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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON PARKS PARTNERSHIPS

How other localities fund top-notch parks, without burdening taxpayers

I. The Fairfax County Park Authority

Less than half of the Fairfax County Park Authority's operating budget comes from taxpayer funds. The Fairfax County Park Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit, provides most of the remainder, successfully providing quality parks at no cost to the taxpayer. The Foundation is currently raising \$500,000.00 in private funding to build CLEMYJONTRI Park, designed for children with developmental and sensory disabilities.

II. The Central Park Conservancy

Despite its massive \$20 million annual operating budget, 85 percent of the funding for New York City's Central Park comes from a private, non-profit group, the Central Park Conservancy. Founded in 1980, the Central Park Conservancy raises \$17 million in private funds each year to operate Central Park. They have raised more than \$300 million to date, and the partnership and their stewardship of Central Park is a model other communities have followed.

III. Briar Patch Park in Sterling

Here in Loudoun County, the Sterling Foundation sponsors monthly yard sales to successfully provide much of the funding for Briar Patch Park. Briar Patch Park is a five-acre park located on Sterling Boulevard in Sterling, VA. The park has a creative playground unit designed for two to five year olds enclosed with a fence, two other age-appropriate playground units, picnic pavilion with tables, volleyball court, basketball court, two tennis courts, toddler and child swings, and walking path to a large field. There is substantial parking, no public restrooms except for a "port-a-potty," and limited shade areas.

IV. Documentation

- A. Background information from the FCPF
- B. Background information on the CPC
- C. "A Framework for Understanding Parks Partnerships," The Urban Institute