



## Draft 4MRV Park Master Plan (PMP)

Jennie Dean Park  
Shirlington Park  
Shirlington Dog Park  
Design Guidelines

July 26, 2018  
Sports Commission



## Working Group Charge\*

- *"...The Park Master Plan will provide a vision for the comprehensive replacement and realignment of existing park features (exclusively for park purposes) and the addition of new park amenities to meet the growing demand for active and passive recreation, cultural resources and natural resource preservation."*
- Key Study Elements (include but are not limited to):
  - Short- and long-term vision, policies, recommendations and implementation strategies for PMP
  - Define an open space network
  - Incorporate existing uses and a variety of active and passive uses
  - Identify opportunities and incorporate best practices for stream restoration and preservation within Jennie Dean Park and adjacent open spaces
  - Maximizing transit, bicycle, and pedestrian connections to and through the area, including parks and open spaces
  - Develop plans, strategies and creative solutions for on- and off-street parking

*\*The Four Mile Run Valley Working Group and Charge was adopted on April 16, 2016 and amended on July 19, 2016.*



## Structure of PMP

- Introduction
- Existing Park Conditions
- Policy Framework
- 4MRV Park Master Plan Recommendations
- Design Guidelines
  - Unifying Parks-wide Design Concepts
  - Common Design Elements
  - Unique Design Elements: Jennie Dean Park
  - Unique Design Elements: Shirlington Park
- Phasing and Implementation
- Image Credits and Appendix (as needed)

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## Common Themes

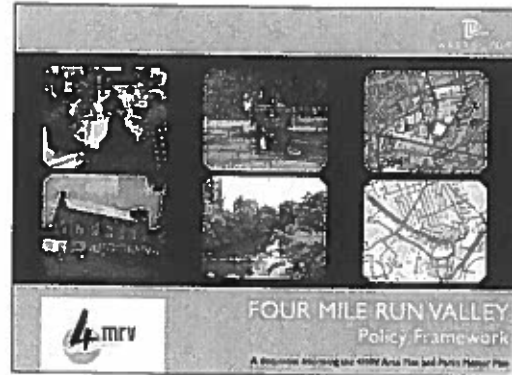
- Celebrate the area's industrial character, cultural and recreational heritage, and natural qualities
- Provide for expanded casual use space opportunities
- Increase safety and comfort for park users through design
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity
- Increase opportunities for riparian restoration, stormwater management, and tree canopy coverage
- Mitigate water quality issues as necessary
- Proceed to remove and manage invasive plant species, save existing tree canopy and other park amenities as possible
- Increase wayfinding and placemaking opportunities

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# 4MRV Policy Framework

- Concept Plan Development
  - Jennie Dean Park
  - Shirlington Park
- Recommendations for maintenance and other considerations for Shirlington Dog Park
- Working Group and Public Outreach
- Alternatives and Options Considered for park development

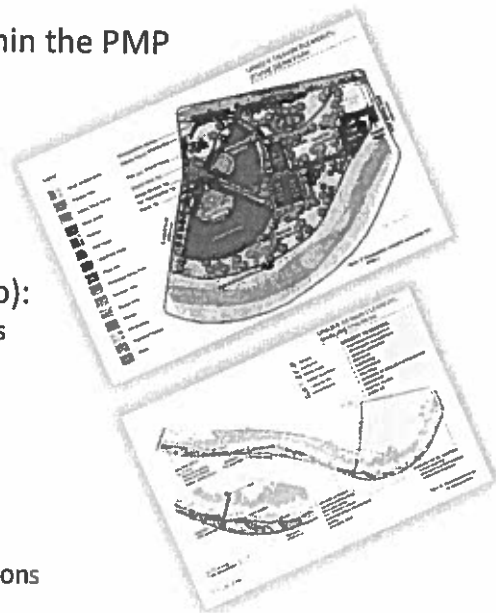


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# PMP Recommendations

- Summary of the programmed elements within the PMP
- Concept Plans:
  - Jennie Dean Park
  - Shirlington Park
- Concept plans include (but are not limited to):
  - Incorporation and integration of casual use spaces
  - Major and minor gateways
  - Alignment/location of park amenities
  - Accessibility
  - Parking considerations
  - Stormwater management
  - Tree canopy preservation and landscaping
  - Opportunities for public art and other interpretations celebrating the area's various histories
  - Riparian access and overlooks



