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### **New Park in the City of Manassas**

City of Manassas, VA . . . The Mayor and Council have agreed to terms to purchase 3.65 acres of land and the structure on it known as Annaburg Manor from the Prince William Hospital Corporation for \$846,000. This purchase will provide parkland for City residents, an opportunity for an interested non-profit to restore Annaburg Manor and provide for the funds spent to be kept in the City of Manassas community. There is a 60-day due diligence period for the City of Manassas to assess the physical condition of the site and building.

The purchase will add more green space for City residents to be used as the City's 16th park. Restoration and repairs of Annaburg Manor will be handled by an interested non-profit foundation as yet to be established. Annaburg Manor was built in 1892 by Robert Portner. This 35-room home was one of the first equipped with mechanical air condition, Portner's own invention. From the 1960s through 2007, Annaburg Manor was used as a nursing and rehabilitation center run by Novant Health UVA Health System Prince William Medical Center, previously Prince William Hospital.

"This beautiful piece of land will make a great addition to the City's parkland," said Mayor Harry J. Parrish II. "On a beautiful day, I can see children playing in the park, folks taking a break from the day in this space and even an occasional wedding or event taking place here."

As part of the agreement, the Prince William Hospital Corporation will provide a challenge donation of \$75,000 to a charitable non-profit foundation to be established to preserve, renovate, repair and maintain Annaburg Manor. The foundation will have three years to raise matching funds.

"Novant Health UVA Health System is proud to continue its partnership with the City of Manassas in serving our community as one of the largest employers and a provider of quality healthcare services to residents," said Steve Danziger, chairman, Prince William Hospital Board of Trustees. "We listened to community sentiment that this beautiful and significant property not be used for a future healthcare facility. We are pleased to join the City's efforts to restore this property as parkland for community use through a contribution of \$75,000 for restoration and maintenance of the space."

Further agreement was reached that proceeds from this sale will be used by the Hospital to fund health care programs or services that will benefit the community, including City of Manassas Residents.

The City of Manassas appreciates the partnership with Novant UVA Health System Prince William Medical Center in providing quality healthcare to this community.

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