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Bikeways.....

This proposed Vienna Bikeway Plan has been prepared in cooperation with the Fairfax County Trail Planner, the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church and the Council of Government's Regional Bikeway Technical Committee. Use of the Vepco right-of-way is being coordinated with that company and with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. Construction of the bikeway network will involve a considerable expenditure of funds, and the Committee is anxious, therefore, to determine both short and long term demand for biking facilities. The committee and Town staff will furnish cost estimates at the public hearing and is investigating the possibility of funding from county, state and federal sources.

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Lapidary Course Being Offered

A comprehensive course in lapidary (gemstone cutting) will be offered by the Vienna Community Center for the first time ever. Special equipment has been installed at the Community Center for the course.

Registration begins Sept. 3, at the Community Center. Fee is \$40 plus \$3 for supplies.

Aubrey E. Cole, a gem cutter for 25 years and for the past five years an instructor for the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Washington, will be the instructor for the course.

The course will include eight-2½ hour classes covering the sawing, shaping, smoothing and polishing of cabochon gemstones. Morning and evening classes will be available. A minimum age limit of 10 has been set for the course.

For additional information contact the Community Center at 938-8000.

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Special Bikeway Newsletter

VIENNA BIKEWAY HEARING AUGUST 26 AT TOWN HALL

The two maps inside this special Bikeway Newsletter show the three phases of the proposed Vienna Bikeway Plan which will be presented at a public hearing at Town Hall on Aug. 26, starting at 8 p.m. At 7:30, prior to the hearing, there will be a 24 minute color film, "Bikeways for Better Living." All interested citizens of the Vienna community are urged to attend the hearing and express their views on the plan which is designed to provide a safe, efficient and pleasant biking network for both recreational and transportation purposes.

The plan adds another element to the Town of Vienna's Traffic Circulation Plan and together with car pools, bus systems and construction of additional sidewalks, will help to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution and conserve energy.

Cyclists of all ages have an obligation, both to themselves and to pedestrians and motorists, to ride their bikes in a safe and responsible manner. For their part, motorists must appreciate the bicyclist's right to the road in a properly structured Bikeway Plan. It is emphasized that the proposed plan would be adopted only after a community-wide program of safety education which would seek to impress cyclists, pedestrians and motorists with their mutual responsibilities and courtesies toward one another.

A key element of the plan is a proposed ordinance on Administration and Enforcement which would require registration and licensing of all bicycles as defined in the ordinance. Prior to issuance of a license, such rider would be required to prove his understanding of the ordinance and to have his bicycle inspected. An annual license fee is proposed to help pay the cost of constructing bikeway facilities and to enforce the ordinance.

With the exception of town maintenance vehicles, the plan does not permit the riding of motorized vehicles such as motorcycles or "mini-bikes" on the bikeway network. When the plan is adopted, cyclists may continue to ride on streets in addition to those which are not included in the bikeway network.

In June 1974, a house-to-house inventory of bikes and cyclists was taken by scouts and civic associations. This inventory determined there were almost 4,000 cyclists in the Town, over half being more than 15 years of age. With an estimated one-third of the Town's population between 10 and 65 years of age riding bicycles, with increasing conflict between cyclists and motorists, and with a sharply rising cyclist accident rate, this proposed Bikeway Plan deserves thoughtful study by every resident of the community.

The original version of the maps was distributed in the February 1974 Newsletter, has been displayed at Town Hall and at the Patrick Henry Library. The Bikeway Committee has designed the map to provide access among the Town's four quadrants, and to make bike riding easier and safer to schools, recreation areas, public buildings and shopping centers. Whenever practicable, trails and streets would be used for bikeroutes, but the use of sidewalks on Maple Avenue, Nutley Road SW, Park Street SE, Beulah Road, Malcolm Road and a section of Church Street would be required. The ordinance contains strong provisions which are intended to insure the safety and the rights-of-way of pedestrians on those shared sidewalks.

The Phase One Map (page 2) shows that, during the initial implementation of the plan, certain streets, sidewalks and woodland paths will be constructed or improved, including installation of ramps or curb-cuts on both sides of Maple Avenue; both sides of Church Street

between Lawyers Road and Park Street; both sides of Nutley Road SW from Maple Avenue to the South corporate limits; and, as required on the existing sidewalks on the West side of Beulah Road. The existing path on West side of Park Street would be improved south-east from Maple Avenue to Fardale Street. The precise location, width and type of bikeroute to be built on Beulah Road is being negotiated between the Town and the County, but the ultimate decision will be drafted pending public comment at the hearing.

