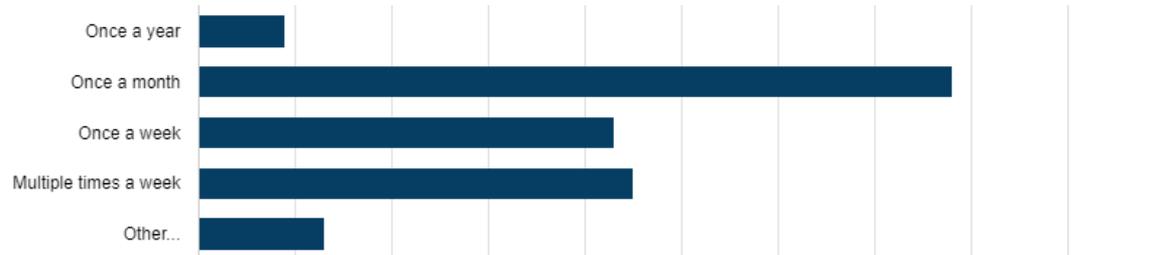


Share Your Thoughts on a Proposed Draft Design for The Crossing Clarendon Public Space (196 Submissions)

How often do you come to this space?

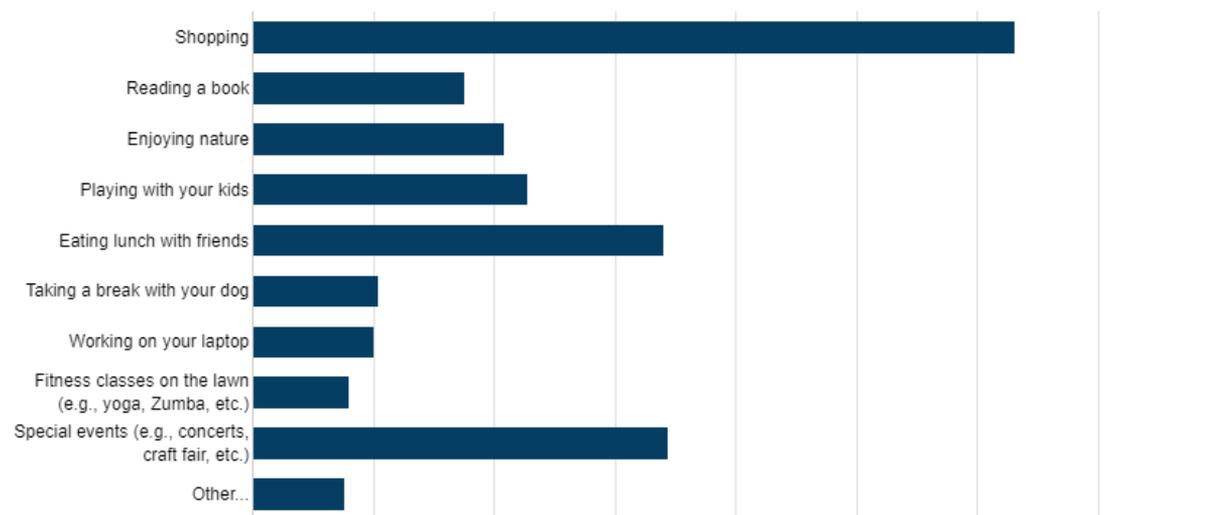


Once a year	9
Once a month	78
Once a week	43
Multiple times a week	45
Other...	13
5-6x per year	1
A few times a year	2
about four times a year	1
as rarely as possible due to congestion, outside speakers playing music or other noise and lack of appealing or often needed retail.	1
Daily	1
Few times a year	1
Live at market common	1
Not app. For the pandemic year	1
several times a year	1
Varies by season averaging 20-25 times annually.	1
We used to come there daily when our kids were little. We don't go out much now because of the pandemic.	1

Whenever I need something from the stores/restaurants/shops in this area. In other words, it varies.	1
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Which of the following activities currently attracts or would attract you to this area the most?

