



Presentation To The Braddock District Council

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Agenda:

- ▶ Introductions
- ▶ Purpose
- ▶ Park Authority Organization / Structure 101
- ▶ Park Authority Fund Accounts & Revenue 101
- ▶ Park Authority Bond Referendums 101
- ▶ Friends Groups Overview
- ▶ Friends Organizational Considerations
- ▶ Wrap Up / Next Steps
- ▶ Other Upcoming Braddock District Initiatives

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Purpose:

- ▶ To educate the Braddock District Council regarding the Park Authority organization, structure, and funding so that it can advocate for Braddock District parks.
 - To make the Braddock District Council aware of major future bond funding endeavors.
- ▶ Raise awareness in the Braddock District for residents to help identify, encourage and advocate for improvements to Braddock District parks.
 - Identify the importance of Friends groups and provide the current Braddock District Friends group structure
- ▶ Obtain community input in addressing general and specific issues impacting Braddock District Parks.
 - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly.

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Park Authority Organization / Structure 101

- ▶ Separate legal entity from county established 1950 by BOS
- ▶ Twelve volunteer board members / meets 2x per month
 - Nine magisterial (district) representatives
 - Three members-at-large
- ▶ Twelve standing committees

Quick Facts

- ▶ Parks ~ 421
- ▶ RECenters 9
- ▶ Lakefront Parks 3
- ▶ Golf Courses 7
- ▶ Nature Centers 5
- ▶ Historic Sites 4
- ▶ Total Acreage ~ 23,178
- ▶ Trails (miles) ~ 317
- ▶ Employees ~ 605

Administration & Management
Budget
Park Authority Awards Committee
Diversity & Succession Committee
Executive Committee
Planning & Development Committee
Funding Policy & Bond Committee
Park Operations Committee
Park Services Committee
Resource Management Committee
Strategic Planning & Initiatives
Committee of The Whole

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Responsibilities of a PAB Director:

- ▶ Advocate for his constituency to the Park Authority
- ▶ Advocate for the Park Authority to his constituency
- ▶ Monitor / evaluate the performance of the Director
- ▶ Participate in committees to which assigned; make recommendations to forward actions to the board
- ▶ Address specific actions brought to the board's attention.

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FCPA Fund Accounts & Revenues 101

- ▶ FY14 Fund 10001 General Fund – \$21,721,873.

- ▶ FY14 Fund 80000 Revenue Fund – \$43,055,113.
 - RECenter – \$26,144,208 / 60.72%
 - AMRC – \$3,509,286 / 13.42%

- ▶ FY14 Fund 30010 General County Construction Fund
\$ 6,094,585.

- ▶ FY14 Fund 30400 Park Authority Bond Construction Fund
\$13,057,500.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/archives/110514-amb-pkg.pdf>

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Park Authority Bond Referendums 101

- ▶ Fund Capital Expenditures (CAPEX)
 - Specific projects and county-wide projects
 - Bond package developed by staff, vetted through committee and approved by Park Authority Board of Directors
 - Amounts dependent upon county revenue / bond ratings

- ▶ Comes up ~ every four years
2004/2006/2008/2012
 - Current FY15 Budget Plan – \$79,558,020.
 - Must be approved by Supervisors to be put on the ballot
 - Requires voter approval
 - Usually passes with 72–75% of the votes cast

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Park Authority Bond Referendums 101

▶ 2012 Park Bond Referendum

- \$75M total bond package
 - \$12M provided to Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority
 - \$63M provided to Fairfax County Park Authority
- FCPA receives ~ \$12–13M / year

▶ 2012 Bond Referendum Election Results

- DPWES / Stormwater: 76% YES (319,326)/24% No (96,473)
- Libraries: 74% YES (309,409)/26% No (106,065)
- Parks: 72% YES (300,001)/28% No (115,728)
- Public Safety: 70% YES (290,774)/30% No (123,971)

- ▶ Total number of voters– 537K

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Park Authority Bond Referendums 101

- ▶ **2012 Results – Another Perspective – 537K Voters**
 - Only ~ 77% voted on the park bond referendum
 - ~ 55.87% voted for / ~ 21.55% voted against
 - ~ 22.55% (121.3K) abstained from voting altogether
 - Other bonds had similar participation rates

