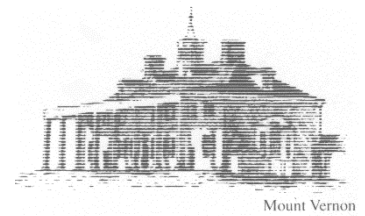




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Mount Vernon Trail 50th Anniversary

**Joint with Supervisor Dan Storck and Chairman Jeff McKay
April 12, 2022**

On April 15, 1972, the first 4.5-mile stretch of the Mount Vernon Trail opened to the public. The gravel path ran from Belle Haven in Alexandria to the Memorial Bridge in Arlington and was the brainchild of two Alexandria women, Ellen Pickering and Barbara Lynch. In 1971, the two gathered over 700 petition signatures to create a trail alongside the George Washington Memorial Parkway. The National Park Service was sympathetic to the plea and agreed to provide the right-of-way, gravel, and tools if Ms. Pickering and Ms. Lynch could provide volunteers to do the work. Ms. Pickering and Ms. Lynch organized 40 volunteers, and every Saturday that winter they spread gravel. In total, 400 recruits spread 4,200 tons of gravel, contributing 5,300 hours of labor to start the trail that would become a vital recreational and transportation corridor in the region. Today, the Mount Vernon Trail is an 18.5-mile anchor in our region's trail network with approximately one million annual users. It is part of the East Coast Greenway, the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, as well as the Arlington Loop.

The Friends of the Mount Vernon Trail are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the first segment of the trail on Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. along the trail at Daingerfield Island in Alexandria. The event will include activities for all ages and exhibitors including the Friends of Dyke Marsh, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Capital Bikeshare, BikeArlington, Go Alex, East Coast Greenway, Rosslyn Business Improvement District and the Friends of the Mount Vernon Trail.

The event will also include a ceremony recognizing the volunteers, community organizations and governments who have made the Mount Vernon Trail a vibrant transportation and recreation corridor. I look forward to joining GWMP

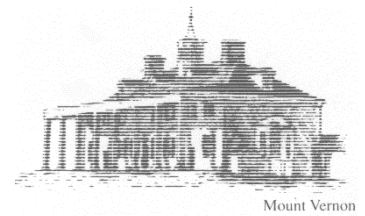
Superintendent Charles Cuvelier, the Friends of the Mount Vernon Trail President Judd Isbell, Arlington County Board Chair Katie Cristol, Alexandria City Council Member Sarah Bagley as speakers at the event.

The creation of the Mount Vernon Trail exemplifies how determined community members can help foster partnerships with government and the private sector to create a community asset that benefits all of us.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection, I ask that a proclamation be signed by the Chairman and myself to be presented on April 16 to the Friends of the Mount Vernon Trail for 50 years of service to our community.



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4th Annual Environment Expo: Get Outdoors! Learn & Do!

Supervisor Dan Storck
April 12, 2022

The Mount Vernon District will host its 4th Annual Environment Expo: Get Outdoors! Learn and Do! on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park. We are excited to partner with the National Park Service, Clean Fairfax and many County agencies again this year. This FREE family-friendly festival will feature activities and exhibitors sharing information about climate action, environmental challenges we face and solutions we can participate in to make Fairfax County, and the world at large, a healthier, more sustainable place.

Attendees will be treated to workshops, live music, reptile and owl demonstrations, nature walks, giveaways, solar cooking, robot demonstrations, and more. New this year, Billy B, the Natural Science Song and Dance Guy, will be entertaining and educating simultaneously and is guaranteed to please, with have kids and parents dancing along.

Please visit my website – fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon - to learn more about the event! Join us to LEARN, ENGAGE and ACT to save our environment!

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I ask, with unanimous consent, that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the Environment Expo.



ENVIRONMENT EXPO

Get Outdoors! Learn and Do!

April 23, 2022

10 a.m.— 2 p.m.

