



## 4MRV Working Group Meeting Summary

July 14, 2016  
7 – 9:30 PM

Logistical updates and announcements:

- Regular meetings will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. Next meeting is July 27, no meetings in August.
- Working group members interested in staffing a booth during one 2-hour period at the County Fair on August 19, 20, 21 should contact the Chair
- The July 27 meeting agenda will include an introduction to the project consultants, project updates, transportation overview from County staff
- Website updates since the previous meeting include: comment matrix; trade center master plan

Staff gave presentations on a variety of topics, listed below. The following summarize working group comments. Responses to questions from this discussion will be included in the [comment/response matrix](#).

Stormwater management

- Urban Forestry Commission uses 41% tree cover, this presentation (on water quality) uses 44%. Why the discrepancy?
- Measurements for Four Mile Run are posted by DES online and can be found by Googling “stream quality Four Mile Run”

Four Mile Run Master Plan Design Project

- In relation to the walking bridge, where does stream restoration start? Staff indicated that the restoration starts east of the bridge and goes all the way to the Potomac. Work planned for August starts at Mount Vernon and ends at the wetland bridge.
- Since this work is going on just downstream from the study area, it is important to understand how the same principals can be applied to the study area.
- This project has been incredible work by staff and others. A recent walking tour showing the work that has been done was very worthwhile.

POPS overview

- The survey data are helpful as a comparison of the different types of facilities needed.
- Indoor sports are volleyball, squash, handball, basketball, etc.
- Have an impression that nature centers and green areas are not being oversubscribed – is that accurate? Nature centers have a lot of programs that while often attended in small groups at one time, serve a large number of people overall.

#### Other studies

- Some very interesting lessons came out of the Shirlington PDSP, most importantly, the shared parking in three garages, which is very efficient, as it can be used during the day for office and at night for theatres and restaurants. Successful development like that is a real asset for the county. Another member commented that the shared parking does not work as well as it might – and suggested shared parking should be owned by a single owner.
- There is a great presentation on Shirlington that was developed by Planning Staff, that is posted on the Shirlington Civic Association web page.

#### Public forum comments

- A board member from Leaders of Energy and Sustainability introduced the group's mission as providing connections; and had just attended a bioenergy conference, which includes microbiology research. One of the spinoffs of this research is microbiological remediation of streams. He indicated that while the County staff response to potential for remediation of Four Mile Run stream was cautious, he is somewhat more optimistic, and would be willing to make connections between staff and people doing microbiological remediation research if there is interest.
- Interest in cultural aspect of the area and how arts and cultural uses that already exist in this community can be more developed and linked together; 3700 Four Mile Run Drive is marked for staff offices, but also includes Theatre On-the-Run. There is a great need for live-work/artist housing in the County. This process should consider how it relates to Nauck and Shirlington.