

## Met Park Public Space Final Draft Design (119 Submissions)

### Share Your Thoughts on the Met Park Public Space Final Draft Design

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What do you like most about the elements that excite you?

Please respond in 200 words or less.

Love the nature and relationship to Virginia biome

I completely oppose this and other New Urbanist so-called "Planning" that provides spaces that are completely inadequate for the residents / employees of infilled residential and commercial infrastructure, forcing residents to use streets and sidewalks for recreation and/or commute miles to outdoor sports facilities.

The mix of feelings and uses.

The topography elements seem likely to produce the most interesting aspect of the space . . . the illusion of greater size. With the park plopped into the midst of large buildings on all sides, that will be important.

It does look like a refuge and a meeting place. We will have our own tiny version of Central Park's "ramble" and interesting spaces throughout. The newly presented street scapes getting there are fantastic.

Interesting possibilities with the varied topography and very pleased with the variety of plant options suggested.

Obviously a lot of work and a good deal of imagination have gone into this effort.

Topography: This will provide a nice variation to common urban areas. It gets away from a flat space and provides something new to our area.

Flora diversity, topographic contours

Planting strategy that will attract pollinators. Topography that adds interest and beauty. Furniture that won't rattle and need replacing every year or every other year. Sustainability elements.

Very good balance of community preferences. It will be a lovely, usable addition to the neighborhood park system and hopefully good wayfinding will direct people into the space given it's cloistered location. Great job herding cats!

I like the walkway with multiple alcoves etc for small social interactions. I do like the central green, and I think the big table is a great idea. I hope there is WiFi there for all the teleworkers. I'm glad there is a dog run. I'm glad there is not too much program, and happy that fitness areas are not included.

Trees

- Really happy that the design included the community table. For everyday use, I think it will function very well.

- I like the depictions of how the space will be lit and look at night. I would feel comfortable walking through this space.

- I like the forest and meadow approach to the landscape planting.

#### Differing heights

I think the play garden is great and does a great job of allowing active play and socialization but in a separate area to avoid those who do not like those types of activities. If possible, I would like to see that area increased in size but without sacrificing the urban oasis feeling of the play garden.

The creation of diverse topography echos the variation in topography found in Arlington and Virginia (as opposed to mountainous areas or flat plane states.) The planting strategy too is reflective of our state and I'm glad it's planned to have seasonal interest. It's success will depend upon diligent maintenance as even perennials require attention a few times a year - as well as "infill" at times as some of the massing plants die out.

I like that topography is included. An 8 foot rise maybe could be a bit bigger, but assuming you accounted for fully accessible paths, a steeper slope might be too much.

The green offers a lot of potential for community gathering and events.

I like that there is varied lighting, though I'd maybe push you to think even more expansive and inventive. Can color and art be part of it?

The hammocks are neat, though I have trouble telling from the art whether they would be comfortable. The swings will be very popular (look at the Wharf) so you may even want to add one or two more elsewhere.

I like that there are a lot of benches

I like that you have planned for activated greenery throughout the year

The native plantings are great, I like the inclusion of the hammock area and keeping the overlook. Also love the community table and orchard area.

What a great refuge! I never thought it could look so nice and shady. Definitely an attraction.

I like the use of native plants that will be attractive at all seasons. I think the topography gives interest.

I liked the renderings of the various plantings across seasons and the planned grading. Right now the site is a completely flat dog park so I'm looking forward to grade variety.

On the right track- Arlington has recreational space in other nearby parks, what we lack is natural beauty and a connection with native species. Excited to have funding for upkeep of diverse plantings, particularly love the bluebells and ferns.

Love the "experiential" aspect of hammocks and swings along the forest walk

Trees. Would be much better if you didn't plan to clear cut all of the existing trees. It will take 10-15 years to get back the current level of tree cover, including the construction time. Less is more. This design is trying to be too much to too many different stakeholders. We just need green space, trees, and simple benches.

I really like the choices of natives plants that provide seasonal color

The topography and native planting strategy look very appealing.

The dappled evening light effects and dark sky lights look great in the presentation. I am happy this tries to be sustainable and Amazon committed to support the necessary gardening, because natives won't simply thrive amid urban invasive weed seeds.

Seems like a lot of thought has gone into developing a diverse park.

I like that the central garden will allow for community events and activists.

There are none.

I like everything

Separate dog run! Have not been able to enjoy the park for the dogs and their excretions (---).

First, excited is probably the wrong word, but I'm OK with the planting strategy to use Virginia native plants, and variation in topography is a good idea. I appreciate that the lighting plan incorporates dark sky strategies.

This is an excellent design! Topography, furniture, lighting plan, and planting strategy are all perfect.

I am excited about the variety of the offering, but I cannot yet visualize if the distribution will create an open space , or more crowd and busy.

The natural forest park
The green space
<p>I love the sense of community and sustainability that Met Park brings to us. I am truly looking forward to the forest walk. This is my favorite element. I love the idea of a winding path with nature surrounding me. I think that will be one of my favorite places to recharge.</p> <p>I am happy that you have selected sustainable lighting that will avoid light pollution and allow visitors to look up and see the nighttime sky.</p>
None
Hate the garden and miss the more open feel the park currently has.
I love the meandering woods for tranquility.
I like the overall layout of the area. From the video and all the pictures it appears to be the right size. The lighting looks to be just enough for the area to make one feel safe. I like the way it's sits right between all the buildings.
Open grass area in nice. varied seating options long lounge chairs and swings.
Staying natural....keep it simple
I like the connection to nature, the separate play area, and the variety in the plan.
Nothing
<p>This looks great, the only thing I'll echo what others have said on that the dog park seems VERY small. The park currently is run by dogs and their owners, so it would be nice to continue to give them that space. I'd also love to see some more tables for groups.</p> <p>Looks forward to having you all move in, thanks for considering our feedback.</p>
I'm most excited about the park highlighting native Virginian plants - and hope there will be plaques and signs that help park goers identify the different plants and native wildlife (birds, bugs, etc.)

Nothing. It's Another Dumb Growth Disaster. Too many people and activities packed into too little space.

The different levels is really exciting. Too often designers only think in 2-d not 3-d.

Lot's more plants (biomass) was good too!

Layout

I am hopeful about the use of plants native to Virginia. I hope this applies to trees also. Aside from the edible garden, I hope we would not be planting non native plants anywhere. I urge you to think of the opportunity to educate the public on the value of every single green space in preserving natural ecosystems.

I really like the nature and sustainability features!

This park it a total waste of money in Arlington County. We need to funnel money into other county resources to help keep our county safe and top notch. We need to put money in the police force, fire department and teachers and schools especially with the current climate due to racial tensions and Covid-19 and knowing the true possibility that there will be future pandemics like this one. Arlington county has one of the highest parkland per capita than anywhere else isn't he USA. Enough is enough. I am also one of the 2% that can't walk to a park in 10 mins or less and I am very far from the park being discussed and will NEVER use this park.

Nothing. Too many people and activities crammed into o too little space.

I like that you are trying to take into account many views. At the same time, please take into account what is best for the long-term environment on which residents depend. Aesthetics are good, but most reassuring is to hear how design features sustain ecosystem services: how will the habitat design mitigate climate change? Improve air quality? You touch on how flooding will be reduced, which is good.

I love the meandering walk!

I DO NOT like this!! This place is hlwjere everyone with a ---, take them. Theres not a dogg park that's close enough to take our pets. It doesnt matter what residents think. Its all about the money. Many residents will not be living here. Great job

In between excited and not excited?!!! Given the small space, sunlight/weather limitations, and variety of needs/uses/demands, I think the designers did a good job compromising. I expect it will be a nice campus for Amazon, and nice for people who live in the surrounding apartments. I'm also very happy that Amazon will be maintaining it, since years of maintenance of my own urban ag, urban habitat, and nearby park show how much work that is. I would have loved to take out streets, but the PUDO problem makes that impossible. Dogs get prioritized enough, I think this is a good compromise. Tweak as needed. Thanks for asking.

Differing topography helps provide views and diversity. It discourages people from using the park as a transportation corridor.

Trees but not enough

I've very excited that you are using native plants. I hope ALL of them are native. We have so little space for plants now, they should all be native.!

I also am very excited that you are (I'm assuming) Dark Sky compliant. I could not tell for sure by the presentation but hopefully there are no upward facing lighting fixtures!

The variety of unique spaces is fantastic - each space has its own immersive feel. Can't wait to see this! Also, kudos to the JCFO Team for managing these public engagement sessions - outstanding job of reducing disparate feedback to tangible designs.

The topography and diversity of the park are very attractive.

