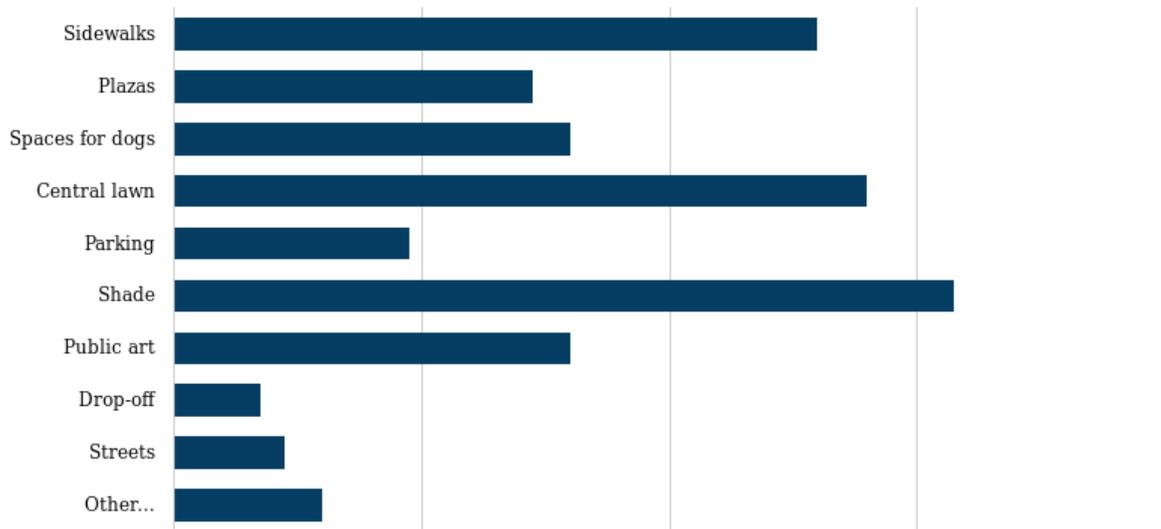


Share Your Vision for the Metropolitan Park Public Space

SECTION 1: What do you think about the Metropolitan Park site today?

What do you LIKE about the site today?

Select all that apply.



What do you like about these features?

COMMENT	TAG
I live close to the site	Access
accessible to cars	Access
Aesthetics	Attraction
Inviting to walk through, spend time.	Attraction
They're useful and beautiful	Attraction
restful	Attraction
I want to see a community gathering space like the plaza at Pentagon Row.	Community

They feel like a park in an otherwise very sterile neighborhood. It feels like a gathering place.	Community
Plazas can be used for social events	Community
Different ways to walk through the park, people actually interact with strangers when their dogs play, shade in the hot months.	Community
Land size has potential for multiple outdoor activities/events	Community
It's a potentially nice place to hang out...	Community
Ability for various users to enjoy the park throughout each day	Community
It's a great little plaza in a convenient location.	Convenience
I love that it's an unofficial dog park with plenty of space to run. I also like there are areas for people who don't like dogs, so there is no problems between the two groups.	Dogs
I think spaces for dogs are so important because they encourage community and well-socialized dogs (reducing barking). I think shade is really important given the urban heat island effect, and increase in built spaces in Crystal City. I also like how the two sculptures complement each other at each end of the plaza.	Dogs
By the way, we LOVE the water fountains for people and for dogs!	Dogs
I like that the dog park part of the park is lightly screened from the main part of the park.	Dogs
That there is a place for dogs, though a "de facto" space!	Dogs
This is a very dog friendly area and we love the open green space where the dogs can run and play. This is one of the main reasons that I continue to live in this neighborhood.	Dogs
There is a huge dog population, so space for them and their owners is critical.	Dogs
The streets provide access to the drop-off points and delivery parking for the apartments - which either don't have	Drop off

entrances on the main streets and where there is not room on the main streets for delivery trucks and service vehicles.	
Like the green and break from hot buildings. The most green possible will make this a better respite from the city hubbub.	Nature
Further, trees that provide shade have many environmental benefits, including reducing atmospheric carbon dioxide, increasing atmospheric oxygen and reducing stormwater run-off.	Nature
I like the trees. More trees would be better.	Nature
The greenery, trees, bushes, ground cover, and grass are awesome. Clearly, it takes continued care to maintain them so that we can enjoy the blossoms in the spring and minimize the mud in the rainy seasons. [...] the nature is truly appreciated and valued!	Nature
Most important is the trees. It's the only place around where I can go and be surrounded by real trees.	Nature
Trees, trees, trees	Nature
Like shade, meadows, pollinator habitats, other biophilic features, milkweed for monarch butterflies	Nature
The green is nice--watching the seasons change	Nature
Green things I like the idea of a quiet haven away from traffic.	Nature
I like having an open space that is urban in character, but green	Open Space
They are what make an open space exciting and world class.	Open Space
I like the park as a big open space that's flexible for many uses. .	Open space
In a popular high rise community - open, green space is very important	Open Space
I also like that it's open at both ends - gives it a sense of spaciousness.	Open Space

I like the open space in an area that is very built up and doesn't get a lot of sunlight. While I would love more trees, shrubs and plants I think the County needs to be careful to not take away too much from the open concept of this space.	Open Space
I like that there is a central lawn to provide open, any-possible-use space, and that it is usable at least for the dog owners.	Open Space
If it weren't so heavily used by dogs, it would be a nice open space.	Open Space
Open space with natural light	Open Space
Great open space	Open Space
any open space at all is good	Open Space
Just that it's an open area	Open Space
large open spaces	Open Space
Large open spaces that have the potential to serve as a good forest and other community-driven urban ag features	Open Space
Not too much	Open Space
The central yard is good,	Open Space/ Central Lawn
I like how there are separate areas.	Open Space/ Central Lawn
The Central Lawn is potentially a great place for casual use.	Open Space/ Central Lawn
The courtyard is protected from the wind and a lot of the traffic, so it is a nicer place to walk compared to the sidewalks on the other side of the buildings (along the busier streets).	Open Space/ Central Lawn
I like the central lawn idea but it's been overused by dogs and so I would never use it to lay in the grass and read which is what it should be intended for.	Open Space/ Central Lawn
Accessible, usable, green space	Open Space/ Green Space
It's nice to have some green space. Pentagon City is such a building-heavy area.	Open Space/ Green Space

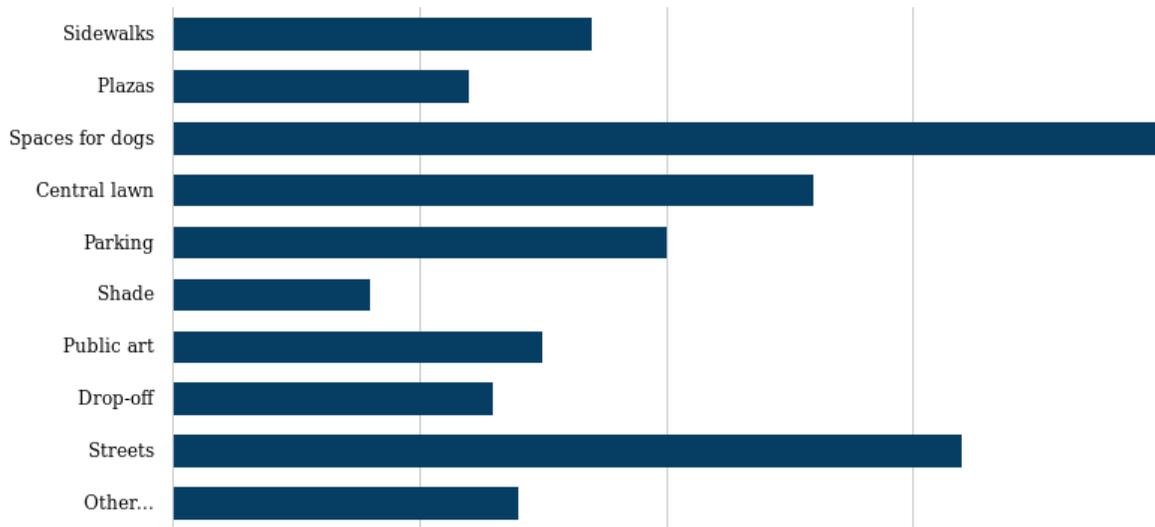
I also like the green lawn	Open Space/ Green Space
We need more green space, so any green space is good.	Open Space/ Green Space
I like green spaces where people can 'escape' from the hustle and bustle of city life.	Open Space/ Green Space
The greener the better. Speaking to many Arlington residents, the green space in Pentagon City is the reason we moved here vs Ballston/Rosslyn & other areas of Arlington	Open Space/ Green Space
The green space is nice and we need more	Open Space/ Green Space
lawn spaces are nice just to get away from a constant concrete canyon feeling of walking between tall high-rise buildings.	Open Space/Central Lawn
I appreciate the parking along the streets	Parking
We live in the greater neighborhood, 0.8 miles away, so it is sometimes easier to drive here, so the easy access to on street parking is nice. Although I can understand if it isn't a priority over other park amenities. If parking does stay, making it all short term would probably maximize usefulness.	Parking
better than concrete, though one side is not level and floods when it rains.	Pervious surfaces
The public art is nice, there should be more in addition to perhaps a water feature.	Public Art
There is room to throw a frisbee	Recreation
Flexible active recreation	Recreation
They allow kids to play sports	Recreation
enjoy many outdoor activities.	Recreation
Benches for a short break from the day are so awesome! I think we've got a pretty good balance of benches right now, but they need some refreshing.	Seating
most parks don't have enough benches	Seating
Benches	Seating

