

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 12:08 PM
To: [J. Farmer](#)
Subject: RE: Please don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

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Thank you again for your feedback.

From: J. Farmer <vonnegut313@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 11:07 AM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Please don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Given the impacts of air pollution, climate change, and the benefits of green & open spaces in our country, I'm writing in support of increased funding for Fairfax County Parks and oppose any of the cuts the Park Authority Board has suggested as a way to meet a 7% reduction requested by the County Executive. Parks are underfunded given their positive impact & the important role they place in our communities.

We need additional support for forestry and bamboo mitigation that have not yet been filled, maintaining adequate park facilities including restrooms, improving trail maintenance, and decreasing or eliminating fees for children's summer programs.

I volunteer to pull invasive weeds and bamboo in my neighborhood's county parkland & help to report on illegal dumping, issues with stormwater maintenance

issues to prevent more expensive fixes.

Thank you,
Jasen Farmer

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 3:15 PM
To: [Jen B. Connors](#)
Subject: RE: Proposed Budget Cuts for Parks

Hello Jennifer Connors,

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From: Jen B. Connors <jenbconnors@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 10:14 AM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Proposed Budget Cuts for Parks

Dear Fairfax County Board Members and Officials,

It is my understanding that the Fairfax County Executive is asking county agencies, including the Park Authority, to reduce their budget proposals. As a lifelong Fairfax County resident, I believe the county should increase park funding, not reduce it.

Public parks are historically the targets of decreased funding or ceased funding. Parks are so vitally important to not only the health of the ecosystems, but adds to local offerings where residents and families can spend quality time engaged in activities in a healthy, safe environment.

Among the suggested cuts are not funding new positions in forestry and bamboo mitigation that have not been filled, closing park restrooms, reducing trail maintenance, and increasing fees for children's summer programs while reducing their availability. These cuts are all unnecessary and would be a mistake.

Fairfax County is overrun with nonnative, invasive plant species such as bamboo. Management and/or eradication of these species is critical. Park restroom numbers are low as is. Closing them is threat to public health should visitors use the woods as a rest area. Keeping these open is important to the health of the park and convenience for visitors.

Fairfax County parks already receive less than 1% of the county budget. Reducing spending for our parks sends the message that these areas are not a priority. Please do not let the parks slip through the cracks and become another statistic. They are vital for residents and wild species alike.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Jennifer Connors

Fairfax Station, VA 22039

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 11:50 AM
To: [Mickey Woll](#)
Subject: RE: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

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From: Mickey Woll <mickey.woll312@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 9:10 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Consider to at least keep the spending cut the same. Fairfax needs to continue being beautiful for our wildlife admirers and wildlife itself.

Thank you.

Mickey

Sent from my iPhone

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 11:50 AM
To: [Henry Blinder](#)
Subject: RE: Proposed budget

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From: Henry Blinder <henryblinder1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2023 6:38 AM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Proposed budget

There is a huge need for additional Pickleball courts in Fairfax County, especially in the area near Vienna. In contrast, many of the current tennis courts are significantly underutilized and could be very inexpensively converted over to shared use courts or dedicated Pickleball courts. This is especially true at Nottoway Park.

Respectfully,
Henry Blinder
919-724-2089

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 11:51 AM
To: [Shelley Adler](#)
Subject: RE: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

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From: Shelley Adler <sadler22@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2023 7:48 AM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Hello,

I love birding at many of your wonderful parks. Please increase the funding as opposed to cutting it.
Thanks, Shelley

Sent from my iPhone

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 11:52 AM
To: [Powell Hutton](#)
Subject: RE: OPPOSE General Fund Budget Reductions for Fairfax County Parks
Attachments: [Ltr to Fairfax re parks.doc](#)

Hello Powell Hutton,

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From: Powell Hutton <powell.hutton@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2023 10:36 AM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Cc: Clerk to the BOS <ClerktotheBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: OPPOSE General Fund Budget Reductions for Fairfax County Parks

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I write to encourage you to reject a proposal to cut funding for our parks, even though I am a resident of Arlington. Unlike most urban centers, parks have an influence that can extend far beyond normal jurisdictional boundaries, as they are home to multiple species of wildlife and provide critical stopover sites for migratory travelers. This is particularly true of a site such as Huntley Meadows,

a park where a number of us have continued to visit weekly for some three decades to conduct wildlife censuses.

