



**Janice Magnuson**  
<jmagnuson2000@yahoo.com>

12/02/2009 11:20 AM

Please respond to  
Janice Magnuson  
<jmagnuson2000@yahoo.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alieia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Wed Dec 02, 2009 11:20:32] Message ID: [17156]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Janice  
**Last Name:** Magnuson  
**Street Address:** 905 Peele Place  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** va  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703-751-7002  
**Email Address:** jmagnuson2000@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

I am shocked that any damage to the Winkler Preserve could even be considered. Already I have often questioned the effect the noise and 24 hour lights at the ugly construction site has had on the wildlife. It was because the City officials dropped the ball when the Army was considering an alternative site that we are now stuck with this. If you have any real concern for quality of life in Alexandria you will do all that is necessary

**Comments:** to preserve this and to put all possible roadblocks in the path of the Army.

Alexandria does not end at Quaker Lane. We also pay taxes and I ask what you have done to make our life better. Your efforts to ban sex shops on King Street might attract attention in the newspapers, but the destruction of a major area of Open Space enjoyed by all ages is criminal.

Open Space does not just mean soccer fields!



**Laura Plaze**  
<plaze@comcast.net>

12/02/2009 05:44 PM

Please respond to  
Laura Plaze <plaze@comeast.net>

To: william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupieka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve - e-mail to Transportation  
Commission

**Time: [Wed Dec 02, 2009 17:44:59] Message ID: [17184]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Laura  
**Last Name:** Plaze  
**Street Address:** 402 Cambridge Rd  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22314  
**Phone:** 7034618631  
**Email Address:** plaze@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Winkler Preserve - e-mail to Transportation Commission  
Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council --

For your

information, below is an e-mail I am sending to the members of the  
Transportation Commission about the need to protect the Winkler Botanical  
Preserve from damage or encroachment in creating I-395 access for the Mark  
Center project. Thank you for your attention to these concerns which are  
shared by many Alexandrians.

Dear Members of the Transportation  
Commission --

I understand that you will be holding a hearing tonight to  
consider the proposed I-395 interchange options for the Mark Center BRAC  
project.

As a citizen of Alexandria, a parent and a person who cares  
about our environment and our schools, I strongly urge you to oppose any

of the options that would damage or claim any portion of the Winkler Botanical Preserve. This property is a tiny but thriving place of nature within our urban midst. Our City should do everything within its power to protect it.

**Comments:**

The Winkler Botanical Preserve is a private, non-profit organization with a mission of providing free environmental education to the students of the Alexandria City Public Schools. Established in 1979 by the Mark Winkler family, the Preserve is a 44-acre collection of plants and trees indigenous to the Potomac River valley. Since 1999, in partnership with the Alexandria City Public Schools, the Winkler Preserve has provided all elementary and middle school students with a year-long series of free, hands-on and curriculum-based outdoor education programs. These programs fill a vital educational need in Alexandria, where so many of our students have limited exposure to nature and the outdoors.

Literally thousands of children benefit each year from the generosity of the Winkler Preserve.

Many Alexandria citizens care about the Preserve and have only recently become aware of the threat posed by some of the interchange options. I hope that you will give serious consideration to our comments before you formulate your recommendation to City Council.

Thank you for your close attention to this matter

Sincerely,

Laura

Plaze

402 Cambridge Rd

Alexandria, VA 22314



Nancy Velasquez  
<nevelasquez@wm.edu>

12/03/2009 10:39 AM

Please respond to  
Nancy Velasquez  
<nevelasqucz@wm.edu>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
eouncil@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 10:39:45] Message ID: [17198]**

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

**First Name:** Nancy

**Last Name:** Velasquez

**Street Address:** 916 N. Paxton St.

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 703-732-2975

**Email Address:** nevelasquez@wm.edu

**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve

Dear City Officials,  
The Winkler Botanical Preserve is a beautiful

little park amidst a large and populated city that cannot be destroyed or  
harmd in any way. For years, it has been a popular location for field  
trips to study wildlife and greenery. Even I went on a field trip there  
about two to three times. I am sure that anyone who grew up in the

**Comments:** Alexandria City School System could tell you that they, too, visited  
Winkler and it would be a great loss to lose a place we remember so well  
from our childhood; and it would be a great loss for the environment. It  
should be preserved.

Sincerely  
Nancy Velasquez



**Zachary Barbara**  
<zach.barbara@gmail.com>

12/03/2009 10:48 AM

Please respond to  
Zachary Barbara  
<zach.barbara@gmail.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kcrry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

---

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 10:48:59] Message ID: [17199]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Zachary  
**Last Name:** Barbara  
**Street Address:** 2710 Fordham Rd  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22302  
**Phone:** 7038389802  
**Email Address:** zach.barbara@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve  
Winkler Botanical Preserve is one of Alexandria's gems. Many times have my friends and I walked through the park on a spring or summers day to just hang out and talk.  
I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 129 and as so I have an exceptional love for nature and everything it has to offer. The Mark center is situated right on Seminary rd, which is a large avenue for motor vehicles. I;m sure it has enough capabilities to sustain the increased amount of vehicles.  
**Comments:**  
DO NOT do anything to harm the Nature Preserve because it is just that, a PRESERVE. I am speaking as a citizen of the City of Alexandria and I implore you to NOT build ramps or roads in place of the preserve.  
  
-Zachary Barbara



**Reba Winstead**  
<rebawinstead@yahoo.com>

12/03/2009 10:50 AM

Please respond to  
Reba Winstead  
<rebawinstead@yahoo.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: BRAC-133 transportation improvements

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 10:50:16] Message ID: [17200]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Reba  
**Last Name:** Winstead  
**Street Address:** 409 E. Mason Ave.  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703-5485113/6758205  
**Email Address:** rebawinstead@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** BRAC-133 transportation improvements

After attending last night's Transportation Committee meeting, I began to think about the undiscovered alternatives that VDOT should consider instead of destroying the Winkler Botanical Preserve. I understand that VDOT will only be actually destroying 30% of the overall preserve, but this would have devastating effects on the fragile ecosystem of the Preserve.

I would like for the Transportation Committee to recommend exploring some of these possible alternative transportation solutions:

1) Reconstruct the Seminary Rd. interchange to be more on the scale of the Shirlington Rotary interchange. Keeping the Seminary Rd direct flyover, and elongating the round-about from the beginning of Southern Towers to the Brac-133 site SB, and from Kenmore Ave. to Kenmore Ave. NB, would provide more lane changing area for traffic to get where it needs to go, and have northbound and southbound access for the site. Also including a NB entrance/exit from HOV

in the rotary would assist in encouraging the non-SOV transportation option. Keep the A1/A2 ramps in this plan for direct access to the garage through a ramp from the rotary, as well as a ramp to the new transportation hub via a lane on the north side of the garage (as opposed to the south side of the buildings as current plans have shown), between the garage and the existing building.

2) Add an interchange at Sanger Ave.

Understanding that this may have adverse impact on Holmes Run and the adjacent apartments on the west side of 395. Necessary improvements will likely be needed at Sanger Ave's intersections with Van Dorn St and Beauregard Ave.

**Comments:**

3) improving flow on the 236 interchange by expanding the lanes and access to ramps. Explore the possibility of utilizing the most south-western portion of the Landmark Mall surface parking/Sears Automotive building area for improvements and realignments.

4) Add an interchange at Braddock rd. This would also serve the NVCC campus traffic that currently heavily utilize the Seminary Rd interchange, thereby making more "room on the road" for the vehicles of the BRAC building and garage.

5) Further streamline the intersections of 236/Duke St with Van Dorn and also with Beauregard. The Van Dorn intersection is awkward and confusing with the flyovers to the mall and if the EB ramp to Van Dorn with the left turn and stoplight could be streamlined in conjunction with the WB ramp to Van Dorn and the mall, into a free(er) flowing cloverleaf interchange, this may help. The Beauregard and 236 intersection has been undergoing alot of work recently, but the flow is still not smooth through the area.

I hope this helps give a planner some ideas of where to start in their search for a solution. As my 7 year old son said last night "Why would they destroy what we need to live? I like breathing clean

air, and that's what the preserve makes alot of.... Clean  
air"

Sincerely and respectfully,  
Reba Winstead, Citizen





**Julie Balster**  
<juliebalster@comcast.net>

12/02/2009 09:32 PM

Please respond to  
Julie Balster  
<juliebalster@comcast.net>

To: william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject: COA Contact Us: Proposed VDOT Exit for BRAC Site

---

**Time: [Wed Dec 02, 2009 21:32:13] Message ID: [17190]**

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

**First Name:** Julie

**Last Name:** Balster

**Street Address:** 307 Yoakum Parkway, #1203

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 703-370-1492

**Email Address:** juliebalster@comcast.net

**Subject:** Proposed VDOT Exit for BRAC Site

It was a mistake to allow the BRAC building to be located where it is.

That was not a way to promote the greater good for Alexandria. Preserving

our canopy and green areas give this city character in addition to

**Comments:** supporting a healthy environment. Please do not approve the VDOT proposal

to build a direct access exit ramp from I395 to the DoD Facility and

destroy Winckler Preserve . Thank you for your consideration, Julie

Balster



**Mariah Frank**  
<soccerroo1028@gmail.com>

12/02/2009 07:34 PM

Please respond to  
Mariah Frank  
<soccerroo1028@gmail.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Saving the Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Wed Dec 02, 2009 19:34:43] Message ID: [17187]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Mariah  
**Last Name:** Frank  
**Street Address:** 701 North Pickett Street  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Virginia  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703-370-0787  
**Email Address:** soccerroo1028@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Saving the Winkler Botanical Preserve  
To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose any proposals to destroy the  
Winkler Botanical Preserve. I am a freshman at the TC Williams Minnie  
Howard Campus and I vividly remember my elementary school, and sometimes  
middle school, trips to the preserve. They were always so much fun and  
extremely educational. The Winkler Preserve is not just a scenic spot in  
our lovely city but it also a haven for wildlife. It is the representation  
of what we are fighting for in the battle for the environment that is  
occurring in our country as we speak.

Winkler has a huge impact on not

**Comments:** only Alexandria, but our state and maybe even our country. The preserve  
teaches kids about the importance of protecting the earth and all of the  
beauties in it. They will carry this knowledge with them for the rest of  
their lives. Nothing like that can ever be replaced.

So please,

reconsider the proposal to destroy the Winkler Preserve. If you destroy the preserve, you are also destroying a invaluable part of education in Alexandria.

Thank you so much for your time.  
-Mariah Frank



**Trina Wood**  
<trinawood6@msn.com>

12/02/2009 06:15 PM

Please respond to  
Trina Wood  
<trinawood6@msn.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Wed Dec 02, 2009 18:15:09] Message ID: [17186]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Trina  
**Last Name:** Wood  
**Street Address:** 5107 Talbot Place  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:**  
**Email Address:** trinawood6@msn.com  
**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

Hi All,  
I hope that Thanksgiving was a nice holiday for all of you.  
As

I have watched the leaves change and fall to the ground, I have watched the  
new building growing up out of the ground. Wow. I have supported the  
location of the building but with the assurance and understanding the  
Winkler Preserve was to stay intact.

Winkler is an oasis in the middle

of an area commonly referred to as condo canyon. My sons have asked me what  
will happen to all the animals with the new building. Will the deer and

fawn, who have resided in the woods near Winkler and alongside 395, still

**Comments:** have a place to live? We take walks, enjoy the beauty and learn so much  
there. Elementary schools throughout the city visit the Preserve  
regularly. It is too important and valuable.

We simply can not allow

any of the land to be taken from Winkler Preserve! There are other options

and we should not suffer because of poor planning by the developers and builders. It was said LOUD AND CLEAR that getting in out would be an issue. They will find a better option.

Thank you.  
Regards,  
Trina Wood



**Elisabeth Mallon**  
<redpeppa@comcast.net>

12/03/2009 01:02 PM

Please respond to  
Elisabeth Mallon  
<redpeppa@comcast.net>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 13:02:26] Message ID: [17209]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Elisabeth  
**Last Name:** Mallon  
**Street Address:** 20 E Masonic View Ave  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Va  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:**  
**Email Address:** redpeppa@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve  
I oppose any proposal that will hurt the Winkler Botanical Preserve! Aren't  
**Comments:** we supposed to be getting MORE eco-friendly, not  
less? SAVE THE  
WINKLER!!!!!!!



