



ARLINGTON COUNTY URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION



2700 South Taylor Street
Arlington, VA 22206

October 29, 2017

The Honorable Jay Fisette, Chair
Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201

Subject: Master Plan for South Park at Potomac Yards

Dear Chair Fisette:

The Urban Forestry Commission heard a presentation on the Master Plan for the park currently referred to as South Park at Potomac Yards at our September 28, 2017 meeting.

While we always prefer to see more trees included on park planning projects, we are cognizant of the restrictions on this location in the flood plain, which may limit the planting of trees. We support efforts by the staff to maximize tree planting where feasible, and it was noted during the presentation that the planned native meadow plantings are an excellent choice for stabilizing soil and minimizing erosion. We also commend the staff for finding creative solutions to the unique constraints of the property as it straddles the boundary between Arlington County and Alexandria. We look forward to the eventual completion of the project when the Alexandria section of the park is completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nora E. Palmatier".

Nora Palmatier, Chair
Urban Forestry Commission

cc: Mark Schwartz, Arlington County Manager
Jane Rudolph, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation