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Naudy Martinez, Neighborhood Conservation Planner  
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Dear Ms. Martinez:

The Shirlington Civic Association (SCA) would like to replace our Arlington Neighborhoods Program project with a new project. SCA's existing project, LED Streetlights on South Arlington Mill Drive, is no longer relevant because Dominion Energy is in the process of replacing all of their mercury vapor streetlights with LEDs.

As a replacement, SCA proposes a Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Project. The focus of the project is the pedestrian bridge that links Shirlington Park with Jennie Dean Park and the dog park, along with a small portion of Shirlington Park/4 Mile Run Trail connecting the bridge to a nearby crosswalk from Campbell Avenue to the north side of South Arlington Mill Drive (see the enclosed project location map and photo 1). In the 4 Mile Run Valley Park Master Plan (page 23), this area is sometimes referred to as the South Nelson Street pedestrian gateway to Jennie Dean Park.

The project would include:

- a. Resurfacing the badly deteriorated wood surface of the pedestrian bridge (photo 2).
- b. Repainting the bridge
- c. Adding park-appropriate lighting<sup>1</sup> to the bridge to enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists

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<sup>1</sup> As described in the 4 Mile Run Valley Park Master Plan, Design Guidelines (pages 44 and 56):

- Ensure that pathway lighting is dark sky certified and emphasize[s] lighting of surfaces rather than areas
- Use advanced lighting technology to focus pedestrian lighting on walking surfaces and minimize light trespass to adjoining areas

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- d. Adding park-appropriate lighting<sup>1</sup> to better illuminate the crosswalk at Campbell Avenue and the approach to/from the bridge, bus stop, and Capital Bikeshare station (see photo 3), since there are no streetlights at all in that block<sup>2</sup>

This project has been discussed numerous times as a priority for our civic association. As previously discussed with Tim McIntosh and yourself, we would like to transfer the points accrued to date for our existing streetlights project to this replacement project.

We have been coordinating with the ArNAC representative for Green Valley Civic Association, Bridget Obikoya, who is copied on this letter. This project will benefit both the Green Valley and Shirlington communities, as well as any others who use the bridge and bus stop at night. We anticipate receiving concurrence from Green Valley.

We appreciate your help thus far on scoping this project and look forward to working with you on it.

Sincerely,



Edith Wilson, President Shirlington Civic Association



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Cc: Laura Simpson, Arlington Neighborhoods Program Acting Section Supervisor;  
Bridget Obikoya, Green Valley ArNAC Representative

Encl: Proposed project location map; photos

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<sup>2</sup> Lighting in this area is the only portion of the existing SCA streetlights project that remains relevant



### Legend

Location Map:  
SCA Pedestrian  
Safety Project

### Notes

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# Photo 1

Pedestrian bridge surface damage, north end



Pedestrian bridge surface damage, south end



Photo 2 – Pedestrian Light in Jennie Dean Park



Photo page 3: Project Area Details

