

4MRV Working Group Finally Launches, Shirlington Reps Named

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[photo: 4MRV WG walking tour 2016-06-04.jpg]

Finally! On May 17, the Arlington County Board appointed the Working Group for the Four Mile Run Valley (4MRV) Initiative. This too-long-awaited planning effort will focus on a large area, including both park and light industrial areas.

See the county homepage for a map and details, plus an excellent briefing book with information on zoning, stream restoration, environmental features, land ownership, and more.

The first meeting takes place June 1, with a unique walking tour on Saturday, June 4. Everyone is welcome.

Thanks to having its civic association at long last and its close proximity to the project area, Shirlington was given two seats on the Working Group. Edie Wilson and Richard Adler will be the Representatives, assisted by Alternates Judy Hijikata and Ellie McCann. Both Judy and Ellie have lived in Shirlington for over 20 years, and both have planning backgrounds, which should be very valuable. Keith Fred, the longtime lead volunteer for the dog park, is also on the working group, WETA.

To be clear, the study area is not in Shirlington. It lies, however, on the very southern edge of the Nauck Civic Association boundary, and much of the study area is immediately adjacent to the Village of Shirlington across South Arlington Mill Drive. This end of the valley is vital to Shirlington residents, supplying our only green spaces on both sides of our beloved stream and the dog park, not to mention the wide range of businesses starting with the Weenie Beenie down to the new brewery to the DMV and Dave's Car Wash.

Please bookmark the 4MRV homepage and attend any of the Working Group meetings. We want your ideas and experiences to inform this effort. What do you want this area to become?