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12/10/2009 08:35 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 08:35:55] Message ID: [17467]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve
Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to urge you all to oppose

any proposal that cuts into the Winkler Botanical Preserve by VDOT. Please
protect the preserve by supporting the Alexandria Transportation Commission
and Staff recommendations for BRAC traffic solutions.

Comments:

As a citizen of

Alexandria I appreciate you involvement in this
matter.

Sincerely,
Christopher Metzger



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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler

Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 08:34:57] **Message ID:** [17466]

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Subject: Winkler
Please do everything you can to protect Winkler. It should never be
Comments: changed so it can continue to be enjoyed by Alexandrians. An exit ramp
will ruin it!



Maria Van Horn
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12/10/2009 05:09 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

Time: [Thu Dec 10, 2009 05:09:06] Message ID: [17464]

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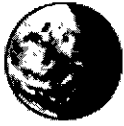
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Subject: Winkler Preserve

It was a HUGE mistake to allow the government the space on the west end. I

Comments: ask that you DO NOT make another huge mistake by allowing any part of the

Winkler Preserve to be destroyed.



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12/09/2009 11:49 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 23:49:44] Message ID: [17463]

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Subject: Winkler Preserve

Please do not support any BRAC plan that would impact the Winkler Preserve in any way. This is a valuable resource to the community at large in terms of the green space that makes our area distinctive and it is also a valuable educational resource to children who must learn to appreciate our natural heritage and become good stewards of the environment. The preserve is one venue where this education is available at no charge, and any plan that compromises the integrity of this irreplaceable resource in any way is unacceptable. As the Transportation Committee has advised, please consider carefully the other options available. Thank you for your consideration and representation.



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12/09/2009 10:27 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: regarding winkler

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 22:27:06] Message ID: [17462]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: regarding winkler
Comments:
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Dear members of Alexandria City Council,

I was surprised to discover that proposals have recently been organized by the Virginia Department of Transportation that would have a negative impact on the Winkler Botanical Preserve. I am quite disappointed by this news. I realize these proposals were not initiated at the Alexandria City level, I am especially confused as to why a so called "eco-city" would even consider enabling such destructive proposals? It would be such a shame to allow for any part of the Winkler Botanical Preserve to be harmed due to a lack of preparation and ingenuity on the part of VDOT, City Council, and any other decision makers on this matter.

I sincerely hope that the Winkler Botanical Preserve will be in fact preserved. To lose any part of Winkler, or to in any way, negatively impact any part of this beautiful ecosystem, would be an substantial loss to this community and the environment. I expect those who are currently representing this wonderful city to act in accordance with their constituents' desire to protect the Winkler Botanical Preserve, and anticipate a city council response against any proposal that would so much as touch Winkler.

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

With much hope and anticipation,
Michael Alexander Bullock



Alexandra Van Horn
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Subject: COA Contact Us: SAVE WINKLER

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 20:25:20] Message ID: [17458]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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State:

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Subject: SAVE WINKLER

To whom it may concern,

Please do not destroy the Winkler Botanical

Preserve in any way. Any elimination of the park will permanently harm

the
preserve and its mission to teach conservation and natural history to

Alexandria's and Northern Virginia's school children.

I have lived in

Alexandria my whole life and have very fond memories of camp at Winkler. It

is one of the few pieces of land in
the city that has not been overtaken

by buildings or transportation routes, like EXIT RAMPS. The destruction of

Winkler would
certainly not support recent efforts for a more

Comments:

eco-friendly world. It would ruin the opportunity for many children to

learn
hands-on about nature and the environment.

Consider the effect

on future generations and on the environment. By destroying the preserves
of today, what sort of
precedence does that set for the future?

Please find an alternative plan that leaves Winkler untouched.

Thank

you for your time,

Alexandra Van Horn



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12/09/2009 08:19 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Mark Center

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 20:19:37] Message ID: [17457]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Mark Center

Do not disturb the Winkler preserve. The City council has already made poor/rash decisions without doing their homework. That is why the West end of the city has to deal with this Mark center construction project in the first place. Constructing exit ramps that take away the nature preserve would not be a good idea. Save the presrve.....



Gloria Sitton/Alex

12/08/2009 02:06 PM

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Subject Re: Winkler site (BRAC)

Ken Siegfried (1217 Belle Vista Drive, 22307) called to express his opposition to any construction through the Winkler Preserve.

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GO GREEN -- Tip: Store emails and other documents electronically. Paper makes up more of our garbage than any other type of trash at almost 40%.



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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 14:59:16] Message ID: [17452]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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State:

Zip:

Phone:

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Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Dear members of Alexandria City Council,

It has come to my attention

that proposals have recently been organized by the Virginia Department of

Transportation that would have a negative impact on the Winkler Botanical

Preserve. I am shocked and
outraged by this news. Why, during a time

where the threats of Global Warming and environmental
devastation are so

prevalent, are we even considering destroying such a valuable part of our
environment

and community? Although I realize these proposals were not

initiated at the Alexandria City level, I am
especially confused as to

why a so called "eco-city" would even consider enabling such destructive

proposals? Have we lost sight of our goals of environmental

sustainability? It would be such a shame to
allow for any part of the

Winkler Botanical Preserve to be harmed due to a lack of preparation and

Comments:

ingenuity on the part of VDOT, City Council, and any other decision makers on this matter.

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Preserve will be in fact preserved. To lose any part of Winkler, or to in

any way, negatively impact any part of this beautiful ecosystem, would be

an incredible loss to this community and the environment. I expect those

who are currently representing this wonderful city to act in accordance

with their constituents' desire to protect the Winkler Botanical Preserve,

and anticipate a city council response against any proposal that would so

much as touch Winkler.

I am sincerely appreciative for your time.

Please make the right decision.

With much hope and anticipation,

Chloe Carcamo



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Subject: COA Contact Us: Please Save Winkler!

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 14:00:43] Message ID: [17401]

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Subject: Please Save Winkler!

To whom it may concern:

I was a camper at Camp Winkler, but I wasn't in

just any normal camp session. I was one of the first campers to be greeted

by the generous smile of Jodie, walk past the check-in desk, up the small

asphalt hill, and past all sorts of wildlife. I couldn't wait for my

first day at Camp Winkler; they had a rock climbing wall, a zip-line, and

all sorts of cool hiking trails and creeks for us to explore. And explore

we did. I learned all about the ecosystems the Winkler Botanical Preserve

housed, from things as large as the pond to things as small as a flower,

where hundreds of insects can interact with each other and the plant.

Experiencing the ecosystems is something you simply cannot do in school,

and this experiential learning takes it to a whole new level, one that a

classroom education, no matter how dynamic the curriculum or teacher, will
ever be able to
duplicate.

I made and developed friendships at Camp

Winkler. I still have some photos from Winkler framed on my shelves in my

Comments: bedroom. And the memories! I could go on for days about all the great
memories I made during my time as a camper and a
CIT at Camp Winkler. As
a camper, I made all sorts of friends, and as a CIT, I had a chance to help
campers develop during
their stay. I can honestly say that the most
rewarding thing I've ever done is take in a group of children and watch
them
grow as they become more comfortable around others and with
themselves. Winkler gives kids this tremendous
opportunity.
These are
just the things that Camp Winkler could do for one person, and this was
during its early days of operations.
Imagine the possibilities now, with
new attractions, like the Leap of Faith and the Giant Swing. Just in my
time there, Camp
Winkler came a long way, and it will continue to develop
and give children the same amazing benefits that I received as a
camper
there. Please save the Winkler Botanical Preserve.

Best regards,
Zack

Whitacre
TC Williams Class of 2008



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12/08/2009 02:01 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Oppose Ramps in Winkler Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 14:01:30] Message ID: [17402]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Oppose Ramps in Winkler Preserve
December 8, 2009

Dear Mayor Euille and Member of the Alexandria City
Council,

I am urging you to oppose any intrusion of roadways or ramps in
the Winkler Botanical Preserve as currently proposed with the BRAC project
at Mark Center. The Preserve offers Alexandria an amazing location to
study nature, to enjoy a meticulously maintained and planted preserve, and
to allow environmental education for thousands of our City's children. My
own four daughters have spent the past eight summers enrolled in the
instructive camps offered at Winkler, which instill a true sense of land
stewardship and outdoor appreciation. They are unparalleled in scope and
quality, and have taught each of my daughters life-long lessons.

As a

part-time professor I have had the pleasure of teaching graduate students
at the Preserve from Virginia Tech's Alexandria Architecture Center, and

Comments:

its diverse plantings and stormwater treatment methods are models for students of civil engineering and landscape architecture. As a professional landscape architect as well, I admired the Preserve's care, stewardship, and maintenance of this remarkable space, which had once been an abused piece of farmland, and now is a model of a healed and improved natural landscape.

In our city, with its very small amount of open space remaining, we must retain the open areas that are large enough for education and enjoyment to remain unharmed in perpetuity. To allow a road through Winkler would reflect a City that regards traffic and cars more highly than the environmental education of our children and families in this remarkable place.

Please do not permit any roadways or ramps into
The Winkler Preserve.

I appreciate your consideration of my plea and
hope that you will join me and many other residents in opposition to this
proposal.

Sincerely yours,
Brian P. Kane



Jane Harrington
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12/08/2009 02:29 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 14:29:34] Message ID: [17410]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Winkler

Hello City Council--

You have a lot of young people crying out about the

roads that may cut through Winkler, and I'd like to add my voice to theirs.

My family has had homes and/or businesses in the City of Alexandria since

the late 1970s, and while we all have loved living
there, we have always

lamented that natural parks have not been a municipal priority. We often

have gone outside City limits
to enjoy nature, or to the Winkler

Comments: Preserve, where the private sector has been doing a much-needed job of

providing
environmental education and stewardship of Alexandria's

woodlands. There is so little natural space in Alexandria, please
devote

your creative energy to more environmentally sensitive alternatives to this

problem. You are Alexandria's guardians,
not VDOT, so it is up to you.

Thank you,
Jane Harrington



Dennis Burstein
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12/08/2009 03:05 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: WINKLER PRESERVE

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 15:05:25] Message ID: [17414]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: WINKLER PRESERVE

Please select a plan that would have no impact and no intrusion on the Winkler Botanical Preserve. This is a precious area in Alexandria that not only is a beautiful place, but serves the needs of ALL ACPS students.

Students in grades K-6 fully utilize the Preserve for science classes and Middle School students in grades 6, 7, and 8 have also had an opportunity to utilize the preserve for outdoor adventure activities. The peak

experiences for our students that have been there for outdoor adventure activities (several thousand since 2003) cannot be replaced and are hard to isolate such experiences in a few words. Having helped to supervise ACPS students, we have used ALL areas of the preserve. The higher area closer to the freeway was used to set up archery targets for students. ALL areas of

Comments: the Preserve need to remain intact so our students can continue with these unique opportunities. We have done low elements, high elements, cooperative activities, aquatic activities, archery, and more.

