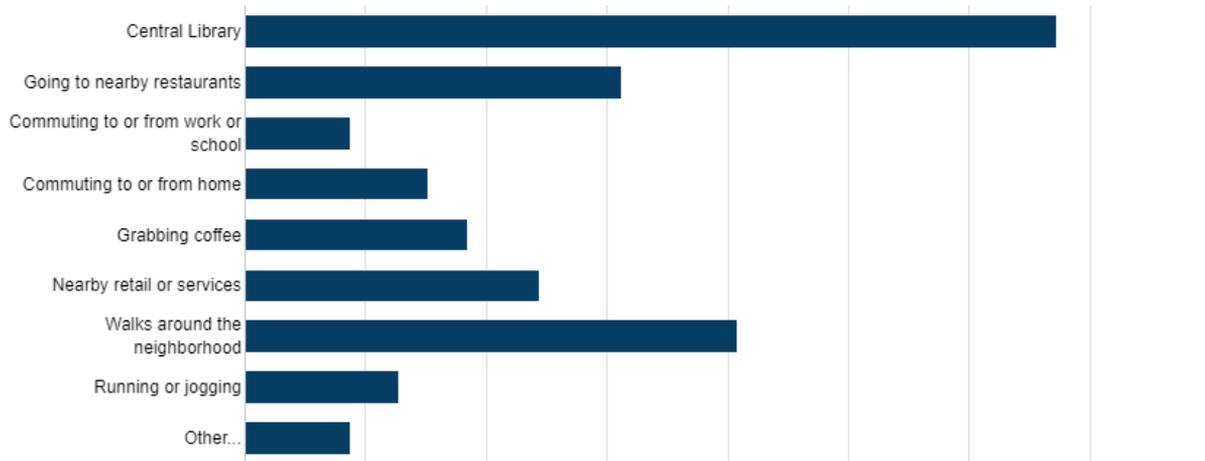


Share Your Feedback on Two 3901 N. Fairfax Drive Plaza Draft Design Concepts (217 Submissions)

Which of the following destinations or activities draw you to this area most often?

Check all that apply

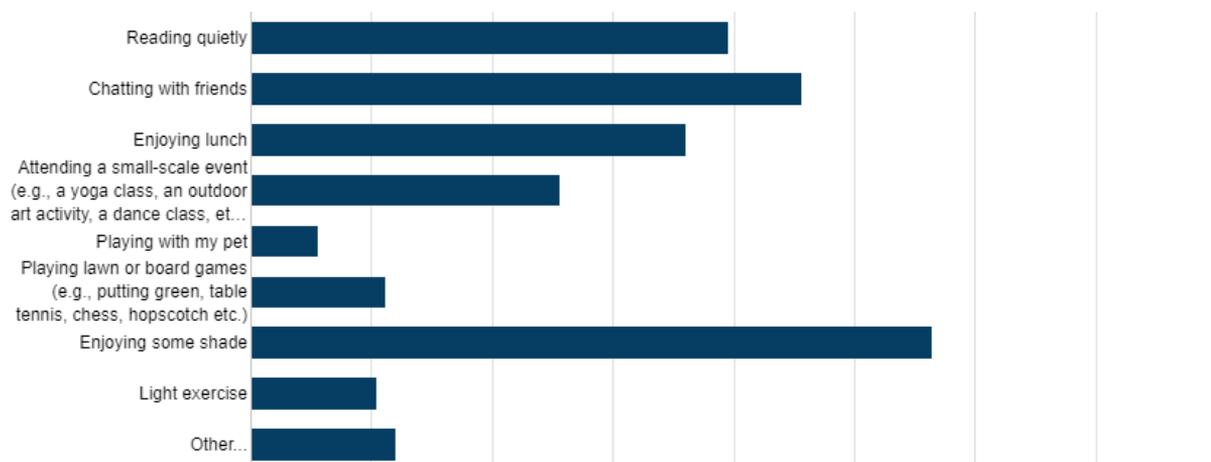


Central Library	168
Going to nearby restaurants	78
Commuting to or from work or school	22
Commuting to or from home	38
Grabbing coffee	46
Nearby retail or services	61
Walks around the neighborhood	102
Running or jogging	32
Other...	22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quincy park 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A good spot to socialize, sit and relax, eat an outdoor lunch, or meet up with friends before heading out someplace. 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> bike riding 	1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biking 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog walking 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. office there 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • driving through/ around the area on errands 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glass recycling 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I bike by there almost every day. 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's on my bike route 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quincy park tennis courts; recycling area 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sitting under the trees in Quincy park!! 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soccer practices and games at Quincy or W&L fields 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tai Chi 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tai chi practice with friends 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tennis courts 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ghosts that still inhabit the area. 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park adjacent to Central Library. 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting a friend 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking my dog 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work 	1

What are your top three desired uses for this space?

Select up to 3 choices.



Reading quietly	99
Chatting with friends	114
Enjoying lunch	90
Attending a small-scale event (e.g., a yoga class, an outdoor art activity, a dance class, etc.)	64
Playing with my pet	14
Playing lawn or board games (e.g., putting green, table tennis, chess, hopscotch etc.)	28
Enjoying some shade	141
Light exercise	26
Other...	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a place for my child to walk around while i get lunch! 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a rest stop on neighborhood walks. an additional stop from Library visit (sometimes with very young grandchildren). 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being able to work from the plaza as an alternate to inside my office building. 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bird watching and nature -- more trees and green and less cement/impervious covering 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bring my children, and expand the library outing to include outdoor time (play, snack, reading new library books) 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we finally get some small pick up soccer courts. We have basketball and tennis but just a small soccer court will bring more people together to play! It doesn't even have to be big just a 6v6 court size! 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoying greenspace 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoying trees, flowers, birds, butterflies, natural areas. Seeing much less pavement an mowed grass than each of the two concepts illustrate. 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertaining children 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events! Art or craft shows outdoors! 	1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring with my young kids 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family outing 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting sun 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Tai Chi exercise 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think any development of this property needs to be postponed for now and the money redirected to more important projects during the budget shortfall. 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'd like Flood Czar to tell us ghost stories 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the amount of green space in this increasingly-concrete part of Arlington 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like how pentagon city has wine in the waterpark 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More trees, less pavement. 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need shade. Arlington keeps forgetting shade like with the dog park or other park in quincy. 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None of the above. I want to observing nature, wildflowers, butterflies and birds. I don't want to see pavement. There is too much paving on nearby streets and plazas. 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • part of a walk or run 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People watching, enjoying a space so near the best library in the country. 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing with kids 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing with my young son 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please NO pets, games or exercise area! There's plenty of space for that at Quincy Park :) 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pretty much any activity. But the key is to make it a place people actually WANT TO USE. 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • something that looks goodand enhances the area/ immediate neighborhood/ collection of buildings 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That it not contribute to the heat-island effect 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking through and admiring the plants on the way to the library :) 	1

If we were to include some sort of lawn or board game/ activity, what types would you be most interested in?

Select up to three choices.



SMALL PUTTING GREEN	22
TABLE TENNIS	38
CORNHOLE	41
GIANT BOARD GAME	37
LABYRINTH/ MAZE	61

If you are not interested in having lawn or board games please check the box below. If you have other activity suggestions that weren't already presented, please share here.



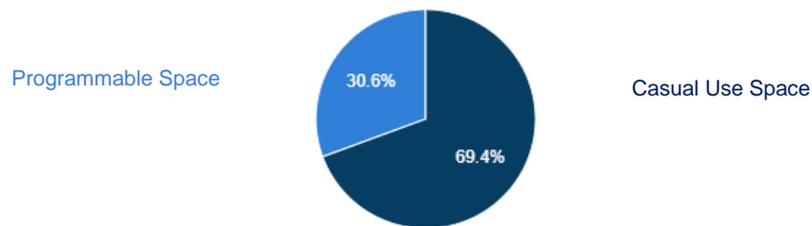
I am not interested in lawn or board game/activities at this public plaza	102
Some other suggested board or lawn games would be...	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A small soccer court please! They have them in DC but no small courts in Arlington 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> bocce 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bocce Court 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> bocci 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boules 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chessboard tables 	1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cornhole! 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise Course- Pull up bar, sit up bench, 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please check out Levy Park in Houston, TX. It's a great example of a variety of activities available for all ages: lawn and table top games, rolling reading material shelves, activity carts with craft materials like ink stamps, coloring pages, etc. 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please not cornhole! Plenty of that at the Lot. 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> small-scale chess boards 	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> tic tac toe (xoxo) 	1

What do you think is the appropriate balance between each of the following choices?

