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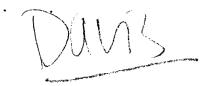
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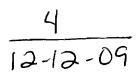
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Mr. Mayor and Members of the Council,

My name is Chet Humberd and I am here representing IDA. As you are aware IDA is one of the largest private employers in Alexandria and is located in Mark Center next to the new BRAC project. We have attended every Council meeting and public hearing since becoming aware of VDOT's desires for alternative ingress and egress plans for Mark Center. We have spoken at each of these meetings stating our strong opposition to any plan which invaded the Winkle Preserve or IDA's property. You have copies for the record of each of those statements so I will not rehash them.

In VDOT's December 4th letter to you proposing their two preferred alternatives, they stated VDOT met with stakeholders, including city staff, to discuss potential access alternatives beginning In December of 2008. Unfortunately, neither IDA nor Winkler Preserve management were considered stakeholders even though alternatives being considered invade our properties.

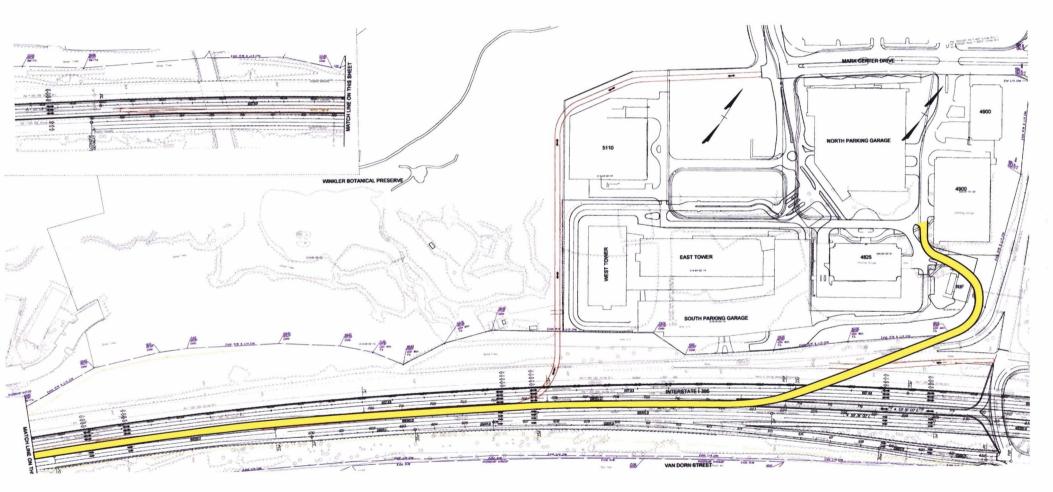
Instead of VDOT's proposal of either alternative A1 or D, I would like to offer an alternative which VDOT did not consider. It would also use a flyover ramp from the HOV lanes north of the VDOT proposal and just south of the Seminary interchange. It would not interact with the Seminary exchange. This ramp would cross over the Army's Remote Inspection Facility directly into Mark Center with easy access to both BRAC parking garages. I am aware the Army has rejected such a plan for security reasons. However, given that the RIF is located outside the BRAC's secure perimeter and is at a location intended for the inspection of potentially dangerous vehicles, it's not clear why a car driving overhead would pose a greater security risk.

As for a road through the Preserve, I would like to refer the Council back to discussions at its June 13, 2009 meeting where they approved the site plan for IDA's planned expansion. The last two major issues were tree canopy coverage and impermeability. Both of these issues were raised specifically because of their impact on the preserve. The BRAC project already increased the impermeability area significantly. Any additional increase to the impermeable area in the vicinity of the Preserve will have a disastrous impact on the Winkler storm water management pond. Likewise at the same meeting where the canopy coverage issue was raised the council spend considerable time talking about how proud Alexandria was of its city-wide canopy coverage and its plan to significantly increase that coverage over the next few years. Needless to say, any road through the Preserve would instead significantly negate that effort for years to come.

