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December 2, 2009

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of Council:

Almost one year ago, the Environmental Health Work Group was established as the fourth work group of the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria. With over 250 members, the *Partnership* is dedicated to promoting a safe and healthy Alexandria through coalition building, collaborative planning and community action. The *Partnership* was formed in April 2006 to focus on health concerns that arose from Alexandria's first Community Health Assessment and now addresses a range of health priorities including obesity, second hand smoke, mental health anti-stigma, and substance abuse prevention.

The primary goal of the Environmental Health Work Group is to develop a set of priorities, strategies and interventions with respect to two broad areas of public policy: Respiratory Health and the Built Environment. With respect to the built environment, we're particularly concerned about how planning, zoning, and transportation impacts health.

We are writing today with respect to VDOT's recommendations to improve the Seminary Road interchange as part of the BRAC construction project. Some of the proposals encroach on Winkler Botanical Preserve, including one that would destroy nearly half of the preserve. **We believe that any of the proposals that impact Winkler Botanical Preserve would have serious health impacts for the residents of Alexandria.**

The obesity epidemic is a serious concern in general and particularly in Alexandria, where according to a 2007 Healthy Weight Collaborative survey conducted by Inova Health System **over 43% of our children are obese or overweight.** The *Partnership's* ACHIEVE Planning Team, a group funded by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and dedicated to addressing obesity in children, spent the last five months further investigating this issue through focus groups and GIS mapping. According to their findings, parents find a lack of recreation space, both indoor and outdoor, a major barrier to encouraging physical activity. There are clusters of children in Alexandria, particularly in low income neighborhoods in the West End, where the preserve is located, where there seems to be higher rates of overweight and obesity.

Because of its location in an underserved part of Alexandria, **the Winkler Botanical Preserve is a critical recreation space** for these children and their families. There is a current shortage of park space per capita in Alexandria, particularly in the West End of Alexandria. The Preserve is regularly visited by schools in the city. It is our understanding that the summer camp programs at the

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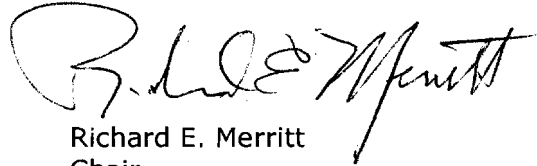
preserve are regularly over subscribed. And both of these facts underscore the need for natural spaces.

We understand that this is a complex decision for the city and state. If we can be of any assistance in understanding the full impact of the project on Alexandria citizens, do not hesitate to call us. The *Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria* and its work groups will continue to follow the potential health impacts of this process and stay engaged on this issue.

Sincerely,



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Dear Members of the Council,

I attended the council meeting on Saturday

morning and am also watching the podacast to pick up the rest of the meeting and the deliberations. I am grateful that the City makes these podcasts available. They provide an invaluable service. I also thank you for all for your careful consideration of the problem of the BRAC mess and citizens' input.

One traffic mitigation possibility that I did not hear mentioned is a toll plaza style gate. If flow is estimated at 350 cars an hour, presumably for one gate, increasing the number of gates would speed the flow dramatically. I also think that an underground/tunnel solution

**Comments:** should be seriously studied.

I don't think we should hurry with this--it was DoD's responsibility to study the proposal and ensure that it met all their requirements. If it didn't, they are at fault and really need

to work with us on this. The military works around the clock, perhaps they should work split shifts and the night shift until the traffic solutions are worked out.

I do have a question: if Mark Center was given a density waiver because of the Winkler green space, does the waiver go away if the Winkler green space goes away?

Sincerely,  
Lynne Russillo



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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

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Keep the Winker Botanical Preserve completely intact. The preserve is a wonderful and significant part of the Northern VA community and any proposal that does not leave the Preserve untouched is detrimental to the space. This is not only necessary green area, it is used in the most productive way imaginable to foster a loving, learning environment for our children.



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**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

Please do not make any changes to Winkler Preserve. My son has been a camper there for the past 6 years, has aspirations of being a counselor, and says that the camp has been one of his best experiences ever. It is fun, educational, and challenges the children's mental willpower and

**Comments:** physical ability. Winkler is the best preserve in Alexandria and deserves to remain untouched. We have enough roads and buildings in Alexandria and many more areas being developed in the city, so please leave Winkler as-is. It is a highlight of this city, and I am proud to bring my parents and friends to it and enjoy the wildlife there. Thank you.



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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preservation

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Please know that I regard Winkler as one of the rare treasures of this area. It is superbly run, tremendous fun for the kids, and gives some of the greatest lessons in respect for nature, self-reliance, and personal challenge. My three children have all enjoyed time at Winkler and treasure it. Please do not allow harm to this tremendous program in allowing the proposed traffic changes.



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Subject COA Contact Us: Say NO to any VDOT proposal impacting  
Winkler Botanical Preserve

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**Subject:** Say NO to any VDOT proposal impacting Winkler Botanical Preserve  
I just learned of the VDOT proposal to build exchanges to I-395 through the Winkler Botanical Preserve. This is one of the most valuable natural areas in Alexandria and is an outstanding example of environmental stewardship and sustainable landscape practices in our area. The preserve's mission to educate our children about our natural heritage and to supplement the public school educational programs through outdoor education is vital and irreplaceable for Alexandria children.

I teach

in the Sustainable Landscape Design Graduate Program and George Washington University and use examples of sustainable landscape design. practices at the Winkler Botanical Preserve as practical examples of environmentally

**Comments:** sensitive design. Any disturbance to this area would be irreversible and devastating. Please, please vote against any proposal that would impact the Winkler Botanical Preserve.

I grew up in Alexandria and own a family



business located on Eisenhower Avenue in Alexandria, and am extremely concerned about any proposal that would impact the Winkler Botanical Preserve and its educational mission. I expect Alexandria to be a leader in protecting such an outstanding natural area and critical educational programs for our children.

Thank you and please protect this priceless asset!

Betsy Washington



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I am writing about the proposed building near the Winkler Preserve. This preserve is critical to our children's outdoor and science education and recreation. It is also wonderful because so many children from low-income families get to use it through the Alexandria schools. Our family hikes through Winkler regularly, and we see other families there all the time.

**Comments:** It is a small and precious space and must be preserved exactly as it is. Any proposal that does not leave the Preserve untouched is going to affect its use. Winkler Preserve is one of the things that makes Alexandria attractive and special to residents.



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Subject COA Contact Us: DOD Intrusion on Winkler Botanical Preserve

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**Subject:** DOD Intrusion on Winkler Botanical Preserve

I have become increasingly alarmed as the (lack of) planning briefings we are receiving for current and future Mark Center construction keeps getting more and more threatening to the Preserve and our neighborhood traffic congestion. I am a former Army brat and combat Army veteran who supports his country and the military. But this apparently ill-planned and ill-conceived fiasco-in-the-making should be sent back to the drawing boards for review and revision and the line should be drawn at encroaching at all on the Winkler Botanical Preserve.

**Comments:** I am not a tree hugger.

Perhaps my most notable accomplishment years ago as a brand new Army 2d Lt on orders to Vietnam was to lead my riot control platoon in stopping Jane Fonda from burning the American flag at Fort Hood, TX. Now it seems I am engaged in a similar task of keeping my Army from shooting itself in the foot with this mess. Stop them. Make them plan it right. Then they will be able to do it right.

Regards,

Bill Taylor



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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler BRAC

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As an Alexandria resident and as someone who works at the Winkler site, I encourage the city not to accept any traffic solution that impinges on the Winker reserve--Alexandria has little enough green space as it is. I also encourage the city to consider improving bicycle access along Seminary road. This is a legitimate commuting option for Alexandria residents to this area but the traffic along Seminary discourages many who might otherwise bike to this area.



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Dear Mayor Euille and Members of Council:

I have recently heard that the

VA Dept. of Transportation may spoil the Winkler Preserve by adding an exit  
for the new federal government building. I am urging you to do everything  
possible to save the Preserve. This gift to Alexandria from the Winkler

**Comments:** family is one of the few "almost wild" places left in our City.

Please do not let this latest development spoil this wonderful spot. There  
must be another way. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Carol Weber



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Subject COA Contact Us: BRAC encroachment

**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 16:28:39] Message ID: [17565]**

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Honorable Mayor of Alexandria, Virginia

For some time we citizens of

Dowden Terrace and vicinity have been struggling with the forced imposition of a Federal government building in our neighborhood. Despite our protests, this is being rammed down our throats ignoring our concerns regarding the negative impact this development will have on our neighborhood and our daily lives.

We are now being faced with another

crisis due apparently to the inexplicable lack of planning regarding traffic patterns, exits and entrances to this behemoth structure. Having painted themselves into a corner, the "planners" of this project are easing their dilemma by encroaching (seizing???) some Winkler Wildlife

**Comments:** land. This may be an easy out for them but for us, it further desecrates the beauty of this neighborhood and the relative peacefulness of the landscape. It may take a little thought and consideration but surely some

of these "planners" can come up with a more satisfactory,  
creative solution.

Please, please stand up for us. Lend them some of  
Alexandria's talent and skill. Protect our Wildlife spaces. Don't give up  
an inch!

Sincerely

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winker Botanical Preserve

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Please leave the Winker Botanical Preserve in tact. We need our green  
**Comments:**  
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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,

It has come to my attention

that City Council will be making a final decision on the various VDOT proposals, which may or may not comprise and/or destroy the Winkler Botanical Preserve, to build a transportation medium to the new Department of Defense buildings at Mark Center at the City Council meeting on 12/12/2009. While we should avoid excessively complicating the logistics of the Department of Defense facilities at Mark Center, we should not do so at the expense of the Winkler Botanical Preserve. The Preserve serves the city as a natural setting well. Our residents can enjoy the refreshing tranquility of a rural area right in our own backyard. Our youth, through school field trips and private desires, can learn about nature, the environment, and how we affect it from a firsthand perspective. They have the opportunity to build a connection to the natural world that is so often forgotten in an urban upbringing. It is true that there are other natural

settings in the city. It must also be noted that few of these locations have such large properties and varied landscapes like Winkler's.

