



Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority

Proposal for the Development of Silver Lake Regional Park, and the Expansion of Public Parkland in Prince William County April 18, 2007





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Mr. Craig Gerhart
Prince William County Executive
1 County Complex Court
Prince William, VA 22192

RE: Proposal for Partnership with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to develop the Silver Lake Property and expand parkland in Prince William County

Dear Mr. Gerhart,

I am very pleased to be able to offer Prince William County the following proposal for both a solution to the challenge of making the Silver Lake Property into a public park, and forging a long-term partnership with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA) that will result in creating even more parkland in Prince William County.

The Board of Supervisors is very fortunate to have several excellent proposals to choose from relating to the future ownership and management of the Silver Lake Property. The competition of ideas generally produces the best overall outcome and, I am sure in this case, the range of options available to the Board of Supervisors will help deliver the best value for the public.

Some key advantages of the NVRPA proposal are the following:

- ✓ A vision for the property that will provide a diverse mix of uses that will make Silver Lake Regional Park a destination for families and groups seeking a location to spend their leisure time.
- ✓ A plan for environmental protection and restoration that will assure this property continues to serve as a vital natural habitat and buffer to the Bull Run Mountains.
- ✓ A management team with great expertise in running successful public campgrounds and other regional parks.
- ✓ A creative financing plan that will assure that Silver Lake Regional Park is immediately developed to serve the public without any impact on the County's FY'08 budget.
- ✓ A partnership that will result in the expansion of public parkland throughout Prince William County.

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The following proposal will detail these advantages to Prince William County. Since NVRPA's inception in 1959, many have hoped that Prince William County would join the Regional Park Authority helping to create a system of large regional parks, along with the other NVRPA member jurisdictions of: Loudoun County, Fairfax County, Arlington County, City of Fairfax, City of Falls Church and City of Alexandria. We welcome this opportunity to both enter into a new partnership and also help provide a great new park for the citizens of Prince William County and the region.

We look forward to the opportunity to answer any questions that you or the Board of Supervisors may have about his proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Gilbert", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul Gilbert
Executive Director

copy: Prince William County Board of Supervisors

A Vision for Silver Lake



With the main lake as the centerpiece, and the Bull Run Mountains in the background, Silver Lake Regional Park will attract families and groups from throughout the region. It will be a location for weekend getaways, family reunions, company picnics and other recreational activities. This can be a location for horseback riding, fishing, boating, scuba, environmental learning and relaxation.

Picnicking:

Ranked in the top ten outdoor recreation activities in Virginia, picnicking is an activity that is in high demand.¹ The picturesque setting of Silver Lake is ideal to develop, with a variety of pavilion sites to allow family groups, birthday parties and local companies a lakefront location to entertain. The pavilions would offer shade and shelter as well as grills and trash receptacles. The pavilions would be located within a short walk of rest room facilities. NVRPA offers almost 30 picnic pavilions of various sizes within its current parks.



¹ 2006 Virginia Outdoor Survey (DCR) – Picnicking ranked as #8 of the most popular recreational activities

Camping:

Part of the NVRPA mission is to “*foster an understanding of the relationship between people and their environment.*” Few experiences create this understanding and appreciation for the environment better than camping.

The Silver Lake property has been the site of a campground for over 40 years. In recent decades, the facilities have become worn and in need of significant renovation. As the owners of family campgrounds at Bull Run Regional Park and Pohick Bay Regional Park, NVRPA knows how to build and operate high quality family campgrounds. The plan for the Silver Lake campground would include some significant enhancements, including the following:

- Rebuild bathrooms and renovate the camp store.
- Create a horse paddock with trailer access as well as trail access from the campground to promote equestrian camping. This paddock area would include a shelter structure for horses.
- Reduce the number and modify the placement of campsites to enhance the aesthetics and function of the campground.
- Upgrade camp sites with improved utilities.
- Construct new camping cabins.



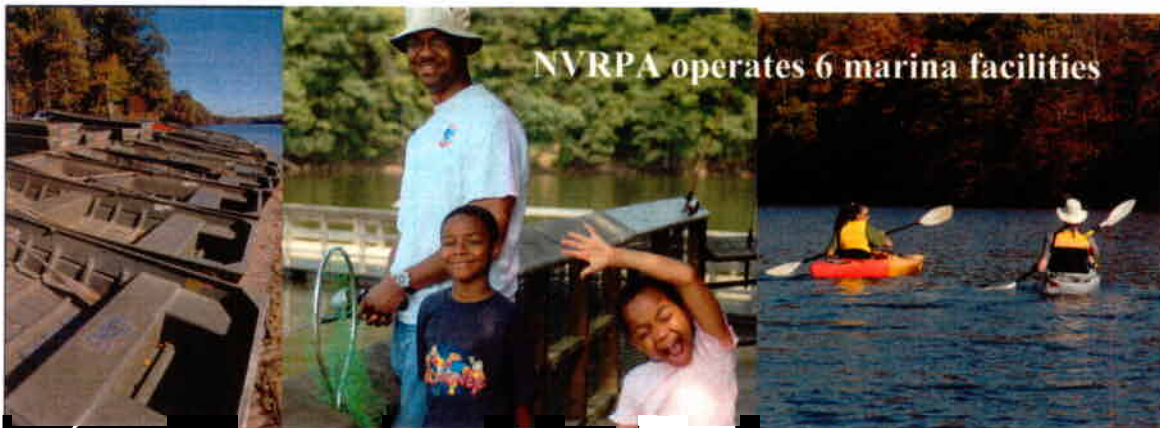
Equestrian Facilities:

In addition to the campground upgrades to accommodate equestrian camping, we would propose to add an area for dressage in what is currently an open field. The combination of the dressage area, extensive trail network and facilities to accommodate horses in the campground, will make Silver Lake Regional Park a popular destination for the equestrian community.