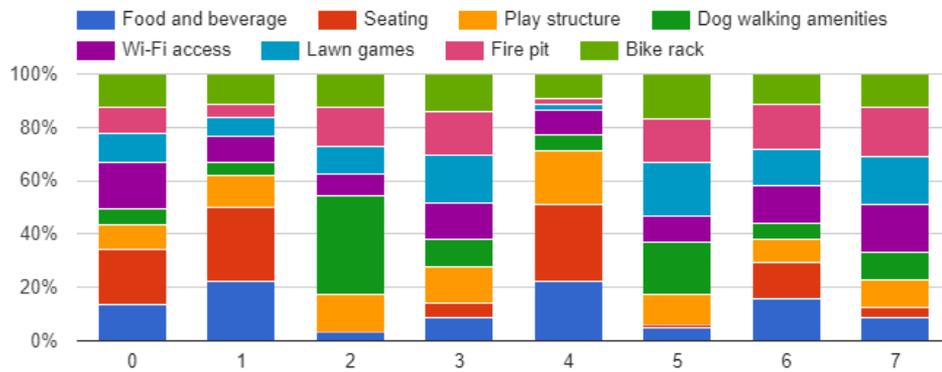
(Select all that apply)



Shopping	158
Reading a book	44
Enjoying nature	52
Playing with your kids	57
Eating lunch with friends	85
Taking a break with your dog	26
Working on your laptop	25
Fitness classes on the lawn (e.g., yoga, Zumba, etc.)	20
Special events (e.g., concerts, craft fair, etc.)	86
Other...	19

At this point I only visit the Whole Foods, Barnes and Noble or Container Store when they may have an item not available at another location.	1
Biking, seating outdoors	1
consider installing a couple of ping pong tables in the area	1
Eating dessert or drinking coffee from a nearby ice cream or coffee shop after a meal at a nearby restaurant. Listening to podcasts.	1
Having an open "town green" that creates a welcoming space for visitors and residents.	1
I walk through/by/around this area often while on walks through the neighborhood	1
it's on my walk to work	1
Kid-friendly events: concerts, performances	1
Meeting daughter who works there	1
Non-chain cafes and dessert shops. Flower shop. No more chain stores.	1
Nothing	1
Parking	1
Passing time sitting outside	1
QUIET green space. Absolutely opposed to restaurants or bars open past 8pm as the sound travels throughout the area. And odors from cooking and bars will definitely have a substantial negative effect on the residents' peaceful enjoyment of our homes. Further, we residents must have auto and small truck access for taxis (ride share) and for mail and similar deliveries.	1
Resting and enjoying the music	1
the nearby nightlife	1
walking	1
Walking around	1
Walking through	1

Please drag and rank the following park elements in order of priority:



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
Seating	28.57%	27.55%	20.41%	13.27%	5.61%	3.57%	1.02%	0%	6.45
Food and beverage	22.45%	22.45%	13.78%	15.82%	8.67%	8.67%	5.1%	3.06%	5.72
Play structure	20.41%	11.73%	9.18%	9.18%	13.27%	10.71%	11.22%	14.29%	4.68
Wi-Fi access	9.18%	9.69%	17.35%	14.29%	13.27%	17.86%	10.2%	8.16%	4.52
Bike rack	9.18%	11.22%	12.24%	11.22%	14.29%	12.76%	16.84%	12.24%	4.23
Lawn games	2.55%	7.14%	10.71%	13.78%	17.86%	17.86%	19.9%	10.2%	3.79
Fire pit	2.04%	5.1%	10.2%	16.84%	16.33%	18.37%	16.33%	14.8%	3.65
Dog walking amenities	5.61%	5.1%	6.12%	5.61%	10.71%	10.2%	19.39%	37.24%	2.95

Please share any desired park elements that you think are missing from the list above:

More sitting and dining tables
water feature
Mature trees and other natural elements - live plants, rocks, water
EASY PARKING!
Tree canopy, beautiful landscaping, safety, practical to maintain
benches under trees, where a person can read. Artificial turf apparently makes the commons less natural, less desirable.
Tables to sit at
Large pollinator garden with milkweed for monarch butterfly caterpillars
Ability to cross the lawn efficiently from parking spaces to get to stores.
Murals. Community art.
Fence around perimeter, like there is today, to protect kids from vehicles
Trees (real trees, not trees destined to die in tree coffins/pits), grass (real grass, not astroturf), water feature, nature.
Performance space for small bands to include power and a covered sail/awning. Something convertible for general use otherwise
Access to ride-share
playground
Natural grass (not astro turf)
Water fountain (drinking fountain)

