Laura,

I'd like these comments provided to the Fort Ward Advisory Group members and included in the public record. I sent them to Tom Fulton earlier but noticed that they haven't been posted on the City's Fort Ward Ad-Hoc website.

Also, under separate cover I'm sending you the reply I received from Lance Mallamo regarding whether or not an archaeological investigation has been done for the stream in the possible grant proposal. I'd like that included in the record as well.

Many thanks to you!

All my best,

Glenn

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Subject: Fort Ward Stream Restoration

Daniel,

Thanks for your excellent presentation last night at the Fort Ward Park Advisory Group Meeting. I hope there is a way to use the grant you described to solve some of the water problems in Fort Ward park, the Oakland Baptist Church Cemetery and Marlboro Estates.

Attached is a picture of a portion of the 1979 Fort Ward Park Master Plan prepared by T & ES. I have a paper copy of the plan should you wish to make a better copy.

Below is narrative that I found while researching Fort Ward Park which references the plan and follow-up work that was done through a grant.
The plan shows that the ravine was targeted for "Rip-rap" which explains why the Recreation Department dumped debris in the stream channel.

Finally, I asked about whether archaeological research was conducted in the ravine, after the city started dumping debris, because there is some evidence that city employees may have taken grave markers and grave stones from the park maintenance yard and discarded them in the stream channel. I'll let you know what Mr. Mallamo finds out about his office's past research.

Under separate cover I'll send you the other information I promised.

Thank you!

All my best,

Glenn

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“Ever since its construction in 1963, Ft. Ward Park and Museum has been a very popular recreation facility in the City with over 100,000 visitations each year. As a result of this heavy use, the park has experienced environmental decline and erosion in recent years. In 1979 an intern was employed to prepare a master plan for the park, and in 1980 the City received a Young Adult Conservation Corps Grant to begin implementation of plan elements.”

“…..FY 1988 funds will be used to expand the City’s greenhouse operation. Eventually, this facility will allow the City to reduce seasonal flower display expenditures by growing its own plants from seed. A program to control the erosion problems at the historic areas of the park was initiated during FY 1985 and is programmed through FY 1990.”

Capital Project Detail: Fort Ward Park. Allocation of Funds Request from City Manager, Vola Lawson to the Mayor and City Council. Received by Alexandria Management & Budget, March 26, 1987.

1979 T & ES Master Plan for Fort Ward Park (submitted by Glen Eugster)

Visit www.alexandriava.gov/29638 to view the plan.