

Bluemont Civic Association

Representing Neighborhoods in and around Arlington Traditional School, Lacey Woods Park, Bon Air, Fields Park, Balls Crossing, West Ballston, and all along the former Bluemont Division of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad

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Dear County Board,
DES Support Engineer Dave Hundelt, and
DES Landscape Architect Juan Du

RE: Bluemont Civic Association Support for the County's Planned N. Edison Street Connector

It is my pleasure to inform you that Bluemont Civic Association members have voted to support Arlington County's planned connector trail between the Bluemont Junction Trail and N. Edison Street, at the proposed location at the T-junction of N. Edison Street and the Bluemont Junction Trail.

We are grateful for the timely and very useful briefing by Ms. Du about the project, and appreciate the work of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to make this connector trail compliant with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), providing improved access to the trail for all, including bikes, and strollers. We welcome DES' plan to steer clear of tree roots while ensuring positive drainage, and to construct the connector in a way that allows storm water to be directed to the nearby drainage swale and storm water collection system.

I would like to add my personal appreciation for the patience and help of Dave Hundelt and Juan Du in promptly addressing concerns coming from misconceptions about the path's proposed location, and the timing of construction. I apologize, and am grateful for how quickly, thoroughly and patiently Mr. Hundelt and Ms. Du resolved these concerns, and for Ms. Du quickly meeting with our civic association to discuss the project and answer questions from Bluemont residents.

Thanks to their great work, I am pleased to be able to send you this notice that our members have voted to support the N. Edison Street connector at its planned location.

Best regards,

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