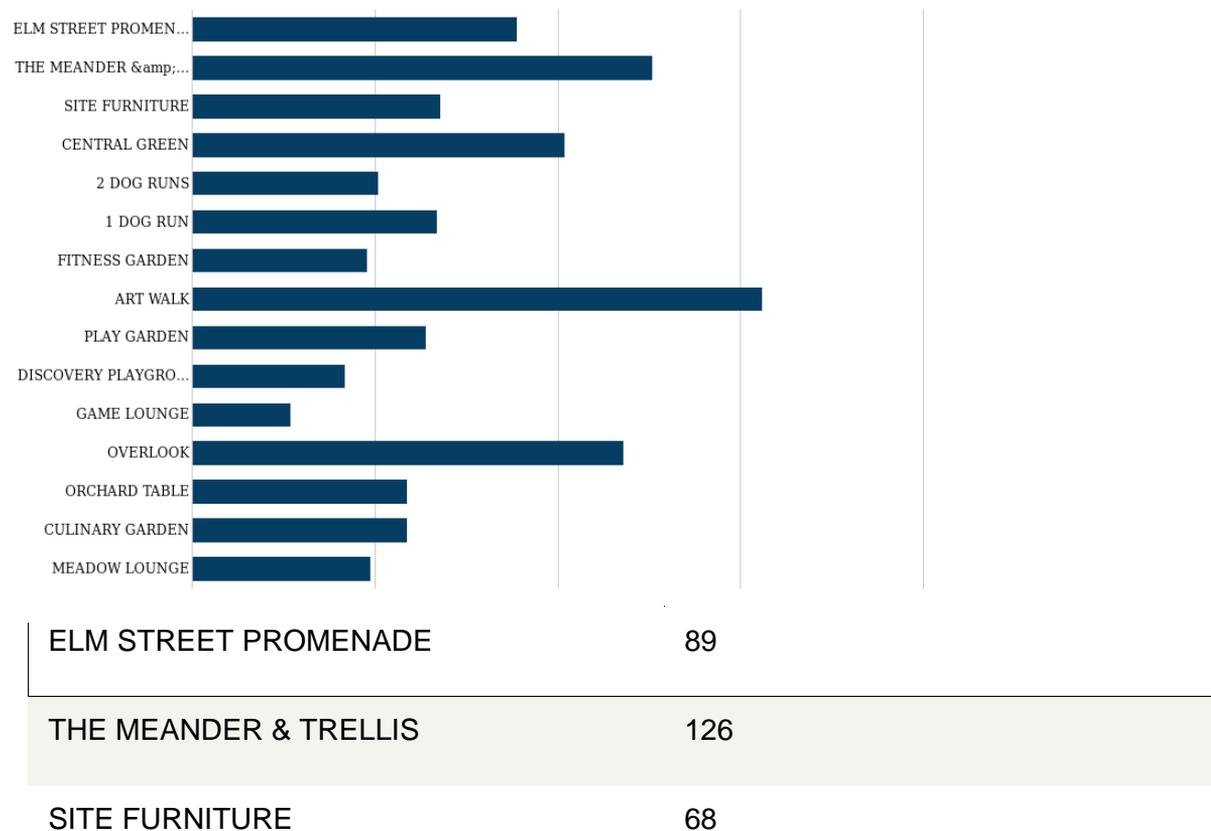


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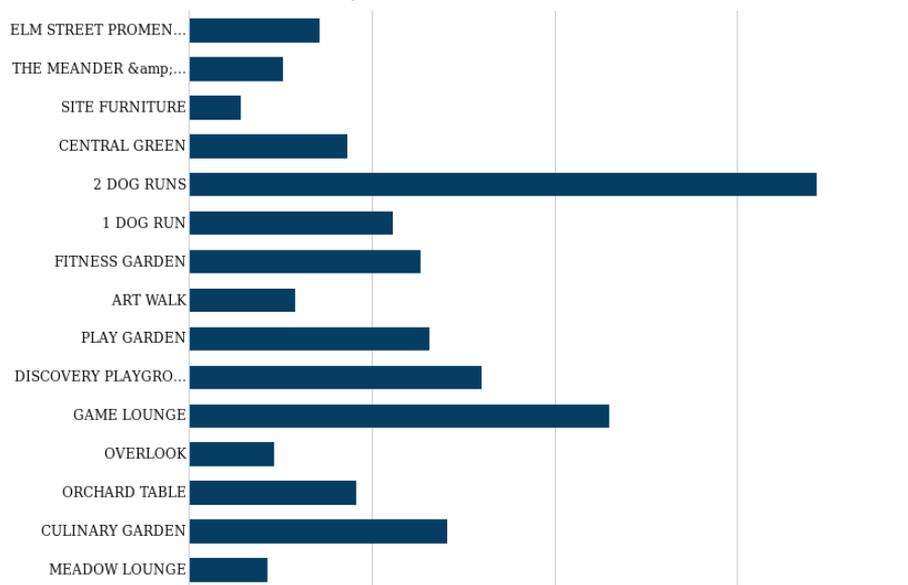
FEATURED ELEMENTS

Which features would you MOST like to see in the Met Park Public Space?



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| CENTRAL GREEN | 102 |
| 2 DOG RUNS | 51 |
| 1 DOG RUN | 67 |
| FITNESS GARDEN | 48 |
| ART WALK | 156 |
| PLAY GARDEN | 64 |
| DISCOVERY PLAYGROUND | 42 |
| GAME LOUNGE | 27 |
| OVERLOOK | 118 |
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| MEADOW LOUNGE | 26 |

BALANCING INTERESTS

NOTE: "Average Allotted Budget" refers to a numerical value, not a monetary value.

What do you think is the appropriate balance between Direct Circulation and Meandering Paths?

| Option | Average Allotted Budget |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Direct Circulation | 16.90 |
| Meandering Paths | 31.48 |

What do you think is the appropriate balance between Lawns & Flexibility and Gardens & Walks?

| Option | Average Allotted Budget |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Lawns & Flexibility | 18.78 |
| Gardens & Walks | 29.85 |

What do you think is the appropriate balance between Active spaces and Contemplative spaces?

| Option | Average Allotted Budget |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Active (Fitness & Play) | 18.56 |
| Contemplative (Art Walk & Discovery) | 30.15 |

What do you think is the appropriate balance between Ornamental and Natural plantings?

| Option | Average Allotted Budget |
|------------|-------------------------|
| Ornamental | 16.26 |
| Natural | 33.05 |

WHAT FEATURES DO YOU LIKE THE MOST ABOUT THE SOCIAL GARDEN DRAFT DESIGN?

I really like the green, lawn and garden spaces... I really value plants in the area and was upset to hear Amazon construction will be destroying trees and temporarily taking away our park.

Large Dog Run

The large, flexible common space

Don't like too much

1) The idea of a pomade makes sense.

2) The orchard idea is interesting.

3) 2 dog parks

I like how there is so much diversity in the activities that can be offered.

culinary garden and cafe

The variety of play and common spaces

The commons and the promenade

We like the large lawn, the promenade, and the cafe terrace. The dog runs are a nice inclusion.

I like the Elm Street Promenade

Distinct, purpose-driven zones. I also like the openness of it—we have so little view of the sky as it is in Pentagon City. Don't block the view with trees.

large open meadow for public gatherings, fitness area, playground, dog area

Overall, too linear and simple.

Two dog runs.

A place for a community garden.

distinct, separate areas that allow people to choose how to enjoy the park;

culinary gardens & cafe terrace

Elm Street Promenade

I very much support the reclaiming of green spaces from roads, sidewalks and elimination of street parking - a feature of both plans.

I prefer the design here of the two south blocks to provide 2 dog parks and a culinary garden/cafe - as well as #8. I would like to see those substituted for proposals on those blocks in the Forest Walk - to make a hybrid version, as it were.

The community garden and orchard table

I like the Cafe Terrace and the Play Garden.

The space for the dog runs.

The Promenade (1), the Community Garden and Orchard Table (7).

the Commons and Children garden

A hammock garden sounds cool. The play garden with the tall basket-looking items looks pretty and appealing, although the one with bare sticks poking up does not. I like the idea of a cafe near a playground for parents of young children, but having a street between them defeats that--and if there weren't a street, having the two combine makes both a bit less useful in terms of safety for the daycare kids (too many strangers hanging out) and ability to converse over lunch for everyone else. In another city, I loved a place where I could eat with friends while my child played, but this area has fewer parents at home so the dynamics are different. I think the social garden design may be easier to maintain in good condition for years than the woodland plan. Is there a budget for the necessary gardeners and cleaners to keep all that native space healthy, clean, and beautiful for years to come? It's a city and the meadow and forest won't stay nice on their own. They'll fill with invasive weeds and litter if not actively maintained. Look at the sad overgrown vine-covered edges of the GW Parkway now that the Park Service budget has been cut for years. If the staff

isn't there, then the more basic lawns and hardy ornamentals may be the only "sustainable" option.

Promenade

the culinary gardens & cafe terrace; the large commons

The Community Garden & Orchard Table, Culinary Gardens & Cafe Terrace.

Fitness garden, culinary gardens

Community Gardens and Orchard Table

Elm st promenade

Fitness garden

I like many of the active features that will draw more people to come to, and use the site. The Game Room, Fitness Garden and play gardens in particular. Also like the orchard table and cafe terrace. I like that Elm street doesn't move in this design. I like the road reductions, but prefer the larger central space of this design without moving Elm Street.

Love this design. Excellent. I like the circulation, the positioning of uses, the central promenade.

Do not care for either of these designs. They do not address the actual needs of residents in the area.

The common

My favorite feature is the Elm Street Promenade. I don't think of a single good park that isn't open to walking, running and cycling. The less space we have for parked cars and cars in general in Met Park the better. The park isn't that big to begin with.

I also love that you managed to thoughtfully place each park idea into a confined space like this. This park has lots of different uses and I think that's part of what makes a park engaging.

The secluded sitting areas.

Trees, flowers, and grass.

The lawn is nice, but it's too structured, sterile, and corporate to be liked. We have enough of that in DC due to the Federal Government.

Play garden, commons, dog run dog run

I like the social green for large group events, and the winding thoughtful paths of the Forest Walk with art features and appropriate plantings.

The community gathering spots, for large groups

Childrens garden near day care.

I like that the intention of this design is social interaction, but I think the space will be rarely used for social gatherings. This is exactly like ping-pong tables at tech startup companies - just for show. Everyone's so busy that the ping-pong tables just sit and gather dust. I envision it will be the same with these social spaces because a lot of people who work 60+ hour weeks live in the surrounding apartments (this demographic will increase when Amazon comes too - it is a known fact that tech companies work people like Wall Street).

Public Art

Community Garden

Culinary Garden and Cafe Terrace

Children's Garden

The play areas for kids.

Separate small/big dog parks. The larger central green. The event space around the garden for farmers market is nice.

I like the Fitness Garden (#5) the most (I wish this could be added to the Meandering Forest Walk design) and the Elm Street Promenade (#1). Having a Commons area (#2) is also a nice feature for the community.

I like areas for children. Hope the children's garden is open to public; not just daycare. Like lawn for activities and game area.

I like the activities built in, with clear "gardens" for different uses.

I like the connection of the Commons to Elm street, allowing the two to combine into a bigger open area if the street is closed off.

I like the idea of a "play garden" which I imagine to be a space that is not pure playground (plastic structures and such) but a more natural playspace that leans to children's use but can be used and enjoyed but all as well.

LARGER KIDS AREA, NEED MORE WITH ALL THE FAMILIES AROUND

I like the outdoor dining and the potential for movie nights and other fun events

Large central lawn

The Commons, Children's Garden & The Community Garden & Orchard Table.

The Community Garden & Orchard Table

Culinary gardens

Fitness garden, game room, commons, community garden and orchard table, dog park (so that they don't take over the entire park as they do now), culinary gardens and cafe terrace

The Commons to fit people for outdoor activities and movie nights. Outdoor movie nights are always popular in this region! I also like the game room and fitness garden, as well as the orchard table.

large commons

The dog parks, game room, Culinary Gardens and the Commons

Promenade entrance (though I will likely walk in from 13th St). Lawn for summer movies, concerts, etc. Cafe terrace.

Fitness garden

The commons for community events.

Mixture of gardens and activities

enough separate spaces for people to do activities together or separately

play garden, orchard table, culinary gardens

I like the variety of spaces and the community aspect. I especially like the features that incorporate urban ag as well as social gathering spaces, like the community garden/orchard table and culinary garden terrace. I do appreciate a tree-lined promenade but might prefer it along an edge rather than the middle of an open space.

The community garden and the Elm Street Promenade

I like that the Social Garden offers something for everyone. I especially like the community garden and cafe terrace b/c they accommodate residents of all ages. The community garden is also something new for the area.

Community gardens. Dog parks, but I'm wondering if they are too small for dogs that love to chase sticks, ----- and frisbees.

I appreciate the flexibility and the fact that it offers something for everyone.

Small and Large dog runs bring loyal dog owners!

I did not care for this draft design. The only item of interest was the persimmon trees.

I prefer this option more. I think in such a densely populated area having a large open field will get more use. I like the idea of a café and a playground for kids. I think one interactive dog park is plenty.

Connecting path

I like the way that the more formal promenade provides a gracious, welcoming back bone that and it's the park together.

I also think that the larger open space will allow Metropark to serve as a focal point for the entire community.

elm street prom, commons, community garden

Dog runs, orchard, games

The Community Garden portion - love the idea to incorporate urban agriculture features. Especially now, in time of food security issues, local food production is such an important aspect of healthy, biophilic cities.

I liked the way the functions are divided. And I think the function of the promenade will keep pedestrians who are just walking through the park from interrupting other park activity.

The interactive spaced

Seems to fit the city of DC much better than the forest look.

The tree-lined main pathway. Reminds me of Central Park.

The open nature of it and accessibility through the park area.

Dog area, elm promenade

Dog Runs and Play Garden

many access points, diverse seating areas

The commons and the play areas for children.

None

Good balance of spaces for communal gathering with ability to be solitary

Quantity of trees

Badminton, big lawn

The community garden and orchard table area. While i do not have a dog, I know many people in the area do, and many would love to have a dog run, I do not have a preference on two versus one.

You may want to sit down with people who live in the neighborhood and currently use the park.

Large lawn

Elm Street promenade

Direct central circulation and promenade

Focus on food gardens

I love how there is a central green space.

Its ability to provide exercise opportunities for all park users (fitness garden/game room for adults, play garden for children, separate small and big dog areas for our canine friends).

This neighborhood could very much use the split dog run - we have a lot of small dog owners and there is NO specific dog run for small dogs.

Streets closed to traffic in the park, if true.

Much prefer Forest Walk concept.

The promenade and large community space. I also quite like the design of many smaller functional spaces.

The Commons; Community Garden & Orchard Table, The Promenade

Large open space

Open space

fitness garden is near play garden

Large flexible multiuse space

This design offers perhaps the most variety in uses and would likely feel more like a center for the community. There is a dearth of safe space to exercise dogs as well as playground space for children and this concept meets both needs well. Outdoor dining space will also increasingly be an important amenity in the new COVID-19 era offering a safer way to dine and support our small businesses.

Open feel of the park

Commons and Play Garden

The Commons—it's nice to have open, clean space like this to relax, read, enjoy the fresh air, and let kids run wild. Also, in the post-COVID era, there is a huge benefit to having beautiful open space in an urban environment.

The Bocce court and the orchard table

The community garden and fitness garden

Community Garden and orchard table

The large space for community gatherings, like a movie night.

I see NOTHING appealing in the current Social Garden draft. Too much pavement and impervious surfaces. Why bother?

Social gardens engagement areas lure people to the different parts and cater to a variety of demographics

Elm Street Promenade

The Commons

Culinary Gardens and Cafe Terrace

Potential Public Art on Elm Street; Promenade

Potential Public Art

Play Garden

Children's Garden for Daycare

Active, human-scaled programming, green space that accommodates future density of this neighborhood

every space is programmed and activated, clear sightlines, direct circulation

Community garden, play garden, culinary gardens

The separation of each space based on goals and sociodemographic purposes and the strong vegetation and social interaction

Play garden, Children's garden for daycare, culinary gardens & Cafe Terrace

Children's garden - hopefully it won't just be for the daycare, but the public as well.

Play garden

The diversity of sites!

The Elm Street Promenade, children's garden for daycare, big dog run, the Commons. Would we really need park benches and seats etc now that social distancing appears here to stay?

The community garden and orchard table. Play garden.

I like the wide open space for big lawn events. I really like the idea of the dog areas. I am excited to hear that local markets and art will be attracted to the park.

Mix of everything

#1 - The promenade. (It connects with people's actual desire lines of travel.)

#2 - The commons. (Might need to be bigger.)

#8 - The daycare playground connected to Met 6.

Love the idea of two dog runs and a commons area.

At least some trees

Variety of spaces

Cafe terrace.

tree cover lawn space, meandering paths, dog runs, hammock garden (!)

Imagination, the Community Garden & Orchard Table, potential Public Art

I like the promenade and the commons area

I like the larger Commons and the Game Room (and wish these could be incorporated into the alternative plan.

- I don't have a dog. Many others do, however, and the option of small and larger dog runs probably makes sense.
- Children's garden for daycare is a plus; that's the age to get them curious, hands-on
- Many younger people I've spoken to think open space for frisbee, cartwheels, events, etc. is a big plus

Not much !

Commons, promenade and culinary garden. I'd like to hear there are high quality restaurants incorporated into the cafe terrace but that is not clear.

Interactive gardens, walkways, fitness, natural trees

The dog runs! So important in this area

Small and large dog runs and the Commons.

It is good to have areas for small dogs separate from bug. But, I think that can be better accomplished by dividing a single site, not having two.

The split between the small and large dog park.

Promenade, planting

The Play Garden, Community Garden & Orchard Table and the Commons. I also like the Fitness Garden, though it is less of a priority.

Nothing

I like the idea that all of the space is usable, whether for events, play time, or to enjoy lunch outside.

Play Garden, the commons

I like the dog runs and the play areas for the kids

I like that it is inviting to meet your neighbors.

Diverse community needs represented in distinct areas.

Great mix of open space, meandering paths and main promenades.

The Lawn called "The Commons" in this drawing.

1. Separate dog runs for small breed and large breed.

2. Fitness Garden

The Commons for events/space for people to spread out, and the Community Garden.

Love the promenade, love the commons. I like the community garden and orchard table concept. Having a proper dog run is something this area REALLY needs considering how many --- owners live in these buildings. I am not a --- owner, but the sheer volume of dogs that pop up on the sidewalks around here at the end of the work day is evidence of this need. This would allow for them to space out a bit. I appreciate that this attempts to utilize so much of the space for a variety of purposes.

Big green, two dog parks.

Space for dogs to play

Lots of green!

The trees

We badly need outdoor places to sit, drink, and read in this neighborhood. An event space is a great addition. And preserving an area for dogs is essential.

The commons area for events.

A communal lawn area

Elm street promenade and commons

Game room

Fitness garden

I love that there is more space to walk

10, the Big Dog Run

1, the Elm Street Promenade

4, the Small Dog Run

The fitness garden and space for outdoor activities.

1, 5, 7, 2

Public art and children/play garden.

Community garden

Accessibility, furniture, lots of seating areas which will encourage socialization.

I appreciate the Elm Street Promenade and the direct path between the adjacent buildings.

The grassy area that my dog will use.

Playground

Fitness

5, 8

children's garden, small dog park

The number of trees shading the main walk. And we need the dog runs, but I don't think it should dominate the space, the size seems appropriate here.

play garden, community garden, small dog run

I like that there are "quieter features" near the Millennium and Acadia.

