

**Development Hearing Script**

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Meeting	The planning commission has been struggling for more than ten years over what to do with the 32-hundred acres around Lorton.
Prison	As DC phases out its prison and the inmates are moved away, the commission is working to keep the spaces open and undeveloped.
SOT: CHARLENE FURMAN SHULTZ, Dept. of Planning and Zoning	THE CURRENT PLAN'S OPTIONS HAVE APPROXIMATELY 2,000 TO 2,900 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE AND PUBLIC PARKLANDS.
Meeting	Tonight, the commission heard the plans and hopes of people interested in the land. One woman who lives nearby wants a school.
SOT: ELAINE O'HORA	WE DESERVE THIS SCHOOL NOW.
Man with a map	Another citizen wanted to show the commission where he and his friends have been hiking around the county and hope to make sure the Lorton land includes some trails for people.
SOT: FRANK DE LA FE	EVERYONE THAT HAS WORKED SO HARD...
De La Fe setup	An official of the Park authority looked to the future.
SOT: FRANK DE LA FE	THEIR VISION AND HARD WORK WILL ASSURE THIS MAGNIFICENT PIECE OF LAND MAKES THE TRANSITION FROM AN ENCLAVE OF IMPRISONMENT TO AN OUTLET FOR ENJOYMENT.
Maps	The commission also heard about hopes for a land swap. Some folks would like to offer several hundred of the Lorton acres in exchange for a wild horse and burro farm elsewhere in the county, to be operated by the federal Bureau of Land Management. But commissioner John Palatiello figures those animals should stay out on the range.
SOT: JOHN PALATIELLO	I'D REALLY RATHER NOT SEE THIS HERE. THIS IS PRINCIPALLY A WESTERN PROGRAM AND I REALLY DON'T SEE ANY REASON WHY THIS SHOULD BE LOCATED IN VIRGINIA OR FAIRFAX COUNTY. THIS IS MORE APPROPRIATE FOR WYOMING OR SOMEPLACE OUT WEST.
Meeting cutaways	Many more meetings, many more years of study, negotiation and planning lie ahead before any of the hopes for the Lorton land become reality. For NewsLab, I'm Jed Duvall.