

1 **McLean Citizens Association Resolution**
2 **Langley Fork Park Draft Master Plan**
3 **November 2013**
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6 **Whereas**, the Fairfax County Park Authority has issued a Draft Master Plan for Langley Fork
7 Park, at 6250 Georgetown Pike, McLean, Virginia; and
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9 **Whereas**, the Langley Fork Park currently has two baseball diamonds, two rectangular fields
10 and a basketball court; and
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12 **Whereas**, the Park Authority’s Draft Master Plan proposes to develop two additional rectangular
13 fields, one additional baseball diamond, a dog park, a pavilion, a fitness zone, and expanded
14 parking areas for the park; and
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16 **Whereas**, the Plan proposes to expand the parking areas to accommodate the additional park
17 facilities and provide overflow parking for Clemyjontri Park; and
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19 **Whereas**, Langley Fork Park is close to residential areas, including Langley Fork Lane, Dogue
20 Hill Lane, and Evermay; and
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22 **Whereas**, the entrance to Langley Fork Park is on Colonial Farm Road which also provides sole
23 access to Claude Moore Colonial Farm, a privately operated park in the National Park system;
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26 **Whereas**, the Fairfax County Park Authority has developed lighting systems for sports fields,
27 such as that used at Lewinsville Park, to minimize the impact on nearby residential
28 neighborhoods; and
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30 **Whereas**, the Draft Master Plan recognizes the need in its Management Objectives to “minimize
31 impacts on park neighbors while serving the broader community;” and
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33 **Whereas**, the Draft Master Plan language recognizes that the Park is located in the headwaters of
34 the Turkey Run Watershed and the need to protect water quality, as well the need to protect
35 mature tree canopy in the marginally forested areas, and,
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37 **Whereas**, the Park Authority conducted a public comment meeting on October 17, 2013, and has
38 invited public comments on the draft plan.
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40 **Now, therefore be it resolved that the** McLean Citizens Association generally supports the
41 expansion of Langley Fork Park, and
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43 **Be it further resolved**, that prior to advertising the Langley Fork Draft Master Plan for public
44 hearing,
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- 46 • The Park Authority should complete a traffic study which analyzes the parking
47 demands for the Conceptual Development Plan; the practicality and adequacy of the
48 proposed parking area; and the impact of the additional vehicle trips on Colonial
49 Farm Road and Georgetown Pike, and on the use of Claude Moore Colonial Farm
50 park; and
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- 52 • If the traffic study indicates that the parking currently proposed in the Draft Master
53 Plan is inadequate to serve the demand for parking, or that existing roads are
54 inadequate to accommodate the traffic increase, the Park Authority should reduce the
55 intensity of use of the park, rather than adding more parking to the Draft Master Plan;
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- 58 • The Park Authority should amend the Proposed Master Plan to expressly preclude
59 field lighting in any fields adjacent to residential areas on Langley Fork Lane,
60 independent of the requirements of the Langley Fork Overlay District; and
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- 62 • The Park Authority should amend the Proposed Master Plan to provide that any
63 installation of field lighting in Langley Fork should be the most advanced lighting
64 systems available, such as the system at Lewinsville Park, to minimize the impact of
65 lighting on the adjacent neighborhoods; and
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- 67 • The Park Authority should amend the Proposed Master Plan to condition the
68 installation of park lighting on limiting its use until 9:00 p.m. on Sunday through
69 Thursday and 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays; and
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- 71 • The Park Authority should amend the Proposed Master Plan language to emphasize
72 maximizing tree preservation and protection as well as mature tree canopy; and
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74 **Be it further resolved**, that the Proposed Master Plan should include specific provisions for
75 signage and traffic control at the intersection of Colonial Farm Road and Georgetown Pike and
76 for the pedestrian crossing to Clemyjontri Park, to be presented to the Virginia Department of
77 Transportation if necessary; and
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79 **Be it further resolved**, that the Fairfax County Parks Authority should invite public comment on
80 the implementation of specific elements of the Master Plan and their impact on the adjacent
81 neighborhoods, traffic on Colonial Farm Road and Georgetown Pike, and pedestrian traffic to
82 Clemyjontri Park.
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