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McLean High Park Gets New Name and Classification

McLean High Park has a new name. The Fairfax County Park Authority Board renamed and reclassified the park at its meeting on May 25, 2016, at the request of members of the community.

Acting on a request from the McLean Citizens Association, Park Authority staff recommended reclassifying McLean High Park from a local park to a resource-based park and renaming it Saucy Branch Park. Local parks primarily provide opportunities for active and passive recreation and social activities. Resource-based parks are selected for inclusion in the park system based on their natural or cultural resources and are managed primarily for protection, preservation, and restoration. Reclassifying the park was considered appropriate given its environmentally-sensitive Resource Protection Area and natural setting, and it is consistent with how the park is currently managed.

The park's new name, Saucy Branch Park, is a reference to the colonial-era name of the park's stream. The renaming was deemed an appropriate and fitting tribute to the historical context of the stream and aligns with the resource-based classification and local character of the park.

The wooded and undeveloped 9.6-acre park is located at 1609 Davidson Road in the Dranesville Supervisory District. It was acquired by the Park Authority in 1964.

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