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National Park Service News Release

Arlington, Va.— Today, the National Park Service released the Fort Hunt Park Site Development Plan and Environmental Assessment (SDP/EA) for public review and comment. This SDP/EA follows a previous plan released in September 2011 and includes new alternatives in response to public feedback and additional analysis. Comments are being accepted through August 7, 2015.

The purpose of the plan is to identify an overall management direction for Fort Hunt Park. The plan creates a balance among recreation, enhanced interpretation and the protection of natural and cultural resources. The EA was completed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as well as other applicable laws, regulations and policies.

To read the SDP/EA online visit the project website at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/forthunt. Hard copies may also be viewed at the Martha Washington Library in Alexandria, Va. and the George Washington Memorial Parkway Headquarters at Turkey Run Park.

Public Open House

The NPS will hold an open house on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Martha Washington Library, located at 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, Va. During the open house, the project team will be available to answer public questions.

People who need special accommodations to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Claire Rozdilski at 703.289.2540 or via email at claire_rozdilski@nps.gov.

How to Comment

Members of the public and organizations are encouraged to provide comments online through the National Park Service Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website, which is used by the agency to manage official correspondence and analyze public comment in the planning process. Please visit http://parkplanning.nps.gov/forthunt to comment.

Comments may also be submitted in writing to:

Fort Hunt Park SDP/EA Attn: Claire Rozdilski National Park Service 700 George Washington Memorial Parkway c/o Turkey Run Park McLean, VA 22101

Comments must be entered into the website or postmarked by August 7, 2015 to receive consideration. Please be aware that the entire comment submitted – including personal identifying information such as address, phone number, e-mail address – may be made publicly available. Requests to withhold such personal identifying information from public release will be considered, but there is no guarantee that they will be withheld.

About Fort Hunt Park

<u>The 157 acre</u> Fort Hunt Park is located along the Potomac River in Fairfax County, Virginia. The park is rich with historical significance and currently serves as a popular destination for picnicking and recreation.

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About the George Washington Memorial Parkway: The 4th most visited place in the National Park System, the George Washington Memorial Parkway is a scenic roadway honoring the nation's first president, that protects and preserves cultural and natural resources along the Potomac River from Great Falls to Mount Vernon, and is part of a comprehensive system of parks, parkways and recreational areas surrounding the nation's capital.