there are benches	Seating
The sidewalks are nice and shaded,	Shade
Shade is important during the summer.	Shade
the shade in the site.....	Shade
Shade is critical for everything that happens in a park. Native shade trees provide important wildlife benefit.	Shade/ Trees
preferably shaded WITH bird controls in place	Shade/ Trees
Need shade in summer. Trees produce shade.	Shade/ Trees
Mature Trees	Shade/ Trees
TREES	Shade/ Trees
Sidewalks are plentiful	Sidewalk
Sidewalks: the wife and I walk to almost all destinations in our area (we live at the Bella Vista on Eads), so sidewalks are the #1 priority for us. We like sidewalks made for safety, that are smooth and even, wide, well-lit at night.	Sidewalk
Fern Street is a very busy street, so I like that I can walk on the sidewalks near the park where it is more peaceful. The public art is fun too.	Sidewalks
Sidewalks and streets are a critical and essential part of the park infrastructure - and allow visitors to get to and from the park - and through it! The streets are essential for PUDO for the surrounding buildings, including future Amazon buildings.	Sidewalks
The good sidewalks, easy to get where you need to go.	Sidewalks/ Paths
The sidewalks provide easy access to quiet spaces.	Sidewalks/ Paths
Like that there are sidewalks that promote access into and through the site.	Sidewalks/ Paths
I like walking paths--not muddy grassy areas to walk--but "cow paths" vs. square corners.	Sidewalks/ Paths

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What do you DISLIKE about the site today?

Select all that apply.



What do you dislike about these features?

COMMENT	TAG
However, I never think of using this park as it is hidden and does not seem like an appealing place to spend time.	Access
Biggest dislike is the disconnect from outside this block. The design of the buildings, street, and sidewalk grid discourage entry inside the superblock, so many don't even know a park exists. Only one of the three site lines through the block (elm st) includes the park.	Access
I believe we actually need a new "sidewalk" that goes diagonally (approximately) from the NW corner of MetPark (pedestrian entrance on Fern close to 12th) to the new Amazon buildings (approximately 14th).	Access
Costco access is too congested. [Also--open parking when Costco is closed?]	Access
Getting to park bad	Access
It's rather hidden from and inaccessible. Seems almost like a private's park for the residents of the buildings.	Access
Lack of connection to surrounding area	Access
Not attractive	Attraction
Industrial Boring. No color. Nothing different than a thousand strip malls.	Attraction
Not very inviting and usable	Attraction
There is also nothing distinctive about the park... say a water fountain or architectural element. Given these things there are no events or gatherings.	Attraction

[the central lawn is] not as attractive or useful as a space with trees, "dog proof" shrubs, etc. The dog space gets overused, I guess, because there are muddy areas or	Attraction
The park is not as inviting, pretty bland.	Attraction
It is not an attractive space.	Attraction
And, pls change the name. Metropolitan Park is so generic - and Metro Park is even worse. Have you ever taken the train to New York and wanted to get off at Metro Park NJ? What image does the term "Metro Park" conjure up in your mind? Nothing appealing. You don't build communities with generic labels, chain/big box stores, and franchise dining.	Attraction
This is the least attractive park in all of Arlington. It is too formal, too geometric, too unimaginative in layout and plantings.	Attraction
Non-contiguous space	Attraction
Too "formal" rigid/boring	Attraction
Everything from trees to paths is very "organized" and formal looking	Attraction
Closed off--not inviting to people just passing by	Attraction
The space right now is cold and dehumanizing--not welcoming for strolling or sitting	Attraction
Boring?	Attraction
No sense of unique space	Attraction
I hate this park. Rigid, boring, off-putting.	Attraction
Right now, this park is not a destination. People don't even know there is a park there.	Attraction
Lack of colors	Attraction
Manicures aspect	Attraction
The park does not grab me to stay there, I only walk through it	Attraction
Other than the dog park, site does not have any community-building features	Community
The site does not offer visitors, residents, and employees any sort of sense of place and community. Additionally there's no meaningful way for people to interact with these systems beyond walking a dog.	Community
Want more communal sitting space	Community
Right now, the park is mostly used by residents of the park area and nearby residences. While many people use the park for their dogs, it does seem to be limited to dog owners that can walk to the park.	Dogs
There are too many dog parks in Arlington. Crystal House park will have one only two blocks away. Don't need one here!	Dogs
If it weren't so heavily used by dogs, it would be a nice open space.	Dogs

(illegible) desintegrated dog area--too small "private show dog park"	Dogs
Visitor off-leash dogs, water dog; off leash dog private too small	Dogs
I like the central lawn idea but it's been overused by dogs	Dogs
Would dog areas be fenced in? What tyoe of turf would be used? Natural/ artificial?	Dogs
Dogs are nasty and I resent using taxes to provide them a place to defecate and pollute.	Dogs
No fenced in area for dogs	Dogs
Too much. Don't need a lot of space for dogs - more for people.	Dogs
The dogs go everywhere. NO way I would let my children play on any of this grass for fear of worms or other issues from dog urine and feces. I just see this right now as a large dog park.	Dogs
There is not enough space for dogs and the central lawn is too small and covered in cement. There is also too much parking.	Dogs
The central lawn is often in rough shape-- a lot of the reason is people constantly walking on the grass with their dogs and people not picking up after the dogs. There should be a fenced-in dog park to minimize that.	Dogs
While I don't have an issue with having an area for dogs, the entire park has been turned into an unsanctioned dog park. Owners let their dogs run around off the leash and the entire grass are has been ruined. What used to like about the Central Lawn - a few years ago - has been destroyed. Even if you did you would be run over by dogs. Owners allow their dogs to interact with other dogs such that there can be a lot of barking which just goes up to all the apartments that face the park. There is no other way for the sound to dissipate.	Dogs
Unfenced dog areas are a recipe for disaster - only incorporate if it could be separate from the main park and fenced.	Dogs
Dog users treat the park like their own backyard. It is unsafe and unsanitary.	Dogs
The park does not need any spaces for dogs because the recently planned Crystal House Park will contain a large dog run that will be only two blocks away from Metropolitan Park. Dog spaces displace areas that can otherwise be used for natural areas and other features that benefit the environment and that many people enjoy.	Dogs
The entire "park" has basically become a dog ---- area for the met park residents. That was not the intent, but the result of poor planning.	Dogs