I will close by again stating IDA's strong opposition to any road through the Preserve or through IDA's City approved future building site.

Thank you for your time.

Chet Hunberd #4



4 12-12-09 December 10,09

Dear City Council Members,

I'm a fifth grader at Lyles-Crourch Elementary and when I herd that you were going to knock down part of Winkter Perserve I was outraged. First of all hundreds of kids go to Winkler every day. If would hurt Winkler very badly if almost 1/2 of its land is gone. Winkler has school come and camps there that school come and camp much kids love. I think that Winkler is part of kids education. Winkler teaches kids Sciebce through fun games and activitys in the wonderful outdoors. And this is why I think the whole of Winkler Perserve should stay. Because its a wonderful place to learn or play.

Sincerely, Caroline, Hill

Dear, Council Members

Chin writing my regards to you about Winklet just think about it, all the onimals, plants, and trees not to mention the creek on the beautiful creek you can't take that all away. The innocent animals surly you don't need another highway, all the types of trees you'l be pilling Breech, Oak, Maple, elm and complete others and the bords Blue jays, Pidgons, and Hawks and counties others and the plants with the others, and the plants with the others will be destroyed. B ord destroy it all please.

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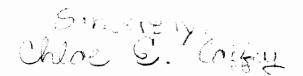
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December 3, 2099 Dear City Council merricers, 1 am sod to hear that you ques want to build a ramp, and one of your plan is to destroy part of Winnler Preserve. I am a frith grade student at Lyles-Crauch Traditional Academy. I don't want you guys to wild our ramp in part of Winnler Preserve because they have supported us and have us come to their comp for school freid the ramp in part of winnler Preserve ut wouldn't have as much fun there because At = Jana or to build the ramp somewhere else, I have been going intere for about H years and I really enjoy being there with my family and friends. Ernesto De La Guardia

December 7,09 Dear City Cooncil Members. I am a Stadent of Lyies-Crouch Travitional A state up the here St Lies-Constant of the here Winker Proceeding of the here I also due to the lot of it to us due to whole lot of it taken grades which here why So this is for to the help to see a real freed. Winkler Frescrue has a camp

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December 8,2009

Dear City Loundi Members, I aim a fifth grader at Lyles-Crouch. I am very disturbed to hear that you are going to take away part of Winkler and make a ramp to intersect to 395. I enjoy Winkler because every time I go there I learn something NEW. Why do you want to take away part of Winkler? Did you know that if you cut down some of the trees we are loosing alot of oxygen and If we loose oxygen we can die. May you please think about it carefully and see if you can change it and take it somewhere else. Diamond Moore

Kieliel Dear City Council Members, Please Keep Winkleppreserve there. Winkler Preserve one of the best field trips I have ever wenton. I have been young there for the last five years. They work so well with us don't tokin any of the Winkler away. The Winkler keeps us learning about science things like seasons they tell is why we need hat vie this why we need winkler. Sincerely Kidiel Regus

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sincerely, Salviel alle

December 8,2009

Dear City Council,

I am a fifth grade student at Lyles-Crouch Traditional Acadomy. I am Very disapointed to hear that you are Considering making Winkler Preserve into a road, when it is the largest Preserve in Alexandria.

To be completely honest, I am not a big fon of science. But, whenever I go to Winkler I have a great time. The people who work there are always kind and happy when we go there. Why would you want to take Winkler away from them?

Don't we already have enough highways in the city of Alexandria? Please use the ideas for the new road that don't involve harmin Winkler.