In a period of dramatic climate change and creeping urban sprawl, reducing support for natural spaces is a shortsighted move that will affect our and future generations. The long view is important here. All of us need to care for our natural spaces, whether we are individual citizens or elected representatives. We owe it to our grandchildren and theirs to live up to our responsibilities as stewards of our shared environment.

Do the right thing and keep funding support for our vitally important parks.

Thank you,

Powell Hutton
Friend of Huntley Meadows Park

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 11:53 AM
To: [Barbara Cade Pringle](#)
Subject: RE: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Dear Barbara and Robert Pringle,

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From: Barbara Cade Pringle <bpringle9@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2023 12:35 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Dear Members of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board,

As longtime members of the Huntley Meadows Monday Morning Birding Group, we would like to attest to the role this park plays not only in the preservation of wild species in our area but in the pleasure it gives to all sorts of citizens in northern Virginia. As we search for birds with our binoculars and cameras, young mothers (and often fathers) bring out toddlers or older children being home-schooled or on vacation to hunt for frogs and turtles and butterflies and dragonflies. Occasionally the little ones are thrilled by the sight of a great blue heron or white egret if they are lucky.

Besides Huntley Meadows' important role in conservation, it is a major source of exercise and enjoyment for the residents of the surrounding area, and for that reason deserves every penny of the funding it now receives from the county.

Sincerely,

Barbara and Robert Pringle

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 11:53 AM
To: [cyndi Perry](#)
Subject: RE: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Dear Cyndi Perry,

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From: cyndi Perry <cmperry-pp@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2023 5:44 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

September 16, 2023

Fairfax County Park Authority Board, Via email: parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov

RE: OPPOSE General Fund Budget Reductions for Fairfax County Parks

As a resident of Oakton, VA and a Fairfax Master Naturalists, I oppose the budget reductions for Fairfax County parks!

My family continues to support an increase budget for Fairfax County parks, particularly as that budget supports efforts to maintain healthy ecosystems that protect and conserve natural resources. We were disappointed to see possible cuts of general fund monies for the FY 2025 budget amounting to approximately \$2.4 million.

Instead of cuts, we ask you to urge the Board of Supervisors to increase funds for county parks, to bolster efforts to acquire more land, restore degraded lands and create more natural resource-focused parks. These steps can help implement the county's climate action, resiliency, and natural

landscaping plans; increase trees and other natural vegetation that absorb carbon and other pollution and stem stormwater runoff and help reverse declines in birds and insects.

The parks are already poor cousins in the Fairfax County budget, receiving less than 1% of the County funds. There is no fat to cut. We understand that the Park Authority has suggested, in response to a request from the County Executive for a 7% reduction of monies from the general fund for 2025, eliminating new personnel positions, specifically two forestry positions and a bamboo mitigation position. Given the accelerating effects from climate change, the parks cannot afford to put off hiring personnel whose job is to maintain a healthy park ecosystem through attention to tree health and combating invasive plants. Trees and a healthy forest environment mitigate the effects of climate change and provide much needed relief from urban heat islands for the growing Fairfax County population.

The parks are more essential than ever to wildlife AND community health. Closing restrooms could send park users into wooded areas to the detriment of the environment. Reducing trail maintenance can reduce opportunities for appreciation of the parks' natural resources. Increasing the cost of and reducing availability of Rec-Pac youth programs is particularly problematic for low-income families. I encourage you to oppose requests to cut the parks budget. The parks need more funding, not less.
cyndi perry, long time Oakton resident

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 11:54 AM
To: [Ana Smythe](#)
Subject: RE: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Dear Ana Smythe,

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From: Ana Smythe <anarsmythe@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2023 10:26 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

To whom it may concern;

It is so important that we don't cut funding to our parks again. The cuts have already hurt our environment, devastating native plants and wildlife. It is critical that we increase funding and correct the damage that has been done. We can't afford one more day where we neglect the environment and destroy our children's future. Previous generations have enjoyed a robust park system and we owe it to future generations to preserve nature's beauty and health. I can't imagine further cuts. How can I convince you of the devastating outcomes that result when we stop or decrease funding for our parks.

