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NEWS RELEASE

Lincoln Park Closed Feb. 6 for Rain Garden Project

No Parking on North Side of Lincoln Ave. at the Park

Lincoln Park (Lincoln Ave. and Great Falls St.) will be closed on Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, so that the City's Department of Public Works crews can begin preparing the park for the rain garden installation projects. The rain date is Tuesday, Feb. 7. During the closure, parking will be restricted on the north side of Lincoln Ave. at the park.

This first phase of installation for the rain garden includes removing five white pine trees. The rain gardens, once installed, will absorb stormwater, alleviating flooding issues in the park. Rain gardens also improve water quality. Pollutant-laden runoff from City rooftops, driveways, and other hard surfaces will be taken up by the newly-installed native plants and filtered through the specialized soils of the rain gardens. The resulting slowing of runoff and reduction in pollutants will benefit the City's two watersheds, Four Mile Run and Tripps Run, as well as the Potomac River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. The rain garden installation projects are made possible in part by a grant from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Lincoln Park is one of three City parks to receive rain gardens; Berman Park (Irving St. and Kent St.) and Crossman Park (end of Van Buren St.) will also have rain gardens installed in 2012. Plans for each park's rain gardens can be viewed on the City's website at www.fallschurchva.gov/raingarden.

For more information on the rain garden project, contact Matthew Hansen, Public Works, at mhansen@fallschurchva.gov or 703-248-5350.

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