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## George Washington Memorial Parkway News Release

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### Public Scoping Meeting focusing on Land Transfer of Langley Fork Park and Langley Oaks Park and Potential Development of Langley Fork Park.

McLean, Virginia -- In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate alternatives for the proposed land transfer of Langley Fork Park and Langley Oaks Park and potential development options at Langley Fork Park.

A public open house meeting will be held by the NPS on Tuesday evening, January 14, 2014 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Franklin Sherman Elementary School, 6633 Brawner Street McLean, Virginia 22101. At the meeting, the project team will be available to discuss the purpose and need, site characteristics, and other project information. The meeting is also an opportunity for public involvement in the project according to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as the NPS seeks input into the proposed undertaking that could affect the Langley Forks Historic District.

The purpose of the action is an exchange of land between the NPS and the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) to facilitate improving and expanding the current recreational facilities at Langley Fork Park.

Currently, the NPS owns the Langley Fork Park property and permits FCPA to manage and maintain its use. FCPA permits activities at Langley Fork Park to its full extent and not all user groups can get

permits, creating a need to expand programming. In addition, current facilities, constructed in 1981, are deteriorating and need updating. The exchange is needed because the NPS is unable to provide for such upgrades in a park that has become a valuable resource to the local community. Fairfax County has proposed a mutually beneficial land exchange would allow for upgrades at Langley Fork through FCPA and protection of new Potomac Gorge resource areas through the NPS. The NPS would proceed with the exchange pursuant to the Capper-Cramton Act and the Act of July 15, 1968, 82 Stat. 3 56, wherein the Secretary of the Interior may acquire private property within a unit of the National Park System in exchange for federally owned property administered by the Department.

Comments will be taken during this meeting and throughout the 60-day public scoping period, from December 5, 2013 to February 3, 2014. During this scoping period, the public is invited to identify any issues or concerns they might have with the proposed project, so the NPS can appropriately consider them in the preparation of the EA.

Comments may be submitted electronically on the project website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/GWMP>.

Written comments may be mailed to:  
Superintendent, Re: Langley Fork Park Project  
700 George Washington Memorial Parkway  
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Mailed comments must be postmarked by February 3, 2014, to receive consideration.

Comments may also be faxed to (703) 289-2598, Re: Langley Fork Park Project.

Only written comments will be accepted.

Anyone providing written comments should be aware their entire comment – including their personal identifying information such as personal address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying – may be made publicly available at any time. While anyone wishing to comment may ask the NPS in their comment to withhold their personal identifying information from public review, the NPS cannot guarantee it will be able to do so.

Once the EA is completed, it will be made available for public review for at least 30 days. If anyone **wishes to be added to the park's mailing list for this or other announcements, please be sure to indicate that in their response.**

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