Take action today, please.

Sincerely,

Ana Smythe
9025 Charles Augustine Dr
Alexandria VA 22308

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 6:38 PM
To: [Diva Crows](#)
Subject: RE: Funding for Fairfax County Parks

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From: Diva Crows <divacrows1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 4:08 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Cc: Mason <Mason@FairfaxCounty.gov>; FCPA Board.Mason <FCPABoard.Mason@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Funding for Fairfax County Parks

I am writing to urge you not to cut funds from the Fairfax County Parks. I am a registered voter who has lived in the Mason District for nearly 30 years. The park system was one of the reasons we moved into the county. Over the years, we took our children to Fairfax County parks nearly every weekend, sent them to summer camps, and took advantage of the wide offering of after-school classes. As the world faces unprecedented challenges to the environment, our children must learn how to respect and co-exist with nature. Fairfax county parks create a love and respect for the outdoors that is fundamental to creating the political will to face climate change.

As the director of [Diva Crows](#), a non-profit that rehabilitates injured and orphaned songbirds, I have partnered with the park service for several years to conduct educational programs to teach children (and adults) to be good avian neighbors. I have introduced non-releasable songbirds to audiences at Lake Accotink, Burke Lake Park, Ellanor Lawrence, Long Branch, and Hidden Oaks. I do not charge anything for the programs and audiences get to see birds up close and learn about the species who live in their backyards. It is a partnership that benefits all parties; cutting back on park staff and programs would

undermine the work that we are doing. I'm sure the same is true for many other groups who use the parks as a platform for their public service messages.

In short, Fairfax parks are essential to the quality of life in the county. If one needs to save money, cutting a program that represents 1% of the budget will not solve the problem. Better-funded programs should be the place to start budget cuts.

Sincerely,
Catherine Sevckenko

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Catherine Sevckenko
Executive Director
Diva Crows

Divacrows1@gmail.com

@DivaCrows

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From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 6:38 PM
To: [Marilyn Parks](#)
Subject: RE: Fairfax County Park funding
Attachments: [FCPA Board.docx](#)

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From: Marilyn Parks <marilynneparks@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 4:11 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Cc: Sully District Kathy L. Smith <SullyDistrictKathyLSmith@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Fairfax County Park funding

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 3:47 PM
To: [Kay Bushman](#)
Subject: RE: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

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From: Kay Bushman <KAY.BUSHMAN@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 12:51 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

I live in the Mt Vernon area close to Huntley Meadows. I enjoy all the Fairfax County parks. They are crucial to conservation of native plants and wildlife. Please fund these parks. If you must make cuts you should sell off the McCutcheon property which is under utilized not used by most of the county. But don't make wholesale cuts across the board.

Kay Bushman
1908 Swan Terrace, Alexandria, VA 22307

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 3:47 PM
To: [Stephanie Stahr](#)
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From: Stephanie Stahr <stahr.stephanie@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 12:23 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Cc: FCPA Board.HunterMill <FCPABoard.HunterMill@fairfaxcounty.gov>; Hunter Mill BOS <HunterMillBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Please don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Hello everyone —

We live in Vienna. Our family has often enjoyed our county parks during the 34 years we've lived here. And we've donated to Fairfax County Parks several times.

Please don't cut parks funding. The parks are among the reasons we, and countless friends of ours, live here. We know budget decisions are extremely difficult, but in our opinion the parks budget should be increased, not decreased.

Thank you for reading this.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Stahr and

Jeffrey Metzger

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
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To: [Bonny Pasowicz](#)
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Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 12:12 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Good morning,

I am writing to ask you to do everything you can to avoid budget cuts to our parks and beautiful park trails.

I am a senior and enjoy the recreation center programs and frequent walks on the Difficult Run trails. I always thank county employees that help maintain them. In the past 5 years invasive plants have increased and fallen trees have taken longer to be removed, making it hard to navigate around them.

The recent drought has caused more trees to rot and fall. A large Tulip Poplar on our street (Tattersall Trail, Oakton) fell just after elementary school children had walked by. Had the timing been a few minutes earlier, the parents and children would have been seriously hurt. The tree was on county property but scared our neighbors enough to have all our trees evacuated.

Please don't allow this to happen on our well used and loved country trails.