If you

cannot be swayed by this argument, let us take a new angle. Alexandria, in all its glory, is a city defined by several things. Its proximity to the nexus of the federal government has certainly been very influential in its development. Other examples include its unique situation as a very densely populated and "urban" suburb, its rich history, and its diversity. Our city is also defined by its dedication to the environment and to retaining a natural atmosphere in a developed area. If anyone doubts this, they need only look at the recent policy of the city to see my point.

Our city just spent over one hundred million dollars on the new T.C.

**Comments:**

Williams High School, a state-of-the-art building that meets environmental standards. We provide recycling services to city residents. If nothing else, our city is aesthetically pleasing because of its "greenness." As a suburb so close to a major urban city, we must not forget this. If nothing else, City Council should not vote for any measures that results in the partial or complete destruction of Winkler just to be consistent in its policy. We should not be environmentally-friendly only when the construction of new, "green" high school allows the city and its school system to promote itself as environmentally-friendly. If we do that, we should also be environmentally-friendly when the media is not taking note and there are no marketing incentives.

While the city prospers in times of plenty and largely rides our times of scarcity unscathed because of the presence of the federal government, this dependency should not dictate our policy. We are beholden to the federal government, as we should be, but we should not change the character of our city and the things that make us cherish our locality just to convenience the federal government. Part of the American tradition is the act of taking pride in our local communities and retaining local flavor. Winkler is part of this local flavor and we should not

actively seek its demise. I am not suggesting environmentalism for the sake of environmentalism. What I am suggesting is that the city sticks to its roots and be a good example of a city that practices responsible environmental policy. I hope that you, as City Council, will take this into consideration if and when you vote on any proposal that would harm Winkler.

Sincerely,  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Save Winkler Botanical Preserve!

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**Subject:** Save Winkler Botanical Preserve!

City Councilmen,  
I went to Winkler's summer camp for many years in a row.

it was what I loved best about summer! Watermelon wrestling,  
paddling in

the lake, going on the zipline, going on forest scavenger hunts- and all

right outside the city!

Now that I'm too old for summer camp at Winkler,

and live in the city, what I have left are the memories. I can always

remember all the great times I've had there: but I can't imagine the

preserve being destroyed! Trees chopped down, animals  
forced to scatter,

the noise penetrating the woods; even if part of the forest is saved, it

will ruin the beauty and serenity of  
Winkler. And all to develop ways to

**Comments:** just emit more pollution!  
What the city of Alexandria holds dear will

take a toll. The people and community cannot support losing this amazing  
preserve.

Replacing birds with bulldozers, trees with SUVs and  
peacefulness with honking horns makes no sense. Let the traffic be. But

let children still have a little magic left in their lives. Seeing a  
water snake for the first time, being high up on the zipline and  
spotting

a deer from the air; losing this would never be forgiven.  
In closing, in

this case do not only think of commuters on their way to work: think of  
that wonderful smile on a child's face  
being lost forever.

~Maddy Baker



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PLEASE do not let the Department of Transportation take any part of the  
Winkler Botanical Preserve. We need this space as a respite and our  
**Comments:** children need this sacred space to be free to experience the beauty of  
nature. It is a treasure that needs to be maintained s it stands.



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12/11/2009 10:01 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler preserve

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**Subject:** Winkler preserve

Dear Mayor and City Council Member:

I am not sure if I will be able to

attend the upcoming city council meeting, so I wanted to say that my family and I are strongly against any Mark Center ramp that takes away area from the Winkler Nature Preserve. This is a vital resource for the education of our children, priceless green space in a developing city, and an important part of the city's effort to protect the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

**Comments:**

I have been very fortunate to chaperon several school field trip there and have enjoyed the excellent education programs Winkler provides. More importantly, I have seen its impact on youngsters without many other opportunities to experience nature. Please vote to recommend a Mark Center ramp that impacts Winkler as little as possible.





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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

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**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 21:34:47] Message ID: [17575]**

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**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,

I am writing to express my

concern regarding the threat to Winkler Preserve. Since Alexandria

launched it's Eco-city campaign, I hope its elected representatives will

show the leadership required to protect this unique natural

**Comments:** treasure.

Thank you. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Sunita Satyapal



**Maureen Leary**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler

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**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 21:11:04] Message ID: [17574]**

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**Subject:** Winkler

I would like to add my voice to the chorus of citizens working to save Winkler. I have lived in Alexandria City most of my life, and I have seen our green space steadily disappear. Winkler is a wonderful resource for all our citizens, and it would be a tragedy to turn part of it into a roadway.

**Comments:** I hope the elected officials in Alexandria will do their utmost to prevent this from happening.

Regards,  
Maureen Leary  
403 Russell Road



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Subject COA Contact Us: I-395 exit and Winkler Nature Preserve

**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 20:51:24] Message ID: [17573]**

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**Subject:** I-395 exit and Winkler Nature Preserve

Dear Fellow Alexandrians,

Conservation and natural history are such

important components of our young people's curriculum. Learning about this

at an  
early age will influence how they treat nature in the future.

**Comments:** Please design the I-395 exit ramp in a way that it will NOT run  
through

Winkler preserve, a wonderful learning environment.

Thank you for your

attention to this matter.

Carolyn Ostermann-Healey



**Mary Anne Salmon**  
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12/11/2009 08:44 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: BRAC-133 Project at Mark Center

**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 20:44:38] Message ID: [17572]**

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**Subject:** BRAC-133 Project at Mark Center

I am writing to register my opposition to any exit ramp off of I-395 that impinges on the Winkler Preserve property in order to provide access for employees and visitors to the BRAC Center. While it seems that it was a very questionable decision to house these thousands of Department of Defense employees in an area without Metro access in the first place, it is beyond belief that private transportation access was not considered BEFORE ground was even broken. To start the conversation now that the building structure is almost complete seems at best incompetent and at worst, duplicitous.

I have been an Alexandria resident for 23 years and have seen the city traffic and congestion worsen year by year over that time. I have also seen the density increase as development has taken place at Potomac Yards, Cameron Station, and numerous infill spots around the city. To have a resource as the Winkler Preserve (which was established by a developer precisely because he saw the need to balance development with

**Comments:**

green space) is truly a gift. It is one of the hidden jewels of the city and one that truly benefits residents. When walking through the Preserve, one is able ignore the presence of the traffic surrounding it because it is so peaceful. In addition, it is located in the West End where density is increasing each year which makes such green space even more dear. And yet, it is not just a peaceful place that receives visitors. It also gives in that it provides unparalleled access and science education to thousands of Alexandria school children each year. Further, the Preserve runs fabulous camps during both spring breaks and summer vacations for students up to 5th grade that are unparalleled within the city. It also provides scholarships for those children who need financial assistance to attend those camps.

Please do not allow this unique and precious resource to be sacrificed to the "convenience" of VDOT. Surely, there are traffic engineers who can design a solution to the Seminary Road interchange that can accommodate the BRAC Center without impacting the Winkler Preserve.

Thank you.  
Mary Anne Salmon



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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler

**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 18:04:22] Message ID: [17571]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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**Subject:** Winkler

Members of Alexandria City Hall  
i was just recently breifed on two

proposels that would negatively impact Alexandria city's Winkler Botanical

Preserve.

Whether the plan is building on the preserve or using only a

section of it any change to Winkler will ruin the preserve entirely. I

personally worked at Winkler during my middle and early high school days

and have yet to experience all winkler has to offer.

**Comments:** Winkler Botanical

Preserve is more than just a piece of land, its a place to make and build

friendships, to learn and partake in  
new and educating experiences and be

free. By far the prettiest place in the city, Winkler Botanical Preserve

brings families,  
friends, generations and our community together...so

please dont destroy it!!!!

Natalie Glass



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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler

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**Subject:** Winkler

Dear Mayor Euille and Council Members,

Thank you for your consideration.

I think it would be a mistake to further shrink Winkler. Already it is smaller than it once was. Every school child in Alexandria has gone there multiple times up through 7th grade. It is educational, convenient, extremely well run and the only nature reserve in Alexandria. In fact of all the school field trips I've gone on, it is the only one that parents

**Comments:** also love to go on.

Of course many Alexandria citizens without children also visit there on the weekend.

If two possible exit ramps can be done without harming the Winkler that must be what we all push for.

Thanks,

Pam Smith



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Subject COA Contact Us: BRAC-133 Interchange Alternatives

**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 17:23:53] Message ID: [17569]**

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**Phone:**

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**Subject:** BRAC-133 Interchange Alternatives

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing in regards to the various

proposals for an interchange from I-395 to the BRAC-133 site. While I

appreciate the Transportation Committee's work and many of its

recommendations, I was very disturbed to see that NOWHERE in the report is

there a single mention of local residents or the impact that new roadway

infrastructure may have on them.

How can the Committee come up with

five recommendations, one of which is to "eliminate from consideration any

access alternatives...which would impact the land area of Winkler Botanical

Preserve," yet NOT MENTION THE NEEDS OR IMPACTS ON LOCAL RESIDENTS A SINGLE

TIME? This is especially troubling because Alternative C causes significant

impact to residents that live directly across I-395 from the BRAC-133 site.



**Comments:**

With the elimination of all other alternatives because of their impact of on Winkler (besides A1 and A2, which were selected for further), only Alternative C remains. This is very dangerous for the homeowners for Parkside at Alexandria, who face a possible of future of having 15-20'+ high ramps in their FRONT YARDS. This not a future that any resident should have to ponder, and any alternative that includes such roadways should be eliminated from consideration.

The development of transportation for the BRAC site, whatever alternative is adopted, will have significant consequences for all local residents, and especially those who live closest. However unaware of these issues the Committee may have been, I challenge and implore the Council to stand up for the people whose interests they serve. Please add your own requirements to the VDOT recommendations that any new roadway not adversely affect the project's most local residents.

Thank you for your service.

Corrine Lahti

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler

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**Subject:** Winkler

I know you have heard from many people about Winkler. I would like to add my voice.

As I drive on Van Dorn, Seminary, or 395, the new BRAC

building is looming ever-larger. I am unclear about how the building was

approved so quickly, but it's done. We have to live with it.

Tearing

into Winkler as way to "solve" this problem is like throwing the

baby out with the bath water. Because we find ourselves with a

development debacle in the making--we should, therefore, cut into even more

**Comments:**

open space, and a preservation area at that? And to provide an exit that

would encourage even more people to drive their cars into Alexandria from

elsewhere?

That makes no sense to me at all.