<p>Also, we don't like sidewalks that run through dog areas. Too many dog owners are in reality not people, but pigs taking the shape of humans. Their dog craps on the sidewalk, and these lazy, inconsiderate slobes are too lazy to pick up after Fido craps. And yes, I've had to wash dog -- -- off sneakers off multiple times because I was looking up and wasn't looking down at the sidewalk. We will NOT walk on the sidewalks that go through lawn areas because of this reason.</p>	Dogs
<p>Uncaring, irresponsible dog owners. The place stinks and is unkempt.</p>	Dogs
<p>It's an ugly dog park. It really needs a landscape architect to change it greatly. There could be many different types of areas, including a contained dog park, butterfly garden, shade trees, water feature, lawn lounging area.</p>	Dogs
<p>Right now the park is a bathroom for dogs. There is practically no ability for non dog owners in the area to use the park. There needs to be a dedicated area.</p>	Dogs
<p>I know the lawn is there for the dogs but it's such an environmental waste (from maintenance costs) and frankly I wouldn't sit on the lawn due to lack of shade and fear of dog ----.</p>	Dogs
<p>dogs are everywhere in every park these days, whether or not they are supposed to be</p>	Dogs
<p>The current central lawn is used as an unfenced dog park and ONLY an unfenced dog park. The grass is dead and covered in dog ----. While its nice for the dogs to have a place to play and I fully recognize there are no other nearby alternatives, this does not make for a nice "grassy lawn" that can be used by everyone.</p>	Dogs
<p>A central lawn that sits adjacent to a space for dogs will become a dog park. A dog area should be in it's own area.</p>	Dogs
<p>I feel like it's been taken over by the dogs. I never really see anyone hanging out there, just people walking their dogs.</p>	Dogs
<p>Seems it's main use is for owners taking dogs to a convenient spot to relieve themselves.</p>	Dogs
<p>You can't leave the sidewalk for fear of stepping in dog feces.</p>	Dogs
<p>Instead of having one space for dogs they're everywhere and you have to watch where you step on the lawn to avoid dog ----.</p>	Dogs
<p>Unfortunately, dogs and dog owners have taken over the lawn. You don't want to walk on it, or play on it because it's just a bathroom for the dogs mainly. For example, I would never stretch out a blanket and lay in the sun and read a book because of that.</p>	Dogs
<p>Nobody wants to sit on the lawn because it has been taken over by dogs.</p>	Dogs

... but with so many dogs out there, the idea of walking around on the lawn (much less sitting down) is not very appealing.	Dogs
It would be nice to have some smaller green spaces set aside for humans, where dogs are not allowed to do their business.	Dogs
The dogs took over the whole middle grass area and you can't sit out there and enjoy the grass.	Dogs
All of the lawn is for dogs. Kids and people who might like to read on a blanket are shunned. I would love to see a small playground for children where we do not have to worry about stepping in dog waste.	Dogs
Dogs everywhere means I don't feel comfortable letting my kids walk on the grass. Would be nice to have one area for dogs and another that is dog-free so everyone else feels comfortable putting out a blanket and enjoying the open space.	Dogs
I feel that the local dogs have damaged the current lawn so much that it's not useful to humans. And the dogs need a place to hang out and do their thing. Please create a separate facility for them.	Dogs
Because so many dogs use the space, I am uncomfortable having my children even near the space. There is so much urine and dog ---- around - it is absolutely disgusting. It is a dog park; it is not fit for humans to use, especially young kids who may touch everything.	Dogs
I don't like that the great lawn is covered with dog ----...can't walk through the grass or even sit on the lawn.	Dogs
I wish there was a separate fenced area for dogs to roam and play.	Dogs
grass is patchy and disgusting (because of dog ----)	Dogs
It is basically a dog park although not designated as such. Make a dog park elsewhere and let humans use this park. Keep it as open space.	Dogs
Dogs and owners have destroyed current park--cant walk through it	Dogs
Need some space for dogs but they cant take over all the space	Dogs
100% of space use for pet bathroom...no place for HUMANS	Dogs
Pet/dog area MUST BE separate from human recreation areas. Area free of landmines of dogs!!	Dogs
Dislike another dog park. Crystal House park (two blocks away) will have a big one no need for another at Metropolitan Park	Dogs
Dislike: [...] dog parks. There are too many of these in Arlington. Crystal House Park will have these two blocks away. Don't need more!	Dogs

Keep dogs out - make a dog park out of that triangle swath of grass between the Double Tree hotel and Rt 1. Think outside the box - put dedicated dog runs in place that people wouldn't otherwise use and keep them off our parks and school grounds where kids play.	Dogs
Current space is a failed park designed poorly. It's become a dog park surrounded by cement--ugly.	Dogs
non-functional except for dogs.	Dogs
Dogs without leashes illegally	Dogs
Noise from dogs;	Dogs
Entire park has literally gone to the dogs	Dogs
dogs	Dogs
dog crap everywhere.	Dogs
Dogs disrupt the quiet.	Dogs/ Noise
there is a lot of noise that comes with the dogs running free, most notably when more than one dog gets together and bark at each other, which happens often. I'm on a higher floor now and that doesn't make a difference	Dogs/ Noise
Drop off points can be on the other sides of the surrounding buildings, not the park-facing streets.	Drop off
Perhaps, drop-off for Uber/Lyft/taxi could be in a single or two locations, with exceptions for picking up handicapped or other loads, besides the loading docks. The drop-off could be outside the park space. It would help for all the buildings to have a main entrance both on the inside and on the outside of the Met Park area. I think Gramercy needs better access from 15th St S and Bartlett needs better access from Elm or 13th Rd S. Acadia and Millennium seem to have good dual access.	Drop off
There do not appear to be any "pull in" areas in front of the apt bldgs for short drop offs/pickups or deliveries.	Drop off
Recommend looking at Uber drop-off point outside the park to reduce need for interior roads	Drop off
Do not duplicate any features that will be in the new Crystal House Park, only 2 blocks away from Metropolitan Park	Duplication
The planned Crystal House Park (2 blocks away from Metropolitan Park) will have a dog park, mowed lawns, and playing fields, plazas. There is no need for these in Metropolitan park. Make Metropolitan park biophilic. Add meadows, pollinator habitats, trees, milkweed for monarch butterflies.	Duplication
I am NOT interested in permanent entertainment space, such as an amphitheater area or a movie screen (like Mosaic District)	Events
Shirlington Dog Park (illegible) hotel; (illegible) canine plant; County-operated within 1 mile.	Illegible
Cars of ped areas; (rest illegible)	Illegible
Raised planter w/ (illegible) as (save for dog relief);	Illegible

(illegible) art, (illegible) wall	Illegible
Would like (illegible) in dog park	Illegible
Maybe not quite as much hardscape as currently takes up the area.	Impervious surfaces
The park's paved plazas, parking areas, drop-off areas, sidewalks and adjacent streets increase stormwater runoff and displace potential natural areas. As Arlington County now identifies itself as a "Biophilic City", the County needs to reduce the amount of pavement in and near this and other parks.	Impervious surfaces
Too much asphalt	Impervious surfaces
too much concrete	Impervious Surfaces
Way too much concrete (but make sure disabled can navigate)	Impervious Surfaces
Minimize impervious surfaces even for sidewalks and roads	Impervious Surfaces
paved plazas	Impervious Surfaces
Failed park, too much concrete	Impervious Surfaces
2/3 of space is paved	Impervious Surfaces
cement--ugly.	Impervious Surfaces
I want to get rid if the greys and have back the greens	Impervious surfaces
Lacks any sense of place or design, too much concrete not enough nature	Impervious surfaces
the drainage isn't great.	Impervious Surfaces/ Stormwater Management
I love grass for dogs and other fun functions, but the drainage or maintenance/re-sodding needs to be kept up pretty regularly to avoid the mud pits.	Impervious Surfaces/ Stormwater Management
The grass is also always swampy and wet and more mud and dirt than grass.	Impervious Surfaces/ Stormwater Management
Also, there seems to be a drainage issue, and the park is frequently a swamp.	Impervious Surfaces/ Stormwater Management
The lawn is also muddy most of the time.	Impervious Surfaces/ Stormwater Management
Dislike paved plazas and mowed lawns. They increase stormwater runoff	Impervious Surfaces/ Stormwater Management
Unhealthy conditions	Maintenance
We don't need fancy fountains or other environmental or maintenance nightmares	Maintenance
Fountains are pretty but maintenance nightmare	Maintenance
Dislike that the water bubblers @ park arely work and lawn not well maintained	Maintenance

Condition of grass	Maintenance
Disgusting conditions	Maintenance
Division between central lawn, dog space, and maintenance...	Maintenance
Of course, some of [the nature] has to be pretty durable for dogs to play, pee, and ---- as well as being big enough to give at least 5 big dogs room to run!	Nature
The entire layout looks artificial. Trees should be spaced more randomly, large lawn minimized. A diversity of native tree species should be planted.	Nature
Mowed lawns are not compatible with "Biophilic Cities".	Nature
Trees too regimented and close together, all same type. Doesn't feel like a natural space.	Nature
Dear Sirs, I am distressed about your sustainability plan saying "Sustainable Production: We envision sustainable growing practices that include, but are not limited to, ecologically-friendly materials, locally-sourced growing media, regionally appropriate plants, non-invasive pest mitigation strategies, and stormwater catchment to supplement active irrigation." How do you define regionally appropriate? Invasives are regionally appropriate in that they live here quite well. Why would you plant inappropriate plants??? Why not be bold and say "native plants"?? I look at the plan and see wonderful options for Native Trees and Native Grasses in particular. There is no such thing as non invasive pest management. Do you mean Integrated Pest Management???? Plants are invasive, not pest management. This is quite upsetting as it shows it was written by someone not at all in the know. I would like a response, PLEASE.	Nature
Your idea for vining plants that can be farmed is shortsighted. Build some green walls instead.	Nature
too much space taken up by the lawn, I'd prefer some wildlife area w a reduced lawn.	Nature
An expansive lawn is not an environmentally friendly use of space. Cutting up the space with plantings and trees will serve the public, Arlington County, the pollinators, and animals well.	Nature
They do not contain natural areas and do not support trees, pollinators and other desirable features that Arlington's development has displaced.	Nature
Need more plant variety and colour, scent and sound!	Nature
Would like area to sit on grass in nature ground planters. Currently grass is always wet.	Nature
mowed grass	Nature
displace potential natural areas that many people enjoy.	Nature

