UPDATE

![South County Federation logo]

News to know for the area from Ox Road to Mason Neck, Fairfax County Parkway to the Occoquan River.

Community Gardens under construction

Lorton's own community gardens will soon be available in Laurel Hill Park near the intersection of Lorton and Hooes rds, accessible from Hooes. Twenty six 20'-by-30' plots with raised beds are under construction, with expansion possible depending on demand. Residents can reserve a plot at:

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring/plots

New Data Centers planned across NoVA

With a majority of internet traffic streaming through Ashburn, this area is prime for data center development. Prince William and Loudoun counties are well on their way to hosting these sites, despite public outcry and environmental concerns. One data center has been approved for Fairfax County, along Loisdale Rd north of Fairfax County Parkway. Although no others are currently planned, the industrial areas along I95 around Newington exit are zoned for this type of development.

Living Shorelines Law runs into opposition

In 2020, the General Assembly passed legislation to address declining wetlands throughout the state, but in so doing, caused headaches for property owners with seawalls or other stabilization structures. The SCF has asked for property owners to be grandfathered in due to the immense cost of implementing living shorelines, and the considerable decrease in the size of river front properties due to this change.

SCF Adopts Lorton Rd, cleanup to start soon

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The Federation has adopted Lorton Road from Silverbrook to Workhouse Road and the first Clean Up Day is being planned for May 13th at 9 am. With VDOT's support, the Federation will pick up garbage and otherwise care for the 1.38 mile stretch over the next three years. On cleanup days, we'll meetup at Laurel Hill Central Green. The more that come out, the faster we can make this stretch of road something to be proud of!

The next SCF meeting will be Tuesday, May 9th at 7 pm