

Mr. Paul Holland, Park and Recreation Commission Chair  
c/o PEG – Diane Probus  
Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources  
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Dear Mr. Holland,

Please let this letter serve as notice of my condominium association's intent to submit a proposal under the Arlington County Park Enhancement Grant Program. We would like to use the PEG grant to reverse the decline of [Prospect Hill Park](#), located at 1025 S. Arlington Ridge Road, and help to make it an attractive feature of our neighborhood again.

Prospect Hill Park anchors Arlington Ridge Road on the north, yet rather than being a welcome and scenic resting spot for runners, cyclists, walkers, and pet owners, it remains a bleak patch of sunburnt grass and deep shade littered with cigarette butts and awash in road noise from I-395. Rather than being a public integration point for residents of the various high-rise and mid-rise buildings on our end of Arlington Ridge Road, it is increasingly a loitering spot for unwanted elements in the neighborhood. Many neighbors pass through the park, but too few stop. We wish to change this through investment in landscaping for both civic and safety purposes. A list of possible improvements to the site include:

- Planting native trees and shrubs to absorb road noise from I-395
- Removing low-hanging tree limbs to improve views of the Air Force Memorial from Arlington Ridge Road and improve safety
- Replacing the globe lights with more focused downlighting
- Replacing grass with native plants that can withstand the full sun, attract pollinators, and soften the bleak hardscape
- Breaking up the hardscaping and rearranging the benches to provide lounging space
- Improving the park signage and rearranging and the trash cans
- Installing bird or bat houses to help control the insect population
- Adding a bike lock-up
- Regrading the park's top area to combat soil erosion

I will be the point of contact for this grant application. I may be reached by phone at 703-869-5081, by email at [hoopak@gmail.com](mailto:hoopak@gmail.com), or at my address listed above. Thank you,

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