Please use your powers

as city government to ensure this does not happen. In my opinion, we made one mistake. Let's not make two.



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Subject COA Contact Us: preserving the Winker Preserve

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**Subject:** preserving the Winker Preserve  
I'm an employee in the Mark Center complex who's greatly distressed to hear that VDOT has a proposal to create an exit ramp from I-395 to the Mark Center complex that would all but devastate the Winker Botanical Preserve. The excuse for the proposal is improved access to service the new Federal BRAC facility. The proposal is neither practical nor wise and certainly not good use of scarce parkland.  
Parkland within the beltway is a very precious commodity and the Winker Botanical preserve is an exceptionally special example: recreational, educational, environmentally vital, and beautiful. I'm certain that the Council already knows details about why all those are true. Therefore, the more important question is what practical purpose would be served by destroying this environmental treasure.  
Would  
Mark Center be better suited to handle the greatly increased volume of

**Comments:**

traffic? Obviously, it would not, since a bigger traffic funnel doesn't enlarge the Mark Center's ability to handle the result. Would this ramp reduce congestion on I-395? Undoubtedly not, since traffic still will back up hopelessly onto I-395 with no place to dissipate. Will a ramp enhance Mark Center as a more easily accessible destination? How could it possibly do that? It will provide an added entrance to jam up with traffic to provide one more clogged roadway. Just what are the positive aspects of VDOT's proposal that appears to be neither practical nor wise and certainly not environmentally friendly? I can think of none.

Building the BRAC

facility at Mark Center was a poor decision precisely because of too much traffic entering a small dead end space. Whatever is done, commuters will spend a long frustrating rush hour whose effects will extend far from Mark Center. All that VDOT's proposal to build a ramp through the Winker Preserve would accomplish is to destroy the parkland. Building the ramp would add another dumb decision to the one that created the BRAC facility at this location.



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Subject City Council Hearing of December 12, 2009 -- Comments  
Regarding Doeket Item No. 4

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

Attached please find comments that the Board of Directors of Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, Inc. ("BSVCA") respectfully submits for your consideration in determining what requests to make to the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") regarding potential options for direct access from I-395 to Mark Center. As discussed in the attached letter, we urge the Council to adopt the following recommendations made by the Transportation Commission ("Commission"):

- (1) direct VDOT to analyze further alternatives A1 and A2 (neither of which involves infringing upon the Winkler Preserve);
- (2) instruct VDOT to eliminate from consideration any direct access alternatives that would adversely impact the Winkler Preserve;
- (3) adopt the BRAC Advisory Group's Guiding Principles and urge VDOT to consider them when evaluating options; and
- (4) send a letter to Duke Realty requesting that the Council-approved local road improvements be completed as quickly as possible.

In addition, we request that Council instruct T&ES and VDOT to identify and evaluate additional direct access options that are consistent with the BRAC Advisory Group's Guiding Principles (e.g., protect the Winkler Preserve).

However, we urge that Council NOT adopt the Commission's recommendation that Council direct VDOT to pursue a design option at Sanger Avenue providing direct access to I-395. This T&ES staff suggestion was only unveiled at the Commission's hearing on December 2, and as such, we feel that it would be prudent to provide the community with more time to evaluate the potential implications of this suggestion before Council asks VDOT to pursue it.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. We respectfully request that this e-mail and the attached document be included in the record relating to this proceeding, and accordingly, we are including the City Clerk as a "cc" recipient on this e-mail. If you have any questions regarding our comments and recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me at [geoff.goodale@bsvca.net](mailto:geoff.goodale@bsvca.net) or at (703) 618-6640.

Respectfully submitted,

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**BROOKVILLE-SEMINARY VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
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December 11, 2009

Mayor William D. Euille and Members of City Council  
301 King Street – City Hall  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: BRAC-133/I-395 IJR Study (Agenda Item No. 4 for Public Hearing of 12/12/2009)

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

The Board of Directors of Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, Inc. (“BSVCA”) submits these comments for your consideration in determining what requests to make to the Virginia Department of Transportation (“VDOT”) regarding potential options for direct access from I-395 to Mark Center. As discussed below, we request that City Council (“Council”) adopt all of the recommendations on this subject proposed by the Transportation Commission (“Commission”), except the one suggesting that Council direct VDOT to pursue a design option at Sanger Avenue providing direct access to I-395, and we also urge Council to instruct T&ES and VDOT to identify and evaluate additional direct access options that are consistent with the BRAC Advisory Group’s Guiding Principles (e.g., protect the Winkler Preserve).

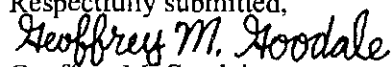
The BSVCA, which is comprised of individuals from several hundred households in the West End of the City, is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote the best interests of Alexandrians. Given the proximity of Brookville-Seminary Valley to Mark Center and I-395, BRAC-related transportation and traffic mitigation issues are of great interest to our members. In fact, as you know, we submitted comments to Council on the subject in connection with the preliminary public hearing that was held on November 21, 2009, and we also submitted comments to the Commission in advance of its hearing on December 2, 2009.

Consistent with our comments, the Commission voted to recommend that Council, among other things: (1) direct VDOT to analyze further alternatives A1 and A2 (neither of which involves infringing upon the Winkler Preserve); (2) instruct VDOT to eliminate from consideration any direct access alternatives that would adversely impact the Winkler Preserve; (3) adopt the BRAC Advisory Group’s Guiding Principles and urge VDOT to consider them when evaluating options; and (4) send a letter to Duke Realty requesting that the Council-approved local road improvements be completed as quickly as possible. We urge Council to adopt these recommendations. In addition, we request that Council instruct T&ES and VDOT to identify and evaluate additional direct access options that are consistent with the BRAC Advisory Group’s Guiding Principles (e.g., protect the Winkler Preserve).

However, we urge that Council NOT adopt the Commission’s recommendation that Council direct VDOT to pursue a design option at Sanger Avenue providing direct access to I-395. This T&ES staff suggestion was only unveiled at the Commission’s hearing on December 2, and as such, we feel that it would be prudent to provide the Commission and the community with more time to evaluate the potential implications of this suggestion before Council asks VDOT to pursue it.

We appreciate your consideration of our comments. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,



Geoffrey M. Goodale

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winker Botanical Preserve

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**Subject:** Winker Botanical Preserve

I wish to express my dismay at the VDOT proposal to construct an access ramp through the Winkler Botanical Preserve to connect route 395 and the BRAC facility at Mark Center. Such an access ramp would greatly diminish this preserve which is a beautiful forested area, home to a wide variety of wildlife, an educational asset to local school children, and a general enhancement to the quality of life in Alexandria.

**Comments:**

I am an employee of the Institute for Defense Analyses, which is located on the boundary of the preserve. The Winkler Botanical Preserve is one of the factors that make this location such and attractive place in which to work. Please exercise some restraint and disallow the construction of the proposed access ramp.



**Julie Bensusan**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler

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**Subject:** Winkler  
Please rethink your decision to destroy a portion of the Preserve. My son  
has been going there each year on his field trips and he appreciates nature  
so much. He's upset at the thought that the litte bit of nature we have in  
**Comments:** our area is going to be taken away.  
Please search for another  
solution.  
Thank you.



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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

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Carving into the Winkler Preserve is an unacceptable solution to poor masterplanning for the Army's BRAC complex. While it's likely too late for a good strategy at this juncture, defaulting to the easy solution should also not be considered. Commercial ventures should not have access to preserved land.



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Given that others have already successfully removed acres of green around the Winkler Preserve, I sincerely hope that the Council will decide to fight strongly any effort to remove more green, this time from the interior of the Preserve, which has fortunately remained intact. This is a major asset, in the middle of concretized suburbia, where kids from local schools, residents, and those who work in nearby offices, can take a respite and enjoy a bit of nature. There is no reason to continue the massive violation of this sanctuary, especially in a time when everyone is climbing onto the "green" bandwagon.



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Subject COA Contact Us: Please preserve Winker Preserve!

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**Subject:** Please preserve Winker Preserve!

Dear Alexandria City Officials,  
Although I am a resident of

neighboring Arlington, I have a number of friends in Alexandria and have spent a lot of time there-- in particular enjoying walks through places like Huntley Meadows and other parks and preserves. I am also a wildlife rehabilitator and have worked with the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria to take orphaned or injured small mammals so that they can be returned to the wild.

I am writing to urge you to leave Winker Botanical

Preserve undisturbed and, when considering VDOT's proposals, choose the alternative that leaves this wonderful Preserve in tact. As development

**Comments:** encroaches on more and more green spaces and wildlife habitat, as global warming worsens due to the decimation of forests and wilderness, it is imperative that we protect our remaining nature preserves and parks. Not only are they essential for climate control and wildlife habitat, but they provide an important opportunity for human respite and recreation that is

essential in our stressful modern world. Every little chipping away at the natural world has effects that ripple exponentially and an represent irreparable loss. PLEASE preserve Winker Botanical Preserve -- for people, for the environment, for wildlife, and for the future.  
Thank you for

considering my thoughts on this issue that is very important to me.



**Julie Rocchio**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Preserve Winkler for our City's Children!

**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 12:59:18] Message ID: [17544]**

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**Subject:** Preserve Winkler for our City's Children!

One tremendous benefit to living in Alexandria City is the beautiful preservation of parkland around this urban area. I cannot imagine any other city so close to a major world capital that has such amazing learning opportunities in nature that are affordable and accessible to families from

**Comments:** all income levels. My four children have learned much from their trips to Winkler. We hope it will remain intact to continue to inspire there awareness and love of nature, and so that they can continue to share this treasure with their own children someday. Please do everything you can to keep freeway modifications from impacting Winkler. Thank you.

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Honorable William D. Euille  
Honorable Members of City Council  
Room 2300, City Hall  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council,

The Alexandria School Board voted unanimously at the December 3, 2009 board meeting to oppose any highway improvements that adversely affect the Winkler Preserve. Our resolution states:

Superintendent of Schools

Morton Sherman Ed.D

School Board

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Yvonne A. Folkerts

Vice Chairman  
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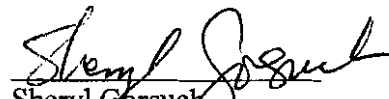
Charles H. Wilson


“The School Board fully supports the Winkler Preserve and their educational programs which provide outstanding hands on science instruction and outdoor classroom activities. Furthermore, we oppose any highway improvements that adversely affect the Winkler Preserve and its role as an educational resource for Alexandria’s children and the entire community.”