I urge you to only

look at alternative plans that do NOT impact at all on the Preserve. As a City resident for more than 15 years, I am so please that there are many exits off the highway (King St, Seminary, Duke St, Edsall Road). We certainly do not need another exit when the current exits are so close together. Have a direct route off the highway that exits to the BRAC area.

Do not ruin what makes Alexandria unique. Leave no impact on the Preserve. I know countless others who are of the same opinion.



Karen Callahan/Alex
12/08/2009 04:03 PM

To Bob Garbacz/Alex@Alex, Jackie Henderson/Alex@Alex
cc Rich Baier/Alex@Alex, Yon Lambert/Alex@ALEX
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Subject Fw: Parkside at Alexandria formal comments on BRAC-133 direct access

Hi All --

Below is an e-mail from Mark J. Benedict, the Vice President of Parkside Condo's Board of Directors. He would like his comments below to be submitted and included in the record for the Dec. 12 City Council Public Hearing on BRAC-133 Direct Access Ramp Alternatives.

Please advise me if there are additional steps I need to take to ensure his statement is included in the record for the Dec 12 public hearing.

Thanks.

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Subject RE: Parkside at Alexandria formal comments on BRAC-133 direct access

For the 12-12 BRAC hearing please – these were submitted timely but not received due to technical problems. Parkside has been working with the City on BRAC-133 for almost a year – please consider these comments and add them to the record. Thank you.

Mark J Benedict, J.D.

From: Karen.Callahan@alexandriava.gov [mailto:Karen.Callahan@alexandriava.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2009 1:25 PM
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Cc: yon.lambert@alexandriava.gov; davedexter09@starpower.net; Benedict, Mark

Subject: Re: Parkside formal comments on BRAC-133 direct access

Are you submitting this to the group working on Strategic Plan Process Goal 3 - Transportation or are you submitting this to City Council for their Saturday, Dec 12 Public Hearing on BRAC-133? Here is the link for the City Council Docket on Sat., Dec 12. BRAC-133 Public Hearing item number 4. >>

<http://dockets.alexandriava.gov/dsr/fy10dock.nsf/536ee1fcf306fd108525704b0064fc94/c906db12e46fc6d3852576810054bc3a?OpenDocument>

As I mentioned in my previous e-mail, it is too late to submit comments for past meetings or public hearings. The agenda for the Dec 14 Strategic Plan Process Goal 3 - Transportation has not yet materialized.

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Subject: Parkside formal comments on BRAC-133 direct access

For Mayor Euille, Councilman Smedberg and the City Transportation/Strategic Planning working group:

For inclusion in the public record:

Parkside at Alexandria condominium owners strongly support Council action opposing any VDOT direct access proposal for the BRAC-133 site which would in any way encroach upon the Winkler preserve. In addition, Parkside opposes the VDOT proposal for fly-over ramps to provide direct access to the

BRAC-133 site for the following reasons:

The impact of that proposal has not been studied **and can not be studied** before the occupancy date for the BRAC-133 project (9-11-2011);

The fly-over ramps would require construction on land not owned or controlled by VDOT and would require City designation of new right of ways over City land - the City would receive no compensation therefor;

Construction of these ramps would have multiple adverse environmental impacts and would destroy green space, trees, and natural noise buffers;

These ramps would have to be very tall and would adversely impact quality of life and property values of Parkside at Alexandria Owners - Parkside is the community most proximate to where the proposed ramps would be constructed;

These ramps will create increased noise and air pollution in ways that have not be studied;

The VDOT proposal for these ramps does not address further increases in traffic volume certain to result from the planned construction of two additional towers for the Institute for Defense Analysis (IDA);

Construction of these ramps would be a large term project of massive scale causing severe adverse impacts on an already overtaxed surface transportation system at the I-395-Seminary Road interchange;

The proposed ramps would cause adverse impacts to other mass-transit friendly options currently under review for the I-395 corridor (i.e., HOT lanes, BRT, Metro link, etc.) which would benefit a far wider demographic than just users of the BRAC-133 site; and

There are other alternatives proposed by VDOT not requiring this extensive and costly construction - to be born by Alexandrians, NOT the occupants-Owners of the BRAC-133 sight - of fly-over ramps which would create less adverse impact on the environment and neighboring communities while still not encroaching on the Winkler Preserve.

Thank you for your serious consideration of these formal comments

Parkside at Alexandria

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 16:30:56] Message ID: [17417]

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Subject: Winkler Preserve

Dear Mayor Euille and all City Council Members,

I am writing in order to

ask you to be you save the Winkler Botanical Preserve.

I do not want

any of its land taken away. Certainly not to put a ramp in for the
military. I am unhappy with their building as it is, but do not make the
situation worse.

The Winkler Botanical Preserve is a treasure for the
City of Alexandria. It is a beautiful oasis in this city. It provides
habitats and growing in an ever more crowded city. Winkler provides
education for all of our students. How many of our 'city' children never
get a trip to the woods to learn and experience if not for Winkler
Preserve?

Comments: I live and work in Alexandria. All four of my children have
gone to Winkler Botanical Preserve on countless field trips, and I was with

them. Winkler is an incredible resource for our students. The camps they offer through out the year only extend the learning for all. One of my children volunteered there for at least 5 years. It was Winkler Botanical Preserve that inspired my son to go to college and study Urban Forestry in the College of Natural Resources. Everything my son does now and in his future is based on the work and teaching provided at Winkler Botanical preserve. They are invaluable.

SAVE WINKLER. Do NOT vote to allow the road/ramp into Winkler's land.

Thank you,

Nancy Benjamin

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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

December 8, 2009

Re: DIRECT ACCESS RAMP ALTERNATIVES FOR BRAC-133 IJR STUDY

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

At its December 2, 2009 meeting, the Transportation Commission received a briefing on the seven alternatives for direct access from I-395 to the BRAC-133 site at Mark Center under consideration by VDOT and held a public hearing on the alternatives. The briefing outlined the seven alternatives and their benefits and impacts. The major theme that emerged from the public hearing was the desire to protect the Winkler Preserve.

In advance of the City Council meeting on November 12, 2009 to discuss VDOT's seven alternatives, the Transportation Commission unanimously passed a motion to make the following recommendations to Council:

1. Request that Council send Duke Realty a letter encouraging Duke Realty to move with all speed to complete the local roadway improvements as approved by Council
2. Request that Council direct VDOT to retain alternatives A1 and A2 which provide direct access from I-395 to the Army garage
3. Request that Council direct VDOT to pursue a design option at Sanger Avenue providing direct access to I-395 with an emphasis on transit
4. Request that Council instruct VDOT to eliminate from consideration any access alternatives within their preliminary interchange justification report which would impact the land area of the Winkler Botanical Preserve
5. Request that Council adopt the BRAC Advisory Group's guiding principles

We appreciate your consideration of the Transportation Commission's recommendations.

Sincerely,



Sean Kumar
Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission



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12/08/2009 05:43 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 17:43:12] Message ID: [17418]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Winkler

Save Winkler!!! I have always loved the preserve (and camp) and i think is

it horrible that somebody would ever put an interstate through the

Comments: preserve. i hope you know how i feel about my feelings and that it will
make a difference.



Shelly Walker
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12/08/2009 09:26 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 21:26:10] Message ID: [17423]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Winkler

I have two children in the Alexandria School system my son has been in the system form K to currently 10th at TC Williams. My daughter has attended Tucker since K and is currently in 4th.

I am an active PTA member for

Tucker and I am the Fundraising co-chair. I know how hard it is to work for money for the schools. I know that the budgets have been cut and that school populations have exploded with more children choosing public verses private schools.

One of the benefits for our Alexandria School children

is the availability of the Winkler Preserve. Times are tight with school

Comments: budgets and field trips are getting canceled. Already there is no more Jamestown trip for fourth graders. It would be unthinkable for you to do anything to the Winkler preserve that would take away these wonderful learning opportunities for our children. Learning needs to be more hands on for the children of today. As a parent I have had the opportunity to

chaperon field trips to the Winkler and I have seen first hand how the staff at Winkler use the preserve to teach the children different concepts.

To take this away is unthinkable.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Shelly Walker
Alexandria Citizen



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12/08/2009 10:38 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: WINKLER PRESERVE

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 22:38:25] Message ID: [17424]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: WINKLER PRESERVE

Please save this amazing preserve from the proposed I-395 off-ramp. My children love coming and exploring the park with me, they love taking

Comments: field trips there. It's such a treasure to have in the midst of our metropolitan area. Thank you for your support of our open spaces and for keeping nature available to our children.



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12/09/2009 12:11 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve!

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 00:11:47] Message ID: [17425]

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Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve!

Dear members of Alexandria City Council,

It has come to my attention

that proposals have recently been organized by the Virginia Department of Transportation that would have a negative impact on the Winkler Botanical Preserve. I am shocked and outraged by this news. Why, during a time where the threats of Global Warming and environmental devastation are so prevalent, are we even considering destroying such a valuable part of our environment and community? The fact that these proposals were not immediately taken off the table, completely flabbergasts me. Although I realize these proposals were not initiated at the Alexandria City level, I am especially confused as to why a so called "eco-city" would even consider enabling such destructive proposals? Have we lost sight of our goals of environmental sustainability? It would be such a shame to allow for any part of the Winkler Botanical Preserve to be harmed due to a lack of

Comments: preparation and ingenuity on the part of VDOT, City Council, and any other

decision makers on this matter.

I sincerely hope that the Winkler

Botanical Preserve will be in fact preserved. To lose any part of Winkler, or to in any way, negatively impact any part of this beautiful ecosystem, would be an incredible loss to this community and the environment. I expect those who are currently representing this wonderful city to act in accordance with their constituents' desire to protect the Winkler Botanical Preserve, and anticipate a city council response against any proposal that would so much as touch Winkler.

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

With much hope and anticipation,

Alia Einahas



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12/09/2009 12:41 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 00:41:30] Message ID: [17426]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve

To whom it may concern,

I heard about proposals today for a

transportation system for employees of the Department of Defense that would

cut through
or completely eradicate the Winkler Botanical Preserve.

Please don't let this happen! As a child in elementary school I visited

the preserve on class trips, attended summer camp there, and even went to

a birthday party at Winkler, if memory serves. For
me it has sentimental

value, but more importantly I think, I know that it was invaluable in

Comments: teaching me about the environment
and getting me comfortable in an

undeveloped area. It would be a terrible thing to lose an example of

Alexandria's natural
ecosystem, considering there are hardly any

comparable areas to be found in Alexandria. I understand that employees
need

transportation, but I implore you to find a route that bypasses the
Preserve and leaves it for future generations.

