

EXHIBIT NO. 1

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2003

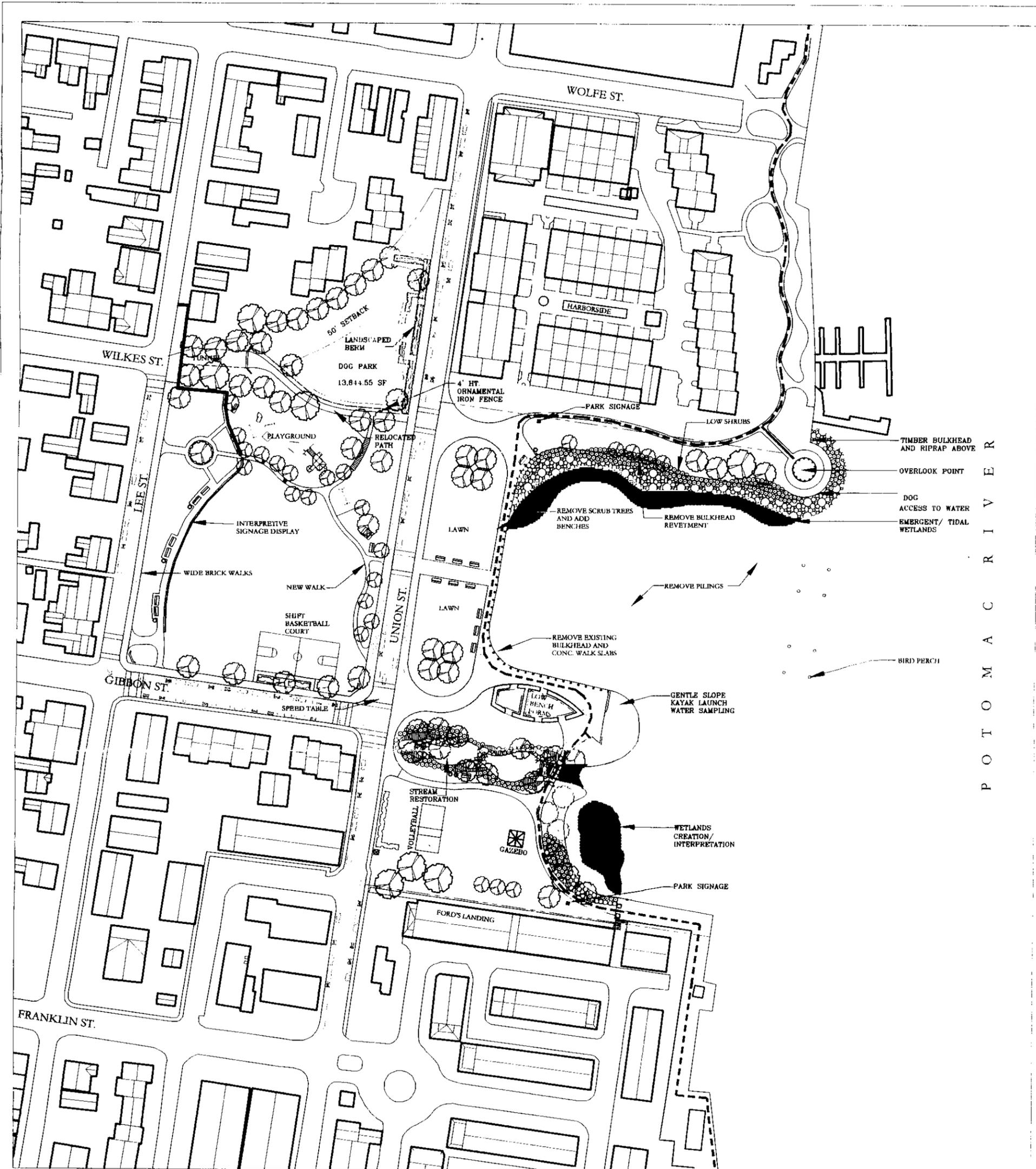
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER 

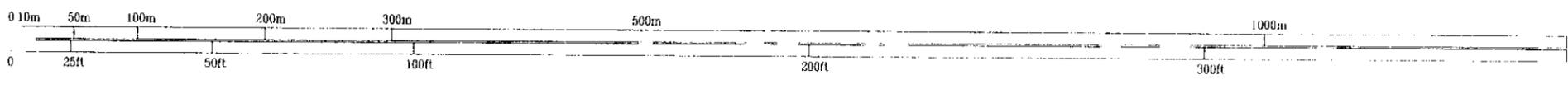
SUBJECT: WINDMILL HILL PARK CONCEPT PLAN

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Attached for your information is a copy of the Windmill Hill Park Concept Plan that you approved on June 5, 2002.



