

South County Federation Resolution

South County Federation (SCF) Resolution Regarding Additional Parking Spaces at Overlook Ridge Park at the Lorton Landfill SCF Resolution # 2021-001 – Approved 2021-01-12

Whereas, in 2009, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved Special Exception Amendment-1 (SEA-1) allowing ESI to continue to operate the Lorton Landfill and raise the height limit for continued dumping of construction and demolition materials.

Whereas, in 2014, the BoS disapproved a request by ESI to expand the Lorton CDD landfill and continue its operations there until 2040.

Whereas, this decision meant the SEA-1 remained the governing document for the Lorton Landfill.

Whereas, Waste Management, Incorporated (WMI) merged with ESI on March 15, 2018 and committed to closing the landfill and providing the amenities associated with Overlook Park and access to the site given that WMI, FCPA and Fairfax County can all agree on any and all issues of liability while citizens are accessing the Park;

Whereas, the original Site Plan, 1183-SP-002-3, contains the amenities to be provided as a part of the site's closure by WMI;

Whereas, Sheet 148D shows a "PARKING LOT" in the same general area as a parking area shown on Sheets 151, 155, 156, 160 & 161 of the Site Plan, which specifically note and depict an area for "POTENTIAL SCULPTURE PARK AND EXTENDED PARKING AREA";

Whereas, the members of the South County Federation, after having made a site visit to Overlook Park, are convinced that the 74 parking spaces currently to be provided will be inadequate to meet the demands of visitors and will ultimately lead to traffic safety and parking safety concerns at the Park;

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Whereas, the Lorton Central Green, which encompasses 18 acres has 242 parking spaces versus only 74 at Overlook Park's 249.89 acres;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, The South County Federation states that it is imperative that the county staff and agency Team led by Kirsten Munz be directed to study alternatives for additional parking at Overlook Park, to include as part of this process, a public meeting to provide the planning options and to receive community input; the SCF would be happy to host or co-host such a meeting in the local community;

That cost not be a disqualifying factor, but that costs of alternatives be computed so that alternatives can be evaluated on equal terms;

That the Team be instructed to consider neighboring parcels of land that could be purchased from WMI and converted into parking areas, notably the former 9-acre tentative recycling parcel directly across for the entrance to Overlook Park;

That the Team present the results of their research to the office of the Mount Vernon Supervisor within 90 days of being tasked to conduct the study in a public forum where the results can be analyzed and questioned by the South County Federation and the citizens of Fairfax County.

That the results of the study above will be posted on the Lorton CDD Landfill Closure page of the county's website.

President	 Date