Thank you very

much,

Alexandra Werner-Winslow



Abbie Freeman
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12/09/2009 07:14 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Gardens

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 07:14:17] **Message ID:** [17428]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Winkler Botanical Gardens

My daughter is a 4th grade student in ACPS. She has visited Winkler at least twice each year since beginning kindergarten. What a blessing it is to have that kind of resource available to all the children of Alexandria. When I was growing up we had a similar sanctuary near our home and I still remember going (just once) with my class and a couple of times with the Girl Scouts and just sitting and watching the birds going about their business in the quiet of the sanctuary just yards from a busy suburban street. That kind of experience is priceless for it can develop an appreciation for our world that lasts a lifetime. Yes, it is a nuisance to have to sit in traffic on Seminary Road or 395 but once the woods, the birds, and the animals are gone they are gone forever and so is our sensitivity to the fact that humans are not the only creatures who live on this planet.

Comments:



Jennifer Landis
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12/09/2009 08:45 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 08:45:07] Message ID: [17429]

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Subject: Winkler Preserve

Dear Mayor and Vice Mayor,

Winkler Preserve is a precious piece of land.

Please do not let VDOT put a ramp through it. The children learn invaluable lessons from this organization. There are not any other facilities in Alexandria that can offer what Winkler offers. The outside of class opportunity to learn is invaluable to children.

Comments: PLEASE do not
let them put a ramp through there!!!!!!

THank you,
Jennifer

Landis-Santos
STudent Assistant Counselor
Alexandria Community Services

Board
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Lynne Russillo
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12/09/2009 09:21 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve and VDOT proposals

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 09:21:16] Message ID: [17437]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Winkler Preserve and VDOT proposals

I am writing in regard to the VDOT proposals for access to the new BRAC facility at Seminary Road and 395 in Alexandria and their effect on the Winkler Botanical Preserve.

Although the Winkler Botanical Preserve is privately held, it was and is a gift to the residents and children of Alexandria. As members of the City Council, you work for us, the residents of Alexandria, and it is your duty to serve our interests, to work for our benefit. It is also your duty to protect our unique assets, those such as the Winkler Preserve.

The Winkler Botanical Preserve is a city treasure, where native Virginia plants are cultivated, and wildlife find sanctuary. The preserve delivers an invaluable service to the children who attend Alexandria public schools. And for many of them, offers their only opportunity to learn about plants and ecology in a natural setting. The preserve is open to the public and offers area residents a peaceful place

to visit in the midst of a very built-up area. It is truly special.

Comments: Putting the BRAC facility in Mark Center was a misbegotten idea.

Everyone who is familiar with the area knows that the roads in Mark Center and the surrounding area are at capacity. Yet the city went ahead with this. The reasons proffered are empty. The 6400 jobs are not new jobs, they are filled. Please stop telling us that "DoD wanted it." We do not live in a police state, and if Fort Belvoir residents rejected having the facility in their area because of the congestion it would cause, Alexandria could have done so too. So Alexandria has created a huge mess for which the benefits do not outweigh the costs.

In regard to the VDOT proposals that are now on the table (and which should have been on the table and subject to public scrutiny before the BRAC Mark Center deal was approved), I strongly urge every one of you to oppose any proposal for a plan that would have any impact whatsoever on the Winkler Botanical Preserve and its 44 acres of undeveloped prime real estate.

Sincerely,

Lynne Russillo



Liza Conrad
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12/09/2009 10:08 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 10:08:16] Message ID: [17439]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Winkler Preserve
Dear City Council,

I am writing to express my concern over the possible construction of a roadway through the Winkler Preserve. I spent a lot of time at Winkler as a child, and have fond memories of exploring the outdoors in a place close to my house. We are so fortunate as a city to have the opportunity to explore nature in our own city, while still living in an urban area. . Alexandria is a city that values green spaces and

Comments: tries to promote environmentalism and environmental awareness; it would be quite a shame and a contradiction of these principles if part (or all) of Winkler was sacrificed for a road. I hope that the City Council will uphold the principle of protecting the environment that it has fervently supported. We cannot afford to sacrifice Winkler for a road.

Thank you
for your time.

Liza Conrad



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12/09/2009 10:40 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Proposed changes to Winkler

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 10:40:17] **Message ID:** [17440]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Phone:

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Subject: Proposed changes to Winkler

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members:

I have recently become

aware of - and shocked by - proposed construction that would harm one of

Alexandria's few jewels, the Winkler Botanical Preserve. As a long-time

resident of Alexandria and father of two children who have benefitted

immensely from Winkler and the programs offered there, I urge you to ensure

the continued viability of that precious space.

Managing the growth of a

city no doubt requires compromises and adjustment. That said, allowing

growth at the cost of non-recoverable assets like Winkler makes no sense in

Comments:

the short or long term. Cities live and die by the quality of life they

afford their inhabitants. The increase in population and commercial

density I have witnessed in Alexandria in the past decade has not been

matched by equivalent increases in quality of life - especially green

spaces.

Cities compete for residents - they can take their taxes
elsewhere if pushed. Please don't push Alexandrians out by chipping away
at the few precious things we have left.

Eric N. Braun



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12/09/2009 10:43 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Modification of Seminary Rd/395 Interchange

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 10:43:29] Message ID: [17441]

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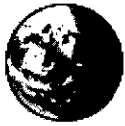
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Subject: Modification of Seminary Rd/395 Interchange

I have been employed at the listed address for 10 years and am dreading the traffic conjection to come once the new BRAC building at Mark Center is completed. Already, traffic associated with construction has made it significantly more difficult to get off of I-395 into Mark Center office buildings. The proposed addition of another turn lane at Seminary and Beauregard will do nothing to relieve the congestion on the ramps to/from I-395. Something more must be done to alleviate the traffic congestion that is sure to come. I encourage you to adopt plans to add new traffic lanes that will facilitate traffic flow from I-395 directly into Mark Center, even if the addition of such lanes might result in a reduction in the size of the Winkler Preserve.

Comments:



Lynda Gallagher and my third
grade class
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12/09/2009 11:28 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler and VDOT

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 11:28:30] Message ID: [17443]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Winkler and VDOT

To Whom It May Concern:
My third graders and I would like to address the

VDOT plans for disrupting the integrity of Winkler Botanical Preserve. We have all benefited from the excellent educational programs at Winkler over the past ten years. Many of my students had never before been to a botanical preserve and they continue to marvel at the woods, the animals, and quiet pond setting. For children who live in small apartments and have limited access to a natural setting, Winkler is a gem in the rough of office complexes, townhomes, and retail shops. Winkler provides a valuable educational science experience for all the children at my school and all the children in the area. We would like to see it remain unspoiled by access roads and ramps.

My students would like to add their thoughts:

Janae-"Living things would die because their homes would be

destroyed."
 Anihita-" Winkler and the people who work there made
 the entire place themselves....what would happen to
 that?"
 Chloe-"If you build a road it wouldn't be fair to us and
 the living creatures because we wouldn't be able to go to
 Winkler."
 Emma-"If you were a living animal would you like your
 home to be destroyed?"
 Matthewos-"Winkler is important to us
 because we get to see nature there."
 Sophia-"What would happen
 to Lilly's place and the 100 year old tree?"
 Mikayla- "If you
 build a road over Winkler, Tom would have planted the trees and bushes for
 nothing."
 Marsawit-"The food chain would be destroyed if Winkler
 was destroyed."
 Katherine-"We use Winkler for learning science
 and if Winkler has a road through it, we can't learn
 there."
 Hana-"How would you like it if you were a kid and you
 had Winkler destroyed just because of a ramp? What can't you build the
 ramp somewhere else?"
 Angelo- "Why would you destroy Winkler
 when lots of schools learn there?"
 Quinton-"How would you like
 it if you were an animal at Winkler and your home was
 destroyed?"
 Shaikiman-"Please don't put a road in-between all
 those plants. How can we get there if there is another
 road?"
 Jaedyn-"Will all the plants
 die?"
 Delina-"Since you didn't build Winkler and Winkler is the
 place for education, how can you build a road there? Now all the schools
 can't go to Winkler and learn about science."
 Monet-"We love
 Winkler."
 Guillermo-"Will the people who work at Winkler lose

Comments:

their jobs?"

Khady-"You shouldn't build a road because the

animals won't be able to live there like they already

do."

Andrew-"If you were an animal at Winkler, would you like

someone to tear down your habitat?"

We respectfully request that

you reconsider the plans VDOT has regarding Winkler. Please leave Winkler

unspoiled and available for the school children and citizens of

Alexandria.

Thank you for your consideration,
Lynda D Gallagher AND my

third graders



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Subject COA Contact Us: SAVE WINKLER

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 12:33:38] Message ID: [17445]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: SAVE WINKLER

SAVE WINKLER! This place is a beautiful escape from the routine city life,

and I'm sure that there MUST be another option that
to destroy the

Comments:

preserve. Please fight for its protection in the upcoming hearing. Thank
you.



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Subject COA Contact Us: Protection of Winkler Preserve

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 12:55:38] Message ID: [17447]

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Subject: Protection of Winkler Preserve
Please vote to protect the Winkler Preserve. We cannot afford to lose this
wonderful resource. Please be creative in providing transportation
Comments: alternatives for the BRAC employees so they do not have to drive to
work.
Margaret Thiel



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12/09/2009 12:59 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Direct Access Ramp Alternatives for BRAC-133

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 12:59:51] Message ID: [17448]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Direct Access Ramp Alternatives for BRAC-133

I note you will be considering the "Direct Access Ramp Alternatives
for BRAC-133" on Saturday and would like to offer a few
perspectives:

1. It is very difficult for the public to make any
reasoned judgments about alternatives when no one has quantified the
ramifications. What will various options do in terms of drive times? What
does a road that "travels along the Winkler Preserve" mean - in
terms of land required, environmental impact, timing, comparative traffic
impact, etc.?
2. I would disagree with Mr. Hartmann's statement that
"a direct access ramp...is necessary to accommodate all future traffic
generated by BRAC-133..." None of the studies I've seen (other than
Duke's!) suggest anything like that. This would only be a minimal
improvement and it is far from any major solution to the growing congestion
at the interchange (much less would it accommodate "all" future

traffic).

3. Mr. Hartmann did provide a specific with respect to garage access - 350 cars per hour. So if cars arrive perfectly spaced it will still take 5 hours 18 minutes to fill the 1,854-space garage? I cannot perceive that as a "solution" to much of anything.

4. Does it make any financial sense to build an interstate off-ramp to serve a maximum of 1,854 vehicles per day? Could that concept realistically be "sold" to any potential funding source? Can you conceive of any other entity getting its own interchange to serve 1,854 people?

5. The Seminary Road interchange is already a mess. Does anyone seriously believe that adding 6,409 daily commuters while addressing how 29% (1,854) of them might practically access parking spaces will somehow reduce the existing problem?