Marina:

The most important feature of this property is the lake itself. In addition to providing a picturesque backdrop for all the other activities of the park, the lake can become a much more central feature with the introduction of a fishing pier and small boat marina. At the marina, one could rent boats like canoes, kayaks and row boats. Given the small size of the lake, no motorized boats would be allowed.



Scuba:

The former quarry operations on site left a small deep water lake that could be ideal for scuba lessons. Scuba certification is typically achieved through a two day course. There would be great synergy between a scuba instruction center and a campground with optional cabins. This park could offer those interested in getting certified in scuba one site, where they could camp overnight and focus on their scuba instruction.



RV & Boat Storage:

The Silver Lake property has long been used as a storage site for boats and RVs. Photographs of the property from 2004 show around 240 trailers and/or RVs in storage at the site. When not done well, such storage areas can be a visual blight. However, when properly screened, such storage areas can offer a valuable public service by taking these large vehicles off residential side streets, and can be done in a way which does not adversely impact the aesthetics of the park. We believe that a smaller number of vehicles could be stored on this site, with appropriate screening.



Environmental Education:

In 2006, NVRPA put in place management goals for every park to create or expand natural and/or historic interpretation programs. The result has been that every park in the NVRPA network has become a center for learning about the rich resources of the land, in addition to whatever recreational opportunities are also available. At Silver Lake Regional Park, we would use the ecological resources of the forests, streams and wetlands to help educate the visiting public about the environment. At many of NVRPA parks, in addition to the signage and interpretive programs offered by park staff, we actively seek partnerships with local and national environmental groups to encourage interpretive programming.

As a result of discussions with the Bull Run Mountain Conservancy (BRMC), NVRPA would be willing to allow an access drive through Silver Lake Regional Park to the parcel to the west of Silver Lake that is owned by a supporter of BRMC, so they could build a future headquarters/interpretive center on that land. NVRPA would seek partnership with BRMC for expanded trail access, joint land conservation efforts and interpretive programming.



Trails:

Trail use is ranked as the number one outdoor recreational activity in Virginia.² Therefore, creating a thoughtful network of trails that connect the various features on the property, is key to building a successful park.

Arranging for trail access through the BRMC land and other area properties will play a large role in making Silver Lake Regional Park a destination for hikers and equestrians interested in using the park as a base to explore the area.



² 2006 Virginia Outdoor Survey (DCR) – Trails ranked as the #1 most popular recreational activity

A Plan for Environmental Protection



Located at the base of the Bull Run Mountains, Silver Lake Regional Park will play an important role in buffering this environmentally sensitive area. To achieve this goal, the first stage of detailed park planning will be to conduct natural and historic resource inventory of the land. This inventory will play a key role in understanding where significant habitat areas or historic/archeological resources are that need special attention to minimize park impact on these areas.

To assure long-term conservation of the forested areas in the north and west areas of the property, NVRPA would be willing to place this block of forest under a perpetual conservation/open space easement. Such an easement would complement the open space easement that the Virginia Outdoors Foundation is considering for the parcel immediately to the west of Silver Lake. The easement on this area would allow for trails, wooded campsites and similar passive recreational use, in addition to a potential access drive, if BRMC chose to build an interpretive center on the adjacent property. The easement would protect this forest habitat and vital buffer.

As further legal protection for Silver Lake Regional Park, NVRPA would seek Federal Land and Water Conservation grants for the development of park features. Once any amount of funds is granted to a park under this program, it triggers a high level of protection against the land being used for any purpose other than park related ones. This is a strategy that NVRPA has used effectively at many of its parks.

The conceptual plan also shows an area for habitat restoration. We believe that developing a plan for habitat restoration in this area can offer an opportunity to partner with environmental groups and also provide a valuable tool for environmental education and attract a greater variety of wildlife to the area.

NVRPA was in many respects founded to manage land for the protection of water quality. Most of NVRPA lands are along the Potomac, Bull Run and Occoquan rivers, and most of the 10,000+ acres of parkland is held in a natural state, providing passive recreation opportunities as well as environmental protection.



Dr. Ira Gabrielson

**Founding Chairman of NVRPA, former Director of US Fish & Wildlife Service
& National Wildlife Federation Hall of Fame Inductee**

"one of the fundamental needs of the people, and one which often is overlooked in many plans, is for recreation under natural surroundings, whether it be a quiet park in a city, where a harried office worker can get away momentarily from the frenetic bustle of modern living, to state and national parks and forests where he can really get next to nature. These things have great and often unappreciated values, which often outweigh those that can be measured in terms of dollars and cents. Those natural areas that are preserved today will draw future interest in the well-being of the citizens of Virginia."

**Address to the Virginia Citizens Planning Association,
Richmond, Virginia, May 9, 1960**

Management Team

In each of the six local governments that are currently members of NVRPA, there is a local park agency in addition to the Regional Authority. This arrangement works well because of a difference in the focus of the park agencies. Typically, the local park agencies put a very high priority on meeting the active recreation needs of the community through athletic fields, recreation centers and programming geared to meet these needs.

The Regional Park Authority was founded to manage lands high in natural and historic resource value and offer the public unique regional recreational opportunities on these lands. As a result of this focus, NVRPA has developed expertise in a number of areas that relate directly to the future management of Silver Lake Regional Park, as well as other park-related resources that NVRPA could manage in Prince William County in the future.