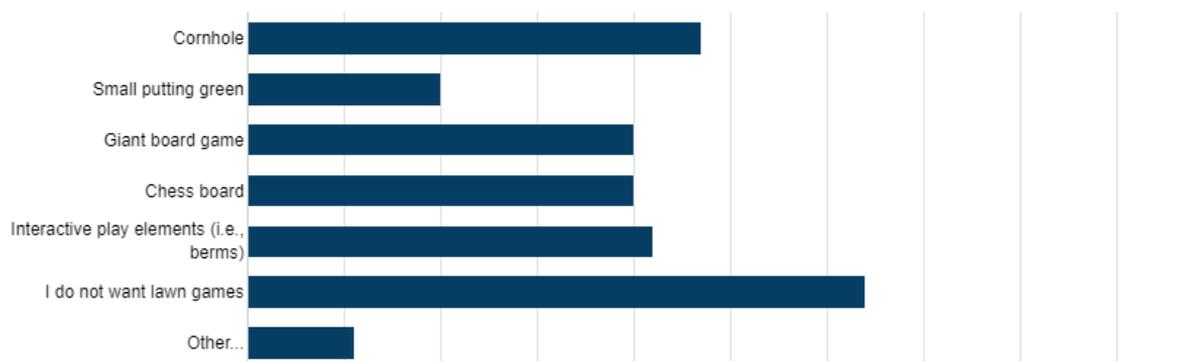
OPERATIONAL water features
Maintaining passive park/open space.
Native plant landscaping for pollinator gardens
Don't change the park. It works as it is!!!
Drinkable Water fountains.
Keep the fountain!
Play area should have fence so parents can read w/o worrying kid will run into street
Lighting that makes it useable through evening hours
Tables for outdoor chess play (seating on both sides, sufficient space for a standard sized board and clock) could be nice.
The gated play structure for the little kids is an absolute must and needs to stay! It was so convenient when kids were little.
The playground should stay! Please put the benches in the shade.
more grass: less pavement and and no synthetic turf
Can we mark dogs out? It's such a small space to begin with and people let their dogs poop in the same spots as little kids
Green space is too cut up by the walkways and gazebo
Water fountain and public restroom - could be a European-inspired pay-to-go bathroom that self-cleans using UV light after use
The proposed play structure seems much smaller and does not appear enclosed. The current play structure is awesome.
Separate place for dogs. The green area used for concerts for kids would have dog poop. Have a separate area for dogs and humans

No food trucks please! More landscaping!
Water feature
Functional playground for kids
Tree cover to provide shading and pet control
Traffic flow and parking plan NOT clear in presentation. I would prefer completely car-free zone.
Interactive art display
Would like to see all nature and no cars but this is an improvement.
can't overstate the value of grass and open space in that area, or ways to encourage use of the upstairs landing of the plaza
Spray ground!!!!No other place offers this. Space for kids to play soccer and run around. Similar to pentagon row.
a gazebo to take refuge from heat/rain, a fountain to cool off on hot days
More benches.
Reduce outbound loop road to 1 lane so that people don't turn into crosswalk
more natural elements, lots of shade (trees), maybe a butterfly garden or other interesting and educational natural features
You need to provide better parking. I can't enjoy any of the amenities if it's too expensive to park.
Shaded areas; interactive water feature
Clean water fountain, use to fill water bottles
Shaded areas
Parking

More parking please.
green space, trees, nature
Scooter parklet area
The vehicular flow is not explained in the video. How about adding questions about that?
Live grass
Not clear how traffic patterns will work, especially for those doing drop offs and not planning to enter a garage
Zero cars
3 season spaces that shade and shield from wind.
ban cars
Trees for shade, shrubs and flowering plants, perhaps running water
Please preserve as much green space as possible! The proposed "synthetic" area seems like it will leave the area looking barren.
Remove all vehicle access and double the size of the park! Make it a place to eat, relax, hang out like Mosaic District
Shade, tables and chairs, fans
Seating and walking in very natural, biophilic space. Not commercial space.
Tree cover, natural landscape, walking paths
natural planting
Dance space--integrate with other features; include space for a band. The one NEGATIVE idea is synthetic turf. Use real plants.

If you are interested in lawn games, which of the following appeal to you the most?

