

**McLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING SAUCY BRANCH  
AND McLEAN HIGH SCHOOL PARK**

WHEREAS, The headwaters of that tributary of Pimmit Run, known from early times as Saucy Branch, flows through the entirety of a county park classified as a Community Park and currently known as McLean High School Park ; and

WHEREAS, the upper portion of Saucy Branch is now designated as, a Resource Protection Area (RPA) on the official County maps; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of West McLean have used McLean High School Park as a nature preserve, and the high school has used the park as a field laboratory site for the high school biology classes; and

WHEREAS, the three surrounding citizens associations have adopted the park through the Fairfax County Park Authority's Adopt-A-Park program, and are currently assisting in caring for the park; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by Lewis, Scully and Gionnet, Inc. ("Study"), funded by the Fairfax County Park Authority, has found that the park is important to the Fairfax County Park System because it will provide needed passive recreation and educational opportunities to the established residential community and the adjacent high school; and

WHEREAS, the Study concluded that the park should continue to provide an enclave of wildlife habitat for numerous species commonly found in or migrating through Northern Virginia, and a narrow wildlife corridor upstream to Lewinsville Park; and

WHEREAS, the Study recommended that the entirety of the park to the south of the Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Area (RPA) be designated a Park Authority Resource Protection Zone (RPZ); and

WHEREAS, due to the sensitive and protected nature of most of the park site, and the obvious limitation on providing developed recreation activities typically found in Community Parks, as this park is currently classified, the Study recommended reclassifying McLean High School Park as a Neighborhood Park; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the McLean Citizens Association hereby requests the Park Authority Board to designate the area south of the Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Area (RPA) as a Resource Protection Zone and that small area north of the RPA as a passive recreation area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the McLean Citizens Association requests the Fairfax County Park Authority, consistent with the express recommendation of its Consultant, to change the classification of McLean High School Park from Community Park to Neighborhood Park at the earliest opportunity;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the McLean Citizens Association calls upon the Park Authority to give proper recognition to the name "Saucy Branch," which has been passed down from colonial times and which is the principal feature of the park, as reconfirmed in the Study by redesignating the Park as Saucy Branch Park and Nature Preserve;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the McLean Citizens Association requests the Park Authority to fully utilize the services of the several adjacent neighborhood associations that have already volunteered, under the Adopt-A-Park program, to provide cleanup and restoration services for this park and for such of its botanical species as may need attention.