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To: Dixon, Taylor
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Hello everyone,

As the 2015 spring season approaches, I wanted to touch base with you all regarding the usage of Franconia Park.

As you are all aware, Franconia Park is a community park, located directly inside an active neighborhood.

Over the last few years, there have been several issues brought to our attention by both the neighbors and the Lee District Supervisor's Office. We are also working with the Park Authority to review the park master plan, so many of these issues are being heavily scrutinized. They cannot continue and it is up to you, the users, to make sure they do not continue. If the problems I am going to mention are not solved, your use at Franconia will be revoked.

- While you and your organizations are using Franconia Park, you are responsible for your trash. Please ensure that all trash makes it to the cans located throughout the park.
- Nonuse during permitted times and the ensuing walk on traffic. If you do not plan to use your time at the park, it must be returned to NCS for reallocation or for removal from the schedule. It is unacceptable for a group to not use their permitted time, especially in the evenings. This invites walk on traffic and these groups cannot be held accountable for not following FCPA rules. Also, when you return unused space, we can then ensure that the lights are disabled. We cannot have unused fields lit and/or being used by walk ons...
- Parking and traffic must be addressed proactively. We understand that parking can be a challenge, but you must remind your participants and spectators that they are to park only in designated parking areas. Parking in the neighborhoods, though it may be necessary, must be appropriate and within the posted parking rules. Fairfax County Police have been notified of the parking issues and will be out in force to make sure that the parking rules are being followed. Along with parking, please relay to your players, coaches and spectators that when they arrive or leave the park, they are driving through a residential area. Please follow posted speed limits, stop signs etc. There are families and children in this neighborhood and we must respect that. Again, FCPD has been alerted and they will be spending time in the area to ensure the observance of traffic laws and signs.
- Drinking on park property is not allowed. If we receive notification of alcohol present during your permitted time, your permit will be revoked immediately. If you are not present during the time of the violation, please see the second bullet point above.

Our Area Monitors have been told to spend additional time at Franconia Park this spring. They will be submitting specific reports to make us aware of any issues at the park. If we see patterns of non-use, walk on traffic, trash or any of the above mentioned issues, you will be contacted directly and you are at risk of losing your allocations.

I know that this note may come across as harsh, but we owe it to the community to respect their neighborhood and make sure we address the concerns that have been brought to our attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Also, I have included Fairfax County Park Authority staff in this note. They always encourage participation from the athletic community in planning meetings and/or public meetings. There is currently a master plan review taking place and they will be inviting you all to any future meetings. Please attend and participate as the future of Franconia Park is discussed.