

FRANKLIN AREA CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

1962 Virginia Avenue, McLean VA. 22101

12 January 2018

Dear Supervisor John Foust and Doctor Katherine Edwards:

The Franklin Area Citizens Association represents the interests of more than 1,400 families in the Franklin Area of McLean and we are writing to provide our support regarding the proposed plans for the Fairfax County Deer Management Program at Powhatan Hills Park, a seven acre wooded parcel in our community for 2018.

We understand that this program uses safe, effective, and sustainable deer management methods as permitted by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and is conducted by the Fairfax County Police Department in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority and NOVA Parks.

On 9 November, 2017, you held an informational Deer Management Community meeting at Haycock E.S. that was widely advertised on our community social network. At that meeting more than 75 percent of those in attendance favored the proposed Deer Management Program to reduce the deer population to sustainable levels and to minimize health and safety impacts of an overabundant deer population on residents and wildlife. These impacts include a high number of deer-vehicle collisions, potential spread of diseases, and decreased habitat quality that can negatively affect the ecosystem.

In summary, we understand that County staff is currently in the planning process for the Deer Management Program that will begin in fall 2018 and we respectfully ask that Powhatan Hills Park be included in that program.

With best wishes,

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Franklin Area Citizens Association

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Wally,

Thanks for forwarding the position of FACA in support of the deer hunt. I agree. These hunts are necessary for several reasons and Katie and her team do an excellent job of managing them.

The picture you attached is awesome. Three beautiful bucks in one place at the same time is truly unusual.

John

John W. Foust

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