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ARLANDRIA ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

In 2003, the City adopted a Long-Term Vision and Action Plan for the Arlandria Neighborhood (Action Plan). This newsletter provides a summary of recent implementation activities and project highlights.

Four Mile Run Restoration

City of Alexandria begins wetland restoration at Four Mile Run as part of the Four Mile Run Restoration Plan

As part of the Four Mile Run Restoration Project, the City of Alexandria awarded the Four Mile Run Park wetland restoration project to Environmental Quality Resources (EQR). EQR began invasive species removal on March 16, 2015 and is expected to complete this phase by the end of May. During this time, the wetland area will be closed to the public.

In summer through winter 2015, the contractor will remove, lower, and terrace the riverside portion of Four Mile Run Park by removing some existing artificial fill. This will establish and restore the historic wetlands prior to the 1970’s construction of the flood control channel. Native wetland species will be planted in the area. The improvement will not extend into the existing forested wetlands or the tidal freshwater marsh. An upland trail will be included to serve as a buffer between the proposed emergent tidal wetland and the existing forested wetland. During this time, there will be periodic pedestrian and cyclist detours in the Park.

A concurrent project on the Arlington County side of Four Mile Run will begin later in 2015.

Stay informed on periodic construction updates here: https://4milerun.wordpress.com/

For questions pertaining to construction, please contact Mike Gales, RK&K, on-site Construction Manager, at 410.952.7686. For questions on the overall project, please contact Dana Wedeles, Park Planner, dana.wedeles@alexandriava.gov or 703.746.5491.

Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park

Solicitations for construction of the rain gardens, plantings, and trail located east of the Conservatory Center will be underway this spring.

Construction is anticipated to start summer/fall 2015. The improvements will improve water quality within the Four Mile Run watershed and continue implementation of the approved Four Mile Run Park plan.

For more information about this project, please contact Judy Lo, Park Planner, judy.lo@alexandriava.gov or 703.746.5490.
Development Project Updates

Mt. Vernon Village Center, 3809-3839 Mount Vernon Ave
The applicant will be returning to public hearing in May 2015 to request an extension for the approval. The project is no longer seeking a reduction in parking as part of this extension request. The Planning Commission Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5 and the City Council Public Hearing is scheduled for Saturday, May 16. For additional questions, please visit the project webpage at http://alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=53736.

Community Lodgings, Inc.
Community Lodgings, Inc. (CLI) has a funding request for the renovation of 607 Notabene Drive that will be reviewed by the City’s Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) and City Council. On April 6, AHAC reviewed and recommended approval of the funding request. On Tuesday, April 14th, City Council will consider the funding request during its Legislative Meeting. As it did with the successful 2012 renovation of 612 Notabene, CLI is again working with HomeAid Northern Virginia. It is anticipated that through HomeAid’s donated labor, supervision and materials and through ongoing fundraising and private financing initiatives, CLI will be able to leverage the City’s investment, if approved, by 2:1 or greater.

Jackson Crossing, 3600 Jefferson Davis Highway
Construction is underway. When complete, the project will provide 78 residential apartments which will be marketed to residents with incomes up to 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI). There will be 78 garage parking spaces provided on-site. For real-time updates, view the Construction Camera: http://www.ahcinc.org/EastReedAvenue.html.

Lynhaven Apartments, 3521 Commonwealth Avenue
Starting in the next month the property will undergo both interior and exterior renovations. The exterior work will include enhanced landscaping, sidewalk improvements, new doors and windows, and a designated parking lot in the back (with bike parking). The interior work will include replacement of kitchens, bathrooms, flooring, and all heating and cooling systems. Wesley Housing has secured construction and permanent financing in addition to the City support already approved with the completion scheduled for the end of 2015.

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