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**WINDMILL HILL PARK**  
**APPROVED CONCEPT PLAN**

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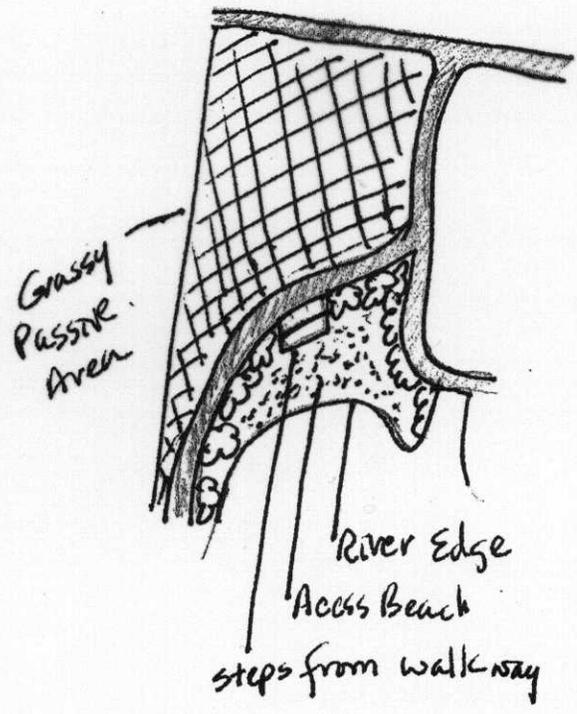
**Final Revisions to Windmill Hill Park Concept Plan**

1. Relocate the basketball court to allow for the completion of the sidewalk on Gibbon to Union.
2. Construct the sidewalk noted in #1 (above).
3. Relocate the volleyball court adjacent to the basketball court.
4. Remove the asphalt parking lot on the east side of Union, clean that area, seed, and install family-oriented equipment and furniture.
5. Remove the gates that restrict access to the area in #4 (above).
6. Re-seed the area between Union and the basin, provide additional plantings, and install family oriented-equipment and furniture.
7. Remove the curb cuts on the east side of Union at the Gibbon extended area.
8. Begin the restoration of the area immediately north of the current dog area by trimming some of the overgrowth, removing dead and decayed trees and planting appropriate new materials.
9. *Make the necessary improvements at the north end of WHP to allow for dog access to the river from that ramp.*

**OR**

*Make the necessary improvements at the south end of WHP to allow for dog access to the river from that area.*

10. Increase wattage or the number of fixtures in the Wilkes Street tunnel.
  11. Install pedestrian crosswalks across Union at the north (at the terminus of the new pathway from the Wilkes Street tunnel) and south (Gibbon extended) ends of WHP.
  12. Complete the construction of the new dog exercise area, including fencing and landscaping.
- ◆ 13. Instruct the City Manager to report back to Council with cost estimates, work schedule and additional details, as needed.
- ◆ 14. Schedule a public hearing on these final revisions, to be limited to one hour, and allow no further public testimony on this matter for the remainder of this Council term.



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# Interim Dog Access to Water Windmill Hill Park

EXHIBIT NO. 3

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HARBORSIDE  
CONDOMINIUMS

UNION STREET

PATH FROM UNION STREET

Slope area to be renovated with  
1/4" "River Jack"- Round, washed  
riverstone

Existing ramp area to be designated  
as interim dog access to water.

Boards and debris around area  
along ramp edges to be removed  
and reinforced w/ steel and/or  
timber ties and posts.