Sincerely. Madeline Johangnasid

December 9 2400.9 Dear City Council New weight I feel very sadden that is rolling place for the here the rolling that is rolling with the former that is rolling with Human With the Industry. I am a fith grader at Lyle: Crowd, nor just pured from the sale of Lithing and Would like the set of Winkley I council nk of at the initial home alt homes you be flatting earlier that you would like a nave perserve. Do you that you would like a nave you are flattend early would see ? Also, kids love - tonis. It law if Winklor was be used to the provident have a lat of thirds to the provident have Winthley is the bring loved _ the ST 19 1 Add of Allenon I. I way to to regard and that that have get lappe at the list of the standard of the standard plan that determines the reacting March per we. plan Rodrzy Buckiand.

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Dear City Council Illembers, lesse think of what would happen if you destroyed half of Winkler Preserve. You would be destroying one of the few Spots of wood p Alexandria, Virginia has left. You need to think about what you're doing, Winkler Preserve is a home to all wild life. th ives there. You wouldn't want someone to destroy your home. You would also be hurting children like me because we love going to Winkler it gives us a good way to karn and have fun. you destroy Winkler Preserve it will probably mess up the balance of nature. I am in the 5th grade -yles - Crouch Traditional Academy, and ings a learning new Preserve va i givesme a good education. So please H k abc what you're doing. If you had a child and rad a field trip to Winkler Hesenre, and they came home

home they had the best day at Winkler Preserve. Then if you destroyed half of it just to build a road do you think they would be very happy about what you did to their tavorite place to go on a field trip. So think about what you're doing. Sincerely, Malina Zaro

Dec 10,2009 Dear City Council, When I heard that you mite take down Winkler preserve I did not like that. Winkler is were kids can go and get a reel feeling about nature, and about Animals. There is wild life there and were are they going to go if you reach there homes It is the only place in a long way that there are woods. And even for there away are there woods that you are aloud to go in and have people, teach you about what lives there .. every kid litres that place and teachers litre it to. Sincerely Austin Plaster

Dear City Council Members, I'm a student of Lyles Crouch Traditional Acadamy I'm in the fifth grade. Please don't destroy Winkler Preseve. I have been god there since 1st grade. My friends and I have alot of good memories from there. I you destay Winkler Preseve fts like your destroying all or my memories. I am not a big fan of outdoors but when I go to Winkler Preserve I have more fun than I do insple. So, please please don't destroy So please, please don't destroy Winkler Preserve,

Sincerly, Zaylos Manadis

December 10,2009

Dear Virginia Department of Transportation,

I strongly believe you should rethink your plans for building the road through Winkler superre. I hope whichever solution you agree on leaves Winkler untouched. Winkler Preserve is a source of education for our people, especially our young ones, who we are leaving the world to. I believe you are making thing better for this generation, but worse for the next one by adding a 395 exit through Winkler Preserve.

Sincerely, William A. Milone, A Highly Concerned Fifth Grader the Alexandria City At Lyles Crouch Yelevinch

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Dear City council members, I am hurt to hear you all want to take away some of the winkler preserve just tomalse a ramp. I think that it is not fair to all children in elementry schools be cause kids love going to Winkler because we don't really have woods in the City fun for us you know some 15:ds would want to learn outside in the woods.

Also because it helps with our science in a fun waylike we have activeties and it gives us good excersic by letting us play outside in the woods.

Another reason is though it may 10019 linke woods to you in the eyes of a child it is linke a second play ground but we learn things. Doesn'that matter? To Children it does. So pleasedon't take away Winkler. Sincerly, Jyna Thenney Dear City Council members.

I have been a teacher in the Alexandria City Public Schools for 9 years. Before coming to Alexandria I taught in Prince William County, Spotsylvania County, and Manassas Park City. In all of these places I have never seen Such a wonderful partnership as that between the Winkler Preserve and the Alexandria Schools

Winkler touches the lives and educations of every child who goes through Alexandria Schools. Their lives are enriched, their understanding of science concepts is strengthed, and their appreciation of nature grows.

