



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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### Ellmore Farm Open House Set

## Resident Curator Program Begins Accepting Applications

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) is now accepting curatorship applications for the rehabilitation and long-term maintenance of the historic Ellmore Farmhouse located in Frying Pan Farm Park at 2739 West Ox Road in Herndon, Va. The Resident Curator Program provides a unique opportunity for partnerships with individuals, non-profits and for-profit organizations and entities. The long-term lease agreements are located in beautiful public park settings throughout Fairfax County. The curator leases are let *without charge* in exchange for a financial commitment and approved rehabilitation of the Park Authority's under-utilized historic properties. The deadline for submitting applications for the Ellmore Farmhouse is November 7, 2016. An open house is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2016, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Ellmore Farmhouse, a charming vernacular, wood-frame farmhouse was constructed in 1891. The historic property, situated at the entrance to the park, was one of the region's important dairy farms for decades. Today, Frying Pan Farm Park is one of Fairfax County's busiest parks preserving and interpreting the history of agrarian life on an early 20<sup>th</sup>-century farm and attracting over 500,000 visitors annually.

The Ellmore Farmhouse is a contributing structure within the Floris Historic District. The district is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register. To qualify as a potential lessee in the Resident Curator Program, FCPA is seeking proposals for the rehabilitation of the interior of the Ellmore Farmhouse in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Curators will be determined through an open and competitive process, based on a number of criteria, including a formal proposal, demonstrated experience and competency in historic preservation techniques, financial capabilities, and the incorporation of public benefits.

Application forms and additional information can be found online at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rcp/>. For more information about this program, the open house or the application process, please contact Denice Dressel, Historic Curatorship Project Manager, at 703-324-9569.

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If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.