



Bike Norfolk promotes a bicycle-friendly city through awareness and education, improved infrastructure, and a strong cycling community that embraces people who cycle for fun, fitness, well-being, and as a mode of transportation.

Norfolk City Council and
Patrick Roberts, City Manager
810 Union Street
Norfolk, VA 23510

Honorable Mayor, City Council, and Mr. Roberts:

Thank you for hosting an upcoming public forum regarding the future of the city-owned parcel of the Lambert's Point property. We join the many voices in saying that Norfolk has a perfect opportunity for creating public space for residents and visitors on the shores of the Elizabeth River.

Bike Norfolk asks that you use the whole property as green space with public access to recreational uses that have a wider appeal than golfing. We advocate for bicycling, pedestrian, and micromodal areas throughout the greenspace. As you know, the last two Parks and Recreation surveys done in Norfolk have shown both times the #1 resident request is for access to more bicycling facilities. Here is our generational opportunity for providing that in a beautiful location.

Additionally, we stand by Elizabeth River Trail Foundation's advocacy of expanding trail access into the space. The current separated-from-traffic, multi-use trail portions of the ERT are highly valuable stretches of recreation. In our view, the very best bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure is a connected network, and any portions developed on the Lambert's Point property would connect directly to the existing 10-mile ERT. Trails in Lambert's Point would actually "go" somewhere since the network extends both to the north and south of the location.

As stewards of Northside Mountain Bike Trails, we at Bike Norfolk see firsthand that residents and visitors—including youth, adults, families—are excited about the small network of trails we have created there, and they seek out every inch of green space the city has to offer. We are often asked "where else" can they ride bikes, walk, and run without being in traffic. In a city of our population and with precious few areas available, providing bicycling and pedestrian trails at Lambert's Point is an obvious answer for us all!

Thank you,

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