**Christopher Jenifer**  
<cjenfier08@yahoo.com>

12/03/2009 01:10 PM

Please respond to  
Christopher Jenifer  
<cjenfier08@yahoo.com>

To [william.euille@alexandriava.gov](mailto:william.euille@alexandriava.gov), [frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov](mailto:frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov),  
[kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov](mailto:kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov), [alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov](mailto:alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov),  
[council@krupicka.com](mailto:council@krupicka.com), [delpepper@aol.com](mailto:delpepper@aol.com),

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Save Winkler

---

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 13:10:57] Message ID: [17210]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Christopher  
**Last Name:** Jenifer  
**Street Address:** 1500 Stone Bridge Road  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703-370-7770  
**Email Address:** [cjenfier08@yahoo.com](mailto:cjenfier08@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Save Winkler  
Please save Winkler best elementary school field trip ever...i got my first  
**Comments:**  
kiss there



**Yasmin Vosseler**  
<fragabyas@gmail.com>

12/03/2009 01:11 PM

Please respond to  
Yasmin Vosseler  
<fragabyas@gmail.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delcpapper@aol.com,

cc

bec

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 13:11:01] Message ID: [17211]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Yasmin  
**Last Name:** Vosseler  
**Street Address:** 5320 truman av  
**City:** alexandria  
**State:** virginia  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 5713323267  
**Email Address:** fragabyas@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Winkler Preserve  
I'm writing to all Council members of the City of Alexandria to veto any  
proposal to wipe out any section of the Winkler  
Preserve due to the  
expansion currently happening in the area. We trust this significan  
**Comments:** desicion on you members of the City  
Hall. The Winkler park is the nature  
heart of the city, please let's preserve it for our children and for  
generations to come.





**Christopher Jenifer**  
<cjenifer08@yahoo.com>

12/03/2009 01:11 PM

Please respond to  
Christopher Jenifer  
<cjenifer08@yahoo.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Save Winkler

---

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 13:11:51] Message ID: [17212]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Christopher  
**Last Name:** Jenifer  
**Street Address:** 1500 Stone Bridge Road  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703-370-7770  
**Email Address:** cjenifer08@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Save Winkler  
Please save Winkler best elementry school field trip ever...I got my first  
**Comments:**  
kiss there. So don't let it go to waste



**Meredith Varela**  
<mev8k@virginia.edu>

12/03/2009 01:53 PM

Please respond to  
Meredith Varela  
<mev8k@virginia.edu>

To [william.euille@alexandriava.gov](mailto:william.euille@alexandriava.gov), [frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov](mailto:frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov),  
[kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov](mailto:kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov), [alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov](mailto:alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov),  
[council@krupicka.com](mailto:council@krupicka.com), [delpepper@aol.com](mailto:delpepper@aol.com),

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

---

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 13:53:13] Message ID: [17218]**

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

**First Name:** Meredith

**Last Name:** Varela

**Street Address:** 429 Argyle Dr

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22305

**Phone:** (703)608-4448

**Email Address:** [mev8k@virginia.edu](mailto:mev8k@virginia.edu)

**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Comments:**

I was dismayed to hear that Winkler Botanical Preserve may be partially or completely closed down for a new transportation project. While I understand that traffic is a major issue in Alexandria, the botanical preserve is an important part of the neighborhood and provides invaluable experiences to many adults and children in Alexandria. I served as a volunteer counselor in training at Winkler's summer camps throughout middle school and it was a fantastic experience for both myself and the kids. There are not many places in the area where children can go canoeing, rock climbing, hiking, fishing and do a high ropes course. Furthermore, Winkler offered several weeks of camp specially designed for children who could not normally afford a summer camp experience like this. The kids learned about science, cooking, and cooperation while having fun. This was my first job experience and I loved every minute of working with the kids and learning how to be a leader and take charge. Winkler provides unique opportunities for the children and adults of Alexandria and it would be terrible to lose this

beautiful preserve. Please consider an alternative plan to save Winkler

Botanical Preserve.  
Thank you,

Meredith Varela



**Anna Gray**  
<graya102@newschool.edu>

12/03/2009 01:53 PM

Please respond to  
Anna Gray  
<graya102@newschool.edu>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alieia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
eouncil@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 13:53:54] Message ID: [17219]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Anna  
**Last Name:** Gray  
**Street Address:** 329 East 6th St  
**City:** New York  
**State:** NY  
**Zip:** 10003  
**Phone:**  
**Email Address:** graya102@newschool.edu  
**Subject:** Winkler Botanical  
Save the Winkler! Both myself, my younger brother, and most of my peers  
from Alexandria grew up with learning opportunities provided by the Winkler  
Botanical Gardens. It's a fantastic nature preserved conveniently close to  
all of Alexandria city's schools.



**Sara Danver**  
<sad9d@virginia.edu>

12/03/2009 08:14 AM

Please respond to  
Sara Danver  
<sad9d@virginia.edu>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

---

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 08:14:49] Message ID: [17194]**

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

**First Name:** Sara

**Last Name:** Danver

**Street Address:** 5105 Sutton Pl

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 7037729775

**Email Address:** sad9d@virginia.edu

**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Comments:**

As an alumni of the Alexandria City Public School system, I was terrified to learn that there are proposals to interfere with or detract from the Winkler Botanical Preserve. We live in a city and there is no denying that. Winkler provides a place for kids to learn about nature, ecosystems and the importance of conservation. This would be nearly impossible if the city didn't have the same values as well. I volunteered, when I was in middle school, as an assistant camp counselor at Winkler so I got to see how much children aside from myself and my group of friends love it. It is a fantastic resource for students of ACPS and it is a beautiful asset to our city and our community. Please don't hurt it!



**Rebekah Hersch**  
<rhersch@isagroup.com>

12/02/2009 09:34 PM

Please respond to  
Rebekah Hersch  
<rhersch@isagroup.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alieia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bec

Subject COA Contact Us: PLEASE Save the Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Wed Dec 02, 2009 21:34:07] Message ID: [17191]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Rebekah  
**Last Name:** Hersch  
**Street Address:** 701 North Pickett Street  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703-370-0787  
**Email Address:** rhersch@isagroup.com  
**Subject:** PLEASE Save the Winkler Preserve  
Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley, and City Council Members

I  
understand that the Council is considering proposals from the VA Department  
of Transportation (VDOT) regarding routes to transfer employees to the new  
Department of Defense facilities currently under construction at Mark  
Center. Two of the proposals would negatively impact the Winkler Preserve,  
by either destroying part of it, or the preserve in its entirety.

I  
**Comments:** URGE you to REJECT any proposals that negatively impacts the Winkler  
Preserve. The Winkler is a city treasure. It is not only a beautiful  
place for anyone to enjoy, it also serves as a tremendous teaching facility  
for all of our young people. Both of my children spent many hours at the  
preserve learning about and discovering nature. It would be a tragedy if  
the Preserve was not there for the next generation of children and  
Alexandria residents to enjoy.

Thank you for your  
consideration.

Regards,

Rebekah



**Peter Smeallie**  
<po.smeallie@gmail.com>

12/03/2009 02:14 PM

Please respond to  
Peter Smeallie  
<po.smeallie@gmail.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, dclpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Gardens Proposal Protest

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 14:14:27] Message ID: [17223]**

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

**First Name:** Peter

**Last Name:** Smeallie

**Street Address:**

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22302

**Phone:**

**Email Address:** po.smeallie@gmail.com

**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Gardens Proposal Protest

To whom it may concern,  
I'm writing this letter as a mere plea, that, if

what I've been made aware of is correct, Winkler Botanical Gardens not be  
revamped, remodeled, or altered in any way that warrants a replacement of  
human infrastructure (i.e. parking lot, strip mall, etc.) in its current

**Comments:** locale. I'm asking simply for the reason that when I was a young child in  
elementary school, I had many several field trips to Winkler Botanical  
Gardens, and today, I think of places like that with fondness and  
nostalgia. Thank you for your time.

Peter H. Smeallie





**Megan Carr**  
<megcarr13@gmail.com>

12/03/2009 02:45 PM

Please respond to  
Megan Carr  
<megcarr13@gmail.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 14:45:19] Message ID: [17226]**

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

**First Name:** Megan

**Last Name:** Carr

**Street Address:** 801 N. Howard St. #102

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 571-216-8996

**Email Address:** megcarr13@gmail.com

**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve

Hello,

As someone who has lived in Alexandria for the first 18 years of their life, I was shocked to see the construction going on over by the Winkler Botanical Preserve.

When I was little, I would make my mother drive to let me see the ducks in those ponds. Many of my friends volunteered there every summer. I caught a tadpole there (and valiantly put it back in the pond) during a middle school field trip.

**Comments:** While Winkler

has had a rather small effect on my own life, it still had an effect and I know it had an effect in many other Alexandrians' lives.

Destroying any part of the Winkler Botanical Preserve is wrong. There are other ways to transport people, you do not need to destroy any part of Winkler to do so.

Thank you for your time,  
Megan Carr



**Daniel Gibbs**  
<Rockmandan@aol.com>

12/03/2009 03:57 PM

Please respond to  
Daniel Gibbs  
<Rockmandan@aol.com>

To: william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpcpper@aol.com,  
cc  
bcc  
Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 15:57:38] Message ID: [17229]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Daniel  
**Last Name:** Gibbs  
**Street Address:** 1407 Martha Custis Dr.  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Virginia  
**Zip:** 22302  
**Phone:**  
**Email Address:** Rockmandan@aol.com  
**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve

Greetings,

Regarding the upcoming hearing and vote on the VDOT's proposals for a transportation medium at Mark Center on December 12, 2009:

I absolutely oppose ANY construction that would in any way encroach, damage or eliminate any part of the Winkler Botanical Preserve.

**Comments:** There are already too few trees and open spaces in the city now. In the 30 years that I've lived in Alexandria, I've watched the construction and sprawl ruin the city bit by bit. Please do the right thing and preserve what little open space we have left.

Thank You,

Daniel Gibbs



Mary Ball  
<mwb4gz@virginia.edu>

12/03/2009 11:35 PM

Please respond to  
Mary Ball  
<mwb4gz@virginia.edu>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alieia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 23:35:31] Message ID: [17249]**

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

**First Name:** Mary

**Last Name:** Ball

**Street Address:** Janneys Lane

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22302

**Phone:**

**Email Address:** mwb4gz@virginia.edu

**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

SAVE WINKLER PRESERVE!

This preserve means so much to me and everyone my

age...the numerous field trips I took there in  
elementary school and

summer camps were educational and such a nice break from the rest of the

**Comments:**

city.

Honestly, my friends and I still talk about how much we love

Winkler, even before it's destruction became an  
issue. It DOES have an

impact on people's lives, specifically children.



<njwilson@wm.edu>

12/03/2009 11:10 PM

Please respond to  
<njwilson@wm.edu>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us:



**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 23:10:17] Message ID: [17247]**

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

**First Name:**

**Last Name:**

**Street Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email Address:** njwilson@wm.edu

**Subject:**

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose any proposition that would

negatively affect the Winkler Preserve. In today's society many kids are

lucky if they are even afforded the opportunity to go on a simple day hike,

**Comments:** much less learn about nature and man's impact on the environment. Please

reconsider any proposals tat would harm the Winkler Preserve. Thank

you.

Nicholas Wilson

The College of William and Mary



robert dobrzynski md  
<bpdobrzynski@hotmail.com>

12/03/2009 10:34 PM

Please respond to  
robert dobrzynski md  
<bpdobrzynski@hotmail.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: winkler preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 22:34:37] Message ID: [17245]**

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

**First Name:** robert

**Last Name:** dobrzynski md

**Street Address:** 3970 ft. worth ave.

**City:** alex

**State:** va

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 703 370 6197

**Email Address:** bpdobrzynski@hotmail.com

**Subject:** winkler preserve

I had the honor of being mark winkler,s oncologist while he struggled and ultimately died from acute leukemia. we became quite close and often dicussed enviromental issues as he knew i was a strong advocate foor the environment. i know for a fact that he would be very dismayed by any

**Comments:** harmful assault on the winkler preserve. I hope you would take his aspirations from long ago into your final decisions.

Sincerely'

Robert Dobrzynski MD



**Ishani Viradiya**  
<ishaniviradiya@yahoo.com>

12/03/2009 10:26 PM

Please respond to  
Ishani Viradiya  
<ishaniviradiya@yahoo.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, dclpeppcr@aol.com,

cc

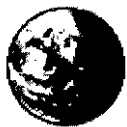
bce

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 22:26:18] Message ID: [17244]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Ishani  
**Last Name:** Viradiya  
**Street Address:** 476 Naylor Pl  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Va  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703-212-0941  
**Email Address:** ishaniviradiya@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

**Comments:** I have been going to the Winkler Preserve ever since I was about six years old! I am now in the 9th grade at Minnie Howard High School. I really loved taking field trips to the Winkler! We would learn so much about science in just about an hour in a creative and hands-on way. The Winkler Preserve is such a beautiful place to go for fun also. I would really appreciate it if you would consider not hurting the preserve. Thank you.



**Nebal Maysaud**  
<nneysaud@gmail.com>

12/03/2009 09:20 PM

Please respond to  
Nebal Maysaud  
<nneysaud@gmail.com>

To william.cuille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

---

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 21:20:15] Message ID: [17242]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Nebal  
**Last Name:** Maysaud  
**Street Address:** 6345 Parramore Dr.  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Virginia  
**Zip:** 22312  
**Phone:** (571) 224-7256  
**Email Address:** nneysaud@gmail.com

**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve  
Dear Members of Alexandria City Hall,

There are many children in

Alexandria, who first come to school and are more ecstatic each day. It's

not the teacher, it's not the school, it's the field trip to Winkler.

