



Memorandum

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To: Mr. Adam Henderson President Douglas Park
Civic Association

**Effective
Date:** _____

From: Mr. Greg Emanuel, DES Director

Subject: Temporary Use of the Fort Barnard – Operations Area

Thank you very much for your tireless efforts to work with County staff to envision a transitional use for the Fort Barnard – Operational Area (Area) that lessens operational impacts to residents, while allowing the Arlington County’s Department of Environmental Services (DES) to maintain much needed operational space. Pursuant to input from the Douglas Park Civic Association and other interested parties, DES is committing to desist all water maintenance and emergency water distribution work, unrelated to the on-site infrastructure, that have until recently been conducted and/or mobilized from within the subject Area. Instead of these activities, DES -Operations will for the time being use the Area for the location of recycling and debris management containers and collection truck bodies. There will be between 4-8 of these containers and collection truck bodies located in this Area. These containers will be located on this site in a relatively static state, unless they are being accessed for the purposes of maintenance, special events (such as: Taste of Arlington, Columbia Pike Blues Festival, Army 10-Miles, and Marine Corps Marathon) or until they are mobilized for storm related debris management activities. This Area will not be regularly used for actual debris management activities but it may be used for the processing of debris during

atypical or large-scale debris events, when the sites that are ordinarily used for this function become overwhelmed.

Hours of Ordinary Operation: Onsite activity will be limited. Unless the Area is being used for the purposes of a debris management emergency, access to the site will be limited to between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Maintenance: The County will perform appropriate housekeeping activities and will maintain the site in a manner that is consistent with DES's standard service level.

Details of any major maintenance improvements or intensive maintenance activities for the Area will be shared with the Douglas Park Civic Association President or designee before they are undertaken.

Noise: Unless the Area is being used for the purposes of a debris management emergency, operational noise emanating from the Area will be limited to ordinary hours of operation. No noise emanating from the Area will be in violation of the noise ordinance.

Parking: If any personal occupancy vehicle parking is required to support onsite activity, it will be limited to the north-east side of S. Pollard Street, directly adjacent to the fenced-in area.

- Parking of all commercial vehicles and equipment shall only occur within the fenced area.
- 19th St. S. & S. Pollard St. shall not be used for any staging or other work purposes.

Communications: For after-hours reporting, the WSS Control Center will serve as the point of contact for the community, and their contact information will be posted on the fence. For recurring site management issues, Kevin Connolly will remain your contact.

Annual Review: County staff are willing to meet annually, upon the request of the Douglas Park Civic Association President, with the Douglas Park Civic Association's Board, to discuss site use issues. A summary of any such annual review will be transmitted to me, the Director of DES and to the Deputy County Manager who oversees the work of DES.

Screening Plan: To restore vegetative screening and habitat that has been lost within the Area over the past ten years, DES has agreed to undertake reasonable efforts to add vegetative screening to the property's frontage with S. Pollard Street. DES staff is targeting an installation of the planned landscaping in the fall of 2017, pursuant to a consultation with interested stakeholder groups.

Duration: The Subject Area will continue to be used for activities that are permitted by right in this Zoning District, until a formal effort has been undertaken by the County to identify a long-term use for the Subject Area. No such effort will be undertaken without advance notification to the Douglas Park Civic Association and a formal review by the County Board, or a duly authorized working group, such as the recently formed Joint Facilities Advisory Committee. The approval of any future proposed change to the use of this site shall include all of the land use, environmental, and zoning actions as well as community consultations, that would be required for a similarly situated property elsewhere in the County.