

Updates on Fort Ward Management Plan Implementation
As of November 30, 2016

1. Fence and Gate repairs in the former Maintenance Yard Area – Attached is the revised map that reflects the changes in the fence removals and the archaeological areas to be investigated as a result of the last Monitoring Group meeting. The yellow portion of the fence was removed. Fence posts were cut off just below the ground surface. A temporary line of fencing was installed that will enclose the area where the next phase of archaeology work will take place. Work was monitored by an archaeologist. See attached pictures.
2. New Sign near the former Maintenance Yard Area – attached is the text of the new sign and the pictures of the installed sign.
3. Tree Planting - Thirteen volunteers from Trees Alexandria led by Bonnie Petry donated and planted thirteen native trees at Fort Ward Park on October 22nd. Planting sites were reviewed and approved by the Office of Historic Alexandria. These sites were selected to provide tree canopy cover in areas of the park where trees have been removed, and in public areas where park users will appreciate the shade that the trees will provide as they mature. In addition, 24 trees are scheduled to be planted this fall before the end of the year using City's Capital Funds. .
4. Interpretative Plan – The Request for Proposal (RFP) to retain a consultant has been advertised and a contract is expected to be awarded by February, 2017. Staff plans to convene the Interpretative Committee in January 2017 to provide an update.
5. Oral History – Staff has met with the Descendent Group and presented a draft of a Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) and a Deed of Gift. These documents will guide the Oral History efforts. It is expected that these two documents can be finalized by January 2017 so the Oral History documentation can continue thereafter.
6. Rodent Control in the former Maintenance Yard Area – RPCA staff did have active management of the rodents in this year some years ago. The program was discontinued at least 3-4 years ago. If needed, staff will reactivate the program.