Would like more trees and greenery	Nature
Grass is not a "natural" experience. Need more diverse vegetation!	Nature
The lawn provides little or no habitat for pollinators such as honeybees and butterflies and for native birds, all of whose populations are drastically decreasing in Arlington and other urbanized areas (especially in densely developed areas such as Crystal City).	Nature/ Pollinators
The existing greenery doesn't attract many birds or insects (always a sure sign of a sterile environment)	Nature/ Pollinators
Features that would make me avoid Metropolitan Park: Noise and distractions from dog parks, ball playing, playgrounds, tot lots and other sports and active recreational facilities and community events.	Noise
Concern that events would be too loud considering the whole surrounding buildings are apartments.	Noise
Noise does not escape park, it goes up to the apartments. That should be considered in planning.	Noise
The acoustics of the central area also need to play a part in whatever decisions are made. Because the park is enclosed on three sides by tall buildings - soon to be all 4 sides - there is nowhere for the sound to go but into the apartments. Currently dogs that are illegally allowed off their leases by owners generate a fair amount of barking noise during the warmer afternoons and evenings - such so that many residents facing the park have to keep their windows closed to keep the noise down. Any type of loud activity - be it movies, music, large crowds, etc - will only add to it.	Noise
Please keep in mind this is not just a park - it is the backyard for the hundreds of apartments that face the park. What type of amenities would you want a few yards from your bedroom or living room window? Keep in mind this is not New York City or any other major metropolitan area. South Arlington has long been viewed as the quiet place to live. People used to joke that the sidewalks rolled up at 5pm. Any amenities in the park will directly affect the thousands of residents already living in the 4 current apartment buildings. This isn't just a place we may go every few weeks to enjoy a picnic or have a stroll - this is where we live. Some of us are retired. Some of work from home. Some of us work odd hours and need to sleep during the day.	Noise

Implement improvements which will retain the neighborhood field of the park area as well as not creating additional noise or traffic issues.	Noise
peace and quiet in what is going to be a very unpleasant place to live for the foreseeable future of constant construction noise, dirt, and dust that even now seems to include very early mornings, nights and Saturdays	Noise
Any type of "improvement" made to the park may attract additional visitors to the area which can cause other issues including noise and parking issues	Noise
Lack of open space (illegible)	Open Space
There is no ability for residents to play, sit or lay on the grassy area because the condition is so poor.	Open Space
I like the central lawn in theory, but I don't think it's necessary, given that I don't often see anyone using it (picnicking or playing frisbee, for example).	Open Space
It is way too small for the population density that is being added to the area. MORE open space needs to be reserved.	Open Space
I also think that while shade (especially in summer) is important that we keep the space open and airy.	Open Space
Segmentation of space and no clear use	Open Space
The central lawn is extremely undesirable. Mowing the lawn is costly, produces noise, uses energy and contributes to air pollution. The lawn needs to be replaced with a natural area, such as a meadow, pollinator habitat with interspersed trees.	Open Space/ Central Lawn
more green spaces	Open Space/ Green Space
Not useful or inviting--need flexible green space--much less pavement	Open Space/ Green Space
Not enough green space!	Open Space/ Green Space
I believe there's some rule that loading dock doors must be closed when not in use, but I see lots of great furniture in there that could go to another home. Also, lots of good stuff goes to the trash, rather than charity or other re-use. It'd be great if there were an organized free cycle program for items that are going out of one apartment, but that could find a happy home or great use in another! It could be just for Met Park area or for all the apartments/condos in Pentagon City/Crystal City/National Landing.	Other
Grammercy Hotel--not just residents	Other
Worst Park in Arlington.	Overall
Individually, they aren't terrible, but as a whole, the park fails.	Overall
Concern that Parking will congest such a small and compact area	Parking

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would like better guest parking for the residents.	Parking
parking is needed so people won't park in the neighborhood.	Parking
now that Arlington has authorized scooters on sidewalks, need to eliminate street parking so that protected bike lanes can be installed.	Parking
The roads should be car free. This space should be for people not cars. Parking takes away space for people in the park. The park isn't that big to begin with.	Parking
The parking is inadequate for visitors coming into the community	Parking
Play structures be more natural	Public Art
Art to be more interactive as play sculpture.	Public Art
Art is ok, but I like the cute airplane vs. boring metal & stone structures	Public Art
The public art is unattractive and unapproachable. It takes up a lot of space that cannot be used for other means.	Public Art
Two things that detract from the park: The public art is not beautiful that entices people to walk up to it just to admire it. There is lots of public art in Arlington that is original and creative, but not aesthetically pleasing. I wish I had better words to describe this problem. I am glad that the County requires public art. I recognize that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but we are missing the mark here and elsewhere. Very little of this art is remarkable or objectively beautiful. One other thought about Metropolitan Park. Once it is finished, I think that the current section will take on a different vibe.	Public Art
art is very subjective and whoever picks for arlington co and i are not on the same page	Public Art
There is no public art or anything nice about this area right now, its literally a square piece of grass.	Public Art
The big metal art on stone plazas is a good effort, but not very fun or kid friendly or even interesting to look at. Maybe some kind of wind-activated sculpture would be good, to keep the view changing a bit.	Public Art
Plazas and art on either end of the park do not seem to be used, and do not really contribute in any way to the overall park utility.	Public Art
The "art" does not work with the space	Public Art
Non-functional unaesthetic sculptures	Public Art
gravel patches with hulking "art"	Public Art
I don't like the grid of this park. There are statues, but you can't climb them	Public Art

[central lawn is] totally taken over by dogs. It would be nice if it could be used for picnics, pickup games and other casual uses.	Recreation
There's nowhere for kids to play, and I think we need to realize that families are going to be living in these apartments too, not just 25 year olds, and so a park that caters to kids as well would be nice.	Recreation
For now, we have to cross two large intersections just to go to Virginia Highlands Park. While we love Virginia Highlands Park and Long Bridge Park, both are quite a distance with a small child. Especially when time is limited.	Recreation/ Kids
No space for children to play.	Recreation/ Kids
No active space for kids of all ages to interact with park features	Recreation/ Kids
Safety since it's not an isolated spot.	Safety
We think that a road in front of the daycare would be a harm to the kids. We want them to be free to run and play.	Safety
These features do not make the park safe for visitors.	Safety
Also, cars sometimes drive recklessly through that area-- at high speeds, ignoring stop signs or going the wrong way on one-way street in front of the Acadia.	Safety
Easy for children and some dogs to run out into the traffic. I'd love to see an entirely pedestrianised area	Safety
In addition cars are loud, dangerous and produce dirty air that I don't want to breathe in while I'm enjoying the park. I don't want to worry about a car hitting myself or my dog.	Safety
I think we need to ensure that the park doesn't become an island surrounded by cars speeding through or around the park to cut through the area.	Safety
The plazas and art spaces don't feel safe or well maintained.	Safety
There need to be safe, protected spaces for dogs large enough so they can run and play, but separate from the greater public lawn/gathering space.	Safety
There is also a high risk of dogs running into traffic and/or biting residents walking through the park.	Safety
There is not enough lighting @ night. Crime is on the rise in Pentagon City. Keep us safe.	Safety
There's a lack of public benches outside of the park (see Pentagon Row as an example of good seating options). There aren't enough shade along surrounding streets so I will cut through the park to avoid the sun in the summer.	Seating
There should be some [seating] in shade during summer and in sun during winter, and there should be some with a view of the dogs playing and some away from the dogs, if possible.	Seating
Too broken up, can't sit and enjoy	Seating