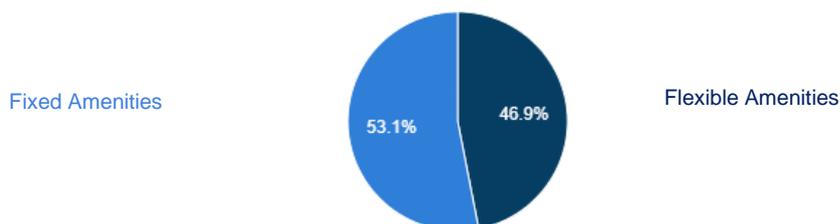
What do you think is the appropriate balance between each of the following choices?NOTE: "Available Budget" refers to a numerical value, not a monetary value.

Casual Use Space and Programmable Space



Option	Average Allotted Budget
Casual Use Space	34.44
Programmable Space	15.33

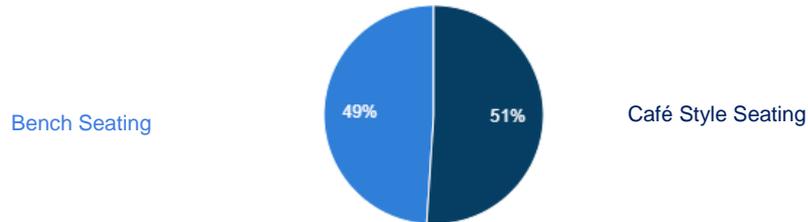
Flexible Amenities and Fixed Amenities



Option	Average Allotted Budget

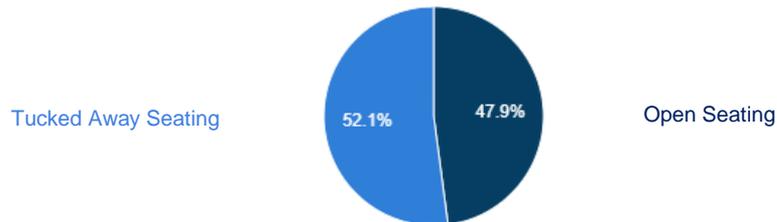
Flexible Amenities	23.17
Fixed Amenities	26.60

Café Style Seating and Bench Seating



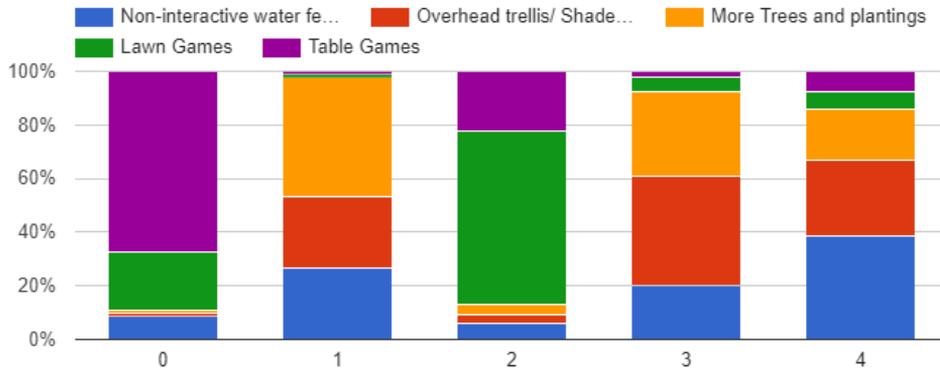
Option	Average Allotted Budget
Café Style Seating	25.33
Bench Seating	24.10

Open Seating and Tucked Away Seating



Option	Average Allotted Budget
Open Seating	23.34
Tucked Away Seating	25.94

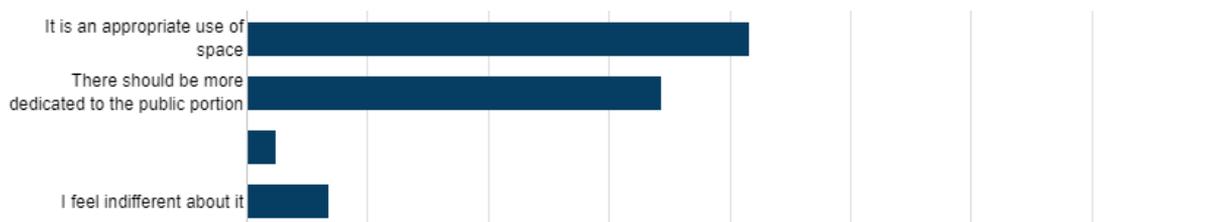
Of the following, which of these features would you like to see at the new public plaza the most
 Drag and rank each item to your preferred order from most desired to least desired items.



	1	2	3	4	5	Score
More Trees and plantings	44.44%	31.48%	19.44%	3.7%	0.93%	4.15
Overhead trellis/ Shade Structure	26.39%	41.2%	28.24%	3.24%	0.93%	3.89
Non-interactive water feature	26.85%	19.91%	38.43%	6.02%	8.8%	3.5
Lawn Games	1.39%	5.09%	6.48%	64.81%	22.22%	1.99
Table Games	0.93%	2.31%	7.41%	22.22%	67.13%	1.48

There will be roll-up doors on the ground floor for retail use. How do you feel about a portion of the plaza being dedicated to private outdoor seating to serve the retail use (as depicted in the concept drawings)?

See "retail Seating Zone" in Concept A and Concept B.

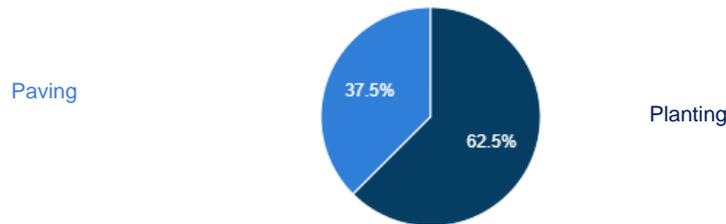


It is an appropriate use of space	104
There should be more dedicated to the public portion	86

There should be more dedicated to the private portion	6
I feel indifferent about it	17

For the purpose of this space, what do you think is the most appropriate balance between planting and paving?

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Option	Average Allotted Budget
Planting	30.53
Paving	18.91

What elements of Concept A do you find most appealing?

Please keep your answer to 200 words or less.

Mxed Planting and water feature
Water feature
Beautiful cascading water feature
The water feature and fixed elements accommodation of grade change. The openness that allows porosity, vies in and out, sun and some programming.
Green spaces, opportunities for shade, casual seating areas. Like the retail spilling out onto plaza and garage door connections.
What Arlington's urban areas need most is natural spaces to appreciate the nature around us and get way from the pressures, congestion, and noise. We have enough paved surfaces and outdoor seating in the area. More nature!

Water feature, inset benches
mixed planting with benches
The water feature
As long as there is enough sitting area for both the retail and casual person that wants to chill it looks great
Plant list heavy on natives. Water feature. Benches integrated into planting areas.
Concept A seems more inviting as a place to sit and watch the world. Although keeping it trash free may be a problem, the water feature is charming. The various sections seem more diverse. Concept A is definitely my favorite.
Overall a good concept. I like the water feature.
Water feature and enclosing plantings
Water feature
I like the feel of B “breezy” concept. Accessibility is key to me and would like a deep conversation to explore any plan for steps anywhere in this public space.
The water feature is appealing but I worry about maintenance and how it would look in the colder months when the water is turned off.
Water feature! and planting with inset benches
I like the water feature. I do worry that the hot sunny days of summer will not have enough shade though.
water feature
I think this project will attract homeless people and should be postponed
mixed plantings
I like the water feature.
The larger open space for seating and more room for interaction with the retail

space
water feature
water feature
The trees
Not much.
The water feature is always a big favorite. However it requires adequate maintenance through the year.
I love all the trees and plantings
I like the water feature and the plantings more into the park. This is a winner.
Water feature
Water feature is very appealing. Open space looks like it provides more flexibility of use than in Concept B. Concept A seems like it would be easier to navigate for a small group of friends or family that includes a wheelchair user.
The water feature.
I like the idea of a water feature that provides ambient sound to distract from traffic.
I like the idea of a water feature, but notice how frequently they are not in service due to maintenance needs, so think this a poorer use of limited resources, sadly. A pond that is kept bubbling perhaps?
water feature; less plants (it has more room for seats)
I love how native plants would be used.
B because it has more greenery and more broken up seating. So more opportunities for quiet space for reading or enjoying nature while not being too far from activity.
Lighting for nighttime ease of use and safety.