- ▶ **Current County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**
 - FCPA to receive \$87.7 Mil in Park Bond in 2016
 - FCPA to receive \$88.0 Mil in Park Bond in 2020

- ▶ **CIP Considerations**
 - Dependent upon affordability of debt service and adherence to County's debt ratios contained in the 10 Principles of Sound Financial Management.
 - Projects executed over the next four – six years
 - NVRPA to receive about same amount as 2012 bond – \$12M

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▶ Park Authority Bond Referendums 101

○ 2016 Bond Considerations

- Needs Assessment to drive requirements
 - Last assessment conducted 2004

▶ Timeline

- Summer 2015 – Needs Assessment Survey Results
- Early Fall 2015 – PAB discussion on contribution levels
- Late Fall 2015 – Begin Project Selection Process
- Winter 2016 – Project Selection Continues
- Spring 2016 – BOS Authorize Bond Projects/Package
- Spring–Fall 2016 – Bond Outreach
- November 2016 – Electorate Vote On Bond Package

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▶ Upcoming Major Braddock District Projects

- Olde Forge/ Surrey Square Playground
- Lake Accotink Park Master Plan
- Lake Accotink Trail Maintenance –
 - Accotink Creek paving / rerouting (Ravensworth Pool)
 - Dam spillway fly over
- Monticello Park Development – Off Leash Dog Area
- Danbury Forest Trail Entrance
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment
 - Royal Lake / Rutherford Park
- Woodglen Lake – Lake Trail

Realities of The Braddock District

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Friends Group – Overview

- ▶ Why a Friends Group? FCPA recognizes Friends groups

- ▶ Friends Groups serve their designated park, facility or program by advocating on general and specific issues and raising funds as needed for its support.

- ▶ Each group organizes itself in a manner that best supports its targeted mission.

Friends of Archaeology and Cultural Resources
Friends of Clemyjontri Park
Friends of Colvin Run Mill (FOCRM)
Friends of Frying Pan Farm Park
Friends of Green Spring Gardens (FROGS)
Friends of Hidden Oaks Nature Center
Friends of Hidden Pond Nature Center
Friends of Historic Huntley
Friends of Huntley Meadows Park
Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP)
Friends of Laurel Hill Equestrian Center (FLHEC)
Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley
Friends of Nottoway Park
Friends of Riverbend Park (FORB)
The Sully Foundation, Ltd.
Friends of Turner Farm
Friends of White Horticultural Garden

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Other Braddock District Friends Groups

- ▶ Braddock Dogs (Started June 2007)
 - Advocating for an Off Leash Dog Area at Monticello Park
- ▶ Friends of Lake Accotink Park (Re-Started March 2010)
 - Advocating for LAP / master planning effort improvements
- ▶ Friends of Woodglen Lake (Dormant since March 2010)
 - Advocating for community awareness / social trails / riparian buffers
- ▶ Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley (Started July 2014)
 - Advocating for improvements to LBSV – Woodson to Wakefield Chapel
- ▶ Friends of Royal Lake Park (Started October 2014)
 - Advocating for new outdoor fitness equipment
- ▶ Friends of Pohick Stream Valley (Braddock) (Jan 2015)
 - Rabbit Branch Run – Advocating for community awareness / trash control

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Wrap Up

▶ How You Can Help

- Advocate for Braddock District Parks
 - Learn about the Park Authority's structure and organization
 - Volunteer –
 - Join a Friends Group
 - Start your own Friends group
 - Participate in the Friends group
 - Observe and Report – parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov
 - Anything that just does not seem right – Missing / broken items
 - Illegal Dumping – Spring time is dumping season

▶ Questions & Answers

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▶ Next Steps

- Identify Leadership Team
- Document and distribute meeting minutes
- Advertise Friends Group / proceedings to community

▶ Wrap Up

- Leadership Team Meeting late February
- Attendance FCPA Friends Federation Meeting –
 - Saturday 21 February 0900– 1130
- Next Friends AMRC group meeting – Mid–March ???