benches too hot next to public art	Seating
intimate seats	Seating
Many benches are in places nobody would want to sit. The allee makes no sense.	Seating
There aren't enough benches or sitting areas otherwise.	Seating
Benches that are close to bushes and under trees where birds nest	Seating
more seating	Seating
Benches where nobody wants to sit on	Seating
No place to sit and enjoy park	Seating
No way to sit on grass	Seating
Lack of tables for eating	Seating
There is not enough shade in the park, especially in the central area.	Shade
There's not enough shade.	Shade
Not enough shade--too hot in summer	Shade
The whole thing is really hot in summer feels oppressive	Shade
Shade will come from the planting of 2-3yr old native hardwood trees - not small fruit trees. You can't sit under a fig tree.	Shade/ Trees
Trees should be large canopy native species for maximum shade and wildlife benefit.	Shade/ Trees
Site has shading from buildings, but the shading from trees is not particularly useful. the primary grove of trees on the east quad feels dirty and uninviting. Would be happy with fewer larger trees.	Shade/ Trees
The park needs more shade - and more trees - and more seating of varying kinds - and some water features. Ah...	Shade/ Trees
Too hot--need trees	Shade/ Trees
do not crisscross the park.	Sidewalks
Sidewalks could be replaced with gravel paths.	Sidewalks
So yes, sidewalks our the #1 priority feature, but here's the things we don't like about them: pavers and fancy brick inlays might look nice, but after a couple of years, the shifting from winter cold and thawing makes them unsafe. Some sidewalks are not even, meaning that you can be walking along and all of a sudden, not really visible to the eye, is a three inch rise or fall that at worst causes a trip-and-fall, or at the least, causes a person to jam their foot, ankle or knee into a strange position.	Sidewalks
The streets and sidewalks are narrow and very constrained.	Sidewalks
The sidewalks are a bit too narrow, and placement of benches intruding into the sidewalks makes that even worse.	Sidewalks
Sidewalks are too narrow	Sidewalks

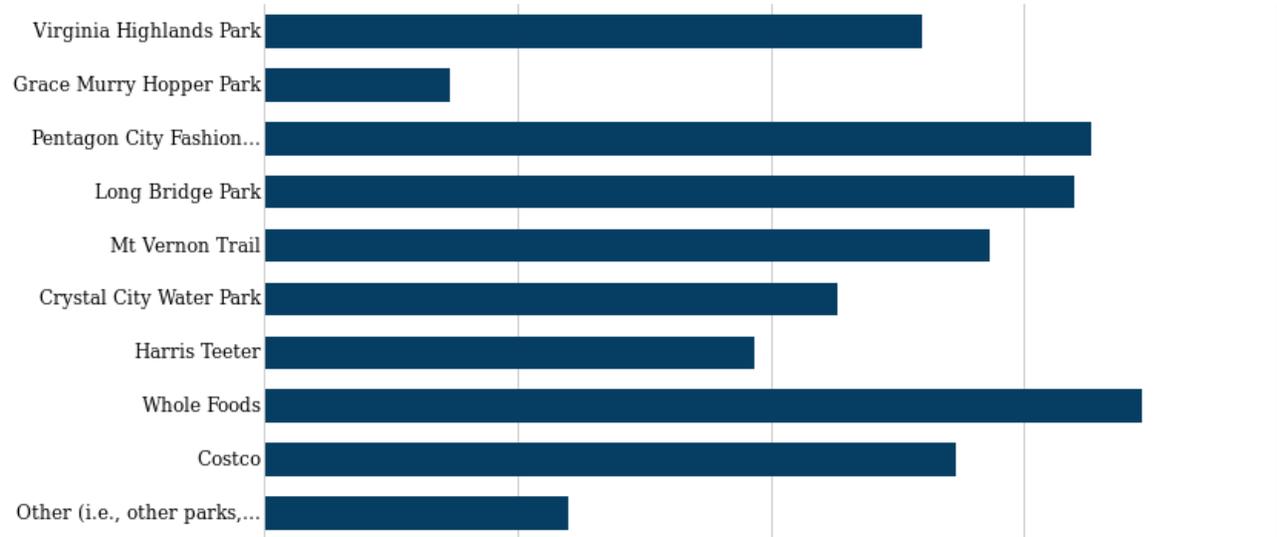
Rocks with Rustling Hulks. Large gaps in sidewalks that are bad for strollers and grocery carts.	Sidewalks
Increasing the pedestrian row. Mets park can be the pedestrian connectivity	Sidewalks/ pathways
We don't want traffic to go through the park	Sidewalks/ pathways
Arriving now by car and walking. Want to get there by walk and bike.	Sidewalks/ pathways
Definitely need walking/biking paths through the park area (preferably fenced to be separate from dogs playing) to allow access to all the destinations and housing around the park.	Sidewalks/ pathways
I would like to see a direct diagonal connection to Opentagon Metro station through Met Park	Sidewalks/ pathways
Need diagonal pathways thru park	Sidewalks/ pathways
wide paved walkways	Sidewalks/ pathways
sidewalks do not recognize the way in which people want to walk.	Sidewalks/ pathways
Too many straight lines. How about some curved paths?	Sidewalks/ pathways
That you want to spend any money on this park to upgrade	Spending
Two achers of roads are too much	Streets
Making them one way by removing a lane to increase the park space and the length of the pedestrian crosswalk. Removing them altogether and installing a mix of green and pavement spaces to support emergency vehicle access if needed but to stop regular car traffic. Inspiration: Highline (one of the James Corner projects) where there is a mix of concrete interspersed with green.	Streets
Cars are mostly on a loop and go through 13th street a lot. We would love to remove the streets	Streets
Get rid of any street that isn't needed for building loading or gaarge	Streets
Reduce pavement w/ one way?	Streets
Uber on outside (illegible) to remove interior streets	Streets
I love the idea of getting rid of roads and increasing park	Streets
There are too many streets that interact with the park, and there is a danger that they will become even more busy with Amazon	Streets
The streets are always getting pot holes and sink holes.	Streets
The streets and sidewalks are narrow and very constrained.	Streets
there are too many streets in such a small area, and there's way too much parking.	Streets
Right now--too many streets--don't need so many	Streets
13th Street is uneven and seems to have a recurring sink hole.	Streets
No community gardens	Urban Agriculture
No urban agriculture and local native plant curation	Urban Agriculture

Lack of urban agriculture and gardening features	Urban Agriculture
If you focus on dogs, everything else will get pushed out as dogs will take over the space (as they do now)	

SECTION 2: Where do you like to go and how do you get there?

What attractions do you like to visit near Metropolitan Park?

Select all that apply.



What mode of transportation do you use to travel to and from Metropolitan Park?

Select all that apply.



Describe the route you take to get to Metropolitan Park.

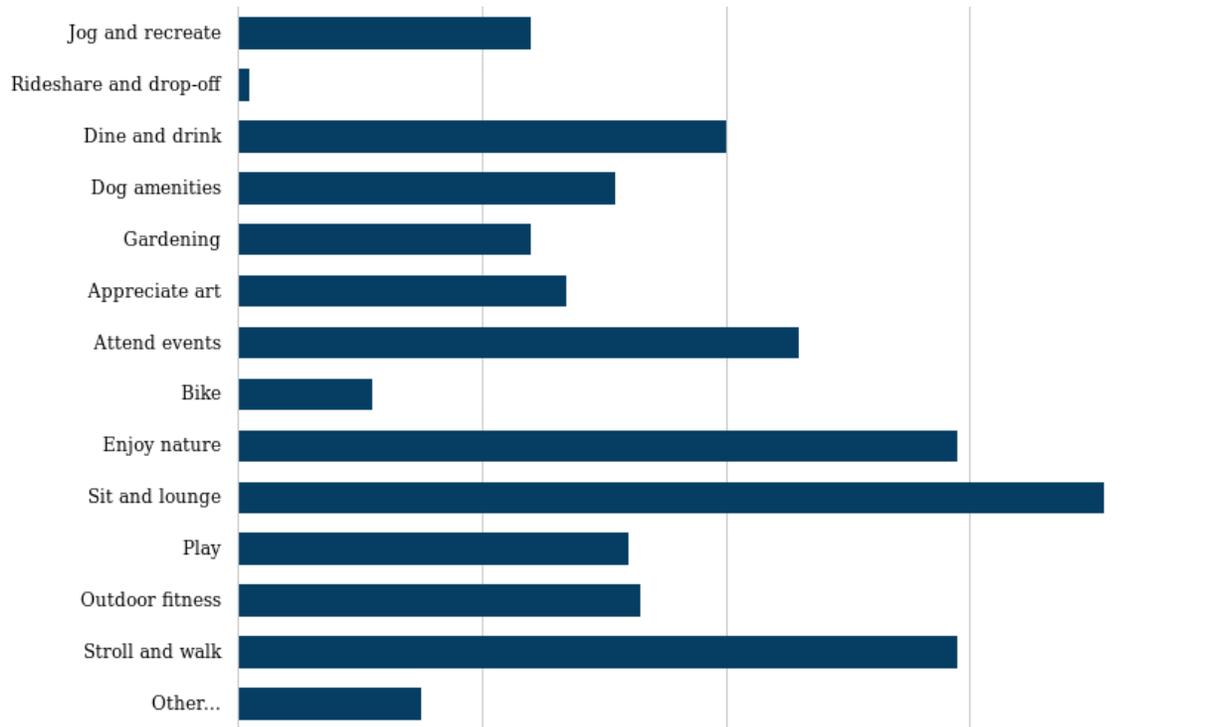
What streets or paths do you use to get to and from metropolitan park?

