

**Yes! I care about the future of Fairfax County's parks.**

- I would like to learn more about the Fairfax County Park Foundation.
- I would like to learn more about making a legacy gift to the Fairfax County Park Foundation.
- I have already included the Fairfax County Park Foundation in my estate plans.

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Phone (Best time to call)

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Please call 703-324-8581 directly or return this form to:

**Executive Director**  
**Fairfax County Park Foundation**  
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[www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org](http://www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org)

The information in this document is not intended as tax or legal advice. Consult with your attorney or financial advisor before taking any action that affects your estate.

*Our Promise to You*



If you choose to make a gift to Fairfax County's parks a part of your legacy, we are committed to fulfill your wishes as you intend.

Contact us if you have any questions about the Fairfax County Park Foundation, legacy giving or the many ways in which you can contribute

to the future of Fairfax County's parks.

If you have already included Fairfax County's parks in your estate planning, let us know so that we can assure that your intentions are properly understood. With your permission, we will recognize you as a member of the Park Foundation's Legacy Society in a few simple ways, and your participation will encourage others to follow the example of your leadership.

The Fairfax County Park Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization under Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code. We support the Fairfax County Park Authority by raising private funds, obtaining grants and creating partnerships that supplement tax dollars to meet community needs for park land, facilities and services. Donations to the Park Foundation are tax deductible and an investment in our community's quality of life that will pay dividends forever.

Our financial statement is posted on our website, [www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org](http://www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org) and may also be obtained from the Commonwealth of Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23218, [www.vdacs.virginia.gov/consumers](http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/consumers).



*The Way Ahead*

Looking to the future, Fairfax County will continue to grow and change. The challenge of maintaining green space, preserving and interpreting natural resources and historic sites, and providing outdoor recreation and environmental education will only increase as time goes on.

A legacy gift to the Park Foundation will help preserve Fairfax County's parks long after your lifetime. By taking the time to plan what you wish to do with your assets you can pass along the values that have guided your life. As someone who cares about this remarkable place we call home, remembering the Fairfax County Park Foundation in your estate plan is a wonderful way to put your values into action for the benefit of future generations.

*Plant your Legacy*



*"I expect to pass this way but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow-being, let me do it now; and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."*

*- William Penn*





Sixty years ago, as Fairfax County was emerging from its rural roots, men and women of foresight began setting aside land for recreation and relief from suburban sprawl. Since the donation of the first fourteen acres in the Accotink Stream Valley, Fairfax County's parks have grown in size and variety.

There are now 420 parks on over 24,000 acres, and nearly 10% of Fairfax County is set aside as parkland. Our parks include RECenters, golf courses, nature and visitor centers, historic sites, lakes, campgrounds, a 1930s-era farm, a working grist mill, a horticulture center, miniature trains, carousels, dog parks, amphitheaters, marinas, neighborhood parks and hundreds of athletic fields and playgrounds.

## *Your Legacy*

Some of life's happiest moments happen in parks – a walk with a special person, our children at play, sporting events, picnics, outdoor concerts, wildlife sightings, local history discoveries, and moments of quiet contemplation.

To assure our beautiful parks and the experiences that have enriched our lives can be enjoyed by future generations, thoughtful people have chosen to leave a legacy by including the Fairfax County Park Foundation in their estate and financial planning. You can tailor your legacy to your personal circumstances, and you can choose to benefit the entire park system or a favorite park or program.

Gifts of all sizes are welcome. Each gift plays a vital role in caring for our parks.

Legacy gifts may be made in many forms including:

- Bequests
- Charitable gift annuities
- Charitable trusts
- Real estate
- Stocks, bonds and mutual funds
- Life insurance
- Retirement accounts

Discuss these and other giving methods with your attorney or financial advisor. A planned gift may have tax benefits for both you as a donor and your heirs. Life-income gifts such as gift annuities and charitable trusts can even provide you with income during your lifetime as well as considerable tax savings.

Best of all, you will know that your generosity will preserve and improve Fairfax County's parks for years to come.



## *Gifts by Will*

One way to create your legacy is to name the Fairfax County Park Foundation in your will or estate. Here are the most common kinds of bequests, followed by suggested language to discuss with your attorney.

### **General Bequest**

This is one of the most popular ways to make a charitable gift by will. You simply leave a specified dollar amount to the Park Foundation:

*"I give \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Fairfax County Park Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization located in Fairfax, Virginia."*

### **Percentage Bequest**

Allows your bequest to adjust automatically with the value of your estate:

*"I give \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the value of my estate to the Fairfax County Park Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization located in Fairfax, Virginia."*

### **Residual Bequest**

Allows you to give the Park Foundation the balance or a portion of the remainder of your estate after specific bequests to individuals, debts and expenses are paid.

*"I give the remainder of my estate, after the satisfaction of all specific bequests, to the Fairfax County Park Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization located in Fairfax, Virginia."*

### **Contingent Bequest**

Allows you to provide the Park Foundation the portion of your estate designated for a loved one only if that person dies before you. This ensures that your assets will pass to the Park Foundation rather than unintended beneficiaries.

*"If \_\_\_\_\_ predeceases me, I give his/her bequest to the Fairfax County Park Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization located in Fairfax, Virginia."*

### **To Benefit a Specific Park or Park Program**

Include this language:

*"...to the Fairfax County Park Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization located in Fairfax, Virginia to benefit [name of the park or park program]."*

If you choose to name a specific park or park program, please contact us so we can assure that your wishes will be fulfilled as you intend.

The Fairfax County Park Foundation's tax identification number is 54-2019179.