Winkler is a work of beauty, a gift in nature, whenever I go there, I am

always astounded by the beauty that nature has gifted to us, and you want

to get rid of it? I've been travelling around this area for a long while

and I've never seen any problems in the way, maybe a bit of common

traffic, but nothing serious enough to destroy the only real natural beauty

in Northern Virginia. We do not need any new exit ramps especially in

**Comments:**

that beautiful area. Our planet is in enough danger itself. We are in

the worst problem mankind has ever faced and this exit ramp being built



is basically telling us we're doomed.  
If we don't consider environmental

effects of these projects, then we will just continue on this path of mass

suicide. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THE WINKLER BOTANICAL PRESERVE TO BE

DESTROYED for it is the only  
real beauty in Northern Virginia, and it is

the only place within many many miles where we can admire the  
fantastic

gift of the beauty of nature.

Sincerely,  
Nebal Maysaud



**Albert Coia**  
<tabler1010@gmail.com>

12/03/2009 09:16 PM

Please respond to  
Albert Coia  
<tabler1010@gmail.com>

To [william.euille@alexandriava.gov](mailto:william.euille@alexandriava.gov), [frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov](mailto:frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov),  
[kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov](mailto:kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov), [alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov](mailto:alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov),  
[council@krupicka.com](mailto:council@krupicka.com), [delpepper@aol.com](mailto:delpepper@aol.com),

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us:

---

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 21:16:31] Message ID: [17241]**

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

**First Name:** Albert

**Last Name:** Coia

**Street Address:**

**City:** Arlingotn

**State:** Va

**Zip:** 22207

**Phone:** 703-241-0813

**Email Address:** [tabler1010@gmail.com](mailto:tabler1010@gmail.com)

**Subject:**

**Comments:** We love Winkler!



**Marie Brown**  
<thehoint@comcast.net>

12/03/2009 09:02 PM

Please respond to  
Marie Brown  
<thehoint@comcast.net>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, aliecia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

---

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 21:02:07] Message ID: [17240]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Marie  
**Last Name:** Brown  
**Street Address:** 204 Hancock  
University of Virginia  
**City:** Charlottesville  
**State:** Virginia  
**Zip:** 22904  
**Phone:** 703 350 3422  
**Email Address:** thehoint@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve  
Please do not knock down the Winkler Botanical Preserve, it is a very  
special place in Alexandria that all children and adults  
enjoy. I have  
**Comments:** many fond memories there from school field trips and camps and it would be  
devastating if it was not there  
anymore. Thank you.



**Christian Contreras**  
<grimlock182@comcast.net>

12/03/2009 08:47 PM

Please respond to  
Christian Contreras  
<grimlock182@comcast.net>

To [william.euille@alexandriava.gov](mailto:william.euille@alexandriava.gov), [frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov](mailto:frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov),  
[kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov](mailto:kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov), [alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov](mailto:alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov),  
[council@krupicka.com](mailto:council@krupicka.com), [delpepper@aol.com](mailto:delpepper@aol.com),

cc

bcc

Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler

---

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 20:47:06] Message ID: [17239]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Christian  
**Last Name:** Contreras  
**Street Address:** 6161 Edsall Rd.  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Virginia  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703-461-8141  
**Email Address:** [grimlock182@comcast.net](mailto:grimlock182@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** Winkler

Who the hell came up with this idea??!?!?! Winkler is 1 of the best things about this state, especially to the people who live in the more urban part of Virginia where we don't have much nature. I grew up with winkler through out my elementary school years. We would go there every year had every time would b different and better than before. Why would The Government even think of destroying such a beautiful place like Winkler. So what if it's for an exit ramp, don't we have enough of those things in this state. this idea is pure bullshit and ridiculous, its one of this state's many natural beauties and destroying it with an exit ramp would just destroy it. So please don't destroy Winkler or do any harm to it because not only will you be hurting nature but you'll also be hurting this state's natural beauty

sincerely,  
Christian Contreras



**Rachel Blumenstein**  
<rararacheee@gmail.com>

12/03/2009 08:15 PM

Please respond to  
Rachel Blumenstein  
<rararacheee@gmail.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Save Winkler!

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 20:15:40] Message ID: [17238]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Rachel  
**Last Name:** Blumenstein  
**Street Address:** 656 Timber Branch Pkwy  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22302  
**Phone:** 703 5494495  
**Email Address:** rararacheee@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Save Winkler!  
Do not destroy the Winkler Botanical Reserve. It is sad that we must have reserves in the first place because enough of the natural world has been depleted. Don't destroy one of the only places that respects mother-Earth. There are plenty of exit-ramps in the world, and not enough plants. Seriously, the professionals who are designing this new ramp need to do  
**Comments:** their jobs, get creative, and figure something else out that doesn't destroy beautiful things that are clearly a benefit to Alexandria (numerous elementary school field trips have been taken there!). If the Capitol Building were in the way of a highway to be built, you wouldn't just knock it down. The same goes for Winkler!



**Meredith Cockerham**  
<mcockerham@cathedral.org>

12/03/2009 08:13 PM

Please respond to  
Meredith Cockerham  
<mcockerham@cathedral.org>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us:

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 20:13:26] Message ID: [17237]**

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

**First Name:** Meredith

**Last Name:** Cockerham

**Street Address:**

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22314

**Phone:** 703 7518842

**Email Address:** mcockerham@cathedral.org

**Subject:**

Don't close Winkler Botanical Preserve. I love it there; its a great center

for people who love nature, which is becoming more  
and more rare to find

in Alexandria. I grew up with Winkler every summer and during the school

**Comments:**

year I would have field trips. I  
would seriously miss it. Its an

important place for people who want to experience nature, not just observe

it.



**Jean MacHarg**  
<jmacharg@pattonboggs.com>

12/03/2009 05:39 PM

Please respond to  
Jean MacHarg  
<jmacharg@pattonboggs.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,  
cc  
bcc  
Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

---

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 17:39:13] Message ID: [17234]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Jean  
**Last Name:** MacHarg  
**Street Address:** 520 Fort Williams Parkway  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703 823 5327  
**Email Address:** jmacharg@pattonboggs.com  
**Subject:** Winkler Preserve  
I urge Council to oppose any proposal that cuts into the Winkler Botanical Preserve. The Winkler Botanical Preserve is important to Alexandria, and to the children of Alexandria for generations to come. I believe that the  
**Comments:** dedicated ramp option that does not impinge on the Preserve is the most appropriate and will also best protect our neighborhoods from cut through and overflow traffic.



**Mara Alvarez**  
<curi\_fly14@yahoo.com>

12/03/2009 05:37 PM

Please respond to  
Mara Alvarez  
<curi\_fly14@yahoo.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: SWBP

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 17:37:58] Message ID: [17233]**

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

**First Name:** Mara

**Last Name:** Alvarez

**Street Address:** 131 E. Taylor Run Pkwy

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** Virginia

**Zip:** 22314

**Phone:** 7038645947

**Email Address:** curi\_fly14@yahoo.com

**Subject:** SWBP

I've just found out that the VDOT is proposing options for a transportation medium that would possibly cut some if not ALL of Winkler preserve. It would be very sad to hear that a City that is supposed to be helping to save the earth, would contribute to such a thing. This beautiful place of beautiful nature, and it has helped students in all if Alexandria to learn more about nature, and to feel more involved in taking care of all the nature that is around us. I myself have been there during my time in George

**Comments:** Washington Middle School, and TC Williams High School. It would be a great shame to see it be torn away for an exit ramp. Exit ramps already exist for everyone who needs it, and honestly, begining work on a new ramp would just cause more traffic for people who use that route to work. I would hope that this would be taken into a lot more consideration. Hopefully we can all get you to reconsider.

Sincerely,  
a concerned neighbor.





**Abby Downs**  
<downab01@gettysburg.edu>

12/03/2009 05:16 PM

Please respond to  
Abby Downs  
<downab01@gettysburg.edu>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 17:16:08] Message ID: [17232]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Abby  
**Last Name:** Downs  
**Street Address:** 12321 Arrow Park Drive  
**City:** Fort Washington  
**State:** MD  
**Zip:** 20744  
**Phone:** 301 292 1232  
**Email Address:** downab01@gettysburg.edu  
**Subject:** Winkler

To city officials of Alexandria, Virginia,  
I graduated in 2006 from T.C.

Williams High School, and in 2002 from the Alexandria Country Day School.

I attended school in  
Alexandria for 10 years, and my first paid job was

in Alexandria, at the Winkler Botanical Preserve. It has come to my

attention that there are some plans on the table that would adversely

impact the Winkler Preserve. I believe that any plans put  
forth by the

city that would negatively impact the preserve through roadway construction

that would alter the preserve in any  
way would be a large mistake on the

part of Alexandria. As one of the most dense cities in the country,

preserves such as  
Winkler that are in such close proximity to so many

people are a wonderful opportunity for people in general, and children in

particular, to learn about the environment. In a time when global

**Comments:**

environmental concerns are at the forefront of so much national and

international focus, a keen understanding of nature and local ecology are a

vital part of any student's education.

For this reason alone, Winkler

preserve should be carefully protected by the city for the city.

Furthermore, Winkler is an important habitat for many species of flora

and fauna, especially as other habitats around the city undergo

development.

I ask, therefore, that any legislation or plans that would

alter the Winkler Preserve in any negative fashion be carefully

considered and, ultimately, rejected. This is a natural environment that

is important not just for local ecology, but for education for local

students, and should be treated like the treasure it is.

Thank

you,

Abigail Downs

Gettysburg College Class of 2010

T.C. Williams Class

of 2006



**Muriel LaMois**  
<mlamois12@wooster.edu>

12/03/2009 04:57 PM

Please respond to  
Muriel LaMois  
<mlamois12@wooster.edu>

To [william.euille@alexandriava.gov](mailto:william.euille@alexandriava.gov), [frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov](mailto:frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov),  
[kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov](mailto:kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov), [alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov](mailto:alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov),  
[council@krupicka.com](mailto:council@krupicka.com), [delpepper@aol.com](mailto:delpepper@aol.com),

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Thu Dec 03, 2009 16:57:02] Message ID: [17231]**

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

**First Name:** Muriel

**Last Name:** LaMois

**Street Address:** 15 W. Uhler ave.

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** Virginia

**Zip:** 22301

**Phone:** 703 350 7955

**Email Address:** mlamois12@wooster.edu

**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve

I can't believe the city is actually considering doing anything that would harm the Winkler Botanical Preserve, especially for something as extraneous as an exit ramp. The Winkler Preserve is a wonderful and incredibly unique resource to Alexandria. My favorite field trips in elementary and middle school were our trips to Winkler, and while I was fortunate enough to have other accesses to nature, there are many kids in ACPS who have no other way to experience nature on a level anywhere close to that provided by Winkler. The benefits of exposing kids to nature are numerous and undeniable and the city of Alexandria is incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing resource so close at hand. To destroy any part of it would deprive hundreds of kids of a rich learning experience that has stuck with myself and many of my classmates on a very personal level.



**Laurie Young**  
<ldyoungdesign@mindspring.com>

12/04/2009 08:34 AM

Please respond to  
Laurie Young  
<ldyoungdesign@mindspring.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Preservc the Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Fri Dec 04, 2009 08:34:00] Message ID: [17251]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Laurie  
**Last Name:** Young  
**Street Address:** 317 Ashby Street  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22305  
**Phone:** 703 519-8386  
**Email Address:** ldyoungdesign@mindspring.com  
**Subject:** Preserve the Winkler Preserve

Dear Mayor and Council Members,  
  
Please follow the Alexandria  
  
Transportation Commission's recommendation to help protect the Winkler  
  
Botanical Preserve  
from any VDOT plans for highway and exit improvements.

Not only has the Winkler been important to both of my children who  
have

**Comments:**

attended camps, field trips, and been summer counselor's, it make a  
profound difference to every child in Alexandria  
who attends public  
  
school. Students get outside and see native Virginia plants, butterflies,  
and flowers. They also are shown  
and use SOL relevant machines. What  
  
better way to learn than to do?

Sincerely,  
Laurie Young



**Marisa Reilly**  
<marisa.reilly@cmaa.org>

12/04/2009 10:34 AM

Please respond to  
Marisa Reilly  
<marisa.reilly@cmaa.org>

To [william.euille@alexandriava.gov](mailto:william.euille@alexandriava.gov), [frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov](mailto:frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov),  
[kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov](mailto:kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov), [alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov](mailto:alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov),  
[council@krupicka.com](mailto:council@krupicka.com), [delpepper@aol.com](mailto:delpepper@aol.com),

cc

bee

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Fri Dec 04, 2009 10:34:07] Message ID: [17258]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Marisa  
**Last Name:** Reilly  
**Street Address:** 6923 Victoria Dr. #E  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22310  
**Phone:** 703-739-9500  
**Email Address:** [marisa.reilly@cmaa.org](mailto:marisa.reilly@cmaa.org)

**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve  
Dear City of Alexandria,

I have lived in both the City of Alexandria and  
the outer perimeter for 45 years. There is way too much development that  
not only negatively impacts traffic but also the green space available. If  
we keep on the current path destroying the little green space we have left.