NVRPA has a 48-year history of excellence in the fields of parks, recreation, resource management, interpretation and historic preservation. With a full-time staff of 110 and 500 seasonal employees, NVRPA has an exceptional talent base.

Expertise Directly Relevant to Silver Lake Regional Park

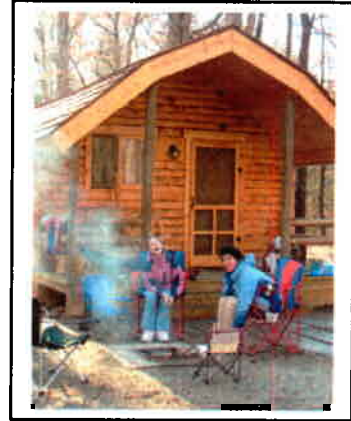
Camping:

For forty years, NVRPA has operated two high quality family campgrounds at Bull Run Regional Park and Pohick Bay Regional Park. As the graph below indicates, running a high quality campground can be a costly enterprise. For decades, NVRPA saw regular budget shortfalls in the camping operations. It has only been recently that we have turned our campgrounds into operations that bring in adequate revenues to offset the expenses. The keys to this success have been the following:

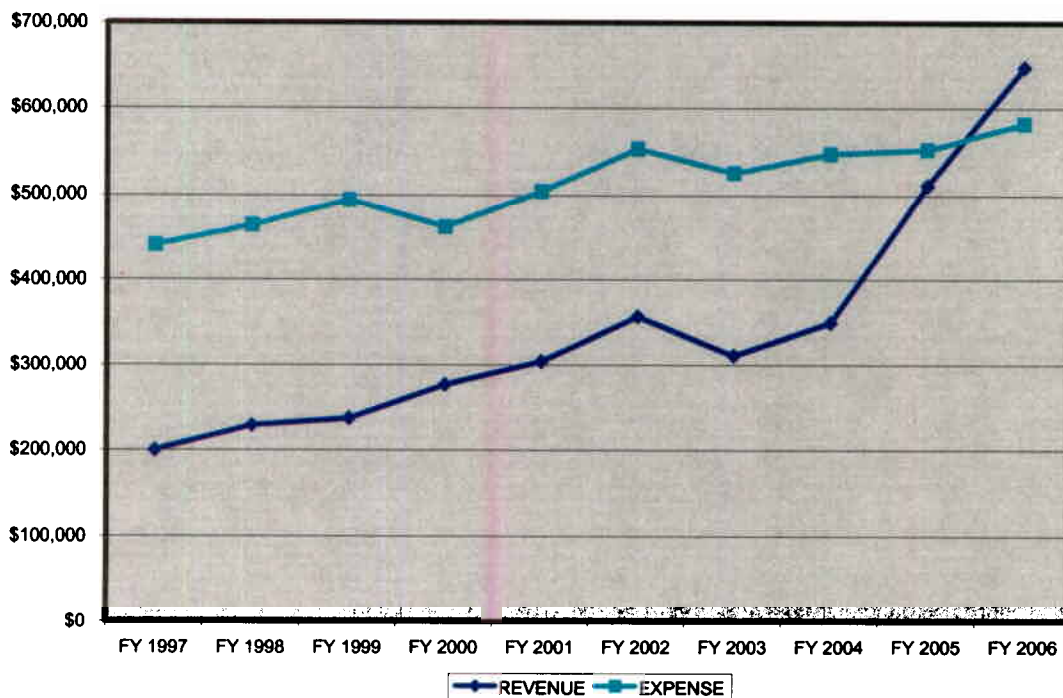
- Offering a wider range of comfort options for campers including cabins, full hookup sites for RVs, as well as traditional tent camping sites. We also are updating restrooms/bathhouses and adding wireless high speed internet access.
- A proactive marketing campaign, which includes newly designed camping brochures in all Virginia tourism centers and enhanced advertising in the leading camp guide books.

In the summer of 2007, NVRPA will launch a new web site with greatly enhanced e-marketing and on-line reservation capabilities that will drive further growth in our camping operations. This new site will allow the public to view individual camp sites and get a full list of features of that site and distances to other campground features.

The marketing efforts and new web site that NVRPA has invested in to build successful campground operations at Pohick Bay Regional Park and Bull Run Regional Park, can be easily adapted to include Silver Lake Regional Park. NVRPA could also use its park operations staff with experience in running our other two family campgrounds to help launch successful operations at Silver Lake Regional Park. Any other public or private operator without the established tools and skill sets in campground operations and marketing, would likely have a higher learning curve before they could have Silver Lake or any other campground serving the public at the highest levels.



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
CAMPING REVENUE AND EXPENSE HISTORY
FY 1997 - FY 2006**



Equine Facilities:

NVRPA has experience with various types of equine facilities. At Temple Hall Farm Regional Park, we own and care for horses from Shires (the largest of the draft horses) to miniature horses. At this farm park, we also offer regular wagon rides to park patrons. We are best known in the equestrian community for offering some of the best trails for horse riding in the nation. The Bull Run/Occoquan Trail is an 18-mile natural surface trail through the woods that runs parallel to the Bull Run/Occoquan Rivers. Another popular trail for horse riding is the W&OD Trail, which offers a gravel trail that parallels the paved cycling trail for 30 miles.



Marinas:

NVRPA offers boat launch facilities at six of its current parks, and operates fleets of rental boats at both Fountainhead Regional Park and Pohick Bay Regional Park. At its marina operations, NVRPA currently provides over 5,000 boat rentals per year. With our many years of experience in this business, NVRPA knows how to run a very efficient and safe operation.

