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**Public Invited to Attend Park Meeting on Open Space Properties
at 4109-4125 Mount Vernon Ave., Thursday April 29**

Hosted by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities invites the public to attend a meeting with the community to discuss the upcoming park planning and design process for the open space properties at 4109-4125 Mount Vernon Ave., including a discussion about the public use of the former Duron Paint store building. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m. on site at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park, 4131 Mount Vernon Ave. The properties were acquired in January of 2007 as part of the City's Open Space Program.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather input from the community about potential park elements that would support the community use of the property and to discuss a concept plan for the site developed by area architects. City staff will use the ideas generated from this meeting to refine a concept for public use of the former paint store and to draft options for the design of the adjacent open space. The draft design options will then be reviewed and discussed in upcoming public meetings. Following this process, a phased draft park plan will be presented for public hearing and approval by the City of Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission.

A Special Use Permit application for the public use of the former paint store was submitted and is scheduled for public hearing by the Planning Commission June 1, 2010.

These open space parcels were purchased in 2007 in accordance with the City of Alexandria's Open Space Master Plan through the Open Space Fund. The Arlandria Small Area Plan and Four Mile Run Restoration Master Plan both anticipated the use of this property as public open space with park related uses.

Persons unable to attend the meeting can send written comments to the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Attention: Laura Durham, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria, VA 22314, or e-mail laura.durham@alexandriava.gov.

The City of Alexandria is committed to compliance with the City's Human Rights Code and the Americans with Disabilities Act. To request a reasonable accommodation or to request materials in an alternative format, please call Laura Durham, Open Space Coordinator, at 703.746.5493, (TTY 703.838.4902), or e-mail laura.durham@alexandriava.gov.