**Comments:** We will end up with a concrete jungle like areas the District of Columbia  
or New Jersey. Save the Winkler botanical Preserve, you must some times say  
no to growth to be right. Having spent many years voting and contributing  
to governmental funds to save parks and now the government wants to steal  
back what they promised and took funds to protect, not right. Protect the  
Winker Botanical Preserve!



**Nora Willkomm**  
<nw9930@students.acps.k12.va.us>

12/04/2009 11:17 AM

Please respond to  
Nora Willkomm  
<nw9930@students.acps.k12.va.us>  
s>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Fri Dec 04, 2009 11:17:23] Message ID: [17260]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Nora  
**Last Name:** Willkomm  
**Street Address:** 2508 Davis Ave

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** Virginia

**Zip:** 22302

**Phone:** 703-549-7584

**Email Address:** nw9930@students.acps.k12.va.us

**Subject:** Winkler Preserve  
Mayer, Vice Mayer, and Council Member of the city of Alexandria,  
I must

**Comments:**

express my shock and concern when I heard that there is are options  
proposed by the VDOT (to be decided on the 12th of this month) for a  
transport medium of which two proposals would either create a road crossing  
Winkler Preserve or destroy the park in favor of building exit ramps.

Considering that our city prides itself as being eco-friendly, the former  
harmful proposals should not be passed. As an attendee of Alexandria

Public Schools since Kindergarten, I have been able to benefit from  
programs at the preserve for the past twelve years, and it would be  
horrible not to offer the same oppurtunities to the students of the future.

Anyone who has had a love of the outdoors, discovery, or a peaceful place to  
excerise nurtured from going to the park should take it upon themselves to  
preserve Winkler.  
With due respect,

Nora Willkomm



Abby Cox  
<agcswim@comcast.net>

12/04/2009 01:17 PM

Please respond to  
Abby Cox  
<agcswim@comcast.net>

To: william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Fri Dec 04, 2009 13:17:17] Message ID: [17263]**

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

**First Name:** Abby

**Last Name:** Cox

**Street Address:** 334 N. Latham St

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 7034618505

**Email Address:** agcswim@comcast.net

**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve

I just heard the news about the option of destroying Winkler Preserve in order to accomodate traffic that will be caused from the new government building.

I am startled to hear of this because I have been on an educational field trip to Winkler every school year since Kindergarten. I remember each one of them and how they helped me develop as a person;

**Comments:** socially and educationally. The ropes course at Winkler is a fun way to create team building skills and leadership qualities. The field trips to Winkler that my peers and I went on were greatly anticipated and were always fun.

I want children of all ages to have to same educational experience as I did in elementary and middle school. Please consider my experiences at Winkler as a reason to save this beautiful place.





**Debbie Elnahas**  
<debelnahas@yahoo.com>

12/04/2009 01:27 PM

Please respond to  
Debbie Elnahas  
<debelnahas@yahoo.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Fri Dec 04, 2009 13:27:26] Message ID: [17264]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Debbie  
**Last Name:** Elnahas  
**Street Address:** 322 Cloudes Mill Drive  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Virginia  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703-350-3389  
**Email Address:** debelnahas@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Winkler Preserve  
Hello City Council,

I've recently heard that the VDOT / City Council  
were trying to find the best plan in which to put up an exit ramp from the  
DOD building next to Winkler. My first regret is that enough people did  
not come together to stop the approval of building the DOD by Winkler in  
the first place. As it stands now, it looks massive and outrageous. Not to  
mention what it is doing to the eco system next to it at Winkler.  
In any  
case, now you want to figure out what can be done about transporting  
employees to the building? It obviously appears that taking part of  
**Comments:** Winkler was always the intention. Citizens of Alexandria are fed up with  
how our city land is being destroyed especially when you talk about  
endangering a Nature Preserve. So, 'Enough Already'.  
I am one in a group  
of many that does not support taking even the littlest tiniest piece of  
Winkler.  
I certainly hope that City Council has heard the message of the

people of Alexandria and have enough integrity to represent the will of  
their constituents.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Elnahas



**Kathy Beaty**  
<kbbaumann@aol.com>

12/04/2009 03:27 PM

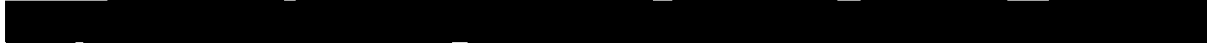
Please respond to  
Kathy Beaty  
<kbbaumann@aol.com>

To william.cuille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Save Winkler Preserve



**Time: [Fri Dec 04, 2009 15:27:09] Message ID: [17269]**

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

**First Name:** Kathy

**Last Name:** Beaty

**Street Address:** 4008 North Garland Street

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 703-75-4824

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

**Subject:** Save Winkler Preserve

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council:

I have three children

who have all enjoyed going to camp at the Winkler Preserve. There is nothing like Winkler in all of Alexandria.

Please save Winkler by

**Comments:** supporting the Alexandria Transportation Commission and the staff recommendations for BRAC traffic solutions.

It would be a shame if the

children of Alexandria were not able to utilize Winkler in the future. It is a very special place.

Kathy Beaty



Nick Greco  
<grecond@guilford.edu>

12/07/2009 01:11 AM

Please respond to  
Nick Greco  
<grecond@guilford.edu>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler

**Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 01:11:39] Message ID: [17327]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Nick  
**Last Name:** Greco  
**Street Address:** 1404 Oakcrest Dr.  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Virginia  
**Zip:** 22302  
**Phone:** 703-379-2494  
**Email Address:** grecond@guilford.edu  
**Subject:** Winkler

Dear Council Members,  
I am away from the City of Alexandria at Guilford

College in Greensboro, North Carolina as of now, so I am not 100% informed on this issue. From what I understand there is preposed project to put an exit ramp off of I-395 that would cut into part of the Winkler Preserve. On the car ride back from Guilford, one of the first sights when I enter the city limits is the Winkler Preserve. It is always a reassuring sight to see the place where I have spent countless hours of my childhood, as it was.

**Comments:** Obviously it would not be such a comforting sight to see a construction project on part of the preserve. It would mean a lot for me, my sister, and many of my friends back home in Alexandria to keep the Winkler Preserve as a place where children can go on adventures and learn about the eco-system, and where adults can break free from the city life and get lost in our little wooded get away with out ever leaving the city limits. Thank you.

-Nick Greco



**Christina Lytle**  
<tinalytle@aol.com>

12/07/2009 12:52 AM

Please respond to  
Christina Lytle  
<tinalytle@aol.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: WINKLER

**Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 00:52:21] Message ID: [17326]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Christina  
**Last Name:** Lytle  
**Street Address:** 3925 Colonel Ellis Ave.  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703-751-4004  
**Email Address:** tinalytle@aol.com  
**Subject:** WINKLER

I am writing to express my concern for the preservation of Winkler Botanical Preserve.

At your 12/12 meeting/hearing, Council needs to take the unanimous recommendation of the Transportation Commission which met on 12/2 to consider the issue. Any decision that will impact Winkler AT ALL is not acceptable.

I am a long-term resident of Alexandria--first Del Ray & now Seminary Ridge, former ACPS teacher, former MacArthur PTA president, school volunteer and mother of two daughters ages 8 and 12 years old. My daughters adore Winkler and have benefited tremendously from their experience there on school field trips and at summer camp. It is on their behalf, as well as for the many other children who visit Winkler yearly, that I ask for your support to ensure that Winkler isn't further harmed by this development project.

I

attended the 12/2 Transportation Commission hearing. The children who attended did a wonderful job making signs & speaking. They wore camp tshirts & shirts that said "save winkler." The children spoke simply about what Winkler means to them. They truly love Winkler & over 12000 of them get to visit at least 2-3 times each year through free school field trips that enrich the science curriculum. How does Council propose to replace this science curriculum/enrichment experience should Winkler have to reduce or eliminate their offerings to students?

When hearing children speak of Winkler, adults smile, but many don't really understand that the children are serious and are not being overdramatic. The kids tell their parents that Camp Winkler is the most important thing they want to do each summer. We parents do HANDSTANDS to get the camp application turned around the SAME DAY it arrives in our mailboxes. We arrange our entire family summer schedules based on which weeks which of our kids get into (hopefully) Camp Winkler. It is a life-changing, character-forming experience for our children. They are a wonderful reason for ALL of us to work hard to do whatever it takes to "Save Winkler."

One of my primary concerns is that folks may be listening to Mr. Donley's view of this issue. I completely disagree with his remarks for the News Channel 8 piece and was also concerned by Mr. Smedberg's recent remarks. Anyone who thinks that placing the ramp through or near the preserve will somehow relieve more traffic is very much mistaken. The best solution I've heard so far is to have a dedicated direct ramp ONLY for facility employees. This will also be significantly more secure. We want to keep as many of those 6300-6500 employees off our normal neighborhood roads as possible. I live just off of Seminary Road so this impacts me and my neighbors more than many other residents.

**Comments:**

I will not vote for any councilmember who does not make clear to VDOT that Winkler is OFF LIMITS. In less than a week, with very little effort, we

have over 1200 Friends of Winkler on our facebook page. Alexandria elections are often decided by VERY few votes. Before you consider voting for anything less than preserving ALL of Winkler, remember the 1200. Remember the 12000+ children each year who have had benefitted from their many visits to the Preserve.

On another note, I seriously question the judgement of anyone who thought putting that many employees anywhere other than near a metro station was a good idea. It is a shame that Jim Moran was unable to ultimately affect the placement of this facility. It's too late now, but if folks wouldn't get outraged back then, maybe Winkler can cause them to now. What is the point of encouraging the construction of "green" LEED certified buildings if you're destroying the environment to do it?

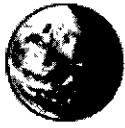
My neighbor, Dr. Robert Dobrzynski, was Mr.

Winkler's oncologist while he struggled and ultimately succumbed to leukemia years ago. They often discussed environmental issues and he often chided him as a developer since the Dr. has always been a strong environmentalist. Mr. Winkler personally assured Dr. Dobrzynski that he planned to preserve as much land as possible. Winkler Botanical Preserve is the result. Doing anything less than to protect the Preserve is completely against the wishes of Mr. Winkler.

Councilmembers can say

that the ultimate decision isn't yours to make, but you can also show some true leadership, do the right thing, and make it clear to VDOT that Winkler is to be protected. Do everything you can to protect it. Anything less is unacceptable.

Christina Lytle



**Alma Edgerly**  
<lloydsoft@msn.com>

12/06/2009 10:29 PM

Please respond to  
Alma Edgerly  
<lloydsoft@msn.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: I395 & Seminary Road Interchange Proposal

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 22:29:25] Message ID: [17325]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Alma  
**Last Name:** Edgerly  
**Street Address:** 315 Beverly Drive  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22305-1705  
**Phone:** 7035493535  
**Email Address:** lloydsoft@msn.com  
**Subject:** I395 & Seminary Road Interchange Proposal  
Please oppose any proposal for the I-395/Seminary Road interchange that cuts into or harms the Winkler Botanical Preserve. Please support the Alexandria Transportation Commission and Staff recommendations for BRAC traffic solutions.

Though my son attends Alexandria Country Day School, and unfortunately does not get to take advantage of the Winkler programs for public school children, he has attended various camps at the Preserve for many years. This past year he has been a counselor-in-training for  
**Comments:** both the Winkler Spring Break camp and a week of summer camp. By far, the camps offered by Winkler are the best he has ever attended. The staff is first rate, and the facility is remarkable. It's an oasis within an urban landscape.  
There is so little green space in Alexandria, and the Winkler Preserve provides so much, both to our environment and our children and youth. Please oppose any plan that would cause harm to the



Preserve.

Thank you.



**Jennifer Archer**  
<jennydarcher@yahoo.com>

12/06/2009 10:08 PM

Please respond to  
Jennifer Archer  
<jennydarcher@yahoo.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
eouncil@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com.

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Save Winkler

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 22:08:23] Message ID: [17323]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Jennifer  
**Last Name:** Archer  
**Street Address:** 3208 Circle Hill Road  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Virginia  
**Zip:** 22305  
**Phone:** 703-548-6744  
**Email Address:** jennydarcher@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Save Winkler  
Do not disturb Winkler in solving transportation issues around 395 and Seminary Road. It is a wonderful natural area that provides a great many services to the Alexandria community, its schools and youth in general. My children attended many camps and school field trips at Winkler that were instrumental to their education. Thank you.