These children are growing up in an urban setting. They see trees as things that grow to make yards look better. They see squirrels as cute animals that get hit by cars. What they see at Winkler gives them the true picture of how nature works - trees providing shelter and food for many animals, trees growing close together and in seemingly random ways. Squirrels are seen as a part of a bigger ecosystem and other animals are a part of that world. In a sense the children get to see what nature really would have Virginia look like; what it may have looked like

December 8,2009 Dear City Council members, Winkler is a good part of nature. It has trees and grass and part of it should not be taken down. The environment is already bad, don't make it worser. I know you need the ramp for traffic and stuff, but build it some place else. Winkler is a place where schools can learn about science and plants. Sincercly, Patrick Boeller

December 9,2009 Dear City Concil Members, I am a student of Lyles-Crouch Imditinal Academy, I'm in the 5th grade. I have been going to the Winkler Preserve scince 1st grade. The Winkler has helped my grade in science go up in the past years. Please don't tear down the Winkler Perserve to build a ramp leading to 395. Just think about this, would you rather have Students fail science, or just build a ramp. I know your ramp is just trying to help people, but the Winkter Preserve is built to save the environment, and holp students team. Please don't tear down the Winkler Preserve, - Scincerly, Rachelle a. Keaton

Dear City Council,

12-9-09

Winkler is a place where nature is kept in safety and are preserved. If you try to make a road through winkler you're damaging more than 30.10 of it's plants. Also, it's a great place to have funand learn at the same trime. We go there to review science and it is provally a shouldn't destroy winkler; it has so it down hids like me, are losing a great, and of the place.

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arrived.

Winkler is so much more than a wooded area. It is a part of our lives, our history, and, hopefully, our futures. As the name of this area states the most important factor: Winkler Preserve should be preserved. It's a preserve, so let's preserve it. Traffic is annoying, and the Seminary Roads interchange is horrible but let's please find a way to do these improvements, get access to the new building, in some way that will not harm our local gem, Winkler Preserve.

Sincerely, Sue Horita

Dear Council Member,

I am writing in reprose to your discussion about ceding precious Winkler land to construct a lighway. I dont want to see Winkler Kind go. I want It to stry. I'm begging you. No whit I'm pleasing with you I really dont want Winkler to go. For instance animals will die, animals homes will be deniclished and It will disappoint over 5,000,000 children all over Vigina. So In begging you with all my heart Please and Lestroy Winkler. Please.

Thank Usaich Baurnistor 5th grade student

To: Council Member From: Usedy Baverroiseda 12/11/09 Lyles-crouch Traditional academy ~~~~

Dear Council Members I hope and wish that you won't cut down some of the Winklet. The Winkler is a home to many things. For example trees, beavers, birds, plants, and their's a lot more that I can't describe. Also IF you all build a highway on the Winkler you'd probably Start pollution. If you start Pollution you would kill most of the animals. You would also killplants, grass, and trees. Ma Student- from Lyles- Crouch Traditional Academy. Finally all I want to say is please I'm begging you don't do it. If you cut down trees animals avid plants would lose their oxygen SUPPLY. Thank You! Shayla Blover 5" grade Student