Edible plantings

Art Walk

It feels so thoughtfully executed! I'm so impressed with how much the design team listened to the community and artfully executed a plan that reflects so many of our interests. Great job!

Dog park

Given that Arlington county has limited green space and proper way to get to these places, I think this is a good way for doing it.

too engineered still. i know this is a corporate campus, and that amazon wants to project power and modernity, but i want to retain whatever small urban oasis

i can in my community, yes, even squished in between hulking new buildings. i want it more natural. i don't need everything planned and engineered and sculpted. more free form please

That we local residents will be among the few to benefit from the calculated largesse of a trillion-dollar corporation that doesn't pay taxes. In your face, most American citizens.

It almost makes up for the legion of insufferable twenty-somethings that will soon occupy this park with "walking meetings", electric scooters, and the rarefied smugness of believing your code is changing the world while your company exploits a manual laborer underclass.

Also the plants look nice.

Topography elements are terrific and are key to making this space work well.

Expansion of public space along Elm is very thoughtful and welcome.

Variety of benches and linear seating dispersed throughout the site is well done and will be well used.

Larger dog area makes sense, and screening from nearby paths/spaces seem to be well done.

Cautiously optimistic on the pedestrian focused Elm & 14th portions; I'd really like to see those succeed, but people will need to be comfortable, and not sure the amount of cars mixed with curbsless and lots of hardscape will be comfortable.

Added emphasis on social gathering spaces vs arts & walking paths will serve park goers much better.

Lighting plan seems to be thoughtful and respectful of surrounding residential buildings.

LOVE the edible garden!

I am most excited about the care to select native plants with varying bloom times to provide beauty year round.

Nothing. End New Urbanism ASAP!

The topo and planting strategies introduce diversity and interest in a place where much has been developed over.

It appears that the number of trees has been increased.

I really appreciate the holistic approach--linking each of these 5 elements shows a true commitment to realizing the community desire for an urban refuge in this space. It's an impressive achievement give the relatively small space to work with and the fact that it is hemmed in by tall buildings and the need for vehicular access. The meandering paths (with art or without) and native trees and plants remain my favorite elements. The thought that went into lighting design has managed successfully to address the concerns of those who live around this space--safe, without being intrusive.

The new design does a good job of compromising conflicting public feedback and is about right in number and size of elements. I would hope that pavement is limited to the minimum width necessary and plaza-type spaces incorporate shade trees. The hammock area would be great in summer - but only if hammocks are located under shade-giving canopy trees rather than a clearing as shown in the video. Also the "overlook" appears to be a wide paved area without shade. Likewise the playground did not appear to offer any shade for the kids, which will be brutal. It would be great to have surrounding shade trees as the dog park does. I appreciate the use of VA native plants and hope that will be maintained in all planting areas.

I like the variety of topography and plantings. Also, the mixture of communal oriented spaces with individual oriented quiet spaces. My one concern is how comfortable the seating areas will be. As someone with a bit of a back problem it is not clear how many of the seating installations have back rests.

integration of play garden, dog run and cafe spaces, if executed properly, will be great.

Finally doing anything with the space.

The amount of area set aside for plants, and especially the inclusion of native plants.

I am excited about the dog run, but wish it was bigger.

Looking at latest park designs, a community park with differing heights makes the park seem more modern and unique.

Topography changes are great and welcome character.

The meandering walk is stunning... I look forward to a stroll.

The community table is amazing... I do wish it had more edible plants, but understand the limitations. I think people will be surprised by what this feature may allow for in terms of community togetherness.

This is not a survey. you are looking for confirmation of your design. The best thing you can do is eliminate as much of the concrete as you can, An overlook ??? to see what ? a meandering walk that covers more ground than the trees ? A big open space to Roast everybody ?

Maybe one day Arlington County will hire people that care about our environment and are concerned about Climate Change.

The sustainability features and use of natural and native elements.

Love the fact that edible gardens are a feature of the design. I love the idea of showcasing locally grown food in the heart of Crystal City. What an opportunity for STEM hands-on education and multi-generational community building.

The plantings are the most exciting to me.

Varied topography increases interest and provides views. It also slows traffic, which is beneficial

My expectation at the start was a major urban attractor space for the County and region. I must have missed the defined user demographic concept so in comments emphasized the need for an overall confined, simply laid out, very seasonally and event flexible, very programmed space using my experience with NYC,s Bryant Park.