Also during Phase One, asphalt bikepaths are proposed along the stream valley system, across Northside, Cunningham and Glyndon parks, and on the open sections of the Vepco (W&OD) right-of-way. Adahi Road, sections of DeSale, Locust, Center, Hine, East and Glyndon streets, and Delano and Yeonas drives would be posted with bikeroute signs to link the stream valley bikepaths. Cottage Street and Nutley Road NW would be posted as bikeroutes to provide bicycle access toward Maple Avenue.

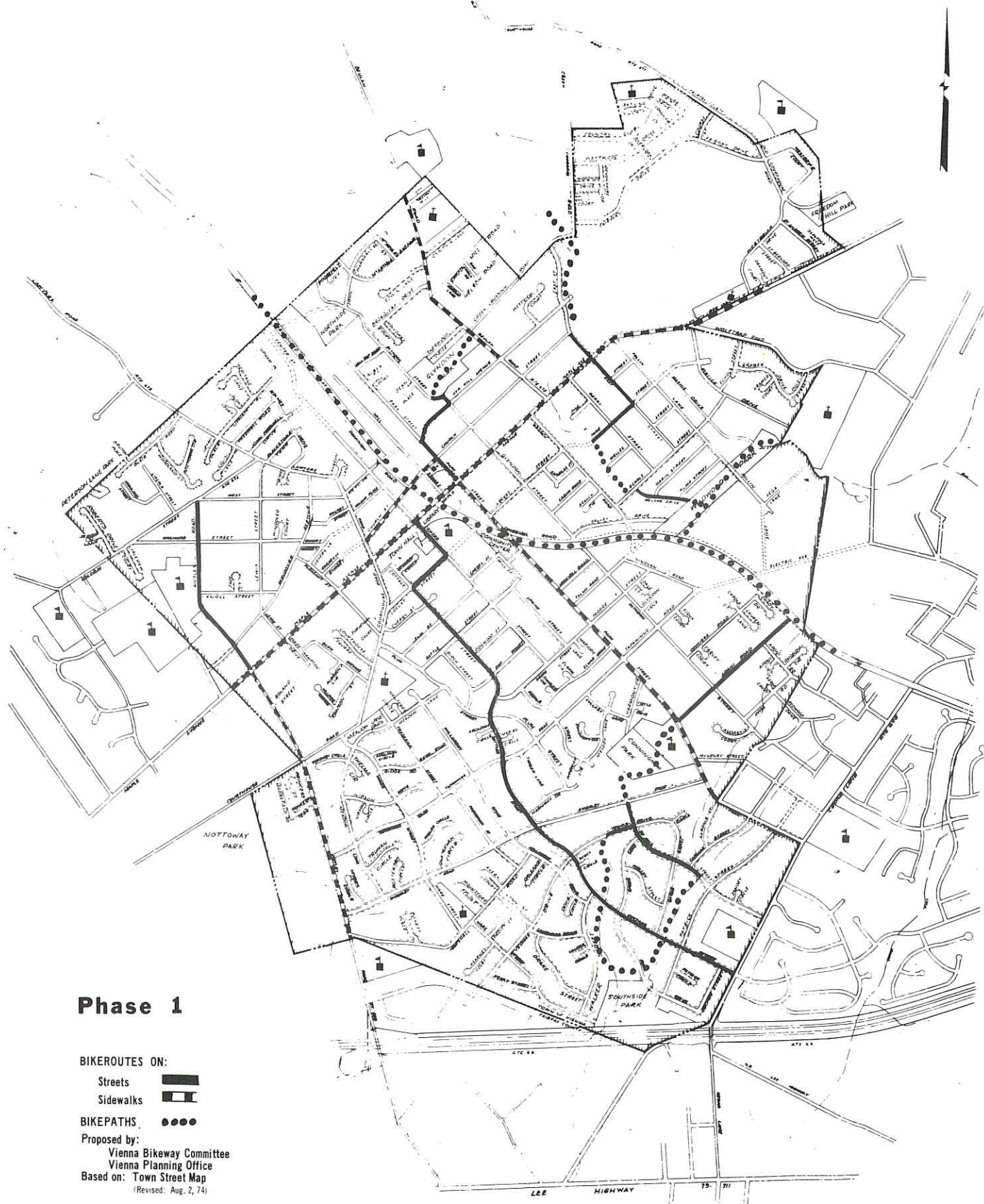
Phase Two and Three Map (page 3) shows the plan as eventually completed, Phase Three indicated by extension arrows connecting the Town's plan with those in neighboring jurisdictions including Fairfax County's hiking and biking trails system. A connection off Nutley Road SW into the proposed Metro Station to be located near the intersection of Interstate-66 and Nutley Road is being planned.

