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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Gerald W. Hyland, Board of Supervisors
Mount Vernon District

FROM: Michael A. Kane, Director

DATE: September 17, 2003

SUBJECT: Continued Availability of Portable Toilets on School Fields, Parks and Public Places

Thank you for your memo of August 26 requesting information regarding the Park Authority's policies and practices regarding the provision of portable toilets in park facilities, and for relaying the concerns of Mr. Brubaker of Metroped.

The Park Authority provides portable toilets at park facilities with athletic fields that do not have permanent restroom facilities. They are provided annually during the athletic field operating season (the end of March through the end of November) and removed during the winter months. At the end of the athletic season when park authority athletic fields are closed, visitation in those parks drops dramatically and portable toilets are not required. The unit at Hollin Hall is provided by Fort Hunt Youth and is removed during the winter.

In the past year, due to budget reductions, the agency has reduced the number of units provided at parks to minimal levels. At many parks, that means that only one (1) ADA accessible unit is provided from March through November. Collingwood is one such park. At this time, current funding levels only allow for this level of service provision throughout the system. We understand keenly the need to provide restroom facilities at our parks for our guests and have retained this level of service through the recent budget situation.

Thank you for bringing your concerns and the concerns of Mr. Brubaker to our attention.

cc: Gilbert S. McCutcheon, Park Authority Board, Mt. Vernon District
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director
Brian Daly, Manager, Grounds Management Branch
Joe Nilson, Manager, Area 3
Patricia Franckewitz, Director, Department of Community and Recreation Services