Obviously local residents and office people are the necessarily satisfied users and you've done a very good job of teasing that out and separating event spaces from respite. Also getting rid of cars while I hope retaining what parking remains as public event or timely (even to daily hours) uses

What, if any, opportunities for improvement do you see with the Metropolitan Park Public Space final draft design?

Please respond in 200 words or less.

Would really like to see the Central Green get even a bit bigger, like another 500 sq ft beyond what you've achieved here would be great.

none that I see

I still think the dog run should not be placed closest to the cafe seating area. The noise and smell would not be appetizing. Wouldn't it make more sense to

put the communal table near the cafe zone, so people could bring their purchased food to the communal table?

Also, why not just get rid of on street parking within the park? It is not much parking, and it greatly detracts from the beauty of the park.

Take it to the Rust Belt. What's really outrageous - New Urbanist so-called "Planners" don't live anywhere near the infill gentrification they plan.

..... I am concerned with the cost and responsibilities for care and maintenance.

Not sure how I feel about the play garden. Maybe if it was just more of an open space rather than structures. Just doesn't fit the demographics. However, since there's going to be a daycare for Amazon, why not have the play garden next to that building?

I didn't notice any sources of water along these paths. Admittedly, I may have missed something. Were water fountains considered? Are they just not noticeable? If omitted, what was the reasoning for that decision?

I am so grateful for this process. Thanks for asking, for listening, and re-drafting. What a humble inclusive approach. Thanks again.

I remain concerned about the impact of suffocatingly hot temperatures upon the hardscape surfaces and seating

spaces with no apparent adjacent cooling mechanisms except for foliage. There is creative use of different types of

lighting. Would it not be possible to incorporate some creative fan or other cooling devices?

Topography: The one area of concern is with the sloping surfaces, and depending upon the material used for the walkways, the area could be treacherous to walk in snow, ice, and even rain. What are the snow removal plans? Has any consideration been given to a snow melt system? We lived in Holland, Michigan for over 10 years. Holland sits right on the shores of Lake Michigan and is pounded with tremendous amounts of lake effect snow. The city installed a snow melt system, and the sidewalks are always clean and dry. Here's a website: <https://www.holland.org/snow-free-holland>

The plan would benefit from several waterfall features, using the topography and small pumps to create the biophilic benefits of moving water. I am not

advocating for large ponds or large volumes of water, with safety, stagnation and maintenance concerns. But, small waterfalls and rain garden features, planted naturally, would add sights, sounds and smells of the moving water. For example, a four-foot cascade over rocks that emerges from an unseen upper level natural source (imagined) and flows with some energy down rocky, irregular stairsteps to a small, shallow pooling area would fascinate most visitors. A short pumping distance back to the source location would all complete the cycle. A few small thermostatically controlled heaters would allow all season use. I've done this in my own garden.

The dark sky lighting sounds pretty good, but what about the use of motion activators and timers to further reduce light pollution?

Mosquitoes and flies can dramatically reduce enjoyment of an outdoor space. Reduction of irritating insects like mosquitoes and flies is not discussed, yet the population of mosquitoes in particular seems to be increasing in our area. Please give some thought to natural solutions for control. I'm sure there may be several options to consider, but one that came to mind was adding a marlin bird house (or 2). A colony of marlins could really help reduce the mosquito and fly population without the use of chemicals. I can envision one within the meandering trail area across from the open area or on either end of the meandering trail. Thank you!

Ready to go! Thanks.

The hammocks are not a good choice--not flexible use, can only be used by one person, and post-pandemic need to consider how easy it is to clean! Recommend benches instead. Concerned about the prominence/size of the play garden; a small portion of our community has small children, so it doesn't serve that many residents. And honestly as a Gramercy resident, I'm concerned about playground noise right in front of our building. Would suggest flexible space there, or another dog run (because there are probably more dogs than children here!). Finally, the "primary path" curves around in front of Amazon bldg. I wouldn't design around that--people will follow shortest path.

So for safety and flow make sure your primary path for width of sidewalks, crosswalks, etc is also the shortest path.

Still way too much impervious, heat-trapping pavement in what passes for a park. When people ask for nature, they aren't asking you to install more cement or asphalt. Why not use a porous geocell paving system that allows more water to infiltrate the site and will trap less heat?