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# PMP Design Guidelines

- Structure of Design Guidelines
  - Unifying Parks-wide Design Concepts (applicable to all PMP parks)
    - Design Character (associated with historic and current uses)
    - Universal Design
    - User Safety and Comfort
    - Stormwater Management
    - Tree Canopy and Shade Improvements
    - Riparian Restoration (coordinated w/ the Area Plan)
    - Access and Connectivity (coordinated w/ the Area Plan)
    - Wayfinding (coordinated w/ the Area Plan)
    - Design Catalog
    - Public Art and Cultural Programming

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# PMP Design Guidelines

- Structure of Design Guidelines
  - Unique Design Elements (distinct design features/elements applicable to specific parks)
    - Placemaking
    - Entry and Visual Gateways
    - Casual Use Spaces
    - Structures
    - Diamond Fields
    - Court Sports
    - Edges and Boundaries
    - Parking and Circulation
    - Overlooks

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## PMP Design Guidelines

- Notable updates provided from draft version reviewed by the Working Group in December 2017 and February 2018.
  - Revised concept plans and related diagrams to reflect the County Board adopted 4MRV Policy Framework (May 2018).  
*(Throughout the document)*
  - Revised 4MRV PMP Study Area boundary and references to parcels west of South Nelson Street omitted.  
*(Throughout the document)*
  - Added gateway feature at the northeast corner of Four Mile Run Drive (close to the Nauck neighborhood).  
*(Page 48)*

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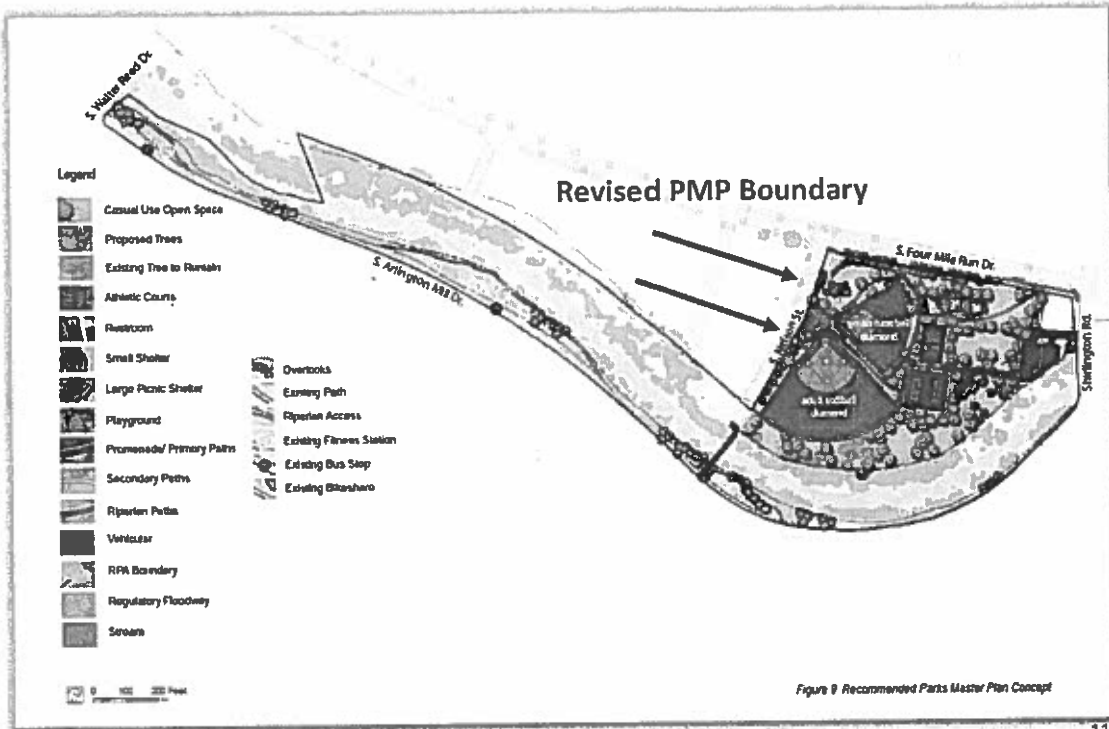