Mary Clark <oak646@aol.com>

12/06/2009 09:50 PM

Please respond to  
Mary Clark <oak646@aol.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alieia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: PRESERVE WINKLER PRESERVE

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 21:50:35] Message ID: [17322]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Mary  
**Last Name:** Clark  
**Street Address:** 646 Oakland Terrace  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22302  
**Phone:** 703 684-7410  
**Email Address:** oak646@aol.com  
**Subject:** PRESERVE WINKLER PRESERVE

I just learned of a proposal by VDOT to either destroy the Winkler Preserve entirely, or partially to make way for a highway ramp to accommodate

commuters to the new military installation to be built in the area. In the

past 10 or so years, the city of Alexandria has given up so many precious

acres of trees and green spaces for the development of townhouses and

condominiums on properties previously occupied by the Cameron Station

Army Base and by the railroads at Potomac Yards. The decision to locate

the new army annex in Alexandria happened very quickly without much chance

for public opposition.

As a government employee, I know how important it

is for federal employees to have access to public transportation. The

**Comments:** location of this new military installation does not accommodate employees with convenient public transportation. To make up for this, the city is

once again forgoing another opportunity to save not only just "green  
space" but a beautifully preserved  
nature park for which the Winkler  
family generously spent an incredible amount of time and money. In the  
years the Winkler  
Preserve has existed, I personally know of hundreds of  
families, including our own, who have benefitted tremendously from  
attending the camps and visiting the beautiful preserve. Please  
reconsider and make the right decision this time ---  
**PRESERVE the WINKLER**  
**PRESERVE.**



**Mike Miller**  
<jmm@episcopalhighschool.org>  
>

12/06/2009 09:12 PM

Please respond to  
Mike Miller  
<jmm@episcopalhighschool.org>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, dclpepper@aol.com,  
cc  
bcc  
Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 21:12:03] Message ID: [17321]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Mike  
**Last Name:** Miller  
**Street Address:** 1200 N Quaker Lane  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22302  
**Phone:** 703-379-6180  
**Email Address:** jmm@episcopalhighschool.org  
**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

My daughter in the 5th grade at Douglas MacArthur has made several trips a year to Winkler and these trips have been an important part of her education. In addition I have spent quite a few hours there on family walks and consider its natural beauty and setting one of the jewels of Alexandria. It would be a shame to impact its boundaries and thus its function in any way with highway construction. I would urge the city to oppose the plans to disrupt the preserve with highway construction.



**Shaanon Lindauer**  
<lindauer01@aol.com>

12/06/2009 07:29 PM

Please respond to  
Shaanon Lindauer  
<lindauer01@aol.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Please Stop the Plan to Build through Winkler

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 19:29:16] Message ID: [17320]**

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

**First Name:** Shaanon

**Last Name:** Lindauer

**Street Address:** 2728 Fort Drive

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22303

**Phone:** 703-599-0768

**Email Address:** lindauer01@aol.com

**Subject:** Please Stop the Plan to Build through Winkler

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley, Vice Mayor Donley, Councilman

Fannon, Councilman Fannon, Councilwoman Hughes, Councilwoman Hughes,

Councilman Krupicka, Councilman Krupicka, Councilwoman Pepper,

Councilwoman Pepper, Councilman Smedberg, Councilman Smedberg:

I am

writing to make a request of you, our elected officials. Please do not

allow a short term traffic solution to destroy the pristine ecosystem at

the Winkler Preserve (note the word "preserve"). It is one of

**Comments:** the few remaining in our city. Children use that precious space as an

outside classroom to learn about the natural world. We humans have done

enough damage in pursuit of unsustainable things (like more cars on the

road). It will take more than 100 years to restore even minor destruction

in this priceless habitat. Please take time to find another solution to

the BRAC traffic. I know you can do this; it will be a legacy in the

end.

Respectfully,  
Shanon Lindauer



**Joann Kotsarelis**  
<kotsarelis@verizon.net>

12/06/2009 07:17 PM

Please respond to  
Joann Kotsarelis  
<kotsarelis@verizon.net>

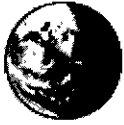
To: william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,  
cc:  
bec  
Subject: COA Contact Us: Friends of Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 19:17:01] Message ID: [17318]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Joann  
**Last Name:** Kotsarelis  
**Street Address:** 1225 Martha Custis Drive  
Apt 1013  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22302  
**Phone:** 703-998-5942  
**Email Address:** kotsarelis@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Friends of Winkler Botanical Preserve  
I urge you to vote against the construction of a 395 exit road through this  
oasis in the middle of Alexandria. A road would devastate the ecosystem.

**Comments:** This is an opportunity to protect the planet in our own back yard.  
Alexandria residents need this preserve intact.  
Thank you!  
Joann  
  
Kotsarelis





**Channing Huhn**  
<channing46@msn.com>

12/06/2009 04:28 PM

Please respond to  
Channing Huhn  
<channing46@msn.com>

To: william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,  
cc  
bcc  
Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 16:28:45] Message ID: [17315]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Channing  
**Last Name:** Huhn  
**Street Address:** 5974 Wilton Road  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22310  
**Phone:** 2022302211  
**Email Address:** channing46@msn.com  
**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve  
Although I do not live within the City of Alexandria limits, I am hoping  
you will do everything in your power to SAVE WINKLER!  
Even taking a  
**Comments:**  
small part of this area for a roadway will disrupt this wonderful  
environment.



**Madeline Mitchell**  
<daveandmaddy@netzero.net>

12/06/2009 03:12 PM

Please respond to  
Madeline Mitchell  
<daveandmaddy@nctzcro.net>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

---

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 15:12:54] Message ID: [17314]**

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

**First Name:** Madeline

**Last Name:** Mitchell

**Street Address:** 1105 N. Howard Street

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304

**Phone:** 703 370-7145

**Email Address:** daveandmaddy@netzero.net

**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

Please do not allow them to destroy this beautiful piece of green space  
that we have in our community. Both of my children have been to Winkler

**Comments:** many times and have enjoyed each and every visit. Please save this  
important part of our city.

Thank you!



**Cristina Jubin**  
<caragona@comcast.net>

12/06/2009 03:01 PM

Please respond to  
Cristina Jubin  
<caragona@comcast.net>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 15:01:19] Message ID: [17313]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Cristina  
**Last Name:** Jubin  
**Street Address:** 221 South Lee Street  
Alexandria, Va 22314  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Va  
**Zip:** 22314  
**Phone:** 703-549-2414  
**Email Address:** caragona@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

I am writing on behalf of the Winkler Botanical Preserve. The Preserve has been a magical place for my two children for years. I can honestly say it is the one camp that excites them each year! However, Winkler is more than a camp. The children learn life-long lessons: working as a team, respecting nature and other campers; learning confidence in their ability to try new things; exploring art. The list can go on and on. IF a portion of the camp's land is taken these lessons for all children will be seriously compromised. We as a society must learn to value Preserves like Winkler so that our children will have the ability to discover things about themselves that, in the long run, will benefit the whole of society.

Creative solutions are what the VDOT should look for. The easy answer is to take away something that gives back a thousand times.

Sincerely,

Cristina Jubin



Ann Bruno <pibbster@aol.com>

12/06/2009 02:52 PM

Please respond to  
Ann Bruno <pibbster@aol.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler

---

Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 14:52:20] Message ID: [17312]

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

**First Name:** Ann

**Last Name:** Bruno

**Street Address:** 115 West Maple Street

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22301

**Phone:** 703-836-1099

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

**Subject:** Winkler

Is NOTHING sacred any more? Is it impossible to keep green space in this  
city?? You are ruining Alexandria with all the building...

**Comments:** Please stop

the building on Winkler's land and leave the preserve in tact.

Ann Bruno



Jane Hipp <jghipp@aol.com>

12/06/2009 02:38 PM

Please respond to  
Jane Hipp <jghipp@aol.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Perserve

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 14:38:09] Message ID: [17311]**

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

**First Name:** Jane

**Last Name:** Hipp

**Street Address:** 809 N QUaker Lane

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22302

**Phone:** 703-212-8596

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

**Subject:** Winkler Perserve

The proposed change to I-395's exit ramp will take away a significant education tool for the children of Alexandria. The perserve is used by the Alexandria City schools to educate our children about nature, habitats and much more. Change the exit ramps in such a manner that will deplete or destroy this valuable city asset is unthinkable.

If the education of

our children is not sufficient enough to ensure your vote against such a change, please consider the fact that the Preserve is a vital part of the City approved 2004 RPA Buffer Zone for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. VDOT's

**Comments:** proposal would slice completely through and remove this buffer zone.

It is important that each of you vote against these changes and keep the Perseve in tact as it is today. Voting for progress and change in this area would be a vote against an important educational resource and would be harmful to the established Buffer Zone for the Chesapeake Bay

Watershed.

To learn more

visit

<http://www.friendsofwinkler.org/FactSheet.aspx>



**Beth DeLucenay**  
<delucenay@comcast.net>

12/06/2009 01:35 PM

Please respond to  
Beth DeLuccnay  
<delucenay@comcast.net>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, dclpepper@aol.com.

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Nature Preserve

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 13:35:13] Message ID: [17310]**

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

**First Name:** Beth

**Last Name:** DeLucenay

**Street Address:** 307 W. Masonic View

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22301

**Phone:** 703-548-1115

**Email Address:** delucenay@comcast.net

**Subject:** Winkler Nature Preserve

I would like to share my opinion with you regarding the potential VDOT changes to the intersection near Seminary to serve the new DOD building and its potential impact on the Winkler Nature Preserve. It is my strong feeling that Winkler is an Alexandria treasure. It is a unique oasis in an urban world. Their programs to teach children about nature are without parallel in the city limits. It is VERY important it is to keep the Winkler Botanical Preserve completely intact. The preserve cannot lose any space. Any proposal that does not leave the preserve untouched is detrimental to the space.

Thank you for supporting the very type of place that makes Alexandria a world class city.





**Jack Fitzsimmons**  
<jpf5vu@virginia.edu>

12/06/2009 01:19 PM

Please respond to  
Jack Fitzsimmons  
<jpf5vu@virginia.edu>

To [william.euille@alexandriava.gov](mailto:william.euille@alexandriava.gov), [frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov](mailto:frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov),  
[kcrry.donley@alexandriava.gov](mailto:kcrry.donley@alexandriava.gov), [alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov](mailto:alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov),  
[council@krupicka.com](mailto:council@krupicka.com), [delpepper@aol.com](mailto:delpepper@aol.com),

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 13:19:24] Message ID: [17309]**

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

**First Name:** Jack

**Last Name:** Fitzsimmons

**Street Address:** 406 Janneys Lane

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22302

**Phone:** 703-549-2430

**Email Address:** [jpf5vu@virginia.edu](mailto:jpf5vu@virginia.edu)

**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

I started going to the nature camp at Winkler when I was 8 years old and went there every summer I was allowed. I even was a CIT for a year at the camp. I grew up on those weeks at Winkler and couldn't possibly imagine how much different my childhood years would have been without it. You would be depriving the children of our city a great opportunity to get out and experience nature in the preserve if VDOT is allowed to turn it into an exit ramp. I would have figured that of all people, the Alexandria City Council would never do anything that could negatively affect the environment, but that just goes to show how little a decision to harm Winkler would make sense. I thank you for taking the time to read and consider my message.



**Wes Hetrick**  
<weshetrick@live.com>

12/06/2009 12:56 PM

Please respond to  
Wes Hetrick  
<weshetrick@live.com>

To [william.euille@alexandriava.gov](mailto:william.euille@alexandriava.gov), [frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov](mailto:frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov),  
[kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov](mailto:kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov), [alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov](mailto:alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov),  
[council@krupicka.com](mailto:council@krupicka.com), [dclpepper@aol.com](mailto:dclpepper@aol.com),

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

---

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 12:56:57] Message ID: [17308]**

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

**First Name:** Wes

**Last Name:** Hetrick

**Street Address:** 13109 Shadowbrook Lane

**City:** Fairfax

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22033

**Phone:** 703-502-0543

**Email Address:** [weshetrick@live.com](mailto:weshetrick@live.com)

**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

I couldn't believe it when I heard that Winkler was being considered for destruction by VDOT. It's like suggesting an Interstate through Yosemite.

Winkler as a treasure of the entire DC area should be off limits to any proposed use other than its natural role.

Your personal service to the

City of Alexandria is an opportunity to affect the entire area. As

**Comments:** individuals our opportunities are limited and only come during a short timespan in our lives. But what we do with those opportunities lives on long after us. In this case I believe Winkler is a priceless heritage for us and for generations to come. I urge you not to sacrifice Winkler for a short-term expedient: Those generations will never forgive us if we lose this part of their natural environment.

Wes Hetrick



**Meredith Barbour**  
<amjbarbour@verizon.net>

12/06/2009 11:33 AM

Please respond to  
Meredith Barbour  
<amjbarbour@verizon.net>

To: william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,  
cc  
bcc  
Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 11:33:24] Message ID: [17307]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Meredith  
**Last Name:** Barbour  
**Street Address:** 108 East Howell Avenue  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703 2996182  
**Email Address:** amjbarbour@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve

Please do your best to support any reasonable alternative that keeps

Winkler Botanical Preserve completely untouched from its current state.