Grasspave2/Gravelpave2 systems have been around for decades (Invisible Structures started in 1982). These paving systems are ADA compliant: <https://www.invisiblestructures.com/solutions/ada/>. And more sustainable: <https://www.invisiblestructures.com/solutions/green/>. A good example: the National Botanical Garden near Capitol Hill (Gravelpave2):

<https://www.invisiblestructures.com/project/national-garden-at-the-unite...>  
another is Santa Clara University (Grasspave2)  
<https://www.invisiblestructures.com/project/santa-clara-university/>

- I am disappointed to see how much of the total space has impervious surfaces. The aerial image rendering was very surprising perspective. Bits of green breaking up the hard surfaces. Do the walkways / paths need to be as wide as currently designed to work well?

- Does the Meander need to swell out as wide as depicted? Would like to see more green. What is going on with the bench seating below the trellis? The back of the bench is useless as back support. Are you trying to discourage people from sitting back comfortably?

Although the Art Walk was the highest rated, it has now disappeared. The Forest Walk seems okay, but there is now no longer any mention of the art work. What happened?

Please make sure plant are primarily native and non-invasive.

I still think this design caters too much to dogs and not enough to people. I think the dog areas should be decreased in size or eliminated entirely.

I am not as excited by the furniture or materials for the planters/planting walls. For the structures - I'd like to see some use of river rock or more rounded elements being cemented together to form planters and seat walls. I wouldn't want it everywhere - but it would be nice in some places to introduce "round" instead of square. It would soften the hardscape areas as well and be reflective of natural Virginia elements in nature. As for the furniture - I'd like to see more opportunities of wood - and the use of more whimsical design that could allow a child's imagination to transform something utilitarian into a play object or vice versa. This concept was used by the designer Jim Miller-Melberg and his iconic turtles and dolphins that both provide seating and play. It would be good to scatter these around the whole park and not just limit to play areas.

Can the Central green extend fully to the edge of S. Elm street? The idea was that street could potentially be converted to pedestrian use on occasion, so having that connection would facilitate that goal.

I think the design of the community table is strange. It would be awkward to sit in the middle. I think it would be better to use the space for smaller tables.

I'm disappointed that only North Elm will get beautification

There appears to be a disconnect between the location of pedestrian crosswalks and where the pathways travel within the blocks.

Is there an opportunity to add a water feature somewhere? Perhaps as part of the public art?

The community table and play garden area need entrances from the west, especially the play garden, as most families will be coming from that direction

I think the meadow lounge could be expanded in size, moving out some of the greenery to accommodate more human area

More bike parking for the play garden to accommodate families who bike to use it

Is daycare drop off accounted for?

Even with sun limitations I'd like more edible landscape with community involvement. It seems like there's a lot of maintenance involved in all the different plant types. I appreciate the thought put into the different schemes in different seasons but it seems like a lot of extra human effort and less like a natural landscape. I'd love the majority of space to be natural space for pollinators and not be manicured.

none. I love it.

Oy! All those people sitting straight-backed on all those backless benches. Please consider whether there could be an option for us older folk [and those with (now or future) back problems] to sit back-supportedly in each area. I'd likely use the community table often if it didn't have only bench seating. And adirondack-type chairs aren't much better. If this is truly to serve the community, please think of it with all ages and fitness levels in mind!

I like it as described/shown.

Community table- long benches would block integration of wheelchair users at the table?

Open green needs closer dog waste station because people will be people

What is the soundscape and how does air move through the park? Would love to hear wind through the grasses and trees, maybe crunching gravel for secondary paths, attract variety of birds- any way to include owl nest boxes?

"Colorful" kids parks usually fade with time- would prefer something more attractive for all ages that will weather nicely.. also could you include touch-friendly and scented plants near the playspace for kids to experience nature with all of their senses?

Would love to see barefoot/sensory trail- as a techie, we have a lot of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder who would particularly benefit from access to something like this...

There's no water element, missed opportunity in a contemplative natural space if you don't include at least a bit of water

Get rid of edible garden and community table. The table is too big and will never be used. People don't want to eat where dogs pee. And since this is a dog friendly neighborhood, there needs to be places for dogs right outside the apartment buildings.

Less width on the paved areas. Less playground square footage. Make the low path light even lower. What is that weird structure over the seating area. Doesn't fit in with a natural area at all. Make the green lawn even smaller. or get rid it altogether.

One thing to clarify, will the central lawn be turf grass or artificial?

