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HONORING MR. MARTIN OGLE

WHEREAS, Martin Ogle, Chief Naturalist and Manager of Potomac Overlook Regional Park is retiring on May 14, 2012 after 27 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ogle has been a leader in Arlington County's many environmental efforts for decades, demonstrating solar energy generation, and promoting understanding and awareness of conservation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ogle has educated thousands of Arlingtonians of all ages through numerous programs from elementary school field trips, to the Junior Naturalist Camps, to lectures at the Arlington libraries, and more; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ogle has helped to make Potomac Overlook a wonderful natural oasis in Arlington County for countless numbers to walk in, learn from and reconnect with nature; and

WHEREAS, Mr Ogle served from 2000-2001 as a member of the Task Force on Arlington's Future: Vision for the 21st Century; and

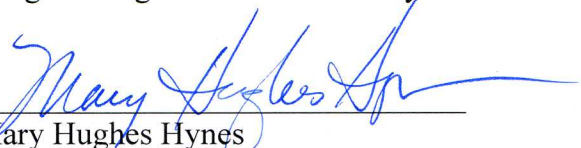
WHEREAS, Mr Ogle served from 2008 to the present as a member of the Urban Forestry Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr Ogle served from, June of 2011 as the Citizen Representative to the Community Energy Group; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Board, desires to honor the service of Mr. Ogle with this proclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Hughes Hynes, Chairman of the County Board of Arlington, do hereby offer commendation to one of Arlington's outstanding citizens. Mr. Ogle has brought credit to himself, and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.




Mary Hughes Hynes
Chair

Kimberly Miller
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April 20, 2012

Re: Martin Ogle, Potomac Overlook Nature Center

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this reference letter on behalf of Martin Ogle. Over the past few years my sixth grade science team has visited Potomac Overlook Nature Center during our unit on energy. Potomac Overlook Nature Center actively utilizes alternative energy sources to power much of its facility.

On each visit, Martin gave a relevant presentation relating energy in nature and demonstrating the connection of energy to the sun. His presentation included scientific vocabulary students had been studying and he demonstrated forms of alternative energy in terms easily understood by a highly diverse population of sixth graders. Specifically, Martin demonstrated how humans use and manage their resources as well as how heat and light are converted into mechanical energy, chemical energy, and electrical energy. His presentation was always interactive and held the attention of all. He was both informative and entertaining.

During our visit, Martin and his staff took our groups around the Nature Center providing us with information and examples of alternative energy in use. He was especially adept at discussing solar and biomass energy as they are actively used at the center. Martin and his staff always discussed energy as it related to Arlington County Public School science curriculum.

I would highly recommend Martin Ogle as an energy educator. His professionalism, knowledge, ability to relate to children, and enthusiasm will make him an asset to your school system or business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberly D. Miller', written over a horizontal line.

Kimberly D. Miller
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April 23, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure and sadness that I write this letter of reference for Martin Ogle. As a science teacher in Arlington County, Virginia, I have had the pleasure of working with Martin for over 20 years beginning with my attendance at a workshop he offered for teachers about Arlington's history and its connection to the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay. In so many ways, working with Martin has been a great benefit to my work as a teacher.

Martin has demonstrated unmatched dedication to his work as chief naturalist of Potomac Overlook Park of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA.) Under Martin's leadership, he and his staff have worked closely with the community and the schools to utilize the park to the fullest extent possible. The Taylor Elementary school community has held its annual May Fair at the park. The Summer Concert Series has been a wonderful opportunity to bring the community and local musicians together. The annual Open House, which teaches the community about the park's natural history and ways to live "green," has been a heavily attended affair. Local environmental groups and nonprofits get the opportunity to attend and educate the community about topics relevant to the park. Martin and his staff can be seen at the County Fair each summer teaching about the park and the environment. Martin has been a keynote speaker at various engagements at our local central public library. Under Martin's leadership, the park has modernized the nature center's offerings with the "Energerium" ecology exhibit. I've had my students visit the nature center and use the exhibit to augment our unit on energy and the Earth system. Martin has worked with several of my students and helped them implement environmental action projects. His willingness and graciousness has been greatly appreciated.

I was saddened to learn of Martin's retirement from NVRPA. It will be a great loss for Arlington and the park system. His indefatigable work ethic, broad and deep knowledge and commitment are rare. As he moves on to other opportunities, I wish him luck. To any potential employer, Martin Ogle would be an incredible asset to your organization.

Sincerely,



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April 11, 2012

Re: Letter of Reference of Martin Ogle

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of reference on behalf of Martin Ogle, an upstanding community member, peer, and friend who, over the course of the last several years, has provided continuous support and guidance to me, my pedagogy, and the many students with whom I have been charged with teaching various science courses. I currently teach an International Baccalaureate (IB) environmental science course and a geographic information systems (GIS) course in the Arlington Public Schools of Arlington, Virginia and have taught for over 10 years.