Winkler Preserve has long provided vital elements of our curriculum in the areas of science and physical fitness. Counting the repeat visits from some students, Winkler serves more than 12,000 students from our elementary and middle schools.

We encourage you to keep in mind our resolution and the educational services Winkler Preserve provides our students as you debate the highway improvements which might adversely impact this city treasure.

  
Yvonne Folkerts  
Chairman

  
Sheryl Gorsuch  
Vice Chairman

  
Ronnie Campbell,  
Board Member

  
Mimi Carter,  
Board Member



December 10, 2009

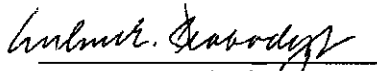
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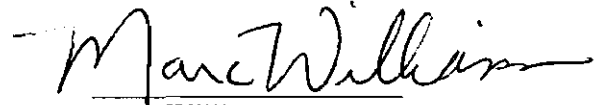
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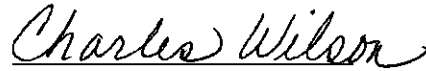
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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

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We understand there is a proposal to build an off-ramp over 30% of the land that is currently the Winkler Botanical Preserve. Having had my son attend summer camp there, as well as visiting the Preserve several times with our family, I can safely say this is a terrible idea. It would destroy one of the small gems of Alexandria.

Winkler is a delightfully surprising

**Comments:**

oasis of nature in an area that is densely populated, and removing 30% of its land (not to mention the effect of a ramp so nearby) would permanently eliminate its real value. It would no longer be the small breath of fresh air that it is today.

There has GOT to be a better way to resolve the traffic problems.

Regards,

Shelly Bird



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**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Comments:**

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

The Winkler Botanical Preserve is in danger of having a significant lot of the property converted into roads under proposals by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The Preserve is a precious place in Alexandria where children learn about nature and the environment. We have been fortunate to attend camp at the Preserve when we were in elementary school. We hiked, canoed and explored nature right in Alexandria, instead of having to go far out into the country to do it. Now that we are teenagers, we want others to have the same great opportunity that we did, and we volunteer there as counselors-in-training in the summer.

We ask you to save the Preserve and oppose any efforts to build roads through it.

Thank you.

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Subject COA Contact Us: highway construction

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Do not remove more green space in favor of more congestion! This is a huge  
**Comments:** mistake in made in small increments.



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Subject COA Contact Us: mark winkler preserve

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**Subject:** mark winkler preserve

I am an educator of Alexandria City Schools. I would like to express my shock and dissappointment at the decision to consider closing the Mark Winkler Preserve. I as well as many other teachers in acps have come to rely on the preserve as an educational supplement to our daily lesson plans. It would be a tragic loss to acps as well as many youg minds who

**Comments:**

have greatly benefited from this beautiful place. Please consider as are you are making decisions to improve this great city we call Alexandria, that it is just as important to preserve some the things that made it wonderful and unique in the first place. Sincerely Miechia M.

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Subject COA Contact Us: BRAC, Seminary, Beauregard traffic plans

**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 10:45:22] Message ID: [17534]**

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**Subject:** BRAC, Seminary, Beauregard traffic plans

**Comments:**

I write to express my deep concern with the impending traffic issues related to the BRAC development off Seminary and Beauregard. I do not understand how the intersection of Seminary and Beauregard will be able to handle 4,000 - 6,000 more cars per day when the intersection is already at capacity. Nor do I understand how creating 1 more left turn on Seminary and 1 more left turn into Mark Center will solve the future congestion.

This directly impacts the elementary school John Adams on Beauregard, which is only accessible via Beauregard - nearly directly across the street from the BRAC development. I urge you to consider John Adams when evaluating options for handling the future traffic. Thank you.



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Subject COA Contact Us: Dec 12 hearing, docket 4

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**Subject:** Dec 12 hearing, docket 4

Although I will be unable to attend the City Council hearing on Saturday, I

want to register my deep concern about the lack of planning that has

characterized the BRAC-133 project at Mark Center. At Wednesday's Seminary

West Civic Association meeting, we learned that the Army and developers

commenced construction -- which is now well underway -- without first

figuring out how 6,400 new workers would be able to get to the complex each

day (even taking into account the 40% the Army insists will take public

or shared transportation, which remains to be seen). The triple left turn

lanes from Seminary onto Beauregard and the double left from Beauregard

onto Mark Center Drive will be a Band-Aid approach to a situation that

requires major surgery.

The plans now call for cars to be routed through



a Rube Goldberg-type maze to the parking garages. A VDOT engineer said

that only 300 cars PER HOUR can be processed into one garage under this

scenario -- thus, it would take four or five hours to get the vehicles

into the garage. Moreover, the new IDA building that will be constructed

next door to the existing facility is expected to house another 1,000 or

so workers. BRAC-133 is not the only consideration in terms of access.

Mark Center is a large area encompassing many buildings that house

thousands of workers already. They, too, will need to be able to get to

and from work.

Direct access clearly would alleviate some -- but not all

-- of the problem. And now we learn that one of the alternatives for

direct access would entail slicing the north end off the Winkler Botanical

Preserve. Our community does not want this to happen. The Army and the

**Comments:**

developers have created this problem and they should be responsible for

coming up with a solution that does not decimate this local treasure -- not

to mention the wildlife that make it home.

Yet it would not surprise

most of us if this is exactly what happens, considering the lack of

foresight and planning that has gone into BRAC-133 thus far. A workable

solution must be found, and even those of us who are opposed to

encroachment on the preserve can see the writing on the wall. We

therefore urge Council and City officials to ensure that if part of the

preserve is indeed used to provide access to the site, an equal or greater

amount of open space is exacted from the developers at the other end of

the preserve, to result in a net gain. This seems more than reasonable,

in light of the fact that JBG plans to raze the apartment complexes south of the preserve in order to build new homes in that area.

We were also

dismayed to discover that funding sources for access have not yet been established. Our residents should not have to bear the cost of ensuring

that BRAC-133 employees are able to get to work -- this is something that

should have been considered long ago, during the site selection process.

The City absolutely must ensure that adequate funding from the

developers, the Army, and other federal sources will pay for this road work.

It is incumbent on our elected officials and the City to ensure

that any solutions and decisions be viable, workable, and address the

concerns and needs of the community.



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Gentlemen and ladies,

You must do everything within your ability to  
save our Winkler Preserve.

We have nothing like that tiny corner of  
peace anywhere else in Alexandria City. To put a road through Winkler would  
be absolutely criminal, and inconsistent with your duty as elected  
officials expected to maintain vigilance for the interests of the CITIZENS  
of ALEXANDRIA CITY ( not the Feds, not the commuters from Fairfax  
County)!!

Our children and families benefit enormously from the  
Preserve. Not only do our children attend educational fieldtrips there, but  
also they enjoy the summer camp held at Winkler. Unlike many other such  
camps, the Winkler program is extremely instructional, nature oriented and  
child focused.

**Comments:**

You cannot give up another inch of green space in

Alexandria. To do otherwise is malfeasance. We have well paid and smart transportation engineers in our City-- with a "can-do" attitude you will come up with a better plan. Let's not take the lazy and easy way out today that will cause irreversible consequences for the citizens of Alexandria tomorrow.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish any additional information. I am a taxpayer, a registered voter, a mother, a worker, a citizen of Alexandria City for twenty years and a lover of Winkler Botanical Preserve.

Best,  
Karen Kelly



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**Subject:**

Hello, leaders of Alexandria!

I am in complete opposition to any part of

Winkler Preserve being destroyed for an exit ramp. I am pro-business

development but not at the expense of the limited green space we have left

in Alexandria. Once it's gone, it's gone. There is no getting it back.

Have you ever been there? Have you ever walked your kids through it on a

hike to find a black snake slither on the path right in front of you or

have a doe walk across your path? I have experienced this with my

children on several different occasions only minutes from my home. This

**Comments:** is one of Alexandria's biggest assets. This is not because it's a large

piece of undeveloped land waiting to be developed. On the contrary, it's

a large piece of untainted land that is actually utilized by a large

number of your constituents. People may move to McLean from Alexandria

but they come back just to visit  
Winkler. Please don't be the council

that destroys what so many Alexandrians enjoy on a regular basis.  
Thank

you for your thoughtful consideration of this crisis. Choose an  
alternative.

Lifetime Alexandria resident,

Terry Androus



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**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

Greetings People,  
Please - NO ROADS in Winkler Preserve. Many many many

people visit there frequently to get away from the hustle and bustle of

life and cars and exhaust and pollution and noise and traffic. We all need

**Comments:** MORE nature in our lives, not more traffic! We can learn from the natural

world; we do not learn and rejuvenate in traffic.  
Do the right thing and

keep roads out of the Preserve.

With many thanks.

B. Dinsmore



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Subject COA Contact Us: Save Winkler Preserve

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**Subject:** Save Winkler Preserve

I urge you to support the recommendation of the Transportation Commission, and instruct VDOT to select an option for the new access ramp for I-395 that completely avoids the Winkler Preserve. The Preserve is a treasure for the city. It is actually quite small in size, and any road construction that uses part of the Preserve will destroy all of Winkler.

The ability to have close access to nature is increasingly rare in our urban community. As we drive around town, we see Land Rovers and Jeeps, their racks filled with equipment purchased at REI or perhaps Dick Sporting Goods. We forget that many in our community may not have paid vacation for road trips to Shenandoah. Winkler Preserve insures that ALL of us, REGARDLESS of financial means, can reap the positive benefits of nature.

**Comments:** Winkler Preserve, with its carefully preserved native beauty, is only a bus ride or quick stroll away for all residents of Alexandria, free for all to enjoy.



The decision on the path of this access ramp to 395 can only be made once. The wrong choice will have a permanent negative impact on our community. We have options for routes that do not go through Winkler. I believe the choice is clear. We can meet the needs of BRAC and save Winkler Preserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to attending and speaking at the meeting on Saturday.