The central tables are a nice feature. There is currently no place to sit and eat or work outside and that would be a nice improvement.

variety for range of users, central green

The promenade for its shade.

the community garden and the elm street promenade

The promenade and the children's garden

Game Room and Culinary gardens

I like the dog runs and the community garden.

Not much.

Children's areas and garden/orchard table

Garden

the community garden and orchard table because it maintains trees, which are the most important feature of the entire park to me

a cafe with table and chairs

The tree lined promenade, wide enough so that you don't feel constrained
The idea of a garden with cafe and outdoor seating would be nice

Play garden, community garden, culinary garden

Nothing really. It is good that you considered dogs, but you do not need two separate dog runs.

Trees, assuming they are native trees

1,10,4

I do not like the social garden draft design. It is a cold geometric approach. It is essential to have something softer that allows moments of relief from the stressful lives in surrounding offices and condos.

The Promenade

The Community Garden and Orchard Table

Culinary Gardens and Cafe Terrace

Fitness Garden

The commons.

It caters to different communities. I like the Community garden aspect of the park, the daycare and Children's Garden.

Dog parks

I think this is more likely to invite and engage an urban population.

I much prefer the forest walk

No Opinion

the Play Garden, the tree-lined Promenade, and the Fitness Garden

Large lawn

Two dog parks

7. The Community Garden & Orchard Table

9. Culinary Gardens

1

Culinary gardens and cafe;

community garden

fitness garden

The Commons

Some wandering paths

The promenade and commons, as well as the dog runs.

I like the promenade and the dog runs the most.

Separate dog runs, the Elm Street Promenade and the Game Room

The presence of a dog park.

Culinary Garden and Cafe Terrace

Promenade

Orchard Table

Dog run and fitness garden

1,2

Play area for children. Designated dog runs. Large grass area for events, but my concern is people using it for their dogs. I don't want to attend an event in the park and end up sitting in dog ----. So I also like the designated dogs where dogs can be free and have set place they'll enjoy.

Seems like a fun gathering place for many people. Builds more social interaction into the community.

I don't. I vote Forest Walk.

the play area for kids looks very cool. also like the outdoor dining areas, though i think that could be done in a way that better integrates nature.

Both Dog Runs, Fitness Gardens, the Elm Street Promenade

1. Elm Street Promenade

2. Commons Lawn

Meandering paths through green space.

How the areas are separated

The seasonal ornamental flowers, the garden,

Variety in features

Flexible space for community events

The Elm Street Promenade

The promenade

Play garden

Culinary garden, fitness and play gardens. Multiple spaces for smaller groups of people to interact.

Preserving open flex space via the commons.

Culinary gardens

6,7,9

Innovative use of space

Promenade, play areas

I don't like anything about the Social Gardens. This plan will result in overcrowding, expensive ugly plastic playground equipment and lots of trash left behind.

Looks great

The game area, play garden, and swings/seating along the promenade.

Large area for social gatherings

I like the community garden and play garden.

That the trees will be on the west side where there will be less shade from the Met 6 Building and Met 7/8 Building. Lawn on the east side where there is more shade. How are you going to choose plants that are durable and will thrive in a much shadier environment

Elm St. Promenade

Commons

Fitness Garden

Dog runs

Dog park.s... that's about it

Trees, which are in short supply in Arlington thanks to a county government that encourages clear cutting

I think that the social garden design optimizes and creates a large amount of opportunities for general human interaction and space to engage with their surroundings. I find the commons a very attractive piece. A space to host movies, bring people together to do general activities like yoga and other classes is an excellent opportunity to build community and foster a connection to the park.

Nice balance of open space and other uses. Since there are dog parks, I like that they are separate from other areas.

The number of different features is nice, so it provides a little bit for everyone and will likely have more visitors.

It allows for some active use

Lots of different activities and scales of spaces are provided.

Inclusion of the fitness garden

We need more trees and shade.

The Commons, Play Garden, and Children's Garden seem well placed and the size appears appropriate. I like that the play areas are placed near the Culinary Gardens and Community Garden.

The multiple functionalities of this design adds flexibility and addresses diverse needs

Engaging, attractive, broad set of uses

The aspect of bringing the community together. Community garden is a plus, could be a great space for people who want to learn how to grow their own gardens in an urban environment, either on their balcony's or patios, etc. A space for children to play. There are children in the community, I like the idea of being able to bring all ages together.

Promenade and day care

The commons and play garden

I think that it has a nice diversity - please see comments below about how that might be adjusted.

It offers many features and has a good thoroughfare to it.

Relatively green.

commons, culinary gardens, big dog run

Variety of uses

Dogs have obviously been a BIG problem in this park, and because all of the buildings around this park allow dogs, there definitely needs to be whatever dog facility (1) or facilities (2) will best encourage dog owners use of the set aside area(s) rather than other elements of the park. For people who want to transit this large space, the Elm Street Promenade is a relatively efficient way to do so.

It is hard to evaluate most of these features because there are very limited views of them.

variety

I like the fitness aspect of this design.

I like the large flexible lawn "the commons" for social gatherings - incorporate the trellis structure from the forest walk design. Also like the wide promenade but it could be gently curved. Like the more open space but still with lots of planting and seasonal change.

Use of Met 6/7/8 front plaza space for park features instead of commercial plaza uses.

Fitting in of Big Dog Run and Culinary Gardens in similar space.

Provision of relatively large open lawn/festival space.

This solution would be better for the provision of public events.

9-2

Community Garden and Orchard Table

Elm street promenade, and community garden

Cafe

All the designs further the ongoing New Urbanism Ponzi Scheme. That is, typically non-resident REITs, developers, investors, are rewarded, residents and taxpayers incur costs and consequences. Massive infill crowds schools, parks, and sports fields which are in constant need of expansion, paid for by taxpayers. Promises made by investors are fraudulent, as are artists' depictions of the "park" spaces which will be overcrowded by pedestrians, e-scooters, and bicycles.

Green space

The dog runs (I don't have a dog, but I'd like them to have their own spaces.)
The places for sitting. I like the idea of a cafe.

Nice mix of features.

There is already a tradition of public art in Arlington, so I believe that it is important to build on the foundation & raise the bar for diversity & quality. I'm a master garden, again a strong program in the area, so I'm thrilled with the gardens.

Having a main area where people can gather.

How the community uses MetPark space now -- open space and for dogs.
Natural areas are the greatest priorities in Arlington

Social Gardens:

What works well is that it has the two dog runs; one for small dogs and one for large dogs. This is a necessity, especially in such tiny dog runs, since so many small dogs can absolutely not be around large dogs for their own safety. I have had two incidences with two separate medium sized dogs who were attacked by large dogs in dog parks. If you have a very large 25k+ dog park, you might be able to carve out spaces where small dogs could congregate and socialize more easily. But that's not an option here.

Open space is another element that works well in this design. Residents need just plain old open space throughout 22202 for flexible uses. This is the backyard for thousands of people who want to do many activities. Open space is the only way to provide that.

The pollinator gardens are also something which works well. Arlington needs trees and grass, but we lack any kinds of gardens, especially in 22202. The only gardens we have are the ones that are in Crystal City near 23rd St.

The wider path along Elm street is needed because of the existing pedestrian traffic which uses it.

The community garden although demand will always be much greater than the small space allocated for this.

The community garden where people can plant & grow food, I think there was a feature for swings (would love to have swings for adults & kids), cafe, the plush greenery & flowers

I like the fact that there is green space in this design.

Large Promenade with Trees

public art

play garden

dog run

I think a wide, direct, and visible promenade is essential for this site for a range of reasons. It currently serves as an access route from 14th & Elm on the Gramercy side through to Elm & 12th, and should continue to facilitate that traffic in the future. It would also help visually invite people in from the outside rather than hiding elements in winding paths. Finally, along with a commons (which does not need to be as big as in this design), it serves as a natural meeting and gathering area.

The two dog runs are also essential at Met Park, to meet both the current and future needs of both residents & HQ2 employees. I feel the numbers of dogs that can be supported are extremely optimistic, but the separation of space and relative amount seems appropriate for Met Park (particularly if we can get additional spaces at Virginia Highlands, Crystal Houses, and in Crystal City).

The culinary garden / cafe terrace seems like the most appropriate use for the space adjacent to 7/8, and a sufficiently large space like this dedicated to accommodate employees on lunch breaks and sit-down groups of varying sizes seems like a priority.

Finally, the inclusion of community gardens / orchard table is a great touch on the opposite end to balance out the design. Community garden space is a high priority need for the area, so being able to incorporate that will be terrific more so than the orchard aspect.

WHAT FEATURES DO YOU LIKE THE LEAST ABOUT THE SOCIAL GARDEN DRAFT DESIGN?

I really don't like all the furniture. I'm worried about loitering and unsafe areas with this part of the design. I hope there's ample light throughout.

Game Room

Two separate dog parks - I support having only one dog park

Lawn too big

The game room and the fitness garden may be used or not. More risky because it's so hard to predict future demand.

Too much space to Children and not enough space to older adults.

I don't like the fitness garden because other parts of the park can be used for fitness.

very focused on children and also outdoor fitness. does not balance the concrete of the amazon buildings well enough

The large dog run in the new entry plaza seems out of place. Why would you want to have dogs adjacent to a cafe seating area. I think we only need one dog run area given all of the other dog amenities proposed on the surrounding streetscapes.

Orchard table

We don't think there is a need for a fitness garden, and the game room is not necessary as a separate space.

I think the commons is too large and the number of rooms is excessive and too prescriptive.

Do we really need two dog parks?

elm street prom is too much of a divider between the two halves of the park

The green space is too large.

Community Garden and Orchard Table

Fitness Garden

large Commons (too big)

I support having an open central area that can be programmed but least like the large amount of #2 The Commons and prefer the size in Forest Walk.

I am supportive of #5 and #6 or #7.

play garden

I don't think the Large Dog run should be next to the Cafe.

You need more trees . You need more park benches for people to sit on .

You need walking paths for people to follow to see the gardens all around the garden

No need for two dog runs when the larger one will suffice. Also concerned The Commons (2) will become a defacto dog run area enticing dog ---- and pee.

I don't see the value of the big event lawn and games area. There is space at Long Bridge Park for crowds, an event lawn at Pentagon Row, and Crystal City has also managed to hold outdoor events. Do we need another in the neighborhood, or could we just use the existing ones more often? When I've been to Pentagon Row concerts, they aren't overfull. Pentagon Row has also put out cornhole but I rarely saw people playing. Virginia Highlands Park has bocce courts and I've seen them used maybe twice when I walk by. If the incoming Amazon workers are big fans of these games, go ahead, but I don't see current locals using the ones we have much, so don't see a good reason to add more. People do seem to use the Crystal City big chess sets, but I don't know how often. I'd rather have spaces we don't have and would use. Crystal City has street markets that never quite took off. How and why will markets in this event space be better, and does that answer depend on putting them here instead of there? Perhaps because this is more central, it would attract more people. Different market management might do better, too.

Play garden

n/a

1 dog park is nice but 2 seems a bit much

Dog Run, Fitness Garden, Game Room

Dog runs, community garden

Elm Street Promenade, The Commons, The Game Room, Small Dog Run, Play Garden, Children's Garden for Daycare, Big Dog Run

Big Dog Run

I'd actually prefer if the central segment of E. Elm Street went away. Or at least felt like a shared street. It seems redundant from a vehicular perspective, but is probably necessary for fire access?

I would suggest adding more visual sculpting around the commons. Make sure the uses are screened from each other with topo changes or other.

Washington Square Park has done a great job of adding playgrounds and such around the edges. I would suggest that as a model if you haven't already. A water feature would be a great addition. We get a LOT of rain and even a dry stream would be a good addition. Water attracts birds. Some kind of wildlife garden - pollinator in the meadow. Kids love puddles, even if they are hard to manage. We have TONS of wildlife around here because we are so close to the river - far more than you would expect. Maybe some places for them to burrow. Or bird feeders. There are chipmunks, foxes, possums, rabbits, beavers YES, raccoons, in addition to squirrels here.

Right now, the entire middle section is used for dogs. You are looking to reduce the large area that dogs currently use into a little tiny section wanna be dog parks. Ridiculous. The entire middle section of the park should be a large dog area with trees and decorative grasses around the fence to the dog area. The perimeter areas can be your orchard table and fitness gardens and such. The goal is to get people to walk to the middle. People are lazy and do you really think during cold weather and such that people will walk from The Bartlett or Acadia all the way over to the other end? Additionally, you have gyms, orange theory, yoga, and barre for exercise. Does a fitness garden really need to be in play? ---- No! The park should address the true needs throughout the various seasons of the residents and users in the area. These include walking to and from locations, walking or running for exercise, dog exercise, and socialization. Go back to the drawing board. These are horrible designs not addressing the true needs of the community.

too much pavement and mowed grass

Community garden

I touched on it above but I noticed that the park it not going to have all the streets be careful free (with the exception of emergency vehicles). Please no parking for cars on the streets which the park touches. I feel like seeing and hearing cars really takes you out of the experience of a great park.

This is trying to be too many 'things.' We do not need all of these items, we just need greenery! Forget the game room, fitness garden (there is one .5 miles from MetLife park people can walk/run to and the surrounding buildings all have gyms!), culinary gardens and cafe terrace = NO!

Playgrounds, this is a transient neighborhood populated by Millennials and Gen Z. The parks are 2 blocks to the North, that's enough.

Fitness garden

Dog parks are important.. I don't see being able to make everyone happy within this space so am selecting the single mixed use dog park. How will security be provided for those using the paths? The community is having trouble now. How do we also relate a sense of security with dense plantings?

The plan seems excessively directed toward the imperatives of accommodating lots of people, at a cost of honoring the need for small groups, solitude and contemplation. If we all had backyards, the social garden would suffice: we would hang out in our backyards for small group gatherings, solitude and contemplation, and then joyfully convene at the social garden type places for large scale community events. But that's not how we live here. The majority of Arlington residents don't have private outdoor spaces, and thus have to rely on our open spaces to provide not just the community gathering opportunities, but also the opportunity for small groups, solitude and contemplation.

Large space for events - likely to become another dog dump (like the current open field) for careless dog owners.

Coming from a person who has lived in both New York City and San Francisco, more places to sit invites an increase of the homeless population to inhabit these areas. I truly feel bad for homeless people, but if the intention is for non-homeless to people to congregate in these spaces then I think the intention has missed the mark.

2 dog parks

Size of Common Area....1000 people can easily become disrupted to local residents...on a daily basis

Wondering about the long term impact from Covid-19. Will people want to socialize as much in parks in large groups after this? I hope so, but I'm not sure and would hate the spaces to be empty and vacant.

I think the additional greenery from Forest Walk could be added rather than every space being an active space

Having a Commons is nice but this design feels cut off by how the Elm Trees intersect it. I don't think this area needs multiple dog runs (I walk through current Met Park daily and while local building residents do use the park space often, I never see more than a dozen dogs). The Culinary Garden & Cafe Terrace might appeal more to Amazon employees than residents. Overall, I feel this Social Garden design is too "busy" in that it tries to do too many things for too many groups. I think portions of this design are worthwhile but should be incorporated into the Forest Walk design instead.

Are two dog runs really necessary? Orchard table.

It does not account for the pathways people will actually use in getting from one place to another across the park.

It is too ambitious, trying to have too many spaces in one park, which can lead to a feeling of crowding. For example 2 dog parks is too many.

I am not clear how the "Orchard's table" would work, it is a confusing concept and comes across as more gimmicky. Same with the fitness garden, even with the FAQ.

I do not like the promenade as I do not think it reflects the most likely path to be traveled. It biases the park in favor of Amazon employees traveling between the two pieces of the campus and I question even whether that actually will be a regular occurrence.

1) FITNESS GARDENS ARE TYPICALLY UNDER USED, 2) THE DOG RUN WILL SMELL WITH TOO MANY DOGS. THE EXISTING LAWN ALREADY STINKS AND IT IS HUGE BY COMPARISON. 3) THE ADDITION OF E. ELM ST. PLEASE NO NEW STREETS OR AT LEAST DO NOT CONNECT IT THROUGH. 4) NO REMOVAL OF ANY EXISTING STREETS. 14TH STREET S. AND 13TH STREET S. BETWEEN S.FAIR STREET AND S. ELM ST. NEEDS TO BE REMOVED.

The social garden concept is too impersonal and does not provide enough intimacy. I also don't think it will be a unique design... it may end up being just another stereotypical urban park

Multiple dog runs

Game Room, Fitness Garden & Play Garden.

having two Dog Parks

Art Walk

There doesn't seem to be a lot of shade near the seating or proposed dining areas. Also, will the daycare garden be open to all children or just the daycare? If it is just the daycare, it should not have dedicated public space.

too many playgrounds. they are available 2 blocks away at Aroura Highlands

The Community Garden & Orchard Table and the Fitness Garden

lack of "natural" features of the other option.

two dog parks

Don't need 2 dog runs.

too overly programmed

game room

some promenade space is good but shouldn't be too much

programmed areas with really specific furniture elements feel empty when not used. more generic/flexible pieces incorporated into architecture look appropriate and not "empty" when not used.

I don't think there needs to be 2 dog runs, at least in the same central space. Not sure about a fitness garden either, it seems like garden space could be used for more informal activities.

Lack of emphasis on natural plantings, trees and areas for walking and contemplation.

I am concerned that dividing the space into so many tiny parcels will not allow any one space to shine. Additionally, Crystal City is already full of paved spaces that offer micro-experiences. For example, there are already small dog parks and paved areas with games in Pentagon city and near Crystal Drive.

Seems like there are too many features crowded in the space. Concern that there is too much open space when the area in general has so many roads and sidewalks and large, tall buildings and should have more trees and cooling vegetation.

Too much space given to parking (I agree that at least 20 parking spaces should be removed). Nothing really unique about it that creates a sense of place (it is just another park). The promenade is a great idea, but it doesn't work when its only a block long. A promenade like that works in central park, where it spans for much longer distances, has great destinations at both ends, and attracts many, many more people--tourists, commuters, and residents. The small green area between 3, 5, and 6 doesn't seem interesting. The "game room" feels too staged and redundant, and every building around this park will have a "game room" amenity in or on top of their buildings. Finally, the design has weak emphasis on nature.

There is no refuge space where out of earshot of screaming children

I did not care for this draft design. It was plain and lacked cohesiveness. The commons is disproportionately large and there is no need for 2 dog parks. My dog will be happy with 1 dog park.

I like just about everything in the social gardens draft. I think you could limit to one dog park. And I think you should provide more natural greenery rather than ornamental.

Too much space with open lawn

Nothing, really. I think it's very well planned. The only possible negative thing might be if there are too many moving parts, too many bells and whistles to fit into a small space. But I don't really know that space well, so from a design standpoint looking from a far, I like it.

game room, dog run, fitness.

people can play games, walk their dogs and exercise all over Arlington. why do we need more space dedicated to those activities?

One too many dog runs. Use only one dog park in the design.

I am the least excited about the community garden and orchard's table. It's such a small area that I'm not sure how much gardening will be possible. Perhaps it would be better used as a Discovery playground like in the Forest Walk concept, or maybe a smaller meanderer.

Too many wide open success and cultivated walks

The park is currently used by everyone who has a dog. Neither design really offers a place for dog's to relieve themselves in a comfortable sized area. Whatever design is chosen has to have true dog park away from the rest of the park. The spaces you have chosen for "dog runs" are VERY small.

No natural plants. Not as much tree-tops. Doesn't feel like an escape. And when I think about the orchard and having farmed, that's so much maintenance and can be a hazard to other living creatures with seeds.

There is a playground a few blocks from this area by the tennis courts and soccer fields. I am not sure that two more play areas are needed. Arlington on average does not have as many small children as other nearby counties.

Overall too social

Elm Street Promenade

Don't need two dog runs, one is fine.

