

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes  
February 6, 2012 Work Session

**EPC Members in Attendance**

✓	Peter Pennington (Chair)	✓	Danielle Fidler	✓	Kurt Moser
X	Jennifer Hovis	✓	Patrick Hagan	✓	Phil Voorhees
X	Heather Schaefer	✓	Scott Barstow	✓	Geoffrey Goode
X	Kristen Nelson	✓	Josh Sawislak	✓	Rebecca Jablon

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

**City Staff**

Khoa Tran, Bill Skrabak, Ron Kagawa

**Begin 6:35 PM**

**Tour of the ASA Facilities**

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Karen Pallansch and Adrienne Fancher of the Alexandria Sanitation Authority (ASA), Bill Fidler, and Tom Wegener of the ASA Board and representatives of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

**Public Comments**

- None

**ASA Presentation on Nitrogen Upgrade Program and the Reconstruction of the Four Mile Run Pumping Station, Karen Pallansch, General Manager, ASA**

- Karen gave a brief background to the ASA and Virginia's State of the Art Nitrogen Upgrade Program (SANUP) and how the ASA is meeting SANUP's requirements and mandates.
  - o The ASA completed a project to improve carbon emissions, began construction on a centrate pretreatment facility and a biological reactor basin.
  - o The ASA plans to construct a nutrient management facility which will include facilities such as a bike path and will use reclaimed water on the fields.
  - o Plans also include rehabilitation for the Four Mile Run Pump Station; the existing pump station will eventually be demolished as the new one goes online.
  - o The facilities will be certified LEED Silver, the turf will be made out of recycled materials
- The ASA welcomes any thoughts or questions
- Peter suggested the ASA work with the ACPS, and he will provide them with a contact. Kurt asked whether the facilities will be tourable, and suggested incorporating kid activities, particularly since the site is located near the Environmental Action Center.
- Karen clarified that most construction will be off the roads and will not interfere with the bicyclists in the area

**Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, Michael Nardolilli, President**

- Michael explained that the Trust was founded in 1994 and has conserved 5,425 acres.
- In Alexandria, for every \$1 invested, the City gets \$11 in easement value, and equating to \$1,833 per year in economic value added.
- The NVCT has a 100-acre goal for Alexandria; nearly 70 acres have been conserved thus far.
- The NVCT puts on school activities and shows land ethics films throughout the region.

- The Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) is set to vote February 23, 2012 on the regional green infrastructure map.
- All money going towards open space is tied to the map and the Virginia Outdoors Plan
- The EPC supports the goals of the NVCT and will take a look at the Draft Open Space plan as it comes out and the Virginia Outdoors Plan.

#### **Earth Day Update**

- The EPC has a stall for Earth Day, the committee should think about the activity they will do
- Geoff stated the team working on the Ellen Pickering award is brainstorming ideas on getting the word out

#### **Process to review EAP 2030**

- Josh set up a fileshare on Google Docs, the EPC is encouraged to take a look at the sections posted.

#### **Other Business Items**

- Peter announced the City Manager will be coming to meet the EPC at an April meeting.
- Peter asked if citizens can participate in the Commission's activities. Bill stated that they can be active on sub-committees.

#### **Adjourn 9:10 PM**