Sincerely,  
Ramee Gentry



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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanic Preserve

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**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 10:22:52] Message ID: [17530]**

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**Subject:** Winkler Botanic Preserve

I'm writing to express my grave concern at the possibility of road work

compromising the grounds of the Winkler Botanic Preserve. This is a rare

and extraordinary treasure of native plant species and urban habitat. It

offers a wonderful platform for educating young (and old) people of the

importance of linked green spaces in urban communities for physical and

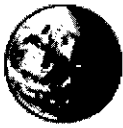
**Comments:** mental health benefits, much needed habitat for not only birds and

beasts, but the all important pollinators and larval food species which

are critical in the food chain, stormwater absorption, and heat island

cooling by the presence of green space and tree canopy. Please DO NOT

let VDOT carve into The Preserve.



"Jim O'Sullivan"  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botantical Reserve

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**Subject:** Winkler Botantical Reserve  
Ladies and Gentelmen,

**Comments:** Though I have never before written to express my concerns over specific issues in the city I feel compelled to inform you that I am very concerned about the prospect of violating the Winkler Preserve. I can not accept the argument that the DOD has either the "right" or a compelling "reason" to construct an offramp that crosses the Preserve. The Preserve is a vital and unique hallmark of our city...and has been so for years. The DOD decision to locate a facility at the Mark Center site should not include a subsequent decision to diminish the overall quality of life in Alexandria. I strongly urge you to deny the request. Jim O'Sullivan



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Subject COA Contact Us: Save Winkler

**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 09:38:55] Message ID: [17527]**

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**Subject:** Save Winkler

**Comments:** I am writing to express my dismay and disgust at the utter mismanagement of the BRAC and other building projects in the West End. The final straw was to learn that we might lose Winkler. I don't know who is to blame for this disaster. As the City Council and Mayor I expect you to look out for the best interests of all the city residents including those of us in the West End - this has not happened. Traffic on Seminary Road is already terrible. I live on Fillmore and have trouble turning onto Seminary in the morning and an even more difficult time turning from Seminary onto Fillmore during rush hour. We already are contending with heavy traffic accessing 395 from the Skyline office buildings and my neighborhood is a cut through for Fairfax County residents trying to avoid the nightmare intersection at 395 and Lincolnia. I urge you to do whatever possible to mitigate the impact to the residents of the West End and at all costs do not allow them to take over the Winkler Preserve as well.



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Subject COA Contact Us: The Winkler

**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 09:42:15] Message ID: [17528]**

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**Subject:** The Winkler

Dear Mayor & Council Members:

Please live the The Winkler Preserve

intact as it is. So much of this area has been effected by development why  
do we need to destroy something so beautiful just so another driver saves a

**Comments:** little time.

Show our children, community and anyone else paying  
attention that protecting our environment is important.

Thank you,

Michelle Winston



**Merrill Biesada**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: VDOT & Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 09:16:32] Message ID: [17525]**

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**Subject:** VDOT & Winkler Preserve

Dear Mayor & Council Members:

Due to family commitments I will be

unable to attend tomorrow's Council meeting where the VDOT Proposals re:

395 traffic ramps will be discussed. PLEASE support the City

Transportation proposal to consider only those options that do not impact  
the Winkler Preserve.

The Winkler Preserve is a unique gem for city

residents. Once you venture down the footpath, you completely forget you

are in an urban area. I have had the privilege of being a chaperone on my

elementary school children's field trips to Winkler, and it is a joy to see

the children's faces light up with wonder as they walk through the preserve

and learn about nature and the environment. Many of our city children have

never held an earthworm in their hands until they come to Winkler. The

look of apprehension on their faces changes to delighted glee as the worm

wiggles about in their cupped hands. Other children are absolutely

**Comments:**

astonished to learn that the small acorns on the ground, if planted, will turn into mighty oak trees, or that the sassafras trees around them can be used to make root beer. And it is impossible to forget the excited shouts of 20 9-year olds when they see box turtles sunning themselves on logs.

Please take a position to protect Winkler. Thanks to ACPS' elementary school field trips, children of all backgrounds and income levels can come to Winkler's wonderful programs. Any encroachment on the Preserve would have a detrimental impact on the Preserve's unique mission, which would be felt most harshly by those children whose parents do not have the time or resources to take them to other nature preserves.

Please save Winkler. I have contacted my delegate, and was told that VDOT will be watching closely to see if the City makes a recommendation or not. Please let VDOT know that we City residents care very much about our Preserve. Please give our State representatives the assistance they need in Richmond by supporting only traffic proposals that do not impact Winkler.

Thank you for your time, and your careful consideration of this important issue.

Very respectfully,  
Merrill

Biesada



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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 08:13:17] Message ID: [17524]**

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Dear members of Alexandria City Council,

I recently learned that VDOT

wants to turn part of Winkler Botanical Preserve into an exit ramp. I

initially thought the person who told me this was misinformed, but I have

since learned that it is actually being considered!

Winkler Botanical

Preserve has been an environmental oasis in Alexandria. To even consider

removing any part of the limited green space we have here astounds me.

We DON'T need an exit ramp that will allow commuters to save a minute

or two from their travel time. We DO need the green space and ecological

treasures that Winkler Botanical Preserve provides to the residents of

Alexandria.

**Comments:**

Allowing VDOT to pave over even a portion of Winkler

Botanical Preserve diminishes our community and opens the door for VDOT to



come back and take over even more of the Preserve.

Please act on behalf

of the citizens of Alexandria, your constituents, and protect the Winkler Botanical Preserve in its entirety. Do not allow VDOT to take one inch of Winkler Botanical Preserve.

I am sincerely appreciative for your time. Please make the right decision.

Sincerely,

Kathy Doucette



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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

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I would resist any efforts by VDOT to utilize any portion of the Winkler Botanical Preserve to build an exit ramp or other road to support additional building in the area. It is an amazing property that should be preserved for the educational benefit and enjoyment of Alexandria's youth.  
**Comments:** Please resist any and all efforts to take what little land there is left for our children on which to play and learn for yet more concrete and asphalt.



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Subject COA Contact Us: Statement on Alternatives for BRAC-133 IJR  
Study

**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 01:37:54] Message ID: [17521]**

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Statement on the Direct Access Ramp Alternatives for BRAC-133 IJR Study to  
be considered as part of the Docket for the City Council Meeting on 12  
December 2009  
On 10 November of 2009 I provided my written plea to the  
mayor's office that there be no consideration by his office or the city  
council of infringing upon the Winkler Botanical Preserve in any of the  
on-going BRAC access alternatives. I still strongly feel that the Preserve  
area must be maintained. The traffic access consisting of 3 left turn lanes  
from Seminary onto Beauregard and 2 left turns from Beauregard onto Mark  
Center Drive is inadequate. Seminary Road rush hour traffic between the  
I395 exchange and George Mason Drive is already saturation. Furthermore,  
access will be become further stagnate with the building of the additional  
city-approved IDA Building. The lack of due diligence on their traffic  
access requirements by the Army prior to the selection of the Duke Realty  
site for BRAC 133 is no excuse for infringing on the area of the Preserve.

My heartfelt concerns and recommendations to the Council include the following.

**Comments:**

1. The cost of any solution to improve the flow of traffic into

and from the site should not be borne by the citizens of the state of

Virginia.

2. The physical and contiguous area of the Winkler Botanical

Preserve be maintained.

3. Creative solutions are essential for improving

direct site access and minimizes traffic on local roads.

4. Plan with the

full realization that short-term solutions aren't sufficient to meet

interchange and Seminary Road capacity requirements.

5. Push the Army for

its Transportation Management Plan (TMP) so that short-term solutions can

be more adequately addressed.

6. Consider Alexandria west of I395 in

addressing this problem. Do not piece meal the future of this area. Do not

view traffic solutions solely in light of BRAC requirements. Traffic

requirements from the Small Area Plan for the Beauregard Corridor must be a

major Council consideration.

7. I realize the subject is Alternatives for

BRAC-133 IJR Study. I apologize for not sticking to the subject. However,

we all need to think BIG on this one.



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12/10/2009 10:38 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Destruction of Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 22:38:15] Message ID: [17519]**

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Dear Mayor Euille, City of Alexandria Councilmen and other elected officials (to whom it may concern),

Dr. Seuss once wrote: "I am

the Lorax, I speak for the trees. I speak for the trees, for the trees have

no tongues, And I'm asking you, sir, at the top of my lungs". My

name is Liza Ayres and I wish to be the Lorax for Winkler Botanical

Preserve.

To some people, money is what makes the world go round. We

live it and we breathe it. I understand. Money is money and it's a dog

eat dog world out there. Buildings must go up. Stocks must be bought.

Tourism must increase. Progress must be made. Roads will be paved. Parks

will be destroyed. What does it matter in the end? A park is a park. People

will get over it.

Well, Mr. Euille, with all due respect, sir, you are

mistaken on this point. This park is not any park, disposable and tediously

boring to go to. It's not one of those forced marches through the

wilderness that Dad makes you go on. It's not a dull school field trip.

It's neither boring nor tedious in any way. When you step foot on

Winkler's land, it's not a park anymore, it's a life experience.

I

remember Camp Winkler like I was there only yesterday. I remember parents

will literally get the application in the mail, fill it out immediately

and drive back out to the post office in the half hour. You have to.

Otherwise, you have absolutely no chance of getting into the camp. It

was ridiculous what people put themselves through to get in, but once they

were in, the craziness increased.

I remember waking up early for one

week, because we chose to, in the summer, to go to camp that started at 9

or 8:40 if

you wanted to get a good parking spot. I remember all the

foul-smelling bug spray, paper-bag lunches, globs of expired sunblock,

dirty clothes, shoes with holes in them and blisters on your feet from

running hard through the mud. I remember lugging all of the heavy arts

and crafts to the car, the 95 degree sun beating down on your back.

Why? Why would people put themselves through that? Well, I'll tell you why,

it's because it's worth it.

Allow me to shed some light on the

subject.

It's worth it, because when you are standing at the top of the

Leap of Faith and there's nowhere to go but down and all you have is a

rope attached to a complicated locks system you don't understand, it takes

some real trust to jump. But when you jump and you feel the cool rubber

of the ball you were supposed to grab onto under your sweating hands and

**Comments:**

the children

break out in cheers, it's like the feeling you get after you

eat that ice cream sundae.