6. As is readily apparent from Mr. Hartmann's comparison, the only options (currently on the table) which access the full Winkler site also impact the Preserve (to an unspecified extent). Again, we have no definition or quantification of the extent to which this would implicitly improve the traffic problem.

Comments:

7. Is the City going to take a stand on the Preserve or not? Importantly, please tell us the precise extent to which you can or cannot protect the Preserve. If DOD decides they want it, will they ultimately have it - be it for additional parking, more roadways, to develop Pentagon South, or whatever?

8. Most of the focus to date appears to have been on addressing traffic coming from the south yet it has been suggested that 40% might come from the north. What are the facts? What are the ramifications?

9. Over and above the major existing congestion, some traffic studies predict a material increase in the number of intersections with LOS "E" and "F" and suggest

traffic will regularly be backed up on both the NB and SB off ramps into the main traffic lanes of I-395.

10. My bottom line is that we need a broad, holistic approach to traffic in, through and around this area. The proposals on the table at the moment are mere tweaks to the ramps of one interchange; they don't come close to solving the problem. We need some creative, out-of-the-box thinking, not seemingly futile band-aids. I trust you will not be constrained by any suggestion that the (non-) answer must be chosen from the seven options before you at this point.

11. At the appropriate time I would also urge you to press the appropriate authorities (VDOT, State or Federal Agencies?) for why implementation needs to take so long. In less than 24 months the Army will have selected a site, designed and built a \$1.2 billion project, equipped it with all the sophisticated technology many departments need and relocated 6,400 people into the facility. And we need 8 or 9 years to build perhaps 1,000 feet of roadway? Where there is a will, there's a way. Where's the will?

Thank you, in advance, for your time and consideration.



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12/09/2009 02:36 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: winkler

Time: [Wed Dec 09, 2009 14:36:51] Message ID: [17451]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: winkler

Please do not encroach upon one of the only remaining bastions of nature left in Alexandria by creating a throughway into the Winkler preserve. I

Comments: walk my kids in that area and they have all truly enjoyed the summer camp.

Take the alternative route & leave mother nature alone on thsi one!



Emma Marshall
<mnms1313@gmail.com>

12/14/2009 04:29 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Mon Dec 14, 2009 16:29:46] Message ID: [17611]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Marshall

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State: VA

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Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Hello,
I am writing regarding the proposed destruction of the Winkler

Botanical Preserve. I am a 13 year old girl
who has attended the camp

for 6 years and served as a councilor-in-training for a year. I am outraged

Comments: at this
proposal! The preserve is a wonderful place for learning and fun.

The nature is beautiful, a little oasis in a big
city. Please, please

rethink your proposal!

Sincerely,
Emma Marshall



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12/08/2009 01:30 PM

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Subject Protect Winkler Preserve

Dear City Council Members,

The purpose of this message to register my opposition to any actions that impact the Winkler Preserve. I love the City of Alexandria, and my family enjoys the natural beauty of the Winkler Preserve. My daughter calls it Fairy Land because it is so beautiful -- she believes that fairies rest there. I appreciate the need to balance economic prosperity with green space, but Winkler is not just a park, it is a wonderland -- an Alexandria gem much too precious to lose.

Further, the park provides such an amazing enrichment opportunity for our school children. The hands-on experience with nature, native plant life, and earth sciences is priceless. What better way to teach children to love and value the earth than by preserving this precious pocket of beauty within our own city limits.

Please consider these impacts when you make your recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Lori Lee Stultz
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Nathan Smith
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12/08/2009 01:42 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: BRAC

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 13:42:28] Message ID: [17396]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Smith
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State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 5712437607
Email Address: natesmithwi@hotmail.com
Subject: BRAC

To Whom it May Concern:

First, I would like to state that I am very

excited the BRAC development is taking shape. I know a development of this

size can only bring positive solutions to our west end of Alexandria

problems. In contrast, as a resident of Parkside at Alexandria--directly

across 395 from BRAC--I must express some hesitation in incorporating a

flyover ramp so close to Parkside. While much attention is being given to

the Winkler preserve, as it should be, it seems the city has forgotten

about the Parkside residents who stand to be impacted more than any other

community adjacent to the development. As it stand right now, Van Dorn

Street, while being a supplement to 395, is already clogged during rush

hours, and sometimes it appears that people drive nearly as fast on Van

Dorn Street as they do on 395. Secondly, Kenmore Avenue, which is also

heavily traveled, is FAR too narrow to support any more traffic. Driving

on Kenmore between Seminary and Van Dorn at any time of day, but especially

night, is downright dangerous: Buses have to come over into the other lane

Comments:

to bypass parked cars, people are constantly pulling out of the apartment complexes blindly, and the speed limit is rarely observed. With regards to the flyover ramp, it should be noted that both Van Dorn and Kenmore streets would need to be carefully studied to help support a ramp. In short, these two streets are already at their maximum potential. I would recommend placing more lights on Van Dorn street between Sanger and Braddock Road to curb speeding and eliminating parking on Kenmore Avenue. Lastly, I don't believe you will find one resident of Parkside who will vote for a sound wall along Van Dorn Street.

Again, it's great to see the BRAC going up ahead of schedule, but please remember Parkside when you are planning. We are a strong community of condo owners who want the BRAC and West End developments to do well for the city, but not at the cost of our quality of life.

Sincerely,
Nate Smith



Christine Coker
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>

12/08/2009 11:00 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Save Winkler Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 11:00:26] Message ID: [17390]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Save Winkler Preserve

Dear Mr. Mayor and Alexandria City Council,

Please do not allow the

Army / BRAC and VDOT folks to put their highway access thru the Winkler Preserve. This valuable green space hosts ALL the Alexandria City Public School's field trips (for free) - a wonderful and unique opportunity for the children to learn about nature right in our own city. The Winkler Preserve, as stipulated by Mr. Mark Winkler, is supposed to be a natural and undeveloped area for all to enjoy.

Comments:

You'all should go take a walk

along its paths, enjoy the waterfall. We visit often, my boys who attend John Adams Elementry like to play in the stream and 'go hiking'.

I do

know the new Army space is going to cause traffic problems, and I'd like to see them have their own ramp onto the highway so as to minimize the impact on the Seminary and Beuregard intersection, but not at the cost of giving

up the Winkler Preserve.



Thomas Ballentine
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12/08/2009 11:10 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Saving the Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 11:10:20] Message ID: [17391]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Ballentine

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Subject: Saving the Winkler Botanical Preserve

The Winkler Botanical Preserve is a valuable environmental resource for

this area which must be protected. I support all
efforts to protect all

of the existing Winkler Botanical Preserve from invasion and destruction by

Comments: roads and ramps proposed
to provide access to or egress from the

military office building under construction. I support preservation of the

entire

preserve as it currently exists.



Anne Richardson
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12/08/2009 11:34 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 11:34:45] Message ID: [17392]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Richardson

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State: VA

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Phone: 703-998-1241

Email Address: anneroy7@aol.com

Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve

As an elementary science teacher at Cora Kelly for 23 years and as a taxpayer in Alexandria and Virginia, I am TOTALLY AGAINST VDOT's proposal to build an access ramp for DOD which in ANY WAY destroys ANY of the Winkler Botanical Preserve. Ms. Smolik and her staff teach environmental and science lessons at the Preserve which are unequalled in quality. Teachers, parents and students rave about experiences at Winkler. The lessons require the site. If there is any hope that future generations may end the need for a DOD, it is with entities like the Winkler Botanical Preserve. It is through the lessons taught here that students learn about the wonders of our planet and the need to work together as a world community to preserve our planet.

Comments:

Please work vigorously to keep Winkler as it is. Your children and their children will need it.
Thank you for
your efforts on behalf of the citizens of Alexandria,
Anne Richardson



Martha Girard
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12/08/2009 11:37 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 11:37:19] Message ID: [17393]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Girard

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22301

Phone: 703-739-8115

Email Address: mcgirard@pbs.org

Subject: Winkler Preserve

Dear Honored leaders of Alexandria City,
I am writing as I understand from

a neighbor that there is a possibility that a road modification to provide
access to a new office complex may run through part or a large portion of
Winkler Preserve. This land was set aside to provide habitat and outdoor
enjoyment for the residents of the City when the Marc Center was first
developed, and should not be considered as open for development to ease
automobile access to BRAC offices being built.

Comments: Our children have enjoyed

summer camp at Winkler, and we visit as a family throughout the year to
enjoy the changing of the seasons in a natural landscape. The programs at
Winkler provide a wonderful service to the community, something that cannot
be destroyed with so little greenspace and programming of this type
available.
Please do not let pavement over-take Winkler.
Martha



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12/08/2009 01:21 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 13:21:27] Message ID: [17394]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Smith III

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State: VA

Zip: 22314

Phone: (703) 299-1725

Email Address: jjudsonsmith@verizon.net

Subject: Winkler Preserve

Although I have not walked the Winkler Preserve recently, I believe it is

an oasis of tranquility in the heart of a very busy
Metropolitan area.

Once lost it can not be replaced.

I urge you to oppose any proposal that

Comments: cuts into the Winkler Botanical Preserve. Protect the Preserve by

supporting the
Alexandria Transportation Commission and Staff

recommendations for BRAC traffic solutions.

Thank you.



Will Brown
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12/08/2009 09:40 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: BRAC Site 133

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 09:40:32] Message ID: [17386]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Brown

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State: VA

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Email Address: willy@willybrown.com

Subject: BRAC Site 133

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the Alexandria City Council:

I am deeply

concerned with any Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) plans,

discussions, considerations of plans to provide access to BRAC Site 133

that will impact The Winkler Botanical Preserve. I am encouraging both

you Mr. Mayor and the City Council to represent the will of the citizens in

Alexandria Western.

It has been my position from the beginning that

selecting Mark Center as the future location for BRAC Site 133 was poorly

conceived and failed to use locations that were much better prepared to

host the construction, the facility, its people and their mission. The

General Services Administration (GSA) missed an opportunity to act wisely

Comments: with the land holding already in its possession.

Previously Fairfax

County Officials have criticized the GSA decision, now they appear to have

taken the issue in stride along with regional and state officials. It is my hope and position that Alexandria must stand fast on the issue of the Winkler Botanical Preserve not being encroached to provide access from Interstate 395 South/North bond to BRAC Site 133. Thank you very much for you time and attention to read my messages.

Warmest regards,
Will

Brown
571-297-1034



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12/08/2009 10:42 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 10:42:04] Message ID: [17388]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve
Dear esteemed Alexandria public servants,

I am writing because I have

learned about possible VDOT plans which would place an exit ramp through
the most beautiful and largest natural park in your city, Winkler Botanical
Preserve. I urge you to work hard to keep the Winkler Botanical Preserve as
is, intact and serving thousands of children each year.