Mixed plantings and trees.
Water fountain
Water feature
water feature is serene, but if doesn't get maintained is a source of mosquitoes and flies!
The trees, passive water feature and mixed planting beds.
Water feature with kidney shaped walls, benches that resemble books as well as wood, variety of plantings. Lighting plan was good too.
This concept is clean, flexible.
I like this design best.
Water feature
Water Feature and Mixed Planting in low berms with inset benches
The open space.
Passive water feature and shade canopy.
Retail seating Zone
Absolutely nothing. I will not visit the space if anything close to Concept A is adopted. Concept A is not biophilic. Mosaic Park and the new Ballston Metro Station plaza has more than enough pavement and outdoor public meeting spaces to accommodate all of the area's needs for paved plazas. The area does not need any more such pavement and plazas.
Water feature (NON-interactive), shade, inset benches
Water feature
Nice buffer between the traffic/sidewalk areas and inside quiet space. Inside space seems more peaceful and useful, allowing users to enjoy private conversation, read a book, eat a meal. Plan A seems to discourage "pass-

through" pedestrians, joggers, and bikers a bit better.
Seems to have more open space than Concept B.
Openness, water feature, visually more appealing.
The water feature, particularly if it is moving water, which would make for a more tranquil space, help dampen street noise and noisy visitors to the space, and also help cool the air during the hot summers when combined with generous plantings/tree shade.
Planting, walks, benches and water feature
Water feature.
The water feature makes the place stand out.
water feature
I like that there are more distinct areas as opposed to B which feels more like one big open space area. This would be ideal for programmable public space but also to have public space for people who want something quieter. Love trees on all sides to separate this public space from the street.
Nothing. I think it's boring and ugly. People won't want to use the park after leaving the library with a good book if kids are screaming and splashing. There's not enough shade for the summer months.
Water feature. Openness: appears to be less broken up and cluttered. Inviting.
Water feature and movable chairs
Water feature
Water feature, area for outdoor dining.
Trees and separate spaces
Not much.
The water feature is very appealing and the berms with plantings are excellent.

Water feature
Water feature
Water feature.
Movable tables & chairs. Those are successful in Oakland Park.
I like the tree plantings and the retail space.
Most of us in this neighborhood live in apartments, so the water feature makes this design special. Assuming, of course, good maintenance and trash collection. All the inset benches are a nice idea, too. Pedestrians will walk through, pause to enjoy the area for a few minutes - very refreshing! And they won't have to wrestle those attractive but so *heavy* "moveable" chairs (park at Oakland and Wilson). Please make the benches of something that dries quickly.
Nothing.
Not much. Kind of blah.
water feature. movable seating.
Water feature, open space, movable tables and chairs, plantings.
water feature
Movable chairs
Plantings and lighting.
seems more spacious
Open flexible space; water feature
water feature
water feature, plantings

Differences seem minor. Like the water feature in A, but B is good too.
Berms, mix of tall and low-level greenery, water feature
Water feature
Water feature
water feature
Open, paved space with tables. The County should be doing a study of how berms inhibit public use of public spaces, and how benches are almost never used. Our public spaces will be much better served by tables and a larger open area for art/craft/happy hour type programming of sorts. I like the water feature as a sculpture for visual interest.
Water features can be nice if done well.
water feature
Movable chairs, seating for outdoor dining, smaller upper space separate from lower space. I like the 12 months of colored plants.
Water feature, open space, more plaza
Looks better. Like the trees and plantings.
Open space. This is a better design than Option B.
Water feature; mixed planting in berms with inset benches
Mixed planting and movable Tables and chairs.
Retail Seating zone
water feature-a sculptural focal point.
Plantings, peaceful quality
Openness, tranquil spaces, quiet area amid the surrounding hustle and bustle

shade, trees, plants
water feature, more open space (direct sunlight)
I'm not a fan of Concept A principally because I'm not sure what the value of a water feature is. There's winter in Arlington. I'm more inclined overall to Concept B, provided some of the interesting planting ideas in Concept A can still be applied. We're in the Time of Covid. This should be a space that retail customers and the general public feel comfortable using.
Seating and tree canopy.
Water feature
inset benches, mixed plantings
It is quiet and provides a screen from the street, offers individuals and groups the opportunity to sit and do what they chose without direction from others. The bubbling noise will be relaxing. The large Quincy Park offers ample space for the noisy joy that goes with playing games. This space is too small to offer classes.
water feature and plantings
water feature and plantings
Water feature
I like the addition of the water feature
Water, location of inset bended away from Fairfax (more quiet)
The water feature.
Mixed planting, movable tables
Water features
Water feature
Movable seating and retail seating

<p>The combo of the water feature and mixed planting section. I'd be all about hanging by the water feature</p>
<p>plenty of places to sit</p>
<p>Mixed planting beds and movable tables and chairs</p>
<p>The serenity and clean lines in the planting and water features.</p>
<p>water feature, landscaping</p>
<p>The water feature stands out</p>
<p>The trees and water feature.</p>
<p>Movable chairs and a water feature. Sounds relaxing.</p>
<p>Water feature is important since traffic will probably be loud on this road. I like organization of the seating in this plan.</p>
<p>Larger contiguous space</p>
<p>Clear sight lines - see the library as a destination</p>
<p>Variety of seating</p>
<p>I have served meals for A-SPAN at the old Virginia Square park, on the corner in Rosslyn and inside the park over 66 in Rosslyn. The renewed park is almost a hostile environment for that community of hungry, mostly affable neighbors who have been served by A-SPAN for decades. The seating is neither comfortable nor flexible for groupings of friends other than two by two. or one by one. I believe we need to provide hospitality for all--Arlington for All as the bumper sticker says. I know this is an area where those food insecure people tend to cluster. They love the library, and are , very well informed by that amenity. Sufficient trash receptacles must be a part of any park...</p>
<p>mixed plantings and water features</p>
<p>The water feature and Inset benches</p>
<p>I like water features, but this has too little planting and way too much</p>

concrete/paving.
Water feature
The openness and water feature
Bushes. Everyone loves a good bush.
Why is the plaza actually being turned into outdoor retail space? Why was the BBT given away? Why does Arlington have no spine when it comes to insisting on resources for taxpaying residents instead of being grateful for the few crumbs?
water feature
The water feature
I think there's a good amount of tree cover and I like the water feature. Seating for the biz seems appropriate.
I like the mixed planting low berms with inset benches.
Green space
Trees. Having a water feature (just not this one)
Love the idea of a water feature
I like that the shade is provided naturally.
Retail seating, mixed plantings in low berms
The water feature looks serene and incorporating water into the urban landscape would be a refreshing change from the normal man made surfaces and plants which compose the majority of the neighborhood.
Water feature an the mixed planting. But it is far too paved.
Inset benches and water feature
The water features and increased plating (over concept B) are appealing.

Overall is nice

Movable tables & chairs is nice

Water feature is nice. It looks less busy than Concept B and has more open space

I really like the water feature and movable seating

Increased planting/green space; water feature in planted surround.

I really like the proposed sculpted water feature that is promised to be interesting even when the water isn't running (so many of the fountains break and/or are off in the winter) and the proposal to light at night. I like the additional planting area offered.

Concept A has higher percentage of the total area devoted to landscaping and a lower percentage of the total area devoted to hardscape than does Concept B. However, both concepts have much too little landscape and far too much hardscape (pavement). As a result, I will not visit the area if Concept A is adopted without a large increase in natural areas.

Mosaic Park and the new Ballston Metro Station plaza has more than enough pavement and outdoor public meeting spaces to accommodate all of the area's needs for paved plazas. The area does not need any more such pavement and plazas.