It's the feeling you get after you get an

A++ on that Latin exam that you studied for for hours on end. Or when you

score the

winning touchdown at the neighborhood Thanksgiving football

game, even though you've never played football before in  
your life. It's

the feeling of unbounded joy, where you think to yourself: life is good and

I am amazing.

That, sir, is the best feeling in this world we know. It

gives this sad world a boost of confidence, which children need in their

daily lives. I should know. Winkler is where I got the confidence to

speak out, to be myself and just live. With that confidence,  
I am

speaking out to save the park that I love so dearly, being myself and

telling my opinions to people I don't know at all and  
hopefully, letting

the park live a little more. Sir, don't let it die, for the feeling of

love and the discovery of self dies with it and  
those are the two things

that should never die.

A park is not just a park, Mr. Mayor, and I

beg you to see some sense before the asphalt trucks barge in to this little

oasis

of preserved paradise. With returning visits, students total more

than 12,000, representing 13 elementary and two middle  
schools annually.

Most of ACPS students live in a densely populated urban area and have very

limited exposure to nature  
and the outdoors. Pick the alternate plan.

Please, if not because you believe in it, save Winkler Botanical Preserve

for the  
people it serves so wonderfully and so dutifully.

Thank you

for your time.  
Sincerely,

Liza Ayres  
The Lorax of Winkler  
13

years old

P.S. I'm not the only one willing to fight for it.

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Dec 12 Public Hearing BRAC comments  
(Docket Item 4)

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 22:02:30] Message ID: [17517]**

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**Subject:** Dec 12 Public Hearing BRAC comments (Docket Item 4)

I wish to register an opinion about the BRAC alternatives discussed in the docket for 12/12/09. Unfortunately I am unable to be at the meeting and did not see a way to register comments when I am not planning to speak. So if there is a way to enter the attached comments into the record, I would appreciate it.

**Comments:**

Thanks! And Happy Holidays to you all! Thank you for all your wonderful public service!

Alice Cave

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Comments on options for BRAC traffic, City Council Public meeting 12/12/2009 Docket #4  
Alice Cave, 3736 Gunston Road

My name is Alice Cave and I am a resident of Parkfairfax. I am writing in support of our neighbors at Seminary Hills concerning a possible direct access to the BRAC-133 installation from I-395.

- The BRAC-133 project will provide no tax revenue to the City, and yet there will be a lot of consequences in terms of infrastructure to try to deal with the transportation issues. DoD should be forced to pay for all transportation improvements in the area.
- The best option is to keep traffic off the already failing Seminary Road exit and provide a dedicated, direct access from I-395. Desirable attributes for this access would include HOV access, service to places beyond the BRAC-133 installation, no encroachment on the Winkler Preserve, an efficient, sensible solution and not just the cheapest option. Also, the public should have a chance to provide input to the proposed solution before a choice is made. However this is handled, the Army should pay for this access in its entirety. At this time, I do not think any of the seven proposed options is adequate. These options either encroach on Winkler or they only serve BRAC, or they encroach on the property of other landowners there, for example IDA.
- Please tell VDOT "none of the above," and keep working on a better solution. The wonderful BRAC Advisory Committee should be a help there. Please enlist the support of our Congressman and Senators to get Federal funding for whatever solution is desired.
- Finally, I cannot emphasize enough that transportation solutions for the BRAC-133 installation should not be allowed to take any more of the Winkler preserve. I remember working at Mark Center in the 1990s, when the preserve was much larger. I often took walks at lunchtime through the beautiful trees. Now much of this area has been extensively developed with businesses and housing. We need to make sure we preserve what is left of this lovely area. Once it is gone, it is gone.



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Subject COA Contact Us: Save the Winkler Preserve

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**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 21:52:44] Message ID: [17516]**

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**Subject:** Save the Winkler Preserve

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**Edward Colahan**  
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12/11/2009 09:23 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

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**Time: [Fri Dec 11, 2009 09:23:48] Message ID: [17526]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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**Last Name:** Colahan

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**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22302

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**Email Address:** ecolahan@yahoo.com

**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve

I am writing to express my concern over possible plans by VDOT to annex part of the Winkler Botanical Preserve for an exit ramp from I-395. Please don't let this happen. The Winkler Preserve is a wonderful, irreplaceable resource for the residents of Alexandria and the surrounding jurisdictions, and it would be an enormous shame to lose even one acre as a result of abysmal (or nonexistent) planning. How is it that this development project has progressed this far before anyone realized there was an issue with access? The City Council has shown great leadership in the past year

**Comments:** toward making Alexandria a more green and sustainable community, and we need you to continue that work. Places like the Winkler Preserve are an integral part of that sustainability, not just because we need more parks, gardens and green spaces (which we do), but even more importantly because of the work they do educating the next generation about the vital role nature, ecology and the natural ecosystems play in our daily lives. The Winkler family gave us a wonderful gift, and we must do everything we can

to preserve it.



**Sara Johnson**  
<sarajohns@aol.com>

12/10/2009 09:50 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: BRAC-133 Project

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 21:50:38] Message ID: [17515]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

**First Name:** Sara

**Last Name:** Johnson

**Street Address:**

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22311

**Phone:**

**Email Address:** sarajohns@aol.com

**Subject:** BRAC-133 Project

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members:  
I am a "west-ender" and

I am not happy with the decision to allow the US Army to buy the property at Seminary Road and I-395 and build a secure installation. I feel the decision was made without proper input and consideration of and by the families and children in the surrounding and affected neighborhoods. I believe our neighborhoods were "railroaded" into this huge and complex project by a Mayor and Council who did not have the best interests of the area in mind.

I also understand that the decision has been made and, for whatever reasons the Mayor and Council want us to believe, we now must live with the mess or get out. The neighborhoods in the west end are already overloaded with tired, hungry, angry and aggressive drivers and this WITHOUT the 6,400 office workers the BRAC-133 Project will add to the neighborhoods. Or the additional workers a new IDA building will house. And then we have the lower section of Beauregard with its projected new

residents to look forward to. You should try to get into, or out of, any of the west end neighborhoods now and you'll see how overloaded the roads already are.

**Comments:**

So, you've made it possible for the BRAC-133 Project to start construction by leveling beautiful vegetation, we're going to lose a "green" and beautifully-cared-for area at Seminary and Beauregard because of your stupid (I don't use that word often) and dangerous traffic pattern by adding hundreds of vehicles carrying potentially dangerous materials into the installation and now you want to further destroy our beautiful Winkler Preserve, too?

We are your constituents - why aren't you looking out for and protecting us?

Would you want your child to be hurt or killed while trying to cross I-395, Seminary Road or Beauregard by a frustrated driver who is late to work and forgot about Hammond or John Adams schools in the neighborhoods?

Please slow down this project. Please explore, plan and fund some SOUND and REASONABLE environmental and transportation solutions before allowing the BRAC-133 Project to bring 6,400 workers to the west end.

Respectfully.





**Jerry Glasow**  
<jglasow@ida.org>

12/10/2009 09:17 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: DIRECT ACCESS RAMP ALTERNATIVES  
FOR BRAC-133 IJR STUDY

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**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 21:17:50] Message ID: [17514]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

**First Name:** Jerry

**Last Name:** Glasow

**Street Address:** 4900 Mark Center Drive

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22311

**Phone:** 703-475-6130

**Email Address:** jglasow@ida.org

**Subject:** DIRECT ACCESS RAMP ALTERNATIVES FOR BRAC-133 IJR STUDY  
I currently work in 4900 Mark Center Drive. Adding thousands of additional cars trying to exit this area is going to be a major nightmare. You should support an alternative that maximizes the number of access points,

**Comments:** including at a minimum, access to both north and south bound HOT lane access and south bound GP lane access. None of the alternatives poses a major impact on the preserve, but do ask that they minimize and remediate any impact to the maximum extent possible. Thank you.



Mark Velsey  
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12/10/2009 08:43 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 20:43:37] Message ID: [17513]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**City:**  
**State:**  
**Zip:**  
**Phone:** 202-482-7342  
**Email Address:** velseymark@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Winkler preserve  
Any traffic solution that goes to permanently damaging the small amount of  
viable green space such as the Winkler preserve  
is absolutely out of  
bounds. Such thinking is backwards, old style, and out of touch with  
reality. Because the military has  
made a decision to relocate in  
violation of a decades old policy not to relocate out of the DC area does  
not mean that such  
needed sustainable spaces so valuable to the populace  
**Comments:** and property values must be sacrificed. If getting to and from the new

base is horribly inconvenient, it must not become an Alexandria problem,  
and the taxpayers must not be forced to pick up the  
pieces as a result of  
the military's small mindedness and insensitivity.

- Mark Velsey  
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am a veteran.



**Emily Fox-Penner**  
<ziloni@cox.net>

12/10/2009 08:37 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Please protect the Winkler Reserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 20:37:14] Message ID: [17512]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

**First Name:** Emily

**Last Name:** Fox-Penner

**Street Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email Address:** ziloni@cox.net

**Subject:** Please protect the Winkler Reserve

As a local resident and concerned citizen, I am writing you to urge you to

vote for our environment and against any measure  
that would destroy the

valuable Winkler Botanical Preserve. This sanctuary is extremely valuable

for its preservation of the  
natural habitat of wildlife and its

contribution to conserving our natural environment. In addition, the

**Comments:** education and outreach  
programs of the preserve are invaluable, including

their partnerships with local elementary schools to instil in the future

generation respect and value for nature. Cutting off part of the

preserve would be a huge loss, environmentally and socially,  
for Northern

Virginia. This Saturday please vote against any measure that would harm

this preserve. Thank you for your time.



Anna Pietrantonio  
<apietrantonio@maret.org>

12/10/2009 07:17 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Save the Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 19:17:34] Message ID: [17511]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

**First Name:** Anna

**Last Name:** Pietrantonio

**Street Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

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**Phone:**

**Email Address:** apietrantonio@maret.org

**Subject:** Save the Winkler Preserve  
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future generations.

Thank you for your time. Once again, I urge you not  
to pass any resolution that would in any way negatively effect the Winkler

Botanical Preserve, for any road development would be  
detrimental.

