Working Group Organizational Meeting

Roles, responsibilities and upcoming meeting dates
Opening Comments
Introductions
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4MRV Overview
4MRV is a coordinated planning effort to shape the Four Mile Run Valley in the southern end of Nauck.

An Interdepartmental Core Team has been established:
- CPHD
- DPR
- DES
- AED
This area represents a combination of diverse uses not found elsewhere in the County:

- an environmental stream corridor
- parkland
- cultural facilities
- roads and bike trails
- County facilities
- industrial and service-oriented businesses

The initiative seeks to:

- maximize the benefits of these various uses and characteristics while creating a clear vision for an improved and cohesive future.

- build on the strong residential neighborhoods, successful businesses, and the open/public gathering and recreational spaces of this area, while preserving its strong community connections, history, heritage and the Four Mile Run stream.
4MRV Overview

- Ninety Five (95) acres along Four Mile Run Dr. and Shirlington Rd.

- Mix of Industrial / Service Commercial

- Park and Recreation Amenities:
  - Jennie Dean Park
  - Shirlington Dog Park
  - Shirlington W&OD Trail
  - Allie S. Freed Park
  - Four Mile Run Trail

- Non-Profit Organizations

- Cultural and Arts Groups

- Four Mile Run Stream and Nauck Branch (Natural Resources)

- Rich History and Heritage
4MRV Overview

Background:

- The Industrial Land Use and Zoning Study (2000)
- "Shirlington Crescent/Four Mile Run" was originally to be studied along with the neighborhood commercial center of Nauck (2001-2004)
- The Nauck Village Center Action Plan was adopted in 2004 and outlined the vision for the neighborhood's commercial center anchored by a Town Square
4MRV Overview

**Purpose:**
To comprehensively study this area through an integrated planning process.

- **Area Plan**
  - To provide guidance for future public and private investment, to enhance the urban design, and better address Four Mile Run Stream

- **Park Master Plan (Jennie Dean, Shirlington Park and Dog Park)**
  - To modernize Jennie Dean Park and other facilities to better serve the community

- **Nauck Town Square Design**
  - To create a flexible central gathering space for community use that integrates to community’s history
Working Group Composition

Working Group Chair (1)

Working Group Vice-Chairs (2)

Nearby Civic Associations (6)
- Nauck Civic Association (3)
- Shirlington Civic Association (2)
- Douglas Park Civic Association (1)

Advisory Boards and Commissions (10)
- Arlington Commission for the Arts (1)
- At-Large Members (2)
- Economic Development Commission (1)
- Environment & Energy Conservation Commission (1)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (1)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Sports Commission (1)
- Transportation Commission (1)
- Urban Forestry Commission (1)

Property/Business Owners or Tenants/Not for Profit (4)
Working Group Charge

- Time Commitment - Up to 2 times/month

- Working Group Roles & Responsibilities

- Alternates
  - Working Group members are expected to attend all meetings
  - With approval, members may select an alternate to attend in the member’s stead
  - Alternates are expected to stay informed
Working Group Charge

Schedule

- Perform Existing Conditions Analysis
- Schedule Public Engagement Activities
- Hold Public Workshops
- Develop Draft Concept Plans
- Refine Concept Plans
- Draft Policy Framework
Working Group Charge

Community Outreach / Opportunities for Participation

- Public Comment at each Working Group Meeting
- Public Workshop(s)
- Public Open Houses
- 4MRV Webpage
- E-mail, Online Surveys, Social Media
- On-site Engagement and Interviews
Administrative Matters
Potential Regular Meeting Dates

Either:
- 1\textsuperscript{st} Tuesday and 3\textsuperscript{rd} Thursday
or
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} Thursday and 4\textsuperscript{th} Wednesday

Notes:
- No meetings in August
- November/December meetings may shift
Review of Briefing Book
Planning Overview
Planning in Arlington
Planning in Arlington

- Virginia Code requires all governing bodies to have an adopted Comprehensive Plan
  - Guides the coordinated and harmonious development through public services and facilities

- Arlington County’s Comprehensive Plan was established by resolution by the County Board in 1960 - called for the preparation of five elements, but today there are eleven:
  - Affordable Housing Master Plan
  - Chesapeake Bay Preservation Plan and Ordinance
  - Community Energy Plan
  - General Land Use Plan
  - Historic Preservation Master Plan
  - Master Transportation Plan
  - Public Spaces Master Plan
  - Recycling Program Implementation Plan and Map
  - Sanitary Sewer System Master Plan
  - Stormwater Master Plan
  - Water Distribution Master Plan
Supporting Plans and Documents

- **Sector Plans, Addenda, and Updates**
  - Ballston Sector Plan (1980)
  - Courthouse Sector Plan Addendum (1993)
  - Courthouse Sector Plan Addendum: Courthouse Square (2015)
  - Crystal City Sector Plan (2010)
  - Rosslyn Sector Plan (2015)
  - Virginia Square Sector Plan (2002)