COMMENTS
The traffic on Fern St is quite heavy, especially on the weekend when Costco is open. It is very difficult to turn left onto Fern St from the side streets so the streets in the park provide an essential way in and out of the apartment garages.
Come Virginia Highlands direction, again pass through this park quickly as it is primarily a dog bathroom, and then go to whole foods and on to Long Bridge. We never spend time here.
Walk on 15th Street, or walk through the Pentagon City Mall and then walk along 12th street.
From 12th Street.
From Fort Scott Drive via Grant to 26th to Joyce or S Hayes Streets
Down 18th street to Fern and then turn North or through Virginia Highlands Park and down 15th street.
Cross 12th Rd. South
Fern St is a difficult road to access during weekends when Costco is open. The line of cars can stretch back several blocks almost to Army Navy Dr and it is extremely difficult to turn left onto Fern St during these times. 12th St that cuts past the Acadia and the Bartlett is also difficult to drive on because of the number of pedestrians. 13th St and South Eads St are a great alternative to get into and out of the park from the various apartment buildings. This is especially true since there is no left turn light on South Eads St heading north to turn onto 15th St. When coming from Crystal City, it is almost impossible to turn left, so continuing on South Eads and turning left onto 13th St is usually the best option.
Usually enter from Fern or 15th St
I do not visit Metropolitan Park, as it has absolutely nothing that presently attracts me. When I bike through Crystal City (which also has nothing to attract me) to reach the Mount Vernon Trail from Columbia Pike, I travel along S. Joyce Street and 15th Street South because they have bike lanes.
Sometimes I walk up Joyce street, turn right on 12th street and then right into metropolitan park. Sometimes I walk up South Eads St, turn left and then left go get into metropolitan park.
I live in The Gramercy and primarily walk around the neighborhood. However, I have seen a graphic that suggests removing 14th Rd, Fair St and portions of 14th St to extend the green-this would be a mistake, as it would cut off street-level access to anyone except pedestrians to my building (and the Acadia).
S. Fern St, 12th and 15th St.
12th Street to S. Eads or S. Elm Streets to 13th Street. Costco to 13th Street.
I never use a car when I'm in this area. I mostly just use the metro or walk. I start or end all of my trips through here on the metro.
I live at 15th and Fern and I cut through the park when I go to Whole FOods. Sometimes I just go there and sit
15th and 18th st
12th or 15th streets from Crystal Drive
Down Fern Street and then cut through Metropolitan park to get to Whole Foods, Commonwealth Joe and Pure BARre
Joyce to hayes. or army navy 15th

12th, 15th, Fern & Eads
I go down 15th and make a left onto Fern
I do my best to avoid the Costco traffic so use Eads when driving and Fern only when walking or biking.
Joyce, fern, eads
19th to fern
The map above is unreadable. No zoom in/out. I walk down Fern to 13th or 12th
Any route walking from Aurora Highlands
15th
Fern
Hayes
Joyce Street, 15th Street, Fern Street
I walk or ride my bike along 12th and 15th streets
i live in south Arlington so usually 15th or whatever road seems less congested.
I live near Long Bridge Park so usually when I am doing weekend errands I walk down Clark/Long Bridge and then up 12th street and often cut through Met Park to get to Aurora Hills library. I also go to yoga at a sister apartment building where i go through Met Park. I then often hit the CVS and Whole Foods. Or, if I need to, maybe Pentagon City or even Pentagon Row (I do go to the shoe repair place there fairly frequently).
Grant to 18th to Fern and then through park on 14th St. to 12th St.
Up Eads and jaywalk to 13th, there needs to be a crosswalk there!!
Hayes St and side streets from Route 1
Army Navy to Fern
Crystal Drive to 15th
GW parkway to Route 1
Live @ 21st & Ives, so almost always walk along 15th eastbound or Fern northwards, and then down Fern to 14th.
When arriving by car, travel north on Fern, and either park along Fern, or turn inward at 13th and park along 13th or Fair. If doing a combined shopping/park visit, will usually park in Whole Foods parking.
Do not currently have a bike, but would take the same route as walking. If visiting just the park, typically walking with pets though, so bike use would not be as often.
We live in Met Park, so we typically walk or ride bikes. To go to Long Bridge Park or VA Highlands Park, we sometimes drive.
Joyce/15th and Hayes
Eads St
12th street
It varies, but I generally avoid the park section and stick to the edges or stay on Fern until 12th street to avoid the park altogether.
Terrible traffic at Costco. Traffic light at Elm + 15th St. S

SECTION 3: How would you like to use the park?

What would you like to do at the Met Park public space?
 Select all that apply.



COMMENT	TAG
Library book/ library tent	Attraction
Combine small pocket parks	Attraction
Meet new and established friends. This is the backyard for apartment dwellers.	Community
Community gathering in this area	Community
Center of the community. Community events and market.	Community
Sense of community	Community
I also recommend adding more plazas with tables for eating and space for Food Trucks.	Dine/ Drink

BBQ	Dine/ Drink
The dogs in all the surrounding apts. Need an area that is safe, especially @ night.	Dogs
Off leash dog park	Dogs
Contained dog park	Dogs
a real off-leash dog park	Dogs
We desperately need a dog park	Dogs
Places for the dogs and for the kids, but separated	Dogs
There are too many dog parks in Arlington. Crystal House park will have one only two blocks away. Don't need one here!	Dogs
dog run toilet	Dogs
Use a sub-set of the park for the dog park, which provides usable area for other residents	Dogs
Consider having the dog park available only for residents of the apartments surrounding the park, could be done using a key fob or access cards	Dogs
Stage at one end	Entertainment
More entertainment options (e.g. concerts)	Events
Events	Events
Plazas can have multiple uses--*weekly farmers market; *weekly food tents; *organized activities; *seating and water feature	Events
Outside entertainment	Events
it would be good to have access to infrastructure (power, etc.) for temporary event spaces.	Events
regularly scheduled community events such as movies on the lawn (with food trucks parked on the adjacent side streets).	Events
x-mas craft fair	Events

Music	Events
program every minute and operate on an annual basis	Events
Farmers Markets	Events/ Farmers Markets
Outdoor concerts, farmers market	Events/ Farmers Markets
overlay Bryant Park) Try it out. Bryant park has movable furniture on gravel	Flexibility
close lawn spaces when not used for events or demand	Flexibility
butterfly garden	Nature
Especially, enjoy flowers bloomed on trees, such as, cherry blossoms	Nature
Keep the nature trail greenery	Nature
Parks should be biophilic. They should contain pollinator habitats, trees, wild flowers, milkweed. Many people like to see these	Nature
Intelligent integrated biophilia. Beauty in botany.	Nature
Casual use not overrun with dogs	Open Space
Creative art uses to make the space active & Inviting. Gateway, benches, seating, climbing for children/teens	Public Art
Any type of sporting field is going to create a lot of noise and make it difficult for residents to be able to enjoy having their windows and patio doors open without hearing sounds from the activities. The large number of apartments that would be negatively impacted compared to the smaller number of people that would use the fields needs to be considered.	Recreation
There are too many active recreational facilities, too many dog parks, and too many plazas. Crystal House Park will have these. Don't need more.	Recreation
Small space active use: parkour, volleyball, climbing wall, 1/2 court for basketball, other NEW ideas.	Recreation
boccee	Recreation

ice skating	Recreation
bocce courts	Recreation
Adult playground for play, not necessarily exercise	Recreation
Need to make a "tot lot/playground" for the proposed day care	Recreation/ Kids
Playground for the kids	Recreation/ Kids
Any type of playground area would also create noise.	Recreation/ Kids
Build excellent rest rooms for man & beast (maintain both excellently)	Restrooms
Public toilets that are nice	Restrooms
Add tables which would allow people to sit outside and eat or work or just enjoy the peace	Seating
shade trees	Shade/ Trees
Post rules that would help encourage to keep noise levels lower-- though difficult to enforce	Signage
Provide spaces to sit and enjoy vista of parks and people watch	Sit/ Lounge
lawn lounging area	Sit/ Lounge
Quiet reflection	Sit/ Lounge
Large area with huge potential for urban agriculture features	Urban Agriculture
Enjoy integrated urban agriculture sites and features (green walls, green facades, public art serving as trellises/arbors, etc)	Urban Agriculture
enjoy urban agriculture and biophilic features as a unifying theme for the parks many active spaces	Urban Agriculture
Teach and learn at the park's Urban agriculture center.	Urban Agriculture
Thinking beyond community garden to elevate urban agriculture	Urban Agriculture
Incorporate biophilic aesthetically appropriate urban agriculture features	Urban Agriculture