A variety of bikeway signs would be posted throughout the system during Phase Two. Depending on the volume and pattern of bicycle traffic, bikelanes may be painted on certain streets during this phase. These lanes would be designated by a bright green stripe, six inches wide, painted four feet from the curb or edge of the street. If taken, this laning would be dictated by the State Traffic Code which requires that bicycles be ridden in the direction of vehicular traffic. In absence of statistical data of bicycle traffic, the Bikeway Committee can not justify restriction of parking at this time.

When completed, the Bikeway Plan will consist of approximately 19 miles of bikeroutes on streets and six miles on sidewalks. There will four miles of stream valley bikepaths. It should be noted that the proposed ordinance on Administration and Enforcement will be the subject of a subsequent public hearing. The draft ordinance will be available, however, at Town Hall and the Library prior to the Aug. 26 hearing and informal comment will be welcomed at that hearing.

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Phase 1

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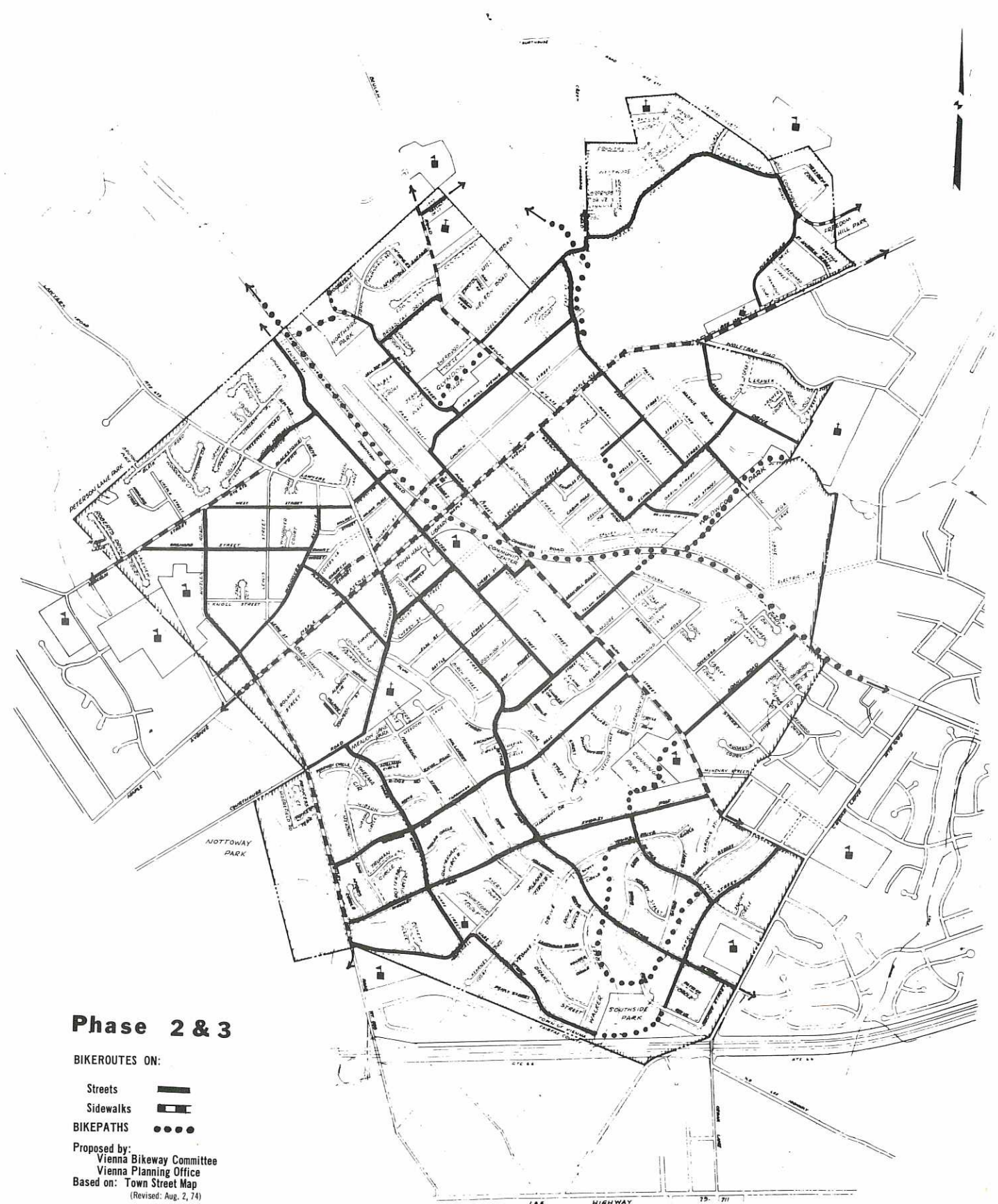
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Phase 2 & 3

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