- **Area Plans**
  - Columbia Pike Neighborhoods Area Plan (2012)
  - East Falls Church Area Plan (2011)
  - Fort Myer Heights North Plan (2008)
  - North Quincy Street Plan (1995)
  - North Quincy Street Plan Addendum (2013)
  - North Tract Area Plan Study (2004)
  - Rosslyn to Courthouse Urban Design Study (2003)
  - Western Rosslyn Area Plan (2015)

- **Revitalization Plans**
  - Columbia Pike Initiative – A Revitalization Plan, Update 2005
  - Lee Highway/Cherrydale (1994)
Typical Components of Land Use Plans

- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Vision and Goals
- Concept Plan
- Policies/Elements of the Plan:
  - Land Use
  - Height
  - Open Space
  - Transportation/Parking
  - Urban Design
- Implementation Recommendations
Typical Components of a Park Master Plan

- Comprehensive re-evaluation of park uses
- Necessary for new facilities or significant changes from current use
- Park user groups and recreational system context are considered
- Plans conceptually illustrate park uses, their approximate size and location, layout and circulation
- Tree canopy and natural resource considerations
- Larger plans often include parking, stormwater management, environmental considerations, indoor recreational facilities and multimodal transportation improvements
Examples of Park Master Plans

James Hunter Park

Mosaic Park
Key Elements / Scope
Key Elements

1. Establish short- and long-term vision
2. Identify an economically viable mix of uses
3. Evaluate properties, facilities and uses to help meet the County’s infrastructure/facility needs
4. Evaluate the feasibility of incorporating a range of existing uses
5. Develop an urban design framework
6. Define an open space network
7. Incorporate existing uses and a variety of active/passive uses within park spaces to meet the needs of all user groups
Key Elements

8. Incorporate opportunities for siting/reconfiguring County services/uses/facilities

9. Incorporate energy efficiency and sustainability measures

10. Identify opportunities to incorporate best practices for:
   - Stream restoration and preservation
   - Renaturalizing the stream bank
   - Stormwater and floodplain management improvements
   - Lookouts and access
   - Recreation and gathering spaces
Key Elements

11. Identify effective multi-modal transportation facilities; maximize non-auto modes

12. Develop plans, strategies and creative solutions for on- and off-street parking

13. Track and comment on interim improvements within the study area
Scope of Coordinated Process

Study Area
Scope - Analysis / Recommendations

- Environmental Issues
  - Floodplain / RPA
  - Possible contamination
  - Stormwater management
Scope - Analysis / Recommendations

- Transportation
  - Pedestrians
  - Cyclists
  - Vehicles
  - On- and Off-Street Parking
  - Transit
Scope - Analysis / Recommendations

- Existing and Potential Future Uses
  - Existing businesses and buildings
  - Potential new buildings and uses
  - County services / uses

- Open Space Network
  - System
  - Connections

- Historic Resources
  - Incorporating existing designated site (Lomax A.M.E. Church)
  - Investigating other possibly eligible sites/buildings

- Cultural Resources
Scope - Analysis / Recommendations

- Public Services and Uses
  - Short-/longterm County space needs
  - Non-profit agencies

- Urban Design
  - Pedestrian experience
  - Promoting safety
  - Community identity
  - Form and transitions
Parks Master Plan Study Area
Scope - Analysis / Recommendations

- Project Planning
- Site Assessment/Research
- Visioning
- Concept Development
- Approval Process
Scope - Analysis / Recommendations

- Plan Illustrates Park Uses, their Approximate size and Location
- Existing Facilities and Uses
- Potential New Facilities and Uses
- Stream Restoration
- Connectivity and Circulation (Pedestrian, Cyclist, and Vehicle)
- Parking/Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
- Urban Design/Landscaping
- Environmental
Scope - Analysis / Recommendations

- Design Guidelines
- Stormwater Management
- Resource Protection Area (RPA) Considerations
- Phasing of Park Development
- Cultural / Arts Amenities
Working Group Discussion / Questions
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Questions:

- What are the most important problems we are trying to solve?
- What presentations should the Working Group be given?
- On what issues do you feel you need information?
Walking Tour Details
Upcoming Meeting

4MRV Walking Tour
Saturday, June 4, 2016
Drew Community Center
3500 23rd Street S.
9am-1pm

For more information:
http://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/four-mile-run-valley/
1. Nauck Town Square
   * Design process update
   * Historic designations

2. CubeSmart
   * County lease/future needs

3. Shirlington Road @ 4MR Drive
   * Transportation modes and connections

4. Shirlington Park
   * About the park
   * Stream history and restoration plan

5. Jennie Dean Park
   * Park history, amenities, uses

6. Nelson Street
   * Cultural amenities/facilities
   * Industrial/new uses

7. Parking lot between Nelson and Oakland Streets
   * Dog park

8. Four Mile Run Drive
   * Urban design/streetspace

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[Map with numbered locations and a walking route highlighted]

Start: Charles Drew Community Center
End: ART bus back to Drew CC
End of optional added route: ART bus back to Drew CC
Public Comment
Adjournment