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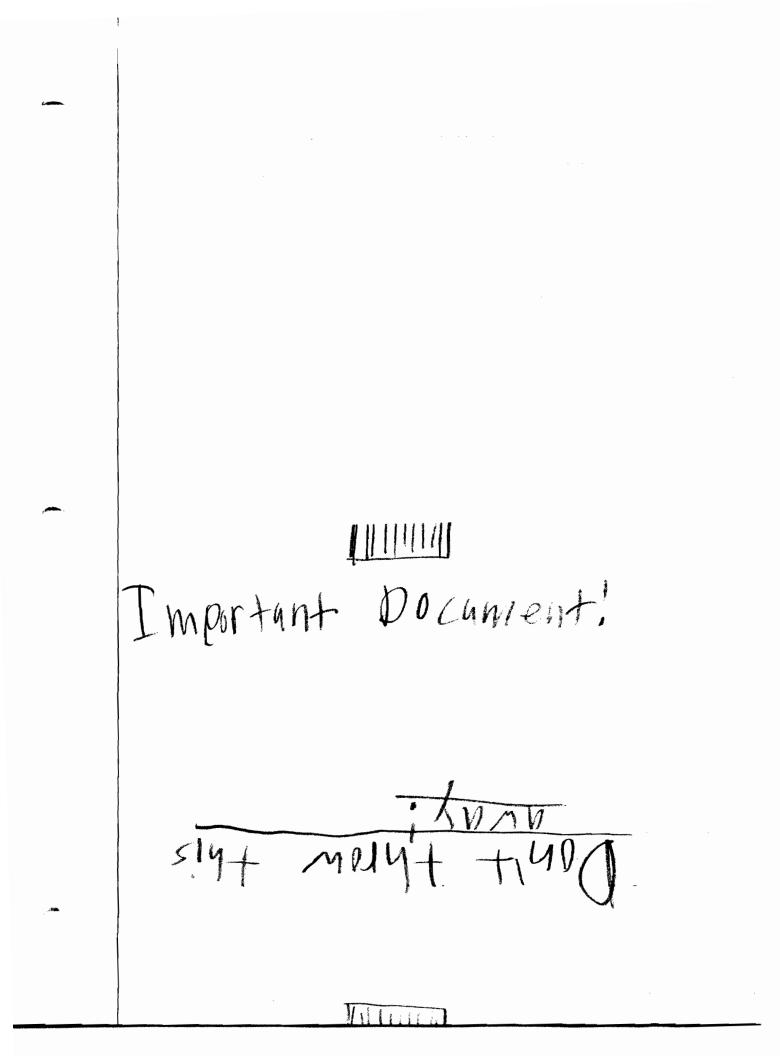
Hi! I amalyles crouch Student in 5th grade. My name is Liza-Bank Campagna. We students at LCTA Feel Very strongly about what you might do to winkter. I hear you are going to put a highway right through winkler. Now I clon't mean to be harsh but this idea is dreadful, terriple, a wful, and Morrible. You see Winkleris a Multinal environment for every baby. It is a place were we can go for educational field trips. If you would like to disable chiklen from having a wayto learn science in a fun way and may be even effecting there grades then by all means Vuin it for everyone. Think about what you heard in this lefter and hunche'ds of other letters. Thankyou For your concerens. Banks

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Dear Council Member, I am writing in regard to you, paving a highway through Winkler. Many people love to, go and see the animal and plant life inside it. It is also a main field trip spot for my school. Moreover, many animal's habitats will be destroyed and many plants will perish under the coment. So please, I yell stop this madness?

Thank you, Thomas Jahey Thomas Fahey 5th grade LCTA

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, I am a fifth grade student in Lyles-Crouch Fraditional Academy. I am writing to you about closing Winkler nature preserve. I will start by saying every year since first grade my class took Four wonder Full educational Field trips to Winkler. When my class found out you might build a highway in the middle of the preserve, we were heart broken. Winkler had been in our lives since we were six or seven. IF you hulld a highway in the center of it, you will deprive young students. Furthermore, think of the animals. If you build a highway in the center of the preserve, it would pollute Winkler, a place were we found out about recycling. Besides that, pollution would be run questies Many more would be run questies e think about this State Well. Sincerly. Ella Benbru Fifth grade student.

Dear Council Member I an wrighting in regards of your descussion on selling part of Winkless land to make a highway. I think that this is not such a great idea for many respons. First, many people love to go to Wincler. I understand that many people enjoy the summer camp that is held their. I think people benifit trans many that from going there. Next, by building a highway a great amount of will life will be destroyed. Animals will eather bse their homes or die. Also the plants will be destroyed to. Is it really respisary to build a high way or will people live with out it?

