

# Dale City Small Area Plan

## Internal Stakeholder Meeting Notes

September 20, 2018

### Green Infrastructure:

#### Strengths:

- Good amount of green space:
  - Green space between subdivisions/HOAs
  - Stream corridors
  - Neabsco Greenway
  - Trails for walking, waling dogs, passive recreation
  - Water Park
  - Andrew Leitch Park
  - Extensive tree canopy in community
  - Recreation center/ice center
- Community is built out with good landscaping and parks.
- Relatively low crime in parks.
- Some cemeteries are well maintained.

#### Weaknesses:

- Low walkability/connectivity, especially between subdivisions.
- Lack of connectivity/continuity of green corridors.
- Usage of parks/green space may be low because of inconvenient access, lack of parking/trailheads.
- Parks can be lightly utilized during the week and heavily utilized on the weekend.
- Some people may consider green spaces/trails as undesirable.

#### Opportunities:

- Could use crime prevention through environmental design (CEPTED) principles in design of parks and trails.
- Greater connectivity between neighborhoods and green spaces can have the benefit of more “eyes” on parks/green spaces.
- Lighting could be utilized better.
- Preserve green spaces for wildlife, and wildlife corridors.
- Connect neighborhoods with a trail system.
- Consider sight lines and viewsheds in the design of green spaces.
- Improve care/maintenance of cemeteries.

- Enhance the water parks by extending into winter recreational activities.
- Improve/update parks such as Jenkins Park.
- Improve trailheads and parking access.
- Connect to the War Museum.
- Create a public space with amenities and activities.
- Connect to services, amenities, and commercial areas.
- Assess sports field needs for Dale City.
- Promote and advertise the parks.

**Threats:**

- Accumulating trash on sections of trails/parks.
- Homeless camps in parks/green space.

**Cultural Resources:**

**Strengths:**

- Planned community and its history as a post war suburb.
- Colonial history in the area.
- Well maintained cemeteries.

**Weaknesses:**

- Largely built out, little opportunity for historical artifacts.
- Little undeveloped land.
- Lack of interpretation of history.
- No connections to historic sites.

**Opportunities:**

- Connect to the American in Wartime Museum.
- Cemetery restoration.
- Unrecorded resources in adjacent roads and existing green space.
- Ensure BMPs for cultural resource investigation.
- Study Dale City as a preserved planned community.

**Threats:**

- New development could impact cultural resources.
- Redevelopment without consideration of the impact on a planned community.