



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

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Fairfax, VA 22035-1118



Ms. Deanna Tricarico, Outreach Coordinator
Potomac Conservancy
8601 Georgia Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20910

August 10, 2011

Dear Ms. Tricarico,

Thank you for your interest in completing a stewardship activity on Fairfax County Park Authority property. This letter serves as evidence of your and your groups' written permission to conduct the following activity:

Collect seed of native tree species. Seeds will be collected from areas where germination would not be beneficial (paved areas such as parking lots, tennis courts and basketball courts) and will not exceed 30% of production from an individual park. Seeds will be deposited with the Virginia state nursery, at one of multiple collection sites throughout Fairfax County. Collection to occur dawn to dusk, avoiding events such as weddings, festivals, etc. that may be occurring at said park. Seed collectors must not interfere with regular park activities.

at these specific sites:

all parks in the Park Authority park system with the exception of Green Spring Gardens and Riverbend

for a period from the date of this letter to December 1, 2011. Please have a copy of this letter with you whenever you are on Park Authority property. This letter is not a state or federal permit; all required permits are your responsibility. If you fail to comply with the conditions of this permit, state and federal laws or Park Authority Rules and Regulations, your permission is revoked until you obtain and verify valid permits and permissions to conduct your activity.

Please note that the Park Authority has a commitment to provide a natural resource to the entire Fairfax community, and therefore it is important when you are working in the park to:

- (1) minimize any impact that you have to the park resources, for example, all marking and tagging should be inconspicuous, neon-flagging tape should be kept to a minimum, the use of biodegradable tags or tagging that will be removed at the end of the project is recommended
- (2) any structures that are not integral to your activity will be removed by you at the conclusion of the project (for example, a project installing trees would not be required to remove trees, however, tree protectors and stakes would need to be removed after establishment)
- (3) adhere to any other conditions set below.

Please also document your activity and provide us with the following types of documentation:

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703-324-8700 • TTY: 703-324-3988 • ONLINE: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks • E-MAIL: parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov

If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354

Estimate the total number of seed collected by collection site

Copy of any valid, relevant state and federal permits for the period of activity.

We appreciate your consideration of Park Authority property for your stewardship activity. Please adhere to our minimal requests to ensure a long and successful resource partnership.

Thank you,



Kristen Sinclair,
Natural Resource Specialist

Additional special conditions.

- (1) This letter does not give any permission to disturb native vegetation or park resources, other than to collect seed that has dropped to the ground, if you impact the resources, immediately cease and contact Kristen Sinclair at the earliest opportunity.
- (2) All debris/waste must be removed from park property at the conclusion of each event
- (3) Please inform Kristen Sinclair of activity and work schedule.
- (4) No group to exceed 20 persons.
- (5) Mary Olien at Green Spring Gardens, mary.oliem@fairfaxcounty.gov, Debbie Lodato at Cub Run ReCenter, deborah.lodato@fairfaxcounty.gov, and Julie Tahan at Lake Accotink Park, julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov may be contacted as to the potential of seed drop off points in Fairfax County.

CC:

All park managers by email