

# Four Mile Run Restoration Project e-Newsletter

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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Four Mile Run Restoration Project electronic newsletter. This bimonthly newsletter provides information on restoration project activities, meetings, and events. For additional information on the Four Mile Run Restoration Project, please visit the Northern Virginia Regional Commission's (NVRC) website at <http://www.novaregion.org/index.asp?NID=213>.

## Planning Underway for Pedestrian/Cyclist Bridge

Restoration project partners, the City of Alexandria, Arlington County, and NVRC, were awarded, and have received, a \$500,000 State Transportation Enhancement Grant (applied for in October 2006) to fund a design competition and engineering plans for a pedestrian/cyclist bridge over Four Mile Run. The pedestrian/cyclist bridge will provide a vital link between Commonwealth Avenue in Alexandria and South Eads Street in Arlington and serve as a centerpiece to the demonstration project.

The Four Mile Run Restoration Project Master Plan expresses a clear goal for the bridge to serve as a focal point of the restoration effort. The pedestrian/cyclist bridge will attract residents and regional trail users to Four Mile Run and its green spaces with safer and more pleasant access. A stream once inaccessible and inhospitable will be transformed into a public space that unites, rather than divides, the adjacent Alexandria and Arlington communities.

In addition to the design competition and production of engineering specifications, Phase I includes funds for bridge lighting, trail connections on both sides, and interpretive signs. Phase II includes the actual construction of the bridge, with funding to be determined. For questions regarding the pedestrian/cyclist bridge, please contact NVRC Senior Environmental Planner, Debbie Spiliotopoulos, at [dspilio@novaregion.org](mailto:dspilio@novaregion.org).

## Arlington County Seeks Art For New Fence at WPCP

In collaboration with the Four Mile Run Restoration Project, Arlington County will soon release a Request for Qualifications to hire a professional artist, or team of artists, to generate a vision for the beautification of portions of the new fence that will surround the Arlington Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP). The project will focus on the area near the Arlington terminus of the future pedestrian/cyclist bridge. Professional artists who might be interested in this initiative should contact Welmoed Laanstra, Arlington County Public Art Projects Curator, at [wlaanstra@arlingtonva.us](mailto:wlaanstra@arlingtonva.us).

Located in the heart of the restoration project corridor, the WPCP currently processes roughly 30 million gallons of water per day for the approximately 189,500 residents and commercial sector users of Arlington County. The WPCP was originally put into service in 1933, with a capacity to process five million gallons of water per day; today, construction is underway at the WPCP to expand its facilities to meet the community's increasing demands.

## NVRC Welcomes New Planning Director

Aimee L. Vosper of Alexandria has been selected as the new Director of Planning and Environmental Services for NVRC. Ms. Vosper, through her former position as Division Chief for Parks, Planning, and Development with the City of Alexandria's Department of Parks and Recreation, already possesses thorough knowledge of the Four Mile Run Stream Restoration Project. Ms. Vosper has been an active member on the staff-run Agency Coordination Group and is looking forward to her new role at NVRC and continuing the Four Mile Run stream restoration work into the future.

## Additional Information

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