(Select all that apply)

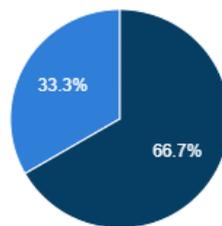


Cornhole	47
Small putting green	20
Giant board game	40
Chess board	40
Interactive play elements (i.e., berms)	42
I do not want lawn games	64
Other...	11
Bocce ball	1
Bocce, chess/checker tables	1
Bocce, croquet, a small mini golf course	1
Bowls with pins and small handheld bowling balls	1
Connect 4	1
Jump rope! Btw I understand the appeal of a putting green (also croquet and bocce), but balls would create hazards in this busy space. It would be important for lawn games not to take up too much room because typically only a few people can play at a time.(I don't understand berms as a play element.)	1
Kid's water feature (i.e. splash fountain similar to the one at Mosaic in Merrifield)	1
Not very important to us.	1

Obstacle course	1
ping pong	1
ping pong table	1

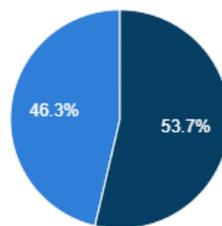
**What do you think is the appropriate balance between the following choices?
NOTE: "Available Budget" refers to a numerical value, not a monetary value.**

Casual Use Space or Programmable Space



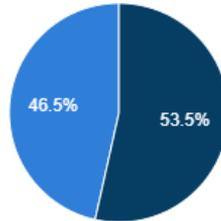
Option	Average Allotted Budget
Casual Use	28.89
Programmable Space	14.89

Flexible Amenities or Fixed Amenities



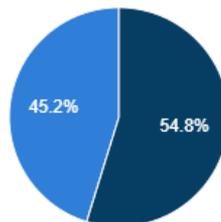
Option	Average Allotted Budget
Flexible Amenities	22.80
Fixed Amenities	19.76

Café Style Seating or Bench Seating



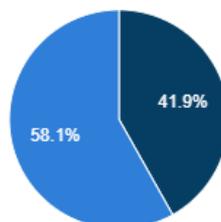
Option	Average Allotted Budget
Café Style Seating	23.86
Bench Seating	20.26

Open Seating or Tucked Away Seating



Option	Average Allotted Budget
Open Seating	23.71
Tucked Away Seating	19.12

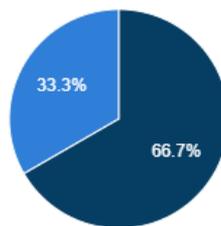
Natural Landscaping or Ornamental Landscaping



Note: This project includes landscaping in the interior loop, but not the streetscape along the retail side of the street.

Option	Average Allotted Budget
Natural Landscape	18.92
Ornamental Landscape	25.74

Fixed Play Structures or Flexible Play Structures



Option	Average Allotted Budget
Fixed Play Structures	26.29
Flexible Play Structures	13.65

What elements of the proposed draft layout do you find most appealing?

Please keep your answer to 200 words or less.

Sidewalk cafes; places to sit & read or work (with good wi-fi)
Relaxed nature setting/ attractive social gathering and eating
Keep fountain and water features a part of the design
Green space. Regency MUST keep trees. There is little breeze in the area and in summer heat, trees are a necessity.

The "Green" and trees. Realigned connection to Clarendon Boulevard and Edgewood Street.

Less street parking, bump outs for cafe tables, cross over pedestrian paths, more green space with casual seating; trees for shade, wifi, special community events

car free area near Barnes and Noble with opportunities for food truck and dining tables

Colored crosswalks are great, the horseshoe pedestrian walkway, trees!

If the developer is essentially monetizing a space (adding revenue-generating F&B vendors and associated seating) that was supposed to be a public benefit (open-space, playground, natural), I hope and expect they are "paying" in some other way -- e.g. a major contribution to Arlington Parks and tree preservation. I like the bump out at the 2700 corner.

More space for people instead of cars. Somewhere I can eat lunch not at a restaurant. Great for events. Looks beautiful.

Preservation of the trees that have established themselves during the past 20 years.

I like the plaza area at top, and more pedestrian space - there's really not much reason for cars to drive through, except to access the parking garage. I also like more seating areas. Please do not encourage use as a dog park; that quickly becomes a liability (and I am a dog lover; I just don't want to walk through a dog park).

More space.

Aligning the street at Edgewood - more safe and intuitive for drivers and pedestrians in all directions.

