

MVCCA Resolution Bike Path and Northdown Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308 Safety Condition Improvements (Trans and Public Safety) 2022-01

Whereas: A section of the George Washington Memorial Parkway bike path that runs through the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association's (MVCCA) member community, The Wellington Civic Association, opens onto Northdown Rd, requiring bikers, joggers, children walking to the school bus, and dog walkers to mingle with 2-way traffic along Northdown Rd. as they head south to reconnect with the actual bike path;

Whereas: Northdown Rd is narrow with no shoulders;

Whereas: The lack of a designated and identifiable bike path on Northdown Rd creates a very unsafe situation for multiple reasons - speed of the autos, failure of many drivers to stop at the Alexandria Bridge stop sign before turning onto the Northdown Rd, and numerous driveways from homes along the east side of Northdown Rd;

Whereas: The National Park Foundation intends to sell 3 buildable properties, once owned by Harry Lyons, on the west side of Northdown Rd (7722,7714,7704); The Lyons Trust wanted the property to be enjoyed by all;

Whereas: This sale will create more unsafe conditions due to more active driveways being created (the existing current homes have been vacant for over 8 years); and

Whereas: The National Park Service will be expanding/widening the GW Memorial Bike Path in the near future to at least 10 feet to encourage more pedestrian, bikers etc. to use the path for recreation and commuting.

Therefore, Be It Resolved: To mitigate the safety concerns on Northdown Rd we are requesting the following:

1. That the bike path be extended onto the properties on the west side of the road and that that stipulation be placed into the real estate listing as a disclosure of sale. The path can be placed on the NPS easement that they have along Northdown Road's west side and these properties.
2. All proceeds from the sale of these properties must be used only for the betterment of the parkway and park property within the boundaries (Southdown Rd. to Collingwood Rd.) of the MVCCA's member the Wellington Civic Association to include Northdown Rd safety improvements.
3. That crosswalks be painted across the Northdown Road's entrance to the GW Parkway;
4. Clear indications as to the bike path's location needs to be established with paint or bollards.

APPROVED BY THE MVCCA MEMBERSHIP DEC 14, 2022