Picnicking:

NVRPA operates nearly 30 picnic pavilions throughout its system. A new on-line reservation system, to be launched in 2007, will enable the public to select the best picnic site for their group, get all the information on the site that they will need and make a reservation via the internet. We anticipate this added service and convenience will help drive greater usage of NVRPA's picnic facilities, including new ones to be offered at Silver Lake Regional Park.

Natural Resource Management:

NVRPA manages over 10,000 acres of parkland. Most of this land is riparian and upland forests adjacent to major waterways like the Potomac, Bull Run and Occoquan Rivers. The Regional Park System also includes a botanical garden at Meadowlark, a nature center at Potomac Overlook and an outdoor education center at Hemlock Overlook. NVRPA has numerous botanists and naturalists on staff, with years of experience managing and interpreting the natural world.



Expertise Potentially Useful for Future Regional Parks in Prince William County

This proposal is to develop a partnership between Prince William County that will address the development and operation of Silver Lake Regional Park, as well as create other NVRPA parks in Prince William County in the future.

Historic Resource Management:

NVRPA operates an accredited historical museum at the colonial era Carlyle House Historic Park in Alexandria. Ball's Bluff Battlefield Regional Park outside of Leesburg is the site of a very significant early Civil War battle. Temple Hall Farm Regional Park was recently added to the National Register of Historic Places as the site of the 1810 home of Temple Mason, nephew of George Mason. And in 2006, the Virginia Outdoors Foundation donated the historic Aldie Mill to the Regional Park Authority.



Event Hosting:

NVRPA offers a wide variety of event venues, from the Atrium at Meadowlark Gardens and the Meeting Center at Algonkian, and other smaller sites suitable for great wedding receptions and business meetings, to the Special Events Center at Bull Run, which can accommodate outdoor event crowds in excess of 10,000 people. Such public spaces, which can be programmed for special events, are a great asset to any community.



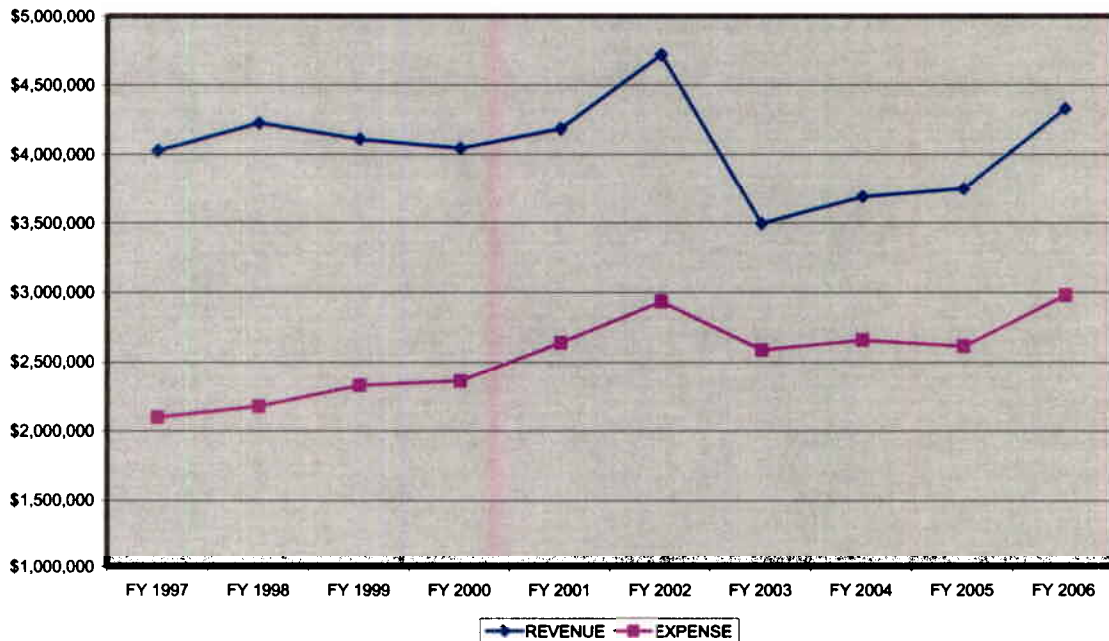
Golf Courses:

Currently, NVRPA owns and operates three 18-hole courses. Two are in Loudoun County and one is in Fairfax County. In 2006, these three courses saw a 13% increase in usage. In the same time span, national golf usage went up only 3%. One of the key features that have driven additional usage of these three courses has been the marketing of an annual membership that allows unlimited annual play for one price. This program offers great value and has been received very well by the golfing public.

All three courses are in the process of getting certified by Audubon International for environmental excellence in golf course management. When certified, these courses will be among a few courses nationwide that are demonstrating the very best in environmentally friendly golf course management. If the County government or County Park Authority wanted to partner with NVRPA on any golf course management issues, we would welcome the opportunity to lend our expertise in this area.



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
GOLF COURSE HISTORY
(FY1997 - FY 2006)**



Aquatics:

NVRPA would carefully evaluate the need before it proposed any new aquatic facilities in Prince William County. Currently, NVRPA operates five popular aquatic sites with excellent safety ratings.

Scholastic Rowing:

At its parks along the Occoquan River/Reservoir, NVRPA offers practice and competitive rowing



facilities for fourteen local high schools as well as George Mason University. NVRPA also has several local rowing clubs that use the same facilities. Rowing is a growing sport, and with the great resources of the Occoquan Reservoir, we would welcome the opportunity to partner with Prince William County to expand the availability of these facilities.