All

The game room

features for dogs and children

The larger grassy area, I would like to see more vegetation in this design concept.

Our dogs, the ones living in the four surrounding apartment buildings, are going to urinate on everything.

Open, straight walk space (vs. meandering paths), furniture, two dog parks (one is better)

Play garden

Too broken up into this OR that spaces

I don't really care about dog runs.

Too open. Cafe terrace represents an inappropriate privatization of what is supposed to be a public space. Promenade feels too "sidewalky."

A little too open. We HAVE large open lawn areas, I'd like to see this park be more...meandery.

Streets going through and around the parks open to traffic.

Strongly oppose use of non-native ornamental plants, especially given everything known about the important ecological functions of native plants. This scheme appears very chopped up and way too busy. Given the relatively close proximity to Long Bridge Park and Virginia Highlands Park, where there are plenty of opportunities for active recreation, this park should serve more as an urban oasis and make best use of casual spaces.

Perhaps a few too many separate gardens? Focus down a bit and increase space for those areas.

Two dog runs

I hate that you are going to cut down the existing trees the cherry trees are gorgeous. There are too many little new spaces that clutter up the whole place. Dogs outnumber children 2 to 1 in this neighborhood. Leave what is currently there and focus your design on the new Amazon parts.

No dense vegetation

the small dog run should be next to the big dog run

Two dog parks - high maintenance

I am less inspired by the fitness garden concept and wonder whether this space could be devoted to a more important need. There may continue to be ways to reduce redundant sidewalks and roadway space in this scheme.

Not sure about the orchard table and how it would be used and properly maintained.

Proximity of the cafe terrace to a dog run.

Overly programmed space.

The Game Room and possibly the Fitness Garden—in both instances, I can imagine the equipment degrading and looking shabby over time. In this new reality, I also find myself cringing at items like this that hundreds of thousands of people are touching and handling. Similarly, community tables and benches are handled by multiple people daily, but these items are large and sturdy and built for wear and tear and also easy to clean. I personally would not touch a "community bean bag"—the idea gives me shivers!

Too much going on. Not enough focus on preserving trees and nature.

The orchard table

Fitness garden

Too much pavement and hardscape. Not enough natural space that is appealing to the majority of residents. Too cut up and fragmented to serve as natural habitat. Too fragmented to offset the massive increase in the urban heat island effect from the surrounding pavement and buildings. Too fragmented to capture and retain stormwater runoff. Insufficient replanting of the +/- 120 existing mature trees that Amazon and JBG intend to kill. Like I said above, why bother? Just more of the same concrete jungle as the rest of Crystal/Pentagon City.

Redundant areas in the park and with nearby parks

The Game Room

Dog Runs

Community Garden & Orchard Table

The two dog parks and the big commons area.

Two Dog Runs (surely one would be sufficient)

The Commons (feels too large for the space)

The Community Garden and Orchard Table

Overall this design feels too big and busy. I think I would feel somewhat overwhelmed by all the many activity spaces.

Too highly-designed landscape, missed opportunity of public art, lack of native planting, lack of sustainable education through nature

Big dog run, the commons, fitness garden

Both dog runs, Game Room, the Commons

Fitness garden

Culinary garden - gives too much space to private restaurants

Too much infrastructure - too little natural/native plants/large canopy shade trees

The art is not central enough, and neither is the garden. The cafe should not be next to a big dog park, it is unpleasant and not necessarily sanitary.

I would put the common grass in a smaller corner for movie projections and such, and put the art and vegetable garden in the central place near the elm walk, so people can walk through the art, rather than it being in a corner.

Fitness garden, the orchard table. These ideas were conceived before we had to start thinking about long periods of time for social distancing. These things would not be useable.

The promenade.

I'm least interested in having a playground.

Everything seems small because so much is incorporated.

#4 - Small dog run. (Too small for most dogs.)

#5 - Fitness garden. (People don't gravitate to outdoor fixed-location fitness spaces like those. Too specialized.)

#3 - Game room. (The use might be OK, but it's location feels wrong. Should be in a quieter part of the park.)

Also: the alee of trees flanking the promenade separates it from the spaces on either side and feels like a barrier between them. Find a way to integrate shade into the walk that does not turn it into a divider.

A little too "urban" would like more nature in this design. With trees and discovery areas.

Few trees

Less contemplative

That there are two dog runs. The current park is overrun with dogs. This is only a problem because the grass is no longer very nice as dogs use it as their bathroom. However, if by having two dog parks, dog owners will not take over the other spaces perhaps two dog park vision is the way to go.

culinary gardens

Too broken up in an effort to incorporate all ideas; the spaces are enveloped by massive rigid structures and

the draft design re-emphasizes formal, rigid structures. How does this Social Garden draft design adapt to

the likely hazardous environmental conditions of 2030 and beyond?

2 dog runs is a lot I think. Maybe just 1 big one is better

Why are you adding more road? Don't extend elm or 14th streets.

I don't like having movies and concerts. It seems like there will be thousands of people hanging out. I like it now where you can come out and sit and watch the dogs playing. You always have a seat.

Surprisingly, even tho I'm a strong pedestrian advocate, I really dislike the Elm Street Promenade - I think it takes up too much space that should be green

space. I do recommend a clear, strong ped pathway through the site (there isn't one currently) - and I think the alternative plan works well for pedestrians (except for sidewalk loss).

I don't understand the purpose/use of the proposed community table - and it takes up way too much space.

To me, the separate spaces for specific activities, especially the Fitness Garden, seem to small to be that useful.

- Summers are hot, winters are cold, so outdoor space that is still appealing/practical during 3 cold months and 4 hot months is really important. Community garden and orchard table SOUNDS good (and I'm all for urban ag w/ herbs, peppers, greens) but again, weather and maintenance are problematic (I've been backyard/side-yard gardening for 35 years in this neighborhood)

While I like the idea of games - I rarely see people using them elsewhere in crystal city where they've introduced games.

2 dog runs

A game room

The gravel walk, the common table in the orchard (really?), the food court (artfully renamed a culinary garden). THIS should be a space with minimal trash maximum natural foot print.

So much space taken up by the fitness and play garden. People don't really use the fitness areas.

Central lawn, street spaces

I am not sure that I understand the Game Room. I do not care about the Culinary Garden.

All of it

With all the recreational areas, it might be loud for the people living in Mer Park.

Multiple dog runs

The orchard table and game room

I hope that there can be as little concrete as possible. I hope that it can keep as little heat as possible centered in this building area.

Too much Open space. Community needs a farmers market and urban, but natural space to retreat from buildings and city. We have much wildlife still hanging on, like foxes, and it would be good to preserve some habitat like surroundings. Particularly because long branch is available for large open Spaces.

No need for 2 children's play gardens. Combine into one. Lack of lounging areas with benches, furniture, tables etc.

The park is broken into many small pieces. Would like to see a larger green lawn. Specially the roads play a negative role here. They break up the public space into 5 different parks. Furthermore, the landscape program keeps braking the 5 parks into smaller pieces. I think the scale of the site would require a bigger lawn and a couple or three small programmed areas.

1. Children's Garden for Daycare

The Game Room, only as I think more lawn space or trail space would be utilized more often.

There should be no need for the play area to take up so much of this space. I would be pretty annoyed if so much of this space ended up being used on children I don't have nor plan to have. One space should be enough (in addition to the daycare garden). Same concept applies to the dog runs. I think there's a greater need for a dog run than a playground since so many dogs crowd the streets at peak walk times and it would actually solve a minor issue. But do there need to be two separate dog runs? I'm not so sure. I'd rather see the space used for more greenery and contemplative spaces where I can sit on a bench and read without needing to pay for something. We don't really have that at the moment.

This plan represents a significant reduction in the size of the dog park from the current setup. The dog park should be bigger since it is the only dog park in the area and is heavily utilized.

Dog park too small and split by size

Maybe that there are two dog runs

Crowding and noise

N/A

The dog park

5, the Fitness Garden

9, Culinary Gardens

Two dog parks is too many.

3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10

Prefer little hardscape and more natural pathways/water permeable paths for environmental purposes. With so many restaurants around, is a cafe necessary? As long as spaces to sit and eat, prefer not have cafe dedicated space and would like more natural space. Can there be some type of water feature? Small waterfall or tiny pond? With social distancing likely continuing for some time, bigger public spaces designed for large crowds doesn't seem appropriate.

Kids and dogs play

It's hard to strike a balance between density and contemplative spaces... But we are in the city and a fair amount of convenience and accessibility is going to be expected in this park.

The game room. Bin that for more fitness equipment.

The grassy area for dogs should be closer to The Millenium so is dog owners don't have to walk through paths to get to it.

Big dog run

Dog park - too many already

3, 4, 10

most everything else

There doesn't seem as many opportunities for greenery--the part should be a contemplative space for nature, not big pathways.

game room, cafe terrace

I do not like dog parks, at all. They cause a lot of noise and hazards (physical safety, as well as biological) and my personal belief is that these improvements should minimize adverse impacts to the surrounding residents, meaning the actual residents who live in the Gramercy/Millennium/Acadia etc.. Dogs generate a lot of noise at all hours of the day and night, as well as biological waste. We already run into many of those issues with the existing Millennium Park. The local residents DO NOT want this area to turn into a magnet for a lot of others to visit to cause more noise and/or disruption, especially after having to deal with an extended period of loud, ongoing construction noise at the Millennium Park area. We just want to be able to enjoy our home and surrounding area(s) in peace and quiet.

There are a lot of noise elements close to the apartment buildings. The large central green will encourage more noise. I also don't understand why two areas for relaxing - the hammock and cafe areas - are right next to dog parks, which will generate noise.

Fitness Garden

Culinary Gardens and Cafe Terrace

Too formal and the whole design is not unique to the area. There are already elements of this park (dog runs, event spaces, playgrounds) available in surrounding exiting open spaces. Not enough trees.

the dog runs and the culinary gardens

Not enough trees, Amazon is destroying at least 20 mature hardwood trees for construction staging. They should be responsible for replacing them with as many trees as possible. Global warming is not fake news.

The dog run and play garden

Children's garden for daycare

Feels very sterile.

Not enough trees; too much lawn and straight passages.

I think there are already tons of dog parks around Arlington and adding two more seems unnecessary.

Concrete

too much open space, too much "engineering" of nature, recognizing that this is plopped down amidst towering concrete and steel office buildings, it is essential to help nature ease the urban stressors that built environment causes

It reduces natural green space and habitat

persimmon tree over tables. persimmon fruit is very messy when it falls.

too sunny in the play and walking areas.

design is too rigid, and is not really an escape from the buildings surrounding it.

hammock garden

A large amount of space is planned for single use (dog runs, daycare, fitness space)

promenade and commons

There is too much wasted space were you need natural areas. Not enough shade. I'd rather this be a park, rather than an entertainment venue with a game room, culinary garden, and a cafe terrace. There are many places people can go for such entertainment. Rather than spend taxpayer money to compete with private sector entertainment options, I would prefer to use our tax dollars to do what only government can do -- preserve natural areas, give people a space to connect with nature and relax.

Too much paving and too little green space to reduce urban heat island effect

3,9,2

ditto above

2 Dog runs--one is enough

The promenade looks very artificial without destinations.

It's trying to accomplish too much, and is too manufactured / structured considering the space we have. There are already a number of spaces around us that have a more structured look, with a lot less nature-oriented space. We need more green, nature-focused covered space that everyone can use (not just dogs).

Culinary and cafe. Enough businesses outside park to meet these needs. Keep as many green as possible.

No Opinion

Seems rather "blocky" and crams a lot into the space. Not much space for just walking or relaxing, or enough shade trees.

Large commons

Not enough tree canopy. Also not enough natural spaces to encourage birds, bees, butterflies, etc.

2. The Commons

4 & 10 the dog runs

5

the Commons (too large)

big dog run

game room

Two dog runs

That you want to put hammocks next to a dog park. How could that be relaxing at all?

The separate dog runs. I would prefer combining them into one big dog run.

That the dog parks are physically separate not adjacent. I have one small dog and one big dog! I think the Central Green is great but too big, the size in the other design fits the need for large gatherings.

I don't think we need more space for social interactions. The Boeing park is just a few blocks away and offers many of the same opportunities as in this plan.

Dog parks and play garden

None

3,4,10

The large lawn- see above notes about --- waste.

It could be anywhere — more big city gathering in a city space. Reminds me a little of the Water Park nearby.

All. I want barriers against people.

Would like an atmosphere more inclined to relaxation and hanging out in small groups - so, don't like the area for 1000 person events. Also not excited about fitness and game areas, there isn't that much space and trying to fit this may have different uses in may make everything chaotic. Overall the design just seems very busy.

Play Garden, Children's Garden for Daycare

Can we get rid of most of the streets completely? IMO, they're not very useful right now. Getting rid of the middle sections of S. Fair and S. Elm would free up a ton of space and reduce noise. I know there are some parking garage entrances that would practically have to be retained.

Fewer trees.

The streets now cut through, not enough green space

Too crowded, too much going on, too many people, too much concrete. Too large a space for large public gatherings.

too many dog parks

I don't like the ratio of concrete buildings to green space. It's too cramped in the center of high rises therefore blocking out most of the sun!

Too cookie cutter - this is similar to other spaces in 22202, prefer Forest Walk as a more relaxing oasis

The Community Garden and Orchard Table

The dog run. The whole thing seems very chopped up rather than a cohesive design.

Dog run

2 dog parks - unnecessary; too large of an open space/ accommodating too many people to draw crowds that will be too loud to keep the neighborhood family oriented.

The location of the culinary garden and cafe terrace next to a dog run.

Dog runs

3,8,10

"Man-made" feel to the space, less shade, less attention to air quality provided by tree canopy.

Size of main lawn

I don't like anything about the Social Gardens. This plan will result in overcrowding, expensive ugly plastic playground equipment and lots of trash left behind.

fitness garden and 2 dog areas

Less greenery

I don't like the culinary gardens or game room.

With the removal of parking on the street, which I support, does the "Park enlargement" actually result in an increase in public space (street ROW + increase in Park acreage). How will the design address the truck loading/unloading problem that exist for the existing be buildings. Where are the loading docks for the building and how will they impact the proposed park?

How are you going to get plants to thrive, lawns be resilient enough without sun to stand up to public use?

Play garden

Children's garden for daycare

I really dislike this design. I live in the Millennium building and the Amazon HQ construction has shown me just how badly sound reverberates off these buildings and into the millennium park space. This is a TERRIBLE space for large crowds/festivals because once the Amazon HQ buildings are complete, sound will be somewhat trapped within the space. Residents will be ----- if you put large lawn gatherings here. Further, there are larger, more open park spaces available on Crystal drive and over by Marshalls, this doesn't need to be a bustling social park. I don't know why anyone other than residents or Amazon employees would make this a destination when other parks are closer/better. I'm excited about the idea of a new park with more space, but I've lived in Crystal city and now Pentagon city and I'm just confused as to why anyone would think this space is perfect for large social gatherings.

Further the fitness garden is a nice idea, but seems small. There are a lot of active people in this block of apartment buildings and that facility is likely to be overrun non-stop. I'd suggest either scrapping it or giving it more space.

Dog runs, which often involve untrained, barking dogs

My reservations about this design pertain mostly to the fact that some of the spaces reflect a redundant benefit that already exists within the community. From other designs, it appears sidewalks with storefronts along streets like Eads and Fern will have extended space to incorporate significant outdoor seating, something I find parallel to the culinary garden and cafe terrace. Likewise I don't think this concept does enough to promote an appreciation and understanding of the natural world and endemic species within the area.

I would just like to ensure that that there is adequate seating throughout, which I can't tell from the diagrams.

The amount of space per element is very small, so some parts will likely become very crowded while others are left empty or misused.

This will become a place to walk through rather than enjoy.

Perhaps too many activities have resulted in a disjointed design, no unifying idea.

Fitness garden is too small esp compared to the dog run. For social distancing humans need more space than dogs!

It appears to be attractive.

There are 2 sections for dogs. If there's a dog park, please put fencing or chains around it. So many owners refuse to keep their dogs on leashes in the open area, and it's a security concern with cars and aggressive dogs to let them all run freely. The small sliver you have designated for the fitness garden is too small. Either expand it and shrink something else, or remove it. Honestly, you could just remove it because so many of the tenants have in the surrounding apartments have gym access or fitness memberships.

This feels too planned and artificial. There isn't nearly as much nature in this plan, a feature seriously lacking in the area currently

Fewer trees.

Having a big open lawn can be misused, a lot of wear and tear as seen in the existing park that eventually doesn't make the space inviting. Currently the existing lawn space has been taken over by dogs and it just smells like pee everytime you walk by there. Have to make sure the central lawn is protected for people to sit and enjoy. The social garden might be a bit too active. Maybe not as many activities as VA/DC is a very busy metropolitan region, would be good to have areas of relaxation like what you see in Crystal Park Water Fountain, a place to contemplate, a place to read and not necessarily super busy. There should be a water feature using reclaimed water, etc.

big dog run

The promenade doesn't seem very interesting; and it also looked like it had a very hard, concrete type surface, which I would find not soothing. Also, two dog runs seems excessive.

The presentation speaks to the most important connection is to Ead street - However - it seems a dramatic symbolic gesture of ignoring the retail at the Pentagon City Mall. I say this because of the traffic and pedestrians that could/would benefit from easy access - not to mention - access to the Metro...

As a resident of the Millenium - the park is lovely - however, the dogs (and I LOVE dogs) really ruin the park with the grass being killed...It happens - but reality is that others do not use.

So, if you can restrict the dogs to a smaller area - as you have shown - I think that would work.

I feel like we need to find playgrounds - but this design feels more grown up - not sure how you could revise - but 2 kids parks for an area with mostly government and transient workers seems a bit much. I also think the play area for the day care at night is a key location where people would be after hours - maybe combine all kids into one area for kids...???

Arlington has made a huge commitment to design of outdoor spaces - the long bridge development has been amazing for the community. I think more connection to that and Crystal City Water Park (with the fountains) would be amazing - I realize that you have your scope - but if you could think of the macro-scale - might work!

It is too complicated and too compartmentalized. It looks like an attempt to cover too many bases whereas none will be big enough to be developed in a truly useful way. It seems like an advertisement just superficially "checking off boxes." Some of the features are already offered elsewhere in the community. What this space needs is more of an "oasis" feel. The seasonal plantings will require a lot of maintenance and will look sloppy off season.

Seems unnecessarily artificial and sterile; less biophilic.

Elm St. Promenade, fitness garden

Too much like other public spaces; not enough native plantings or quieter places to recreate. Fewer places for public art. Too much space given over to dog runs.

not enough nature, not enough trees (which are more scarce in Arlington than active parks)

It seems like it's trying to fit too many things into the space. 2 dog parks? Community Table? Game park? As someone who lives in this neighborhood I think it would be more meaningful to focus on 2-3 things the spaces can do REALLY well. Keep in mind the phase two plot is right next door and can offer future opportunities!

Very sympathetic to dogs needing space but not sure about having 2 separate areas. Don't think a dog area should be so close to the outdoor dining. Don't mind a bit of fitness equipment but feel that Virginia Highlands Park and Long Bridge Park are close enough and would be better places for intensive adult fitness areas.

Perhaps you are trying to get too much in there--although I know the community requests come for every type of amenity. Will many of those built up amenities be used a sufficient portion of the time, or is it best to have something more simple and natural, such as with the Forest Walk?

4-10

Elm Street Promenade; The Commons; Small Dog Run; Big Doc Run; The Game Room; Fitness Garden; Play Garden; Children's Garden for Daycare;

Too many people, too much for dogs, space potentially lost to features that sound like good ideas but turn out to be underused

No features are acceptable

Too much focus on activity vs contemplation

Dog runs

I'm not crazy about the Commons. That's essentially what we've got now. It's sterile.