It is too small, you need to move into the structure itself about 10 meters to provide indoor space for various activities. In the new Covid world, we need to be outdoors more. Build the same building but make provide more open space in the building itself for the cold months. Overall, I do not think the water feature is needed in such a small space. I like the trees, I like how it provides a route to and from the library. Could be a real magnet for families and area residents looking for a spot near the library and park to sit and have a beverage or read.

Good balance between shade, plantings, and open space for Tai Chi (e.g.) and cafe seating

Probably the water feature. I would like the berms better if they included shade trees. I think the bigger plaza is nice but worry about its use during the hot summer months — it will just be a hot, dry plain.

water feature

Mixed plantings

What elements of Concept A would you change?

Please keep your answer to 200 words or less.

Fewer steps. Make sure surfaces are smooth and safe for walking, but NOT SLIPPERY when wet.

water feature is extraneous to this urban environment

Add fixed seating and more seating for retail.

Concept A is too run of the mill plaza like that creates a sterile office building setting. Not much to draw the user here. Will age poorly like many of the other older plazas in the corridor. Seems like a design from 15 years ago, would not consider this part of the dynamic new plazas/parks being developed in Arlington/DC.

Don't like the green area on Fairfax Drive near corner. Seems out of place.

I would add more planted spaces and reduce paved surfaces. (Will pervious pavers be used?)

Less linear and hard angles.

I would add more trees

water feature is too much of a central focus

Large open space near Fairfax Drive seems too large - There isn't much tree cover and I think it would get too hot to be comfortably used in the summer.

Maybe a few more trees.

Too much unshaded space - virtually unusable on summer days.

More benches under trees for shade

moveable table and chairs need commitment to keep them clean & repaired; if retailers took responsibility, OK but otherwise they get icky

I would space out the trees more to allow for more shade or incorporate a pergola shade in the lower space. I would also reduce the size of the retail private seating to something more similar in size to that of Concept B.

less retail space

I think this project will attract homeless people and should be postponed

no water feature

Too much fenced-off private Retail Seating is being carved out of the "Public" space -- 15 feet out of the available 59 feet. Cutting the Retail Seating area in half with one row of retail seating along the building wall would be reasonable.

Not enough spread out tree canopy/greenery.

A larger footprint for the water feature relative to its associated plantings

reorient the design to embrace/face/connect with the library across the street.

What is the view from the library? Is it inviting to cross?

If this is really a public space, giving back to the community, then the garage grill with plantings around it seemed less objectionable than the long run of private seating that is for the building. It also seems the design is oriented toward the building and private seating area. Not as inviting for the public.

not convinced that we need retail in a public space

Seems to have very rigid lines which is not appealing

Nothing I can think of

benches - too open for overnight sleeping? Let's be sure the water feature is "restrictive" enough for little tykes who may wander about.

Needs an overhead shade structure

It's very hard to know simply from the video presentation whether the plantings are sufficient to provide at least some shaded seating areas during the summer months. It might be fine, but if it isn't, I'd want some changes to ensure some

shaded seating.
I actually like Concept B but with the water feature of Concept A. I like the water feature, shade feature, inset benches, moveable chairs and tables and in this time of Covid - retail seating is very important. Lots of greenery is very positive for mental health especially these days.
More shade for seated areas.
The planting beds are too small, and probably too complex to maintain effectively, given Parks/Library's limited personnel to do this work. Volunteers should NOT be looked upon as the work force to maintain such beds.
include more fixed seating; have less retail seating like B
There is not enough shade. The lower open space could use a tree or two, especially over outdoor seating. It simply has too much open paving.
See above.
More trees is better. Such an open area is just too hot in summer. Water element not necessary - just one more thing to break down.
Less dedicated private retail business seating space (this is supposed to be a public place), remove the water feature (these always break and require maintenance that the building owners don't want to take care of. They become eyesores over time)
More shade trees
Reduce open area
Add more mature trees and more shade
Reduce the amount of paved surface.
Add the pergola concept to concept A, especially overtop all of the seating and game areas.
The water feature is attractive, but its maintenance requirements are a concern.

I would add a shaded area if there isn't one.

Fewer movable tables and chairs in retail zone

See Option B

Reduce pavement to a minimum. Make the entire area biophilic. Change the plaza to a park with a large natural area. Add trees, meadow/pollinator habitats that attract birds and butterflies. Add bird feeders.

Eliminate the water feature. The water feature will be difficult and costly to maintain, will displace a space that can become a natural area, and would be used by very few people. It is a bad idea.

There is too much seating. Reduce the tables and seating by at least 50%. Replace the tables and seating with paved unnatural areas.

Some of the trees should bear edible nuts and fruits. Select trees that will produce an attractive fall foliage. Do not plant grasses, as they do not attract pollinators.

The planting areas need to be larger. All trees need to be surrounded by native plants that support pollinators, such as bees and butterflies. No trees should be surrounded by grasses, ground cover and shrubs that do not support pollinators.

Get rid of tables and chairs

More plantings

More non-retail benches / seating areas. Make sure the planted areas are useful - like lawn you can sit on, or games or benches - not just giant planters that take up space.

Water feature is nice but how long will the County keep it operating? Nothing sadder than an empty fountain.

There isn't enough shade in concept A. Too much paving, not enough green space.

More shade areas

None

There's a water feature across the street and near Ballston Quarter - I don't think one here is all that necessary. I wouldn't do all paving as what seems to

be proposed. For some activities that require jumping or high intensity movements it can be painful, maybe a softer material or wood like at Ballston quarter for the upper platform.

Everything.

More benches perhaps.

We need a serene oasis - 100 percent support for this concept

Take out water feature

Too much space designated for retail seating; if closed off, should be next to building only. Dislike the water feature: will be expensive to build and maintain, and is wasted space and mosquito magnet. Not enough trees. Overall design, meh. Sterile.

More greenery & trees.

I like it.

Maybe narrower planted berms to provide wider circulation

More shade.

I do not think a water feature is a good idea. They are expensive and must be cared for to winterize and clean. They must also be checked to avoid mosquito breeding.

Drop the water feature.

Too much pavement. Water element would require more upkeep. Seating for restaurant takes up too much public space. Could easily become a walk through for the public and having active games would identified the space more as part of the commercial uses rather than for the public.

Add more greenery (more trees)

less pavement or replace with more natural pavers that slow runoff

I would remove the water

The water feature is nice. In my observation, Arlington County has had difficulty in maintaining the operation and cleanliness of water features associated with projects. Given the location and likely dining activity that will occur, I envision the water feature requiring considerable maintenance daily to keep it clean and operating effectively.

too much retail seating

Maybe add overhead shaded structures —fewer than concept B

Some permeable pavement

Add pergola for shade

Get rid of some of the berms! The REDUCE accessibility by the public not increase it!

Not clear if water feature is a place to sit.

add more trees and inset bench

Get rid of the water feature unless it is something kids can play in. Otherwise, it is a waste of space.

less moveable seating, more built-in seating, perhaps another planting island near Fairfax Drive or extend planting peaking out from tree, it seems unbalanced

A little less retail seating

Paving scheme

I do not like the "kidney bean" shapes of the green space and the water feature. There is too much contrast between plaza design and built/architectural place making.

Way too much paved area--needs fewer sidewalks and more lawn. Also, retail/restaurant seating should be open to the public and not reserved for customers.

more shade, plants, trees

a few trees/plantings closer to retail
The water feature. Drop it.
Don't make the retail seating exclusively retail unless the retailer is paying regularly for the rental space.
add more overhead shade
Reduce the private retail seating ie(B has less than A) Benches as drawn not attractive. Have more wall seating,, ie not too low, on berms borders. Please add adequate trash receptacles.
movable tables
More interactive structures - fitness or exercise course
more overhead shade
n/a
Too much space for seating or something disruptive from a relaxing space like lawn or table games.
I like the idea of a fountain in the summer, but in the winter when the water is turned off...would there be a budget for winter holiday decor or would it just become an empty cement hole?
More greenery
remove water feature
not enough shade
convert the water feature to additional shade
It is important to have umbrellas to provide shade at the tables.
moveable chairs and table (they might get stolen) and benches that do not discourage sleeping on them. There should be adequate trash containers as well.