Skeet, Trap & Archery:

At the Bull Run Shooting Center, NVRPA operates the only public skeet, trap and archery facilities in Northern Virginia. In 2006, this location had over 1,400 patrons participating in the learn-to-shoot safety program.

Partnership, Financing And Future Park Acquisitions

Joining the Regional Park Authority:

In 1959, Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Falls Church created NVRPA with concurrent resolutions passed by all three jurisdictions. Since that time, the Cities of Fairfax and Alexandria, as well as Loudoun County have joined NVRPA at different times. The process for Prince William County to join the Regional Park Authority is as simple as passing a resolution similar to the other jurisdictional resolutions that are attached. This resolution states the intention of Prince William County to join and appoints the first two Prince William County representatives to serve on the NVRPA Board. The Virginia Park Authorities Act requires a public hearing to go along with the passage of the resolution.

While no jurisdiction has ever expressed an interest in dissolving the partnership with NVRPA, the Park Authorities Act does allow for a local government to leave an organization like NVRPA.

Creative Financing:

Understanding that Prince William County is facing a very challenging budget for Fiscal Year 2008, and there is a strong interest to see Silver Lake developed into a park serving the public in the near future, NVRPA would like to offer the following solution. **This plan would allow Prince William County to have Silver Lake developed for public use immediately, and not have to spend any funds until Fiscal Year 2009.**

- A. NVRPA would accept the value of fee simple ownership of the Silver Lake property in lieu of capital and operating appropriations for NVRPA for Fiscal Year 2008 and whatever portion of Fiscal Year 2007 is remaining at the time the Board of Supervisors adopts the jurisdictional resolution. This will make Prince William County a full member of the Regional Park Authority upon adoption of the resolution without any budgetary impact on Fiscal Year 2008.
- B. NVRPA will use its capital dollars to immediately start planning and developing Silver Lake Regional Park consistent with this proposal. These expenses would be repaid to the NVRPA capital fund from Prince William County appropriations in the future.

- C. In Fiscal Year 2009 and beyond, Prince William County would be asked to budget funds for the capital and operating appropriations for NVRPA, based on the formula that is used by our member jurisdictions (see example below based on current population numbers).

**FY 2008 JURISDICTION APPROPRIATIONS
INCLUDING PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY**

OPERATING

	<u>Population</u>	<u>Per Capita Cost</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
City of Alexandria	135,337	0.4849832	\$279,055
Arlington County	195,965	0.4848699	404,160
City of Fairfax	21,963	0.4850593	45,279
Fairfax County	1,006,529	0.4848072	2,076,143
City of Falls Church	10,781	0.4870127	22,137
Loudoun County	255,518	0.4846212	527,253
Total	1,626,093	0.4848181	\$3,354,027
Prince William County	<u>349,155</u>	0.4848	<u>\$720,204</u>
Total	<u>1,975,248</u>		<u>\$4,074,231</u>

CAPITAL

<u>Capital</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
City of Alexandria	135,337	6.85%	\$347,333
Arlington County	195,965	9.92%	502,930
City of Fairfax	21,963	1.11%	56,366
Fairfax County	1,006,529	50.96%	2,583,186
City of Falls Church	10,781	0.55%	27,669
Loudoun County	255,518	12.94%	655,769
Prince William County	<u>349,155</u>	17.68%	<u>896,082</u>
Total	<u>1,975,248</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>\$5,069,335</u>

Expansion of Parkland in Prince William County:

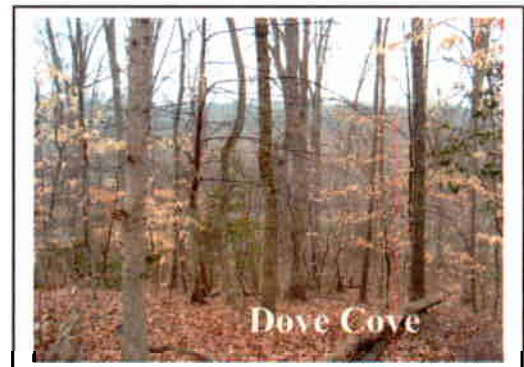
The recently passed Prince William County Park Bond had only \$750,000 out of \$27 million dedicated to land acquisition over the next six years. This means extremely little growth in new parkland over this time period, if left to depend solely on this funding source. Yet, Prince William voters responded to the Prince William County Park and Recreation Needs Assessment listed “**Acquire land to preserve historic or environmentally sensitive areas**” as the top priority in Development Opportunities with over 65% support.

To drive the acquisition and development of new parkland, NVRPA would propose using the capital appropriations from Prince William County to NVRPA as the revenue stream to support bonds that NVRPA would issue for the sole purpose of acquiring and developing parkland in Prince William County. NVRPA could obtain \$7-10 million for this purpose by committing the capital appropriations from Prince William County for 10-15 years. If this course of action was pursued, NVRPA would suggest using a significant portion of these funds for land acquisition, since this is the top priority of the citizens.

NVRPA is well positioned to obtain this financing and execute this proactive parkland expansion program. While NVRPA has bonding authority, it has never used this tool, and so carries no debt. While the standard jurisdictional resolution does not guarantee future appropriations, NVRPA would want to work with Prince William County on adequate financial assurances to show the financial markets, and the NVRPA Board, that the funding for future bond payments was assured.

Other Potential Regional Parks in Prince William County:

If the option of bond funding is pursued to drive a program of new land acquisition in Prince William County, NVRPA will work with the County to identify properties with the greatest park potential for acquisition. Before such funding is available, there are a couple of properties in Prince William County besides Silver Lake that have good potential to be future Regional Parks.