Be nice to have more public art, maybe? And not sure about the "game room"...

The flow from space to space seems a little awkward.

2 dog runs and a lack of a space where people can forget they are in the city for a moment.

What is not working well with the social gardens:

Way too many programmed spaces. There is just no need for all of it. We have an abundance of programmed active spaces in Arlington. In fact with Long Bridge just a few streets to the east with its large playground and spray park situated among 4 soccer fields and a future aquatics center, recreational needs are abundantly satisfied. But that's not all! Just a few streets to the west of MetPark, we have Virginia Highlands Park with 6 tennis courts, 2 basketball courts, 2 practice tennis courts, 2 playgrounds, another kid's spray park, a youth basketball half court, 2 soccer fields and 2 baseball diamonds. The 22202 in just a few block range is overly saturated with recreation and programmed spaces.

Furthermore this space is the backyard for many people. Constantly activating a space which hundreds of apartments look onto is inconsiderate of the residents who may not appreciate constant activity and noise.

Too much grass. You won't feel like you're in nature there.

Emphasis on fitness and activity. There are plenty of other parks & trails for that nearby, including long bridge park, which is focused on sports & fitness, or crystal city where there are games. Would rather have an escape, like a mini-central park in Pentagon City so that you forget you're in an urban area. Don't think we need a giant lawn: there's Long Bridge Park & the National Mall & Gravel Point for that.

In my opinion, there is not enough green space in the design, and I see no planned space for pollinators.

Large Lawn Space (It will probably turn into a dog park as it currently is at Met Park)

the large commons

stylized gardens

I think aspects to support activities like the game room, play garden, etc are good ideas, but feel strongly that there's no need to dedicate specific space to them. The design should be able to support lawn games in the common area and play and discovery elements within natural areas.

I don't feel there's a need to try to insert a fitness garden and more intentionally active areas in this space, which is already fairly small. Long Bridge and Virginia Highlands have an overabundance of this already and are within blocks of this space.

WHAT FEATURES DO YOU LIKE THE MOST ABOUT THE FOREST WALK DRAFT DESIGN?

I like that it's a great destination for exercise.

The Dog Run

The meadow lounge

Natural feel and trees

The Art Walk and Overlook are great ideas! I like the different elevations! Having higher and lower elements is key.

This design can be something Great, while the other can at best be good.

In other words, with great art, this has higher upside than the more average design.

I like the central garden.

absolutely all of it

The organic forms and meandering paths

Art walk and overlook

The dense trees and foliage, the opportunity for resting and contemplation on included furniture, the overlook, and the trellis. The one dog run is probably sufficient. The meadow terrace is nice, if it includes a cafe!

I prefer this design over the social garden. It gives the residents and office buildings an accessible respite to a natural environment.

THE BANANA STAND! There's always money in the banana stand!

meander, lounge, playground, dog run

1) The increased park size and the removal of redundant sidewalks.

2) The use of native plants promoting bee and butterfly habitat.

3) The sense of discovery and secret gardens.

large trees with shady areas

The Overlook

The Meander

The Meadow Lounge and Terrace

I very much support the reclaiming of green spaces from roads, sidewalks and elimination of street parking - a feature of both plans. I support having an open central area that can be programed but and like the amount of #6 in Forest Walk best.

I really like the central area and #5 - the discovery playground. Could some elements of the Discovery playground be ones found in communal table/community garden?

I really love the artist walk - and have long been a fan of public art that is environmental rather than the more traditional "sculpture" or even, Heaven forbid, plop art. While I know some stand alone sculpture can have natural materials - i prefer the use of such materials in more artist-conceived environmental uses like walls and gateways, etc.

the meander

I like the Art Walk, the Overlook, and the Discovery Playground. I also love the removal of car spaces.

the area for dogs to socialize.

Need for park benches for people to sit on .

You need more trees.

The Overlook (4) and the Meadow Terrace (10)

sense of discovering

My favorite part is the beautiful, rambling forest walk. I love the idea of being able to walk in even a tiny forest and see a wildflower carpet here. I just don't know whether you can pull it off, because I think it would take a capable staff of gardeners and maintenance people. See my comments above on budget. If you plant a lot of native plants and create relatively isolated spaces among them, you'll attract litter and invasive plants, so you need a plan to keep removing both. I like the natural-looking dog park with disguised fences. I'd like to take my dog to a place like that. The Discovery playground looked fun. Our neighborhood could use more swings and places kids can safely run.

meander

art walk for sure; the overlook; seems like reduced parking and street changes may serve to create more of a sense of place and calm

Meadow Lounge, Meadow Terrace, Overlook, The Meander, Central Green, Children's Garden for Daycare

All

The Meander; The Meadow Terrace; The Art Walk, The Overlook, The Meadow Lounge, The Trellis (only if covered by native flowering vines, such as Trumpet Creeper)

Meander

Trails

Overlook

Meadow lounge and terrace

Like the combined dog run. Like the Discovery Playground. Look into "loose play". This could be a great park to incorporate some of the ideas coming out of Europe for

I like the overlook quite a bit, the change in elevation is a great idea. I like the meadow a lot - see comments above.

Do not care for either of these designs. They do not address the actual needs of residents in the area.

Meander

Central green

I think that this one seems to have more trees and flora.

The greenery. This design is much more suited for the space and provides us what we need, which is greenery.

Meditative, artistic, and the presentation as a respite and a place for deep thought is very enticing.

The meander

The single dog run, the children's daycare, LOVE THE TRELIS LOVE.

The trellis, the art walk, the overlook. These features would help the park feel more like a hidden getaway amid the tall buildings, rather than a typical small city park. As a resident who overlooks this space, this concept seems like it would be a better view than the social concept.

I like the topography a lot. Most of our parks are just flat. I like the way the trees will provide some solitude in an otherwise, panopticon-like box of tall towers. Like the connection to nature, the natural plantings, the possibility of micro-climates, providing cool areas to hang out in our very hot summers.

Meander, and relocating Elm Street to allow daycare minders to not have to cross the street for children to use the outdoor spaces. Also love the idea of expanding the space by eliminating sidewalks and parking spaces. Superb idea that might be used, no matter which option is determined to be best for the Community.

Lots of open green space. The central green is my favorite because it's so versatile - people can have picnics, attend a movie on the lawn, etc. The closer you can get to Prospect Park in Brooklyn, NY, the better. Pentagon City is a magnet for NY'ers escaping the hustle and bustle because it feels like home

with the tall buildings (which you can't get in DC). The park should feel like home too.

Trellis

Art Walk

Meadow Lounge and Terrace

The art walk and the variety of different green spaces.

Meadow lounge and terrace. And the overlook

My favorite part of this design is The Meander (#1), life is so much more the journey than the destination. I also really like the Overlook (#4) feature as well as the Trellis (#2) and Central Green (#6). I like the elliptical shape of the Central Green and although smaller than the other design, it feels more inviting and I think 500 people is enough for this community. I also think the Art Walk (#3) is an inspired idea, I can see people stopping to read a book, couples taking in the art on a date through the trail, or maybe class field trips examining each piece.

Prefer other design.

I like the overlook, creating vertical distance and differentiation (though note to be careful, as the overlook in the Crystal City waterpark is not very well used)

I like the Art walk concept, buying into the idea of green pathways and spaces, as one moves through the park.

I think it creates an appropriate sense of scale for the space

I like it's biophilic approach

**DISCOVERY PLAYGROUND AND CHILDREN'S GARDEN FOR DAYCARE
(ASSUMING IT IS OPEN TO PUBLIC AFTER HOURS AND WEEKENDS)**

I like that it feels like a refuge that people can get lost in and feel like they are connecting with something - either the art, nature, or each other. It feels very communal and meaningful

Over hang by central park

The Meander, the Trellis & the Central Green.

The Meander and The Art Walk

The Overlook

I like the meander and that the trellis provides some shade. Overall, the Forest Walk seems to offer more shade surrounding seating and proposed dining areas. In this region, it's sunny and hot, so any shade will be welcomed!

we need a quiet space like the meander and overlook

The Overlook and its path, the Trellis, the Art Walk

Natural, contemplative aspects.

art walk

Utilizing art within the gardens

meander, art walk, playground, central green, meadow lounge, meadow terrace

the overlook is fantastic! great for people to experience grade change

one dog run is better than two

I love the meandering paths that allow for different views and vistas and allow people to spread out. I also love meadow plantings and appreciate the space for both shaded areas of trees and open meadows. It feels like this concept would allow for more wildlife habitat. I like the smaller oval central green.

I love the meander and art walk ideas. This would be great for walkers and nature lovers. The overlook is also a great idea.

I like the idea of an "urban oasis." A space that feels like a forest/nature preserve will provide much needed contrast to the overly-paved Crystal City area. I also like that this design retains a central green for picnics/movies even while offering more space for nature and contemplation.

Appears to have more trees, but can't tell for sure. We have other parks in the area for fitness and sports. An art walk and contemplative space would provide some balance. The trellis space for temporary markets and other events is a great idea.

I love the heavy emphasis on the trees, including evergreens! I love that you removed the on-street parking and gave it back to nature and people. I appreciate how "holistic" it seems. There is still a little something for everyone with a variety of landscape preferences. The terrain gives it more character, and the overlook seems really nice. It enables some kind of connection to the central green while retaining a sense of contemplative solitude. It compliments the variety of buildings around it.

Refuge space benefits everyone, and every other development has lawn and playground designs. You can be better

I very much enjoyed this design. I loved the art walk with the dense lush greenery. It is exactly what the soul needs in an urban space - the perfect mix of art with intense nature. I also enjoyed the meander. However, the pergola must be covered in wild roses and wisteria vines for great beauty in the spring and summer. Furniture that blends with nature is a must. The dog run is appropriately sized. I also like the positioning of the dog park and the children's play area - separate from the oasis area. The meadow is appropriately sized - large enough without being too large. Proportions are important!

My favorite part of the forest walk was the discovery playground. I feel like a 500 person field might feel too small should you put on a really popular event. I liked the singular dog park and I like the idea of an overlook, but I could see it getting pretty crowded.

I like the idea of some meandering paths.

Reduction in roadways and parking resulting in more parkland

I like that it allows the contemplative spaces and an opportunity to get lost in a natural space framed by an urban reality.

meander, trellis, art walk, overlook, meadow lounge

Dog run, garden, meandering trail

The Trellis

I like the meanderer area in concept, but think that there would be more value in having functional areas for the community.

The trees and natural spaces, a playground, moving the streets

Everything! Love the meandering art path and natural plants most. And separated dog and playground were great.

It gives a "central park" vibe which would be nice.

Most like places for contemplation (in an area sure to be very busy)

Dog Run and Discovery Playground

The central green - kids like to run around and you can set up picnic blankets.

Choose Forest WALK overall .!!!

Immersion in nature which so needed in this quite urban environment

The meander

More greenery, I like the idea of the forest walk in the middle of the city

Please see previous comment about conducting qualitative research. You can design things from an ivory tower and expect everyone to enjoy it.

Meandering paths, more natural green space

The overlook

Larger, integrated spaces

More naturalized spaces, but with contrasts in typology

Again the central green is a big one for me.

Heavy tree cover and meandering paths make the space feel larger than it is, contrast with other local parks (i.e. Virginia Highlands), and provide contrast to urban setting.

The wandering paths that give an impression of not being in a city as much.

Streets closed to traffic in the park, if true.

Meandering walkway, use of native plants, overlook, limiting dog park to one location. This design is a good balance between the needs of the community, by including a dog run and play area, but uses the spaces in a creative and restorative fashion

The increase in total park size.

Meadow terrace; Central Green

Open space and trees

Winding curving pathways

playground and art walk

Meandering walk - Natural foliage - lots of paths to explore

The repurposing of redundant sidewalk and roadway space is particularly attractive in this scheme. The natural environments will no doubt be beautiful to experience and view from adjacent buildings. But... see below

Natural feel. Replacing lost forest areas in the neighborhood.

Strongly favor this design. Feels much more relaxing / inviting. More of a respite from the urban area surrounding.

Shade! The beautiful trees would be a welcome respite to urban life. Also I love the idea of incorporating local artists' work in the Art Walk.

The increase in trees and ecological contribution. Quiet time.

The art walk

The Central Green

Meandering oaths, art walk, contemplative areas, and area for weekend markets.

There appears to be more trees in the Forest Walk design. If this is an ACCURATE representation and there will actually be more than the 120

existing trees that Amazon and JBG will have killed, then this might be a positive feature.

Natural and emersive. You can be in one area and not be distracted by another area's participant if you don't want to. It's also very flexible. And it can be unique

The Meander

Meadow Lounge

The Art Walk

Discovery Playground

The Meander, the Art Walk, Trellis, and Overlook. It all seems more human-sized.

The Meander and the Art Walk (very pleasing and contemplative)

The Trellis (lovely and multi-functional)

The Overlook (adds interest and perspective)

Central Green (seems well scaled to the overall space--don't need to attract large crowds to this space)

Discovery Playground and Children's Garden for Daycare

I love this design--it feels perfectly suited for this location, a (somewhat) hidden gem amid the neighborhood's tall buildings.

Contemplative environment, native landscape, art walk

- nature escape within the city, feeling of solitude but also the freedom to use the space for passive activities

The overlook, the art walk, meadow terrace

Definitely the art walk and strong natural wild species and vegetation

Children's garden for daycare, Discovery playground, Central Green,

This is much nicer with hopefully native, large-canopy shade trees in the "meander" area.

The discovery playground sounds fun for kids.

The art walk sounds like a nice integration between art and nature.

Smaller central green still allows for gathering.

I much prefer this option.

it is much nicer than the previous one.

The many different places to incorporate artwork. Children's garden for daycare. The trellis.

LOVE the trellis and meander. The Central Green is integrated into the site better than the Commons in the Social Garden space. I think it will get used more when there is no event.

Brings nature into this urban setting, an oasis amidst the concrete and glass, a tranquil spot in the center of city turmoil. This is what Arlingtonians and visitors to our community sorely need - the biophilic experience for us to contemplate, learn, heal, grow, and experience, sharing with the native plants and wildlife. I urge you to select and create this option for a wonderful park that will be appreciated for decades and beyond.

It seems like a nice place to sit quietly that feels far from the city.

Tree cover is so important and provides cool shade, habitat, and a fun space to explore. Lots of big swaths of areas

#6 - Central green. (But it needs to be bigger.)

Also: Meandering walkways are nice, up to a point.

Love the amount of nature and nooks and crannies. The Children's discovery zone seems super cool if it's kept natural and not looking like an actual playground.

More shaded spots are a great idea. The Central Green is a cool idea with the trellis, but might need it to be bigger than 500 people with the amount of people living in this neighborhood.

Many trees

Art spaces

More native flora

Peaceful

The overlook. It gives the park some place-making, which the current one lacks. The discovery playground is also a really cool design.

Meandering paths, tree cover, small lawn space, overlook

Generally more focused on the natural environment as versus the box-like living environments imposed by living/working in

buildings. There is the possibility for a sense of expansiveness, relief, freedom. Whatever results in these design efforts, the

area should be an oasis for the workers and visitors. Again, how does this draft design adapt to the likely hazardous environmental

conditions of 2030 and beyond?

Meander

Central green

Dog run

WOW - I really like this plan so much more than the Social Garden - it's so inviting, yet it still has clear paths for peds who need to move through the area. I really love the art walk - a great idea to incorporate more art in a natural setting - where we can walk through it - or stop, sit, and contemplate it. I like the plantings better overall as well.

Moving the children's garden to the daycare center is a major improvement for ped safety - great. And I like the discovery playground on the other side.

- Reducing parking and moving E. Elm St. to allow children's garden & meadow lounge
- Art walk and overlook could be made attractive all year round, given enough casual seating in certain spots for lunch or snack breaks
- The dog space is smaller, but off by itself so dog play and child play are more separated, possibly a good thing.

Color - sun - quiet - enjoyable

Commons, lounge, trellis

Calm garden, different pathways, art

The art walk

Dog Run.

The forest, the meandering, the laid stone (v. Loose gravel) walking surfaces, the additional space created by reconfiguring Elm St and sidewalks, small commons/green.

The art walk and the overlook, as somewhere that it feels you're getting away from the city, even though it's all around you. I love how many trees there are too.

Art walk, overlook, market space

The Central Green, Meander, Trellis. A playground is necessary, but I prefer the Play Garden to the Discovery Playground.

Simple lots of trees

I love that it feels like an escape from the city.

Art walk

The art walk the discovery playground and the dog runs

I like that there is little concrete compared to the Social Garden design. I like the idea of intermingling the two plans.

Retreat from city life nestled into city life. Love the idea of farmers market space. Smaller, more intimate space for community movies and events. Love the idea of celebrating art and beautiful shaded areas with pollinator space and space to eat a lunch mixed into one.

Looks like a lot of green space, trees and plantings.

The central green.

1. The Overlook

2. The Dog Run

3. The Central Green

4. The Discovery playground is secluded.

Much more natural elements - less "manicured lawn" look.

Overall, I love this design. I love love love all of the greenery and the wandering paths. It makes this feel more like an actual park, which this area really needs. I like having a central green. I like that there is one dog run rather than two. I love the incorporation of the overlook. I like the meadow lounge and terrace spaces. While I wish the community garden and orchard table could be incorporated as well, I think that having a playground allocated in that space in order to make room for the art walk is a fair compromise. I also don't mind the playground being a little separated out so I can avoid being surrounded by kids, if I so choose.

The meander, the central green.

Shade and dog park

So much green. I like any design that brings more green to the neighborhood

Love the concept of a lot natural space.

Escape from urban life. I think it is great!

A peaceful element of nature within towers of concrete

Art walk, trellis

Art walk

The trellis

All the greenery

1, the Meander

8, the Dog Run

4, the Overlook

I want trees, trees, trees, as many trees as will fit in this space. We need them.

Love how this design is dedicated to the outdoors and interacting with nature.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Meander, art walk, children's garden, meadows. Maximize natural space -- that's should be the point of the project.

Meandering walk

The greenery and natural plant life.

The peace and calm it conveys. But there will be a lot more people around so it may not be so nice after all. The Trellis is nice too. Oh, and so is The Overlook!

Meandering paths

Discovery playground

1. 2. 4.

Most all of it, with some suggestions, included in the "like the least" box below.

Also, the topography adds a third dimension that is very valuable in the creation of natural space perceptions.

Maximum greenery! Opportunities for art displays (so important in Crystal City). This option seems most like New York's Central Park, which is a great model to emulate.

meander, art walk, meadow lounge

I like the green spaces and more natural features. I prefer the Forest Walk to the Social Garden.

I like that the tree/quiet areas are closer to the apartments, to help absorb sound. The size of the central green is just enough to provide a nice place to rest.

The Art Walk

Discovery Playground

Central Green

More natural use of space in a very brick high rise neighborhood. Leads you to a more relaxed environment with less angular distinctions.

more natural - this form complements the existing and nearby fitness opportunities with bike trail, game opportunities with Water Park -- and creates a needed, accessible refuge in the center of the community

The abundance of trees! We need more urban trees. I like the meandering paths that give it a more natural feel. I like the variation in plant life. The Forest Walk just feels more calming and great for mental health.

the overlook and the art walk

A good amount of trees.

The meander, the overlook and the art walk

Art trails

Love the meander and the dog park. Feels more natural than the social garden.

More trees, variety of uses, less lawn.

I like almost everything about this design. Arlington does not have as many wooded areas as open areas, so I think this would be a great addition.