I like the idea of swings, but find the furniture pictured unattractive and generic. I hope it will look better in real life. Warm wood tones and textures (or color, if it is resin) could make it better than the picture. There is a lot in this space and a lot of paved area in the overhead view. I wish there were a way to give more play structures than two swings on a patch. That wouldn't occupy even a handful of kids at once, so would be frustrating. Can children climb the structures shown? Can they chase? Kids do live in those buildings.

Dog park is far to small for the growth of the apartments in the area.

Well I don't like that you got rid of the game lounge and playground, two of my favorite features, but there's nothing I can do to when the majority rules.

I live the Millennium and have for 10 years. I was excited for this repositioning of the park but am now highly disappointed. I would be interested to know how many echo responded to the initial designs live in the surrounding buildings. There aren't many children yet the active areas of the new plan are geared towards children & not the adults living here. There are plenty of places nearby

that people can go for a "forest walk" type atmosphere. Something more active works have been so much better.

Dog park enclosed please.

I really am inclined to think less paving (somewhat narrower paths, fewer seating areas in the forest ramble).

nothing to add

There needs to be more room for dogs. At least half of the park right now is for dogs to play and relieve themselves. I'm not walking clear to the opposite side of the park for my dog to play or relieve himself. People will have to learn to be ok with him pooping in their garden. The fact that Amazon is practically eliminating what the park is primarily being used for in the present is a slap in the face.

I live in an adjacent building, my unit faces this park, and I am in this park multiple times a day, to include my walking to/from mass transit. My observations: ~80% are dog walkers. ~10% are pedestrians walking though on their way to another destination, or to work/mass transit, and maybe 10-15% (seasonal) are there to sit, smoke, relax. Maybe <5% (also seasonal) are there for some activity (frisbee, baseball, etc.). Of those there to enjoy the space, I can easily say that less than 5% are children and the majority of those are in strollers. Kids just don't come here to play. At any point in time, it is almost the norm that the only users of this space are walking dogs. Additionally, and predominantly in the afternoons, the central part area becomes a defect dog park. I cannot emphasize enough that any design, from a pragmatic sense, must have sufficient space and accommodation for dogs and their owners. Two dog parks make a great deal of sense to me. Many dog owners want to be in more intimate dog runs and/or are very selective about what dogs their dog socializes with off leash. Additionally, there really are no nearby enclosed dog parks. I have every reason to believe, that once the word gets out that there are enclosed dog parks, there will be an increase in dog owners traveling here to use the dog space.

Continue to listen to the community who resides here.

Bigger dog park in the center

I think cross shaped community table is too large for that space. In addition, I think modular tables and chairs that can be pushed together or separated is best for this space, especially if Covid-19 or another pandemic continues to lurk among us.

Although I love the hammocks that are specified, I worry about an increase in the homeless population....unfortunately. That is a perfect place for them to sleep.

I believe the open space is too large. With Longbridge park located close by, I don't see a need for that much of open space.

Save money. Have big green space as is currently there.

This seems to already be done and concerned neighborhood not engaged early enough.

Will start process to elect new members whom voted for this.

As a mother or a small infant. I'd like there to be part of the play garden that is a bit separate from the busy play of bigger kids. Right now it looks like there is one big circle that all kids run around in. Kids also like less stimulating areas, especially for younger kids. While still being near a bigger brother or sister or just to take a break.

There will always be a lot of opinion so, I think you should run with what you have. The only question I have. Will there be someone in the park to make sure there will be no unnecessary destruction to the park? People will be people. Will there be enough dog ---- bag stations?

Dog run needs to be big enough to allow dogs to play fetch for exercise. Many dogs in the area so it could get crowded! Also, 50 percent of ticks in the area have Lyme Disease. They are in trees and grass in the area. It is a huge health risk for people and pets. Are there any ways to reduce exposure to ticks?

Avoid the dog walks....not need....dogs don't care. Keep it focused on people

More dog park space

Dog park needs to be BIGGER!

I think the dog park is too big and likely unnecessary. The limited space would be better utilized for humans. I would like to see a larger play area, which will be beneficial for families and keep kids from overrunning quieter areas of the park.

I think it's a lousy idea, just jamming something in to make believe it's open space. I had to laugh when you mentioned Limited Light! It's called dark.