Thank you.

Bonny Pasowicz

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Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 3:46 PM
To: [mark glaser](#)
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From: mark glaser <mark.glaser48@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 12:02 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Do not cut funding.

Mark
22079

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 3:44 PM
To: [Barbara Mugaas](#)
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From: Barbara Mugaas <grandmamugaas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 11:30 AM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Please please please don't cut Fairfax County Park funding! Increase it!

We need to take care of our parks! I've been here since 1952 and the parks came much later but were fabulous and are still fabulous!

They support so much of our nature and wildlife and pollinators etc etc.

Every time I see developers tear down trees like at the end of McWhorter place in Annandale and watch all the birds come to my fence on McWhorter every day for food because they have no food because there are no trees Etc. It's just plain wrong!

Mother Nature isn't going to be there for us if we keep doing this! She can only do so much because we are destroying so much!!

We need our parks to be supported and expanded and protected. That's your job! Please be reverent to protecting these beautiful lands.

If you can't support this, who will?

Sincerely,
Barbara Mugaas

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 3:44 PM
To: [Barry Hemmerdinger](#)
Subject: RE: FY2025 Park Budget Cuts !?!

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Thank you again for your feedback.

-Parkmail Team

From: Barry Hemmerdinger <behemmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 11:25 AM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>; Mason <Mason@FairfaxCounty.gov>; FCPA Board.Mason <FCPABoard.Mason@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: FY2025 Park Budget Cuts !?!

I understand cuts of as much as 7% are being proposed for Fairfax County Parks. This would be a big mistake as the county parks are already showing signs of decreased maintenance when compared to parks in Alexandria and Arlington, not to mention ones in nearby states as West Virginia and Ohio. My interest in parks changes over time as I am sure is typical. First children focused, then a bit of adventure, and now I'm an avid birder. This is a common story of Fairfax county residents and the park system is one reason that people decide to stay in the area despite the high cost of living. The value add for a well park system justifies the cost of living. Cutting the budget of the parks is a very visible hit against the cost/benefits of living in Fairfax County. Please reconsider these cuts.

Barry Hemmerdinger
Annandale

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 3:42 PM
To: [Joan Gillard](#)
Subject: RE: Herndon resident opposes proposed park budget cuts

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From: Joan Gillard <gillardjoan1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 4:29 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Herndon resident opposes proposed park budget cuts

Dear members of the Park Authority Board

My name is Joan Gillard and I live in Herndon.
I am writing to express my support for the park budget and its priorities of equity and management of natural resources for healthy ecosystems.

I oppose cuts to the Park Authority's budget.

I moved to Herndon in 1995 , raised 2 sons with my husband and now have granddaughters.
We have all had countless hours of fun walking, bird watching, learning to identify wildlife, skipping stones, walking on logs, etc.
Our own experiences and an increasing amount of research demonstrate that time in nature is beneficial physically, developmentally for children and emotionally for all.

Make FCPA whole!!

Thank you for your consideration
Joan Gillard

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 3:43 PM
To: [Jeannie Leson](#)
Subject: RE: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

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From: Jeannie Leson <jcleson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 11:12 AM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Cutting funding for our parks is a sad situation. I live in Fairfax Station. The wooded areas are so important. We have destroyed the habitats of so many animals and birds. So often I see another small wooded area being decimated to build more houses. Our governments at every level continue to ignore the American people. I'm sure that contractors and money are the cause of many situations.

I will vote against anything that destroys parks and wildlife habitat.

Jeannie Leson
9609 Oakington Dr.
Fairfax Station, VA 22029

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 8:52 AM
To: lindenoakton
Subject: RE: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Hello Linden Renner,

Thank you for taking the time to offer comments on the Fairfax County Park Authority's proposed budget. Your comments are a valuable part of this process and will be shared with the Park Authority Board. We invite you to continue to follow the Park Authority's budgetary process by visiting www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/board/meetings.

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From: Linden Oakton <lindenoakton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 1:12 PM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

I am writing to ask you to increase parks funding and to please not cut spending.

