

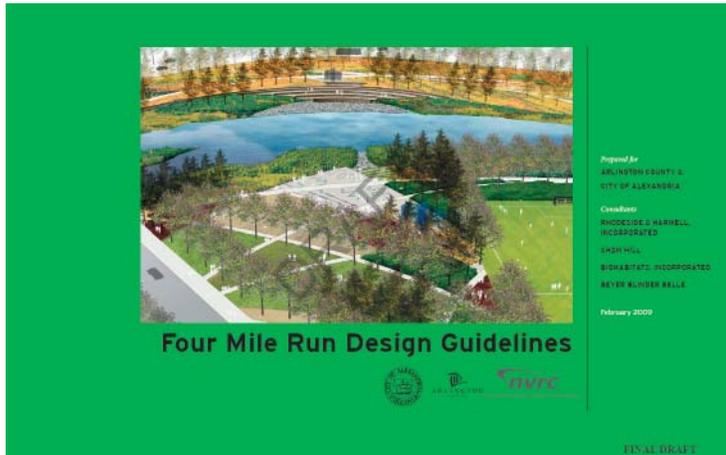
Four Mile Run Restoration Project e-Newsletter

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Numerous Four Mile Run Initiatives Moving Full-Speed Ahead

Welcome to the Four Mile Run Restoration Project electronic newsletter. This edition highlights the recent Joint Task Force Public Open House on the Design Guidelines, the May 2009 opening of the I-395 trail underpass, ongoing plans for a pedestrian/cyclist bridge between Commonwealth Avenue and South Eads Street, and the hiring of a consultant to perform the design work for the Tidal Corridor Demonstration Project.



The Final Draft of the Design Guidelines is expected to be completed by mid-summer.



The new trail underpass, which traverses west, under I-395, is set to open in mid-May.

Public Open House on the Design Guidelines

The restoration project's citizen Joint Task Force (JTF) hosted a public open house on April 2, 2009, to discuss the ongoing development of Design Guidelines. The Design Guidelines document will provide the parameters for all future development within the restoration project corridor. Three Arlington County Board Members and more than 40 residents from Arlington County and the City of Alexandria attended the meeting and provided input on the draft document.

A final copy of the Design Guidelines is expected to be completed by late-summer 2009. For more information, go to www.novaregion.org/design.

I-395 Underpass Nearly Completed

The Four Mile Run Trail underpass near I-395 is nearly complete, with the finishing touches expected by late May, 2009. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for May 30, 2009 at 10 a.m. For additional information on the re-opening of the trail, please contact Arlington County Planner, David Goodman, at dgoodman@arlingtonva.us.

Planning for the Pedestrian/Cyclist Bridge

The City of Alexandria and Arlington County have commenced planning efforts to design a bridge that will

connect South Eads Street in Arlington and Commonwealth Avenue in Alexandria. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has funded the design competition at \$400,000, with the City and County contributing an additional \$50,000 apiece as matching funds. Additional finances will be required for the construction of the bridge. The design competition is expected to take place during the Fall of 2009.

RK&K Hired for Demonstration Project

In April 2009, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), in consultation with the City of Alexandria and Arlington County, signed a contract with Rummel, Klepper, and Kahl, LLC (RK&K), to serve as consultants for the design phase for the Tidal Corridor Restoration Project. The Tidal Corridor Restoration Project is funded by an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant secured by Congressman Moran; Alexandria and Arlington will provide the required matching funds.

Additional Information

For additional information on the Four Mile Run Restoration Project, please visit NVRC's website at <http://www.novaregion.org/fourmilerun>. To subscribe or unsubscribe from this newsletter, email NVRC Environmental Planner, Marshall Popkin, at mpopkin@novaregion.org.



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