


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 7, 2006

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

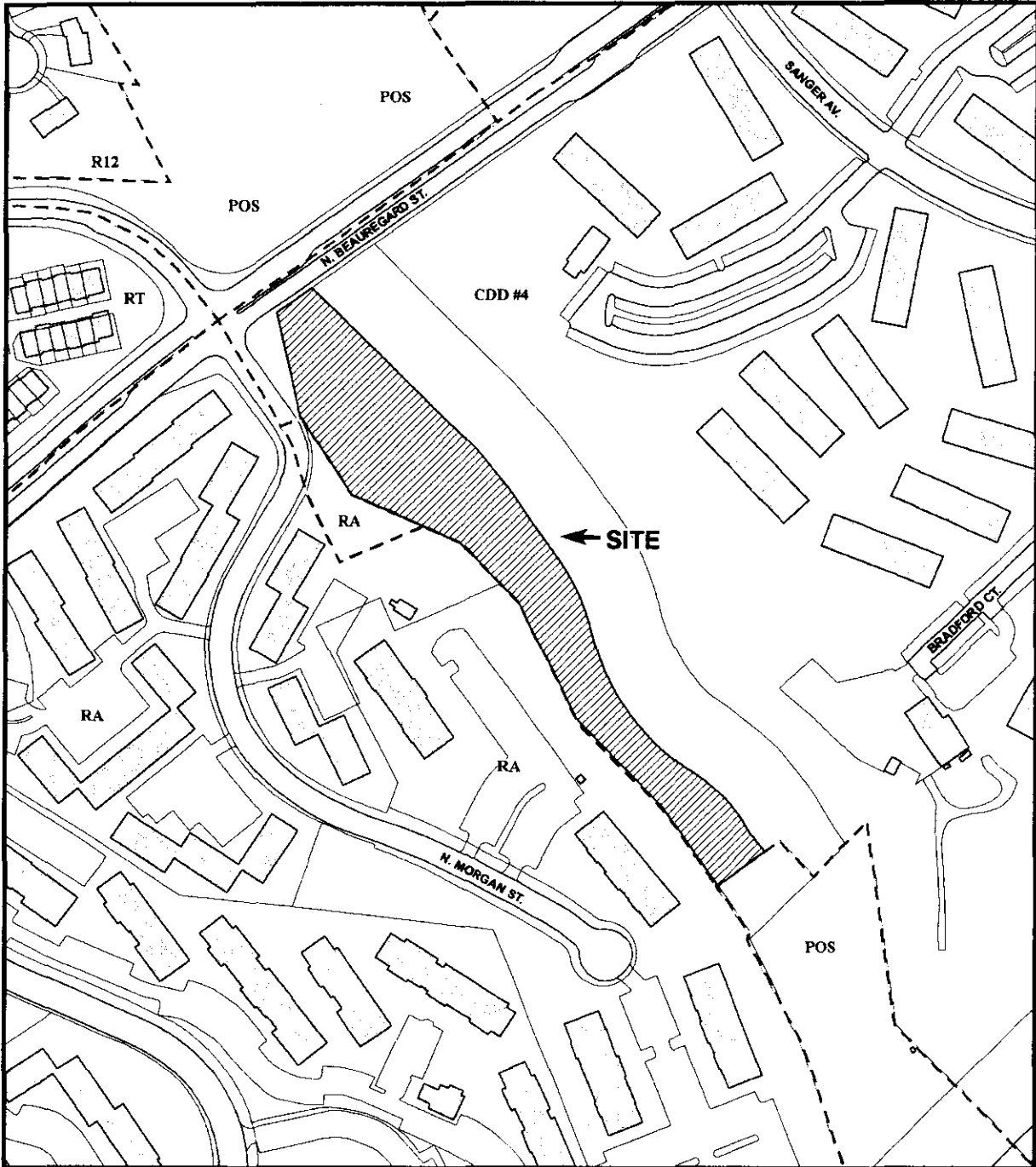
SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT FROM THE WINKLER FAMILY AND MARK WINKLER COMPANY OF 2.86 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE ALONG HOLMES RUN

ISSUE: Acceptance of a gift from the Winkler family and Mark Winkler Company of 2.86 acres of open space along Holmes Run.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council authorize the City Manager to accept the donation of the open space parcel known as the Hamlet East Limited Partnership property along Holmes Run, as a gift to the City from the Winkler family and Mark Winkler Company, subject to the approval by the Planning Commission finding that the acceptance of this open space is consistent with the City's Master Plan, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.06 of the City Code.

BACKGROUND: I recommend that the City accept the dedication of a gift of the property at 1201 N. Beauregard Street from the Winkler family and the Mark Winkler Company, known as the Hamlet East Limited Partnership open space property along Holmes Run. This property of 2.86 acres has an existing scenic easement allowing access from North Beauregard Street to the I-395 underpass. The property contains an existing asphalt multi-use trail. This is an opportunity to pursue a permanent trail link via a public trail from Dora Kelly Nature Center to Ben Brenman Park, via the Holmes Run Trail network. Dedication of this acreage will augment the City's resources for open space and establish in perpetuity this portion of the Holmes Run Trail. The trail will continue to operate as it has been used historically, but now with the oversight of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities and the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. Staff recommends that the City accept the dedication of property containing this portion of the multi-use trail along Holmes Run. Because the required 9.06 hearing by the Planning Commission will not occur until July, acceptance of this open space by the City is contingent upon a 9.06 approved by the Planning Commission.

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