

FOUNDATION PROJECTS



Clemyjontri Park The largest project in the Foundation's short history, this wonderful Park will open in 2006. Mortimer and Adele Lebowitz loved their 18 acre McLean home. It was a wonderful place to live and to raise a family. They decided to preserve it as parkland rather than sell it for development and donated the property to the Fairfax County Park Authority in 2000. The name Clemyjontri is derived from the donor's four children: Carolyn (CL), Emily (EM), John (Jon), and Patrina (Tri).

One of the conditions Mrs. Lebowitz placed on the gift was that the park include a playground for children with disabilities. Clemyjontri Park

will be an oasis, preserved in perpetuity for everyone to enjoy. The playground itself will be almost two acres. The remaining 16 acres will include natural areas, open space, wooded glens, trails, gardens and a wonderful home for community use.

Bright Futures Bright Futures is an innovative program sponsored by the Park Foundation that raises money to provide summer camp scholarships for at-risk children in Fairfax County. The rise in gang activity in the County is alarming and gangs are now recruiting children as young as age 7 to join.

Many children in the County are unsupervised after school and

during long periods of time in the summer. Regrettably, kids left alone get into trouble and experiment with alcohol, drugs, inhalants, and other risky behavior such as joining gangs. Bright Futures provides children with an opportunity to attend camp for six weeks during the summer. Making a gift to support this program will provide a needy child with a Bright Future!

Trail Building Fund As Fairfax County continues to mature, the need for more trails that connect our homes, schools, businesses and neighborhoods grows. The Trail Building Fund is used to acquire land that connects trails throughout the county, construct and install bridges over streams, provide

interpretive signs on trails that provide insight into the County's rich history, and encourage stewardship of our parks and open spaces.

Park Foundation donors and volunteers helped build two bridges on the Cross County Trail. These bridges provide hikers, bikers and others with easy access over Difficult Run in Vienna and Oakton.

Equestrian Center The number of equestrian facilities in Fairfax County providing boarding, lessons, and other activities, such as therapeutic riding, has declined considerably over the past decade. Equestrian facilities are in demand but most Fairfax County residents

must now travel to neighboring counties in order to take lessons. The Foundation continues to work with local equestrian groups to identify opportunities to provide affordable equestrian activities to all residents of the county.

Preserve Protect Play The Fairfax County Park Foundation continues to sell green PRESERVE PROTECT PLAY wristbands at Park Authority recreation centers, golf courses, lakefront parks, nature centers, skate parks, and historic sites throughout Fairfax County. The goal of the wristband program is to increase awareness and raise money for the Park Foundation's projects, campaigns and programs. Well over 8,000 wristbands have already been sold. Show your support of our parks and open spaces by purchasing a PRESERVE PROTECT PLAY wristband today.

Special Projects The Park Foundation is working with Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy M. Hudgins to raise funds and build awareness of the need for a skate park in the Hunter Mill District. According to data from the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association, 25 million people between the ages of 6-18 years old were skateboarding or in-line skating in the year 2003. With only one skate park in the County, children who skate have very few places to go. The Park Foundation hopes to identify ways to work with Supervisor Hudgins to provide the children of the County with a new place to skate.



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