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- Notable updates provided from draft version reviewed by the Working Group in December 2017 and February 2018.
  - Revised diamond field drainage diagram with elements; removed reference for removable fencing.  
*(Page 57)*
  - Added shade structure for tennis court; noted new location of basketball court and tennis courts (after Phase II construction).  
*(Page 58)*
  - Revised section drawings showing edges and boundaries.  
*(Page 59)*
  - Updated photo sources/references  
*(Pages 77-78)*

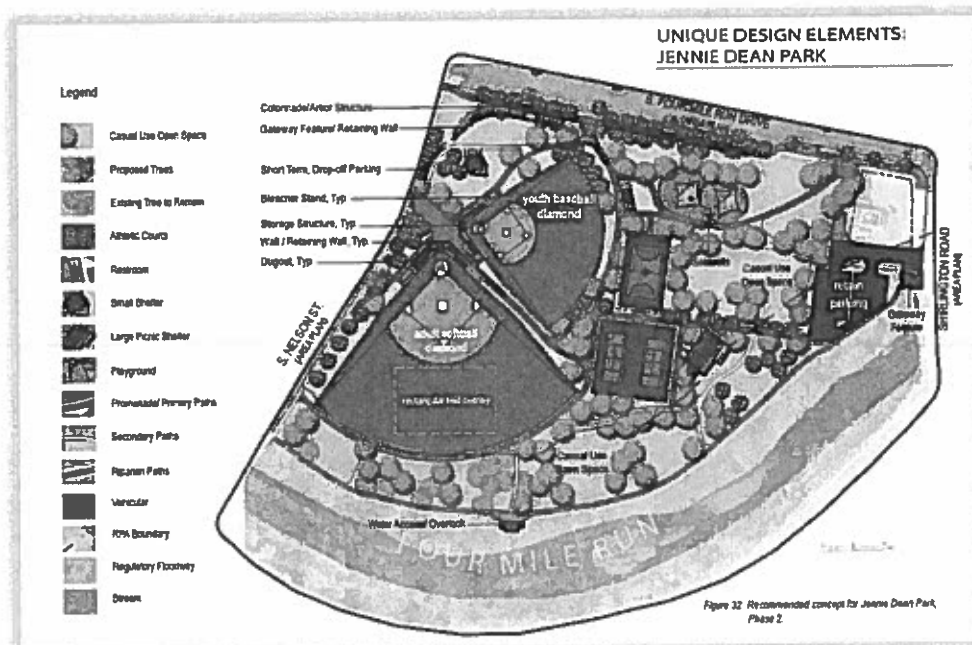
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# Recommended 4MRV PMP Concept



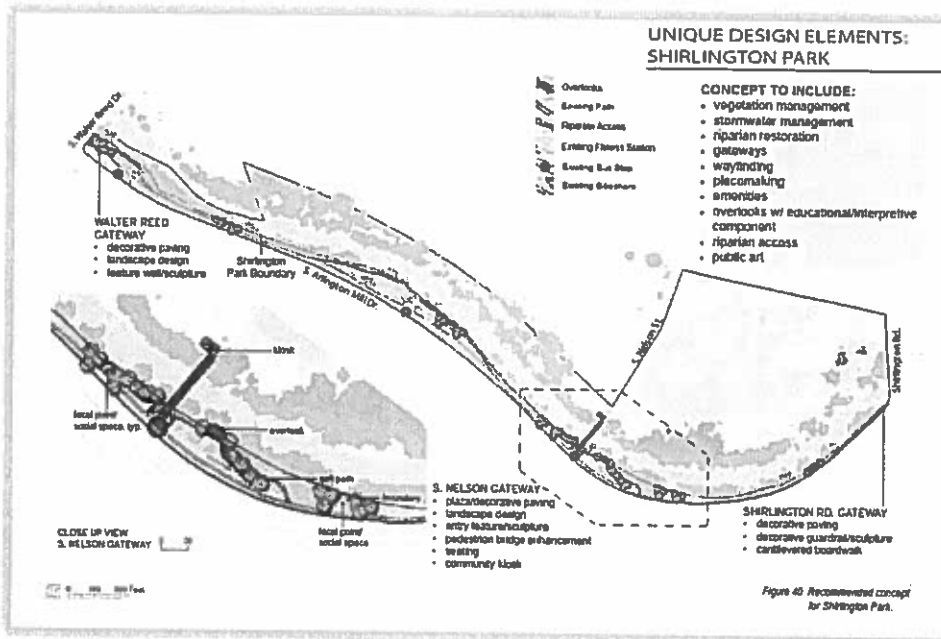
# Concept Plan – Jennie Dean Park (after Phase II)