Thank your Mellon Jessica Mellon 5th grade student LCTA

Dear Council Member,

I'm writing this letter to talk you into changing your mind about taking away precious, peaceful, and beautiful land from Winkler. I, a 5 grader loves I and from Winkler. I, a 5 grader loves Winkler... and its not justme. Its every booky ! And your also taking away animals home's, and killing them. These animals want to live, they con't want to die ! And your also taking away plants! If the plants aven it there, what are the animals going to eat? And people are going tomissify it too! Then this place won't be precises, peaceful, and beautiful any more! And if you can ... build a highway somewhere else.

Thankyou,

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Dear Council Member,

I hope your not building a highway at the Winkler. Think about what you are doing. Were are all the animals going to live. Us student like the Winkler. So if you build a highway were are we going to go in the summer So don't build a highway.

> Thank you Nigel Walton 5 grade Student

Berelie Goffsp

Dear Council Member, 12/11/09 ____ am writing in reference to your conversation about building a highway through Winkler's land. Even though I was new to Lyles-Crouch last rear I have been to Winkler several times, not only is it educational they also make learning fun. Att Winkler you learn alot about science and nature plus most of the things you do there are outdoors. Also not only do schoolswisi + Winkler, families and tourist go there to. Winkler also has a summer camp that has been a great success, which is also educational, and fun. What I'm more concerned about is the animals who are going to lose their home. How would you like it if you lived in a home and some guys built a highway on your home. And last but not least if you do build the highway I'm sure that Winkler will be missed. Thank you, - Sunji Williams LCTA 5th grade student

Dear Council Members

I am writing against the discussion about building a road in the Winkler. I have many reasons for my conflict but I wood life to start off about how much I enjoy going to Winkler every year. This certain place is both for and educational. If you build a high way in it the cause will be us not Going to Winkler. The dramatic effect will be you and they still secone and Cand just think what the parents will do, so I warn you, before the parents take action lister, to us. Lets stop tailing about me and start talking about the animals. By you suilding the road you dwill be demolishing many plants and animals home and the polotion will hort the environment. Moreover, we have been living without this "road" for many decades, why do we need it now?

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Thank you for listening Kate Ripine Sthe grade student Lyles-Crotch or LCTA

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Thank you

Veronter Jones 5th Grade Student ICta

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Dear Council Member, amwriting this note I do not think it is resse for you to build a redger the winser a. A lot of 10100 would be to go to the winkerle. I am a tith grade the winkerler is a beautiful i IF would stop family from coning and 'sa' is showed Thank you Wanted Burg Daniel Julis Sth gravis Lita

Dear Council Member,

I am writing this leter about the part loss of Winkler. I am very upset about how the fun and educational Winkler Will be distroited just for a highway. Also if the Winkler is not there, there wort be a one of a kind resorce of where there are so many animals that need the Winkler for a home. Many animals will die and therwise not have a nome. The Winkler has taught me so many things about Bees, Tornatos and Lightnig, some animals that live there, and many different kinds of Penguins there are. But I am saying that the Winkler's my most farcorite Field Trip of mycholice.

Thank You Dry Lould Twy bould 5th Grade

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Dear Council Member, Lam writing to tell you about Winkler (place you might build a read by nevery D. First if you cere the reserve. This if you build another road we don't wind what's the paint of raking one? Moreover, if you demolish part of Winkler youwa uld break kills hearts, not only nods nearts udults heart and the workers hearts who support Winkfler Also Winkler is a summer camp and my nom sugs to me You have to put the Winkler camp form in the mailax the day ye get in you and yet it My point is please don't build a read, highway or any thing we have to much of already.

P.S. I will be at the meeting in the crowd with my todyst ist for there?

Mathiened Ray Mathaniel Ray 5th grade student at Lyles-Crouch Trad Honal Academy.