Outdoor dining and free seating is appealing - creates vibrancy and nice places to gather/work. More options in pandemics:)

more pedestrian access, truly multi-use

Aligning entrance and exit with Edgewood Street

Disneyworld, (said with sarcasm).

Enlarging the southern area of the loop
I'm glad the fountain will remain because people recognize it and like it. Moveable items provide flexibility for different seasons and uses. The possibility of more food and outdoor dining is very appealing. I'd love to see more family restaurants and date night spots. I'm happy to see more outdoor gathering space and that may add to increased nighttime use of this space. Fire pit, games, string lighting could create a really nice atmosphere.
EASY PARKING!
More people-oriented; fewer cars. Additional business for stores. Livelier.
The elimination of the vehicle "cut-through" at the northern end of the plaza. The increase in the seating volume, The retention of the majority of the (existing) trees. The fire pit; wouldn't mind if a spot for a second fire pit could be worked out. --- relief area (as long as they're properly utilized and maintained). The perimeter fence to provide a measure of safety for children playing on the plaza.
First, the video is very broad brush. Is it truly designed to elicit feedback? I was not at all impressed.
Appealing:-- more seating space outside B&Nobles. -- potential for having coffee at a table outside
More space for pedestrians.
Trees
colorful
N/A
Expansion into the street and making it more pedestrian. Safer for families, more social.
Quite honestly, this entire project seems unnecessary. Arlington County seems to have too much money available to frequently reconfigure a functional space to meet a persons whim. Creating this space will encourage homeless people to take a metro to Clarendon and stay on the comfy benches. Arlington is constantly allowing developers to create new structures to bring more people to overcrowd this county. For once, think about our current residents and leave

things as they are. This new proposed space will only encourage more people in an overcrowded over developed county. How about considering making something historic? This money could have been used to salvage some of our older historic homes instead of allowing developers to continuously waste our taxes. Try to preserve something and make it historic.

I like adding the bump out at the Pottery Barn and removing the horseshoe loop at the end, I think this space currently overallocates to cars, especially in a dense area such as Clarendon and with the massive parking structure so close by. I also like the update to the green area and the water feature. The addition of seating is also good.

The play structure and the food truck area are the most appealing. The play structure is unique and looks like a significant improvement over the existing one. The food truck area, if done right with alcohol and interesting choices, could bring people to the area regularly.

I like it, but do the retailers? We need to do a better job supporting retailers and their success in Arlington. We support the developers at all costs but at the end of the day the retailers are left to their own devices, or even punished for stupid things in Arlington

Aligning traffic exit with Edgewood. More plaza space

The free usable space makes the most sense. Less pavement more natural surface to walk, sit, etc. The less "identified" spaces the better.

TOO MUCH HEAT-TRAPPING, WATER-SHEDDING PAVEMENT. Not enough trees and actual natural/green space (no AstroTurf, please). This is what makes the current space enjoyable and a pleasant to sit or to walk. Regency wants to destroy that, and I do not find these plans at all appealing."

I like that it plans to close off the end of the loop for better/more practical use (seating, socializing, programming space). The traffic through that area is just not necessary anyway and it is dead space currently. Getting rid of the gazebo (if that is the intent) would be good as well to help open up the space. Lining up the loop exit with the road across the way is a good idea and I like the use of that extra space for possible seating areas as well. Right now there is very limited space to meet up with someone to sit and have coffee, lunch, or ice cream from the nearby stores so that would be a welcomed addition.

Green space and lots of plantings (hopefully, native plants and trees), decorative paving

more greenery - natural landscape

<p>I like the idea of a flexible lawn with various games, lounging opportunities and events. I think a play structure for kids is also needed here. More trees and planting as well.</p>
<p>Moving the northwest driveway exit to the southeast is a positive development that will help address the current unwelcoming and unsafe entrance to the Plaza from the bus stop near Pottery Barn. Glad you are keeping the water feature, but please make it easier to maintain so it stays working more often. Good that you're eliminating parking. Good that you are proposing a central "green" rather than commercial kiosks.</p>
<p>The lawn, keeping existing trees, string lighting.</p>
<p>Closing out the area by the bookstore is great, but allowing cars to cross over the area (i.e., make a left turn instead of going right into the parking garage) will ruin the flow and reduce safety. See below.</p>
<p>The kids play structure, landscaping, outdoor seating, water feature</p>
<p>Doesn't seem open enough</p>
<p>Alignment with Edgewood street; more seating. Less cars.</p>
<p>Less cars</p>
<p>Limiting cars/driving space and maximizing pedestrian/sitting/open/play space</p>
<p>Taking away parking spaces so it's only foot traffic</p>
<p>Open lawn and play structure.</p>
<p>I like the idea of utilizing the space for a save space for nearby residents to have an outdoor space. Lots of apartments in that area and this would be appealing to me if I lived in that area. I do not live within walking distance, but I might come more often if there was something on the plaza to do for my 6 yr old son.</p>
<p>The crossing looks amazing</p>
<p>I really like the "variety" of uses for the space. It is "welcoming".</p>
<p>The raised outdoor terrace near Clarendon</p>