Trees--large growth

many more tree options, meandering paths that help ease the tensions of built environments, I prefer any option with maximum tree canopy and nature, i.e. birds, insects, that are being lost on a large scale in this dense built up area. also trees absorb heat and CO2 and help absorb runoff, in perhaps the lowest lying part of our city. as you move towards the river and national airport, some projections by NOAA show area just to the east could be inundated fully in 120 years. please think long-term

It includes more green space and calming features

larger park with shade in the summer that converts to a sunny walk in the winter.

smaller size of the event space

possibility of a market in the shade terrace

art walk

a true oasis in the middle of a desert of buildings

The emphasis on shaded walks and a design that encourages personal interpretation of the space at hand

meadow lounge, meadow terrace and overlook

It is more natural. I like having meadows, which can serve as pollinator gardens. Meandering routes are more relaxing and peaceful, and will allow tranquil, rather than more-partying, type activity. There are many options to party in Arlington, but few in this part of Arlington for serenity, peaceful contemplation, connecting with nature.

The concentration of green space and use of native plants

8,4,1

The possibility of having a significant number of trees added to the landscape. This will provide a unique, restful area in a high stress, crowded urban environment. There is an opportunity here to make a truly UNIQUE urban park by planting a real forest. This could prove a ground-breaking concept that you can move from open spaces designed with concrete plazas and stone benches to a much friendlier and natural setting that will attract more users. It will be important to plant trees of significant size not saplings and that the tree species chosen will provide a good shade canopy using trees that can tolerate the urban environment (e.g. air quality) and can survive the heat island effects and expected global warming. Please do a Forest Walk on steroids not the Social Garden. A mix of the two would be no different from most urban parks and would not do justice to either concept.

The Meander

The Trellis

The Art Walk

The Meadow Lounge

The Overlook

More natural.

The Meander, the Overlook, the Central Green

The focus on nature, green space, greenery and contemplation is fantastic. I appreciate that the dog park is still available but not the central focus of the space, and there is only 1 area as opposed to 2 dog-focused spaces. And that there is an active consideration for how to make the space feel as green and natural as possible. Really prefer this design a lot more, especially the fact that Central garden is much smaller than in the previous design, thus maximizing the green space available.

Meadow lounge

I prefer a more natural approach which, like here, incorporates different social elements.

No Opinion

This design "speaks to me." I like how it flows from one block to another, more holistic and inclusive. Like the meandering trails in the Art Walk that extends the walkable distance to make the space feel even bigger than it is. Also like the design of the Trellis. Has more of a mini-Central Park feel to it, although I wish this park had a small water feature (fountains, small pond)

Tree cover and paths

I like this. It has the most tree canopy. It has a more natural setting, which we all desperately need. It will attract more pollinators.

The overlook and trellis

5. Discovery Playground

2. The Trellis as a site for a farmers market

3. The Art Walk

1

more trees than the social garden

art walk

meander incl trellis

discovery

meadow lounge

central green (not excessively large)

one dog run

The availability for events and it seems like an easier to maintain, 15 yrs from now

The large dog run.

The meandering path!!! The size of the Central Green is perfect. This design feels like it has more separation between areas.

Meandering trails

It would a special and very different environment compared to other nearby parks and to the high density inherent in the surrounding development.

The Trellis

The Meander

The Overlook

The Meadow Lounge/Terrace

Dog run and the overlook

1,3,4,6.9, and 10

It's something different in that it invites quiet contemplation. Would be great to bring more sustainable architecture and natural-seeming space to the area. It is versatile in that it will still feature public gathering places.

Everything. Go with that.

love the extensive integration of natural plants and meandering paths. love the art walk.

The Dog Run, The Art Walk

Please preserve as many trees as possible!

Trees and privacy. Quietness. This is a very congested area of town. A place to get away from the noise and traffic would be great.

More green space & tree canopy.

The meander and trellis

Quiet spaces for people to relax and connect to nature. Environmental benefits like pollinator habitats, water filtration and runoff control, and carbon sequestration potential.

The number of trees, the feeling of serenity, the environmental impact for habitat, air quality and pollinators. A place to relax and be in nature in the midst of a concrete jungle of Crystal City.

meandering path

Strongly prefer this - adds element of nature you are missing in urban landscape

Children's Garden for Daycare

It's meandering paths and it seems cohesive as a bigger space rather than a bunch of smaller ones.

Meander and art walk. A smaller central green to keep crowds smaller and more intimate.

One dog run off to the side and separate from the rest of the park.

Meander

3,5,9

Sense of tranquility compatible with mental health research regarding benefit of natural environments.

Meander, forested feel

This plan is just what the area needs. There are almost no trees left in Crystal city. There is no natural area at all. This plan would provide a refuge for dense urban dwellers to breathe and find some peace.

Does include one dog run

discovery playground, more natural surroundings

Appears to maintain greenery

I love the Children's Garden, but hope it's open to the public. I like the discovery playground

I prefer the Forest Walk design because the it provides more tree canopy/sound absorbing surfaces to counteract airport noise. The buildings are going to be sound canyons, with noise bouncing into the site.

More open space regardless of use, less parking spaces, art walk

Dog park, stroll through the plants seems like a nice plan, good place to walk pets, kids, and just get out of the house for a few minutes. I also like that this plan has areas for social gathering, interacting with neighbors, and eating/sitting; but does not include huge law spaces for large (loud) events. The weekend markets and vendors seems nice.

Like this design better than the other one; looks more natural

This design prioritizes a number of aspects that I think are important and all together highly unique in a park. This park emphasizes natural habitat and endemic species while promoting biophilic properties in one of the most urban areas in the state. Whats more, the concept and spaces creates ample opportunities and avenues for children and the community to learn and foster an appreciation for the natural world that might be lost on them otherwise.

This park concept is not replicated anywhere else in the county from my knowledge. So this is an opportunity to really break the mold from what our idea of a park is and create a lasting image of what a park can be. The additional green space is an excellent idea and one can simply see from a glance that this design prioritizes adding as much nature as possible while still encouraging engagement. Promoting natural habitat in this space is invaluable.

The art walk concept that incorporates natural art is something I am additionally interested in. Images of the rock column with the gentleman who makes music from them are amazing additions. I've seen the video of that gentleman at a film festival and I thoroughly support incorporation of similar aspects into this.

I like the balance of quieter spaces along with large grassy area. I prefer one dog park to two, and I like that it is separate. This truly seems to bring the natural world in.

There are no heavily treed areas in the area. Large trees with a forested feel would be fantastic.

Meandering walks are wonderful in contrast to the "go get it done" feel of Cristal City.

We need to replenish tree cover in Arlington, and this design is better suited to doing so. It is more of an opportunity to reflect and take things slowly rather than the stress of being active all the time, which is already the case for Arlingtonians. There are more opportunities to incorporate native plantings and educate Arlingtonians about the importance of propagating those plants and removing invasive species.

The features that I like the most about the Forest Walk draft design are The Meander and the plentiful amount of plants. I like the cover and natural shade that it will bring.

Arlington has few enough trees as it is. This is an opportunity to address that shortage, albeit in a small way.

I think this design is better overall, as it provides a more natural overall experience, with enough variety for its pretty urban location.

Lots of preserved green space, shade

I like the idea of trees. We need more trees and shade.

I don't have a strong opinion about the walk design. As long as there is a blend of efficient paths and meandering paths, I'm happy.

This plan offers more green space and still allows for social gathering. This plan brings more nature to an area that is otherwise unappealing and overbuilt

More trees and nature

I love this design for its abundance of trees and shade covered walkways.

The fact that it's a space for contemplation, living and working in a busy environment allows you to step outside in a calming oasis. Though adding a bit of activity zones would be good for people watching. I really like the trellis/famer's market area, that would be really great for the neighborhood where you can support local farmers. Like the children's garden and the overlook, similar to what Crystal Park Water Fountain has, where you can get a different perspective sitting up high. That would be great for having lunch, etc. Overall having meandering paths where you can read a book in peace sounds nice. I also like the smaller central green, would be nice to have a movie there as well.

The overlook and discovery playground

Getting an extra 15000 sq. ft. of park is great. There seems to be more shade in this version and we will need that, given our hot and humid summers.

Same - nice diversity -

This area needs the "oasis" feel. The natural plantings will look good/appropriate all year, whereas the season plantings in the other design will look sloppy off-season and require much maintenance. It has a good balance of the "forest walk" yet specific features for the community - as shown in the proposal.

Provides more of a much-needed nature experience and potential actual habitat; more biophilic.

meadow lounge, meander, art walk

Abundance of quiet places and native plantings, smaller central green (lawns are a food wasteland for insects and birds). More space for public art.

It's more in keeping with a biophilic cities ideal. More environmentally sound and calming. It should include as much native plantings as possible.

it appears to have more trees

The meandering, art walk is appealing, as is the promise of more green space.

more unique, provide relaxation and stress relief

Natural flow, lots of trails and paths, natural layered canopy, and the fact that it include some elevation! Also, the common ground portion is a much more sensible 500 person size. I LOVE that you are reclaiming more parking/driving space in favor of greenery!

I like the overall sense of nature and relaxation. Very conscious of the need for the sights and sounds of nature to counterbalance the city noise and keep us healthy.

Meandering walks will allow residents, employees to get lost from everyday concerns. I like the elimination of parking and the creation of a winding Elm St. to expand the usable park space.

The creation of shade as proposed is very important. The creation of topography is a good idea. But in the dog run area, unless designed appropriately, will the "hills" get worn down by usage?

This solution encourages more casual use than the Social Garden, which is what the community has been calling for.

1-3-4

The Meander; the Meadow Lounge; the Meadow Terrace; The Overlook; The Art Walk; The Trellis (only if it is covered by flowering or fruit-producing vines).

The Meander and the Overlook

Native plants, density of plants, serenity of nature

No features are acceptable

Expansion of green space.

Focus on contemplation

Meandering paths and opportunities to sit and contemplate. The Art Walk.
The gardens.

Plenty of natural space, and space to be alone.

Of course, the art walk. Mentioned in my comment above. The Meander & the art walk makes me think of a small scaled New York Highline & Piet Oudolf.

The Art Walk and the access to nature in a very metropolitan area.

What works well:

The addition of natural areas is very nice and will be a nice urban oasis. Across Arlington there is a strong preference to get our parks back to what they should be—natural areas.

The meandering paths help to “forest bathe” and provide opportunities for pensiveness, which we have almost none of in 22202. This is a great addition to the community and will be nice for the residents and others.

The overlook is fantastic.

The art walk is also great. I hope that the art includes water and can be rotational.

Lot's of trees. One would feel rejuvenated walking through this park after a long day of work.

The art walk. Slides 33, 53, and 57-58 looked so beautiful and peaceful. In today's constantly moving, plugged-in, high tech, fast-paced world, I love that you could get lost in the greenery & forget you're in an urban setting. We need a break from everything, a zen garden, a retreat, and this could be that. A meandering path also means it won't be used just as a pass-through from one major road to the next, so it wouldn't be as crowded (hopefully). Like the idea of having pop-up food or art markets.

Nice design!

Lots of Trees, Art, Aesthetic Spaces

the meander

art walk

overlook

children's garden

one dog run

500 person flexible open space

I absolutely love the feeling that the forest walk evokes. Being able to create a more "forested" area with majestic tall trees would be fantastic, particularly for the residents in the surrounding buildings. This area has lost a great deal of its sense of nature and really needs some spaces like this to bring that sense back. Interestingly, the design also made me think of the Pacific Northwest for some reason, which seems appropriate for HQ2.

I don't know if the intent for the dog runs is different, since there was only a depiction of this one, but the variation in grade and different levels in the design depicted is great. I am not a fan of artificial surfaces in parks, but some degree of that in the dog park is probably ok if the diversity in shapes & levels, etc is maintained.

The idea of moving Elm street and reducing parking is attractive if it can add more park and pedestrian space.

WHAT FEATURES DO YOU LIKE THE LEAST ABOUT THE FOREST WALK DRAFT DESIGN?

7 Children's Garden

The meandering walk

Concerning about uneven paving stones could cause stumble and fall. Something smoother but not slippery!

I don't think the Meadow Lounge is well thought out. These areas need to be connected to the other areas.

I dislike how most of the park is paths and art. It limits the amount of opportunities for public activities and options other than walking. There are other real forests people can walk through around Arlington.

the overlook. not too sure why it's needed

The overlook because it would eat up a lot of unusable land to create and for what view?

Dog run

The meadow terrace doesn't depict a cafe, we hope that can be included.

While this is my preferred option, the Meadow Lounge is redundant. I would prefer to combine 5 & 7 to expand the children's area closest to the daycare.

Are there enough children in the neighborhood to require both a playground and a children's garden?

overlook

Only one dog park. Although I liked the terrain difference, having big and little dogs together just does not work.

The Trellis

I think separated dog parks would be better - and prefer a design that has the uses/placement of amenities in the 2 south blocks from the Garden plan substituted into the Forest Walk plan.

discovery playground

I like all of the features, but would like the "Art Walk" to be active for families/kids.

not enough trees

not enough park benches

not enough drinking fountains

The Art Walk (3). Trees and flowers will be better than anything an art commission will choose.

My least favorite feature, by far, is the Overlook, at least as pictured from the walk below in the video. I found it jarring and ugly, undercutting the fantasy of a forest and meadow. I wondered what would be in that space beneath. Would it become a smelly, concrete shelter for homeless people, like a highway overpass? Even if it was clean and a good place to wait out a rain shower, could its aesthetic please be more natural? I'd rather have stone steps up a hill to a high point with a natural-looking fence, not the glass cutout.

dog run

n/a

be great to expand the size of the central green

Dog Run, Discovery Playground

None

The Central Green (the worst feature of the Design), the Discovery Playground, the Dog Run, the Children's Garden for Daycare

Dog run

Playground

I think there is slightly too much "contemplative" space. I'd like a few more things to draw people in. I like the idea of a forest walk with understory

plantings, but worry that it just looks good in renderings, and in practice it will just take too long to establish. It will take 20 years to look like the renderings and I think this park needs to be special now.

Not a fan of the art forest. It's a waste of space in an urban area. If we want to go to a forest, we have the GW parkway - and there is also Virginia Highlands. I would say that adding treecover is an excellent idea, but can some of those go in the areas around here where they are desperately needed? Hayes Street, Virginia Highlands, the Pentagon Parking areas, etc. And we need access to all of the long trails around here. One of the best ideas is connecting this part to Long bridge, Virginia Highlands, Roaches Run, the parkway, Columbia Island to make a continuous walk / park. Would love to see that happen, as well as more attention to access to Boundary Channel.

Right now, the entire middle section is used for dogs. You are looking to reduce the large area that dogs currently use into a little tiny section wanna be dog park. Ridiculous. The entire middle section of the park should be a large dog area.

too much pavement and mowed grass

Sometimes parks like this are great for a walk but they don't have as many uses for the community. Sometimes I just want to walk in a straight line while in the park. I'm less likely to get hurt by a cyclist and it's probably easier for them too.

Playground and dog run.

Playgrounds, see previous dislike answer.

Lack of kids play features

No discussion of security features.

The grass at the playground you have at location 5 will get destroyed regularly. Residents of the apartment buildings use the current grass patches for their dogs and the grass is continually torn away. Even though the larger field in the middle is used now as a dog park, lots of people only go out as far as your location 5.

The art walk. Not your issue really, but our art curation is not very good in Arlington County - uninspiring, tone deaf - check out the art around the waste water treatment plant to get a sense of how disappointing it is. I know that other cities do this really well and could do this in a way that positively

impacted the forest walk We don't, sadly. Bottom line is that a focus on nature without the art will turn out much better.

I like them all - as seen online, at least.

It not properly maintained, the "forest" could get overgrown and be scary at night for women.

Overlook...can see area being overly crowded and not a good use of space. Height doesn't necessarily create a greater space for community gatherings. Would the flow to and from Overlook be congested and not a peaceful experience?

It will eliminate 20 parking spots.

The smaller central green

Although I think the Forest Walk Design incorporates the best features most residents would also like (Discovery Playground, Dog Run, etc.) I feel it lacks a fitness area. I think there would still be space in one of the corners of the Meander or a way to incorporate a Yoga patio and maybe something as simple as pull-up bars. I think area residents and visitors would love to run through the Meander, do some exercises in the Fitness Area, maybe some Yoga, and stop at the Trellis for some fresh food during the weekly market. I think adding a fitness area would make this design almost perfect.

Too much passive space. Lawn too small for community activities

I think the curving pathways do not reflect Human centered design, they are not how people will want to move through the space. It would be a nice feature in a bigger park (save for Pen Place?) but would be intrusive here.

I think the Meadow Lounge seems far too small for the uses (public gatherings) we would want.

Overall there is very little open space relative to the current park.

The different sections of the park do not really seem to connect to each other, across the streets

1) E. ELM ST. PLEASE NO NEW STREETS OR AT LEAST DO NOT CONNECT IT THROUGH. 2) NO REMOVAL OF ANY EXISTING STREETS. 14TH STREET S. AND 13TH STREET S. BETWEEN S.FAIR STREET AND S. ELM ST. NEEDS TO BE REMOVED. 3) THE MEADOW LOUNGE AND MEADOW TERRACE ARE NOT GREAT AFTER WORK HOURS AND ON

WEEKENDS - YOU KNOW THE MAJORITY OF TIME. 4) THE SHRINKING OF THE KIDS AREA - NEEDS TO BE BIGGER

I would like to see more of an outdoor cafe component to the forest walk design. I think everything about it is perfect, except this - it would be great to have an amazing restaurant/cafe surrounded by trees, plants, etc.

Meandering walk

The Discovery Playground.

It doesn't have The Community Garden & Orchard Table.

The Art Walk

I just like the other concept better.

I don't like that the central lawn area is smaller, which would impact outdoor activities, such as movies.

The relocation of Elm taking space from the central space. The idea of removing some of the parking along Elm could be a good idea. The Trellis integrated with the Promenade would add a central social element along the path.

reduced capacity for community events.

Don't really need a park like this here since Mt. Vernon Trail is steps away and already has nature. Need more of an activities based park.

make sure there is enough programmed space but not too much. probably lots of furniture throughout paths for people to have a seat and read/eat lunch

I don't see any community garden/urban ag space here. It seems like the orchard and culinary gardens could be incorporated. It's a shame that E. Elm St. has to run through the middle, it would be so nice to have a larger central forest and green unencumbered by cars.

It all seems good.

This plan has no community garden. There also seem to be fewer spaces for larger families/friends/colleagues (groups of 4-8) to have a communal lunch.

I like it better than the Social gardens.

I love everything about it. However, I recommend some additional considerations in creating some more ornamental impressions by the Meadow Lounge (create a transition to Building 7/8) and some further design improvement to the Meadow Lounge. It seems like a mini hall way that doesn't really go anywhere. Doesn't really feel functional and I am not sure if I would use this space given how attractive the Central Green, the Art Walk, and the Meander are. Still unclear on what the intended use of the Meadow Lounge will be other than lounging around in a seemingly simple and uninteresting space.

Needs another dog park for big dogs

I was impressed with this design. However, I am for the use of decorative colorful plants, in addition to the bluebells. The Mount Vernon trail nearby offers natural vegetation. We need to up the game here with more decorative plants that offer beauty and colors for all seasons. I propose a multi-layered English garden style, which has a natural feel to it.

I would also suggest the use of topiaries for some permanent greens during the winter months.

I sort of mentioned them in the previous box, but I feel like the tighter meandering pads are going to Fillmore crowded, and it overall seems to lend itself for less density which could mean that you would go to enjoy it, and the seating along the sides already taken, where you feel like it's a bit too crowded to really enjoy the contemplative quiet intention.

Dog parks

It strikes me as too fragile, requiring a lot of upkeep. Also, it's possible to invite too much camouflage in an urban setting. I'm thinking specifically to an example such as the Iwo Jima Memorial, which used to have a corpse of trees and undergrowth in a very small section. But that flora offered enough camouflage that things went on after dark there, ending in a murder in the 1980s.