Fort Hunt Park, Pavilion A

8999 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria

FREE Family Friendly Event featuring **Billy B the Natural Science Song and Dance Guy** and including: Exhibitors, Workshops, Live Music, Live Reptile & Owl Programs, Electric Vehicles, Nature Walks, Junior Ranger Program, Recycle Right, Touch-a-Truck, CCTV Robot Demos, Purple Glass Monster (bring your glass!), Give-aways and more!



Event will follow Virginia COVID-19 protocols and restrictions.

Thank you to our sponsors!





Exposición del Medio Ambiente

¡Sal al Aire Libre! ¡Aprende y Haz!

23 de Abril del 2022

10 a.m.— 2 p.m.

Parque de Fort Hunt, Pabellón A

8999 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria

Evento familiar GRATUITO con Billy B el Hombre de la Canción y la Danza de la Ciencia Natural e incluye: Expositores, talleres, música en vivo, programas en vivo de reptiles y búhos, vehículos eléctricos, caminatas por la naturaleza, programa de Guardabosques, Reciclar Correctamente, Toca-Un-Camión, demostraciones de robots de CCTV, monstruo de vidrio púrpura (traiga su vidrio), regalos y más!

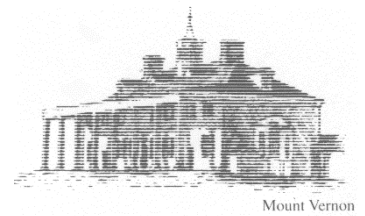
El evento seguirá los protocolos y restricciones de Virginia COVID-19.





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Request for Concurrent Processing SEA-88-V-064-05 (Original Mount Vernon High School)

April 12, 2022

The Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS) is located at 8333 Richmond Highway, Tax Map # 101-4 ((1)) Parcel 5A and 101-4 ((7)) Parcel 1 and owned by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The OMVHS facility is identified on the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites and listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Historic Landmarks.

The applicant, Fairfax County Department of Public Works & Environmental Services, submitted a Special Exception Amendment for the OMVHS facility to allow for Alternative Use of Historic Buildings and the public hearings are scheduled before the Planning Commission on June 29, 2022, and the Board of Supervisors at a date to be determined in July 2022. The applicant has requested authorization to process concurrent site and building plans and permits to allow this project to move forward expeditiously.

The OMVHS project is the renovation and adaptive reuse of the existing historic OMVHS facility and associated site improvements. The ultimate vision of the OMVHS Project is to create a true “Human Development Center” directly located on the Richmond Highway Corridor.

The proposed programs and uses include Early Childhood Education, Gymnasium, Teen and Senior Center, non-profit programs with a focus on education, career and workforce development, and financial literacy, education, culinary incubation, business incubation, visual and performing arts, commercial kitchen for education and food products for purchase, and flexible community use spaces. It is designed to provide flexibility and accommodate the programming needs of the community.

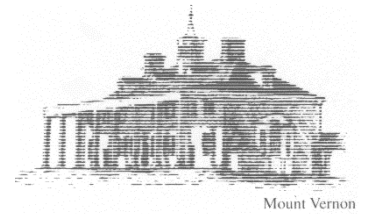
Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of the Department of Land Development Services to accept concurrent and simultaneous review of a site plan, architectural drawings, building permits and/or other plans and permits as may be necessary to implement the improvements proposed with this Special Exception Amendment application.

These motions should not in any way be construed as a favorable recommendation on any application or plan by the Board of Supervisors, and do not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations or adopted standards, and in no way prejudice the substantive review of the applications and/or plans.



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Request for Special Permit Fee Waiver Simple Changes Therapeutic Riding Center

**Supervisor Dan Storck
April 12, 2022**

Simple Changes, a non-profit therapeutic horseback riding center, has been in operation in the Mason Neck area of Lorton since 2005, and has been serving hundreds of individuals with special needs from all over Fairfax County and the Northern Virginia Region. The organization provides adaptive riding lessons and hippotherapy sessions to more than 60 individuals with physical and cognitive challenges each week. In addition, they also provide equine assisted activities to seniors with dementia, brain injury survivors, veterans suffering from PTSD, and at-risk youth.