Many children,

including my own, visit this beautiful park each year to learn about nature
and how important it is to be good stewards of the Earth. In addition, the
Park hosts a summer day camp for hundreds of kids each summer, which my son

Comments: attended during two summers. Winkler was by far his favorite day camp
experience ever, and he learned a great deal about the natural wonders all
around him at the park.

Winkler is a real treasure - an oasis amid the

loud, bustling urban and suburban areas that surround it. Please don't let

the Virginia's Dept. of Transportation take this small piece of green space, which means so much to so many people.

Thank you for your service, and your hard work to keep Alexandria green and beautiful!

Grace Schaefermeier



JODY DUNNING
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12/08/2009 10:45 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 10:45:21] Message ID: [17389]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
First Name: JODY
Last Name: DUNNING
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City: ALEXANDRIA
State: VA
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Phone: 703-354-0114
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Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve
I am so disappointed that this beautiful preserve may be harmed. There are
so few areas that are preserved for nature, it is very upsetting to think
Comments: that this one is in jeopardy.
The preserve is needed just like it is -
please leave it alone!



Linda Nipper
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12/07/2009 06:27 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 18:27:10] Message ID: [17362]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Nipper

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Zip: 22311

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Subject: Winkler Preserve

Please do not let even the smallest bit of the Winkler Preserve be taken away from us. My family has lived just around the corner for 18 years

and we have watched that area shrink. It is a place where we have taken our children over the years to let them wander and explore nature. As this area has grown, the Preserve has been a peaceful patch of nature that has brought so much joy to so many. I have attended many field trips there with my childrens classes over the years. For many children this special piece of land is their only introduction to nature and conservation. To build a ramp through or along the preserve would take away from this little patch of heaven along the freeway.

Please,

consider the children. Consider the City of Alexandria as a whole and what makes our city special. To take away

even a small bit of the nature

preserve takes away a HUGE part of our special city.



James Clark
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12/07/2009 09:09 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 21:09:22] Message ID: [17369]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Clark

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Subject: Winkler

Growing up, the Winkler Preserve played a big role in my life. I went to
camps there, fields trips and spent time there with my
grandmother. I

Comments: think that Winkler is a very important part of our community and it would
be a shame to see it destroyed.

Thank you



Kirsten Brown
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12/07/2009 09:20 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 21:20:30] Message ID: [17370]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Brown

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Subject: Winkler Preserve

I have been a resident of Old Town Alexandria since 1998. I am writing to let you know I am strongly opposed to VDOT's proposal to utilize Winkler Preserve land as a transportation solution. My son, Alexander, has attended camp at Winkler during two summers and a third session over the Winter holidays last year. Alexander also regularly goes on field trips with Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy to the preserve. The preserve is a magical place where a city child can be completely immersed in nature and experience a world entirely different than daily life as an "Old Town kid." Camp Winkler also offers confidence building challenges for kids of all abilities - such as the zip wire and giant swing. A trip to "snake island" (yes - they see real snakes!!) is also a highlight for him. Alexander has attended many Alexandria camps over the years and Camp Winkler is in a league of it's own. It is far and away his favorite camp. Every summer it's a challenge to figure out how to get the application to the preserve via US postal as fast as possible so that we

Comments:

can actually get into camp - yes, it's that popular. Ask any Alexandria parent of an 8-12 year old.

In a city that is ever becoming more of a city, please protect this jewel so that my 2 year old can have this wonderful experience some day. Thank you for your consideration.
Kirsten

Brown



Patricia Gomez
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12/07/2009 10:02 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: I would like to preserve the park.

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 22:02:12] Message ID: [17373]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Gomez

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City: fairfax Station

State: VA

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Phone: 703 690 7057

Email Address: apgomez@msn.com

Subject: I would like to preserve the park.

Comments: I vote for you not to close the park, please. Thank you



Stephen Lally
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12/07/2009 10:13 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: winkler preserve

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 22:13:14] Message ID: [17374]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Lally

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State: VA

Zip: 22301

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Subject: winkler preserve

I was not able to attend Saturday's meeting regarding the proposed off ramp that would go through Winkler, but i wanted to share my concern and upset about the proposal. When the developer had bid for moving federal government offices to the site there was assurances that the area would not be adversely impacted. Now there is a proposal to eliminate half of Winkler an irreplaceable treasure. I have three children who attend Alexandria

Comments:

public schools, all three have been greatly enriched by field trips to Winkler. I think the city must take all actions possible to stop this proposed action, including and not limited to filing a suit against VDOT. The Council, Vice Mayor, and Mayor need to understand that this issue is critically important to a large number of Alexandrians and advocate for the preservation of Winkler.



Wasim Kabir
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12/07/2009 11:01 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 23:01:47] Message ID: [17375]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Zip: 22304

Phone:

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Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve

I have recently heard of the proposed construction that threatens the Winkler preserve and was greatly disturbed. The Winkler is a place that I have fond memories of growing up in Alexandria. I remember the frequent visits made during elementary and middle school through the ACPS system. Having a botanical preserve in a metropolitan area as large as Washington DC is a great thing that must not be overlooked. The experiences that I had in the Winkler would have to have been delayed until I entered college, and this is only because the university that I attend owns several acres of territory that include a forest and many gardens. I strongly urge that you reconsider this proposal. There are several ways to go about this, granted I will admit that I am not studying any form of engineering, I can say that I have learned of historical sites that have been preserved within cities without them having a deterring effect on the overall populace. As a citizen of Alexandria, born and raised, I can only ask that our local

representatives listen to my voice and think twice before robbing many
individuals from a opportunity that is as unique as the Winkler.



Eleanor Quigley
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12/07/2009 11:01 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us:

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 23:01:54] Message ID: [17376]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22308

Phone:

Email Address: QandA@erols.com

Subject:

I am concerned about the possibility that the Winkler Preserve will be negatively impacted by VDOT plans for an I-395 exit ramp. Our natural areas are getting smaller and smaller. Please decide to handle traffic in

Comments: another way.

Thank you.



<jdk34@georgetown.edu>

12/08/2009 06:31 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Vote Against I-395 BRAC Access Ramps/Noise
Barriers

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 06:31:57] Message ID: [17377]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

First Name:

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22304

Phone:

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Subject: Vote Against I-395 BRAC Access Ramps/Noise Barriers

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members of the City of Alexandria,

I

would like to express my displeasure and stance against any ramp coming off
of I-395 that would be within view of N Van Dorn. Also, I am against any
"noise barriers" that would be within plain sight of N Van
Dorn.

In this economy, our property values have suffered enough. By
taking the above two actions, the thousands of residents along Van Dorn
would see their property values, which have taken atleast 10% hit since
2007, decline even further. Future buyers of these properties will not
look favorably on a huge overpass overlooking their homes.

I live in
the Parkside at Alexandria Condo/Townhome development. From our
development's parking lot, I have followed the BRAC building construction -
which can be seen directly across I-395. This has not bothered me because

it is just another building. But if an overpass is built, this will be a

Comments: sight for sore eyes.

There have been recommendations to build a

"noise barrier" along I-395 or N Van Dorn. I have not seen

examples of what these barriers will look like, but from talking with

people who have attended the city council/committee meetings on the matter,

I have determined they are not going to be pretty and will negatively

affect Van Dorn property values. Therefore, for the same reasons stated

above for the I-395 overpass, I am against any construction of noise

barriers that would be within plain sight of N Van Dorn.

I understand

that we, the residents and homeowners along I-395, don't have a group of

5th graders at the next council meeting to lobby against the construction

of the overpass and noise barriers near our properties. However, I would

like to appeal to the homeowners on the council and ask, "Would you

want a towering overpass directly over your home?"

A concerned

resident.



Joanna Bopp
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12/08/2009 06:33 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 06:33:28] Message ID: [17378]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Bopp
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State: VA
Zip: 22302
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Email Address: michaeljo.bopp@comcast.net
Subject: Winkler Preserve
Can you please tell me where the city stands on the Winkler Preserve issue?
I have heard conflicting stories. What an incredible loss for Alexandria
if such a wonderful and peaceful place is changed. My family goes there
Comments: together many times throughout the year and find it completely refreshing
to get calm solitude on the weekends. I hope that you value the green
spaces as much as I do.
Thank you for your time



Lisa Goeas
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12/08/2009 08:36 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 08:36:48] Message ID: [17380]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Goeas
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City: Alexandria
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Phone: 703 370 1269
Email Address: lisa.goeas@nfib.org
Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve

The purpose of this email is to ask you to please consider not placing an exit ramp and highway running directly through the Winkler Botanical Preserve. My kids have attended camps there for years and have gone on several school field trips to the preserve. My understanding is that there is an alternate plan that places the exit ramp and highway in such a way as to keep the entire Preserve intact.

Comments: That being the case, I strongly urge you to look at the alternate plan. It would be a shame to deprive the thousands of Alexandria residents of our city's largest natural park.

Respectfully,

Lisa Goeas



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12/08/2009 09:02 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 08, 2009 09:02:24] Message ID: [17382]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Alicea

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City: Alexandria

State: va

Zip: 22310

Phone: 7033297866

Email Address: ipalicea@yahoo.com

Subject: Winkler Preserve

I understand several proposals are being considered to build through the Winkler Preserve. I hope you will consider leaving the Preserve intact.

It's a shame that the city has little park space, particularly for children. Taking away what little there is would not be a step forward,

Comments: but rather a sign of regression. My children have participated in Winkler Preserve programs and it is a unique place in this region. Please don't mess with a good thing. Politicians always seem to bungle good decisions.

Please show that you are different and that you want to preserve undeveloped land like the Winkler Preserve.



Deb Riley
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12/07/2009 03:56 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 15:56:09] Message ID: [17357]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Riley
Street Address: 702 S. Overlook
City: Alex
State: Va
Zip: 22305
Phone:
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Subject: Winkler
Winkler is a true treasure. Please do not destroy this little bit of
heaven in Alexandria!
Comments:



Trenny Mosebrook
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12/07/2009 04:24 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: park destruction

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 16:24:07] Message ID: [17359]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Mosebrook

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22311

Phone: 202-752-8399

Email Address: trennym@hotmail.com

Subject: park destruction

The Winkler Botanical Preserve is a real jewel, 44 acres of trees, creeks, ponds, and many native plants, tucked into a corner of Alexandria City. Additionally, the preserve runs environmental and outdoor programs for Alexandria Public School children. The preserve is also an RPA Buffer Zone for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. More information at:
<http://www.friendsofwinkler.org/>

A BRAC facility (that the Ft. Belvoir area pitched out of their area because of traffic implications) is now being built adjacent to the north side of the park in the Mark Center complex (where the Alexandria Hilton on Seminary Road is). This was protested by residents, and it was obvious to all of us who work in complex that traffic was approaching capacity and that tripling occupancy was going to cause a traffic nightmare.

