

**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING MAINTENANCE OF FAIRFAX COUNTY
SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS
APRIL 2, 2014**

WHEREAS, Fairfax County is responsible for a large infrastructure of about 640 miles of asphalt and concrete sidewalks and trails, and other pedestrian facilities with surfaces of stone dust, wood chips, and dirt; and

WHEREAS, these sidewalks and trails are not only used for transportation of pedestrians, they are also used by many county residents to maintain their health by walking, running, bicycling, and other recreational pursuits; and

WHEREAS, large sections of the sidewalks and trails area have deteriorated, leaving hazardous conditions for the users; there are completely overgrown trails, trails with large trees blocking the trail, sidewalks that are underwater or stumps making the trail un-walkable; and

WHEREAS, a consultant commissioned by Fairfax County provided Sidewalk and Trail Condition Assessment report to the County in December, 2013 estimating the conditions of county trails and sidewalks maintained by the Fairfax Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES); and

WHEREAS, the Report shows that, for the DPWES-maintained sidewalk and trails in Fairfax County, approximately 30% that are categorized as being in poor condition are located in the Dranesville District (about 15,480 feet), and about 20% considered to be in fair condition (about 19,656 feet) are also located in the Dranesville District; and

WHEREAS, based upon information in the Report, an estimated \$690,000 would be needed to repair the DPWES-maintained sidewalks and trails in the Dranesville District rated as being in poor condition, and an estimated \$130,000 would be needed per year for the next ten years to repair the DPWES-maintained sidewalks and trails in the Dranesville District rated as being in fair condition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) urges the Fairfax Board of Supervisors to prioritize the expenditure of County funds allocated for maintenance on the sidewalks and trails that the study has determined are in poor condition, and to publish a strategic plan to meet maintenance requirements no later than the end of Fiscal Year 2015.

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