One such property is **Dove Cove**, a property of over 220 acres on the Occoquan River, upstream of Lake Jackson. This property is owned by the Board of Supervisors and could be transferred or leased to NVRPA for public access/park development. This property would be an ideal Regional Park, because of its size and connection to the water. Boating options would need to be explored with the Lake Jackson Citizen's Association, which holds some of the water access rights in this area. Other uses could include fishing, picnicking, nature programs and other compatible park uses.



Another property that could serve as a future Regional Park is **Featherstone National Wildlife Refuge**, a 325 acre property on the Potomac River, owned by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. NVRPA leases land to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in other areas, and if Prince William County were a member jurisdiction, could explore opportunities to manage this property as a Regional Park. The river frontage and large size of this property make it very attractive as a Regional Park. The greatest challenge to providing public access to the property is very limited road access. NVRPA already owns 13 miles of Potomac River shoreline, and is a leading agency in the development of the Potomac Heritage Scenic Trail in Northern Virginia. NVRPA would welcome the opportunity to play a leading role in the development of trail networks in Prince William County.

Conclusion:

The plan laid out in this proposal will allow Prince William County to develop a new and exciting park at Silver Lake during a year when budget constraints would otherwise prohibit any progress on this project. This plan would also forge an important partnership that will directly lead to expanded parkland in Prince William County, as well as better access by Prince William citizens to the 21 parks already in the NVRPA system.

Prince William County has considered joining the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority twice before, forty years ago and twenty years ago, but never before have the reasons for partnering with NVRPA been so compelling.

Concurrent Resolution and Articles of Incorporation

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia area is being rapidly developed without adequate consideration for the necessity of preserving sufficient open spaces to meet the park and recreation needs of the ever-growing population of the area; and

WHEREAS, the park and recreation needs require long-range planning and operational programs at both the local jurisdictional level and the regional level; and

WHEREAS, some progress is being made by the local jurisdictions of Northern Virginia to plan for and provide park and recreational areas, not sufficient progress is being made toward the establishment of larger regional park and recreational areas; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of such regional park and recreational areas requires the creation of a Regional Park Authority, charged with the responsibility to provide such park and recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission, which is charged with the responsibility of regional planning for Northern Virginia, has recommended that the several Northern Virginia jurisdictions establish a Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority;

NOW, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Supervisors of Fairfax County, the County Board of Arlington County, and the City Council of the City of Falls Church, Virginia:

SECTION 1. It is the intention of said governing bodies of the aforementioned jurisdictions to create an Authority under the Virginia Park Authorities Act (Chapter 21.1, Title 15, Code of Virginia, 1950) as amended, for the purpose of planning, acquiring, developing, constructing, operating, and maintaining a system of Regional parks within the geographical limits of the political subdivisions composing the said Authority, and for the purpose of exercising the powers conferred by said Act in relation to the foregoing. No other or further project shall be undertaken by the authority so created unless and until the governing bodies of the political subdivisions composing the Authority shall by subsequent concurrent resolution, after public hearing or hearings, and with or without referendum, specify the further project or projects to be undertaken by such Authority.

SECTION 2. The proposed Articles of Incorporation of such Authority are as follows:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

In compliance with the Virginia Park Authorities Act (Chapter 21.1, Title 15, Code of Virginia, 1950), as amended, the Board of County Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, and the City Council of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, pursuant to a concurrent resolution signifying their intention to create a regional park authority, which shall be a public body politic and corporate, hereby certify:

a. This Authority is formed under the Virginia Park Authorities Act; its name shall be

"NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY"

and the address of its principal office shall be Fairfax, Virginia.

b. The names of the incorporating political subdivisions are:

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA
ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
CITY OF FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA

Each participating political subdivision shall appoint two (2) members of the Authority. The names and addresses of the first members of the said Authority are, respectively, as follows, each of whom is a resident of the incorporating political subdivision appointing him, and each of whom shall continue in office for the term opposite his name and until his successor shall be duly appointed and shall qualify:

Mrs. Emory Hackman, Arlington County, Virginia
Matt C. Huppuch, Arlington County, Virginia
Ira N. Gabrielson, Fairfax County, Virginia
Charles Cecil Wall, Fairfax County, Virginia
E. Don Rockey, Sr., Falls Church, Virginia
Walter L. Mess, Falls Church, Virginia

The successor of each member shall be appointed by the governing body of the participating political subdivision from which the member whose term is expiring was appointed, and such successor shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until his successor shall be duly appointed and shall qualify, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term. Any member of the Authority shall be eligible for reappointment.

Each member shall be reimbursed the amount of his actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his duties.

c. The purpose for which said Authority is created is the planning, acquisition, construction, development, operation, and maintenance of a system of Regional parks within the geographical limits of the political subdivisions composing the said Authority, and for the purpose of exercising in relation thereto all the powers conferred by said Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the political subdivisions incorporating said Authority have caused these Articles of Incorporation to be executed by the chairman or mayor of each of their governing bodies and the official seals of said governing bodies to be affixed hereto and attested by the Clerks of the said governing bodies this ____ day of _____, 1959.

CHAIRMAN, Board of County Supervisors,
Fairfax County, Virginia

Attest:

CLERK of the Board of County Supervisors,
Fairfax County, Virginia

CHAIRMAN, County Board of Arlington
County, Virginia

Attest:

CLERK of County Board of Arlington
County, Virginia

Attest:

MAYOR, City Council, City of Falls
Church, Virginia

SECTION 3. The following persons are hereby appointed as members of said Authority, each of whom is a resident of the political subdivision appointing him, and each of whom shall continue in office for the term expiring on the date set opposite his name and until his successor shall be duly appointed and shall qualify:

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Each member shall be reimbursed the amount of his actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his duties.