What can be a very nice, calming, contemplative retreat during daylight hours can be something different at night.

I can also imagine the work required to keep area clean and the fragile flora untrampled.

playground, child daycare, dog run

people can take their kids to other playgrounds, walk their dogs and exercise all over Arlington. why do we need more space dedicated to those activities?

The Overlook. If this feature does get incorporated, suggest additional uses for the structure as a whole, such as building active features at its base (fitness park, kids play area, etc.)

The artwalk and overlook take up a significant amount of space. It would probably be beautiful to look at, but not as functional for the neighborhood (other than cleaning the area of pollutants, of course).

Too busy. Not enough open space.

The overlook one my opinion isn't really necessary.

See my concern below in the "other" category. Any private/low visibility areas could be dangerous late at night.

N/a

Meadow Terrace

too many meandering paths and small common space

Seems like a lot of wasted space. Less people can enjoy it.

Forest Walk "my favorite"

The playground being on the exterior almost outside of the space and not included within it

may be too hidden for walking with bad actors hanging around.

Some of the images showed a very large art walk, but I think a narrower one that gives the feel of the being more in nature would be very calming, I know wider walkways might seem nice right now due to the pandemic, but they take space away from allowing for more vegetation

Please see previous comment about dogs urinating on everything. We can't forget defecating too.

Smaller lawn, art walk

The dog run

Less clear central circulation

The children's garden for daycare.

Single dog run is inferior to separate runs for large and small dogs.

Not sure the space is large enough to warrant an "overlook."

Streets going through and around the parks open to traffic.

Taking away more asphalt would be a plus!

Too much focus on seclusion and contemplation.

The overlook

Too many little spaces. Leave it the way it is and add your features on the Amazon construction area.

Looks like some sidewalks are missing from some streets.

not much functional area for playing or events

Small common/event area - limited open space - may feel crowded

The emphasis on meandering and focus on landscape may actually detract from this space's ability to act as a central, community space. One of the major drawbacks and community criticisms of the current design is that it feels like a walled-off, private open space for the benefit of the people who live in the Metropolitan Park development. The active uses will certainly help, but it is unclear whether it will be sufficient to combat the much maligned private feel.

Too closed off?

None.

Probably don't need too many "meeting niches" with furniture.

The trellis

The overlook

Shade trellis. The design you showed was open and would not offer much true shade. As a melanoma survivor, I value shady places, and that open trellis design would not offer true shade. Also, From a safety perspective, I worry about the secluded spaces where people could be mugged or attacked.

Too much pavement and hardscape. Not enough natural space that is appealing to the majority of residents. Too cut up and fragmented to serve as natural habitat. Too fragmented to offset the massive increase in the urban heat island effect from the surrounding pavement and buildings. Too fragmented to capture and retain stormwater runoff. Insufficient replanting of the +/- 120 existing mature trees that Amazon and JBG intend to kill. Like I said above, why bother? Just more of the same concrete jungle as the rest of Crystal/Pentagon City.

There may be better places to have a forest escape nearby, but also, with local residents and employees needs in mind there seems to be more passive areas

The Overlook

Children's Garden for Daycare

Don Run

Like all the features. Hard to pick something I didn't like.

I can't find any aspect of this design that wouldn't continue to draw me back. I live just a block away, am in my early 70s, and can imagine how much I will enjoy this space.

Not universally accessible (children, elderly), too many passive spaces

- too much tree canopy may compromise safety and security

The trellis, meadow lounge, and childrens garden

I am not sure if the design covered any water feature! that might be an important feature of natural space

Overlook, the Meander,

I like the features of this design. I wouldn't change the concept.

There is no art! You should plan to have art throughout the meander. Also the playground should be more central for kids to enjoy the other parts of the park without having to cross the street.

Meadow lounge and meadow terrace. How much would these get used if we have to socially distance?

That all urban ag appears to have disappeared. Urban ag is not limited to community gardens and orchards. There are a number of edible plants that can be incorporated into the landscape - particularly a forest.

I don't think there is enough open space in this design.

Less variety

Generally, its aesthetic is trying to cram quiet, intimate contemplative nature into a space that needs more activation. This scheme could wind up being so quiet and private feeling that few people will be drawn to it, which will make it an excellent homeless encampment. The oxbow art walk is a great place to go if you enjoy feeling creeped out by strangers walking towards you on a narrow walk with no alternate routes once you enter.

Hard to imagine the "overlook" would want to make sure it's safe.

Would prefer more dog areas too, one small area doesn't seem enough for the amount of dogs we have in this neighborhood.

Might need more space in the Meadow Lounge/Terrace for actual culinary space, but the nature is important to preserve the natural feel.

Could have more trees

Less social

The art walk.

playground

I don't know enough about any of these features to answer the question.

Overlook

I'm disappointed that this Commons is less than half the size of the social garden - because the community needs a large general space for events - I hope this space can be expanded a bit. And I also hope that this commons space can accommodate games when it's not used for events.

I find the Overlook, as depicted, to be a bit threatening (like a fortress wall) , but I like the idea of an overlook. Perhaps the design can be more inviting/natural/biophilic, etc.

I'm glad you could have a dog park - the design is great - and some will say that we have to have 2 dog parks - one for small, one for large dogs - any way this need can be incorporated into this design?

Finally, I'm concerned that this plan mentions narrowing/removing sidewalks - it's not clear to me exactly what is planned and why it's needed (sidewalks are GREAT).

- Central Green is smaller; fine when less crowded, perhaps problematic for events or pleasant evenings

- Currently this park gets heavy dog use...I foresee dog walkers using the central green

The total area is too small for a "forest walk".

if there is not sun with all tall buildings around

Seems too small of a location to pull off the meanderer in a meaningful way

2 dog runs

Just one dog space - should be more

Items 4 and 3 (the art walk and the overlook) take up too much room and do not provide engagement for enough people. Also the central green is too small especially as in the future there will be some social distancing required,

The overlook. I totally do not understand this concept. While described as an overlook verbally, the visual shows what appears to be another outdoor food court. Again — more nature, less trash.

The central green seems quite small. Only one small dog run, either bigger run or 2 dog runs for small and large dogs required as there's so little alternative in the area.

Too many dog parks

The Meadow Lounge and Meadow Terrace.

Not so natural

Lots of unusable space.

Too secluded

The meadow lounge and meadow terrace

Moving streets may face more challenges to realize the vision. But push forward!

Less useable area for community events. Combine children's playgrounds into one. Lack of furniture for seating, lounging, eating....

This is not a regional park for the city of Arlington. Therefore we should not try to replicate New York's Central Park here. This is more of a neighborhood plaza/park where people will come to see other people shopping/walking/engaging. I think the area should have less program, be more simple. Less is more. But what I think is going to deteriorate this park a lot is the segregation of the public space into 5 different parks. I believe the roads, specially E. Elm Stree, 12th Road S. and 14th Road S., dont bring any benefits to the circulation of the site, but are going to destroy the experience of having a large public space.

The Common space not being as large. Would be best if two smaller common areas could be created, rather than this one smaller one, or the one large one in the Social Gardens plan.

I'm okay with this. In a perfect world to me, there wouldn't be any children's spaces, since I don't need them, but I can compromise on this based off of the way this plan is set up.

The art walk. This plan represents a significant reduction in the size of the dog park from the current setup. The dog park should be bigger since it is the only dog park in the area and is heavily utilized.

Dog park way too small

That the majority of the trees are on the far side (I live in the other side of Eads).

As much as I love the concept of a lot of natural space, I wonder about security with a design like this. We are still in an urban environment and we have already had issues with the homeless in this neighborhood. I'm not sure everyone would feel safe to visit and make use of space like this at night.

Modern art

N/A

The dog park

The Meadow Lounge and Terrace

I love it all!

Kids play

Again it's a balance

May be harder to maintain in the changing seasons. Larger population will negate the peaceful benefits. It's not like you'll ever have the place to yourself.

Dog run

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The common green should be irregular in shape, not symmetrical as depicted. Size is ok, but unlike boat-shaped conference tables, which have a reason to have that shape, the proposed shape wastes space at the ends and seems not to fit the rest of the park design because of its regularity.

A stark omission in this design is the absence of any water features. Ponds can be a liability problem, and fountains are definitely not viable if they have to

be off half of the year. Both can take up valuable surface space and can present maintenance challenges. However, small footprint waterfalls and rock wall water cascades create sounds, smells and sights that have high biophilic value, use minimal energy and water, and can be embedded in structures to take advantage of the topographic contours in this design. I suggest at least considering 2 or 3 different water features of this type.

I have no kids, so a playground and daycare isn't that important to me, but I understand the need is there. Other than that, I really like this option.

trellis

Please, no dog parks. They are not "Needed". If you have to do a Dog Park, please put that closer to the Amazon or office buildings. Not near the residences. Dog owners can walk the extra 500-1000 feet to access them - but if you're a resident in an apartment with a window right outside of the dog park(s) - there's little you can do to avoid hearing all of the noise, or stepping on all of the feces - that will inevitably be generated by those improvements.

Some communal and/or picnic tables would help add to the space.

This is a neighborhood of families with very small children so a play area should reflect those needs as opposed to an area for older children that may not be used.

I'm concerned about the dog park. I have a dog and rarely use dog parks because of the owners. They don't always watch their dogs carefully and don't clean up everything. Could look junky quickly and turn into a dust pit.

the meadow terrace

In the age of pandemics a dog run and playground seem less important.

dog run and central green

Central green

It's still over-engineered like most Arlington projects, will therefore cost way more than needed.

Nothing

too much engineering, you don't need to encase every tree in a serpentine wall, just let things grow as nature intends. Yes, I love the High Line, but we

are not New York City. We can still have real nature, it also needs less maintenance, the less you build there. Focus on plants, nature, destressing from urban environment. thanks

not sure about the overlook. what does it overlook? does the overlook become a building, or is it sited on a "natural" hill. just not sure.

If i am interpreting correctly, the Trellis is a misguide attempt at urban architecture/art. A much more pastoral structure would have a calming effect on the space.

central green

I don't understand the need for the trellis, unless you are looking for shade or something less obtrusive -- if so I don't have a problem with it. I worry that the Art Walk will take up space that could better be use for plants.

10,2,9

The Trellis and the amount of open space in the middle. This will make the park significantly warmer in summer than if there were more trees. Some of the walkways, etc. could be made of pervious surfaces that reduce stormwater runoff while still being ADA compliant and more enjoyable for strolling.

I would not use the playgrounds or Dog run, but they are necessary.

I really like this design--something for everyone.

Eliminate Elm St and better connect the Central Green to the Meadow Lounge.

The Meadow Lounge, Discovery Playground, the Trellis

I like the art walk, but if there's one thing I would do without if something needed to go it is that. It's not that I don't appreciate the art aspect of it-- it just seems to harken back more to the pre-planned look sometimes, as opposed to a more natural experience. That said, I would enjoy it still.

Children's garden for day care

No Opinion

I really wish there was a water feature, like a waterfall possibly a smaller version of the one on Crystal Drive, or some fountains (like the ones at

Pentagon Row). Running water features are very soothing and calming, and can make the space feel more immersive.

Smaller lawn

Does not have food growing spaces.

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overlook

meadow terrace

dog run

lack of café

the art walk

Dog parks

It looks like visibility might be low - that could be a safety issue.

The art walk.

The art walk, not enough active recreation, too focused on contemplative areas

There's no cafe/coffee option.

Dog parks and children's garden

Only one dog run. No fitness garden

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If it's too open, it's like many other public city spaces.

That the space is so small.

perhaps it was just the drawings but the kids play areas looked much less cool/exciting. I think you could come up with a design that is more fun but also integrates with the natural landscape. maybe some rope bridges?

Discovery Playground

Can we get rid of most of the streets completely? IMO, they're not very useful right now. Getting rid of the middle sections of S. Fair and S. Elm would free up a ton of space and reduce noise. I know there are some parking garage entrances that would practically have to be retained.

That the lounge is by the daycare

lack of tables / furniture

See above answer!

Need a larger central space for community events - should make #6 a little larger but keep natural spaces

The Meander

The dog runs; the fact that there seems to be things that are not community features (e.g., the children's garden for the daycare).

Lack of community garden space

Dog run

4,7,8

Size--it would be great to find a way to make the sense of "forest oasis" a larger part of the overall design.

Less direct main route

small central green area, need more actively engaging space

none

Why can't Green Roofs be installed on the Amazon HQ buildings for employee lunch breaks or residential use (Sky lawn?) , green roofs really would not cost

much- particularly given the vertical size of the building. We need more green space in general in Pentagon City.

children's garden

In general I think this is a great plan

Generally, none. I think this meets many of the needs of the community while offering something highly unique that can be enjoyed in all seasons and all weather. Perhaps the central green might not be as expansive as the social garden's design, but I believe it looks to be designed in a way that the community activity events like movies, classes, casual use, and farmers markets can all still take place there. In my mind, this design is where we should be aiming to take the idea of parks for the future.

I like this design.

I'd like to see the Orchard concept worked into this one, as urban edible forests are taking off elsewhere around the country and would be a great opportunity to replicate here. I'd recommend replacing the Meadow Terrace or the Art Walk with the Orchard.

The features that I least like about the Forest Walk draft design are the lack of sustainability features. There is nothing talking about native plants, pollinator gardens, stormwater infrastructure, sustainable materials, waste management (during construction, and after). These are essential parts of designing for the future and I am confused as to why they are not the sole focus of the park.

It eliminates 20 parking spaces. Of course, that is not too bad, just a slight inconvenience.

Still too many different places that are too defined as to activities supported.

No garden?

I am not sure how the trees will grow. One half acre is a postage stamp effort in terms of the profits the developers will gain.

I don't have a strong opinion about the walk design. As long as there is a blend of efficient paths and meandering paths, I'm happy.

There is less functionality than in the social design but the space is well designed

Less interactive

Overall I don't want the space to be super quiet, need to make sure there's the right mix of activity. Also want to make sure the paths aren't too hidden for safety and security purposes and hopefully doesn't invite individuals who will sleep here at night, unfortunately.

none

Do we really need a dog run?

Same - see above for how both could be adjusted.

No negatives - this is the right balance of "nature" and community space.

too many paths for such a small space; too much hardscape. Will all walkways have pervious surfaces?

I am overall impressed by this design.

surroundng building footprints too large

Again, it is hard to judge them because the views of features are so limited.

I don't have any negatives on this approach.

Worried that narrow paths are no longer appropriate when we have to socially distance; that this design could be too gloomy in winter time; the lawn space is too small for the number of people who could potential use this park. Not so sure about the night time safety of the actual forest path walk either.

Will the shaded trellis be used that much of the year? I would want to avoid the "bandstand/stage/amphitheater" syndrome where these type of entertainment amenities are built in parks but not used much.

2-8

The Dog Run; The Central Green; the Children's Garden for Daycare; Discovery Playground

None

No features are acceptable

The dog run

Only one dog run. It's doesn't have the same "wow" factor as the other.

I guess I'd make the Central Green a little bigger relative to the foresty-part... At first I thought I liked the idea of Forest Walk better than open space, but thinking as a single woman walking alone, suddenly the forest walk looks a little scary...

Maybe, too many play grounds. There are quite a few in the area.

What doesn't work well:

Lost opportunity to connect and explore the forest for children and adults. It's one thing to be in a human-made environment with trees, it's another to feel more connected to that forest by not having walls and barriers.

The lack of direct or wider path to Elm St. I can foresee problems with the way in which the current pedestrians use it as a main foot traffic area.

Too many formal playgrounds. Instead of a 2nd formal playground, children should be encouraged to engage with nature – something which is seriously lacking in Arlington and especially in 22202. 22202 has the most playgrounds per capita than any other zipcode in Arlington. By having 2 formal play spaces when there are multiple formal playgrounds just a few streets away ends up duplicating amenities and loses the exploration that children (and adults) seek out and need. In fact what children in the community are often seen doing is going into the rain gardens, used for the storm water runoff from the many sport courts, to explore and play. They also pick up sticks in the small forested areas and hide behind and climb trees. Having more opportunities to explore within the forest walk rather than yet another dedicated play space would be advantageous. I suggest removing the second formal playground to add encouraging play elements within the forest walk where the forest and the play elements become more synonymous.

MetPark must have a second dog area for small dogs – one tiny dog run is simply not enough. The way that MetPark is used now is that the majority of the open space is for dogs to exercise. To reduce that down to one tiny dog run does a disservice to the prioritized needs of the immediate residents and the community.

This design lacks the flexible open space which is needed by the MetPark residents and the rest of community. There must be more open space than is allocated in the Forest Walk, but the social gardens may have too much.

The dog run.

Didn't love the images of the kids playground. Wish there were adult & kids swings :).

No place for bees!!!

The winding paths could be dangerous if not well lit and visible

none

As much as I love the forest walk, I also worry that it will not be sufficiently used, which would be a shame to waste such valuable space. I would strongly suggest blocking off the natural spaces less, and maybe instead of implementing art in the spaces (which I agree would look nice), it may be better to put in more interactive art or discovery elements so you can have the unmatched value of huge trees with both gardens and some level of activity beneath them.

PLEASE SHARE ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS THAT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN COVERED BELOW.

I really would be interested in seeing the plan for lighting in this area. People often walk or bring dogs out late at night and with the added furniture I'm worried about safety.

Every apartment building in the park area is dog friendly as are those apartment buildings in Crystal City. We need a large space for our pets.

There is NO water feature in either design. I would suggest in the Forest Walk design a water feature in the Meadow lounge area. It needs an enhancement and a artistic fountain would provide a more relaxing experience.

i'd love to hear more about how this BALANCES the urban concrete of the area. i know we talk about it as 'within' the amazon area, but taken as a whole - the more we can do to balance the urban density with natural wildness the better off I think we'll be socially, economically, physically, etc. thank you for your thoughtful work!

Need to consider what is planned for PenPlace, which also has a large event space planned. We cannot look at this park in isolation.

Love the forest walk concept, specially the wandering around and overlook. I can see this as a calm space where people walk and admire the art. Hopefully local art!

Special-purpose facilities--the Game Room, the fitness garden, etc--are unlikely to be used, it is better to focus on general-purpose areas. That's why we like the Forest Walk, it has less specialized spaces.

These are both great options with room for flexibility. I appreciate the video, it's useful and brings increased value to this process. With dog friendly work places and dogs living in residential buildings, the area cannot avoid becoming an incredible city dog park. The Forest Walk is highly reminiscent of the Shirlington Dog Park with its shaded and long winding design. The Meander will well serve walking park users and their leashed pets outside of the enclosed dog run. Please consider design concepts that incorporates widespread dog use that will mitigate/control overuse and tolerate exposure to dog use/waste.

I like that these concepts were two ends of the spectrum. Thank you for sharing that you hope to pick the best from each, rather than all of one or the other.

both concepts are great. it is nice to see a place for children, in crystal city there is nothing for kids. every time i walk through met park i see people with their dogs off leash so it will be nice for them to have a better place to go.

It was mentioned that people in Arlington hardly know about the park. Did you notice this is a SMALL stretch of grass and trees and benches, surrounded by high rises? Did you notice that on a nice day residents are lounging on the benches, and even on not the best of weather days, kids are out playing and dogs are outside running around and residents are socializing?

This is a small area, did you want to bring Arlington residents outside of this neighborhood vicinity here? where should they park? in which one of the visitor parking areas that have been taken away?