It needs more shade.
Spread the trees better in the space for shading pavement.
More shade.
It should be more interesting.
More soft space and less hardscape
more plants and trees
Much more green, more trees, more plants.
More shade
Water features may be more expensive to maintain than plantings.
Less and fewer retail chairs.
Many more trees. Also, keep in mind that people like to sit on the grass, so you need more park area and less paving. Unshaded benches are excruciatingly hot for 3-4 months of the year--even the seat and arms get too hot to touch.
more green is better this is the primary purpose of the park given the excessive hard scaped urban environment
The movable chairs will just get stolen also attract homeless ness
I would maybe expand the available public seating with benches or something under the trees
Reduce or eliminate the water feature and retail seating.
Needs more shade
Less paving. Feels impermanent. Add natural water feature. More welcoming from Fairfax Drive.
I would like to see more seating with shade.

More trees, like in concept B.

Retail seating

I'd prefer fixed to movable seating but either works well.

Do not make it gray! Very basic design essentials say that gray is an unfriendly color that creates an inhumane atmosphere, and yet every Arlington and Tysons development is centered on gray color schemes. Huge mistake. Add more greenspace, reduce paving. Add private areas to sit.

I would prefer to see most seating movable so that it can be pulled into the shade.

Increase ground/grass/lawn as opposed to so much paved coverage. Consider using pavement that is pervious to address any stormwater issues/concern.

Since the water feature is not interactive, would make it a smaller feature

Add more planting space to replace some of the paved area next to the retail seating zone. Slightly enlarge the other planting spaces.

I would add in the shade element from Concept B and some of the landscaping of B and do a combined Concept C. I'd keep the water feature up nearer the library but use the planting proposal from B around it. I'd then put the shade element to the South with more planting - perhaps enough that a tree or two might have to go. I can't remember the shadow studies - but I would be fine with flipping the water and shade element to make the shade feature most effective.

Increase the landscaped area to at least 70% of the total area. Make the entire area biophilic. Change the plaza to a park with a large natural area. Add trees, meadow/pollinator habitats and natural areas that attract birds and butterflies. Add bird feeders.

Eliminate the water feature, which very few people would use.

Reduce the tables and seating by at least 50% and replace them with unpaved natural areas.

Trees should bear edible nuts and fruits trees and/or produce attractive fall foliage. Do not plant grasses, as they do not attract pollinators. Surround trees with native plants that support pollinators, such as bees and butterflies.

Eliminate grasses, ground cover and shrubs that do not support pollinators.

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I would get rid of the water feature and move common space into and under the building making it common space and space for retailers to have outdoor space for their customers.

I would delete the water feature to save out-year expenditures on operations and maintenance.

I'd put more shade around the open plaza.

add shading element, cluster retail seating into one corner instead of spreading it along the whole area

Less open pavement

Needs more trees and shade

What elements of Concept B do you find most appealing?

Please keep your answer to 200 words or less.

Shade structure!

Bigger trees, I think than Concept A. Pergola and shade.

Really like the more plantings and areas for people to sit at tables and talk. Like the potential for more shade from the sun on hot days.

Variety of open/flexible seating options and nooks to settle into, and getting some shade

The berms with inset benches.

Better attempt at balancing plantings and hardscape in a less formulaic approach than A.

Like the mix of seating and shade options. Like the patterning of the pavers. Like the retail spilling out onto plaza and garage door connections.

I like that it appears to have more natural shade provided by the tree plantings.
Curved paved seating area. Feels like there are lots of hidden spaces you could read a book or enjoy lunch in the shade.
The shapes of the green areas and the amount of trees
overhead shade
Shade
As long as there is enough sitting area for both the retail and casual person that wants to chill it looks great
Shade structure. Shapes and distributions of planting beds. Use of pattern in pavement to visually break up the space.
The amount of planting and trees.
Great inclusion of plants in Concept B.
Shade provisions and ornamental trees. Shade is the most essential factor to my use of this space.
More shade and greenery, which is nice given that this is in the very urban area of Ballston.
Looks like more trees than Concept A
The shade feature is appealing and given global warming and the likelihood of hotter weather going forward shade and sun tolerant plantings will be important.
overhead shade structure and inset benches in planted area
I like the spacing of the trees. It looks more green.
More plantings
I think this project will attract homeless people and should be postponed

overhead shade structure

mixed plantings

I like the fact that it has no water feature. Water features end up turned off and stand empty--look at Clarendon (near the Metro elevator).

I prefer this concept because the trees/greenery seem to be more prevalent and spread out.

Feels more integrated, like an extra-large sidewalk

paving design and planting area arrangement.

less separation of sidewalk on the edge than in scheme A, making the public area feel larger, less rigidly separated.

i like denser tree layout

It is more interesting to look at and be in

The trees are not rigidly placed

Overhead Shade Structure and More Trees. I like this the best.

It looks lovely as well with the additional plantings. I love the idea of tables for public use.

the benches that look like books, a nice nod to the Library.

Overhead shade structure

Shaded area.

I actually like Concept B but with the water feature of Concept A. I like the water feature, shade feature, inset benches, moveable chairs and tables and in this time of Covid - retail seating is very important. Lots of greenery is very positive for mental health especially these days.

I like the idea of having a restaurant be able to spill out onto the plaza.
Increased shade and larger planting beds; the shade sail or structure is appealing.
shade structure; retail seating doesn't take up as much room as A
I love how native plants would be used. This model also has more shade. I like how the paving is divided by green spaces. It provides a nice mixture, giving the park the feel of walking on a trail in a wooded space.
See above
Lots of trees and various shade seating areas.
Significantly more trees and shrubs and green spaces, a shade structure for shade and visual interest, lighting for safety and beauty. More permanent benches than chairs/tables.
Shade trees and seating
Reduced commercial frontage
Love more trees and giant shade , games and tables
Trees and mixed planting beds.
Pergola, lighting plan, plantings
It offers an opportunity for both sun and shade seating with in a generously planted setting.
I don't. Too busy.
The shady areas and more extensive planting.
Hidden benches
overhead shade structure; more inset benches in Concept B than in Concept A
Shade canopy and pergola.

Retail seating Zone
Better arrangement of trees and plantings than in Concept A. Concept B provides many opportunities to replace pavement between the trees with natural areas. Concept A lacks these opportunities.
Shade, inset benches
More plantings so less bare open plaza space; love water features if always clean and working
More plantings & more shade
More shady areas, easier to pass through if you're just coming, going, or jogging by.
The pergola/shade feature. Seems more sustainable than a fountain.
Plantings, Walsh, benches, shade
I prefer the design features in concept B. The shade structure, plantings and overall design layout. Please include different types of flexible seating. Benches, tables and chairs w umbrellas.
Random placement of trees.
Seems like more greenery.
More trees
The inset benches - it would be nice if they had some kind of sloped backing.
The additional trees, the quiet water feature with the lily pads, the benches made to look like open books. Someone was really thinking and feeling when they designed this.
Appears to have more benches, more shade from both trees and pergola.
Shade structure and movable chairs
Shade pergola

Mosaic Park serves the purpose of concept B
Trees, shade structure, and separate areas
No water feature. More trees. Break-up of big paved area is more inviting. Retail seating area is smaller and better designed than Concept A, but still too big if restricted for use only by those purchasing items in adjacent stores.
More greenery & trees.
The trees are appealing but I don't care for the gazebo.
shaded area, it's needed
None
Shaded pergola.
Movable tables & chairs. Those are successful in Oakland Park.
Water park for kids.
Trees, pavers, inset seating, and the retail space.
Shade.
Since this space primarily faces west and south and it on a busy corner, it will be hot in summer, noisy and wind blown. Concept B has more trees and overhead shelter that will make it more useful and attractive to the public. Quincy Park has more than enough space for activities and games.
Lots of trees and shade structure
shade structure
Shade
Variety of plantings and ease of maintenance.
better design, more practical use of space, more seating, overhead shade,

benches
Inset benches
the trees and shaded areas
plantings
Differences seem minor. Like the water feature in A, but B is good too.
Overhead shaded area
Shade structure
The bench that looks like an open book
Pergola. Other than that, I do not like this plan.
Seems more intimate and interesting with different types of spaces.
lots of shade and trees
Shade structure. Benches.
paving pattern with arc design
plantings cover more of the space
Retail seating area
Organic/curved paving
Integration of hardscape and landscape
Diverse seating opportunities
The general appearance of B is significantly more appealing than A. The space making and amount of trees appears much more comfortable and natural.