----- 100. This is what Arlington Residents and Taxpayers get when Dumb Growth Debbies "plan" Arlington according to their Urbanist Ideology but who don't and won't live anywhere near Dumb Growth.

While the lighting was what I expected, it was not as innovative as I had hoped. With LED lighting you can do really cool things.

I heard no "light art" or using lighting to be far more pro-active in the space. How about some lighting that 'moves' (eg gives the impression of motion?) or changes color?

Good as is

the social garden is a terrible idea.... You don't want to "social" with random people.

At this time this park should be designed to allow schools total use of the space. We will need mobile classrooms due to social distancing necessary in classrooms. There is no current school and will be able to accommodate their current roster and adhere to the 6' rules. How does the student at the back of the classroom be excused to use the bathroom? They can't walk up the aisle without coming into contact with all those ahead of them. I plead with Arlington County to STOP this park construction and use the money to help our County youth continue the education they deserve and raise the pay of all police, fireman and school employees to allow them to live in this County

None. More infill gentrification 'planning' by 'Smart Growth' adherents. What about sports? Drive to Four Mile Run and play in someone else's back yard? Take it to the Rust Belt.

Please explain how features help sustain a clean environment and address climate change, which Congressman Don Beyer calls the existential threat of our time.

Can we also add free beer taps? That's the only thing that's missing! ;-)

Great job - I love Crystal City and this will just make it better!

In between excited and not excited?!!! Given the small space, sunlight/weather limitations, and variety of needs/uses/demands, I think the designers did a good job compromising. I expect it will be a nice campus for Amazon, and nice for people who live in the surrounding apartments. I'm also very happy that Amazon will be maintaining it, since years of maintenance of my own urban ag, urban habitat, and nearby park show how much work that is. I would have loved to take out streets, but the PUDO problem makes that impossible. Dogs

get prioritized enough, I think this is a good compromise. Tweak as needed. Thanks for asking.

The majority of respondents to the last survey preferred the Forest Walk alternative. Despite this, the final design incorporated much of Social Gardens alternative. This was major failure of the design process. It has resulted in a project with far too much pavement, a much larger central lawn than desired and with too little attention to biophilic design. It has crammed too many features into t

Add trees

see above. I am very impressed with the process and the presentation. Thank you.

We love the fact that urban agriculture is incorporated into this final design! If possible, can the Edible Garden be moved to another location with better sunlight? If that's not the case, there are many mitigation strategies to make the Edible Garden successful: 1) focus on edible plants that do not require maximum sunlight (e.g., herbs, leafy greens, etc), 2) incorporate new LED lighting technologies to complement the limited natural sunlight. Use of these low-power, sustainable lights could further the Edible Garden as an educational/demonstration site for how STEM concepts can improve agricultural systems.

I'm concerned that there will be a lot of dog owners wanting to use the dog run and that the dog run should be expanded. The design and appearance look great, but expanding the perimeter of the dog park would accommodate the many excited pups that will come.

There are too few places to sit, and seating arrangements like the large table are too contrived and would be awkward and limiting in practice. Benches are currently used in the space and more should be incorporated.

Big dog run is dangerous for small dogs. Eliminate entirely or fence a section off for small dogs.

Careful species selection can take advantage of lighting conditions in the edible garden. It would be nice to see this space to have meaningful capacity to produce. Also I imagine hops or grape vines on trellises providing shade during the summer and ingredients for craft beer or wine in the "fall harvest" meal. Is there any way to incorporate that?

more trees, in two words. trees with potential to increase canopy over the many years i hope they survive there.

I believe the construction of this park should include the burial of a time capsule, and that time capsule should include the books of the Twilight saga by author Stephenie Meyer.

Only native plants please

Even more seating. Rodhy Garden is pretty and would be a nice stroll, but what about sitting to enjoy it for a moment. The low border walls on the Central Green planters and Forest Walk would also be convenient places to stop and sit for a moment if they were just a bit taller.

Seeing the number of dogs currently at MetPark, I am concerned about issues from too small a space. Having appropriate buffering is also important, so I realize further improvement would be difficult, and additional dog areas nearby should also relieve the pressure on this space. However, it is not clear if you have also removed the distinction between a small & large dog area altogether. That is worrisome, as it would make the space significantly more dangerous.

Conversely, while I do see a good number of infants and very small children in this space today, there seem to be very few over 5. Can the public also use the Day Care Garden (I hope so)? If so, the total play spaces seem larger than needed. Maybe interactive musical/visual "play" elements that all ages can enjoy would ensure the Play Garden space is well utilized.