SECTION 4. The Articles of Incorporation of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, in substantially the form set forth in Section 2 of this Concurrent Resolution shall be executed on behalf of each of the participating political subdivisions by the chairman or mayor of its governing body and the official seal of each of the said governing bodies shall be affixed thereto and attested by the Clerk of each of the said governing bodies, and said officers are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do all things necessary and appropriate to create said Authority under the provisions of the Virginia Park Authorities Act.

SECTION 5. A public hearing will be held on this Concurrent Resolution in each of the participating political subdivisions at such time, date, and place as the governing body of each such political subdivision shall designate in a notice of such hearing, and such notice together with a copy of this Concurrent Resolution, to be published at least one time, at least ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in such political subdivision.

SECTION 6. The Clerks of the governing bodies of the participating political subdivisions are authorized and directed to cause a notice of the public hearing, together with a copy of this Concurrent Resolution, to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in their respective political subdivisions, said publication to be a least ten days prior to the date fixed for the hearing.

SECTION 7. This Concurrent Resolution shall become effective immediately upon the adoption thereof by the participating political subdivision.

SECTION 8. Upon the adoption of this Concurrent Resolution by each governing body of the participating political subdivisions the clerk of that body is authorized and directed to transmit certified copies thereof to the governing bodies of each of the other participating political subdivisions, noting thereon the date of adoption.

I , Harry Wells, City Clerk for the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of Falls Church, Virginia, at a Regular Meeting held on the 12th day of October, 1959.
In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said City, this 13th day of October 1959.

Harry E. Wells
City Clerk

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP
OF THE CITY OF FAIRFAX IN THE
NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia area is being developed rapidly, thereby making urgent the preservation of sufficient open spaces to meet the park and recreation needs of the ever-growing population of the area; and

WHEREAS, these park and recreation needs require long-range planning and operational programs at both the local jurisdictional level and the regional level; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairfax does not have within its boundaries sufficient open space to provide for the necessary park and recreational needs of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority was created in 1958-1959 under the Virginia Park Authorities Act (Chapter 21.1, Title 15, Code of Virginia, 1950) by joint resolution of the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax and the City of Falls Church to plan for and provide regional park and recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Park Authority has begun a program of park land acquisition as provided for by the Park Authorities Act of Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fairfax, that:

SECTION 1. It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Fairfax to join the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, as provided for by the Park Authorities Act (Chapter 21.1, Title 15, Code of Virginia, 1950) as amended, which authority was created for the purposes of planning, acquiring, developing, constructing, operating, and maintaining a system of Regional Parks within the geographical limits of the political subdivisions composing the said Authority, and for the purpose of exercising the powers conferred by said Act in relation to the foregoing. No other or further project shall be undertaken by the Authority so created unless and until the governing bodies of the political subdivisions composing the Authority shall by subsequent concurrent resolution, after public hearing or hearings, and with or without referendum, specify the further project or projects to be undertaken by such Authority.

SECTION 2. In compliance with the Virginia Park Authorities Act (Chapter 21.1, Title 15, Code of Virginia, 1950) as amended, the City Council of the City of Fairfax hereby certifies that:

1. The City of Fairfax desires to join with the

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

the address of the principal office of which is Fairfax, Virginia.

2. The name of the City of Fairfax to be added to those political subdivisions which created the Regional Park Authority, so that the name of the political subdivisions making up the Regional Park Authority shall read:

Fairfax County, Virginia
Arlington County, Virginia
City of Falls Church, Virginia
City of Fairfax, Virginia

3. Each participating political subdivision is entitled to appoint two (2) members to the Authority. The names and addresses of the first City of Fairfax members of the said Authority are as follows, each of whom is a resident of the City of Fairfax and each of whom shall continue in office for the term opposite his name and until his successor shall be duly appointed and shall qualify:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Term</u>
Mr. Leonard A. Mobley	337 Jean Street, Fairfax, VA	2 years
Mr. Barnard F. Jennings	202 Brookwood Drive, Fairfax, VA	4 years

The successor of each member shall be appointed by the City Council of the City of Fairfax, and such successor shall serve for a term of two (2) years or four (4) years and until his successor shall be duly appointed and qualified, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term. Any member of the Authority shall be eligible for reappointment.

Each member shall be reimbursed the amount of his actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his duties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City Council of the City of Fairfax has caused this resolution to be executed by the Mayor of the City of Fairfax and the official seal to be affixed hereto and attested by the Clerk of the City of Fairfax this 19th day of July, 1963.

John C. Wood
Mayor, City of Fairfax, Virginia

Attest:

Frances L. Cox
Clerk of the City of Fairfax, Virginia

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia area is being developed rapidly, thereby making urgent the preservation of sufficient open spaces to meet the park and recreation needs of the ever-growing population of the area; and

WHEREAS, these park and recreation needs require long-range planning and operational programs at both the local jurisdictional level and the regional level; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria does not have within its boundaries sufficient open space to provide for the necessary park and recreational needs of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority was created in 1958-1959 under the Virginia Park Authorities Act (Chapter 21.1, Title 15, Code of Virginia, 1950) by joint resolution of the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax and the City of Falls Church to plan for and provide regional park and recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Park Authority has begun a program of park land acquisition as provided for by the Park Authorities Act of Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, that:

SECTION 1. It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Alexandria to join the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, as provided for by the Park Authorities Act (Chapter 21.1, Title 15, Code of Virginia, 1950) as amended, which authority was created for the purposes of planning, acquiring, developing, constructing, operating, and maintaining a system of Regional Parks within the geographical limits of the political subdivisions composing the said Authority, and for the purpose of exercising the powers conferred by said Act in relation to the foregoing. No other or further project shall be undertaken by the Authority so created unless and until the governing bodies of the political subdivisions composing the Authority shall by subsequent concurrent resolution, after public hearing or hearings, and with or without referendum, specify the further project or projects to be undertaken by such Authority.