I live in the Wheatland Farms/Miller Heights neighborhood. My husband and I continue to live in this area and Fairfax County because of the outdoor resources available to us. We walk the Gerry Connolly Cross Country Trail 5 days per week, not to mention other Fairfax County parks and trails that we also use. The trails need to be kept safe and maintained for the hikers, bikers, walkers, etc. Also, it is important to have a healthy tree canopy that supports the environment overall including the local wildlife.

I also see county employees and volunteer groups dealing with the invasive plants in the trail area. Many of these plants have already made it to my yard. I know that we have to be diligent to remove these plants to maintain a healthy environment in our woods. Please continue to support this important work.

Also, please do not close the restrooms at the outdoor facilities during open hours. All ages need to have available restrooms.

Thank you,
Linden Renner
3205 Wheatland Farms Dr, Oakton, VA 22124

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 8:51 AM
To: [VAA](#)
Subject: RE: Increase Funding for Fairfax County Parks

Hello Vineeta Anand,

Thank you for taking the time to offer comments on the Fairfax County Park Authority's proposed budget. Your comments are a valuable part of this process and will be shared with the Park Authority Board. We invite you to continue to follow the Park Authority's budgetary process by visiting www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/board/meetings.

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From: VAA <vineetaa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 11:33 AM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Increase Funding for Fairfax County Parks

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I believe that Fairfax County Parks need more money, and any attempts by the Park Authority Board to cut funding are short-sighted and exactly the opposite of what the parks need.

I live in Alexandria, four miles north of Huntley Meadows, and before the pandemic, I used to go there every Sunday morning. During the pandemic, Huntley Meadows and all other parks in the area were packed with people looking for a respite from the lockdown. Having discovered the area parks, many more people are now visiting the parks.

Huntley Meadows is just one of the many Fairfax County parks I visit regularly as a birder and someone who enjoys spending time in nature.

I am also a FROG--a Friend of Green Spring--and a regular visitor there for several decades. These are only two of my favorite

Although that is a good thing, more visitors also require additional funding for restrooms, trail maintenance, and new programs.

I recently went on butterfly count at Dyke Marsh, also a Fairfax County gem.

Parks help people enjoy the value of native plants and wildlife, and understand firsthand the impact of climate change.

I hope you will do the right thing and increase funding for these precious gems in our area, and not cut back the vital support they need.

Thank you for your consideration,

Vineeta Anand

Alexandria, VA

"Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we *believe* that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today." Thich Nhat Hanh, 1926-2022.

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 8:50 AM
To: [Hope4theEarth](#)
Subject: RE: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Hello Hope Woodward,

Thank you for taking the time to offer comments on the Fairfax County Park Authority's proposed budget. Your comments are a valuable part of this process and will be shared with the Park Authority Board. We invite you to continue to follow the Park Authority's budgetary process by visiting www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/board/meetings.

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From: Hope4theEarth <puraque@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 8:46 AM
To: FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Dear Park Authority Board Members,

As a Loudoun County resident, wildlife biologist, and member of the Virginia Native Plant Society watching western Loudoun population grow with limited park space for all uses and users (including "passive use"), I see the need for continued increases in park funding for all residents of Fairfax County. This is needed not only to create new parks but to maintain and, as needed, expand existing parks.

I therefore support increased funding for Fairfax County Parks and oppose cuts the Park Authority Board has suggested as a way to meet a 7% reduction requested by the County Executive. The parks already receive less than 1% of the county budget.

Thank you for considering my concerns and request.

Sincerely,

Hope Woodward
Purcellville, VA
540.623.3677

From: [FCPA Parkmail](#)
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 8:50 AM
To: [Emily Muth](#)
Subject: RE: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Hello Emily Gravolet,

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From: Emily Muth <emily.e.muth@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 10:14 PM
To: FCPA Board.HunterMill <FCPABoard.HunterMill@fairfaxcounty.gov>; Hunter Mill BOS <HunterMillBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov>; FCPA Parkmail <Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov>
Subject: Don't cut spending for Fairfax County parks!

Hello,

I am a resident of Hunter Mill District. I support increased funding for Fairfax County Parks and oppose cuts the Park Authority Board has suggested as a way to meet a 7% reduction requested by the County Executive. The parks already receive less than 1% of the county budget.

Our parks are essential to preserve our local ecosystem as well as foster healthy communities to engage with the outdoors. Please do not cut the budget.

Emily Gravolet