Multiple seating areas
Lots of available sitting space.
Colors on sidewalk
I like having a larger pedestrian area and options for outdoor seating. Would make it more welcoming to hang out.
rainbow sidewalks, space for community events
Green space with cafe seating that makes it possible/appealing to sit with friends, eat, work, etc.
I think the new traffic pattern looks great and appreciate the pedestrian safety treatments in the bumpout and the raised pedestrian table. These changes look like how we should aim to reclaim car space for humans throughout the area.
Trees, open lawn, fountain and play structure.
Keeps the existing trees or adds more trees.
Maintains access to the garage.
Reduction of the slip loop. Close off to regular vehicles except maintenance and emergency types
Leave as it is now
Play structure and open space.
Increased trees and green space
Don't mind closing the top portion of the loop to traffic but would prefer to see a permanent structure that houses a cafe/sandwiches place/ice cream/drinks etc... rather than the food trucks. The food truck idea seems a downgrade for the development.
Play zone and water feature for hot days!

Colorful crossings are ok
More seating and plants will improve the space
Restriction to vehicles, open space and opportunities for outdoor dining, recreation and events.
I appreciate the seating area.
The proposed layout highly resembles and reminds me of the Clarendon park near the bars. The highlight of the design appears to be colored cross walks which does not represent the age demographic of the neighboring residents. The painting does not support local artist and has a short lifespan with cost upkeep. The increase green space is most appealing
New gathering area at the end of the loop, retaining all (or most?) existing trees, fire pit, raised terrace, --- relief areas.
nature and bike/walk friendliness
Green space, string lights.
Seating. Brightly colored crosswalks
Larger plaza area in front of Barnes and Noble.
I like the closure of the horseshoe
trees..
I like that there is less space for cars!
I like the new big outdoor dining.
I like the rainbow crosswalks!
More trees and shade in the summer. Play area for kids.
More of a sense of what The Green is, more natural shelter. Perhaps more space for kids.

More greenery, places to sit, string lighting.
Closing off the end of the loop for more pedestrian space
plaza area in front of BN instead of driveway
The realignment and narrowing of the drive at Clarendon Blvd along with the general removal of parking spaces for public space uses.
Closed off section to cars at the back end of the loop! This is great!
No traffic
More shade & seating
Reducing the speed and space afforded to cars rather than pedestrians is a fantastic idea that I really support.
Amenities to lead people to hang out.
Trees and shrubs open space; tables and chairs
The larger space at the end of the horseshoe makes sense. The bump out makes sense to lower speed of the traffic.
Closing off the horseshoe by Barnes & Noble and making it a space just for pedestrians. I like the idea of having amenities in that space -- the sketch showed a food truck, which is a great idea.
I like the addition of seating and rest areas for people to relax .
less access to cars
Priority given to pedestrians, with traffic calming.
No car traffic by Barnes and Noble
Nothing. None of these proposals seem like worthwhile improvements.

I like the trees, however I wish there would be more. The moveable furniture area seems nice, but again there should be more trees for shade.
Almost all of the redesign sounds good, particularly expanded seating, movable furniture, more walking space, outdoor areas for food and beverages
Fewer cars!
The trees and green are nice - glad the existing trees will stay in place.
The new horseshoe layout and use
The change of traffic flow eating outside street alignment bumpout
Flexibility to allow food trucks.
More outdoor gathering space
Lots of seating, large green, updated fountain.
Keeping trees and the shade they provide. Play structure
additional seating with outdoor cafe space
All of it.
Fewer cars, bump to slow cars at Pottery Barn
The pavilions look useful. The seating should have protection from sun, wind and rain.
reduced traffic and area for events like craft shows and farmers markets
The tree cover.
I'm always happy to see an unnecessarily squiggly walkway get straightened
More space for walking, sitting , eating and playing . Would like even less space for cars. Can the driveway be a single lane?
Happy the fountain is staying. Happy for robust landscaping.

