

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 26, 2001

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: John T. P. Horne, Development Manager

SUBJECT: Green Spring Management Plan/Closure of a Portion of Centerville Road

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Representatives from the National Park Service and the Friends of Green Spring will be presenting the Green Spring General Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement to the Board of Supervisors at its work session on September 26, 2001. The Board was recently provided a copy of the full report. That report provides a detailed description of several alternatives to improve the Greensprings site in order to open it for public visitation, and identifies potential environmental impacts of those improvements.

County staff previously reviewed the Management Plan Amendment and provided comments to the National Park Service. That correspondence, which is attached, identifies staff's concerns with some of the report's recommendations. The most significant concern focuses on the report's recommendation to close a portion of Centerville road and the closing's potential impacts on public safety and convenience, and other roads in the area. Staff also requested additional documentation of the Management Plan Amendment's predictions of future traffic conditions and additional alternatives analysis. The National Park Service has provided the attached letter responding to staff's concerns and requests for additional information. Staff is currently reviewing this response.

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors take no action at this time. Once the requested additional information has been adequately reviewed by staff, staff will prepare a suggested Board position on the Management Plan Amendment's recommendations for the Board's consideration. Staff will also schedule a Board public hearing at the appropriate time on the proposed closure of the portion of Centerville Road as required by State law.

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Attachments:

1. September 10, 2001, Letter from the National Park Service
2. July 9, 2001, Letter to Alec Gould, National Park Service
3. June 12, 2001, Memo to the Board of Supervisors
4. May 7 Letter to the National Park Service
5. Packet of Materials from the National Park Service and Friends of the NPS for Green Springs, Inc.