

Alternative Concepts Public Open House Fort Hunt Park Site Development Plan



To be held on Thursday, February 5, 2015

Meeting Room

Martha Washington Library

6614 Fort Hunt Rd

Alexandria, VA

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP), a unit of the National Park Service (NPS), is proposing new alternative concepts for the Fort Hunt Park Site Development Plan (SDP) and Environmental Assessment (EA). The new alternative concepts being presented for review reflect public and agency comment received from three rounds of review; public scoping in early 2011, feedback on the EA in late 2011, as well as renewed public scoping in mid-2012.

Fort Hunt Park is a 105-acre site with rich historical significance, located along the Potomac River in Fairfax County, Virginia. The park currently serves as a popular destination for picnicking and recreation.

The purpose of the proposed SDP is to identify an overall direction for park management of Fort Hunt Park while defining specific resource conditions and improvements to visitor experience. This will allow for an enhanced visitor experience and connections with park resources, protect park resources, and create a balance of park use that optimizes recreation and resource protection.

This project was initiated in late 2010, public scoping was conducted in early 2011, and an EA released for public review in September 2011. Based on the issues highlighted through the public review, GWMP determined that none of the alternatives presented in the 2011 EA would move forward as originally proposed. It was determined that a new EA would be completed to look at additional alternatives, with further analysis and a reinitiated public scoping. New alternatives were developed and released for public review in June 2012 to reflect public comment received during the September 2011 EA review. The new alternative concepts being presented for review through March 4, 2015 respond to public feedback on concepts presented in 2012, as well as additional NPS analysis conducted since that time.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the NPS is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify alternatives and assess the potential impacts of the proposal. Concurrent to the NEPA process, the NPS is conducting consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), and will prepare an assessment to evaluate the potential effects to historic properties.

An Open House to review the new alternative concepts is planned on Thursday, February 5, 2015 from 6:30p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, located at 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA. During this open house, the project team will be available to discuss the new alternative concepts.

The public is invited to comment on the new alternative concepts for the Fort Hunt Park SDP. During the meeting, comments may be submitted via written comment forms. In addition, you may submit comments electronically at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/forhunt> (the NPS preferred method of receiving comments) or mail them directly to the park. The NPS will accept comments on the proposed new alternatives through March 4, 2015.

Submit comments on-line by following the appropriate links at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/forthunt>

Mail directly to:

Superintendent

Attn: Fort Hunt Park EA

National Park Service

George Washington Memorial Parkway

c/o Turkey Run Park

McLean, VA 22101

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

If you require additional information or special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting, please contact Claire Rozdilski, Acting Environmental Protection Specialist, at claire_rozdilski@nps.gov.