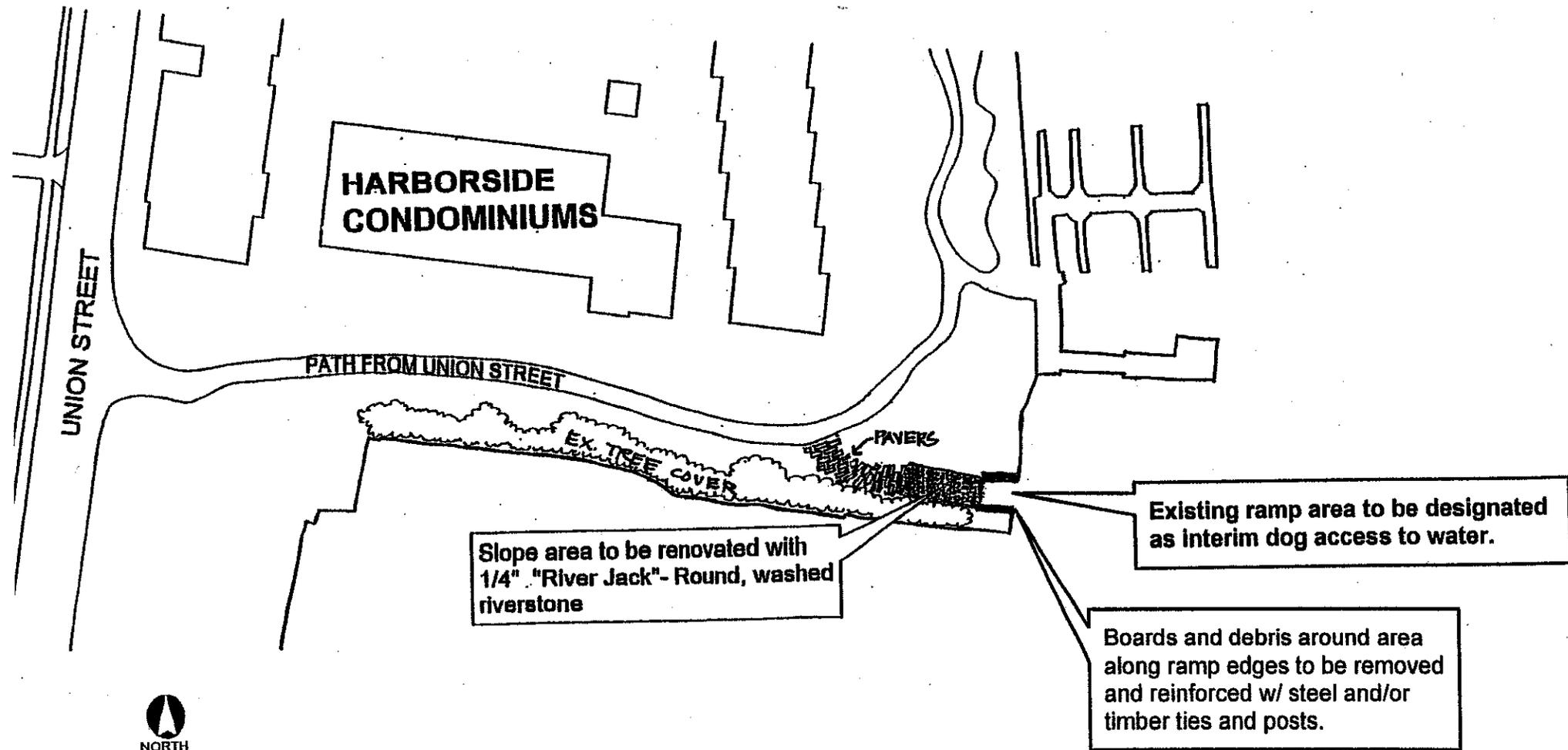


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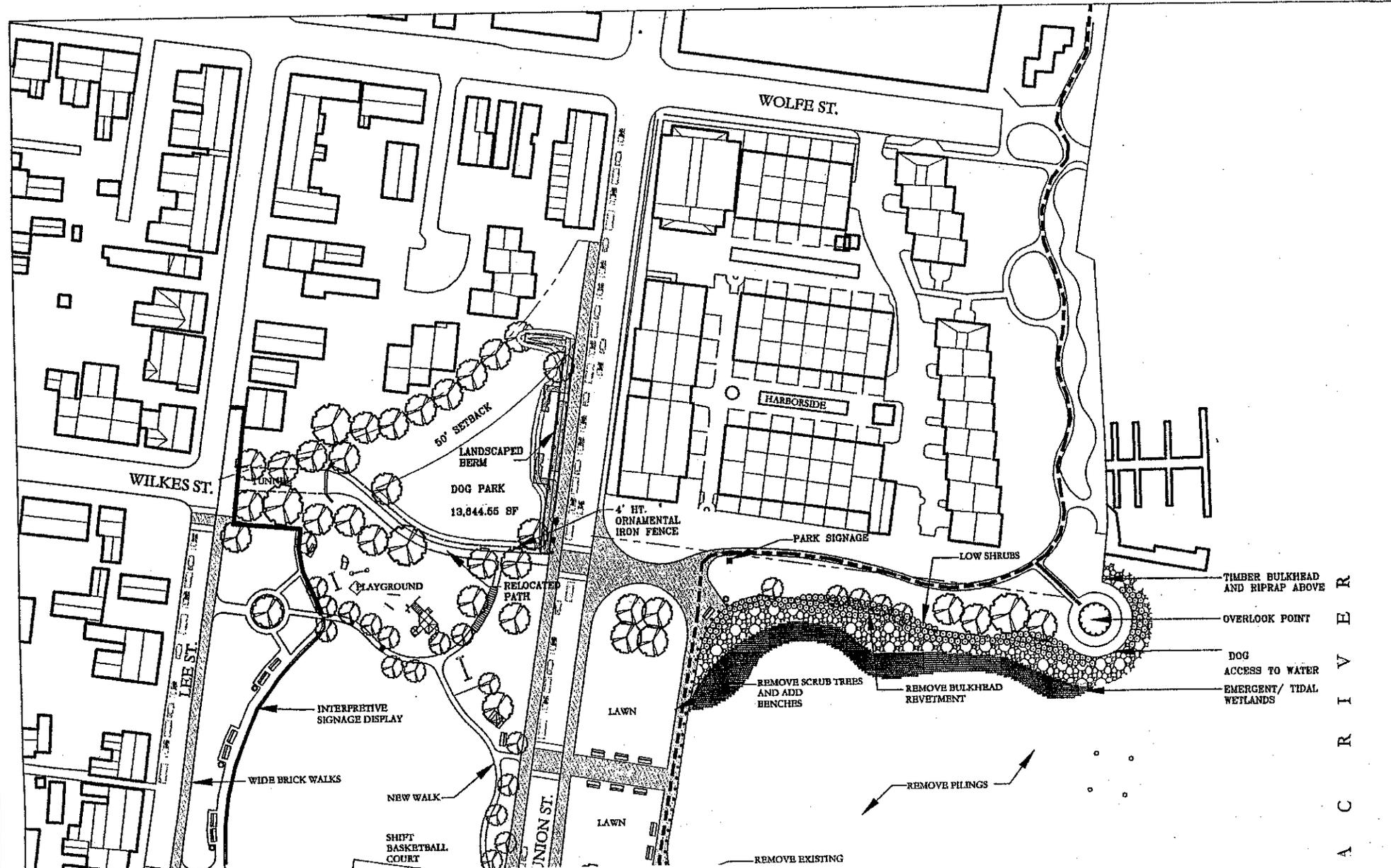
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# Ultimate Dog Access to Water

