

Attachment B

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS ON THE 2005 LAND PRESERVATION, PARKS, AND RECREATION PLAN (LPPRP) MADE AT PUBLIC FORUMS, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS WITH USER GROUPS

| SUMMARY OF COMMENTS ON RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE- CHAPTER III | | |
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| Public Forums-5/23/05 and 9/28/05 | Dog Exercise Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Want more/enlarge Wheaton ▪ Need at East Norbeck, Olney, Cabin John, Northwest Branch Rec Park, Calverton Galway and Nolte Local Parks (unfenced) ▪ Should be at least an acre and have separate areas for large and small dogs ▪ May need more than estimated 15 additional by 2020. | Added information to Plan on need for larger dog exercise areas (at least one acre) and the need for separate areas for large and small dogs. |
| Public Forums-5/23/05 and 9/28/05 | Tennis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide more indoor tennis and build new courts in larger clusters of six | Added statement to Plan |
| Public Forums-5/23/05 and 9/28/05 | Motorbike trails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Needed on parkland to provide safe places to ride- No places on public land exist now ▪ Some others said don't allow motorbikes in parks. | Added statement to Plan to consider needs for motorbike trails in the future Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Strategic Plan. |
| Public Forums-5/23/05 and 9/28/05 | Protect Open Space when Developing Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preserve forest and streams ▪ Preserve park interiors ▪ Provide Nature-Oriented Recreation areas ▪ Keep North Four Corners Park Natural ▪ Revisit 1/3 to 2/3 restriction on park development in Regional Parks | Added information to Plan on protection of forest and streams and provision of nature-oriented recreation areas. The 1/3 to 2/3 restriction will be revisited in the future PROS Strategic Plan |
| Public Forums-5/23/05 and 9/28/05 | Other Recreation Facility Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paintball ▪ Indoor fire arm shooting range ▪ Roller skating ▪ Golf courses for beginners/intermediate | Statement added to Plan that these facilities will be considered in the PROS Strategic Plan |
| Public Forums-5/23/05 and 9/28/05 | Community Recreation Centers and Aquatic Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need new centers at White Oak, Clarksburg, Germantown, Milestone, Broad Acres and Colesville, ▪ Need Renovation of Older facilities | Information in Plan on Recreation Center Proposed Construction |
| Public Forums-5/23/05 and 9/28/05 | Skateboard Parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need Skateboard Parks (but some do not want one at Fenton/Gateway Urban Park) ▪ Provide bike access to Olney Skate Park | Plan includes information on the need for Skateboard Parks |

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| Public Forums-5/23/05 and 9/28/05 | <p>Provide Trails for Hikers, Bikers, and Equestrians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need more bicycle trails ▪ Let volunteers do more construction ▪ Complete Rachel Carson Trail/Extend Capital Crescent trail, Build ICC Trail, ▪ Improve trail connectivity ▪ Need trail maintenance crew ▪ Build sustainable trails ▪ Allow bicycles on all natural trails ▪ Do not allow bicycles on natural trails | Need for trails in general are included in the Plan. Specific trail users are not addressed. Additional analysis will be in the PROS Strategic Plan |
| Public Forums-5/23/05 and 9/28/05 | <p>Ballfields</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need soccer and lacrosse fields. Needs should consider demographics. ▪ Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport. Has field shortage. ▪ Provide lighted multi purpose rectangular fields ▪ Fields are needed in Damascus, Germantown, and Bethesda ▪ Cricket fields are needed | <p>Rectangular fields for soccer and lacrosse are estimated to have greatest unmet needs by the Plan.</p> <p>A statement is included on the need for a cricket field</p> |
| Ballfield Workshop- 7/29/05 And other input from leagues | <p>Ballfields</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rectangular fields are greatest needs ▪ Include 14 year olds in 90'baseball needs ▪ Split 2 team area needs forecasts because they are large (Damascus and Olney) ▪ Bethesda Needs for youth baseball are too low- inventory for baseball had 2 errors ▪ Damascus has great needs for all types of fields, especially lighted fields | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plan concurs ▪ Revised Plan accordingly ▪ Split team areas were calculated but showed almost no change- so areas remain the same ▪ Re-evaluating- revised inventory where needed ▪ Inserted statement that no field conversions should be made without coordination with user groups |

