulevard

### **Braddock Park**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

### **Burke Lake Park and Golf Course**

The area along the service road connecting the park entrance and golf course's parking lot

### **Clark House**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

### **Clemyjontri Park**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

### **Cub Run RECenter**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign.

### **Dranesville Tavern**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

### **Dulles Corner Park**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

### **Eakin (Mantua Section)**

Along right side of entrance road before the parking lot

### **E.C. Lawrence Park**

1. Route 28 ballfield entrance area.
2. Walney Road grassy area south of Walney Pond parking.
3. Walney Visitor Center grassy area north of main entrance sign.

### **Edsall**

Area adjacent to parking lot spaces

### **Fitzhugh**

Along left side of the trail going to the playground

### **Frying Pan Farm Park**

At the entrance, the island between the entrance and the exit roads

### **George Washington RECenter**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

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### **George Mason**

Left side of main service road toward garden plot

### **Great Falls Nike**

Northeast corner of intersection of Route 7 and Utterback Store Road

### **Great Falls Grange**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

### **Greenbriar Park**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

### **Green Spring Gardens**

The area on the right as one enters the park, outside the fence that surrounds the traffic circle at the entrance to the site

### **Greendale Golf Course**

A grassy area to the right of the entrance inside the gate

### **Hidden Oaks Nature Center**

The grassy area in front of the Packard Center

### **Hidden Pond Nature Center**

Area to the left of the trail to the nature center from the parking area on Greeley Boulevard

### **Huntley Mansion**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

### **Huntley Meadows Park**

Front entrance of the park off Lockheed Boulevard

### **Jefferson Golf Course**

The mulched area in front of the miniature golf course

### **Jones Branch Park**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

### **Lake Accotink Park**

The area on both sides of the entrance off Heming Avenue

### **Lake Fairfax Park**

The area to the right off the main entrance road, adjacent to the Water Mine's parking lot; and the area up near the field that is used for special events

**Lee District Park and RECenter**

Left side of main entrance road within 20 to 50 feet of the Field 4 entrance gate across from the RECenter

**Manchester Lakes**

Place at the part of the entrance road off Charles Arrington Drive

**Mason District Park**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

**McNaughton Park**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

**Mount Air Historic Site**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

**Mount Vernon District**

Space across the driveway from the mailbox, approximately three to four feet away from the Bell View Boulevard entrance

**Mt. Eagle**

Place within 20 to 50 feet of ADA parking space on/off Huntington Park Drive

**Nottoway Park**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

**Oak Marr**

Grassy area to the right of the entrance road before the entrance to the Center parking lot, and the area along the walkway to the golf clubhouse.

**Olander and Margaret Banks Sr.**

Place within 20 to 50 feet of and to the left of driveway to the house

**Patriot Park – West Entrance**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign located at the back of the parking lot for the Mott Community Center

**Pinecrest Golf course**

The grassy area in front of the clubhouse, to the left of the walkway

**Poplar Tree Park**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

**Providence Recreation Center**

Grassy area to the right of the entrance road as one enters the site

**Riverbend Park and Nature Center**

At the nature center, the grassy area to the right of Jeffery Road in the area adjacent to the parking lot by the nature center. At the park, a triangular area adjacent to the traffic circle in front of the visitor center for signs.

**Rolling Valley West Park**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

**South Run District**

Area to the right of the Center, next to the access road that leads to the field house

**Spring Hill**

Area between Lewinsville Road and the parking lot, across from Spring Hill Elementary

**Stoneybrooke Park**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

**Stratton Woods Park**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

**Sully Highlands Park**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

**Sully Historic Site**

The area along the road prior to the entrance gates

**Surrey Square**

To the left of the playground fencing

**The Wakefield Chapel**

Only adjacent to the sign by the entrance of Springvale Road

**Towers**

Placed to the right of the plantings in front of the main park sign

**Trailside**

Place on left side of entrance road as you enter the park

**The Turner Farm Park**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

**Twin Lakes Golf Course**

The area within 20 to 50 feet of the flagpole in the island near the clubhouse

**Wakefield Chapel**

Within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign

**Wakefield Park, Skatepark and Audrey Moore RECenter**

For signs, the area along Braddock Road to the west of the park sign

**For all parks not specifically identified**

The area within 20 to 50 feet of the park identification sign if a sign is present. Parks without permanent signage or facility development would not be appropriate candidates for temporary signage.

Community Use Areas have also been developed for outreach purposes in proximity to Farmers Market locations and Summer Performance venues. For more information on these areas please visit online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/community-use-areas>