## Per Approved Windmill Hill Plan dated 6/5/02

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- TIMBER BULKHEAD AND RIPRAP ABOVE
- OVERLOOK POINT
- DOG ACCESS TO WATER
- EMERGENT/ TIDAL WETLANDS

A C R I V E R

EXHIBIT NO. 4

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To: Kerry J. Donley, Mayor  
and Council Members

William D. Euille  
William C. Cleveland  
Redella S. Pepper  
David G. Speck  
Joyce Woodson  
Claire Eberwein

From: Judy Miller, President *Judy Miller*  
League of Women Voters

Date: February 18, 2003

Ref: Process - Windmill Hill Park

Dear Mayor Donley and Members of City Council:

Some months ago the City Council held a public hearing on a new design for Windmill Hill Park including land on the eastern side of Union Street which had been unavailable previously for use as park land.

The topic of the hearing was the design recommendations of a task force of citizens, city staff, and consultants who worked on their recommendations over an extended period of time. Some time after the close of the public hearing, when there was no further opportunity for public comment, Council adopted a different plan for Windmill Hill Park. There has never been any public hearing on the alternative plan, now the adopted plan.

As a group which believes strongly in encouraging public participation, and citizen involvement in the government's decision making process, the League of Women Voters recommends that the City Council hold a belated public hearing on the new approved plan before it makes a final decision and that it halt work on the adopted plan until after that public hearing.

Mariella Posey

Received by CC, Sent  
to CM, Recreation  
PF 2/25/03

February 11, 2003

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The Honorable Kerry J. Donley  
Mayor  
City of Alexandria  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3211

Dear Mayor ~~Donley~~: *Kerry*

After much thought I have decided to write instead of subjecting the Council and the public to listening to yet another person speak at open mike on the issue of Windmill Hill Park.

You have made a decision - it is time to move on.

If you reopen this issue and docket it for a public hearing, I fear you will be setting an unfortunate precedent. It would open the door for other groups of citizens who are unhappy with one of your decisions to feel justified in protesting that decision Saturday after Saturday after Saturday, demanding a public hearing. "After all," they will ask. "If you did it for one vocal group of people, why won't you do it for us?"

How often have citizens come before you urging you not to set a precedent? I don't understand the rationale of why it would be O.K. to set a precedent on this issue and not on another.

Some time ago the designation of Chetworth Park as an off-leash dog park was a very divisive issue in NorthEast. Emotions ran high on both sides. Then, at a Tuesday session, Council voted to ban off leash dogs in the park. Many people spoke on the Chetworth Park issue at open mike, but a public hearing on changing the status of Chetworth Park was not held prior to this decision.

Although many of my neighbors were extremely unhappy with this decision - and I'm sure some are still are - they still had the good grace to accept your decision, albeit reluctantly. They did not come before council time after time, insisting the issue be reopened and demanding a public hearing. Most of them have decided to work with the city and their neighbors to make the park one that would be a place where all neighbors could enjoy time spent in each others' company. The citizens who are unhappy with your decision on Windmill Park should follow that example and do the same.

Enough time has been spent on Windmill Hill Park. It is time for Council to be able to address such issues as affordable housing, our children's education and educational facilities, traffic problems and the quality of life for all Alexandrians and not spend additional time on the displeasure of just one segment of the population.

Sincerely,

*Mariella Posey*

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