more trees than Concept A.
Shade and greenery
Plantings
Shade trees, plants
Doesn't have a water feature.
same as above.
More shade, lots of trees
overhead shade
I like the trees. Being spread out, trees with a larger canopy be could be considered. Mainly, I did not like this. B has too much for a small space.
overhead shade and inset seating
The shade structure and larger planting areas
Overhead shade
inset benches
the overhead shade
Movable tables/chairs
Shade trellis, and less structured feel of the plant areas. Looks more natural
Shade
The large amount of trees, shade space, and inset benches.
Overhead shade, mixed planting, movable tables
I like the idea of a shady area to sit, but worry that it will become overrun by

homeless persons.
Lots of greenery, benches, and shading
Overhead shade structure
overhead shade structure and movable/retail seating
Would be intrigued to see how the shade structure turns out.
lots of plantings
I like the combination of moveable tables and chairs and the benches, overhead structure and the plantings
I like the overhead trellis for shade, but it is not large enough to warrant the expense.
landscaping
It's overall look and lighting.
Very natural looking with more green spaces.
This design provides something for everyone. A nice mix of installed benches and movable seats with shade or sun.
More trees/greenery. It seems more visually interesting.
Integration of trees for shade throughout
Flexible seating
mixed planting and shade features
Overhead shade structure
This has a lot more of a park/garden feel and more trees. Much better, although I'd like even more green and less pavement. How about grass instead of paving? Or pebbles, something permeable?

Trees and shade
The shade provided by both the structure and the trees
Low berms for the win!
more trees
more green space and trees
The trees
I like the benches on this one, and the overhead trellis is near
It appears / feels more green; in fact it feels like the more serene of the two. It feels like it has more plantings.
Shade
Shade structure. More inviting from Fairfax Drive than A.
Increased shade.
Trees
Too much hardscape
The inset benches.
The amount of greenspace. Still too paved!
Shade structure and benches. Love the greenery
I LOVE the book-shaped benches. I would make a trip to this park just to see them.
The distribution of trees/canopy. Like the overhead shade structure.
Mixed planting/low berms and inset benches

movables tables & chairs

Moveable tables and chairs are nice. Inset benches look nice

The shade structure

Angled planting-areas' placement and darker pavement to delineate the arc from building corner to building corner is very attractive.

I liked the shade element and the increased planting proposed to surround it. As noted above, I favor a Concept C that combines the shade element (placed where it would be the most efficacious) and the sculpted water fountain along with planting most like B. Quincy Park provides varied active areas so it would be nice if this were more of a low key oasis. The new residential buildings have copious amenity spaces that provide places for outside games, etc. And it's hard to program these spaces - and now with the pandemic we can't - so why not just have a more open area to enjoy? I could see a life size board game perhaps being part of this mix - but not table tennis, etc.

Better arrangement of trees and plantings than in Concept A. Concept B provides many opportunities to replace the much of the pavement between the trees with natural areas. Concept A does not have as many such opportunities.

I like the shade. But, as noted for Concept A, this area is too small, you need to move into the structure itself about 10 meters to provide indoor space for various activities. In the new Covid world, we need to be outdoors more. Build the same building but make provide more open space in the building itself for the cold months.

Think outside the box. There might be snow on the ground, but an interior part of the park, under the building itself, with seating and benches could attract people even during the winter. We live in a new Covid world. This building could be one of the first to adapt to that.

Pergola

I like the increase in shade plantings but I think the shaded pavilion is too small to be worthwhile.

shading structure - will this protect against rain, too?

it looks more balanced and better spread out than option A
From the shade study depicted, it looks like the plaza will get a lot of direct sun in summer -- so this shadier (in hopes you plant trees that will get tall enough to cast shade) is better and I heard mention of including permeable paving (a good thing if done and maintained well)
Shade
Trees and shade dispersed throughout site
Shade to do tai chi

What elements of Concept B would you change?

Please keep your answer to 200 words or less.

Make sure surfaces are smooth and safe for walking but NOT SLIPPERY when wet.
Can't think of anything now.
There is too much landscaping; not enough sun.
Could use something to create a sense of place. Needs a little something more to set this design above some of the other older outdated plazas in the corridor. One specific issue is the paving pattern, the arc of the darker grey pavers makes it seem like those movable tables and chairs are part of the retail zone. Need a delineation that makes the public comfortable being there.
Maybe too many trees in plaza.
There is too much pavement and cafe-style seating.
I would add a water feature
It would be nice to add a water feature.
I don't think I would like to just sit there.
Add a water feature.

More plantings
concern for visibility/sightlines for personal safety, people lurking around
I like a water feature over the pergola. The pergola seems small and will not be able to be enjoyed by everyone.
less retail space
I think this project will attract homeless people and should be postponed
Too much fenced-off private Retail Seating is being carved out of the "Public" space -- 15 feet out of the available 59 feet. Cutting the Retail Seating area in half with one row of retail seating along the building wall would be reasonable.
I would add in a smaller water feature.
More space / prominence for the shade structure
Almost the same issues as in A: increase the orientation of the design to embrace/face/connect with the library across the street. What is the view from the library? Is it inviting to cross? If this is really a public space, giving back to the community, then the garage grill with plantings around it seemed less objectionable than the long run of private seating that is for the building. It also seems the design is oriented toward the building and private seating area. Not as inviting for the public. Would like the water feature added to this one, with the water feature oriented toward the library and public walking by, rather than toward the building and the private seating.
not convinced that we need retail in a public space
I would make the proposed shade structure smaller and add another small shade structure off Fairfax Drive

None
Not as much a fan of Concept B. The pergola seems a bit disconcerting to my eye.
Needs water feature
I would add a water feature.
I would give the restaurant more space for outdoor seating so that the plaza can be more lively and there can still be opportunity for social distancing.
I am concerned about "moveable" furnishings and how long they would last.... While appealing, I think they will disappear [I have watched families try to take stones out of our local parks for their gardens - working in daylight with their children!]. Built in benches are probably a better investment, even though less flexible for use.
add water feature; remove some plants to make room for people!
I don't like the trellis idea. I think shade could be had with trees, which would add much more to the ambiance than an artificial structure.
See above.
Add a solid roof shade trellis also in the lower portion for outdoor seating. Temps are getting hotter with climate change.
Less moveable chairs/tables that will require maintenance and replacement over time. The building owner need to commit to maintenance of the structures and landscape over time.
Add a water fountain
Overhead shade structure
Less paving and more natural paths, grassy walking paths, gravel, mulch better than paving!
Reduce the amount of paved surface.
Prefer concept A

Make the shade structure larger by 2 times.

Nothing.

Replace the spaces between the trees with natural areas. Reduce the paved areas. Make the entire area biophilic.

Mosaic Park and the new Ballston Metro Station plaza has more than enough pavement and outdoor public meeting spaces to accommodate all of the area's needs for paved plazas. The area does not need any more such pavement and plazas.

There is too much area devoted to seating and tables. Reduce the table and seating by at least 50%. Add trees, pollinator/meadow habitat, bird feeders and natural areas. Plant vines (such as trumpet creeper or seedless grape vines) that will cover the overhead shade structure.

Some of the trees should bear edible nuts and fruits. Select trees that will produce an attractive fall foliage. Do not plant grasses, as they do not attract pollinators.

The planting areas need to be larger. All trees need to be surrounded by native plants that support pollinators, such as bees and butterflies. No trees should be surrounded by grasses, ground cover and shrubs that do not support pollinators.

Dump the pergola.

1. This design might encourage too much cut-through traffic.

2. It looks like it is full of stuff in the middle that just takes up space.

3. The trees should provide enough shade, so how about making the canopy a rain canopy, so people can use the space on rainy days, too?

Open it up with more paved area.