\*Based off of the County Board Adopted 4MRV Policy Framework, May 2018

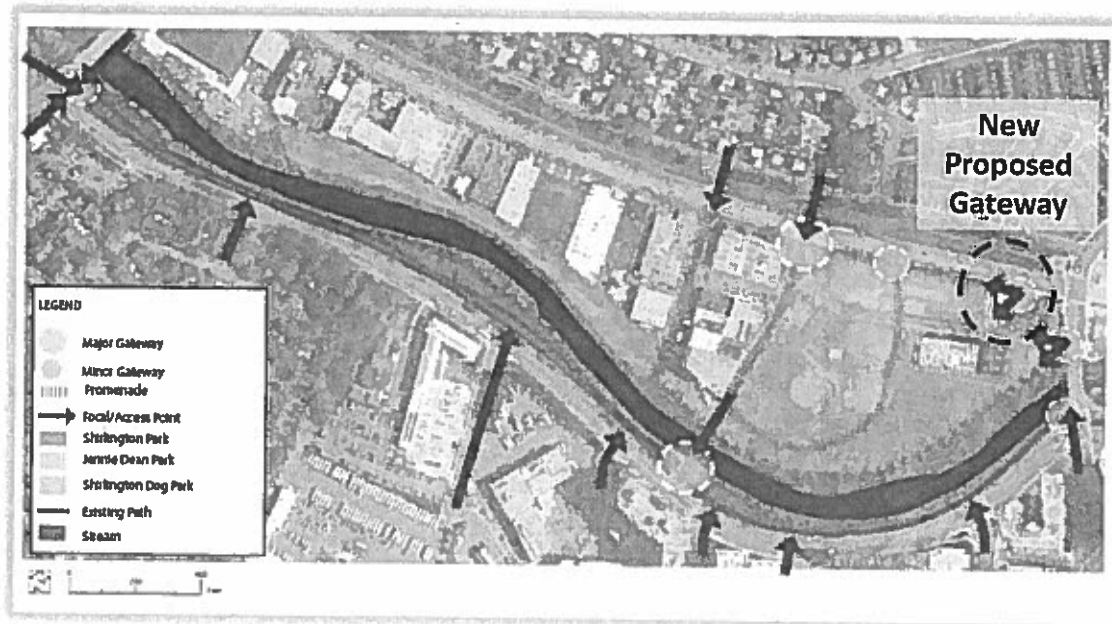


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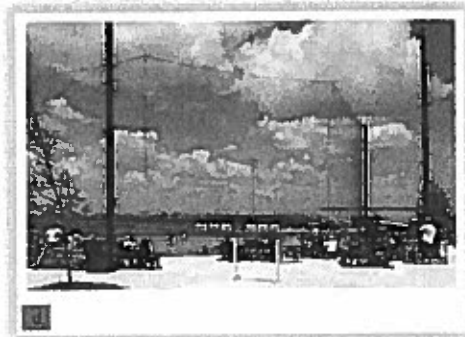
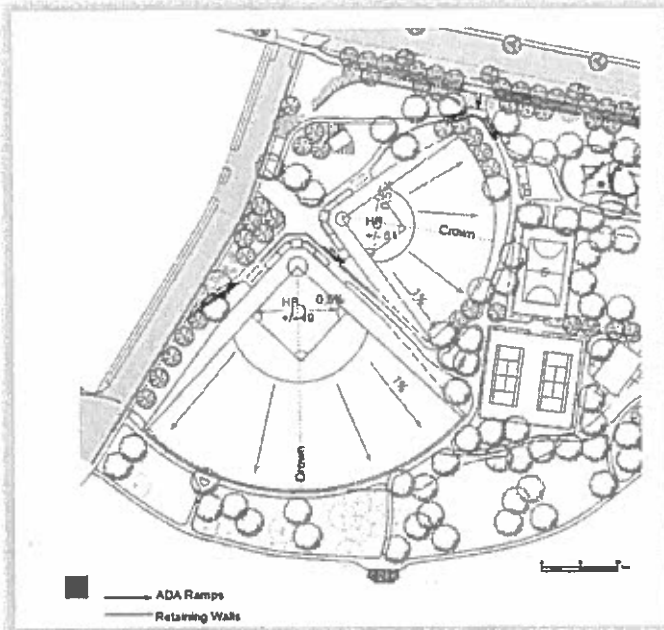