I'm guessing no one knows it's called "Met Park", and maybe that's why no one knew what and where it is. I've been a resident in the Gramercy building for 7 years, and I know it as the stretch of grass and beautiful trees outside my window view. There isn't a sign that says you've now stepped into the Met Park grass area. I, among other residents in these buildings utilize it mostly for lounging and enjoying the small green space. Keep in mind as you make plans for this space, that the residents here want to have a community feel. It's enough we're surrounded by all these high rises and dealing with construction during this time. When this is all done, we want to feel like we have a green space to relax and enjoy, not another congested area drawing in more traffic than what we already have, and what is coming in with Amazon. Keep in my mind this is a neighborhood space, and we can barely have a resident's visitor here find anywhere to park. Let's try to keep in mind there are thousands of residents right here in the apartment building surrounding this "Park".

If you can keep this in mind as you're coming up with plans so that nearby residents, and of course most importantly Amazon, can utilize this space without the added car and foot traffic here. Keep it simple. Keep it natural and let us enjoy this patch of green space in peace.

Please make this as pedestrian friendly as possible, plus spaces for bike racks. Will the Children's Garden connected to the daycare be open to the community when the daycare is closed?

My wife and I have walked past this the current park area since its construction was completed years ago. The trees along the south side of 13th Street are not maintained. I'm 5'11" and I cannot walk on the sidewalk without running into low hanging branches. For six months out of the year, it's very dark and not well lit.

I would have preferred a complete elimination of Elm street

n/a

so much of this will depend on execution (e.g. the final pieces of art), but the overall designs are exciting to envision. As a regular in and around Met Park, in its current form it's not a destination I necessarily choose, but I can see that changing with either of these approaches.

I would like to see an elevated pedestrian deck (like a short section of the High Line in New York) over the section of S Fair Street between 13th Street S and 12th Street S, with seating that would afford views over the whole park looking to the southeast towards the Amazon buildings. I can envision a wonderful vista with the buildings reflecting the afternoon sun.

The natural history of the area that your video relates is seriously flawed. The video states that, before Europeans arrived, the Coastal Plain was a meadow with wild flowers, while the Piedmont was forested. This is completely incorrect.

Before Europeans arrived, the Coastal Plain, the Falls Line and the Piedmont were forested. Native Americans created and maintained occasional clearings and meadows that enabled them to grow corn and other crops and that allowed wild plants that produced berries and other foods to flourish. There was no distinction between the Piedmont, the Falls Line and the Coastal Plain in this regard.

There was never any environmental distinction between the Coastal Plain, the Fall Line and the Piedmont except for geology and elevations. Please therefore check your sources of information. You need to do this, because your concept for Metropolitan Park is based on a faulty understanding of the natural history of the area.

The Forest Walk draft design is far superior to the Social Garden design. That is because it focuses on biophilic features and passive recreation, rather than on active recreation.

It is of great importance that all new parks in Arlington focus on biophilic features. Arlington's prior development has destroyed most of the area's natural features and replaced them with pavement, buildings, environmentally-unfriendly lawns and active recreational facilities. Amazon needs to reverse this process to the greatest extent possible.

There are presently very few meadow/pollinator habitats in Arlington County's parks because of this past absence of proper planning. In contrast, Arlington County has many street trees, many public lawns, many public areas devoted to active recreation and dog runs, an oversupply of paved plazas and excessively wide paved multiuse trails, and some woodlands (many of which are now disappearing).

As a result of all of this, populations of Arlington's native plants, butterflies and other pollinators, birds, reptiles and mammals have drastically fallen. Amazon urgently needs to help restore these populations, even if that requires the design of a new park that has very little pavement, no mowed lawns, no dog runs, and no active recreational features. Arlington's parks, including those

already existing and presently being planned in the area surrounding Metropolitan Park, already have more than enough of these. Amazon must not construct yet another one of these a public space that it is redesigning.

Metropolitan Park should have a balanced mix of meadows containing native plants that support pollinators , as well as woodlands with locally native trees and shrubs. It is especially important that the meadows contain large numbers of common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) plants. This is only species of milkweed native to Northern Virginia that supports monarch butterfly reproduction and that does die off or be crowded out by invasive plants within several years after it is planted. As many people know, the Monarch butterfly is one of the insect species whose populations have recently dropped to an alarming extent.

All trees and shrubs must be of species that support that support many species of butterflies and other insects. These insects provide food for native birds, whose population has fallen in Arlington.

The most beneficial trees include oak, tulip tree (*Liriodendron*), maple, native disease resistant elm cultivars, sassafras, viburnum, spicebush. To enhance the attractiveness of the Metropolitan Park, its arborists should select cultivars and species that produce brilliant fall foliage, such as sugar maple and tupelo (sour gum). Don't plant, gymnosperms (such as pine, fir, spruce and cedar), because these do not produce either fall foliage or food for the most locally threatened species of butterflies and other insects.

All paths should be both meandering and narrow. If they are wide and straight, speeding cyclists taking short cuts will destroy the park's benefits to all other users.

No paths should exceed ten feet in width. Pavement and wide paths are enemies of the natural environment. Wide paved streets and walkways are already far too plentiful in Crystal City and Pentagon City

All paths must have permeable surfaces to reduce stormwater runoff. Nearly all should be unpaved and covered with crushed rock. Only the main corridor should be paved; the materials used for the pavement should be highly permeable. The corridor should have varying elevations and many curves.

Avoid lawns and grassy congregation areas. They are among the worst and most prevalent features of Arlington's parks. Mowed grass supports few native insects or birds. Mowing is both costly and polluting.

Metropolitan Park should have no lawns. There are plenty of these in nearby parks and residential areas. There are more than enough of these in and near Crystal City to provide sufficient space for active recreation, children's play areas, performances, and other types of of entertainment.

Avoid paved plazas and meeting areas. There are more than enough of these in Crystal City and Pentagon City.

Trees, shrubs and vines that produce edible fruits and nuts attract many people to public spaces. Those species that are native help preserve

populations of native insects and birds. Some have flowers that are attractive to people and that support many native insect populations.

Therefore, plant edible and/or flowering native vines (such as seedless grape vines and flowering trumpet creepers) on all trellises that the park may contain. Plant trees and shrubs (such as paw-paw, serviceberry, plum and apple) that produce edible fruit and nuts within woodlands and near the edges of meadows. However, do not pave any areas that near these trees and shrubs (as unfortunately shown in illustrations of the "Orchard Table" in the Social Garden draft design.)

In summary: THINK BIOPHILIC. PLAN BIOPHILIC. DESIGN BIOPHILIC. CONSTRUCT BIOPHILIC.

Great design!

The dog runs are way too small. They need to be larger. Dogs need to be able to run and play chase and fetch. Additionally, there should be a dog area at each end of the park.

Really like forest walk

You guys are doing a great job. I love these guided online feedback surveys.

Why does East Elm Street need to exist? It seem superfluous and a waste of space that will unnecessarily cause additional congestion.

There are A LOT of dogs o. This area and something needs to be done to provide space for them to pee/---- and a space for people to sit in grass and kids to play.

Thank you for giving the neighborhood interesting options instead of just one large dog park. Our view from the apartment is now just a view of other buildings and it will be nice to look out over a more varied landscape.

I really like the theme of the Piedmont and Coastal plain, and the elements you've brought to the design concepts. I grew up in this area, and the most interesting spots around here are where the piedmont and coastal plain meet up at the fall line. This is where the grassy areas transition to rocks, where streams pool into wetlands, and where plant and animal life congregate. You folks are so talented - I wonder if you might consider a fall line element in the park that honors the transition from the piedmont to the coastal. Check out Great Falls park near us for inspiration. Perhaps add a jumble of rocks that during a rainfall sluices water from the upper forest area down into a meadow swale. On sunny days large flat rocks could serve as little gathering spots picnicking areas for groups of 2-4 people, each rock elevated a little differently

than the next, and positioned on the edge of the forest and lawn areas to serve as movie viewing spots. Thanks for your great work!

Please, please provide dog owners with one space (not two) for their dogs needs that remains separate from other general purpose areas of the park. As a dog owner, I am disturbed by the poor manners of some who (1) fail to clean up after their --- eliminates, and (2) who allow their animals free range, thus distressing other people who are not comfortable around animals.

We've already battled noise in the area with Amazon construction and in the open spaces (like the concrete area that says 'Let's Play' near the Verizon building). On the internal facebook page for my building there's an overwhelming consensus that music from festivals, cheering from marathons, etc. is not preferred. In other words, the quieter the better. We all need a break from the noise during our weekends. I truly hope the intention of the park isn't to create more noise that will reverberate off buildings and drive us out of the area.

I am local resident and also work in this area. I can see this space from my residence and I walk through the current Met Park daily. While the current open space is nice and local residents do utilize it (especially on a nice day or to escape home isolation during COVID-19 shutdown), it is not very inviting or inspired. The art objects anchoring each end also lack any excitement, I never see anyone inspecting them or taking pictures. One aspect I liked recently was visits from local Food trucks. On a nice day, with people letting there dogs play, and residents congregating around a local eatery truck, it felt much more like a community. My final comment is the car traffic is unnecessary and a nuisance to park goers, I have almost been run over many times by drivers speeding through Elm and 14th street as a shortcut. Perhaps one-way directional traffic flows, calming devices or making the roads less direct would help (not sure if this is feasible based on current project limits but thought I would share). Overall I think the designs have incorporated community feedback and attempt to strike a good balance. I feel adding more trees and wildlife to this part of Arlington will go a long way to improving this park. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

I think overall aspects of both concepts improve on what exists now. However, a big area they take a step back are in traversing from one side of the park to another. Met Park sits in the middle of Pentagon City and many neighbors use it for transit. Right now, the open lawn allows for a fairly direct path, though over the green (leading to it become in bad condition). These concepts though, with their meandering paths, make things even harder.

I think reducing parking and moving Elm street are great, though I get concerned when I hear about reducing sidewalk width and believe that would need to be more fully justified.

Previous discussions have been about potential use of space for a farmers market, and so I would like to see that and other potential regular uses visualized in the next phase.

I hope a final proposal would show how different times of the day/sun would impact park use.

There is nothing about Bike use in the presentation or concepts, which is disappointing.

It would be good for a final concept to incorporate fully protective awnings or other mechanisms to provide for shelter from sun and rain at some place in the park.

PLEASE ASSURE THE PLAYGROUND FOR THE DAYCARE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WHEN THE DAYCARE IS CLOSED. SHOULD NOT BE USED AS CUT THROUGH FOR TRAFFIC. USE LOW LIGHT FEATURE TO NOT DISRUPT BIRD SLEEPING AND MAKE MORE OF A DARK SKY ENVIRONMENT. SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE 24/7. MAKE ALL THE AREAS KID FRIENDLY, NO ISSUE WITH KIDS CLIMBING RUNNING ON /OFF PATHS ON ART ETC.

Any plan should consider the impact of noise on the residents in the adjacent apartment buildings. This park is in their backyard; if it's not well-planned it will seem like it's in their living room!

I don't see the point of having the Elm Street Promenade, with all the small streets around the area.

I don't like the idea that the current park space has been overrun by dog owners letting their creatures defecate and urinate in the lawn. It basically makes the lawn unusable by other residents. This needs to be stopped.

Probably too late, but 13 and 14 st and elm serve little purpose. It would make more sense to enlarge the surrounding streets 12 and 15, Fern and Eads and eliminate all automobiles in the park

Generally like the Social Gardens plan and layout. The addition of the height within the space and the landscape that the Overlook provides would be a better use than the Fitness Garden. Look at saving and relocating the existing public art in the space and add elements of public art into the Social Gardens plan. Maybe look to have an artist in residence that can change out elements of public art over time and that can foster community and social activities through art classes, workshops, demonstrations. Consider having dedicated staff (Ambassadors) to support the use of this open space and the "rooms" shown in the plan to enhance the Social side of the social gardens plan. This

staffing should supported by Amazon or the BID with cooperation of the County.

either way it would be great to reduce the surface area of streets and parking. generally on board with grade changes.

Thanks for considering the natural context of our area, and the rare chance to give residents a feeling for our wonderful natural heritage (particularly in the Forest Walk proposal).

Are there any water features like ponds or fountains?

You mentioned gateway. I don't get a sense that any of the streets create an inviting gateway... on 14th or S. Elm. This park should feel like a public park, not someone's grandiose backyard.

This is a personal interest of mine-- it would be amazing to see how wildlife (birds) would be welcomed here. For example, could there be a purple martin birdhouse? A home for bats, too?

Will there be public and accessible restrooms... other than the grocery store? (If a building can be a host, then okay).

I am still wondering about lighting and after dark uses-- how will the space remain safe and functional?

Thank you!

No permanent water features?

The art should be planned in conjunction with the garden design although it will go through a separate procurement process. Integrity of art with the garden design - be it for the materials used, shape, form, color- is critical to the success of the project. For the next vote, we would like to see the design along with the art!

I think that this park can be a great benefit to Arlington and a great example of the collaborative relationship between it and Amazon. I've done some PR work in my time, and opportunities like this can go along way in growing positive relationships between a company and the community in which it chooses to live. Well done.

Please incorporate urban agriculture design elements into the final design. Growing healthy, hyper local food to be distributed across the community's food banks/pantries is vital to maintaining a modern, progressive and sustainable neighborhood.

I think a mix of both concepts would be best.

Interactive water features would be a great addition in common spaces

Forest Walk is my favorite. I'm considering the maintenance and danger of an orchard as well as the low-level fabricated gardens. I'd rather a higher cost with development to stave the maintenance costs and ability to look beautiful naturally with low maintenance in the future.

Some of us are concerned that at night these areas would become homeless person shelters. Are there plans to prevent this or build an area for them to be able to congregate away from the park?

We need edible garden areas as part of the community gardening project.

It needs to be multi-use. So keeping the open green is important. Also, the demographic is changing and there are a lot of young kids in the neighborhood now. PLEASE keep kid friendly areas so parents can enjoy being out with their kids!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Choose Everything about Forest Wall. No Need for Dogs or children with all the local traffic. People don't clean up after animals as they should regardless what they may say. Lived in area over 40 yrs and dog owners are getting worse.

Is it necessary to keep all of those existing roads? I know some are necessary for the building delivery areas, but if possible I think it would be nice to have less areas for cars to drive through the park. Also I think there should be an emphasis on using native plants, and maybe creating extra space for wildlife, like adding some birdhouses or a bird bath to attract birds and give them places to nest and drink.

I would love the outdoor café idea!

I don't hate any of it. There's nothing here that would actually make me upset, and even the design I like the least would encourage me to use the space.

Traffic should be away from the park so that people in the park are not aware of cars. There should not be streets open to traffic around the park, and people should not have to cross streets open to traffic within the park.

The Forest Walk design more clearly aligns with biophilic design principles and could provide a restorative urban refuge in a densely populated part of the county. Active recreation is already provided at nearby Virginia Highlands Park and Long Bridge Park, and it would be a shame to waste the opportunity to design an exceptional, nature-based casual use space by chopping it up with so many specific uses as in the Social Garden design. Thanks for providing the online public engagement.

The functional and active layout of the social garden design is better suited for how urban and small this area is. There are other options in Arlington or elsewhere for more immersive natural experiences outside of tight urban areas.

It is appalling that Amazon is going to destroy the existing park during construction.

Is there a public restroom? I may have missed it. But this is absolutely critical for public safety. Communities must provide clean and safe places for residents and visitors to wash their hands and refresh.

Preserving tree canopy and giving quiet spaces to people in large noisy buildings is a priority. You could still have a chess table or two, or a bocce court, but the over the top "gaming" just feeds into the attitude that we need to be entertained. Also, there is more room for community involvement in a place where you might be able to volunteer to trim gardens or educate kids on plants.

For a fitness area there should be things like a pull-up bar, inclined sit-up bench, etc.

It's clear to see that Amazon and JBG don't have any appreciation for nature and the tremendous damage that they are inflicting by adding some much heat-trapping pavement and monolithic buildings. Crystal/Pentagon City is already wall to wall concrete with a horrific ground-level ozone problem -- a thoroughly unpleasant environment for any living thing. Beyond being uninspired and looking like jigsaw puzzles on steroids, there is WAY TOO MUCH pavement and hardscape for anything called a "park." Amazon and JBG intend to kill 120 existing mature trees on the site. What is on offer doesn't come close to replacement of that natural resource. Not now and not 50 years from now. There is inadequate natural, truly green space, which is what most residents have requested. The pathetic postage stamps of fragmented green space are too cut up and fragmented to serve as natural habitat. Too fragmented to offset the massive increase in the urban heat island effect from

the surrounding pavement and buildings. Too fragmented to capture and retain stormwater runoff. As I've said, why bother? And why would anyone in his/her right mind want to spend 10 minutes in this space?

The space has natural boundaries to cater to the needs of the variety of demographics. Keep that in mind and nearby venues. What's missing in the area? A quiet nature walk among trees, modern multi purpose --- playground and an outdoor movie venue....but also water features and places to cool off in the summer.

The reason I don't like things like the Orchard Table is the maintenance...I don't know how the area can be kept reasonably clean. I think the County has enough dog runs; I'm not sure why two or even one are needed in a sheltered space. I'm not that supportive of the Commons area because I think there are quite a few open spaces in DC and VA where crowds gather already; I believe the County needs, more than anything, to offset the increasing amounts of concrete and CO2 with green, leafy/shady, oases; quiet spots where people can think, read, and revel in nature - that is so powerful and needed in the midst of an urban area. And boy, are we urban now! Thank you for considering my and other citizens' views in the development of Met Park (I, too, did not know it existed - and I've lived here 20 + years.)

The social gardens concept just seems too busy and crowded. I like the way the forest walk concept breaks crowds up into smaller units.

Thanks to all involved for engaging an experienced landscape design firm, for soliciting community input, for listening closely, and for presenting two very distinctive alternatives.

please include natural water feature like bioswale or rain garden

I would like the design to include water features for the forest walk or social garden. In general, the design seems very exciting!

I want features of both designs incorporated into one.

Less grey concrete (in the form of wide paved sidewalks, plazas, etc.).

More large canopy native shade trees

Smaller space for dog run.

No space for private restaurants - benches for reflection/picnics.

Art should be throughout.

Thanks for a great job in dreaming up such beautiful choices. I would suggest making revisions that envision being able to use the space even if we have to socially distance. Maybe fewer benches/chairs(?). Thx.

The idea of outdoor theatres are a bad idea for the thousands of residents who live in the apartments facing the park. This is our home, we have young kids and older people. The idea of running concerts, movies into the evening hours etc will disturb people trying to get their children in bed, people who work etc. in situations like this there is always liter, beer cans and trash all over the place, people will stay loiter in the park afterwards, plus having up to 1000 people exiting elm street and walking by first floor apartments late at night is bound to cause problems. Cabs pulling up on elm street to pick up these people are going to block access to the Gramercy's lobby and garage area creating problems and probably increasing crime for the tenants. The county board only concerned with bringing amazon into a residential area, needs to think about the needs of their tax paying residents for a change, we're having to endure a lot here with the construction, but future higher rents, massive traffic congestion is bad enough but to even consider putting in outdoor theatres in a quiet high rent residential area is idiotic.

The illustrative renderings and supporting images were excellent! The structure of the survey was also very well considered.

I like the idea of "wondering" paths, but do worry if there are too many "hidden spots" that safety could be concern if people are hiding. Just thinking to make sure the view is wide open along the paths.

The more natural the better

Bike parking close by

Bike share station

Great designs. Looking forward to seeing the final version.

For the benefit of our social and mental health there will always be a need for natural green spaces, but our chosen

way of life and the impacts thereof mean that just being outdoors will become increasingly hazardous to our health

in the future. How will park design adapt to excessive heat and fierce winds &c.?

I truly can't fathom adding more road for cars in this project at the expensive of park areas.

I happen to like the big grassy area in the middle like it is now. I wouldn't mind more seating or greenery or sit outside culinary. I don't like that it seems to be a busier place to come. It is relaxing now.