Add water feature

Needs a water feature. :)

No water feature

I don't like the idea of library themed benches - the ones in the picture while fun will likely not age well aesthetically. Maybe bright colors or modern and

abstract but not-library themed.
Nothing
More open space.
Add water feature
All of them - use Mosaic Park for this purpose
Add small chess/checkers boards
Retail seating space should be smaller and confined next to building only. If shade trees properly placed, is the "overhead shade structure" necessary? Seems expensive and yet one more thing to maintain.
Not sure. Really like Concept A.
Shade structure seems small and detached. Plaza area is too narrow and too devoted to circulation--encourages people to move through rather than encouraging them to stay.
Limit games & physical activity space, since the total area is small. For those reading & chatting, they wouldn't want to be hit by a ping pong ball, for instance.
I do not like the under seat lights but the rest of the concept seems better than plan A.
Maybe a few less trees.
Rethink seating. I like moveable cafe chairs/tables especially for eating/drinking but for reading and relaxing they are not comfortable. Neither are benches built into berms. In addition, there is no connection to the library. Work with library to rethink how the library might use this space. Public book talks/outdoor lectures/small cultural events all might be possible. Last, coordinate with the County Public Art program to improve library connections (perhaps street painting?).
Add water feature
trees in middle pavers? Too city like maybe. How about a more natural tree

ground environment.
Nothing
Good design. If there's interest in more program space, that would be fine. No game areas.
Not sure I like the overhead shade structure
a small reduction of the retail seating zone
add water feature
More open-fewer shaded structures
Some permeable pavement
looks like too many disconnected small islands
Far too many berms. Far too little public access. This has far too much focus on "audio and visual" and far too little focus on ACTIVATING THE SPACE FOR THE PUBLIC USE. More plantings is one of those things in surveys that sounds so good , but in practice remove public accessible space.
Lighting at night should get a lot of attention to create interest while maintaining safety.
Add water feature
Too much space taken up by plants. Add space for an outdoor activity for children.
remove shade structure, fewer trees, more open area
Too crowded with plants
Not crazy about the overhead shade structure because it is fixed and breaks up space that might otherwise be used more flexibly.
I do not care for the low wall separating outdoor dining space attached to retail vs. public space. I suppose this is required if liquor is served, but I think it detracts from the overall appearance of the space, and how the space might

<p>be used. When the restaurant/ retail is closed it would be nice for the outdoor tables or whatever to revert back to being part of the holistic public plaza, not appear as a part of the design that is closed/ not accessible.</p>
<p>Too much paved area--needs fewer sidewalks and more lawn. Also, retail/restaurant seating should be open to the public and not reserved for customers. The benches shaped like open books are cute but they look very uncomfortable.</p>
<p>The trellis feels too heavy - need more openness at this site given surrounding tall buildings</p>
<p>More plants</p>
<p>Spruce up (pun intended) the plants envisioned. Overall, great idea to try to capture seasonal plantings. Keep that idea whatever you do.</p>
<p>I strongly dislike the pergola, and its LED lights.. This space is green, not artificial. Let the shade come from trees. The benches shaped like library books are clever, but the groove in the seating will catch leaves, water, and won't be useable. I'd liked like more benches, higher walls on berms for sitting, and please add trash cans. I do not like the idea of set games here-too noisy in an area that is to be an oasis. The space is small, the smallest of any of the example parks shown earlier in your video.</p>
<p>movable tables</p>
<p>Not much, if I had to choose between A or B, B would be my choice</p>
<p>water feature addition</p>
<p>Inset benches</p>
<p>Nothing.</p>
<p>More room for public use</p>
<p>remove inset benches</p>
<p>inset bench</p>
<p>I'm concerned about the position of the benches and if they'd be too private</p>

making them a security issue
The plantings could use more borders and more clean lines to match the area.
the shade and paving
I like it the way it is.
Needs a water feature. Depending on tree species, more small/understory trees.
Nothing.
Too much seating for the ground floor retail. Seating reaches far into the plaza. There is no water feature.
Larger or second shade structure
more trees
Too much seating devoted to private retail.
How about putting the water feature from A where the shade feature is here? And more greenery and trees.
I can't think of anything.
More bushes.
better flow. needs more grassy space. about 50% more trees
minimize private seating related to adjacent retail
Nothing
I can't think of anything off hand
N/a
Less paving. Feels impermanent. Add natural water feature.

Overhead shade structure is too small. Much more area should be covered.
Too much pavement

Add a water feature.

Do not make it gray! Very basic design essentials say that gray is an unfriendly color that creates an inhumane atmosphere, and yet every Arlington and Tysons development is centered on gray color schemes. Huge mistake. Add more private areas to sit.

Concept B looks like it is mostly hardscape and would not help with the county's storm water management problems.

If possible add more trees/lawn space.

Seems like there may be too many trees. It's kind of hard to tell the difference between A and B

Replace shade structure with a water feature.

See above.

Replace the spaces between the trees with natural areas. Reduce the paved areas. Landscaped natural areas should occupy at least 70% of the total area. Make the entire area biophilic.

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Enlarge all planting areas. Surround all trees with native plants that support pollinators, such as bees and butterflies. Do not surround trees with grasses, ground cover and shrubs that do not support pollinators.

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Other than enlarging the public space into an overhang in the building itself.

Nothing. It's hard to see in the simulations, but this is not a big area. It is likely to be unused unless you make it seem larger somehow. Stick some of it into the building itself. It might be a winner.

More open space for activities and less mixed plantings in low berms

I'd get rid of the shade canopy as it is too small to be worthwhile.

nothing

Get rid of the tree uplights -- they are not good for the health of the trees (confuses their seasonal cycles) -- and contribute to light pollution

none

Additional thoughts

Please share any additional thoughts that may not have been covered by the previous questions.

Please keep your answer to 200 words or less.

Would like to see an effort to block/reduce street noise along this busy street/intersection. But I'm also concerned that northbound traffic must have clear sight to very busy pedestrian crossing at 10th and Quincy.

links to cafes seems undiscussed. what is the plan to have cafe-like businesses supporting the area--without them this is a sterile alley with landscaping.

Please do ASAP! Thanks.

Don't think games are appropriate for this plaza or location. They won't get used. I like the intimate nature of the site and think adding corn hole or putt putt golf doesn't jell with the passive use and restaurant/retail use. Visitors seeking a break for lunch or a book or going to the restaurant will enliven the plaza. They don't want to be assaulted with a flying bean bag or stray golf ball.

I like concept A better

As long as there is enough sitting area for both the retail and casual person that wants to chill

Please do add some sort of interactive space for children.

Possibly include a small kid corner with references to children's literature, maybe a climbable sculpture. Not a play area, as there is one on the other side of the library.

Overall I like Concept A more but I think that a mixing of the two could be nice. When I think Oasis, I think of more shade and trees.

As Ballston-Virginia Square gets increasingly built, the importance of green space grows -- for environmental reasons and human physical, emotional and spiritual reasons. That's why I support Plan B.

a total waste of available resources at this time.

Native plants and some educational/interactive elements to encourage people to think about wildlife, pollinators, the environment, etc. would be good additions. Maybe some bee hotels or butterfly barns? Water feature for birds and squirrels? Info on native plants and species of plants/animals/insects you might see in this area?

Overall prefer Concept A; Like the idea of additional thematic (benches, sculpture etc.) or structural (sight-lines, symmetry etc.) associations with the library property

Remove or reduce the private seating.

Re-orient the plaza toward the street and library to make it more inviting for the public.

happy to weigh in on this, thanks for opportunity!

The narration keeps stressing wheelchair users which is fine...so is accessibilityof course, but many Arlingtonians travel on other wheels big and small....strollers for example, kids on bikes....it would be nice to open up your narration to those uses too. I really admire the benches made to look like books. I would like to see some small tempting play stations for kids...many of whom visit the library with parents and caregivers.

This seems like a good solution to that corner, especially with Bright Horizons day care now across the street. This looks like a nice complement to Quincy Park and the Library complex. Thank you for asking our opinions!

Watch how much annual maintenance you are creating. Too much will create budget and manpower problems. Without proper maintenance the planting areas will die out and become mud and garbage pits.

Major question - what are you doing to the gar. parking entrance? That parking is vital to the use of the library. Easy access to the parking must be maintained - especially for the mobility challenged.