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| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Educate public as to importance of historic site preservation. | In Plan. See Easement Acquisition and Assistance Programs, Public/Private Partnerships and Archaeological Resources Preservation Program, Economic Development in Heritage Tourism. |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Find a use related to park or WSSC historic (sic) for the Burnt Mills former WSSC [complex] | See Strategic Plan for Cultural Resources in Parks (due to MCPB Oct./Nov. 2005). Listed as a "Top 20 Priority Site" for adaptive reuse/programming. |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Require archaeological survey of all proposed development | In Plan. See Current Archaeological Implementation Program, Park and Area Master Plans and Subdivision Review. |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Consider acquisition of Haviland Mill site and mill race. | This land is in a floodplain and is potentially included in the state's acquisition plans for Patuxent River Park. |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Conduct archaeological studies and ensure that material cultural is found before areas are paved over. | In Plan. See Current Archaeological Implementation Program, Subdivision Review and Program development Strategy for Archaeological Resource Conservation. |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Protect our cultural resources in parks. Boy Scout Cabin in Sligo Creek Park, Jessup Blair Cottage, and heritage recreation structure in Jessup Blair Park all have been lost. Maintain, do not destroy, these irreplaceable resources. | General concept covered in Plan. See Current Implementation Program for Cultural Resources, Strategic Plan for Cultural Resources. Also see Strategic Plan for Cultural Resources in Parks due to MCPB in Oct./Nov. 2005. |
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| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Control deer | In Plan. See Chapter V, page 21. |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Acquire remainder of Shale Barrens, and Glenmont Forest | In Plan. Glenmont Forest- location unknown |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Protect forests- keep intact and build at the edge | In Plan. Master plans work to protect contiguous forest in easements and parkland. |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Use on-site storm water management | Required by County regulation |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Preserve stream valleys and water quality | In Plan. Master plans work to protect stream valleys in easements and parkland. |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Only natural surface trails | In general, natural surface trails are less damaging to the environment, however, for trails that are major connectors or are projected to receive more use than a natural surface can sustain, a hard surface is used. Additionally, hard surface trails are necessary for users of wheelchairs, strollers and bicycles. Maximum effort is made to avoid sensitive areas with all trails. |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Control invasive species | In Plan. |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Don't build the ICC | This plan does not deal with this issue; however, the Planning Board has endorsed the project and is assisting the State Highway Administration in mitigating effects on parkland. |
| Public Forum – 9/28/05 | Everyone wants to protect natural areas | Agree |
| Public Forum – 9/28/05 | Need an Upcounty Nature center | Consider as part of PROS Strategic Plan |
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| Meeting with Environmental Group Representatives 10/20/05 | Reconsider definitions of park classifications, place more emphasis on protecting natural resources | Will be undertaken as part of PROS Strategic Plan |
| Meeting with Environmental Group Representatives 10/20/05 | Include more public education, signs, etc., that explain why natural resources are important and why certain areas have restricted uses | Will be undertaken as part of PROS Strategic Plan |
| Meeting with Environmental Group Representatives 10/20/05 | Include more quantification of natural resource features to compliment tables in recreation chapters | Added to document, and explored more fully as part of PROS Strategic Plan |
| Meeting with Environmental Group Representatives 10/20/05 | Use an approach similar to the Ag Reserve outreach campaign to recognize the importance of natural resource protection, especially in parks | Will be undertaken as part of PROS Strategic Plan |
| Meeting with Environmental Group Representatives 10/20/05 | Add list of most important remaining natural resource park acquisitions to show amount and whether dedication or purchase is needed | Added to document |
| Meeting with Environmental Group Representatives 10/20/05 | Make a stronger case for what the county needs to do to preserve natural areas, include monetary benefits of natural resources. | Added to document |
| Meeting with Environmental Group Representatives 10/20/05 | Add into the document the number of volunteers hours working on natural resource stewardship projects | Added to document |
| Meeting with Environmental Group Representatives 10/20/05 | Too few pictures of nature oriented activities | More pictures of nature-oriented recreation and natural resources themselves to show ecosystem value added to document. |
| Meeting with Environmental Group Representatives 10/20/05 | Emphasize the importance of the park system to the preservation of water supply | Added to document |
| Meeting with Environmental Group Representatives 10/20/05 | Develop a map or series of maps to "tell the story" of natural resource preservation similar to ag preservation map | Will be undertaken as part of PROS Strategic Plan |
| Meeting with Environmental Group Representatives 10/20/05 | Support the preparation of a Green Infrastructure Master Plan, needed to support park planning and other efforts | Agree |

