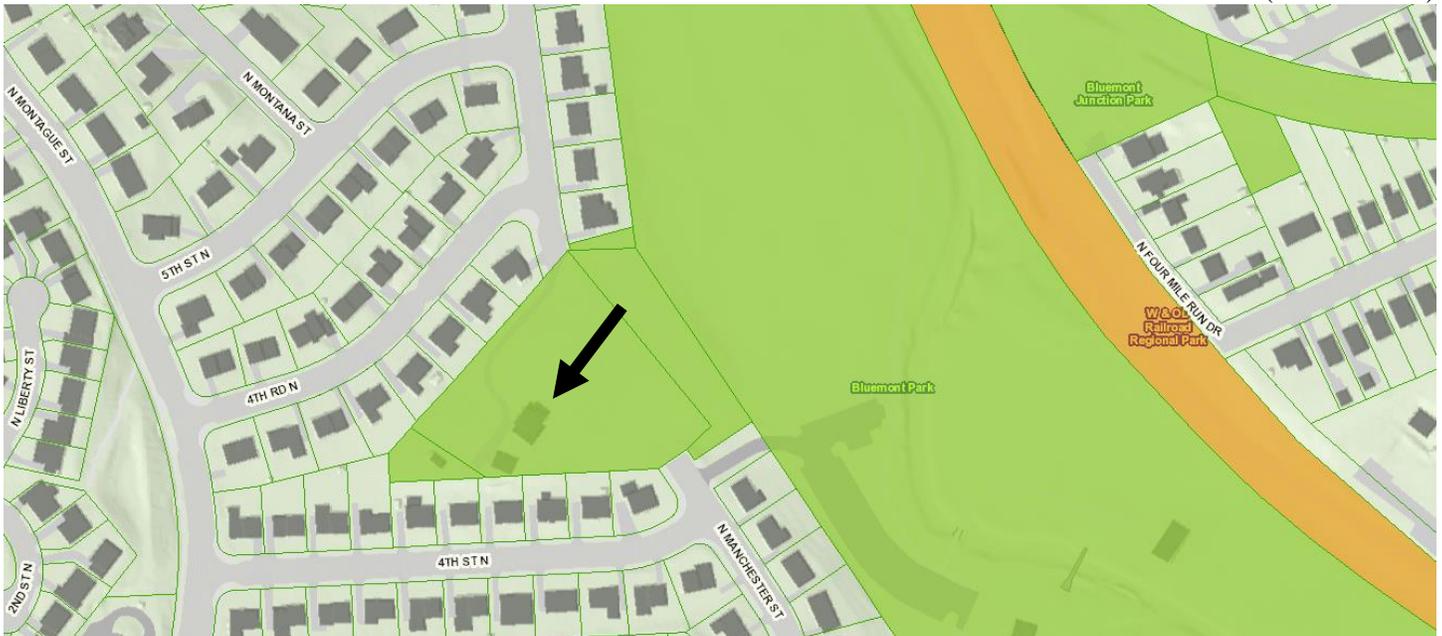


# Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board

Arlington County, Virginia

HALRB Case 14-07A (HP1700016)



A request by Lyndell Core, on behalf of the Arlington County Board, owner of 400 North Manchester Street in the Reevesland Historic District, to reauthorize CoA 14-07 for the approval of 21 garden beds.

For DRC (circle those present): **Robert Dudka, Charles Craig, Andrew Wenchel,**  
**Tova Solo, Joan Lawrence, John Peck**

For Arlington County (circle those present): **Cynthia Liccese-Torres, Rebecca Ballo, John Liebertz**

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Application Complete

Application Incomplete

Applicant(s): Arlington County

For Applicant(s): Lyndell Core

(See attached application for applicant, address, name of property and property description, drawings, photographs, and proposed scope of work.)

Design Recommendations:

1. No Comment.

**Findings:**

Return to next DRC meeting

Send to HALRB

**If sent to HALRB, recommended action is:**

Place on consent agenda

Place on discussion agenda:

Recommend approval of CoA, with DRC design recommendations and/or additional information provided

Recommend deferral of ruling on CoA (explanation):

Recommend denial of CoA (explanation):

No recommendation.

## **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS STAFF REPORT**

To: HALRB  
From: John Liebertz, Historic Preservation Planner  
Date: May 10, 2017  
Subject: 400 North Manchester Street, CoA 14-07A, Reevesland Historic District

### **Background Information**

The Reevesland farmhouse is a two-story building with a stone foundation. Reevesland has the distinction of being the last operating dairy farm in Arlington. Originally known as the Torreyson Farm, the land was purchased in 1863 by William H. Torreyson, who built a tenant house in 1865. In 1898, it became the home of Torreyson's daughter, Lucy and her husband, George Reeves. The last owner of the original property and farmhouse was Nelson Reeves, son of George Reeves. Arlington County designated the property as a local historic district in 2004.

On behalf of the Reevesland Learning Center, Arlington County's Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) prepared the applications to install eight raised gardening beds in 2011 (CoA 11-01) and an additional 13 raised gardening beds in 2014 (CoA 14-07). Since 2011, the Reevesland Learning Center has focused on working with school age children to grow plants that will be harvested for consumption.

### **Proposal**

This proposal is a reauthorization for the construction and continued use of up to 21 raised wood gardening beds with row covers in the Reevesland Historic District. Of note, the garden beds are located within the public park and not within the farmhouse parcel per the pending Unified Residential Development. At this time, only 18 of the 21 beds have been constructed but the reauthorization would allow for the expansion of the beds as approved in CoA 14-07. DPR is requesting a three-year authorization instead of a yearly review.

### **DRC and HALRB Review**

The DRC heard this case at its May 2017 meeting. The committee had no comments on the application and recommended a three-year authorization for the garden beds.

### **Discussion and Recommendation**

Staff finds that this application by DPR continues to meet the intent of *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards*, specifically Standards 9 and 10:

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

Therefore, staff recommends approval of this application as submitted since the raised garden beds are temporary and will not adversely affect the historic character of the site or landscape.