Welcome

Purpose of Tonight’s Meeting:

- To provide you with the opportunity to comment on the proposed action and alternatives analyzed in the Environmental Assessment / Assessment of Effect for the proposed Fort Hunt Park Site Development Plan.
Purpose and Need

Purpose:
- The purpose of the Site Development Plan is to identify an overall direction for park management by clearly defining specific resource conditions and the desired visitor experience.

Need:
- Peak visitation periods exceed the park’s carrying capacity, which creates a need to balance the different types of visitor use (recreation, permitted picnicking, interpretation) with resource protection.
- Recent discovery of the site’s rich history has created expanded opportunities and a demand by the public for additional interpretation.
- Changes in current park uses and expanded interpretation has created a need for changes to existing facilities and/or the addition of new facilities.
Site History

Other Historic Uses:

- Army finance school
- Brigade headquarters
- African American Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) training camp
- NPS exhibits lab
- Monitoring station for the Army Signal Corps
- Film storage vault for the National Archives
NEPA Process

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, an Assessment of Effect on cultural resources was prepared and included with the Environmental Assessment. NPS commits to additional S106 consultation as the plan elements are further developed.
Public Scoping Summary

- No new entrances
- Park police and maintenance facilities to remain in place
- Maintain recreational uses
- Visitor facility near entrance
- Safety and security
- Natural resources
Alternative A
(No Action)

- Continuation of present management operations
- No change to existing conditions
- Provides basis for comparison with other alternatives
Action Alternatives in Brief

- Interpretation
- Picnic Areas
- Circulation
- Reduction in pavement
- Bikes and pedestrians
Alternative B

**Highlights:**
- Visitor facility added to Area B
- Picnic Pavilion A remains
- Maintains most vehicular circulation amongst action alternatives
- Net decrease of approximately 4,300 square feet of pavement
- Chronological interpretive trail system added
- Includes bicycle/pedestrian lane around loop access road
Alternative C
(Preferred Alternative)

Highlights:

- Visitor facility added to Area C
- Picnic Pavilion A remains
- Most reduced vehicular circulation amongst action alternatives
- Net decrease of approximately 56,700 square feet of pavement
- Chronological interpretive trail system added
- Includes dedicated bicycle/pedestrian loop trail
Alternative D

Highlights:

- Visitor facility added to Area B
- Picnic Pavilion C remains
- Moderate reduction of vehicular circulation
- Net decrease of approximately 5,500 square feet of pavement
- Chronological interpretive trail system added
- Includes dedicated bicycle/pedestrian trail
## Project Schedule / Next Steps

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How to Comment

- The public is invited to comment on the proposed action and alternatives analyzed in the Environmental Assessment / Assessment of Effect.
- Comments or questions can be provided tonight on the comment form.
- You may access the document and submit comments electronically at the NPS’s Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/forthunt.
- Written comments may be mailed to:
  Superintendent
  George Washington Memorial Parkway,
  Turkey Run Park, McLean, VA 22101
- Mailed comments must be postmarked by October 6, 2011 to receive consideration.