Our family loves going on hikes at Winkler and when we first visited the

Preseve we were in disbelief that such a jewel could be so close to our

home. Our son has enjoyed field trips there and has spent two wonderful

weeks of his summer at their camp, where he has tested his faith in

**Comments:** himself by conquering ropes courses and zip lines and where his love of

nature has been increased by Winkler's beautiful setting and knowing staff.

The educational and free services that Winkler provides the Alexandria

City Schools are an incredible and free bonus that all students love and

learn from. Thank you for your attention to this matter, feel free to

contact me if you have any questions about my position.



**Josephine Hyman**  
<jojomasc@aol.com>

12/06/2009 11:25 AM

Please respond to  
Josephine Hyman  
<jojomasc@aol.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: AGAINST VDOT plans to alter the Preserve

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 11:25:02] Message ID: [17306]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Josephine  
**Last Name:** Hyman  
**Street Address:** 400 Carlisle Drive  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22301  
**Phone:** 703-549-6459  
**Email Address:** jojomasc@aol.com  
**Subject:** AGAINST VDOT plans to alter the Preserve  
We are against altering Winkler Botanical Preserve for the purposes of  
VDOT's expansion of the VA 395 ramp. This Preserve is an asset to VA and  
benefits the children of Alexandria and Fairfax County. It is a gem and an  
**Comments:** environment for children to learn about nature and Preserving Nature...NOT  
ALTERING WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT TO THE GOVERNMENT! This negates what  
Winkler is all about.



**Bertie Descaunets**  
<bdesc@yahoo.com>

12/06/2009 10:15 AM

Please respond to  
Bertie Descaunets  
<bdesc@yahoo.com>

To [william.euille@alexandriava.gov](mailto:william.euille@alexandriava.gov), [frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov](mailto:frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov),  
[kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov](mailto:kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov), [alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov](mailto:alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov),  
[council@krupicka.com](mailto:council@krupicka.com), [delpepper@aol.com](mailto:delpepper@aol.com),

cc

bee

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

---

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 10:15:58] Message ID: [17304]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Bertie  
**Last Name:** Descaunets  
**Street Address:** 1225 Martha Custis Dr.  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22302  
**Phone:** 7038450313  
**Email Address:** [bdesc@yahoo.com](mailto:bdesc@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve  
I urge you to vote against the construction of a 395 exit road through this wonderful oasis in the middle of Alexandria. A road would devastate the ecosystem.  
This is an opportunity to protect the planet in our own back yard . It may seem like a small issue, but ignoring this is how our planet is being destroyed--one small area at a time. Alexandria is a very densely populated area; its residents need this preserve... intact.  
Thank you,  
Bertie Descaunets  
[bdesc@yahoo.com](mailto:bdesc@yahoo.com)



**Cindy Hart**  
<chriscindyhart@aol.com>

12/06/2009 09:42 AM

Please respond to  
Cindy Hart  
<chriscindyhart@aol.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
eouncil@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Changes to Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 09:42:57] Message ID: [17303]**

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

**First Name:** Cindy

**Last Name:** Hart

804 Circle Terrace

**Street Address:**

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22302

**Phone:** 703-739-1541

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

**Subject:** Changes to Winkler Botanical Preserve

I am aware that VDOT has a proposed exit ramp off of I395 which will have a

negative impact on the Winkler Botanical Preserve. I am very opposed to

this plan. As a 19-year resident of Alexandria and the parent of 7

children, I can say that open, natural, and wooded spaces are already way

too rare in Alexandria. Our family has always enjoyed this preserve as a

little

get-away from the urban environment of our city. Some of our kids

**Comments:** have gone to camp there. And many children in the city benefit from this

beautiful setting through visits with their schools. Many of these

students don't have other alternatives that can replace this experience.

I strongly feel that any proposal that impacts the preserve should be discarded.

Thank you,  
Cindy Hart



**brenda becker**  
<mack8214@aol.com>

12/06/2009 09:28 AM

Please respond to  
brenda becker  
<mack8214@aol.com>

To [william.euille@alexandriava.gov](mailto:william.euille@alexandriava.gov), [frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov](mailto:frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov),  
[kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov](mailto:kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov), [alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov](mailto:alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov),  
[council@krupicka.com](mailto:council@krupicka.com), [delpepper@aol.com](mailto:delpepper@aol.com),

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Sun Dec 06, 2009 09:28:56] Message ID: [17302]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** brenda  
**Last Name:** becker  
**Street Address:** 8214 mack st  
**City:** alexandria  
**State:** va  
**Zip:** 22308  
**Phone:** 703-765-9454  
**Email Address:** mack8214@aol.com  
**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve  
To whom is may concern:

I am writing today to oppose any plan that will have a negative impact on the Winkler Botanical Preserve.

My children have participated in the programs at the Preserve for many years and it is one place in Alexandria and the area that teaches them about appreciating the environment. It is a unique sanctuary where they can get close to nature and take in all it has to offer.

My daughter and son have been campers as well as counselors in training at the Preserve and have been taught leadership and responsibility skills that have been important in their development as individuals. This is a special place for our youth and strongly encourage you to find other alternatives to you plans.

**Comments:**



I understand the traffic congestion and challenges you face in the city of Alexandria and sensitive to these tough issues. However, the Winkler

Preserve is a "diamond in the rough" and do not believe it should be compromised.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration.

Sincerely,

Brenda Becker



**Bonnie Amato**  
<amatobj@gmail.com>

12/05/2009 09:38 PM

Please respond to  
Bonnie Amato  
<amatobj@gmail.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Leave Winkler Preserve Along

**Time: [Sat Dec 05, 2009 21:38:35] Message ID: [17292]**

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

**First Name:** Bonnie

**Last Name:** Amato

**Street Address:** 300 Crown View Dr

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22314

**Phone:** 703-608-7883

**Email Address:** amatobj@gmail.com

**Subject:** Leave Winkler Preserve Along

I would ask that you do not support any recommendation to VDOT that touches any part of the Winkler Preserve.

The preserve is already too small

for the community for which it serves. The demand for more real life learning for children is more than ever and Winkler is one of the few places that can make that come true for local children.

Regarding

traffic. The BRAC unit will cause a mess in traffic with our without this exit. Please note, there are PLENTY of available houses, condominiums and

**Comments:** apartments in Alexandria for a significant portion of the BRAC employees to live that would not impact traffic.

Finally, let's think 15 years from

now. You can't recreate the preserve....but remote or virtual or home office employment is going to be more of the norm than it is today. We are fixing what is a decreasing problem (traffic patterns) while the big

picutre of our global economy is looming and we will have to embrace remote employment - which will not cause traffic issues. Please keep the idea of enivorment at the forefront of your decision.

Thank you, Bonnie



**Rebecca Gallahue**  
<blueshadow8@earthlink.net>

12/05/2009 07:52 PM

Please respond to  
Rebecca Gallahue  
<blueshadow8@earthlink.net>

To: william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject: COA Contact Us: Save the Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Sat Dec 05, 2009 19:52:00] Message ID: [17291]**

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

**First Name:** Rebecca

**Last Name:** Gallahue

**Street Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email Address:** blueshadow8@earthlink.net

**Subject:** Save the Winkler Preserve  
Dear City Officials,

I am writing to you to request that you do not pass any measure that would threaten the Winkler Botanical Preserve in any way. Fro many years, I was a camper and a CIT at the summer camp the preserve hosted, and I fondly remember my time spent there. The firsthand lessons about nature were invaluable as they taught me the importance of conserving our resources and preserving our wildlife in this day and age, a time when the effects of many of our actions are wrecking entire lands.

I believe the lines posted below from the Counting Crows song,

"Big Yellow Taxi", will help me to more lyrically get my point

across:

"Don't it always seem to go  
That you don't know what you

**Comments:**

got till it's gone  
They paved paradise and put up a parking

lot"

Please do not pave this paradise to put up an exit ramp. By saving the Winkler Preserve, you will be sending the message that unchecked development is certainly not an answer to global warming. You will be saving a place and make its invaluable lessons available to future generations.

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

Sincerely,

Rebecca Gallahue



**Megan Epperson**  
<Meepperson@aol.com>

12/05/2009 03:38 PM

Please respond to  
Megan Epperson  
<Meepperson@aol.com>

To: william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject: COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Sat Dec 05, 2009 15:38:24] Message ID: [17290]**

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

**First Name:** Megan

**Last Name:** Epperson

**Street Address:** 514 Fontaine Street

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22302

**Phone:** 703 966-3680

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

**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve

I am sending this e-mail to let the city know that I oppose any proposal

that would harm or destroy a part of the Winkler Botanical Preserve.

This preserve has been a place for children and adults alike to come and

enjoy a natural atmosphere that is apart from any other in Alexandria.

It is a place for children of all ages to come and learn about the

environment in a hands-on way that they simply cannot have anywhere else.

As a child I grew up going to many of these camps, and taking many field

**Comments:**

trips in school to the preserve. I know myself as well as the hundreds of

kids that have been given opportunities as such have benefitted

immensely. It is also a haven for species of plants, insects, and other

small animals, many of which depend of the preserve as their only habitat

in the area. I sincerely ask that you do not harm or destroy any part of

this .  
property.  
Respectfully,  
Megan Epperson



**Donna Gold**  
<djaygold@comcast.net>

12/05/2009 02:59 PM

Please respond to  
Donna Gold  
<djaygold@comcast.net>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler is Important

**Time: [Sat Dec 05, 2009 14:59:47] Message ID: [17288]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Donna  
**Last Name:** Gold  
**Street Address:** 2908 Richmond Lane  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Virginia  
**Zip:** 22305  
**Phone:** 703- 684-6006  
**Email Address:** djaygold@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Winkler is Important

Gentlemen and Gentlewomen:  
I implore you to do all you can to preserve

this local treasure. I am reminded of an old movie called Silent Running.

The earth  
had no more room for forests so they put them in orbit manned  
by astronauts living in space to care for them until such time  
as people

could figure out an alternative of what to do with them. In the end,

people forgot the forests and the astronauts  
received word to destroy

them. If we provide no room for nature of the kind that can be found at

Winkler -- close by, natural,  
well-preserved -- than we will lose

**Comments:** something of what makes us human. Each step in that direction causes us  
to lose some of  
what is special in the world.

Many people care for

Winkler because it has been a place where our kids have thrived in nature



and creativity. No part of it  
should be touched. As it is, the huge

monstrosity that is being built near it will have a significant impact. It

should suffer no  
more indignities that will impact this delicate

ecosystem.

Thank you, Donna Gold



**James Byron**  
<jebyron3@gmail.com>

12/05/2009 02:10 PM

Please respond to  
James Byron  
<jebyron3@gmail.com>

To [william.euille@alexandriava.gov](mailto:william.euille@alexandriava.gov), [frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov](mailto:frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov),  
[kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov](mailto:kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov), [alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov](mailto:alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov),  
[council@krupicka.com](mailto:council@krupicka.com), [delpepper@aol.com](mailto:delpepper@aol.com),

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Saving Winkler Botanical Preserve

---

**Time: [Sat Dec 05, 2009 14:10:18] Message ID: [17287]**

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

**First Name:** James

**Last Name:** Byron

**Street Address:** 607 Beverley Dr

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22305

**Phone:** 7036088178

**Email Address:** jebyron3@gmail.com

**Subject:** Saving Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Comments:**

Please don't allow for the destruction of any portion of Winkler Botanical Preserve. Though I am now in college, my love of nature and respect for the quickly disappearing wildernesses of this country stems from my experiences at Winkler. I spent multiple summers, numerous elementary and middle school field trips, and even my free time at the preserve appreciating the beauty and solitude that it offered. In a day and age where video games, the internet, and TV dominate the minds of children, we cannot afford to destroy the last affordable opportunity for them to develop an appreciation of our natural world. If anything, we need more peaceful quiet places like Winkler to teach the youth of Alexandria to reflect and think away from the influences of technology and our urban existence. Thanks.



**Tatiana Gold**  
<goldhorse@comcast.net>

12/05/2009 12:37 PM

Please respond to  
Tatiana Gold  
<goldhorse@comcast.net>

To: william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alieia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject: COA Contact Us: Save Winkler

**Time: [Sat Dec 05, 2009 12:37:19] Message ID: [17283]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Tatiana  
**Last Name:** Gold  
**Street Address:** 2908 Richmond Lane  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** Virginia  
**Zip:** 22305  
**Phone:** 703- 684-6006  
**Email Address:** goldhorse@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Save Winkler

I agree with many other people that Winkler Botanical Preserve should NOT  
be destroyed just for some backup route for  
traffic on Seminary Road. My

elementary school took us there for many free field trips and every kid

enjoyed them. Since I  
was seven years old, I have been doing their camps

which I very much enjoy. Now that I am eleven years old, I cannot attend

next year, I could only be what they call a C.I.T which stands for

**Comments:** Counselor In Training. That was my goal I wanted to reach up  
to when I

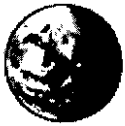
had my turn. But now VDOT wants to destroy it with a road. This is a very

special place to not only me, but every  
person I know.

