North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan Update

Park and Recreation Commission

April 20, 2017
Community Process

1. Kick-Off Meeting
2. Concept Review
3. Concept Options Refinement: Metro Zone
4. Concept Options Refinement: Framework Streets
5. Concept Options Refinement: Framework Open Spaces
6. AG Working Group: Metro
7. AG Working Group: Framework Streets
8. AG Working Group: Framework Open Spaces
9. Community Open House
10. Land Use & Neighborhoods
11. Housing & Transportation
12. Transportation & Sustainability
13. Implementation; Finalize Recommendations

ROADMAP TO RECOMMENDATIONS
Plan Area Context
Plan Changes: Potomac Avenue

2017 Update
Plan Changes: Retail
Plan Changes: Hotel
Plan Changes: Heights
Plan Changes: Additional Open Space

- Potomac Yard Park Extension (1 acres)
- Market Lawn (0.2 acres)
- Metro Plaza (0.3 acres)
North Potomac Yard Open Space

• Focus on creation of a network
• Provide a Variety of Open Space Types
  • Citywide Park
  • Neighborhood Parks
  • Pocket Parks
  • Roof Top Open Space
  • Regional Connections
• Create a Variety of Open Space Uses
  • Active
  • Passive
  • Social
  • Civic
• Integrate sustainable design and features
Regional Open Space Network
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North Potomac Yard Open Space Network

- Potomac Yard Park Extension 4.5 acres
- Metro Plaza 0.3 acres
- Market Lawn 0.2 acres
- Market Green 1.0 acres
- Metro Square 0.7 acres
- Crescent Park 2.3 acres
North Potomac Yard Open Space Network

- Minimum of 15% ground level open space (about 10.3 acres)
- Public Open Space Network is 9 acres
- Remaining ground level open space may be public or private
- An additional 20% to be provided either at ground level or on roof tops
Neighborhood Parks: Phase II

- Crescent Park (2.3 acres)
- Market Green (1 acre)
- Metro Square (0.7 acres)
¼ Mile Walkshed
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Phase I Parks

Potomac Yard Park Extension (4.5 acres)

Market Lawn (0.2 acres)

Metro Plaza (0.3 acres)
Potomac Yard Park Extension
Market Lawn

Approx. 1.24 ac
Approx. 0.2 ac
Approx. 0.4 ac
Approx. 0.3 ac
Approx. 0.5 ac
Approx. 0.5 ac
Approx. 0.2 ac

Market Square, Alexandria VA
Dulany Park, Alexandria VA
Strawberry Park, Mosaic District, VA
Market Lawn

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Columbia Heights Civic Plaza, DC
Rockville Town Square Plaza, Rockville, MD
Braddock Interim Open Space, Alexandria, VA
Metro Plaza

- Distinctive Arrival/Gateway to North Potomac Yard
- Urban Plaza
- Civic Place
Open Space Uses

- **Active**: Primarily Programmed Uses—athletic fields, sport courts, fenced dog parks, playgrounds and intense activity/programming
- **Passive**: Primarily Unprogrammed Uses—trails, picnic areas, open areas and areas for sitting/strolling
- **Social**: Mix of Programmed/Unprogrammed Uses—game elements, seating areas, community gardens, small event spaces, market areas for impromptu gatherings or events
- **Civic**: Mix of Programmed/Unprogrammed Uses—plazas and event areas
Street Character/Shared Street
Infrastructure
Community Feedback

• Distance to and Distribution of Open Space through the Plan Area
• Amount of Open Space
• Need for a Central Gathering Space
• Concerns with Shared Use
• Concerns on Park Uses/Programming
• Function of Metro Plaza
• Rooftop Open Space
• Other City Needs
Next Steps

- Final Advisory Group Meeting - April 26, 2017
- Planning Commission - June, 2017
- City Council - June, 2017
Questions?

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