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The National Park Service Seeks Public Comment on New Alternative Concepts for Fort Hunt Site Development Plan on June 27th

McLean VA – George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP), a unit of the National Park Service (NPS), is conducting public scoping on three new alternative concepts for the Fort Hunt Park Site Development Plan Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect (EA/AoE). GWMP will host an Open House public meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Fort Hunt Elementary School, 8832 Linton Ln, Alexandria, VA 22308. The meeting is being held so interested public can speak to staff, learn more about the proposed alternative concepts and submit written comments. All are encouraged to attend.

GWMP staff has prepared an update newsletter that overviews the new alternative concepts and updates the public on the planning process. New alternative concepts seek to enhance visitor awareness and understanding of Fort Hunt Park's resources while also sustaining many of the park's existing recreational amenities.

This project was initiated in late 2010, with public scoping conducted in early 2011 and an EA/AoE released for review in September 2011. Based on comments received during public review, GWMP determined that none of the previously considered alternatives will move forward as originally proposed. New alternative concepts have been drafted to reflect public comment received. More details about the project are available on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/forthunt>.

The EA/AoE is being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), and other applicable laws, regulations and policies. The planned completion date for the EA/AoE will be determined later this year.



This public scoping period will open on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 and will conclude on Saturday, July 28, 2012. During this period, the public is invited to identify concerns they may have with the proposed alternative concepts as well as offer suggestions. Written comments can be submitted electronically at the NPS's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/forthunt>. (The NPS preferred method of receiving comments)

Written comments may also be mailed to: Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey Run Park, McLean, VA 22101. Attn: Fort Hunt Park EA/AoE

Mailed comments must be postmarked by Saturday, July 28, 2012 to receive consideration.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask the NPS in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, the NPS cannot guarantee it will be able to do so.

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