

ESC Mathy Plan Review Meeting

January 30, 2019

Fairfax City Regional Library Meeting Room 117

In attendance

Committee members: Tim Killian, Fiona Davies, Alice Lippert, Judy Fraser

Guest: Douglas Stewart

Meeting Minutes

The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm. The group reviewed the Mathy project plans.

The following concerns regarding the Mathy project were identified.

- *Walkability and Transportation: Walkability is not significantly improved beyond what currently exists (sidewalks and path infrastructure) in the surrounding area. However, where proposed sidewalks are expected to be installed, the development plan denotes 5-foot-wide sidewalks. The ECS supports Section 3.7.3.D of the July 30, 2019 Justification Statement that sidewalks be 10 feet in width.*
- *Tree Canopy, Native Species, and Green Space: The development plan calls for removal of approximately 190 trees. The proposed plan will result in a net decrease in tree canopy including trees that are currently located in the RPA. The ESC recommends the removal of invasive vines but recommends that (large) trees in "fair to good" condition not be removed. The proposed plan does not specifically address the use of native vs non-native species. Further clarification is required concerning the disturbance and the management of the RPA.*
- *Stormwater Management and Water Quality: Since the plan does not provide details on the efficacy for managing storm water by the proposed bio-retention wall/facility and the two Filterra systems, the ESC will request clarification concerning the proposed bioretention features and gabion wall. The current park outfall is managed by semi-natural overland infiltration process, but the plan proposes to pipe the park outfall and release directly to the stream, without any filtration or detention. This will increase flow and pollutants into Daniels Run Creek.*
- *Other: The members noted that there is off-site work being proposed on the City's museum property and questioned why buffers, if required, are not on the development property. Members discussed the idea that the future HOA would be responsible for the maintenance and management of the RPA and may propose that the city should require the restoration of the RPA, including invasive removal and tree care, with any approval of the project, along with management in perpetuity by the future HOA.*