Now suddenly VDOT has two proposals on the table for access to the BRAC from 395; one would not affect the preserve, the other would take 30 percent of the park for an access ramp from 395. Given the terrain, that will pretty much devastate the park.

Please don't ruin the park!!!



Anders Gyllenhoff
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12/07/2009 04:27 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 16:27:54] Message ID: [17360]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Gyllenhoff
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone:
Email Address: agyllenhoff@comcast.net
Subject: Winkler
Comments: Please no bypass. Alexandria has so few open public spaces!



Rosamond Ferber
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12/07/2009 05:17 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 17:17:18] Message ID: [17361]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Ferber

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City: Alexandria

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Zip: 22311

Phone: 703-820-0855

Email Address: ferbers@cox.net

Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve

To Whom It May Concern:

Comments: Please protect the Winkler Botanical Preserve.

Thank you.

Roz Ferber



Leslie Woolley
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12/07/2009 03:21 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 15:21:56] Message ID: [17351]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Woolley

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22302

Phone: 703-683-0410

Email Address: l.a.woolley@att.net

Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Please vote against any proposal that will negatively impact the Winkler Botanical Preserve. Both my children (11 and 8) are and have been attending spring and summer sessions at Camp Winkler. They love attending. They love all the activities, in particular paddling on the pond and the rope climbs. Among Alexandria families, Camp Winkler has the best reputation for a children's summer camp.

In fact my children love going

Comments: there so much that when the summer application comes in the mail in February, I immediately fill it out and run to mail it immediately the same day. If I don't, my children don't get to attend because Camp Winkler fills up so rapidly. If they don't get to attend, I am in big trouble.

It is a truly wonderful place that is unique in Alexandria.

Please do all you can to preserve this wonderful camp space.



"Bonnie O'Day"
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12/07/2009 03:39 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: BRAC entrance to 395

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 15:39:40] Message ID: [17353]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22311

Phone: 202 264-3455 Day

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Subject: BRAC entrance to 395

Hello: I live in the west end of Alexandria and have been following the BRAC discussion carefully. I understand that there are two proposals for an on-ramp from the BRAC to 395, one of which would go through the Winkler reserve. My husband and I walk through that area a couple times a week, for exercise and a bit of nature. It is one of the reasons we moved into the west end. This is an important neighborhood treasure which we hope will not

Comments: be destroyed.
My husband and I happen to be visually impaired. Because we do not drive, we really appreciate this wonderful opportunity being within walking distance of our home. As we all grow older, and exercise and relaxation become more and more important, it is imperative that access to parks, green space, and walking trails be preserved.



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12/07/2009 02:35 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 14:35:39] Message ID: [17349]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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State: VA
Zip: 22003
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Email Address: pPhillip@ida.org
Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve
With regard to the BRAC and offices being built on Mark Center Drive,
PLEASE do NOT vote for anything that will affect the Winkler Botanical
Preserve. My office is adjacent to the Preserve In fact my window
overlooks it. It is a beautiful space and one of the few remaining spots
of its kind in the area. In addition, so many animals make their home
there--deer, foxes, raccoons, squirrels--plus a host of birds nest and live
there--woodpeckers, owls, and hawks to name a few.
Comments: It was bad enough
that my work space has been been affected. All summer we were subjected to
the sound of pile drivers that jarred the entire building. What we have to
look forward to is our commute to work being invaded by 6,000 more people.
And, as if all of that weren't bad enough, now there is a plan on the
table to take a section of the Preserve? This is too much! Surely there
must be a way to route traffic off 395 without taking ANY of the Winkler

Botanical Preserve. PLEASE do not vote to harm the park!



Angelyn Jewell
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12/07/2009 02:38 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winker Botanical Preserve

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 14:38:41] Message ID: [17350]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Jewell

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State: VA

Zip: 22311

Phone: 703-845-6826

Email Address: ajewell@ida.org

Subject: Winker Botanical Preserve

I work at 4850 Mark Center Drive, adjacent to the Winker Botanical Preserve. I live within 1 mile of the Preserve. I understand that before VDOT are two proposals for access to the BRAC facility in the Mark Center complex from 395; one would not affect the preserve, the other would take 30 percent of the park for an access ramp from 395. Given the terrain, that will pretty much devastate the park.

I ask you to take steps to save the

Comments: Winkler Preserve. The preserve is a real jewel of Alexandria and helps make Alexandria the type of place people want to live and work in. It runs environmental and outdoor programs for Alexandria Public School children. The preserve is also an RPA Buffer Zone for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Thank you.

Angelyn Jewell



Jessica Wallace
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12/07/2009 02:14 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 14:14:34] Message ID: [17348]

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Subject: Winkler
My children, husband and I are all very upset at the possibility of Winkler
Botanical Preserve being impacted. The fact that
VDOT's proposal for a
highway exit ramp that will destroy nearly half of the preserve. Please,
Comments: please, please do not
underestimate the love that Alexandria residents
have for this beautiful oasis.
Thank you,
Jessica Wallace



Jeff Henrikson
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12/07/2009 02:11 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 14:11:39] Message ID: [17347]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Last Name: Henrikson
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22311
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Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve
I was very much against the BRAC facility addition to Ft. Belvoir at Mark Center in Alexandria and am even more against disturbing the Winkler Botanical Preserve. I would try not to disturb the preserve just so that
Comments: people can get to work easier for a project that shouldn't have been built in the first place. I work in Mark Center and say this knowing that it will at 15 minutes to commute each way. Thanks,



Doyle Bartlett
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12/07/2009 01:59 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 13:59:59] Message ID: [17346]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Please vote against any proposal that will negatively impact the Winkler Botanical Preserve. We have two children and both have attended camp at the Preserve. It is by far the best program available in the area. I am

Comments: afraid that any reduction in the greenspace around the Preserve will destroy its beauty. It is a unique facility that should be protected to continue to provide wilderness experience for the children in our City.



kristen coffield
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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 11:02:16] Message ID: [17337]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: coffield

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Subject: Winkler Preserve

To alter in any way the Winkler Preserve and its magic for future generations would be an act of great irresponsibility. The Winkler Preserve is a very special place that deserves to be protected and cherished , please make sure this city treasure is carefully guarded.

Comments: It would be a shame to diminish something that inspires everyone who visits it and look back with regret on what it once was.

Sincerely,
Kristen Coffield



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Subject: COA Contact Us: Save Winkler

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 11:54:51] Message ID: [17340]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Last Name: Perlman

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State: Virginia

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Subject: Save Winkler

I live in Alexandria. I'm also a teacher at Mount Vernon Community School.

Winkler provides for our students at little or NO COST to us an

outstanding outdoor environmental education. Every student and teacher who

Comments: has been to Winkler returns with glowing comments about the site, and about

how much the kids experience and learn during their visits. It must be

protected. Winkler is one of the few opportunities so many of our kids

have to learn hands-on science.



Matthew Morrison
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12/07/2009 09:50 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 09:50:45] Message ID: [17334]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Winkler

Distinguished officials and friends of Alexandria - I would imagine that your email inboxes are inundated with messages from concerned citizens over the proposed infringement on the Winkler Nature Preserve, so I will keep my note brief. We have been proud residents of Alexandria for the last 17 years, and we cherish the history and traditions that make this a great city. The single greatest threat to our continued enjoyment of the city, however, has been the unchecked overdevelopment of the city; green space has been displaced by construction, and what was once quaint and charming has become towering and threatening. If left unchecked, Alexandria stands to become the next Crystal City -- a cold mix of concrete, glass, and steel.

One of its few remaining safe havens is the Winkler Nature Preserve. It was one of the City's greatest blunders to allow construction at the Seminary site, rather than Eisenhower Avenue, which would have allowed for such "smart growth" if it had to come to the City.

Comments:

The City leadership seems to have bought into a circular argument that it needs such growth to raise its tax revenues to service its commercial and residential base, but that's only because it has let its commercial and residential base balloon out of control.

Our children have all been to many camps at Winkler. We walk through the woods all of the time. Our last trip just weeks ago saw the consequence of the City's poor decision to allow an office complex to tower above the trees. This beautiful haven is under siege. The City has a choice, however; it can compound its mistake by allowing further infringement of the preserve, or it can work with the existing roads and ramps to provide a viable alternative. The City needs to reassess its priorities and ensure that the natural beauty and history of this great City are protected.

Thank you very much for your hard work on behalf of the citizens of Alexandria.

Matt Morrison



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12/07/2009 10:11 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Saving the Winkler Preserve AS IS

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 10:11:09] Message ID: [17335]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Saving the Winkler Preserve AS IS
Dear Elected Officials,

It is with great dismay that I have learned The

Virginia Department of Transportation is considering the placement of an Interstate 395 (I-395) exit ramp and highway to serve a Department of Defense BRAC Commission development site in Alexandria, running directly through the Winkler Botanical Preserve. This would be a travesty. I simply cannot believe in this age of green enlightenment that such a short-sighted proposal would be considered for a minute. What are they thinking? My son and daughter learned so much by their visits to the Preserve, the most important being that it is possible for people and nature to co-exist. Housing, office buildings, a shopping center, and a nature preserve! all within walking distance to each other. Alexandria has suffered enough cutting of trees; we have enough road congestion to contend with; surely there is a less offensive solution than messing with a good thing.

Throughout their public school years, my children have looked forward to the Winkler field trips, and excitedly shared what they experienced there. My son also was given the wonderful opportunity to be a leader at Winkler; for three years he spent large parts of his summers as a camp counselor. He did not have to travel more than fifteen minutes to do this. I marveled then as I do now that such a valuable learning experience could take place in the outdoors, so close to home. My daughter attended the summer camps, riding zip lines through the trees, building bird houses and boats and a wooden summer chair that I use to this day when I'm reading on our patio. And it's beautiful there- have you been recently? Do you

Comments: understand what a treasure we have, and how envious other communities are of the natural beauty, so easily accessible? Every time someone from out of town visits, I take them there. They are amazed! Not as amazed as I am that people are actually considering destroying the wildlife and habitats.

I

am vehemently against any proposal that does not leave the Preserve untouched, as it will cause permanent harm to the Preserve. I agree with other horrified Alexandrians that any option that intrudes on the Preserve will result in jeopardizing the Winkler Botanical Preserve's mission of teaching children valuable lessons about the environment, in addition to protecting the Preserve's wildlife and habitats.

I understand that the

City of Alexandria's Transportation Commission voted unanimously on December 2, 2009 to make a recommendation to City Council to not support any VDOT plans that impact the Preserve. I commend the Commissioners in supporting the Preserve and Alexandria's school children who learn there.

I strongly urge you to oppose any proposal that cuts into or harms the Winkler Botanical Preserve. Please, protect the Preserve by supporting the Alexandria Transportation Commission and Staff recommendations for BRAC traffic solutions.

We are counting on

you.

