

MCA, Environment, Parks and Recreation
Membership Meeting, May 2019, Presentation Summary

Committee activities over the last year have included the following topics:

Stream Water Quality

Members participated in all three phases of the Dead Run Stream Restoration, including: one of our members interviewed in a documentary on the restoration the process. We had also had approved a resolution in support of the Environmental Quality Advisory Council for its position related to riparian preservation.

Claude Moore Farm Park

Organized a public meeting at the McLean Community Library with the National Park Service Superintendent for discussing Claude Moore Colonial Farm Park. In follow up, we had approved a resolution regarding Claude Moore Colonial Farm Park, seeking support for a mediation process. Subsequently we took a walk of the property with our members and visitors and provided individual input on the initial concept plan as being formulated by the NPS.

Trails

Regarding trails, we took a walk of Turkey Run Park near to the Potomac River with the Potomac Appalachian Trail club to understand some of the challenges associated with the maintenance of the trail system. We also had a meeting with a presentation from Potomac Heritage Trail Association to learn more about possible hiking loops.

Streetlight Conversions

We had a resolution passed on streetlight conversions, calling for consideration of LEDs aligned with the natural nighttime visible light spectrum.

Environmental Education

The 6th annual Eco Week at Churchill Road, organized by long time member, Merrily Pierce, this year included a walk of the Dead Run Stream Restoration.

McLean Central Business Center

The committee is engaged in the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process with comment submitted re: connectivity of parks and availability of greenspaces.

Active Recreation

We have had a number of MCA members express interest in sports facilities and will invite them to an upcoming meeting.

2019 Committee Priorities

Established through discussion and survey:

1. Storm Water Management and Local Stream Quality
2. Parks, Resource Management (ecological)
3. Trails (hiking, biking, and walking)