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**FROM THE CITIZENS' PERSPECTIVE . . .
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HUNTER MILL ROAD CORRIDOR**

MORE THREATS TO COMMUNITY'S RESIDENTIAL ZONING

Major Changes Proposed for Area Development. The 2008 review of Fairfax County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan – the plan that guides development in Hunter Mill Corridor neighborhoods – is underway. This year, proposals target two tracts for more intense development:

1. The front 23.13 acres of the Golf Driving Range (APR 08-III-6UP - Dranesville District) and
2. The 51.43 acres across Hunter Mill Road (APR 08-III-10UP - Hunter Mill District).

They seek to change allowable development from very low density residential to residential/office/retail and mixed use. This review process again matches volunteer citizen homeowners against well-funded developers and full-time, professional consultants.

Background. During the 2004 comprehensive plan review cycle, there were similar proposals to increase the residential and commercial densities for these two sites. After 12+ months of a Special Study that included unprecedented civic participation (more than 350 residents at a single community meeting) and rock-solid support for the adopted Plan, the Board of Supervisors voted a resounding "No".

Historically, citizens, planning staff, Planning Commissioners and the Board of Supervisors have supported no change to the present Comprehensive Plan. During the Hunter Mill Road Special Study, citizens from our neighborhoods devoted thousands of hours attending task force meetings and visioning workshops, reading hundreds of pages of reports, and sending hundreds of emails to staff and the task force members. All in support of **NO CHANGE** to the comprehensive plan.

Task Force Meetings to Consider the Matter

1. Dranesville Task Force (APR-08-III-6UP) - January 26 at 7:30 pm at Langston Hughes Middle School in Reston.

APR# -08-III 6UP, a nomination for the 23.13 areas (front half of the golf driving range) proposes to put **175 low-rise multifamily units up to 350 mid-rise multifamily units, plus office and retail uses.** Additional information can be found at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/2008northcounty/nominations/6up.pdf>

2. Hunter Mill Road Task Force (APR-08-III-10UP) - February 23 at 7:30 pm at South Lakes High School in Reston.

APR# -08-III-10 UP, a nomination for the 51.3 acre parcel on the west side of Hunter Mill Road, a nomination is to put **392 low-rise multifamily units to 784 midrise multifamily units, plus office and retail uses.** Additional information can be found at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/2008northcounty/nominations/10up.pdf>

What Can You Do?

Attend the Task Force Meetings where you will have an opportunity to make a statement (3 minutes). Your attendance is important and will make a difference.

In addition, emails in support of retaining the Comprehensive Plan on the Dranesville proposal can be sent to:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville>
Attention: Joe Gibson, APR Task Force

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Debate Dedicated Exclusively to Schools

Fairfax County Supervisors Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), candidates in the special election for the Board of Supervisors chairmanship, will take part in a debate on **January 30, 2009** focusing on education in Fairfax County. Sponsored by the Fairfax County Coalition of Advocates for Public Schools (FairfaxCAPS), the debate is the only one of the campaign season dedicated exclusively to schools and education.

The debate will take place at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

More information can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcaps.org/html/debate.shtml>

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