Terri, Jim, Jimmy and Samantha Scullen



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12/07/2009 10:14 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 10:14:28] Message ID: [17336]

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Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve

My family and I, long-time Alexandria residents, write to you with great urgency and concern about the proposed VDOT plans that could negatively impact the Winkler Botanical Preserve. The mission of the Preserve to provide environmental education to Alexandria school children is more important than ever. Not only must we teach the next generation environmental appreciation and stewardship, but studies have shown that children are manifesting adverse psychological symptoms that can be traced back to nature deprivation. Children need to be exposed to natural environments in order to thrive. Alexandria is an urban area, increasingly congested with limited green spaces. This is true for Northern Virginia in general and makes access to natural areas difficult, particularly for the less privileged. Once a green area is destroyed it is gone forever. Don't let it happen! The City of Alexandria needs Winkler. For the sake of Alexandria's children and our quality of life, we urge you to turn down

any VDOT proposals that could negatively impact the Winkler Botanical Preserve.

Thank you for your support. Martina Hofmann



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12/07/2009 09:34 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 09:34:15] Message ID: [17332]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve
Distinguished Members,

I write to you today to urge you to take every measure possible to protect one of Alexandria's most vibrant educational resources. The proposals being considered by the Department of Transportation are challenging your mettle. You were all elected to protect the interests of Alexandria. Can anyone think of a more egregious action than destroying an asset like the Winkler preserve so we experience a little less pain in traffic? Our children already suffer the consequences of crippling budgets forcing their learning conditions to be sub-optimal. Make no mistake; your vote is a choice of hollow development for a few at the expense of the children in our community. How do we teach children the value of the environment and that we must do everything in our power to protect it if we are willing to destroy the only preserve in our community for a road? Simply, you will not solve the traffic problem. Traffic will always be a problem and one ramp will not solve it. Yes, it

will not be enjoyable, but you will sleep better knowing the decision you made was in favor of education and not the path of least resistance.

My

daughter has attended camps and field trips to the preserve for many years and it is the first thing she says she wants to do when we are discussing her summer camp options. If we had the opportunity to send her there every week in the summer, we would. But the Preserve rightly decided that you may come only once so that more children may experience the educational opportunities they provide. You are faced with a decision that will test you and will likely upset those who care not about the preserve, the environment or anything else but the speed with which they might get around. That is a shame. If you vote yes to this proposal then you are merely saying the preserve is pointless. You cannot undo this. The damage that will be caused through the construction will destroy whatever is left. Unfortunately, there is not compromise which only makes your vote more difficult and more important.

Comments: You find yourselves in the unique position to make a stand and protect the very aspects of our community that many of you said were high on your respective lists when seeking to represent of fair city. Do not allow this to happen on your watch. There is no turning back. When the first shovel hits the ground the preserve is dead and you will all forever be linked to that destruction. The preserve should be left untouched and removed from the traffic solution discussion. Simply, in 5 years some will not know the difference and a patch of road will have destroyed one of Alexandria's most beautiful assets. Have each of you walked through the preserve? Not looked at it on a map and understand where it is, but walked through it on a tranquil afternoon or morning? If you have not, I urge you to do so. Once you do you will understand the resistance to such a plan.

Finally, I ask you to consider the following: we all have opportunities in our daily lives to make and leave the world a better place than we found it. When you sit back years from

now, will you be able to say you did this very thing? Will a road that eased traffic for a little while really be the thing you want associated with you? There are far too few opportunities to allow our children to really see what nature and the environment is all about. Their respect and admiration for it is learned. What message are we sending if we so lightly proceed and destroy the preserve? Many of you have openly discussed your strong views on the environment and how we should protect it at all costs. Well, now we have an opportunity to understand if you truly believe it or if it was merely a punch line that served you well at the time.

Please

vote no to anything that would change, modify or destroy the Winkler Botanical Preserve in any way.

Respectfully,

Michael

Amato
Resident



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12/07/2009 09:27 AM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler

Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 09:27:19] Message ID: [17331]

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Comments: Keep Winkler free of traffic!!! We need our nature preserve.



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12/01/2009 06:16 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 01, 2009 18:16:46] Message ID: [17138]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley and Honorable Council Members,

I am

saddened and disheartened to hear that Winkler Botanical Preserve may be in

danger of being destroyed by an exit ramp
coming off 395. This would be

a travesty to say the least. The preserve is a rare and gorgeous gem in

this metropolitan area

that is home to an astonishing array native plants

and animals, and is a place that changes the lives of students who visit

there. So many of the kids in our school system live in apartments and

have never had access to experiencing the beauty and
majesty of a forest

Comments:

like this. It opens a new world for them and opens their eyes to another

part of life that can have such a
positive impact on them. I hope you

will do what is right and use your influence to stop this nonsense of

building an exit ramp

through the property. It would absolutely destroy
this priceless ecosystem. It has enough challenges as it is with the new
office building being built on its border.
Please don't let this
happen.

Sincerely, Deborah Crabtree



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12/01/2009 05:32 PM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Nature Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 01, 2009 17:32:09] Message ID: [17135]

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Subject: Winkler Nature Preserve
Please prevent this treasure from being harmed by VDOT. We need more open
Comments: spaces like Winkler.



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12/01/2009 04:35 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Save Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 01, 2009 16:35:29] Message ID: [17133]

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Subject: Save Winkler Botanical Preserve
Mayor Euille & members of the City Council -

I am shocked to learn

that there is a Public hearing at City Hall Dec 12 @ 9:30AM for folks like
me to support the Winkler Botanical preserve from destruction by VDoT
plans to build a 395 off-ramp through this preserve, which will (...ahem)
change the park.

As I think of the fun our kids have at camps and
field trips to Winkler, and how the kids in the West End will lose their
"backyard" green space....and we'll all lose a community

Comments: treasure, for for educating all our kids or simply a peaceful spot in the
city for a family hike on a weekend day...I am in schock that this could
even be on your docket and of course I oppose this shameful destruction of
habitat.

I will join the masses of Alexandria's citizen @ your upcoming
council meeting, in order to have our voices be heard to SAVE WINKLER!! I

hope you will do everything in your power to save Winkler, as
well!!

Thank you,

Sharon Luther



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12/02/2009 07:46 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Save Winkler Preserve

Time: [Wed Dec 02, 2009 07:46:27] Message ID: [17150]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Save Winkler Preserve

As a community member and teacher here in Alexandria I must urge not to

allow VDOT to disturb any of the remaining Winkler Preserve. The BRAC

building has already claimed some of their land and peacefulness.

I live

on Van Dorn across from Winkler and the BRAC building and I have already

witnessed and experienced increased noise and traffic from the

construction. The traffic is already a nightmare in the morning and

afternoon especially when 395 gets backed up. I can only imagine how my

life will be negatively altered by taking away the little land that

separates 395 from Van Dorn. As a teacher, we take our students to Winkler

Comments:

twice a year to experience wonderful real life hands on lessons centered

around our SOLS. It is an amazing experience for our students. For some of

our students this is the only time they get to get out into the world and

hike through the woods and experience nature hands on. You would be amazed

at how exciting a simple trip a few blocks from their home enriches their

lives. It would be a devastating act for you allow VDOT to claim any of

Winkler's land. We have so little natural and pure land left in our wonderful city. PLEASE leave this land alone!

Thank you



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12/01/2009 11:20 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: To save the Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 01, 2009 23:20:21] Message ID: [17145]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: To save the Winkler Botanical Preserve
Dear City Council member,

I am a senior at T. C. Williams High

School this year and I would just like to say Please save the Winkler

Botanical Preserve. I remember going to Winkler every year during my
elementary and middle school year and I loved going to those field trips.

Winkler is a very special part of Alexandria that has been there for year
and it shows that not only is Alexandria a prosperous and highly advanced
city but that it's a beautiful city. Alexandria still has sites of it

natural beauty, undisturbed by our technological advancements. Winkler is

Comments: not only a place that represents nature and its beauty but it also is a
place of education. Even now, all the Elementary Schools take fieldtrips to
the Preserve to learn about the environment and the different aspects of
it. Visiting the Winkler, makes the student as well as the adults
appreciate the environment and encourages us to take good care of our city.
Winkler is a special and well loved place in the City of Alexandria and

there's no good reason to destroy it entirely or even partly, especially something like a new exit ramp. Please consider all the residents of Alexandria that would be affected by your decision. Thank You! Don't kill the tree and the beautiful water fall and everything else. PLEASE. =)



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12/01/2009 10:04 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 01, 2009 22:04:28] Message ID: [17142]

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Subject: Winkler Preserve

To whom it may concern-

I have heard many things about your plans to put

roads and exit ramps through the Winkler Botanical Preserve. I highly

object to any plans in destroying any or all parts of the preserve. For

trying to be such an eco friendly city, we would be doing major damage by

harming Winkler. It provides a place for children to learn about our

environment and how to better take care of it, as well as gives people a

Comments:

place to go and bask in the unaffected areas of Alexandria. Some of my

fonddest memories are from the preserve, im sure there are other places in

Alexandria we can fit more ramps and roads.

Thank you



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12/01/2009 09:25 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Do not harm Winkler!

Time: [Tue Dec 01, 2009 21:25:59] Message ID: [17141]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Do not harm Winkler!

Hi,

My name is Stephanie Japec and I oppose any proposal that would harm
the Winkler Botanical preserve! Why would an "eco-city" consider

Comments: allowing the destruction of such a wonderful preserve? No, it is wrong and
PLEASE do not harm the preserve!

Sincerely,
Stephanie Japec



Mary Elizabeth Atkinson
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12/01/2009 08:45 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: VDOT's Proposed Encroachment on the Winkler
Botanical Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 01, 2009 20:45:14] Message ID: [17140]

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Subject: VDOT's Proposed Encroachment on the Winkler Botanical Preserve
Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

I am distraught at the news
that the City Council may allow VDOT to even considering building on the
Winkler Botanical Preserve.
I urge you to reconsider any direct access
options proposed by VDOT that involve encroachment upon the Winkler
Preserve. The Executive Director, Jodi Smolik has stated these will have
devastating effects to the ecosystem at Winkler.
Anything that would
ruin the Nature Preserve as it exists today will also have direct impacts
on every elementary school child enrolled in the Alexandria City Public
School System. The SOL curriculum is tied into the field trips offered to
the children and provides a rare "hands on" learning experience for the
children in a tested world. Science comes alive for children at Winkler.
I can only imagine what will happen to the SOL scores if we don't teach the

children about nature in this setting.

I support the BRAC/Mark Center

Advisory Group's recommendation that: (i) Council direct the City's

Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) staff to

Comments: prepare a study that includes new alternatives that do not involve encroaching upon the Winkler Preserve; and (ii) that Council advise VDOT that it intends to refrain from recommending any options until the T&ES study has been completed, commented on, and considered by Council.

I

understand the traffic that the BRAC project may bring to the area could be devastating but that train has already left the station.