Sincerely,

Anna Pietrantonio



**Michael Sharman**  
<luckysharmans@gmail.com>

12/10/2009 06:48 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Entry to new Army site

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**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 18:48:53] Message ID: [17510]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**State:** VA  
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**Phone:** 703-823-1035  
**Email Address:** luckysharmans@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Winkler Entry to new Army site  
To whom it may concern,

I am a new citizen of the Shirley Forrest area of Alexandria and received information about Wednesday's meeting about the army installation off of Seminary and Beauregard. I was very upset to hear that the most viable option for new entry involves destroying a large section of the Winkler Botanical Preserve. I wish to convey my dissatisfaction at this option. I understand that another option includes expanding the preserve southwards but this requires the agreement of the current owners of this land JBG. If this option is available I feel that it may be the best situation for all involved.

No matter what I insist that the new Army and IDA facilities MUST have direct access from 395. The off ramps from 395 to Seminary Road are already crowded, especially at peak hours, and horribly designed. The complicated merges to get to Beauregard St from 395 or Seminary Road cause daily near-accidents with the few

commuters there are going to the area. Another 6000 commuters would create a bottleneck that would negatively impact my neighborhood and the entire 395 corridor.

Currently, when trying to access our neighborhood from Seminary Road during rush hour, we have to wait several minutes at the light at Echols without a turn lane, hoping that those whizzing past won't rear-end us and crossing our fingers that the commuters waiting to get to the Seminary-Beauregard-395 intersection won't block the intersection. Even the turn lane at Dawes is a dangerous option since many cars are trying to get to Columbia Pike or George Mason Drive and don't have the patience for those making the left turn. It's already hard for the citizens in Shirley Forest and Dowden Terrace to get in and out of the neighborhood.

**Comments:**

I also have a suggestion that may ease the traffic: make the facilities accessible by foot from our neighborhood and the surrounding areas. Currently our neighborhood is fenced off from Beauregard St and the commercial properties there. It is very dangerous to walk along Seminary Rd to Beauregard in rush hour because of the speed and density of the cars. Either insist that the office park take down the barrier fence so people may walk there or take out the scary bushes along Adams Elementary's sidewalk that leads to the Mark Center shopping center and Raymond. Taking out those cedar bushes would make the visibility better for walking commuters and students. A pedestrian bridge or VERY well marked crosswalks and the countdown walk-signs across Beauregard would be very effective.

I am upset that this issue was not resolved already and that the City did not require the developer to have a more evolved plan before approval. The new facility is set to open next year and no improvements have been made in its anticipation. Alexandria needs to act now and insist that the developers move quickly BEFORE the heavy traffic starts.

I do believe that with effort the situation can be

resolved to the benefit of all involved.

Michael Sharman





**Ryan Seldon**  
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12/10/2009 06:16 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Save the Winkler Preserve

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**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 18:16:52] Message ID: [17508]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

**First Name:** Ryan

**Last Name:** Seldon

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**Phone:**

**Email Address:** [rseldon@students.maret.org](mailto:rseldon@students.maret.org)

**Subject:** Save the Winkler Preserve  
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Sincerely,

Ryan Seldon



**Sophie Mendelson**  
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12/10/2009 06:16 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Save the Winkler Preserve

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**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 18:16:46] Message ID: [17507]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

**First Name:** Sophie

**Last Name:** Mendelson

**Street Address:**

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**State:**

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**Phone:**

**Email Address:** smendelson@maret.org

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Botanical Preserve, for any road  
development would be detrimental.  
Sincerely,  
Sophie Mendelson



**Sharon Blitzer**  
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12/10/2009 05:37 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 17:37:37] Message ID: [17505]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**Email Address:** sharon.blitzer@acps.k12.va.us  
**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Comments:**

I have been teaching at ACPS (Alexandria) for 7 years. Winkler has been an invaluable tool that we have shared with my 2nd and 3rd grade students. Winkler helps prepare students for the VA SOLs and reinforces the essential SOL objectives that are taught every day. It is critical that the integrity of Winkler be kept entirely intact so that future students reap the full benefit of the Program.



**Yebhe Bah Diallo**  
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12/10/2009 05:26 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler

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**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 17:26:15] Message ID: [17504]**

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**Phone:** 703-566 -2064  
**Email Address:** bahyebhe@yahoo.fr  
**Subject:** Winkler  
As a parent of 2 ACPS students , I am asking you to please help save  
**Comments:** Winkler.  
Thank you.



**Heatherly Bucher**  
<heatherlybucher@gmail.com>

12/10/2009 05:03 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Park

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 17:03:48] Message ID: [17503]**

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**Last Name:** Bucher

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**Phone:** 816 719-2670

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**Subject:** Winkler Park

Please save Winkler, one of the precious and lovely greenspaces we have in

town. We are a military family that has so enjoyed Winkler personally and

through the elementary school trips. We find it deploring that BRAC began

**Comments:** construction  
without full consideration/approval for transportation and

only now is this topic brought up after construction has begun.  
Winkler

benefits the neighborhood, the city and it will also benefit those that

must work in the cubicle-land building.



**Cathy Johnson**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve and BRAC Development at  
Mark Center

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 17:00:33] Message ID: [17502]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22311  
**Phone:** 703-379-1903  
**Email Address:** cathyjohnson304@yahoo.com

**Subject:** Winkler Preserve and BRAC Development at Mark Center

I would like to address my comments to the BRAC development at Mark Center.

Unlike the plan that brought PTO to Old Town, I have long believed that the BRAC development was ill-conceived. That is obviously a moot point.

Construction is well underway and will be completed by Septemeber 2011, as the law mandates, with upwards of 6400 employees filling the new office space.

Two of the city's major initiatives - the protection/expansion of green spaces and the reduction of traffic within Alexandria - are seriously threatened by the existing Mark Center plan. If the current design moves forward, an additional 4000 vehicles will to be added to an already congested area. The road "improvements" in the Seminary/Beauregard area are niaive and only validate my hunch that this is a disaster waiting to happen. By their own estimate, a broader VDOT

**Comments:** solution will not be implemented until 2014 or beyond. This is absurd.

What makes it even sadder is the fact that the Winkler Preserve, one of the



loveliest green spaces within the city is significantly threatened unless action is taken.

The responsibility for the debacle at Mark Center rests solely on the shoulders of previous city councils. The only way a viable solution can be reached is if the current council and city leadership has the courage to take pause and negotiate with the Army, the FHA, JDG and the local community to revise the current approach at Mark Center. If things are left as is, I fear that the current council will not be the future council once the west end feels the impact of the BRAC changes.

Cathy

Johnson


Brandi Galloway/Alex

12/10/2009 04:50 PM

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Subject Fw: BRAC 133 - 12 Dec Council Meeting #4

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Subject BRAC 133 - 12 Dec Council Meeting #4

Dear Mayor and Members of The City Council,

On Saturday, Dec 12, you may make a decision on how to handle the traffic fiasco that the BRAC project will bring to the West End area. There are several proposals on the table. One that is not mentioned, that ultimately will serve the whole area better is a fly over across Seminary road into Mark Center Drive between the Hotel and 4900 Seminary road. The proposals to have an entrance to the South garage that allows 300+/- cars an hour is shortsighted, especially when IDA future development is considered. Exiting the site during evening rush hour is going to be a nightmare.

It appears that in the haste to build, the Army has not taken into consideration the severity of the traffic situation.

Also, it is very curious that the Army still has not finalized their Transportation Management Plan (TMP).

This whole project needs to slow down because it appears that many things still need to be considered, i.e., the Beauregard small area plan is in early stages of development.

The City Council created this problem back in 2004 and failed to favor the Victory center site as the best place for the Army. The citizens of the West End have to live with this horrible decision. You did not listen to us then and you will have to make the best decision for our citizens now. City Council made the

decision to allow three left turns at Seminary and Beauregard - which controls the fate of the intersection. Perhaps delaying construction there is in order. You probably thought of all the tax revenue benefits prior to the Army's decision.

Any future development will have to be curtailed, including retail stores; if allowed it will only exacerbate the problem. Our community is a park like area, thanks to the former owners of the property, the Winkler's, who were always judicious in what they did. Needless to say, greed and grand ideas of development, possibly the city of Alexandria in conjunction with Arlington Co., has promoted this behemoth mess. We do not want an Arlington style "CEMENT CITY" construction in our area. Please find other sources of revenue. Also echoing Arlington Co., we read about a TROLLEY system in this area which would serve the college, etc. When there is already a bus system in place, why would this possibly be considered. Only someone who didn't live in this area would propose such ideas.

From a view from Shirley Highway, these buildings appear as if they are almost on the highway itself. We still don't understand how a site such as this could be secure; it can be subject to terrorist attack.

Thank you for your consideration. Dan and Mary Dose'



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12/10/2009 04:13 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Save Winkler Garden

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 16:13:32] Message ID: [17500]**

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**Subject:** Save Winkler Garden  
City Council,

Request your help to preserve The Winkler Garden. The Winkler Garden is a great park that my family and I visit often. It is a great opportunity for us to connect to the wonderful outdoors without fighting horrible traffic outside the beltway, and it is much more accessible than Rock Creek Park. Instead of destroying the park in the name of one more cold, concrete and glass office building, VA should be preserving the park.

**Comments:**

I ask that you preserve the Winkler Garden and prevent citizens of the West End of Alexandria from yet again being taken advantage of in the name of growth.

I am deployed overseas. Winkler

offers great beauty and the opportunity for my children and their friends

to explore nature  
and reinforce what they learn in school, without my

spouse wasting time and fuel commuting to a distant park.

John Steiner



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12/10/2009 03:20 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 15:20:18] Message ID: [17495]**

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**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

**Comments:**

In your deliberations concerning the transportation solution alternatives for Mark Center I urge you to avoid doing anything that will encroach upon the Winkler Nature Preserve. The Preserve is a valuable resource to those of us who work in Mark Center and is also an educational resource for the Alexandria Community at large. Once the preserve is gone it cannot be replaced. The traffic problems that we expect to experience as a direct result of the building in Mark Center should and could have been anticipated by both Alexandria's Leaders and the Corps Of Engineers way in advance of this sudden urgency. Mistakes of Governmental Leadership should not be an excuse to mitigate a prior mistake with a financially affordable solution that is an even bigger mistake for the Alexandria Community in the long run.



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**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

I support the Winkler Preserve off of Mark Center Drive. I work at 4850

**Comments:** Mark Center Drive and it is nice to have to beautiful property nearby.

Also I have noticed many schoolbuses in the area thoughtout the year.



