

**Department of Conservation and Recreation
Division of Planning and Recreation Resources
Mason Neck State Park Master Plan Public Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2016 6:00 p.m.
Mason Neck State Park Visitors Center
Mason Neck State Park
Lorton, Virginia**

TIME AND PLACE

The Public Meeting to consider the Master Plan for Mason Neck State Park took place at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2016, at the Mason Neck State Park Visitor Center at Mason Neck State Park in Lorton, Virginia.

DCR STAFF PRESENT

Bill Conkle, Reinhardt Gray, Jennifer Wampler, Mark Schuppin, David Stapleton, and Tim Shrader.

PUBLIC PRESENT

Eighteen members of the public attended the meeting, including Danielle Gemma, the Legislative Aide from Delegate Dave Albo's office and Nadine Slocum, the Legislative Aide from Senator Scott Surovell's office.

MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting introduced the history of Virginia State Parks, provided an overview of the master planning process, provided an orientation to Mason Neck State Park, review of a survey conducted by the Friends of Mason Neck State Park and an overview of the proposed update to the park's master plan and allowed for public comment. Proposed developments for the park include an environmental education/multipurpose center, picnic shelters, canoe-in campsites, bike/boat rental building, additional trails and shoreline erosion control. Public comments included an urgency for shoreline stabilization, need for public meeting space, desire to make park more accessible, suggestion for more trails and horse friendly trail surfacing, maintaining the pristine setting of the park and support for the overall draft plan. The draft master plan will next be presented to the Board of Conservation and Recreation for recommended approval.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Draft phased development plan

Mason Neck State Park Master Plan Update

Public Input Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 2016

6:00 P.M.

Mason Neck State Park Visitor Center
7301 High Point Road
Lorton, Virginia

AGENDA

Welcome

Introduction to Virginia State Parks

Overview of the State Park Master Planning Process

Orientation to Mason Neck State Park

Review of Proposed master plan revisions for Mason Neck State Park

Public Comment Period

Next Steps in the Process

Adjourn

THANK YOU!

Written and emailed comments are also accepted for the Mason Neck State Park Master Plan until December 10, 2016.

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Mason Neck State Park

Draft Phased Development Plan

Proposed developments for the Park are presented in priority order. Completion of all of the projects in this list will represent total build-out (completion of the master plan), and covers a 20-year timeframe.

Phase I

- Enhance picnic area, construct two large shelters with comfort station
- Protect and interpret Lexington historic site
- Develop an environmental education center/ multi-purpose with existing structures
- Improve environmental education/multipurpose center access road (using pull-outs)
- Canoe-in campsites (4)
- Construct structure for concessions and bike/boat rental at boat storage building site
- Demo greenhouse
- Improve and expand park trail system including on-road bike facilities
- Shoreline erosion control measures (living shoreline)
- Connect to county water system
- Place utility wires underground

Phase II

- Picnic area parking lot expansion and resurfacing
- Improve and expand park trail system including renovation of Bay View Trail boardwalks
- Contact Station
- Staff residence
- Redesign entrance to park visitor center with courtyard and improvements to building interior.
- Add pole shed and additional bay at maintenance area
- Shoreline erosion control measures (living shoreline)
- Place utility wires underground