I request

that you please urge VDOT to put the direct access option that involves a flyover and goes over the area where there may or may not be a remote inspection facility (RIF) back on the table for consideration since such an option would not harm the Winkler Preserve.

I can hardly believe in 2009

we are finding ourselves considering an option that would "pave paradise and put up a proverbial parking lot." Have we not learned anything from

history?

Thank you for your consideration on this urgent

matter.

Regards,

M. Elizabeth Atkinson



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Subject COA Contact Us: winkler preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 01, 2009 20:31:35] Message ID: [17139]

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Subject: winkler preserve
It would be such a shame if the children of Alexandria were to lose the
preserve to traffic. While only half of the preserve is rumored to be at
stake - is this the legacy we want to leave our children? We tore it down
Comments: in the name of traffic? I am sure that there are other ways around this
problem. Please give full consideration to saving the entire
preserve.
Thank you



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12/02/2009 08:53 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: winkler preserve

Time: [Wed Dec 02, 2009 08:53:31] Message ID: [17152]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: winkler preserve

Dear Honorable Members of the Alexandria City Council,

It is my

understanding the VDOT plans to plough through the Winkler Preserve in order to make a new access exit/entrance for 395. I expect that you will all fight this attempt to take valuable land from the city that has served our community so well in terms of school nature programs, and the wonderful camp that has been such a joy to so many of our City's children. How can we elevate the convenience of commuters above the natural beauty that this wonderful park has provided to our community? Alexandria is a small city, largely urban that is steeped in history, is wonderful for shopping and dining, and is a great place to live, BUT it is short on natural park land.

Comments: Winkler is one of the few wonderful exceptions that I can brag about to my friends who live in other communities. It isn't just another untouched park - it has become a space that offers children wonderful learning opportunities through its regular school field trip offerings, and an

adventure park for young children in the summer. We need to guard this gem.

Lets figure out a way to solve the VDOT issue without destroying Winkler in the process.

Regards,

Ann Seidenberg



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12/02/2009 09:06 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

Time: [Wed Dec 02, 2009 09:06:41] Message ID: [17153]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Winkler Preserve

Comments:

As an Alexandria homeowner and parent of four, I am distraught to know that you would consider destroying The Winkler Preserve for the sake of a highway offramp. Planning and traffic should have been taken into account before building. Winkler provides so many great experiences for our school children, it would be a detriment to our educational system. The hands on activities are a great adjunct for learning. Please take into careful consideration when examining this proposal as to how it will affect our city and its residents. Thank you.



Elizabeth Murphy
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12/01/2009 02:00 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

Time: [Tue Dec 01, 2009 14:00:48] Message ID: [17128]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Winkler Preserve
Mayor Euille and City Council,

I cannot attend at the City Council

meeting on 12/12/09 but want you to know my opinion on the VA DOT proposal
for an exit ramp off of 395 that would reduce Winkler Botanical Preserve's
area.

It would be a travesty to further destroy our green space in the
Mark Center area. It is bad enough that the BRAC building has destroyed
all the forest and greenery in the area on 395. It would be even more of a
shame if Winkler was further affected by the expansion of concrete,
transportation, pollution and building development already underway.

My

children were looking forward to summer camp at Winkler in 2010. It is a
wonderful oasis in Alexandria which is much needed for our young residents
(and old) to enjoy some green space and the wonderful learning resources

Comments: available through the Preserve. My children have attended field trips to

the Preserve and have loved those experiences. ENOUGH is ENOUGH. Do not add insult to injury by taking away a wonderful resource like Winkler just to alleviate traffic issues that arose out of poor planning on the expansion in the area.

PLEASE SAVE WINKLER BOTANICAL PRESERVE from further development in the area.

I live off of Seminary Road and realize the traffic increase due to the BRAC building is going to congest the area but I would rather deal with that then sacrifice our wonderful Preserve.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth N Murphy
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Ashley Thorpe
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12/03/2009 10:59 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Please save the Winkler

Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 10:59:56] Message ID: [17202]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Please save the Winkler

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,

I am a freshman at the

University of Wisconsin-Madison and I have lived in Alexandria, Virginia

for my entire life. I heard the devastating news that the Virginia

Department of Transportation is currently proposing options that will

destroy parts of the Winkler. Hearing this news made me very upset and

confused. It made me upset because the Winkler is a beautiful preserve that

I went to as a child very often. The news also confused me because I

thought our city was trying to be "eco-friendly?" Being

"eco-friendly" does not mean destroying any amount of the Winkler

or any other beautiful part of nature. Also hearing that the Winkler would

Comments: be destroyed because of an exit ramp made me very upset.

I am proud to

say I am from Alexandria, Virginia, but if the Winkler is destroyed in

anyway, I would not be as proud to boast my home town.

Please

reconsider the proposals because there are hundreds of people I know who,
like me, are proud of Alexandria and hope to continue that pride.

Thank

you very much,
Ashley Thorpe



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12/03/2009 11:08 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Reserve

Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 11:08:31] Message ID: [17204]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Winkler Botanical Reserve

I have recently heard about a proposal for VDOT that would negatively impact the Winkler Botanical Reserve. Having spent countless summer days wandering through the gardens and admiring it's beauty, I am strongly against any such proposal. In Alexandria there are very few nature reserves, in fact I can only think of Winkler, and to remove any of them would be a horrible plan. Such a proposal would deprive the youth of Alexandria to learn about nature without the sight of high rises and condominiums looming over their heads. Please, Please, PLEASE do not vote to approve any proposal. You would be doing damage to the already diminishing environment. Hopefully you will take to reason and explore the Winkler Botanical Reserve one last time before voting on legislation that would destroy it entirely.



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12/03/2009 11:58 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: Save Winkler!

Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 11:58:48] Message ID: [17206]

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Subject: Save Winkler!
Alexandria City Council,

I am writing this email in hopes that it will

persuade you to reconsider your plans to construct a transportation medium

near
the Mark Center. I am against this decision, as it would negatively

impact Winkler Botanical Preserve. I grew up taking field
trips to

Winkler and going to birthday parties. I absolutely loved going there

because it was one of the only spots in Alexandria
where i actually felt

as if I could escape the crazy city lifestyle of Alexandria and relax in

Comments: the outdoors. From the zip-lining, to
the lake, to the nature walks, I

learned so much and did many cool things as Winkler; ultimately, it is an
irreplaceable place. So
please consider all the children that would miss

out on the fantastic educational and outdoor opportunities that Winkler has
to

offer if you get rid of the Preserve. Keep Alexandria the
"eco-city" it is trying to be!

Thank you very much for your
time.

Sincerely,
Shannon Murphy



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12/02/2009 02:24 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

Time: [Wed Dec 02, 2009 14:24:33] Message ID: [17171]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Winkler Botanical Preserve

I will not be able to atten the upcoming hearing, but I would like to encourage all of you to do whatever is possible to prevent the Winkler

Comments: Botanic Preserve from being adversely impacted by highway construction.

The space is a wonderful asset to our family and to our City as a whole.

Alexandria needs more green space.



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12/02/2009 02:36 PM

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Subject: COA Contact Us: VDOT Winkler Reserve Hearing

Time: [Wed Dec 02, 2009 14:36:00] Message ID: [17172]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: VDOT Winkler Reserve Hearing

I am imploring you to block the taking of The Winkler Botanical Reserve by

VDOT. I cannot attend the hearing this evening, but I am extremely

concerned about what VDOT has already done on the beltway in the name of

stimulus money and supposed traffic relief. What has actually occurred

is the devastation of acres of trees, turning the beltway into a barren

landscape. We Northern Virginians deserve better than what VDOT has

planned for us!

Destroying the Winkler Reserve is an irresponsible

choice. It is a slice of nature that is rapidly dwindling in our area

and is a critical space for human quality of life - a place for solitude

Comments: and inspiration. It is priceless.

I believe it is irresponsible for

elected officials to choose such drastic tree-cutting measures (beltway)

and taking of
green spaces (Winkler) in light of global warming. One

extremely effective method to stop climate change is to plant
trees!

Planting trees, not clear-cutting them! Nurturing our green spaces, not
paving them!

In the name of Eco-City Alexandria, I implore you to do

the right thing by Alexandria and oppose the destruction
of Winkler by

VDOT.



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Subject: COA Contact Us: Please Save Winkler

Time: [Wed Dec 02, 2009 16:03:28] Message ID: [17175]

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Subject: Please Save Winkler
Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

I have learned that tonight
you will hear a proposal to use part of the Winkler Botanical Preserve as
an exit ramp for 395.

Winkler is one of Alexandria's jewels, loved
dearly by my daughters and their fellow students from across the city. As
you may know, nearly every ACPS student visits Winkler as part of their
science curriculum and it is a invaluable resource.

Comments: My daughters (ages 7
and 10) who attend Cora Kelly Elementary, have greatly broadened their
environmental stewardship and appreciation of Alexandria's natural
resources by their field trips to Winkler.
I know that many of you are
champions for the environment and I strongly urge you to uphold your
commitment by preserving Winkler and finding another solution.

Thank

you for your consideration,
Marsha Oshima



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12/02/2009 11:58 AM

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Subject COA Contact Us: VDOT Proposed Access Alternatives to the
BRAC-133 DOD Site

Time: [Wed Dec 02, 2009 11:58:52] Message ID: [17157]

Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: VDOT Proposed Access Alternatives to the BRAC-133 DOD Site

I am opposed to the proposed highway exit ramp that would destroy a large portion of the Winkler Botanical Preserve. My son attended the Winkler Botanical Preserve summer program from the time he was six until the age of 12. For the last 4 years, he has worked there as a Counselor in Training, and as an Intern. The Preserve provides children with confidence building outdoor activities, including rock climbing, hiking, zip lining, swimming, boating, and the cat walk; inventive craft opportunities, such as book making, boat and chair building, and lamp making, to name a few; as well as photography, cooking, and other programs that excite and engage youngsters. This day camp, right in our own back yard, rivals sleep away camps in the range of activities offered. Winkler Botanical Preserve also conducts Spring programs that challenge and engage children in indoor and outdoor pursuits. In addition, the Preserve has long scheduled a one week summer scholarship camp for Alexandria City children in need. (However, this past summer, in 2009, it was prevented from doing so due to a lack of funding.)

Comments:

The Director of the Winkler Botanical Preserve, Jodie Smolik and her staff of Counselors are inventive in their design of programs, energetic and enthusiastic in leading their young charges in the most exciting outdoor activities imaginable, and dedicated to the goal of providing children with the best possible week-long summer experience of their lives.

In

addition to the incredible array of childrens' activities offered, the Preserve also serves as a vast, serene green space for residents to enjoy. Its walking trails, pond and lovingly tended grounds are open and accessible, providing a calm oasis right in the middle of our city.

Please do not allow an exit ramp to be constructed through the Preserve, destroying one of our city's the most prized assets.