## Focal Points and Access





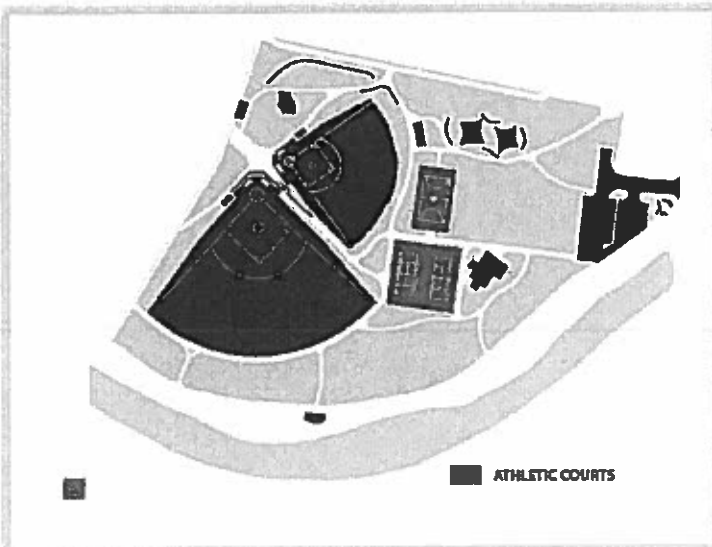
## Jennie Dean Park – Diamond Field Drainage & Fencing



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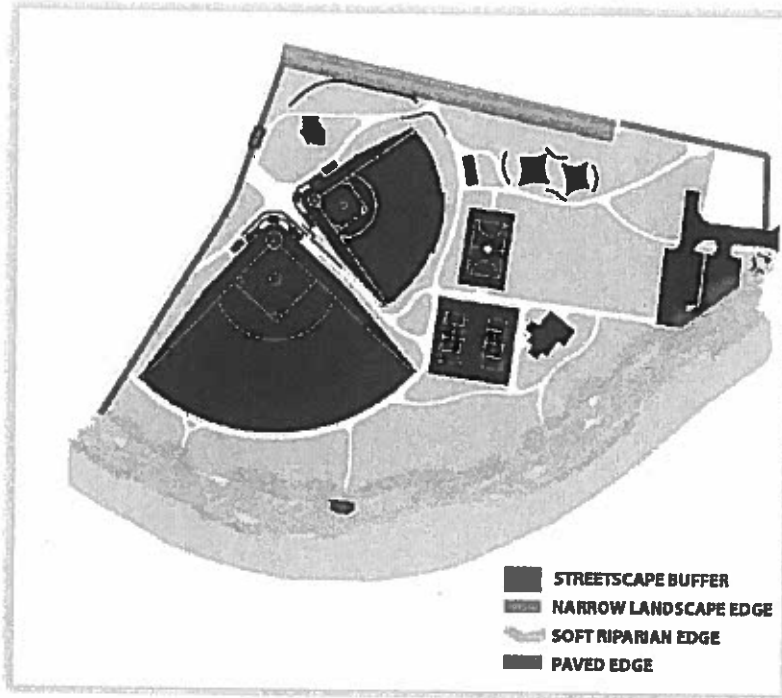
## Jennie Dean Park – Sport Courts (after Phase II) and Shade Structure