Simple Changes had been operating on a special recreation permit from the Bureau of Land Management at the Meadowood Recreation Area until September 2020. Since then, they purchased Bayview Farm LLC, a nearby equestrian facility at 10800 Belmont Boulevard, and have been operating at this location.

The five-acre equestrian facility they purchased was originally constructed in the late 1990s and operated as a horse boarding and lesson facility. However, County staff recently notified Simple Changes that their operation is in violation of the Zoning Ordinance, as the former owner was operating the facility as a riding and boarding stable without an approved Special Permit.

In order to bring their operation into compliance, Simple Changes is required to pursue a Special Permit. In addition to the costs incurred by the nonprofit for hiring professional services to pursue the special permit, the special permit application fee is \$8,180.

Given that Simple Changes was not aware that the former stables were operating without a special permit, and therefore, that they would incur additional costs, the unique services they provide to some of our most vulnerable residents, and their

status as a non-profit, there is good cause to grant their request for a waiver of the application filing fee.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Planning and Development Zoning Evaluation Division to waive the Special Permit application fee for a riding and boarding stable for Simple Changes at 10800 Belmont Blvd, Lorton VA 22079.

This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation on any application by the Board and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards. This action in no way prejudices the substantive review of the application.



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**Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay, and Supervisors Smith,
Storck and Walkinshaw**

FY 2023 Consideration Item

Adjustment to Machinery & Tools Tax

Members of the Board,

As discussed by the Board of Supervisors and previously identified in Budget Guidance, the County continues to focus on creative economic development opportunities. The Board and staff have discussed small-scale production and how County policies, practices, and taxing structures could be adjusted to encourage new businesses, as well as promote the expansion of current ones. As an example, the tax rate on Machinery and Tools (M&T) owned by the County's businesses is higher than in several surrounding jurisdictions and includes a less aggressive depreciation schedule. We recently received a Budget Q&A providing the rates in several local jurisdictions.

Currently, the M&T tax rate in Fairfax County is \$4.57 per \$100 of assessed value. It is assessed at 80 percent of the original cost for the first year of ownership and 10 percent less each succeeding year, until it reaches a floor of 20 percent in the seventh year. Va. Code §58.1-3507 permits local governing bodies to carve out the M&T as a separate class of Personal Property tax. Localities can adopt a lower tax rate and a more favorable depreciation schedule. Fairfax County does not currently have a separate tax rate or depreciation schedule for M&T tax as Prince William County and Loudoun County do. It should also be noted that there have been no changes to depreciation schedules since FY 2004, when the schedule depreciating computer equipment was last adjusted.

Consistent with the longer-term focus on economic development opportunities as we emerge from the pandemic, we propose a Consideration Item for FY 2023 to adjust the M&T tax. The proposal is designed to provide an incentive for the type of small-scale production that is so important to economic vitality, the Made in Fairfax brand, and to community building, which small-scale producers such as breweries engender. While a very small portion of our overall tax base, the adjustment to these tax schedules to better align and compete with our largest surrounding jurisdictions can play a vital role in helping to support and to keep these local and vibrant businesses here in Fairfax County.

Consideration item:

We therefore propose that we change the M&T rate from \$4.57 per \$100 of assessed value to \$2.00 per \$100 of assessed value. It is also requested that the Director of Tax Administration review the depreciation schedule to potentially assess at 50 percent of the original cost for the first year of ownership and 10 percent less each succeeding year, until it reaches a floor of 10 percent in the fifth year. The reduction of the County's M&T rate to \$2.00 per \$100 of assessed value and implementation of the revised depreciation schedule as outlined above would result in a revenue reduction of approximately \$1 million.

This relatively modest impact on County revenues can be accommodated within the balance available to the Board as the FY 2023 budget is considered.