Dear Council Member, I am writing in concern about Winkler I am writing in concern about Winkler and the highway you will construct through it. as a fifth grade student at Lyles - Grouch Traditional academy, I have enjoyed going there. So have my classmates. We all enjy it so much. also there camp is very popular, and all that fun I would hate to see it go. I am also thinking of the animals and there habitat. If you r construct the highway most of the animals will die and so will the plants. [Inimals will cose there homes too. Finally, thank you for your time Finally, thank you for your time and I know Winkler will be missed. Thank You Andrea Scroggs Andrea Scroggs 5th Grade Student

Dear Council Member,

I'm writing in concern to your discussion about ceding Winkler land to chinstruct a inginizery. I, as a 5th grade girl. love Winkler. I find Winkler a magnificent learning enviorment. I also know the camp at Winkler is very popular. Kids in Vinginia would hat to are winkler yone.

Not only would kids be unhappy, many animals would lose their homes. Actually animals and plants would lose their home. Winkler is their only home.

Thank you for your concern,

Jenna ainey

Jenna Ainey 5 Grade Student LCTA

Dear Council Member,

Lama student from Lyles Crowth and L am Regarding to your discussion on taking a piece of land out of the Winkler and replacing it with a highway because many. animals and plants will die and lose there homes. Also its a great attaction for familys and friends please don't put up that highway.

> Thank you, Anthony Ponjultera 5th Grade Student

Winkler Preserve

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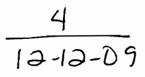
Opportunities for younger children to enjoy and learn about nature are very limited in modern life. The generation being raised now may be the first to be almost completely cut off from the outdoors. Winkler Preserve is one community institution that provides a service that counters this disturbing trend. The Winkler Preserve works extensively with the Alexandra school system to provide an outdoor experience for local children.

Some research has indicated that children, if not exposed to the outdoors and nature by age eleven, will not develop that interest in later life. Fine organizations such as the Boy and Girl Scouts are already too late to try to instill that interest. The Winkler Preserve is one organization that is addressing its programs to the age group where their programs will make a real difference.

Open space in increasingly crowded urban settings is becoming a scarce commodity. The Winkler Preserve provides 44 acres of wooded space that is an oasis in the local area. As seen in the aerial depiction of the site, the proposed transportation changes would seemingly affect only the border of the site, but in fact would destroy the most significant areas of the Preserve.

ITS INPACT is LARger the indicated in A As one family that lives in the area, we strongly support Winkle Preserve and the programs it provides to the community. Winkler Preserve property should be left alone.

Respectfully submitted by the Erickson Family 8123 Saxony Drive, Annandale Virginia



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Petition Summary: The VA-DOT is considering the placement of an exit ramp and highway off of I-395 that would run right through the preserve, eliminating up to 30% of the park, permanently harming the preserve and its mission to teach conservation and natural history to Alexandria's and Northern Virginia's school children. For more information please visit www.friendsofwinkler.org.

ActionWe, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to adoptpetitioneda plan for an exit off of I-395 that maintains the integrity of the Winklerfor:Botanical Preserve, leaving it entirely intact.

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Petition to Save the Winkler Botanical Preserve

Petition summary:	The VA-DOT is considering the placement of an exit ramp and highway off of I-395 that would run right through the preserve, eliminating up to 30% of the park, permanently harming the preserve and its mission to teach conservation and natural history to Alexandria's and Northern Virginia's school children. For more information please visit <u>www.friendsofwinkler.org.</u>
Action petitioned for:	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to adopt a plan for an exit off of I-395 that maintains the integrity of the Winkler Botanical Preserve, leaving it entirely intact.

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Testimony from David Dale

Dec. 12, 2009 Co-Chair of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) and Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee of the MVCCA 2520 Fairview Drive, Alexandria, VA 22306 / 703-765-8247 david. dale e mv c.A. org

I strongly urge the City Council to select the "no build" alternative. If that is deemed not possible, then the selected alternative must be one that does not encroach upon the Winkler Preserve in any way.

