

Resolution Adopted by the Arlington County Civic Federation on May 6, 2014

Whereas Arlington Public Schools is currently conducting studies to identify and evaluate potential locations for new or expanded schools; and

Whereas some of the locations under consideration, including the proposed Lubber Run Middle School, could involve the transfer of lands that are currently managed by Arlington County's Department of Parks and Recreation, or represent some of the last remaining County-owned undeveloped Open Space; and

Whereas the development of some of the locations under consideration , including the proposed Lubber Run Middle School near Lubber Run and expanded use of the Williamsburg Middle School grounds near Pimmit Run, could cause significant additional storm flooding concerns,; and

Whereas previous redevelopment such as at Yorktown High School has caused or exacerbated storm water runoff problems and contributed to flood conditions and stream bank erosion at Pimmit Run;

The Arlington County Civic Federation hereby urges the Arlington County Board and County Manager as well as the Arlington County School Board and Superintendent, in evaluating school locations for development or expansion, to select sites that will minimize the degradation or reduction of existing park, recreation, resource, wildlife and open space and preferably find a way to repurpose existing facilities if at all possible; and

The Arlington County Civic Federation also urges the Arlington County School Board and Superintendent to carry out at the earliest stages environmental impact assessments and design reviews aimed at evaluating, among other impacts, how best to minimize the discharge of additional storm water to the Chesapeake Bay watershed that are projected to result from school redevelopment or new construction.