Lighting - especially for Forest Walk. I hope that the final plan incorporates beautiful, creative, and effective lighting throughout the site to increase safety for all users after dark.

Pathway surfaces - are all proposed surfaces smooth, sufficiently wide, and easily navigable for all users - and allow lots of space to move in both directions?

Connections to other green spaces in 22202: I didn't see these described in the video, altho the need was mentioned. What are the plans for connections and wayfinding?

PUDO: How will the need for PUDO spaces be accommodated in both plans; how will safety be maintained?

Finally, THANKS for giving us a great way to learn about updated plans and give you feedback! Great job! Even Luddites like me could easily follow the links, watch the video (pausing as necessary) and complete the online feedback. THANKS for keeping us in the loop. I look forward to the next stage.

Thank you in advance for your skills and knowledge. Details matter; plantings need to be periodically re-thought, but trees mature slowly. The CommonSpace app makes it easier to evaluate how well people use the space (or not). Weather here can yo-yo often, I can't stress enough the long hot summers. The best designs are ones that have something to offer all year round. Plan some flexibility, I've seen people misuse public spaces but...you already know that.

leave in Arlington for 30 years - we need something we can enjoy with natural green and Arlington native plants

What kind of outdoor cafes and high quality restaurants will be incorporated? How about culinary events? How will the community garden be used and managed? How will retail be incorporated into the park?

How about water? This would add calming effect

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We've managed without that section of Elm street for ages, do we really need it now? Can't we manage without and have a larger park without another road running through it.

I don't see the purpose of streets there except for emergency services. All those buildings have street access from the other sides. Cars really are a drag on the parks

As residents of one of the apartment buildings at the site, we want it to feel like it is a back yard - a space where we can take our son outside to run and play, as well as space where we can relax on the grass and soak up the fresh air.

The less concrete and the more plants and grass, the better. A milkweed garden would be terrific. However, where there are pathways, we hope it will not be problematic if children ride scooters and small bikes.

Concerning the Forest Walk, which is lovely, will it cut off sight lines that could make individuals more vulnerable to crime?

There is limited space and you have a lot going on in that space. You may want to narrow your ideas down a bit. Also the drainage in the current park is awful right now. It's so muddy that it keeps people away

Please remember that we all love dogs and there are so many for this small area. The smell of dog urine is already overwhelming much of the year. Anything you can do to help that situation will be appreciated. Thank you.

We already have large, open spaces. We need spaces that engage nature, but allow humans to be present. I love the forest wall vision.

I believe both schemes are nice and well thought. However, I don't understand why the park is broken into 5 different parks. The roads that separate these 5 little pieces don't seem to add anything to vehicular circulation, especially in a place where walkability is supposed to be promoted. I believe that the removal of E. Elm Street, 12th Road S. and 14th Road S., will provide a much higher quality of public space than any other landscape design.

Please consider the shade the surrounding buildings will throw during the hours most people will want to be in the park areas (likely mid-afternoon for tables/space to eat, and open park/fitness/dog/child areas in the late afternoon/early evening hours).

Both plans represent a significant reduction in the size of the dog park from the current setup. The dog park should be much bigger since it is the only dog park in the area and is heavily utilized.

You're taking the only available dog park in the area and shrinking it massively in both configurations. Having space for dogs is key especially as density increases.

I appreciate how many different uses you have considered and included in these designs.

I love the swings and hammocks, furniture to relax and meditate on

we loved the Forest Walk design the best

Be sure to use native trees and a large variety for sustainability, beauty and natural habitat. Last thing we want is for some type of blight or bug to wipe out trees.

I moved here because I don't drive... So suffice it to say I'm willing to give up green space in order to have more conveniences like restaurants eateries farmers markets... And easy accessibility to these things.

The Promenade should be elevated just like The Highline in NYC! Think of the grand statement that would have; plus additional space for play/art/kids/dogs underneath the elevated portion would be available. Net density would increase.

Many residents have dogs and do take them out dogs to the park everyday. We would definitely want a fenced park where we could walk them and play.

It's important to have both, a place for our dogs to relieve themselves, and a place for our dogs to play. The current park has both and it's important.

It's hard to imagine either concept being fully executed based on the current space

I would need to know which facilities and features are already present in the area. Do we really need more dog runs? Will the neighborhood residents use features like the movie space? (Perhaps we could judge by attendance at another space such as the Rosslyn Gateway park.) I really like the notion of creating a meadow with native plants - that could transform the area.

The more features from the social option this contains, the less it is distinct, the less it differentiates itself from other parks and playgrounds in the area, and the less it will provide the biophilic benefits that are needed in the canyonland of Crystal City.

Read my lips; No New Dog Parks.

I think it's incredibly important to consider this space in the context of what else is already in the neighborhood. We are very fortunate to have a various sports and fitness areas at Virginia Highlands Park and Long Bridge Park nearby. We also have a lot of eateries in a 2-block radius, including at the mall. What's missing in this neighborhood of high-rises and retail are more contemplative areas that are accessible for different age groups (keeping in mind senior living communities nearby) and organic play areas.

Please help grow trees in Arlington. Our county is losing mature hardwood trees so quickly. It seems like many people on the Arlington Council are climate change deniers. We need to do so much more.

Please replace the high canopy trees that are being removed so Amazon can use the space during the construction phase. We need high canopy trees for shade and for the little wildlife we still have in such an urban space. During these tough times, we need open, passive green spaces for contemplation. Please don't take that idea out of the design. It's as important as a dog run and playground. We all need a place where we can try to relieve the stresses of today. Green spaces go a long way in promoting better physical and mental health.

Construction of the park has to involve minimizing removal of existing canopy trees for whatever reasons. Grown trees are irreplaceable in the short term.

New trees should be those that grow tall and large, not lollipops! Minimize impervious surfaces, zero runoff should be the goal.

Overall, I prefer the Forest design, but I like the children's areas in the Social Garden design, especially as it is near so many apartment buildings and a daycare.

Crystal City (or whatever you call it now) already has too much concrete and buildings. It needs more large trees to provide healthy oxygen.

I don't know why you are eliminating parking space around the perimeter. Please stop pretending that we are not extremely car-centric, even in this very dense neighborhood. I go to Crystal City to shop, public transit is not set up to allow daytime shopping from nearby Columbia Pike and Lyon Park. So don't take all the parking away, and stop decreasing the approved parking ratios for all the new buildings, esp residential ones. unless you add a new subway stop or more daytime bus frequency

persimmon color is beautiful, but they are messy underneath.

Nature play, loose parts for building, shade trees, edibles, native plants, habitat, places to sit are all important

Thank you.

Preservation of existing mature tree canopy appears to be totally ignored - gross miscalculation and missed opportunity!

Both designs have a lot to offer; I am most attracted to many trees in a natural setting, so the Forest Walk is my preference. I think we need as much nature (the more natural the better) as we can get. Love the idea of adding art, and providing some flexible community spaces.

Please retain a focus on trees and a natural approach to the space. We need as much of a tree canopy as possible in this area. Thank you.

I think taking into account the surrounding areas, the opportunity to maximize green, shaded space is crucial for the set of buildings here. Whether you're a -- owner, a young family, or an older resident, the green-focused design can create a much needed escape within the concrete jungle that National Landing has become.

Need as much green and trees as possible. Limit concrete areas and make the space unattractive to cyclists who ruin other parks but racing thru them. I'm a

cyclist. But I want parks. Tired of being run over in other parks. Design so cyclists aren't attracted. Thanks.

I live on the east side of Rt. 1 and frankly I don't give a ---- about this.

Please consider adding some sort of water feature, preferably with fountains (or falling water like the Crystal Drive fountains). The water feature might be nice embedded within the Art Walk.

Please do all possible to keep this natural. It is a shame that trees are coming down to support Amazon's 'staging area.' Nature is always sacrificed and we need to make this park as natural as possible and keep a robust tree canopy.

I see this as a unique opportunity to cultivate urban agriculture features at what will assuredly be a transformative space for Arlington. I would like to see some of this space used to produce food. The current pandemic has shown the importance of a diverse and resilient local food system. Met Park can be part of that system. We should not miss this opportunity to incorporate urban agriculture features using these 5 functional design concepts:

Beautiful Biophilia: Urban agriculture features should seamlessly complement the surrounding built and greenway environs, creating a focal point of art, culture, nature in public gathering spaces.

Sustainable Production: 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.

Maximize the Margins: In addition to a centralized growing site, Metropolitan Park offers novel opportunities to leverage both the common and peripheral spaces: tree canopies brimming with apples, peaches, pears, and figs offer food and shade to the linear parks and sidewalks; uniquely curated vining crops augment the shapes and textures of installed public art works.

Common Ground: Agricultural installations can offer visitors, residents, and employees a unique perspective of how urban agriculture enhances Arlington's sense of place and community.

Learning Laboratory: With an education-forward approach, the growing sites can invoke curiosity to experience agriculture and offer students - of all ages -

the opportunity to expand their knowledge, and experiment with novel growing techniques in a changing climate.

You really need an introductory paragraph explaining where the park is, timing and the process to set the stage for the project.

Development in Arlington has resulted in loss of MANY mature, healthy old trees that cannot be replaced. My preference is to have as many trees, for their environmental benefit and beauty, as possible, in any redevelopment plan.

A larger and more diverse population will make use of a design that has flexible, open space. I suspect the art walk space will be used by a much small amount.

Bottom line is I don't live near this park and don't envision ever using it. This is for the people who live or work within a mile or two

I would like to see some hammocks or hanging basket chairs in the park.

Much prefer the general elements and scheme of the Forest Walk design

You need to plan for COVID--it's here for years.

Need to be prioritizing areas that people can properly physically distance themselves due to continued COVID19 issues.

What's the point of cutting through Elm? Even more traffic in a park isn't smart.

It's awesome that this is being explored and that you're taking community opinions into account - thank you!!

I would like a working urban garden where people can see food being grown, gardening classes and activities can take place.

Please include edible gardens and space for community members to grow vegetables.

Please include Livability 22202 in your deliberations

Safety is paramount

Love the forested concept, as this part of Arlington is in desperate need of more trees/plantings to foil the concrete jungle feel of Crystal City. I think a mix

of the two will work, with a main promenade for socializing/moving through the space with pockets of distinct moments scattered throughout park to allow contemplation and enjoyment of nature. Also please keep an urban ag element, as this is an important part of Arlington's community.

There is no way any money should be spent on encouraging large gatherings of people or children.

My only concern is that this is really a very tiny space and you are trying to fit a lot into it. Also, as someone who works in the area but drives to and from the area each day, sometimes I like to be able to stop by the UPS store or other businesses. There needs to be a variety of parking in the area, from 10 minute quick drop off parking to 1 hour and 2 hour spots so that these businesses can continue to thrive. There is nowhere near enough parking in the area now, and if this park is truly an attraction people from near by neighborhoods will likely be incented to drive there, so keep that in mind.

So are we making up for narrow sidewalks/lack of ability to have patio eating at existing restaurants by converting this public space to serve those appropriate needs. I don't know if this is good for the county to make up for past decisions, or bad for the county because it could be responsible for the maintenance costs of an expensive public space to be maintained.

All I can do is emphasize how much my partner and I dislike the social garden FOR THIS SITE. I'm sure it would be lovely elsewhere, but there's plenty of activity around here already without that craziness.

Arlington desperately needs trees so please don't let these designs be taken over by hardscaping and dog runs

If there is any way to incorporate hammock stands, or something similar in the design that is being pursued I would definitely appreciate it. Many of the parks lack sturdy trees or trees close enough for me to set up my hammock and it is one of my favorite activities in the Spring and Summer seasons. Thank you!

Urban agriculture! Community gardens producing food.

These designs are obviously thoughtful of the many community uses. Thanks for your work on these!

I know there are lots of people who want to exercise, let their dogs loose, sit out in the sun eating with friends, but opportunities for all these activities already exist in the area. There is no place for a bit of wooded quiet space except a three block private neighborhood off of South Glebe. Please go with the Forest plan.

I would urge the developers to infuse sustainability into every park of the park possible and ensure that it is built, maintained, and professes sustainability.

A general thought and experience with maintenance of parks in Arlington: The proposed area of the park is a heat island, and this requires several things: canopy trees (deciduous) that will offer shade during hot weather and sunlight during cold weather; design of walkways that correctly takes into account the requirements of tree root systems for the long term; plantings around trees that discourage human or canine foot traffic. To ensure the long life of trees in the park, they must be properly maintained: watered when first planted and whenever afterward the rain is not sufficient and the heat extreme; properly pruned as needed (not butchered); and their root systems protected from compaction--by machinery (including mowers) or foot traffic. Arlington County spends great amounts on planting trees around the County, but the maintenance is abysmal, and many of the trees die in the first few years. Either they are killed by lack of water or abusive mowing techniques. That's why avoiding turf around trees is the best solution.

The county must work to create a comprehensive county park and free plan which would increase tree- lines streets, the presence of healthy trees, parks in neighborhood, funding for parks, native plantings, in effect a culture of tree preservation in the county.

The dogs don't need 2 areas, there aren't that many dogs in the surrounding apartments. Personally I would never take my dog to a dog park because so many owners have failed to adequately train their dogs and there's a high risk of aggression.

I believe the biggest priority should be forest/tree canopy with fast growing large trees to give shade and canopy to this building-heavy development.

Maybe look into adding a water feature. What is the current demographics of the area? Do we have a lot children, or young professionals? Elderly? Hopefully a mix of all three so we can make sure the space addresses all ages vs gearing it toward young professionals only. We live in a busy environment, so having a mix of a space for contemplation and a bit of activity would work well vs just going in one direction.

I truly hope the designers think a bit more macro scale with other connections to the area - metro, pentagon city mall, the long bridge and crystal city parks.

Too much valuable space for playgrounds in an adult area (restaurants, offices and bars).

This is an opportunity for Arlington to "walk the talk" on its biophilic commitment. It's not clear whether there is a robust commitment to native plants. Turfgrass spaces are both sterile and non-native. Unclear about the

emphasis on pervious surface. The new buildings should be designed explicitly to tie in to a biophilic park so that there is a holistic approach that helps model for future development.

I'm not sure why "ornamental" and "natural" are either/or--is this a design description or a species choice description? I would hope that "ornamental" plantings would consist of native species. If so, then my chosen balance for "ornamental" would increase. I think it's very important to have enough large trees for the site to be useful for nesting birds.

Ornamental flower beds, lawns, and lots of hard-surface areas are overdone in public parks and work against the overall health of the environment. Native plantings (perennials and shrubs) and less lawn will better support local wildlife. The point of the park is to be an oasis in the city, not just another public event space and dog run.

More native plants everywhere!

maximize natural space

Met park needs to be not just a better park, but a better-working park. For that reason, your approach to melding the two options, rather than doing one or the other, seems appropriate to me. I would hope that in doing the melding you would be practical (for example, gating the dog park(s) so owners will use them to let the dogs off-leash); minimize the hard surfaces, which there appears to be a great deal of in both options; and not use examples if they are not almost certain to be achievable, such as the "Paley Park" once suggested for another site.

the more space for trees and nature, the better

Whichever direction you go in, please reduce street size and parking in this space as much as possible/practical. I know businesses need space to load and unload and there has to be SOME sort of road network. But the less the better!

Thank you for asking for feedback and putting together such beautiful designs!

Thank you for your wonderful ideas so far. Keep going!

Shelter from cold winds that funnel up the many street entrances would make this park more useable in winter. In winter it is hard to find a nice place to be able to sit outside. Blend the planting ideas to encourage nature and wildlife to the park - bees, butterflies and birds. AS well as the sound of the wind in the

leaves, and birds, is it possible to get the sound of water???? Maybe a hidden waterfall!

I appreciate the presentation of two concepts. Either one would provide a great new park to this part of Arlington.

Is the square footage for the day care play area adequate? Also, can an arrangement be made for having it open during day care off hours? The playground over near the Crystal City workout park has such

Finally, dog runs are needed here but I am sure that you will design them to blend in to the park and be hidden partially by fences and plantings. The dog runs in New York city such as Madison Square appear to do this.

I strongly prefer the Forest Walk as compared to the Social Garden. To counteract the overall adverse environmental impacts that the Amazon project and other development projects will create in Crystal City, the public needs to be as "biophilic" as possible. There should be more trees and pollinator meadows (with Common Milkweed for Monarch Butterflies) than either of the two concepts show.

The dog runs, central meadow, playground, meeting areas should be removed from the park's plans. There should be only one paved trail, which should meander and be no wider than 10 feet. All other trails should be crushed rock or wood-planked. A vegetated water garden is needed to reduce stormwater run-off.

Any trellises should contain flowering vines or vines that produce edible fruit (such as seedless grape vines). The park should contain an orchard or other feature that produces edible fruit. However, that feature should be surrounded by natural areas and only accessible by an unpaved path. The feature should not be adjacent to a paved seating area or paved path.

A number of nearby parks, such as Long Bridge Park and the planned Crystal House Public Space (only two blocks away from Metropolitan Park) now and will provide a sufficient number of dog runs, playgrounds, lawns, athletic facilities, etc. to completely satisfy community needs. In contrast, there are no nearby parks that primarily contain biophilic elements, such as woodlands and pollinator meadows. Amazon therefore needs to provide this type of park as part of its Metropolitan Park project.

Would like more emphasis on the park as a resource for the entire County and not just the neighborhood

I and others demand an immediate moratorium on New Urbanism / Smart Growth development and redevelopment.

It would be really nice to have one trail/walking path someplace only people could walk; where bikes, trikes, scooters, and pets were banned. It's hard for

us oldsters to feel safe exercising when we're always being overtaken (especially from the rear) by something often stronger and moving faster than us.

Emphasis on the word "generally" above. I'm not good at visualizing these things ahead of time. But I appreciate you asking, nonetheless.

Both designs seem creative & well thought out. It will be exciting to see the space transition into inviting public space.

I really wish that water was incorporated somehow. It's disappointing that there is no water element whatsoever nor any features which would be nice for in the evenings and include light or fire, when most people have free time to enjoy the space and it's dark in MetPark because of the shade and the early winter evening hours. Not everyone needs to use this space on a beautiful sunny Saturday. It should be comfortable during the colder months and a respite during the hotter/unbearable months of the summer.

Swings! :). I lean more on the side of calming and peaceful than busy and crowded. I like the idea of topographical diversity. I think water features would be great too, like fountains, waterfalls, or lagoons (perhaps use the Chicago world's fair lagoon for inspiration). Make it a place that's unique from the other parks/public spaces in the area. Maybe an interactive art piece, like a giant sculpture that spins or pieces you can take photos with.

I really think that there needs to be a space set aside to support pollinator initiatives and urban gardening. Especially in light of the economic devastation from COVID, people need to re-learn how to grow their own food in an urban setting. This is a huge social justice issue that is not being addressed by this plan. Arlington County has some great Urban Gardening initiatives through its Extension Office. Why not make this plan fit in Closer collaboration/cohesion with those other Arlington initiatives already well underway? The need for urban gardening education is great! Let this space support the needs of the community!

There are already play spaces for children and dogs at the Aurora Highlands Park. This area should offer something different.

I'd like to make sure we stay focused on how this will work as part of the entire area, which is the focus of the Livability 22202 work. So in particular not feeling like we have to address every area need in this one space given we have other parks in the area.

By the same token, if there are certain design elements that can be incorporated at Met Park that could be echoed in other public spaces in Crystal City and Pentagon City, it could help bring a sense of cohesion to the area.

Finally, I recognize most people have their cause or interest that they would like to see implemented. As you continue to refine this design, please do your best to prioritize the needs of those who will actually use this park the most - the residents immediately around it, and the area employees who will hopefully use it often.

GENERALLY, CAN YOU ENVISION THESE CONCEPTS AS PART OF A FUTURE METROPOLITAN PARK?

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