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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 14:45:19] Message ID: [17491]**

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**Subject:** Winkler preserve  
I live and work close to the Winkler preserve and enjoy walking through the preserve.  
Since moving to my present address in 1986, I have seen a lot of green space on the former Winkler property disappear, for construction of both offices and dwellings. The BRAC project took down many dozens of trees, and now further destruction of the preserve to create access from 395 is being considered.  
Air quality is going to be adversely affected by BRAC traffic and removing more greenspace will compound the problem. Please find another solution that preserves the Preserve.





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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 14:35:48] Message ID: [17490]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**State:** VA  
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**Subject:** Winkler Preserve  
I am concerned that the new Federal Building will unduly encroach on the  
Winkler Preserve. There has to be another way to gain entrance to the  
**Comments:** Federal property without destroying one of the few nature preserves in this  
area.



**Janet Nauta** <jnauta@ida.org>

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Reserve

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**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 14:32:42] Message ID: [17489]**

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**Subject:** Winkler Reserve  
The green space and walking area currently provided as the Winkler Preserve  
is very important to the quality of life for those of us who work in this  
**Comments:**  
area.  
  
Please do not shrink the footprint of this natural resource.



**Chris Garrett**  
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**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 14:18:44] Message ID: [17488]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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**Last Name:** Garrett

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**Zip:** 22311

**Phone:**

**Email Address:** christopher.garrett@comcast.net

**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

Please do not let this beautiful piece of Alexandria be destroyed. As a West End resident, I feel we are being punished enough by having these new buildings put up along with the traffic and noise they will create. But I rather deal with the traffic than see this bit of nature destroyed for ugly

**Comments:** on ramps. We lost a lot of park area with all the new buildings that went up around the now Hilton hotel. Enough already. I respectfully request and urge the city government to prevent this travesty.

Thank you



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Subject COA Contact Us: alternative plans to access BRAC that do not  
impact Winkler

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 13:41:58] Message ID: [17487]**

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**Subject:** alternative plans to access BRAC that do not impact Winkler  
Please maintain the integrity of the Winkler Botanical Preserve by leaving  
**Comments:**  
it entirely intact.



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Subject COA Contact Us: BRAC development.395 Off ramp,/Winkler  
Preserve

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**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 13:31:12] Message ID: [17485]**

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**Subject:** BRAC development.395 Off ramp,/Winkler Preserve

Dear City Council -  
You really bombed on this BRAC situation and  
honestly, I think you should all resign over it. The Army never would have  
taken this option if you hadn't listed it. Now we are stuck with the  
results. This ramp for 395 must happen because the surrounding streets can  
not handle the traffic. The arguments made several years ago by Winkler,  
which you accepted, to put in the 3 turn left turn lane were always  
flawed. There is simply not enough room to come off 395 and merge all the  
way over to the left most lane at Beauregard, all while through traffic on  
Seminary Westbound is trying to merge right to stay on Seminary. It is  
ridiculous to think this can take place safely and safely handle this  
influx of traffic, which will occur at the same time schools have buses on  
these same roads. Forgot about anyone trying to walk from Seminary Towers  
to John Adams Elem.  
So now that you've created this mess, you need to

**Comments:**

clean it up. There must be a ramp from 395 into the BRAC development or else the mess on our streets will be unbearable. That apparently means some sacrifice for the beloved nature preserve. Apparently a developer is offering up the option to tear down some apartments to make way for townhomes, and will give some of the land back to the preserve. That is a nice idea, but it isn't nailed down and there are no guarantees so unless that developer signs something binding, don't count on that in your decision making process. That also has a big impact on affordable rental properties, something else the Council has done little to preserve. I don't support harming the nature preserve, but I'm not certain we have been left with any other option since the Army broke ground before these issues were even addressed.

When all is said and done, whatever option is chosen will leave the city worse off than it was before - no extra tax revenue, clogged streets and a butchered nature preserve. Thanks for looking out for the West side.  
Robin Bectel



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Subject COA Contact Us: Sat docket #4

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**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 12:43:19] Message ID: [17484]**

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**Subject:** Sat docket #4  
The Army is responsible for the costs and effects of the development associated with BRAC construction, not VDOT or the city of Alexandria.  
  
Winkler Preserve is an irreplaceable asset to Alexandria's quality of  
**Comments:** life. The Army can have some of it for traffic access ONLY if they give us  
MORE net green space.  
DO NOT allow the Army to dictate quality of life  
  
issues to my neighborhood.



**Jacki Warren**  
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Subject COA Contact Us: Preserving Winkler

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 11:25:10] Message ID: [17481]**

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**Subject:** Preserving Winkler  
As a concerned citizen and mother of two Alexandria City School children, please please please do not touch any parts of Winkler. It is such a wonderful place for the kids to learn and a beautiful sanctuary for wildlife. My children and I both have fond memories of field trips to Winkler. It is one of the most gorgeous places left in the City of Alexandria. It would truly break my heart to see such beauty altered in any manner. I can appreciate the business perspective. However, does every piece of land need to be effected? Does the education of our children always need to be on the chopping block? How can we teach preserving earth and not do it ourselves?  
**Comments:**  
Thank you for your time and sincere consideration of saving Winkler.  
Sincerely,  
Jacki Warren





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Subject COA Contact Us: winkler preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 11:16:56] Message ID: [17480]**

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**Subject:** winkler preserve

Virginia is rich in nature resources. It is difficult to pick which are

more important, but the native plants and the children are top on my list.

The Winkler Preserve is dedicated to the future of both. PLEASE pick an

**Comments:** alternative for the new access road. Don't go through Winkler.

Crystal

McKenna, Ph.D.



**Julia Kinner**  
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**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 10:28:59] Message ID: [17478]**

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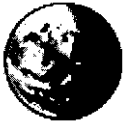
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**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

**Comments:**

I am concerned and wish to make my view known about changing any part of this Preserve so that an exit ramp can be built upon this land. You must not allow this occur. Many of the children from Tucker Elementary School visit each year, many times to learn and understand with a first hand experience given to them at Winkler. Most of our children are never exposed to anything like this. If you allow the building of a road to take this away from our children, you will have taken away a chance for these children to ever learn about the world as it used to be before all the land was covered over with cement and tar roads and ramps. Please consider the future and the children you are taking this opportunity away from.



**Brenda Barnes**  
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**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

**Comments:**

Please do not let this happen. Our students' educational experiences are at risk. Many of them may not ever have the chance to experience science in this way. Teachers and our students are very saddened by the possibility of this proposal passing. I invite anyone who is considering this move to go and visit during a time when the students are there. The staff is wonderful and they make sure the activities are geared toward the VA SOLs in a meaningful and hands-on way that cannot be replicated in the classroom. SAVE WINKLER.....all of it!!



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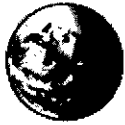
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**Subject:**

Dear Mayor and City Council: The Winkler Preserve should not be endangered, harmed or damaged in any way. It is absolutely wrong and against the vision of Alexandria to allow the VDOT to place an exit ramp through the Winkler Preserve. Alexandria City is now an urban area. There are very few accessible, educational, natural preserves that are actively used to introduce, educate, and enthrall the cities children about the beauty and benefits of nature. Don't allow the State to take away one of the cities precious resources. Thank you, Amy Dale

**Comments:**



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Subject COA Contact Us: Consideration of the Virginia Department of  
Transportation (VDOT) Proposed Route

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**Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 09:38:59] Message ID: [17473]**

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Route  
Attached is a letter from representatives of Friends of Winkler, a large  
group of Alexandria citizens who strongly urge each of you to vote only for  
direct access options from I-395 to BRAC 133 that leave The Winkler  
**Comments:** Botanical Preserve completely unharmed. We are counting on you to do  
everything within your power to fully protect this unique environmental  
treasure.  
**Attachment:** 1c58dee343101a7fb6d4ac5bff0072ea.doc



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## *Friends of Winkler*

December 10, 2009

The Honorable William Euille, Mayor,  
and Members of the City Council  
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council:

On Saturday, December 12, you will vote on which options you want the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT ) to consider to accommodate future traffic from the BRAC project that borders on The Winkler Botanical Preserve. We represent Friends of Winkler, a large group of Alexandria citizens who strongly urge each of you to vote only for road options that leave The Winkler Botanical Preserve completely untouched.

As you know, on December 2 after hearing testimony from 28 citizens, the City Transportation Commission voted unanimously to recommend that Council select transportation options that do not cause harm to the Preserve. This includes consideration of Alternatives A-1 and A-2 from VDOT's seven preliminary alternatives for a new direct access route from I-395 to the site.

We have learned that among the options under consideration, VDOT is moving forward with exploration of Alternative A-1 as well as Alternative D. Alternative A-1 would not harm the Preserve as it would provide direct entry to the Army garage from the Seminary Road interchange. Alternative D would be devastating – this alternative involves constructing a road directly through the east end of the Preserve.

Regardless of the number of options presently before VDOT or City Council, the choice before those who will decide this is clear: some proposals leave The Winkler Botanical Preserve intact and still mitigate traffic, while others seriously impact the Preserve by destroying at least 30% of its property.

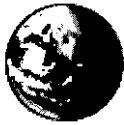
We strongly urge you to vote for proposals that do not take anything away from the Preserve, jeopardizing its mission. We understand that whatever the City recommends, VDOT plans to pursue study of Alternative D. Accordingly, we ask that your recommendation to VDOT include a strong statement against Alternative D and any alternatives that harm the Preserve.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter. You have the opportunity to support an environmental treasure that cannot be re-created in our city and to show our

children that you recognize the importance of nature and the environment to their education. Alexandrians are counting on you to do everything within your power to protect The Winkler Botanical Preserve.

Sincerely,

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Please don't punish our city's school children and residents who enjoy green space for the BRAC commission's lack of foresight in placing this enormous complex in the middle of an already congested urban area.

**Comments:** Winkler is a rare natural resource in our city and should be protected as such, not sacrificed to encourage more commuters to drive to work. Please adopt only a transportation plan that leaves Winkler entirely intact.





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Dears members  
This is a plea from a concerned mom of a student at Samuel  
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Please Save Winkler Botanical Preserve.It is  
**Comments:**  
hard to find resources such as the Gardens today.Don't destroy the few we  
have.  
Thank you.