

CAHH PARKS ANNUAL BUDGET PROPOSAL 2004-2008

Request to Raise Civic Association Dues— Please Read Carefully

As we present our budget, we are basing the urgency of removing invasives on direct observation by experts from Northern Virginia Soils and Water Conservation and the Forestry Office of Virginia, in addition to information gathered by myself and wardens at officially sponsored seminars on the problem of invasives.* The dollar figures for removal we are basing on what it has already cost to clear 1/8 of the area in Voigt Park.

Asad Rouhi and Judy Okay, the two above mentioned experts, visited Voigt Park on two occasions, walking the entire length of the streambed. As of this week, I have contacted them again to request advice specific to each of our parks. We feel this is necessary in order for us to be well advised on the health of the trees, drainage problems and the precise procedures for removing the invasives that have blanketed the understory of the woodlands.

Invasives and the health of the streams and

drainage in the parks are the major concerns for the Parks Committee. In order to preserve our wooded areas we must begin to act now. Without control of invasives, the tree population will diminish and the ordinary plants and vines that grow native to Virginia will die out. The result will be sparsely treed parks, with little or no wildlife. If we don't address the health of the streams, then the parks will become unwalkable quagmires.

Another issue that concerns us is the legal boundary of the parks. We cannot protect against encroachment (there is serious encroachment from the Mt. Vernon Square townhouse community) unless we have a legal description and physical evidence of our boundaries. In the other parks, the boundary between the parks and property owners is unclear. Thus, our proposal is to have a survey completed for each of the remaining parks (except for McCalley, which is leased to us by the County) over the next five years.

Providing for a stable budget to accomplish the work that needs to be done over the next five years requires a secure source of

income. I have asked the Board to propose an increase of the CAHH dues by \$50 [to \$100]. Though many in Hollin Hills, including myself, survive on fixed incomes, I feel we can afford a yearly additional expenditure for something as important to our future as the restoration of our parks. Whether a resident's house backs onto a park or not, the resident still benefits from these surroundings. The woods around the community not only define its uniqueness, but also contribute in a major way to the health of all residents. In addition, a park clear of dense thickets of invasive shrubs will be more appealing for children to explore.

I believe—and based on science, not wishful thinking—that caring for these parks will preserve them, and allow them to become healthy and continue their beneficial impact on our lives.

*It should be noted that Arlington County has a full time salaried agent to oversee the removal of invasives and that Fairfax County is exploring this option.

—Addison Ullrich, Parks Committee Chair

Item Description	Actual 2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	5 Year Budget Total
VOIGT PARK							
1 Invasives removal** Continuation of long term effort to remove English ivy, Japanese honeysuckle, etc. from the southern portions of the park where trees and native plants are at risk	1,230	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	10,000
2 Tree hazard removal	1,250	500	500	500	500	500	2,500
3 Native planting replacement	500	200	200	0	0	0	400
4 Replacement planting - damaged and lost plants due to Isabel and future loss from public use	0	250	75	50	50	50	475
5 Bench replacement and playground equipment mulch base	0	600	0	0	0	0	600
6 Stream stabilization	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000	7,000
7 Fair weather crossing bridge - materials only	0	500	0	0	0	0	500
8 Clean up of playground area	64	75	75	75	75	75	375
9 Survey	0	0	0	0	0	3,500	3,500
Totals for Voigt Park	3,044	5,625	4,350	4,125	4,125	7,125	25,350
**Approximately one-sixth was cleared in 2003. Figures shown provide for estimated 133 hours per year (without inflation factored).							
PAUL SPRING PARK							
1 Invasives removal - English ivy, porcelain berry, Japanese holly, etc.	0	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	11,000
2 Tree hazard removal - 6 trees that need removing	1,050	2,500	500	500	500	500	4,500
3 Repair and enhancement of area at entrance	0	1,500	1,000	500	500	500	4,000
4 Maintenance, repair of bridges and benches	0	300	300	300	300	300	1,500
5 Survey	0	0	0	3,500	0	0	3,500
Totals for Paul Spring Park	1,050	7,300	3,800	6,800	3,300	3,300	24,500

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<u>MCCALLEY PARK</u>							
1 Invasives Removal - ivy and bamboo	0	500	200	200	0	0	900
2 Tree Hazard Removal	0	150	150	150	150	150	750
3 Plantings - Labor only	140	200	100	50	50	50	450
4 General clean up	60	50	50	50	50	50	250
Totals for McCalley Park	200	900	500	450	250	250	2350
<u>GOODMAN PARK</u>							
1 Invasives Removal - ivy and bamboo	0	500	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	7,500
2 Tree Hazard Removal	0	500	500	500	500	500	2,500
3 Mulching of path - labor only	0	250	250	250	250	250	1,250
4 General Clean Up	300	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Survey	0	3,500	0	0	0	0	3,500
Totals for Goodman Park	300	4,750	1,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	14,750
<u>BRICKELMAIER PARK</u>							
1 Invasives Removal - ivy, creeping euyonomous, euyonomou alatus	0	500	1,000	2,000	2,000	1,000	6,500
2 Tree Hazard Removal - there are 3 trees needing removal	0	1,500	500	500	500	500	3,500
3 Mulching of path -Labor only	0	250	250	250	250	250	1,250
4 Erosion control and drainage repair	0	500	1,000	500	0	0	2,000
5 Survey	0	0	3,500	0	0	0	3,500
Totals for Brickelmaier Park	0	2,750	6,250	3,250	2,750	1,750	16,750
<u>SUTTON POTTER PARK</u>							
1 Tree Hazard Removal - there are 2 trees needing removal	500	1,000	500	500	500	500	3,000
2 General clean up	150	100	100	100	100	100	500
4 Tree replacement - seedlings from county	0	40	40	40	40	40	200
5 Signs	0	150	0	0	0	0	150
Totals for Sutton Potter Park	750	1,290	640	640	640	640	3,850
<u>WILDLIFE SANCTUARY</u>							
1 Tree Hazard Removal	0	500	250	250	250	250	1,500
2 Invasives Removal	0	0	500	500	500	500	2,000
3 Signs	0	150	0	0	0	0	150
4 Mulching of path - labor only	0	150	150	150	150	150	750
5 Survey	0	0	0	0	3,500	0	3,500
Totals for Wildlife Sanctuary	0	800	900	900	4,400	900	7,900
<u>MOWING</u> of grassy areas in Voigt, McCalley, Rippon Rd. Paul Spring and Sutton Potter.	3,737	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	20,000
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGETS FOR ALL PARKS	9081	27,415	22,190	22,915	22,215	20,715	115,450