

Jeannette Louise Smith statements regarding the deer management program:

NRJAG Members, and Staff Liaison, Mr. Abugattas,

I'm Jeannette Louise Smith, the Founder of No Killing Deer in Arlington.

After the 2026 ill-conceived sharpshooting episode, I recommend these science-based, weather related, and cost effective insights to improve the Arlington deer-environment strategy.

It includes terminating the 2027 sharpshooting in favor of surgical sterilization.

Surgical sterilization of female deer, very similar to spaying a dog or cat, permanently prevents reproduction.

In 2024, Dr. Anthony DeNicola of White Buffalo, the most prominent expert in deer surgical sterilization, spayed 200 female deer in Tega Cay, South Carolina in two weeks from October 21 to November third.

Tega Cay's deer population was roughly 800 deer, much higher than Arlington's 2025 naturally declined population of two hundred twenty two.

According to the Final Tega Cay Report:

Only one deer was euthanized due to prior health conditions.

Only one deer was euthanized due to prior status vehicle strike.

Only one sterilized, fully recovered, ambulatory deer was later found deceased.

The project total cost two hundred sixty eight thousand, six hundred seventy seven dollars.

White Buffalo also performed effective sterilization for the Clifton Deer Project in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Between 2015 and 2025, the Clifton deer population declined 54 percent, an average annual decline of 7.4 percent.

Sterilizing 95 percent of adult females lowered the population non-lethally and reduced additions to the herd.

There were only four capture and handling related mortalities - 3.4 percent.

Assuming immigration remains low, Clifton experts continue to monitor a declining and aging deer population.

Employing lethal and immediate mass reduction triggers a "rebound effect," compensatory reproduction.

Restructuring the Arlington Deer-Environment strategy as a research program using the science of surgical sterilization, increased use of exclosures and deer repellants is the only rational, sensible, cost effective, answer to preventing future deer births, restoring the environment, and ensuring the vital balance of Arlington's entire ecosystem.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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Comments regarding the hospital site by Sue Campbell

Comments to address the Joint Parks and Natural Resources Commission

VHC Behavioral Health Center at Carlin Springs (South Campus)

Our asks and concerns are many with regard to natural resources and the park Proximity- these comments come from the VHC working group of the Glencarlyn Civic Association

First- Preserve the Moses Ball Spring and its RPA- currently there is a proposed path overtop of the RPA for the Spring. Prohibit construction staging at the north end of the county property to avoid run off and contamination. The RPA for the Spring is not listed on any of the maps. Only the RPA for the Stream. This is where you might be able to confirm that it is a mapping issue so that its respected.

Second- Eliminate break in Fence and path through to neighborhood. 16 ft break and loss of buffer landscaping will through excess light into the neighborhood.

Third- Eliminate second entrance at the SE corner- the asphalt included is excessive in this plan. The runoff will be harmful to long Branch Creek.

Fourth- Lighting issues-Expanses of Glass on the will throw excess light on the park and neighborhood. Excess Surface Parking right next to the scenic easement will do that too as well as create more issues with runoff.

Those are the agreed upon priorities. We have lots of issues for transportation as well and the excessive parking shown in the plan so far will only make those matters worse.

There are key threats to the park system and RPA. The hydrology of the land is one I am keenly aware of since there are many springs on the property. One has a little pond across the street. The Road and sidewalks need repair every year. The amount of soil removal for this plan is massive. The plan engineers water removal but does nothing to integrate into the existing surroundings. We got some very detailed comments from Heather Eves along these same lines that I can send to you if that would be helpful.

We could have started lobbying in the Fall about this but we had hoped the plan would be altered by staff between then and now.

Hope we can start some work on this and I am happy to watch the meeting and join in tonight via teams as soon as I am able.

Thanks so much. Sue Campbell