

26 June 2017

Hon. Jay Fisette  
Chairman, Arlington County Board  
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Chairman Fisette:

We know the Joint Facilities Advisory Commission has been reviewing the potential swap of land between Quincy Street and Shirlington Road. The potential availability of the property along Shirlington Road also has come up in the discussions of the Four Mile Run Valley Working Group as we review land use options for that area. The working group would like to make the following comments about the proposed land swap property on Shirlington Road:

First, the County should acquire as much of Arcland's Shirlington acreage as possible, through direct purchase if not thru the proposed land swap. We support, on the portion of the property next to I-395, the continued storage of buses and other large County vehicles.

Second, as currently configured, the private parcel along Shirlington Road provides the County with very little street frontage. If the property lines were adjusted to create a more rectangular-shaped parcel in the front, this portion of the property could potentially allow space along Shirlington Road to include more appealing uses that would mask the bus parking to the rear.

Third, this property could provide an opportunity for co-location of needed County facilities, which could be located above a potential bus parking structure in the rear. Thus, this property has utility to the County beyond vehicular parking.

Fourth, as part of any land procurement, the County should consider the impact of its future decisions on the Nauck Branch, including RPA, daylighting, and public access issues.

Thank you,

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Charles Monfort  
Chairman, Four Mile Run Valley Working Group