North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan Update – Open Space

Park and Recreation Commission

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Regional Open Space Network
Open Space Types

**Active Open Spaces** – includes sports, exercise or active play; recreational facilities such as playgrounds, playing fields, and multipurpose areas; also includes areas for events, high or heavy activity/programming

**Passive Open Spaces** – used for relaxation, such as sitting or strolling; can include trails, picnic area, open areas for strolling/lounging

**Social Open Spaces** – for impromptu and organized gatherings; can include game elements and seating areas
Regional Open Space Zones

A Active
P Passive
S Social
N Natural
* Infrastructure
Potomac Yard Existing and Planned Open Spaces

- Potomac Yard Playground
- Potomac Yard Metro – South Pavilion
- Active Courts
- Four Mile Run Urban Deck

Categories:
- **A** Active
- **P** Passive
- **N** Natural
- **S** Social
- **I** Infrastructure
North Potomac Yard Open Space Network

- POTOMAC YARD PARK
- Crescent Park
- Retail Park
- Market Commons
- Metro Plaza
- Metro Square
- Four Mile Run
North Potomac Yard Open Space Assumptions

• Continuous Promenade/Pedestrian Connection
• Sustainable Design
• Bike Trail
• Art
• History Interpretation
• Active, Passive, & Social Uses
Retail Park and Mid Block Passageway

Characteristics:
Type: Active/Social
- Flexible
- Event Programming
- Outdoor dining & seating
- Hard & Landscaped
Retail Park and Mid Block Passageway

OVERVIEW

PARK/PLAZA ORGANIZATION

- **LAWN**: Flexible open space, mostly planting/landscape, but may include some paving. Primary location for large gatherings and events.

- **RETAIL EDGE**: Continues retail activity along Potomac Avenue. Buffer to internal lawn area. Anchored by a feature element(s) – kiosk, shade structure, or moveable furniture.

- **PEDESTRIAN STREET**: Mid-block connection to Landbay K Park. Pedestrian only. Active retail and restaurants. Overhead elements and lighting.

- **SIDEWALK ZONE**: Clear path of travel from Potomac Yard Shopping Center to Landbay K Park.

- **LANDBAY K CONNECTION ZONE**: Transition from pedestrian street to park. Terminus of retail environment.

- **RETAIL/DINING ZONE**: Activated retail edge, outdoor dining, operable storefronts. May include residential lobbies or amenities.
Metro Plaza and Metro Square

**Characteristics:**

**Type:** Social/Civic
- Distinctive Arrival/Gateway
- Urban Plaza/Active
- Civic Place
- Defined

**Considerations:**
- Function
- Program Elements
Metro Plaza and Metro Square

**OVERVIEW**

**PLAZA ORGANIZATION**

- **ARRIVAL ZONE** - First look from the Metro station, meeting place, anchored by a feature element(s) - kiosk, fountain, or moveable furniture.
- **ORIENTATION ZONE** - Draws attention from both Metro and buses, centrally located, wayfinding, but not necessarily signage.
- **PEDESTRIAN ZONE** - Clear path of travel from Metro to Potomac Avenue (and beyond).
- **LANDBAY K CONNECTION ZONE** - Transition from plaza/paving to park/planting.
- **TRAIL CONNECTION ZONE** - Active recreation hub, bicycle parking.
- **RETAIL/DINING ZONE** - Activated retail edge, outdoor dining, operable storefronts.
- **ICONIC ZONE** - Memorable heart of Metro Plaza, place of interaction and discovery, features public art, unique furniture, or creative paving and landscaping.
Park Road Character
Potomac Yard Park Extension

Characteristics:
Type: Active/Passive
• Series of Rooms
• Active, Passive, Social, & Recreational Uses
• Sustainable/Green
• Contiguous to Existing Park
Infrastructure

**South Pond:**
- Continuity of Potomac Yard Park
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections
- Incorporating the pond into overall park system

**Pump Station:**
- Integrated Design
- Green/Sustainable
NPY Advisory Board Feedback
Next Steps

• Additional Advisory Board Meetings in 2017

• Land subdivision for Metro Landing early 2017

• Plan Amendments Review with Park and Recreation Commission in May, 2017

• Anticipated City Council docket June, 2017