DONT DESTROY

WINKLER.

Sincerely,  
Tatiana Gold, 11



**Margo Williams**  
<mjw1021@gmail.com>

12/05/2009 11:29 AM

Please respond to  
Margo Williams  
<mjw1021@gmail.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alieia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler



**Time: [Sat Dec 05, 2009 11:29:00] Message ID: [17282]**

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

**First Name:** Margo

**Last Name:** Williams

**Street Address:** 102 W Bellefonte Ave

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22301

**Phone:** 703-683-2417

**Email Address:** mjw1021@gmail.com

**Subject:** Winkler

Winkler gives a lot to Alexandria. They provide countless hours of

education to the children of our schools - every elementary school in the

city that is. They are an amazing oasis amidst high rises and highways for

hiking and natural beauty. They provide trees to counteract all that

traffic. Please do not encroach AT ALL on the preserve. Choose the option

that avoids cutting any trees or shrubs from Winkler's property. The

City of Alexandria has sold every piece of green space so Winkler is a

**Comments:**

treasure that should be protected.

It's not their fault that someone

decided to build a huge building without thinking about how the occupants would access it.

They should have thought of that when building the

building in the first place.

Please recommend to VDOT to leave Winkler

alone. The children and community thank you.



Cynthia and Charles Evans  
<cynthiaevans52@gmail.com>

12/05/2009 10:47 AM

Please respond to  
Cynthia and Charles Evans  
<cynthiaevans52@gmail.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserve

**Time: [Sat Dec 05, 2009 10:47:59] Message ID: [17281]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Cynthia and Charles  
**Last Name:** Evans  
**Street Address:** 1211 Saint Stephens Road  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 7033703113  
**Email Address:** cynthiaevans52@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserve

Dear Mayor Euille and Council members:

As a life-long Democrat, I am

sharing with you the message I just posted on my neighborhood list serve.

I am truly sick and tired of the actions over the last 15-20 years that have irrevocably changed the feel of Alexandria. Driving into Old Town on Duke Street now feels like driving along a street in New York City or, worse, being in a tunnel by virtue of being surrounded by such tall buildings. Green space is being destroyed to add houses/high density condos and more people which leads to more cars and congestion without any plan to solve those issues. Cars routinely speed at 50-60 mph on Seminary Road these days as evidenced by the flashing speed signs. There is little evidence of any attempt to stop those speeders.

What in the world are

you thinking? The only time anyone appears responsive to the citizens of this city is when you are running for re-election. Please see my message

below. Our neighbors and many others are not happy to say the least.

**Comments:** <Thanks for the update, Tina. Unfortunately, it is not surprising to hear Mr. Donley's remark. He and many who continue to sit on the City Council, never met a developer they didn't like. They also tend to approve projects without thinking through the long-term implications on our quality of life here in Alexandria and then say, "Oops, so sorry. We won't make that mistake again." Next thing you know, there they are doing it all over again. In my humble opinion, this entire project falls into that category.

The lack of respect for the citizens of the city is appalling as is the judgment (or lack thereof) of those we elected. I suppose we do get what we deserve if we elect these folks.>

I hope

you will not choose to destroy any part of the fragile eco-system at Winkler. The construction adjacent to the preserve is bad enough. Do not compound that error with another faulty decision. Have you completed an impact statement? Has it been published? Are you complying with NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act which requires that all Federal projects have an impact statement before they can be approved)? Any run-off from the project that goes into the wetland and does not go directly into a storm sewer is a violation of the Clean Water Act.

Regards,  
Cynthia and

Charels Evans



**Mark & Maureen Williams**  
<markwilliams@yahoo.com>

12/05/2009 10:45 AM

Please respond to  
Mark & Maureen Williams  
<markwilliams@yahoo.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Sat Dec 05, 2009 10:45:36] Message ID: [17280]**

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

**First Name:** Mark & Maureen

**Last Name:** Williams

**Street Address:** 100 Cameron Station Blvd

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22304-7737

**Phone:** 703 370 3536

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

**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

We write as City residents, members of several municipal and civic organizations, City homeowners, and as the parents of a child enrolled in the Alexandria City Public School system.

Please do not select the

highway construction option that would destroy, or effectively render unavailable, any of the Winkler preserve. Our daughter is regularly there with her classmates, and she appreciates even more than we do this last

**Comments:** non-"park" swath of natural, open space within the City.

Winkler is irreplaceable. If any of it is lost, nothing like it will ever be available again, which effectively makes your vote on this matter permanent.

Many thanks -

Maureen, Mark and Clare Williams





**Martha Byron**  
<msbyron@comcast.net>

12/05/2009 10:26 AM

Please respond to  
Martha Byron  
<msbyron@comcast.net>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: preserving Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Sat Dec 05, 2009 10:26:39] Message ID: [17279]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Martha  
**Last Name:** Byron  
**Street Address:** 607 Beverley Drive  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22305  
**Phone:** 703-518-8461  
**Email Address:** msbyron@comcast.net  
**Subject:** preserving Winkler Preserve  
Please do not allow for destruction of the Winkler Botanical Preserve. My children are in college, now, and it was an integral part of their love of nature and their respect for the wilderness areas in the country. I could have afforded to take them to other places to develop an appreciation of our natural world, but there are many families whose only affordable access  
**Comments:** to undeveloped land is what Alexandria can offer for free and nearby. We need these areas to teach children how to respect and appreciate their environment. We need peaceful quiet places to teach them to reflect and think away from the influences of technology and our urban existence.  
Please. Thanks.



Kevin Lu <klusps@gmail.com>

12/05/2009 01:19 AM

Please respond to  
Kevin Lu <klusps@gmail.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

---

**Time: [Sat Dec 05, 2009 01:19:51] Message ID: [17278]**

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

**First Name:** Kevin

**Last Name:** Lu

**Street Address:** 5929 Quantrell Ave. #103

**City:** Alexandria

**State:** Virginia

**Zip:** 22312

**Phone:** 703-337-5806

**Email Address:** klusps@gmail.com

**Subject:** Winkler Preserve

Hello, my name is Kevin, and I'm sending this email in regards to the Winkler Preserve.

As a student growing up in Alexandria, I spent a lot of time in the Winkler Preserve on field trips during my childhood. It's grown to become a place that brings pleasing memories. I remember the fun I used to have, walking through the pristine forest trail surrounded by everything natural and pure. It has been a place that brings me

**Comments:** peace.

As a recent graduate from the supposedly "green" high school, T.C. Williams, I'm surprised that the city would consider tearing down a part of the preserve for an exit ramp. Why did we decide to use our tax money to build a green school if we can't even preserve Winkler? I'm against any actions that would harm the preserve, and would be happy if you would consider this. Thank you for taking the time to read this.



**Jesse Schaffer**  
<jscha032@odu.edu>

12/05/2009 01:01 AM

Please respond to  
Jesse Schaffer  
<jscha032@odu.edu>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Botanical Preserves

**Time: [Sat Dec 05, 2009 01:01:42] Message ID: [17277]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Jesse  
**Last Name:** Schaffer  
**Street Address:** 494 Naylor Pl  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22304  
**Phone:** 703 8230998x  
**Email Address:** jscha032@odu.edu  
**Subject:** Winkler Botanical Preserves  
Please, keep winkler alive. its the only thing that we remember from  
**Comments:** elementary and middle school.



Joan Kelsch  
<Joankelsch@msn.com>

12/04/2009 10:36 PM

Please respond to  
Joan Kelsch  
<Joankelsch@msn.com>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Save the Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Fri Dec 04, 2009 22:36:12] Message ID: [17275]**

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

**First Name:** Joan

**Last Name:** Kelsch

**Street Address:** 1708 N. Barton Street

**City:** Arlington

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 22201

**Phone:** 703-522-1322

**Email Address:** Joankelsch@msn.com

**Subject:** Save the Winkler Preserve

I am writing in support of the Winkler Botanical Preserve and to strongly encourage you NOT to support building an exit ramp through this invaluable property in Alexandria. Although I live in Arlington, the Winkler Preserve has been a favorite hiking location and summer camp experience for my children. In our urban environment we desperately need these little oases of nature. Winkler is uniquely located to provide "urban kids" with a natural experience. There is a growing body of scientific study indicating that people, and kids in particular, need contact with nature to be physically and emotionally healthy. Winkler's location near multi-family housing and near urban Alexandria and Arlington make it an invaluable community resource.

**Comments:**

Please find another alternative for the proposed exit ramp that does not destroy this jewel in our community. Protecting Winkler would be a very visible commitment to Alexandria's reputation as an Eco-City.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joan

Kelsch



**Dorothy Mulligan**  
<dmulligan4@comcast.net>

12/04/2009 09:21 PM

Please respond to  
Dorothy Mulligan  
<dmulligan4@comcast.net>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Preserve

**Time: [Fri Dec 04, 2009 21:21:42] Message ID: [17273]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Dorothy  
**Last Name:** Mulligan  
**Street Address:** 1104 TrinityDrive  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22314  
**Phone:** 703-220-1213  
**Email Address:** dmulligan4@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Winkler Preserve  
Please don't let the Winkler Preserve be harmed. It is a vital asset to our  
**Comments:** city.



**Jaclyn Bergeron**  
<angelitab@comcast.net>

12/04/2009 05:37 PM

Please respond to  
Jaclyn Bergeron  
<angelitab@comcast.net>

To william.euille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Save Winkler Botanical Preserve!

**Time: [Fri Dec 04, 2009 17:37:18] Message ID: [17271]**

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
**First Name:** Jaclyn  
**Last Name:** Bergeron  
**Street Address:** 1127 N. Chambliss ST  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA  
**Zip:** 22312  
**Phone:** 703 256-5948  
**Email Address:** angelitab@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Save Winkler Botanical Preserve!  
Please save the Winkler Preserve, it is a beautiful, and rare area of nature in Alexandria. I remember going there as a child and loved Winkler. It is one of the few places where future generations can experience nature in this crowded DC area. Please don't let it be destroyed so an entrance ramp to the freeway can be put in. That would be such a waste and such a disappointment. Please!  
Thanks  
Jaclyn  
Bergeron



**Laura Lyster-Mensch**  
<Laura@LMwriter.com>

12/07/2009 08:38 AM

Please respond to  
Laura Lyster-Mensch  
<Laura@LMwriter.com>

To william.cuille@alexandriava.gov, frank.fannon@alexandriava.gov,  
kerry.donley@alexandriava.gov, alicia.hughes@alexandriava.gov,  
council@krupicka.com, delpepper@aol.com,

cc

bcc

Subject COA Contact Us: Winkler Reserve

**Time: [Mon Dec 07, 2009 08:38:56] Message ID: [17328]**

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

**First Name:** Laura

**Last Name:** Lyster-Mensch

**Street Address:** 337 Falmouth Street

**City:** Warrenton

**State:** VA

**Zip:** 20186

**Phone:** 540 349 0311

**Email Address:** Laura@LMwriter.com

**Subject:** Winkler Reserve

My son has gone to camp at the Winkler reserve for several years now, and he has gained so much both educationally and personally.

I've been a

parent for 22 years, and I've seen countless camps and parks. Winkler is unique and priceless. My mother-in-law waits for the mail each day during the season that applications come out so she can drive the form directly

**Comments:** back to the post office!

This resource is irreplaceable - the facilities and the staff are truly outstanding.

Please do not allow this precious

environmental and educational resource be spoiled. Routes can be moved, but

this place cannot. VISIT THIS PLACE AND SPEAK TO A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN THERE.



4  
12-12-09

Chelsea Mata  
Mr. Offerdinger's 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Room 31  
5000 polk Ave.  
Alexandria, VA 22304

City Council  
Attn: Mayor Euille  
301 King st. Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear City Council

I'm writing to you for a reason a good reason. I'm a fifth grader at James K. polk Elementary school. I really like Winkler and I've been informed that the city council wants to built ~~a~~ a road in the middle of Winkler. I think that's not a good idea. I've been going to Winkler for a long time and if you built a road you will be cutting the tree and that's bad too.

I Chelsea want to grow up and still have Winkler up and working

So please Mayor Eville and the City Council don't build a road in Winkler. Winkler is a great place and it dose help me and other students learn and reviews. I love trees and animals and many of them will lose there homes if you built a road in Winkler and I don't want that to happen.

Mayor Eville and the City Council please think about it and I'm sure every one would be proud of you. I really hope you don't build a road in Winkler. It's bad for the environment because our oxygen comes from trees so I hope you make the right choice. Thanks for your time

From:

Chelsea  
mata

Julia Walker  
Mr. Offterdinger's 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Room 31  
5000 Polk Ave.  
Alexandria, VA 22304

City Council  
Attn: Mayer Eville  
301 King St., Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear City Council,

I am writing this letter to tell you to not build a road on top of Winkler. I really like going to the Winkler to learn more. My class and I appreciate Winkler for helping us learn. Please don't take Winkler down.