I have examined the design alternatives for BRAC 133 and I find the report lacks any discussion of the costs of the various alternatives. Certainly there is the financial cost: Does the expected improvement in traffic flow justify the typically enormous amount of money needed to build it? Obviously, the cost of the "no build" alternative is the lowest. The funding for road construction would be better spent providing shuttle service to the existing Pentagon parking, perhaps supplemented with fees from parking on-site. A Pentagon shuttle service can be adjusted based on actual needs, unlike a road. Or create incentives for BRAC employees to live here rather than drive here.

There are other costs, too, that must be considered.

First, there is the environmental cost. Any additional roadway will increase the impervious surface and stormwater run-off, increase the urban heating during the summer, and increase the noise and exhaust levels for the surrounding communities. Again, "no build" is the best alternative.

Second, tied to the environmental costs, are the impacts on the Winkler Preserve. When my wife and I lived in the Hamlets Apartments we took evening walks in the Preserve as an escape from the urban chaos. More recently our son has been both a camper and a counselor at the Preserve's summer camp. He tells us of children who, before coming to Winkler, have never seen a frog in the wild, who didn't know there are more than two or three types of trees, and who had never enjoyed the fragrances found in the woods. Winkler is their only encounter with the natural world. Winkler is a Preserve – your selected alternative must preserve ALL of Winkler for the education and sanity of the next generation.

The third cost is the mind-numbing traffic problems that will occur during the construction phase. Are the residents and City Council ready to spend years and years in nightmare traffic in order to accommodate BRAC? If you don't understand this, I encourage you to drive the beltway through Fairfax County where the HOT lanes are being built. A difficult situation has been made intolerable for years to come.

And the final cost, the image and reputation of the City of Alexandria. We are entering an era where we must apply the principles of smart growth. We must stop thinking that we can lay down enough asphalt to fix our transportation needs. We must move away from a lifestyle centered on driving and parking. As I watch development projects in northern Virginia, I have become more and more impressed with the wise decisions made by the City. Alexandria is one of the few areas that seems to understand the principles of smart growth.

In summary, the "no build" alternative has the minimum financial cost, lowest environmental cost, maintains the integrity of all of the Winkler Preserve, and provides the maximum flexibility to use non-automobile centered solutions to our transportation needs.

Thank you.

Friends of Winkler

December 10, 2009

The Honorable William Euille, Mayor, and Members of the City Council Alexandria City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council:

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

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

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

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

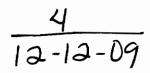
We strongly urge you to vote for proposals that do not take anything away from the Preserve, jeopardizing its mission. We understand that whatever the City recommends, VDOT plans to pursue study of Alternative D. Accordingly, we ask that your recommendation to VDOT include a strong statement against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

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

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

Sincerely,

Mary Lee Anderson Tim Dickson Christina Lytle Susan Pettey Laura Plaze



December 12, 2009 (Krupicka)

1) (same) Direct staff to prepare a letter to Duke Realty encouraging Duke Realty to move with all speed to complete the local roadway improvements as approved by Council;

2) (same) Direct VDOT to retain Alternatives A1 and A2 which provide direct access from I-395 to the Department of Defense (DOD) garage;

3) (amended) Direct VDOT to work with city staff to evaluate additional alternatives to relieve traffic pressures on Seminary Road and to address traffic impacts from BRAC provided that such alternatives meet the following criteria:

A. Do not harm the integrity of the Winkler Preserve

B. Minimize disruption to all local residents from BRAC-133 traffic as well as from any potential solutions to such traffic.

C. Take into consideration a broader view of transportation issues in the corridor, specifically by coordinating the study of alternatives with the ongoing Beauregard Planning effort

D, Take into consideration the guiding principles of Alexandria's BRAC-133 when developing altraction

4) (same) Instruct VDOT to eliminate from consideration any access alternatives within their preliminary interchange justification report which would impact the land area of the Winkler Botanical Preserve; and

5) (moved into 3 D above)