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| John Parrish –Maryland Native Plant Society Silver Spring | Thank staff for meeting with environmental groups PROS Strategic Plan should be funded to do the follow up Plan. In LPPRP, strengthen Natural resource section with photos & graphs. Would like to see text describing priority acquisition sites. The appendix needs to be described in the text and show how sites will meet needs. Maintenance of existing Parks should take precedence over building new parks. Why does Matthew Henson cost show up in Appendix? | See changes to Chapter V. Natural resource section of the LPPRP section was strengthened. Priority acquisition site descriptions were added. SHA has requested reimbursement for Matthew Henson. |
| Tim McGrath-TROT (Trail Rides of Today) | Support multi-use trails. Want to develop a partnership where users can help maintain trails. He used to go repair Bucklodge Forest. Now that it is Parkland, he has to call Park Staff and wait a long time. Need better signage to keep people on trails. Have multi use trail surfaces to prevent erosion. Also from soil conservation. Need to address off road motorbike Public Space because they are illegally using agricultural fields. Have them stay out of the fields. TROT will continue to work with staff. Need improved agreement for use of chain saws. Dept. of Nat Resources has a set. | Concur, will obtain agreement on trail maintenance from DNR. |
| Carol Barth 10602 Lockridge Dr Silver Spring, MD 20901 (301) 593-7863 | In the North Four Corners Local Park Plan, the LPPRP is the primary Rationale for recommending a new soccer field – Plan doesn't review in detail which LPPRP methods were used. Surveys are not adequately included. Ballfield permits provide the foundation for projections but there are only 2% turned down. No projection is included for informal use. Field conversions provided the only range of need, but a range of scenarios should be considered. Informal use of Green Space should be projected. Need for Green respite is greatest in urban areas, within walking distance of residents. | Plan will add methodology appendix plan mentions that Green Space is important in urban areas. |
| Wayne Goldstein-Mont. City. Civic Federation Planning & Land Use Committee 3009 Jennings Rd. Kensington, MD 20895 (301) 942-8079 | Commend staff for Chapter 6. All it is lacking is the staff to do it. There is a need for 2 more staff persons. Historic Preservation Plans should be put online. Staff cannot put Plans on line now. Historic Resources can be turned into affordable housing. Let's try to implement the proposals on Boulevards and Public Space. | Concur |
| Austin Steo MORE | Requests that acquisition of new land and existing land is considered for development of new multi- use trails. There are only 8 natural surface trails open to bikes now. Rachel Carson Trail does not allow bikes. Bikes cause least damage. MORE does a lot of volunteer work and would like a MOU. Met with risk management and nothing came of it. Would like to join with TROT to try to get an agreement. MORE can assist the trail planner. An ATV park is needed to prevent damage to existing trails. | Concur on needs for new multi-use trails. PROS Strategic Plan will include more information on trail needs and use of volunteers. |

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| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Provide for more and improved facilities for proper storage of artifact collections. | Added sentence to this effect in Archaeological Resources Section, Program Development Strategy for Archaeological Research Conservation. This strengthens what is already In Plan in Evaluation of the Archaeological Resources Preservation Program. Also see Strategic Plan for Cultural Resources in Parks due to MCPB in Oct./Nov. 2005. |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Larger focus [is needed] in identifying and preserving prehistoric sites in the area. The Potomac River would be great starting point. | In Plan. See Archaeological Resources Section, Overview. Prehistoric sites are mentioned throughout the archaeology chapter. |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Send out archaeologists to every construction site before and during earth moving, especially in Clarksburg. Slow down construction for this. | In Plan. See Archaeological Resources Section, Overview and Program Development Strategy for Archaeology Conservation. |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | I favor archaeology for Indian sites. | In Plan. See Archaeological Resources Section, Program Development Strategy for Archaeological Resource Conservation. |
| Public Forum – 5/23/05 | Information on artifacts and resources should be in one database. | In Plan. See Description of Inventories of Cultural Resources, GIS Inventories. Also, see Strategic Plan for Cultural Resources in Parks (due to MCPB Oct./Nov. 2005) |