Winkler is a great way to experience learning in a different way. For example, we were actually able to be in a big cell. Even if the cell was fake, we could still learn from it. It

was a fun experience being in a giant cell.

If you build a road over Winkler, you will damage all of the animals' homes. You will destroy the area where children like me learn. Another road on top of Winkler will pollute the air because of more cars going by the Winkler.

Please don't tear Winkler apart and replace it with a new road. We want to learn more about Science in the Winkler.

Sincerely,  
Julia Walker

Areej Ali  
Mr. Offenderinger's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Room 31  
5000 Polk Ave.  
Alexandria, VA 22304

City Council  
Attn: Mayor Eville  
301 King St., Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear City Council,

I am writing this letter because, I do not want Winkler to be cut down. I think you should think before you do anything. I am giving you reasons about why you should not cut down Winkler.

Students from ACS come to learn. We do microscope observations, experiments, and much more. Winkler has been around for a long time. Winkler is a natural habitat and if you build a road, then you will destroy the animals' homes.

If you build a road in Winkler cars will come and pollute there. When you burn fuel it causes pollution. If the road is built the trees will be cut down and that means we will have less. Or, when we go to Winkler we feel like we're in a desert.

When you build a road in Winkler you will have less trees. The reason is that the road is built and the trees are cut down.

Winkler  
Desert

Senai Tafere

MTR: off the dingy 5th grade

Room 31

5000 Polk Ave.

Alexandria, VA 22301

City Council

Attn: Mayor EUILLE

301 King St., Room 2360

Alexandria, VA 22301

Hi?? My name is Senai TAFERE.  
And my opinion is that winkler  
should not be shut down because  
we need to learn and it is our  
learning steam.

I think you should now the  
Kids from A.C.K. Come to  
winkler to learn And do many  
things that we did not do at school  
but of course we learn about  
calls but in winkler we do  
in action. And many animals  
live in A winkler like  
Turtles, Hawks, Fish, frog, lizards.

And If we shut down whether the animals will die. And animals are important to us just like a breathing machine and they have life to. Every student agrees with that.

I hope you take it surely and I hope you get this letter sincerely senai.

Senai Here  
Senai



Mr. Robert Offterdinger  
5000 Polk Ave., Room 31  
Alexandria, VA 22304

City Council  
Attn: Mayor Euille  
301 King St. Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille & Councilmembers,

I am a fifth grade teacher,  
and I am writing to you  
in an effort to express the  
opinions of Alexandria educators  
on the subject of the proposed  
destruction of a portion of Winkler  
Natural Preserve.

I have had the privilege of  
witnessing several groups of students  
interact, experiment, and enrich  
themselves through the dedication  
provided at Winkler. Not only is  
the education provided at Winkler  
directly tied to the curriculum,

but it is presented in an engaging manner that truly provides my students with the means to be successful.

By destroying part of this naturally beautiful location, VDOT will be sending a clear message to students: Nature is expendable. I urge you to do the right thing when faced with the choice.

As I sit here writing this letter, I look up at my students doing the same. They are writing because they have passion for science, nature, and justice. I sincerely hope that their hearts will not be broken by the indifference towards nature that VDOT is poised to reveal.

With hope, respect, & sincerity,

Bobby Offendingier  
B. H. Offendingier

Shania Scott  
Mr. Offendingler's 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Room 31  
5000 Polk Ave.  
Alexandria

City Council  
Attn. Mayor Euille  
301 King St., Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear City Council,

I am writing to tell you to not build a road through Winkler. It has been here for a long time and you would not want it to be destroyed.

It is very important to us because it helps us learn. We get to do fun activities while we are still learning. Sometimes we do experiments and watch a movie on what we will be learning about. It is a real natural environment so it helps us learn better.

When the road is being built it will be too loud for animals and they will be frightened. You will also be destroying their homes with the construction. The animals will have to find a new home somewhere else. When it is being built, trees will get cut down too. That is important because trees give us oxygen to help us live.

Please think about this before you take action. Don't destroy this wonderful nature environment. It would be heart breaking if Winkler was destroyed.

12-14-09

Khendra Jones  
Mr. Offending 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Room 31  
5000 Polk Ave.  
Alexandria, VA 22304

City Council  
Attn: Mayor Ewille  
301 King St, Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22304

Dear City Council,

I am writing you today to tell you that you should not build a road through Winkler because you will be killing animals, trees, plants and a whole lot more. And that would probably be a bad thing to do. All the students that go to Alexandria School go to Winkler to learn. Some people say that Winkler is just like another school to them.

Just think about it, why would you

12-14-09

build a road through a place  
were students learn, animals live  
and were people work. The people  
that work there do not want a  
road to be build their. What if you  
were us the kids or people that  
really care. If you were us the  
people that really care then you  
would know how I feel.

Please think wisely and decide the  
right thing. Think about the things  
your gonna kill before you think  
about building a road going to  
a place.

We all are writting you today  
to tell you how we feel and why  
you should not build a road  
through Winkler.

Please we are begging you not  
to build a road through Winkler

Sincerely  
Khendra  
Jones

12/14/09

Catherine Sedgwick  
Mr. Offordingers class Fifth Grade  
Room 31  
5000 Polk Avenue  
Alexandria VA 22304

City Council  
ATTN: Mayor Euille  
301 King Street, 2300  
Alexandria VA 22314

Dear City Council,

I don't think Winkler should be cut down, here's why...

I've heard that you really want to cut down part of Winkler. Doesn't it seem a little savage to cut down part of Winkler? To some it's like a home, to others it's an extraordinary place to explore.

This is a little hard to explain, but put yourself in our shoes. You like going to Winkler to play and learn, but if the mayor decide to cut it down. How do you feel now? Please don't get me wrong saying it's a disturbing act. I hope you make a good choice. I won't be too thrilled about workers cutting a portion of Winkler down.

Please reconsider cutting down Winkler!

Sincerely,

Catherine Sedgwick

P.S I'm the child of Everett Sedgwick who worked at Red Cross. Both of you talked together and had meetings

Rehik Worku  
Mr. Offerdinger's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Room 31  
5000 Polk Ave.  
Alexandria, VA 22304

City Council  
Attn: Mayor Eville  
301 King St. Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear City Council,

I'm writing you today because I heard that you are deciding to cut down Winkler to make a road.

Well I have some concerns that I want to tell you about. I don't think you should do that because Virginia has a lot of roads and I don't think we need another one. Even though the road maybe good for you but it is bad for the animals, trees, plants, and the lake. If you cut down Winkler the animals will have no place to live and the trees and plants are probably going to die.



because of car fuel (gas). Even the lake will be polluted.

The other reason is Winkler is like other school for us and when we do activities we feel like real scientists. Winkler is a really fun place to learn and do activities. But if you build the road you're ruining our education and stopping us to learn more.

I beg you not to change anything in Winkler, it is perfect the way it is.

Sincerely,  
Rekik. D. Worku

Cesar Lopez  
Mr. Offenderdinger's 5th Grade  
Room 31  
5000 Polk Ave  
Alexandria, VA 22304

City Council  
Attn: Mayor Eville  
301 King St, Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22304

Dear City Council,

I'm writing this letter to you because I heard that they're going to cut down half of Winkler Preserve.

The reason my classmates and I don't want the Winkler cut down is because we go there we some time do experiment instead of looking in a book or listening to it. If you put a road to the building your constructioning you can make more pollution with the cars passing by the trees and with pollution you can kill the animals that live there.

Please consider this letter to save the Winkler Preserve

Sincerely,  
Cesar Lopez

R.J. Firestone  
Mr. Offterdinger's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Room 31  
5000 Polk Avenue  
Alexandria, Virginia 22304

Alexandria City Council  
Attn: Mayor William Eulle  
301 King Street, Room 2300  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Mayor Eulle:

Please don't let the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) put a road through Winkler nature preserve. Winkler is an active, educational Nature Preserve, and above all, a home for many animals. It would be very sad to lose all those deer, bunnies, frogs, foxes, and fishes. The destruction of Winkler would cause students to lose the opportunity to study biology in a natural habitat.

We should choose the solutions that are best for the city of Alexandria. There can be other transportation solutions, right? You could widen Seminary Road. I know it would cost more money, but the academic addition that Winkler creates and the lives of many creatures are worth it. Finally, it is important to keep Winkler because nature contributes to the quality of life in Alexandria: nature contains beauty and wonders, offers a variety of experiences and challenges, acts as a mental anchor and generates insight and wisdom.

As you can see Mayor Eulle, it is a bad idea to destroy Winkler Nature Preserve by putting a road through it. If you want the psychological well being of your citizens to be good and their knowledge to be great, then, please, don't put the road through Winkler.

Yours truly,

R.J. Firestone

Ivan Portillo  
Mr. Offterdinger 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Room 31  
5000 Falls Ave.  
Alexandria, VA 22304

City Council  
Attn: Mayor Euille  
301 King St. Room 2300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear City Council  
I am writing to you because I do not want  
Winkler to be destroyed.

I don't want Winkler to be destroyed because  
students from ACPs come to learn there. We  
don't want the animals to get killed. Winkler is  
a real natural habitat and park. Winkler is a real  
natural environment. We do lot's of experimets. We  
won't have O<sub>2</sub> left if you cut down the  
trees.

Winkler is a big part of history. If you destroy  
Winkler it will be like you destroying history.

Sincerely,  
Ivan Portillo

Saham Ali  
Mr. Offerdinger 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Room 31  
5000 Polk Ave.  
Alexandria , VA 22304

City Council  
Attn: Mayor Euille  
301 King St. Room 2304  
Alexandria, VA 22314- 3211

Dear City Council,  
I'm writing to protect Winkler's Forest. Why would you want to build a road in a very environmental place. It's were kids learn and review important subject. Also many animals live there. These are my reasons for you not to build a road in Winkler's forest.

One day my class and I went to Winkler to review cells for the cell we were taking. We watched a clip about the flowers. It told us all of the parts of a flowers. Stigma, Pistil, Stamen, Ovules, and much more. Then we went inside a plant cell. It was so cool! We saw the chloroplast, nucleus, and of course the vacuole. When they filled the vacuole it pushed the nucleus out of the way.

After we came out of the plant cell we went in a other room and looked in microscope. We had to tell if the cell was plant or animal. My group and I went to the first table it was a plant cell. The next one was A( Animal), then the next one was P ( Plant). Then so on. It was so amazing

There is one more reason for me. If you make more roads and cut down trees there will be less O<sub>2</sub>. Then with so many cars It will polluted the air and make it harder to breathe. This will make Co<sub>2</sub> in the air. That will be really awful. It make Global Warming happen. The air really hot and that's really bad.

I hope you will make choice for all the kids in ACPS. This is important and I hope you save Winkler.

Sincerely,  
Saham Ali

12/14/09

Catherine Sedgwick  
Mr. Offerdingers class Fifth Grade  
Room 31  
5000 Poik Avenue  
Alexandria VA 22304

City Council  
ATTN: Mayor Euille  
301 King Street, 2300  
Alexandria VA 22314

Dear City Council,

I don't think Winkler should be cut down, here's why...  
I've heard that you really want to cut down part of Winkler. Doesn't it seem a little savage to cut down part of Winkler? To some it's like a home, to others it's an extraordinary place to explore.

This is a little hard to explain, but put yourself in our shoes. You like going to Winkler to play and learn, but if the mayor decide to cut it down. How do you feel now? Please don't get me wrong saying it's a disturbing act. I hope you make a good choice. I won't be too thrilled about workers cutting a portion of Winkler down.

Please reconsider cutting down Winkler!

Sincerely,

Catherine Sedgwick

P.S I'm the child of Everett Sedgwick who worked at Red Cross. Both of you talked together and had meetings

Ahmed Salmi  
Mr. Offterdinger' s 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Room 31  
500 Polk Ave Alexandria, VA 22304  
City Council  
Attn: Mayor Euille  
301 Kings St. Room 2300,  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear City Council,

Please don't build a road in Winkler, because Winkler is enjoyable! We have been going to Winkler for a long time and I think that Winkler is a fun, cool, and the best learning field trip I have ever gone, too. Winkler has a ton of good ways to help us, Elementary kids, to remember educational facts. My favorite thing in Winkler is the fresh air and the amazing sounds that surrounds us up in the trees and every step we go on the ground.

Students all over Alexandria public schools come to Winkler to learn or review about subjects they have or will learn about in school. When we go to Winkler it sometimes make us feel like scientist doing the fun experiments and activities. We interact with nature sometimes, it is really cool. Nature is very important to everybody and makes our community the best. If you cut down the trees we will have less oxygen. The people in the Virginia love having trees and if you cut down the trees than people would probably leave Virginia and go to a more environmental community.

Lots of people will be disappointed on cutting down the trees. And if you cut down the trees than a lot of animals will have to leave and find a new home. And if you kill them to make a new road that means you are killing a lot of nice animals that keeps our community enjoyable for everybody. Please rethink your decision and remember about all the amazing sights in Winkler. Maybe you could even go and visit Winkler and maybe this time you will like Winkler and see the amazing sights there is to see. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Ahmed Salmi