Throughout our period of acquaintance Martin has provided curriculum and course assistance, through class presentations, guidance on science topics, and even mentorship to students interested in careers related to the environmental sciences. He has always engaged my students with presentations and class discussions, provoked analytical thought, and expertly assisted in the learning of the often overlooked natural world phenomena that surrounds us all here in Northern Virginia. These remarkable traits and an easy-going spirit have worked to deliver continuous success whenever we had opportunities to collaborate.

Martin has always been able to adapt to never-ending classroom changes, student ability levels, curriculum evolution, and has the keen awareness to ask to be critiqued for the sake of bettering the products and services he represents through the various roles he has played with our local park system and in my classroom.

For selfish reasons I am saddened that Martin will no longer be a full-time component of our community as his accomplishments, at various personal and professional levels, are unique. Martin's presence, going forward, will be hard to replace and people with whom he will now be near are very much going to benefit from his efforts to introduce and connect people to the natural world and our use of it.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should I need to explain further or opine even more on the how Martin can benefit any level of a community with his skills and abilities.

Very truly yours,

Ryan Miller



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May 18, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend and introduce Martin Ogle, who has moved to Colorado after serving 27 years in Arlington County. I have known Martin for fifteen of those years, and during that time I have witnessed his commitment to the environment and the natural world and his success in translating his passion into tangible improvements for and greater awareness by thousands of Arlingtonians.

As Chief Naturalist of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, overseeing Potomac Overlook Regional Park in Arlington, Martin has set the standard for providing informative, exciting and accessible access to the wonders of the natural world and focusing on our position in it. He designed programs and activities for all age groups at parks and schools, and created interpretive gardens, summer camps, a concert series and his annual park open house. One particularly forward thinking example was his creation of working energy efficiency and solar energy systems in the park long before many similar groups even thought about it.

A notable aspect of Martin's passion has been his involvement with the community to further environmental issues. As a member of the Arlington County Board, I have been a leader in the areas of energy and the environment. I have had the pleasure of working with Martin on several sustainability initiatives - the Task Force on Arlington's Future: A Vision for the 21st Century, the Community Energy and Sustainability Task Force and the Community Energy Advisory Group. Martin was a keen participant and his contributions were very pertinent to the success of each. He has also been a longtime member of Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment, and as chair helped make the organization a local leader on sustainability.

Martin Ogle embodies the spirit of Arlington's vision statement ("*...where people unite to form a caring, learning, participating, sustainable community*"), and would be a valuable employee for any organization lucky enough to get him. Martin lives his life consistently with his convictions and values and has a gift for bringing the importance of nature to others. I recommend him without reservation.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely, -

Jay Fissette
Member



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April 10, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

During the many years that Martin Ogle served as Chief Naturalist for the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, he was an outstanding resource for Arlington Public Schools. I am writing this letter to highly recommend him for employment, consulting or volunteering with your organization – whether school(s), business, non-profit or other.

Martin was an asset to Arlington Public Schools in three main ways. First, he conducted a wide range of excellent programs for our students and occasionally our teachers in subjects including local natural and human history, sustainability, Earth science and schoolyard/outdoor education. Second, he worked directly with many schools and teachers on improving and expanding outdoor education systems that correlated with our Standards of Learning. (He did this through workshops, consulting on various outdoor education elements, contributing “sweat equity” to the development of many of those elements, and many other ways). Third, Martin worked to raise the emphasis on and understanding of energy as a subject of great importance for our society and planet.

In addition to working directly with our schools and teachers, Martin was adept at creating programs and events of significance for Arlington that our school community benefited from greatly. For example, in 2006, he organized a conference on Earth Science entitled “Gaia Theory: Model and Metaphor for the 21st Century.” He brought in speakers from all over the country for a weekend conference that explored Gaia Theory through science, art, and the humanities, creating a truly interdisciplinary learning experience. Of the 300 conference attendees, at least 15 were APS teachers and staff.

Martin has been extremely involved in the Arlington Community, sitting on boards of several organizations, presenting programs in a wide variety of venues, and integrating the work of many in the community within the context of sustainability. He has become a recognizable, sought after expert on the environment and sustainability for the Arlington Community.

In summary, why should you consider Martin Ogle for employment, consulting or volunteering with your organization?

- As the Chief Naturalist, he worked tirelessly as a resource to teachers, students and families in the Arlington Public Schools community.
- He created programs and delivered programs that raised the emphasis on energy as a subject of importance to our society and planet.
- In Arlington, he is a valued member of the community and a recognized expert on sustainability issues.

I highly recommend Martin Ogle to you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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