

Country Club Hills Civic Association Common Area Enhancement Proposal

Spring 2003



Goal - Bringing our community together by enhancing our common area and wooded area behind

CCHCA is working with our City Government to enhance the city-owned empty lot on Spring Lake Terrace referred to as our "common area." (At the corner of Spring Lake Terrace and Brookwood Drive) Currently, it is an open field surrounded by overgrown brush. The CCHCA holds 4-5 neighborhood events on this spot each year.

The draft plan creates a modestly landscaped area for all the residents of CCH to use as our community grows stronger. Let's create a space that can be "the heart of our neighborhood." A place that families can use for soccer team parties, birthday parties, family gatherings, etc. Of course, it's city property with city maintenance and city use regulations - But it would be for OUR community use.

Time-line - Short term and Long term steps

Here are our ideas of how we would like to make this space more user-friendly for our residents and for CCHCA neighborhood events.

Short-Term Enhancements, for consideration over one to two years:

1. Clear debris, such as fallen limbs, yard waste, trash, with help of CCH volunteers and city
2. Construct a split rail fence along western and eastern borders
3. Landscape along Spring Lake Terrace
4. Place city signs such as, "no littering, clean up after pets, etc."

Long-Term Enhancements, for consideration over five years:

1. Continue sidewalk along Spring Lake Terrace
2. Construct a pavilion near west end, including shrubs
3. Construct a path along the south side of Accotink Creek
4. Extend the path across the creek in a loop by constructing one or two bridges over the creek
5. Determine a name and placing a sign at the site
6. Possibly install "climbable art," such as benches shaped like local woodland animals

CCHCA does not intend to turn our common area into a full-scale park with playground equipment.

Funding? - Fairfax City and CCHCA approved grants

Where's the money going to come from?

1. CCHCA voted to use the remaining \$1,500 City grant from 2002 to enhance our "common area"
2. Fairfax City will hopefully approve CCHCA's application for an additional \$3,000 grant for 2003 to enhance our "common area"
3. Extra monies from Fairfax City Budget for long term enhancements

At the CCHCA meeting held in October of 2002, the civic association voted in favor of this proposal, and we plan to work closely with our Fairfax City Council to complete it over the next five years.

What do you think? We would love to get your input.

Contact us for more info at 703.383.5989.

Country Club Hills Civic Association

February 19, 2003

This attachment describes the specific Short-Term and Long-Term enhancements sought by the Country Club Hills Civic Association for the city-owned empty lot on Spring Lake Terrace referred to as our "common area."

Short-Term Enhancements, for consideration over one to two years:

1. Clearing debris, such as fallen limbs, yard waste, trash, with help of CCH volunteers and city
2. Maintaining the site, including regular lawn mowing and debris removal
3. Constructing split rail fence along western and eastern borders
4. Planting shrubs and trees along Spring Lake Terrace
5. Placing city signs such as, "no littering, clean up after pets, etc."

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