It is difficult to tell much about the planting choices, but they will need to be carefully curated for maintenance and durability surrounded by so much concrete. Again, I am concerned about maintenance. We install street trees and then do not invest in watering them, an example of short-sighted management of our public landscapes. Tree choices will need to be mixed, and not a monoculture as many designers often envision.

I'm glad that there are efforts to include more green and outdoor spaces. As Arlington allows greater population with approvals of large condos and businesses, we need to consider how people will go outside for physical and mental health. I would suggest that the landscape architects consider hard and landscape designs that reduce the likelihood of persons walking into landscape bedding. This will increase the likelihood of plant/tree survival and reduce maintenance. Also, the County should include in its agreement with the building owner that they must maintain and replace as needed the space, its plantings, and furniture forever.

I have questions about how well the space will be maintained. It's on the west side of the building, which means it will get hot. Keeping trees and plants watered sufficiently and providing sufficient soil volume and pervious ground for proper tree root development will be key to the longevity and maturity of trees and other plants, which could reduce costs associated with replacement.

I strongly support Option B.

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I like that Arlington negotiates in some green space with builders. But what about PARKING? We need public / retail parking in that area more than we need green space, since we already have the park behind the library. Thanks!

I am concerned about safety. What safety measures (as I walk in the area in the winter in the dark). If I'm walking in a tree covered/trellis-ed area, is there adequate light to see paths and who may be in the area. Having a lot of pavement could impact how the space could function and how it could be used. Granted there is a park across from the library but it would be nice if the space were flexible to accomodate different types of activity - high intensity and low impact.

Please pick Concept B.

Outreach Services for the homeless could be considered due to presence in the Ballston area. How do social services integrate with the design of these areas? I recommend the county and designers assure that decisions and team members include professionals from the county that serve the homeless community.

One end should be a "movable" space for fitness/small events etc. Water feature separates the space and the other end for those who want more intimate space for reading/ social etc. I like the dedicated space for retail. I like a mix of the concepts

Strongly prefer option A.

No one has mentioned trash or recycle receptacles, which are important aesthetically as well as for sanitation purposes.

Like Concept B so much more. Easier to maintain. More free-flowing and flexible.

Building owners and County need to decide if this truly is a public space or primarily an outdoor extension of the retail uses. My view is that it should be truly public space.

How about gardens to absorb rainfall and avoid flooding. Avoid slick icy walking path during winter. Gravel or other options for path?

Retail seating zone seems to dominate both concepts. Does this even qualify as public space if it is mostly an extension of retail?

I'm glad this plaza space will be available. Please be careful though. It's a small space and more than 25% is not devoted to "plantings" rather than human access.

Labyrinth would be fantastic in the shade.

Arlington could use more shaded space for kids with water features and activities.

Please prioritize native plants and trees in the plantings.

I do not recall seeing bike racks or trashcans in the design drawings; these should be added.

The park needs a focal point like a tall sculpture.

Wish it had more interactive features for children other than walking on the walls and berms.

Remember, the park design needs to be for people who will not want to spend as much time indoors as they did pre-COVID-19. Make the space friendly and inviting and useable.

I hope this project is not a public-private arrangement in which Arlington Co. waives building height limits, etc. This happens too often, though I have a positive view of Arlington Co. officials.

unlike Quincy Park or the new park by gold's gym, this could be a place where a family could get lunch and kids could be occupied while parents eat ... thus, it would be nice to see more options for kids!

The space is small. Bubbling is calming, We all need a place to regroup, chill, relax. This space is not for large or noisy groups that will detract from individuals or smaller groupings using the space. A big park is across the street. Don't add a playground. Both Quincy and mosaic have playgrounds. Can a parent bring a stroller or child and have fun? Sure, but that is the beauty of a less directed space. The user gets to chose what to do. I like A. Keep up

the good work.

I prefer concept B. I value the shade structure and more plantings more than the passive water feature. I think that B will also be easier to maintain.

More trees, please.

Make sure either design is dog friendly.

The space should provide lawn space for pets. There are many of these in Ballston, but they provide an important amenity for the community and --- owners.

Looking forward to this. I want this to feel peaceful and remain clean. Also not too comfortable that homeless will take over. Also, use furniture that won't Mahe homeless too comfortable to sleep or urinate on. Use material that feels and looks clean after a year.

I really don't want this spot to turn into some overpopulated, noisy place for people to play games and shop and eat outside. It's such a relatively small spot, in between apartment buildings and the library, it'd be great to just have it be a quiet, relaxing location. There's Quincy Park literally steps away where people can hang out and play games and be loud and such - the new plaza space should be for a calmer environment.

Would love to see some colorful, local public art in this space (sculptures, murals, etc.)

I like both options as they appear to add a great buffer zone from the noise of the street.

Persons without homes seek shelter in Va Square. I am sympathetic to the lack of affordable housing and lack of outreach programs and mental health programs. These concerns/issues needs to be considered so that everyone feels welcomed and safe using the space.

Concept B is my favorite of the two. I think it is the most practical in terms of shade in the summer and the most flexible for different types of use.

Back in the 2012 design charrette, I (and my then 12 year old) advocated for some visible anchor - a real fountain (not a splash pad), a clock tower, some kind of anchor. The kind of thing someone would say "Meet me at the ..." about. There's nothing like that here and should be given the prominent site. Also, a real fountain where kids could sail toy boats would be unique in

Arlington, compared to some of the elements here.

I hope that the country can maximize the size of this much-needed space in that "stone city" area of Arlington.

Arlington is losing trees everywhere. We need to concentrate on putting more trees back at every opportunity. (And not removing them in the first place.)

I prefer Concept B.

This area is increasingly subject to searing temperatures. The area needs many more trees in order to be useful for about 1/3 of the year.

less concrete and more landscaped areas. water feature would be good. Mosaic Park unfortunately has way too much concrete surfaces... too bad

Mini soccer courts please

Stop using gray color schemes. It is not chic or hip, it is just bad design. Design should be human-centric, and what aspect of human life is best reflected in the color gray??? It is a terrible trend that has unfortunately taken hold in metro DC development circles. Using gray is just one bad and anti-human design notion that has become prevalent in every new development in Arlington, Tysons, and DC, but it is a critical part. Even bad design, if warm and inviting, can still be approachable to people. But bad, gray, and cold designs don't attract people. If Arlington wants to be a truly progressive place, it needs to embrace design essentials from the best designers in the world, inspired by those in Scandinavia and Switzerland, who put human-centric design first, and stop listening and contracting with mediocre to talentless development and design companies that have infested the area.

Both designs should have their storm water runoff outcomes discussed and this should be an important deciding factor in the decision-making process.

I would hope the budget for the park could be modified upwards to include shade element and water element and robust planting areas since there will be compensation for not having the Black Box theatre on site any more. I also know we're in tough budget times and maybe that Black Box money might be thought of for another public need - but making this park the best it can be should be paramount and if we have to add some money from a now defunct public benefit from the site, we should do it.

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I appreciate that Arlington County is getting some public space out of this deal, but really, it's a very small space that will probably only be a transit area between the library, the park and Ballston proper unless you find a way to make it bigger and more inviting. Trees are necessary and important, but they are not going to draw folks to this area given the park is steps away. Make it an attractive place for families to gather and have a coffee or snack and think about how to make it work in the winter.

I have pretty much lost interest in this space since the black box theater was removed from consideration in 2017. I would strongly advocate adding a community meeting room to the project. This is a sorely needed amenity for non-profit and other community organizations in the Ballston-Virginia Square neighborhood. And County-fostered retail in privately funded buildings has not proved to be very successful. Better to add the community meeting room and cut down on the retail, in my opinion.

How much affordable housing will the building have? We have an oversupply of luxury apartments and office space in Arlington. I hope the County Board is encouraging the builders to put in more normal and more affordable units, preferably larger ones that can hold families.

The High Line in NYC is great urban space with interesting plantings but it too lacks sufficient shade. You're moving in the right direction to make this more than just a paved, hot, dry plaza, which will get little use in the summer during the day. If you could figure out some additional shade opportunities without compromising safety that would be ideal. Good luck!

More trees, preferably ones that may mature in place.

Happy to see a new public area nearby (I live at Oakland Park), it looks beautiful! Please, also keep improving the roads in the area, it's much needed!

I prefer Concept B