Edibles both annuals and perennials	Urban Agriculture
<p>Urban Agriculture - Meaningful ways for visitors, residents and Amazon staff to interact in biophilic systems. Looking to the High Line as an example what about creating a space for people to join a volunteer group of community gardeners that collaboratively care for portions of the space reserved for Urban Agriculture? FOUA is proposing some interesting ideas here, and we should think creatively about ways to integrate Urban Agriculture into the margins and previously unused space. Vertical surfaces, walls, elevated containers, food bridges, modular/mobile beds, ponds and water features, orchards and guilded tree systems, native plant species coplanted together with ornamentals. So many good opportunities here...</p>	Urban Agriculture
water feature	Water
<p>Crystal City Water Park is so wonderfully peaceful ... it would be nice for Metropolitan Park to include a significant water feature, also. Not just a fountain, but something truly unique, like CCWP offers. It would also be nice to have a place for groups to informally congregate - not quite like London's Hyde Park Speakers' Corner, but something that invites civic activity.</p>	Water
Adult spray park	Water

SECTION 4: What would most attract you to the park?

What would most attract you to Metropolitan Park?

Select all that apply.



What are some other features that would attract you to Metropolitan Park?

COMMENT	TAG
Make it Arlington, please. Not anything else. Arlington is about being homey and cozy and green.	Attraction
I want a community gathering space like the plaza at Pentagon Row.	Community
Community events	Community
In general, opportunities to meet neighbors or provide a comfortable space to gather with friends.	Community
fun amenities to interact with neighbors	Community
Would like multi-purpose amphitheater/shelter for community get togethers. Feels 'lush'. Encourages people to connect and be in the moment.	Community
tables for eating maybe occasional food truck events	Dine/ Drink
Picnic area	Dine/ Drink
outdoor dining opportunities	Dine/ Drink
Wine in the park	Dine/ Drink
outdoor eating areas	Dine/ Drink
Tables and chairs.	Dine/ Drink
We eat out regularly, and are drawn to places with a nice atmosphere; al fresco and dining with a view of trees and grass would be terrific.	Dine/ Drink
Picnic tables	Dine/ Drink
Good dining experience. Good restaurants reasonable \$\$	Dine/ Drink
Clearly defined use of space. Dining.	Dine/ Drink

A designated dog path and area to keep dogs from using all green space as a bathroom. Designate no dog areas, some how being very strict as dog owners still break the rules. It needs to be designed into the space to keep dogs in specific areas.	Dogs
A dog park is necessary for the area.	Dogs
Fenced in dog park	Dogs
Interesting features for kids and dogs.	Dogs
Nice space to walk dogs	Dogs
dog park	Dogs
Having a separate enclosed area for dogs.	Dogs
We have dogs, and many metpark residents do too, so we are attracted now by the change to meet and casually interact with other --- owners.	Dogs
<p>As I understand it there will definitely be a dog park in this area, but the earlier plans proposed were incredibly small.</p> <p>Size: According to the Public Spaces Master Plan guidelines, there needs to be 450sq ft for each dog. This is well below the national standards which recommends, I believe 600 sq ft for every dog. This is incredibly important for the safety and well-being of dogs. As a dog owner, I have witnessed and have been subject to intense encounters where dogs get defensive in too small or corridors. Two options: Furthermore, there needs to be separate large and small dog areas. The reason why this is so necessary is again to promote the safety and well-being of dogs and their owners. Small dogs can get easily injured by larger dogs. Smaller dogs can also create aggressive situations if they come into a dog area with larger dogs and behave defensively triggering a fight. Also, using natural elements (real grass, trees, wood) as much as possible is preferred by dog owners and dogs. It naturally absorbs and deodorizes the smells. Add height to the dog park (mounds) so that dogs of different sizes can get different vantage points. Funding other dog parks as supplemental needs: I know that this space is too small to fit in everything that is needed. So, if a large sized dog park is not doable, I would like to suggest that JBG and Amazon consider sponsoring the implementation of a very large community dog park at Virginia Highlands Park so that during the busier times of the day and on weekends, MetPark residents, Amazon employees, and other community members have nearby options and all do not try to use the small MetPark dog park. The worst thing that could be done is to make the dog park so small (unsafe) and so uninviting (unnatural and feels like solitary confinement) that people rather use the open space to socialize and exercise their dogs instead of the</p>	Dogs

dog park. Make this a beautiful and inviting space just as enjoyable as the rest of the park.	
Please provide dog park	Dogs
Lots of dog space- but fenced, maintained, with plenty of open space and benches (shade and sun) for people without dogs.	Dogs
Dog friendly	Dogs
These would be great jumping off points for all kinds of activities and education	Education
5) Learning Laboratory	Education
Events	Events
local arts + crafts markets (like Del Ray has),	Events
community yoga/meditation events	Events
outdoor yoga, farmers market!!	Events
concerts, yoga	Events
festivals, musical venues, outdoor movie nights	Events
Spaces for kiosks/farmers market stalls, etc. A "civic lawn" for people to enjoy movies, music, etc.	Events
Events there like in other parks.	Events
The space seems appropriate for smaller community events like occasional markets, fairs, which would attract us periodically.	Events
Farmers & Craft Markets	Events
Entertainment during the summer	Events
Community movie (outside) food trucks!	Events
Not too much 'designated use' space. Flexibility is important	Flexibility
What is the demographic that is expected to use the park? Assume there are many young people who live near or work near here. How do THEY recreate? May be different from traditional ways. Balance active and passive attractions	Flexibility
With all four sides of the buildings blocking fresh air flowing in, consider moveable elements (art) that rotate air or elements which can redirect airflow from the spaces between the buildings into the center courtyard.	Nature
Would like the maximum # of trees. Challenge you to create a real natural area with forest!!	Nature
Like the possibility to remove horizontal streets 13th and 14th and expand for green area	Nature
Love concept of adding more biophilic elements	Nature
It needs big shade trees, curves, attractive plantings	Nature
A comprehensive biophilic design is needed to bring meaningful interaction with place and NATURE.	Nature
I think it should have more wild spaces. With space for creatures and wildlife	Nature

Trees, small scale places not big event facilities. There are plenty of spaces in Crystal city both public and private for organized sports and health. This space could be a model for the large amount of trees (urban forest) that can exist in the middle of high density. Also, it could include a wide range of vegetative options. Grass and open fields do not fit this description.	Nature
If there is any hardscape added, it should be minimized and shaded by large canopy trees such as oak and tulip poplar. Native trees provide an added wildlife benefit as we learn from Douglas Tallamy's "Bringing Nature Home".	Nature
Butterfly Garden	Nature
Native birds, butterflies, milkweed for monarch butterflies, seating, quietness, a rain garden, meadow and pollinator habitats, native trees and native plants. Arbors with native flowering vines. Trees and shrubs with edible fruits and nuts for everyone. Biophilic features. Seating. Drinking fountains.	Nature
Mowed lawns and similar "casual use" areas that are not devoted to nature. Paved walkways, plazas and other impermeable surfaces. Statues and other public art features that are not natural. Homeless people. Features (except for natural areas) that duplicate those in the planned Crystal House Park, which will be only two blocks away from Metropolitan Park when constructed.	Nature
urban agriculture opportunities and demonstration gardens, pollinator and flower gardens,	Nature
signage to explain flora and trees. Butterfly garden.	Nature
The expansive, shady tree canopy.	Nature
native plantings	Nature
All the above but due to climate change as a fact of our lives and natural habitat (birds, bees, bugs and plants of all kinds)being adversely affected and this adversely impacting our food supply, we must create spaces and that promote the native plant species of our local ecosystems and talk about the importance of eliminating harmful insecticides etc. This urban space should be harnessed to do that!!	Nature
Native plants!!	Nature
I seek connection to nature and other forms of life in nature. Parks have less nature due to plants and trees that are not regionally native. I wish more native trees and native groundcovers are used in municipal and public spaces, not just in parks. Native plants support other life forms both above soil and below soil. Below soil, plant roots makes healthy soil which drains rain quickly to recharge water tables. In drought, healthy soil organisms bring moisture from water table to plant	Nature

