

NOMINATION. Preserve open space in Little Hunting Creek Treatment Plant site (p. 18)

ATTACHMENT A. Revise language to acknowledge the conversion of the facility from a sewage treatment plant to a pumping station and its continuing use for that purpose. Delete references to future development and density.

Current language and proposed changes are indicated in redline and markup, below:

~~When the operation of t~~The former Little Hunting Creek Treatment Plant located near on Thomas J. Stockton Parkway in Sector MV6 ~~is discontinued~~was converted to a Pumping Station, still in operation. ~~the~~The property is planned for community-serving public facilities that will be compatible with this use, with the surrounding existing and proposed residential uses, and with its sensitive environmental character. ~~However, should the property be declared surplus for public use, residential use at a density of 2-3 dwelling units per acre is appropriate. Any future development should not encroach into the 100-year floodplain.~~ Portions not in use by DPWES should be preserved as open space. Consideration should be given to consolidating portions of this 9.6 acre parcel with the adjacent 1.8 acre parcel 102-3((02))A owned by the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, which is almost entirely freshwater tidal wetlands.

ATTACHMENT B. Justification

The current Plan should be updated to acknowledge the conversion decades ago of the sewage treatment plant to a pumping station and the continuing use of the site for that purpose. The property is located on the eastern shore of Little Hunting Creek and a substantial portion of it is in the Resource Protection Area (see map); it also includes freshwater tidal wetlands. These features support preserving the portions of the parcel not in use by Fairfax County DPWES in a natural state as open space. Stewardship by an environmentally-oriented group would be desirable, since native plants are being supplanted by invasive exotic Bradford pear trees.