



GREAT FALLS
CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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Subject: GFCA Reacts to Fairfax County Proposed Budget 2016-17

In a letter sent April 8, GFCA President Eric Knudsen provided reactions to the proposed budget being considered by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Ralph Apton, chair of GFCA's Long Range Planning committee, presented oral comments at the BOS Budget Public Hearing on April 8.

In the letter, GFCA requested:

- Great Falls Grange should receive more funding from the County, needed to maintain and improve the structure, enhance its utility, and because most community centers in the county receive far more funding.
- Funding be added for Youth and Senior Community programs in Great Falls, as currently provided in most localities in the county.
- Fees be eliminated for non-profit organization use of the Old Forestville School during weekday nights most of the year, to encourage use.
- Riverbend Park funding not be reduced, and existing Park Authority Recreation Centers be renovated before additional land purchases are pursued to ensure maintenance of existing parks.
- Route 7 Widening Project funds be assured through allocation of funding already identified under the Tyson's Transportation Funding Plan, and that road maintenance throughout Great Falls be funded at the same level as it is county-wide.
- Great Falls Library funding be unchanged year over year.
- Funding for trail maintenance and a new trail system be started.
- Resident Curatorship program, recently approved by the BOS, be funded to allow the preservation of historic structures like Turner Farmhouse to be pursued.

The full letter is attached.

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