

## County Supervisors Vote To Buy Ashburn Toll House



Taking another step toward resolving an concern that first raised more than a year ago, the Board of Supervisors today voted to authorize the purchase of the Broad Run tollhouse property.

Located at the southwest corner of the Rt. 7/Rt. 28 interchange, the site is rarely visited, with the roof of the tollhouse only just visible to drivers as they merge onto Rt. 28 from Rt. 7 eastbound. The tollhouse and stone bridge, believed to have been built in 1820, were constructed as part of the Leesburg Turnpike Company's efforts to build a road from Leesburg to the Little River Turnpike in Alexandria, according to the National Register of Historic Places. The stone bridge was in use until 1949 when it was replaced by a concrete and steel bridge.



While one of several stone bridges remaining in Virginia, the Broad Run Bridge and tollhouse are believed to be the only combination in existence.

During deliberations of the Kincora Village rezoning, the need to connect Pacific Boulevard to Russell Branch Parkway brought to light the fact that historic property would likely be impacted as the needed road network around the new development was constructed.

**The Broad Run Tollhouse**

The final approval for Kincora Village included a "road envelope" for the connection of the two roads, with acknowledgement from the Board of Supervisors that it wanted to see the tollhouse and bridge preserved as much as possible. At that time, discussions focused on the possibility of a nonprofit group forming to preserve the site, or the county purchasing the property to preserve as a park site.

The board's motion allowed for a purchase price of \$230,000, with the sale contingent upon positive results from all studies of the site. Under the budget adjustment approved today, the transaction will be funded through cash proffers from developers.