roots. Thus completing the cycle of nature. While the wonderful nature is working ard below, we can watch the beautiful wildlife above. I don't see nature at all with the current public spaces' landscape.	
Plantings that are diverse and native. A couple of large, centrally located shade trees.	Nature
1) Beautiful Biophilia 2) Sustainable Production 3) Maximize the Margins 4) Common Ground	Nature
Display gardens--pollinators, edibles, sun, shade, dry, organics, natives	Nature
But spaces that are too artificial like James Hunter park would be terrible.	Nature
I'd prefer a more natural planting scheme (as opposed to a highly contrived or stylized one), and one that celebrates our new understandings of the important of restoring habitat with selected native plants.	Nature
Native local ecotype plants and trees. Actual habitat.	Nature
Make being in nature an educational experience. Arlington lacks natural areas, especially in the 22202. One the recent Open Space Livability 22202 workshop, a few commented how there was a lack of a "middle nature" in Arlington in general and non-existent in 22202 public spaces. Either we have trees or we had just plain grass. sometimes athletic fields real turf or not. But the important in-between of brush and wild grasses, what so many animal species rely on for survival, is just plain missing in almost all of 22202 parks. Consider adding these types of natural features into the landscape with education about why they matter so more people can support this type of nature. Consider ways to allow people ot bathe in nature even during their lunch break for a few minutes. Add comfortable or even reclining seating so people can stop and really enjoy it. Inspiration--Singapore's Cloud Forest, biosphere Gardens by the Bay -- allows people to view and "nature bathe" foliage, Denver's Commons Park, Singapore's Jewel Changi airport	Nature
Sustainable use of natural local resources	Nature
Natural play (boulders, water etc.)	Nature
Biophilic Feature: Pollinator habitat with milkweed to support monarch butterfly populations, Natural areas with trees and meadows, no paved plazas . No wide paths.	Nature
Space for nature	Nature
Arlington is supposed to be a biophilic city. Make it one in this park.	Nature
An urban refuge. trees, real plants, sunlight etc.	Nature

We need more trees and greenery	Nature
Flowers- not just green.	Nature
Habitat for insects (not just pollinators) that provide food for birds feeding young.	Nature
meadows pollinator gardens. Deals with the HEAT! in the summer.	Nature
trees, benches, bugs	Nature
What a great opportunity to create a native plant garden!! It will attract birds and butterflies, and look so natural!!! Take a look at the Georgetown Waterfront, and the Accotink Park in Fairfax County as examples. https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink	Nature
Big native shade trees for shade and to buffer sound and provide food and habitat.	Nature
plenty of open space	Open Space
Usable open green space (non-pet bathroom)	Open Space/ Green Space
Residents want usable flexible green space, NOT pavement	Open Space/ Green Space
if I can park my car nearby	Parking
In Addition: Please make the plazas out of a permeable material..anything from pavers to permeable "asphalt" such as along Four Mile Run.	Pervious surface
art that is interactive and innovative	Public Art
water feature, more art	Public Art
I like the fun airplane art. It's cute, interesting, and related to this area--the airport as well as the local competition to design it.	Public Art
Consider how to bring light and interaction during the night. It can get very dark in Metpark especially in the fall and winter months. Consider fire elements to warm up the space and to bring light into the space. Fire is also a natural gathering place. Inspiration: DC's Wharf	Public Art
Arlington has very few public spaces with art. And the art that we do have tends to be fixed sculptures. Consider rotating art sculptural art exhibits which include interactive elements. This brings the community into the space over and over again to see the newest exhibits. These are just a few of my favorites from places I've visited around the country or world for art as engagement. Budapest art benches Sarasota, Florida Sarasota Art Museum, spinning art	Public Art
Functional art (play, lighting, power generation)	Public Art
I like the art	Public Art
Bocce	Recreation
health and wealthiness activities primarily. a place to run or for a post race celebration (green space for runners/bikers) to relax afterward.	Recreation

Interactive art playground. Not fitness. All day/evening for young adults and adults	Recreation
Playground	Recreation/ Kids
Interesting features for kids and dogs.	Recreation/ Kids
An area for kids to play. Features for adults to enjoy the outdoor space and fresh air.	Recreation/ Kids
I would love to see play areas for kids. I do not equate "play" to including dogs (as shown in the graphic). There need to be separate play areas for children and separate play areas for dogs. Our community is overrun by dogs using whatever space they want to use for their bathroom purposes. It is disgusting, and I find the space unusable in the current status. I don't feel the need for any sort of splash pad, since there is already one located in the nearby park (Aurora Highlands). However, the play structures in the neighboring park are geared primarily for small children (age 5 and under). I would love to see play structures that would be fun for older kids to use. As an example, we love the Beauvoir School playground.	Recreation/ Kids
Child friendly	Recreation/ Kids
Benches	Seating
winter sunlight, summer shade, great trees	Shade
Whatever else gets added to the park shade trees are key - not only for stormwater capture and wildlife benefit, but most importantly for the shade they provide. A plaza without shade trees won't be used during the hot summers for example.	Shade
Deals with the HEAT! In the summer.	Shade
quiet places to sit and meditate	Sit/ Lounge
sitting space to meet friends or to read	Sit/ Lounge
There are so many restaurants nearby that more are not needed. a place to picnic and relax with friends would be far more beneficial.	Sit/ Lounge
Benches chairs tables to relax maybe eat something	Sit/ Lounge
Comfortable seating with a view of the park and people	Sit/ Lounge
Edge of Park (2nd floor balcony) with seating and views over the park. Place to hang out and read - people watch.	Sit/ Lounge
Improve the grassy areas that have deteriorated so that residents can return to using it to the site, play and lay on	Sit/ Lounge
as well as to sit and watch butterflies go by.	Sit/Lounge
Informal gathering spaces, like benches and tables to sit and eat lunch or have a drink would be an attraction if shopping in the area.	Sit/Lounge

The park used to be a haven for the urban atmosphere that surrounds the outside of the buildings. Because of the free reign of dogs, it doesn't have the same effect that it used to, but it is still nice to have a quieter space with less noise, traffic and people. It would be nice to have the new design reclaim that feeling for the residents of the community.	Urban
gardening and urban agriculture features. I'd love to learn and experience examples of Amazon-led urban ag events at HQ2!	Urban Agriculture
Urban agriculture features!	Urban Agriculture
I personally support the ideas championed by Friends of Urban Agriculture (FOUA) as a featured component of the larger design	Urban Agriculture
More information posted on the FOUA website: http://home.arlingtonurbanag.org/urbanag-amazon-hq2	Urban Agriculture
Community Gardening plots, which are far too difficult to get into in Arlington	Urban Agriculture
Establishing an urban agriculture center.	Urban Agriculture
Space for community garden plots should be considered.	Urban Agriculture
Urban agriculture 'growing community'	Urban Agriculture
I would love some non-sidewalk walking trails. Met Park may not be big enough for that, but certainly something I wish the County would focus on. It's so bad for you to walk on concrete but having non-concrete walking trails promotes more natural movement and is easier on joints.	Walk
water feature, benches and seating	Water
Distinctive water fountain, mix of shade and sun, better ground and grass conditions	Water
Splash park	Water
A water feature would be welcome to humans as well as birds and other critters.	Water
The idea is to use water (and /or reflective stone) to capture the daylight between the buildings and reflect it back into the courtyard space. (I.e., DC's wharf, Vietnam memorial -- reflective stone)	Water
Interactive water elements (not kids spray grounds) are undervalued. It's an element that is interactive in sound, sight and touch. It can be both peaceful and energizing. It's an element that both adults and children can interact with equally and enjoyably. It is an automatic center of congregation. These are just a few of my favorites from places I've visited around the country or world for water as engagement. (i.e., London's Princess Diana's fountain, Barcelona's fountains, interactive, music, Singapore's rooftop splash/ pool)	Water

Waterfall	Water
Water can help do a few important things in the park; act as a light reflection and a focus of engagement	Water
All of my favorite spaces have a water feature	Water