SECTION 2. In compliance with the Virginia Park Authorities Act (Chapter 21.1, Title 15, Code of Virginia, 1950) as amended, the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby certifies that:

1. The City of Alexandria desires to join with the

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

the address of the principal office of which is Fairfax, Virginia.

2. The name of the City of Alexandria to be added to those political subdivisions which created the Regional Park Authority, so that the name of the political subdivisions making up the Regional Park Authority shall read:

Fairfax County, Virginia
 Arlington County, Virginia
 City of Falls Church, Virginia
 City of Fairfax, Virginia
 City of Alexandria, Virginia

3. Each participating political subdivision is entitled to appoint two (2) members to the Authority. The names and addresses of the first City of Alexandria members of the said Authority are as follows, each of whom is a resident of the City of Alexandria and each of whom shall continue in office for the term opposite his name and until his successor shall be duly appointed and shall qualify:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Term</u>
Mayor Charles E. Beatley, Jr.	4875 Maury Lane, Alexandria, VA	2 years
Vice Mayor Eugene W. Zimmerman	1310 Bishop Lane, Alexandria, VA	4 years

The successor of each member shall be appointed by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, and such successor shall serve for a term of two (2) years or four (4) years and until his successor shall be duly appointed and qualified, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term. Any member of the Authority shall be eligible for reappointment.

Each member shall be reimbursed the amount of his actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his duties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City Council of the City of Alexandria has caused this resolution to be executed by the Mayor of the City of Alexandria and the official seal to be affixed hereto and attested by the Clerk of the City of Alexandria this 22nd day of April, 1969.

S/ Charles E. Beatley, Jr.

 Mayor, City of Alexandria, Virginia

Attest:

S/ Helen Vickers

 Clerk of the City of Alexandria, Virginia

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia area is being developed rapidly, thereby making urgent the preservation of sufficient open spaces to meet the park and recreation needs of the ever-growing population of the area; and

WHEREAS, these park and recreation needs require long-range planning and operational programs at both the local jurisdictional level and the regional level; and

WHEREAS, the County of Loudoun does not have within its boundaries sufficient open space to provide for the necessary park and recreational needs of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority was created in 1958-1959 under the Virginia Park Authorities Act (Chapter 21.1, Title 15, Code of Virginia, 1950) by joint resolution of the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax and the City of Falls Church to plan for and provide regional park and recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Park Authority has begun a program of park land acquisition as provided for by the Park Authorities Act of Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Supervisors of Loudoun County, that:

SECTION 1. It is the intention of the Board of County Supervisors of Loudoun County to join the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, as provided for by the Park Authorities Act (Chapter 21.1, Title 15, Code of Virginia, 1950) as amended, which authority was created for the purposes of planning, acquiring, developing, constructing, operating, and maintaining a system of Regional Parks within the geographical limits of the political subdivisions composing the said Authority, and for the purpose of exercising the powers conferred by said Act in relation to the foregoing. No other or further project shall be undertaken by the Authority so created unless and until the governing bodies of the political subdivisions composing the Authority shall by subsequent concurrent resolution, after public hearing or hearings, and with or without referendum, specify the further project or projects to be undertaken by such Authority.

SECTION 2. In compliance with the Virginia Park Authorities Act (Chapter 21.1, Title 15, Code of Virginia, 1950) as amended, the Board of County Supervisors of Loudoun County hereby certifies that:

1. The County of Loudoun desires to join with the

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

the address of the principal office of which is Fairfax, Virginia.

2. The name of the County of Loudoun to be added to those political subdivisions which created the Regional Park Authority, so that the name of the political subdivisions making up the Regional Park Authority shall read:

Fairfax County, Virginia
 Arlington County, Virginia
 City of Falls Church, Virginia
 City of Fairfax, Virginia
 City of Alexandria, Virginia
 Loudoun County, Virginia

3. Each participating political subdivision is entitled to appoint two (2) members to the Authority. The names and addresses of the first County of Loudoun members of the said Authority are as follows, each of whom is a resident of the County of Loudoun and each of whom shall continue in office for the term opposite his name and until his successor shall be duly appointed and shall qualify:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Term</u>
Frank Raflo	Leesburg District P.O. Box 448 Leesburg, Virginia	4 years
Dr. James O. Wiley	Purcellville, Virginia	2 years

SECTION 3. The provisions of this resolution should be effective July 1, 1973.

The successor of each member shall be appointed by the Board of County Supervisors of Loudoun County, and such successor shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until his successor shall be duly appointed and qualified, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term. Any member of the Authority shall be eligible for reappointment.

Each member shall be reimbursed the amount of his actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his duties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Supervisors of Loudoun County has caused this resolution to be executed by the Chairman, Board of County Supervisors, Loudoun County, Virginia, and the official seal to be affixed hereto and attested by the Clerk of the Board of County Supervisors, Loudoun County, Virginia this 8th day of November 1972.

S/ Philip A. Bolen

 Philip A. Bolen, County Administrator