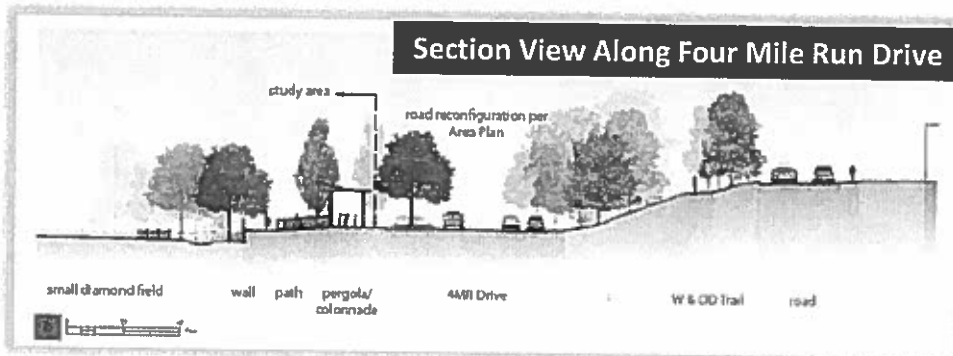
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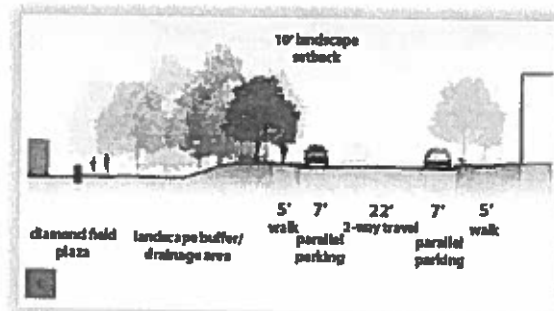
## Jennie Dean Park – Edges and Boundaries



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Section View Along South Nelson Street





## Shirlington Dog Park

- The PMP does not provide a redevelopment concept for the Shirlington Dog Park (consistent w/ CB direction in May 2017).
- No changes are recommended as part of the PMP, with the exception of those activities that are less than 2,500 square feet or are part of routine maintenance or volunteer projects as listed in the Shirlington Dog Park Committee Report.

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## Phasing and Implementation

- Jennie Dean Park, Phase I – Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funding
- 4MRV PMP Post-Approval Actions/Considerations:
  - Technical investigations
  - Demolition
  - Underground and overhead utilities
  - Stormwater management
  - Public art and other interpretation measures
  - Installation and composition of programmed park elements
  - Vehicular parking and access

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## Phasing and Implementation

- Jennie Dean Park, Phase II
- Actions/Considerations:
  - Demolition
  - Utilities
  - Site preparation
  - 27<sup>th</sup> Street South repurposing
  - Court sports relocation
  - Updated gateway (along 4MR Drive) and pedestrian connections
  - Casual use space expansion
  - Riparian plant community restoration

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## Phasing and Implementation

- Shirlington Park – CIP funding anticipated for Phase I within (FY 2026-27); Phase II is beyond current CIP.
- Actions/Considerations:
  - Park amenities
  - Maintenance and invasive species management
  - Public art and other interpretation measures
  - Bicycle and pedestrian trail programs
  - Relationship with overall Four Mile Run corridor
  - Stormwater management considerations

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## 4MRV PMP Next Steps

- Late July – Mid August 2018
  - Collect and review public comment on the draft PMP (will be posted online).
- August 2018
  - Finalize PMP document and create County Board staff report.
- September 2018
  - PMP consideration and adoption by the County Board.

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## Next Steps after PMP Adoption

- Final Design of Jennie Dean Park (Fall 2018 through 2019)
  - Community engagement process for final design.
  - Opportunities to explore potential design elements that will celebrate Jennie Dean Park's rich African American, recreational and natural histories.
- Construction of Jennie Dean Park, Phase I to begin in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, CY 2019.

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Thank you.

Questions/Comments?