What are the plans to ensure that the edible garden is accessible to all, but not picked over?

this is a GREAT example of moving from two approaches to "the best of both worlds"; please do NOT let yourselves be pulled in any direction or start fiddling with details too much; overall it is really good as it is; thank you for your efforts!

Even if the park were nothing more than a big grass field with trees on the borders the amount of open space would be too small for the infilled neighborhood. No More Dumb Growth !!!

Add more trees. Too much distracting "decorative" lighting all over Arlington.

It's beautifully realized as is!

The new design does a good job of compromising conflicting public feedback and is about right in number and size of elements. I would hope that pavement is limited to the minimum width necessary and plaza-type spaces incorporate shade trees. The hammock area would be great in summer - but only if hammocks are located under shade-giving canopy trees rather than a clearing as shown in the video. Also the "overlook" appears to be a wide paved area without shade. Likewise the playground did not appear to offer any shade for

the kids, which will be brutal. It would be great to have surrounding shade trees as the dog park does. I appreciate the use of VA native plants and hope that will be maintained in all planting areas.

See the mention of back rests above. Also do you see a possibility for a Framers' Market area for the Park or will you keep the market on the Crystal City sidewalks.

would like the size of the dog run to be bigger, there are a lot of dog owners, and as it is today, the space sometimes gets crowded, I can only imagine what will happen if the size is reduced as planned.

A small police outpost that must be attended several times each day and more frequently during the evenings.

Place inconspicuous cameras throughout park.

Walkways should be wide enough to jog and pass walkers.

Two concerns - 1) apparently the park only welcomes white people because Black and Latino citizens aren't represented in the video (save for 2 people walking around minute 15:55). Is that the intent? It certainly comes across that way. 2) As I said above, I'm excited about all the plants and the use of natives, and I hope that it makes the park attractive to birds. Having said that, it creates a new concern which is the potential for lots of bird deaths due to building strikes. Is there a plan to work with building owners to use methods to minimize strikes?

I would remove the edible garden portion.

Consideration for the potential homeless population and how that could or would affect the space.

I don't find the dog park to be optimally located. It seems a different feature near the cafe seating would be more optimal. Plus I worry that being a bit further away from the apartments will encourage owners to use other parts of park.

See above. and your printer does not print the Survey

The park feels too busy, trying to put too much into a small space. There needs to be native plants/trees for local birds & pollinators; park and street-level rain gardens to filter and absorb stormwater runoff, which helps Arlington with EPA NPDES stormwater discharge permits and reduces contamination of the Potomac River.

Avoid the space being too 'overly curated'. Let nature take its course. Don't focus on pre-planned perfection.

If there were to be one element to omit, I'd exchange the community table to a place of movable furniture that could be taken apart and put together rather than something that seems pretty rigid.

All natural areas should contain species of plants that pollinators prefer. These include bee balm, coneflower, Black-eye Susan, Joe Pye Weed and common (Asclepias syriaca). A. syriaca is the only milkweed on which monarch butterflies reproduce and that thrives in Northern Virginia. Do not plant butterfly weed (A. tuberosa), as monarchs don't lay eggs on this species. Plant many butterfly bushes (Buddleia davidii), which attracts many pollinators. Plant no ornamental grasses, as these compete with pollinator plants. Plant only trees that support many insect species, that produce brilliant fall foliage and/or that produce edible fruit. The best include scarlet oak (Quercus coccinea), sugar maple (Acer saccharum), red maple (Acer rubra) cultivars that produce brilliant fall foliage, black gum (Nyssa sylvatica), tulip tree (Liriodendron tulipifera), sassafras, edible cherry and native plum trees. Cover the trellis with trumpet creeper and/or seedless grape vines to produce shade and flowers or fruit. Reduce the width of the main path to 12 feet and of the side paths to 6 feet, except when near seating or tables.

More flexible as in moveable furniture. Free ranging within rooms or borders under leafy canopies

Control access to the green space as managers gain experience of how and when. Often Bryant Park's Green serves as a tranquil pool or sea for most of the day.

Encourage temporary art from perhaps temporary artists

Seasonal temporary (Tented feels good) uses. Bryant has book shelves rolled out for Children's Library and adults and authors talks and game tables. Later Tom Korn