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RESOLUTION NO. 42

WHEREAS, there presently exists in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, an old bridge, known as the Potomac Yards Bridge, which is a part of U. S. Highway No. 1 and crosses over the railroad yards and the main north and south railroad tracks in the city; and

WHEREAS, the Potomac Yards Bridge can no longer handle present day traffic and has deteriorated so badly that it is unsafe for heavy loads and it has been decided to construct a new bridge in its place; and

WHEREAS, the federal, state and city governments have approved a new bridge known as Project Number 0001-100-102, RW 201 Potomac Yards Bridge and Approaches; and

WHEREAS, a city recreational area is located adjacent to the western approaches to the Potomac Yards Bridge; and

WHEREAS, said recreational area contains 566,280 square feet (13 acres) and consists primarily of two baseball diamonds and related facilities, although it does contain one small outdoor basketball court; and

WHEREAS, the approaches on the west of the new bridge project will take 51,609 square feet (1.18 acres) from the edge of said recreational area, of which 17,456 square feet (.4 acre) are unusable due to the fact that it constitutes a steep bank; and

WHEREAS, approximately 24,000 square feet of usable land will be added to the recreational area due to acquisitions under this project so that the net loss of usable land is approximately 10,153 square feet; and

WHEREAS, City Council is of the opinion that the net loss of usable land of approximately 10,153 square feet is not significant; and

WHEREAS, the only recreational facility affected by this loss of land is one outdoor basketball court which will be replaced within the remaining recreational area; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the project will result in an improved environment through landscaping, sidewalk location and drainage; and

WHEREAS, many alternate plans were presented; and

WHEREAS, City Council is of the opinion that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of such land; and

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WHEREAS, City Council is further of the opinion that the new bridge project includes all possible planning to minimize harm to such recreational area; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. That the impact of Project Number 0001-100-102, RW 201 Potomac Yards Bridge and Approaches on the adjacent city recreational area will be and hereby is declared not significant.

2. That there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of such land.

3. That the new bridge project includes all possible planning to minimize harm to such recreational area.

Adopted June 8, 1971

Helen Vickers

Mrs. Helen Vickers, City Clerk
and Clerk of Council