Because of the Pandemic people are very excited to gather in any setting, be it a public park or a planned play space for people with children and/or pets. This will be a drawing card for folks who want to sit while a partner is shopping. People love to be outdoors in a lovely spot and they want to share it with friends or possibly meet new friends. This is a nice idea for a place to have a meeting area for a quick drink (outdoors) with a friend or friends with kids.

I appreciate that the existing trees and fountain will remain and I like the colored walkways and string lights.

Outdoor terrace, The Green,

Less cars. More seating is great. Bumping out the sidewalk to slow traffic is a fantastic idea. More food trucks!

Outdoor seating, open multi-use space for public gatherings and events

The extended pedestrian area in front of Barnes and Noble, though I would miss the ease of driving through the whole loop. The overall additional seating is nice as well. And I am happy to see that the proposed layout still allows for vehicular traffic throughout the whole loop.

I like that you're removing half of the road and making it available for sitting, playing, etc.

More pedestrian-oriented space and flexible outdoor areas for eating or hosting events. More trees and green space. Parking for food trucks

Food and beverage options!

trees and native plantings

The elimination of the extended drive loop is beneficial. The retention of the more natural center strip is a positive as well. Retention of most trees and replacements is critical.

The green area for more open space. Also the redesigned fountain seems more current and up-to-date.

Playground, firepit, green.

Bump out for cafe seating at pottery barn intersection; large lawn area (though prefer natural grass, not artificial turf).

I think this is much better both for pedestrians and traffic flow. The way it's designed now, traffic come from N. Edgewood Street, turning left onto Clarendon and then a right into the garage has issues with the traffic coming from the Market Common area. Then turning right into the garage is an issue with pedestrian traffic.

The only issue I see are people who have limited mobility and need parking close to the retail stores.

Increased seating/open space at back end of the loop.

Simplifying the traffic situation- I usually drive here for Christmas shopping and it is a chaotic scene getting in and out of the garage. I also like the outdoor cafe seating, might tempt me to visit more often.

expansion of retail outdoor space. although design details remain to be refined.

I love the idea of making this more of a pedestrian (and walked-bike) space, with as few motor vehicles as possible. Definitely get rid of the parking around the loop (even though, I confess, I park there sometimes. I can live without it. :) Outdoor eating, gathering, and relaxing spaces would be great. With cars removed, the space will be both healthier and more appealing to people.

the colorful crosswalks and consolidation of the green space into one larger area instead of breaking up with hardscape. I like the realigned road intersection.

What elements of the proposed draft layout would you change?

Please keep your answer to 200 words or less.

Fake grass, possibility of losing some of the tree canopy (Keeping trees "to the greatest extent" possible sounds like a euphemism for "Sorry, we tried, but ... ")

Eliminate any vehicular access except for emergency vehicles

Do NOT include any food service or beverage service. People who want to drink or eat can find food and beverages across the street. As a resident, I do NOT want noise and litter and absolutely oppose any music after 8pm. The area is far too small to be the community gathering place that seems to have been proposed.

<p>Would like to keep possibility of drop-off zone for persons who cannot walk all the way from the garage to Barnes and Noble. Perhaps handicapped parking in the "loop."</p>
<p>No permanent retail in the loop (not in the video but mentioned at earlier sessions)</p>
<p>eliminate as much parking as possible</p>
<p>Artificial turf . . . "The green" isn't very. This new plan seems much less child-friendly than the existing. Would like to increase contributions to the tree canopy.</p>
<p>Maybe more trees? Or the trees that are planted are more mature. The idea is good.</p>
<p>Be certain that the food truck connections to power/water/sewer allow the vehicles to park in the direction of the travel. One illustrative has a food truck facing on-coming traffic.</p>
<p>Make the --- relief area smaller</p>
<p>Color crosswalks are ugly and distracting - Use natural materials and colors in the context of the outdoor/park space and provide opportunity for color in the play features and sculpture as focal points.</p> <p>There is too much concrete/hard surface on the southern crescent - please put more natural or natural-looking surfaces.</p> <p>Why use turf? It gets hot, has unpleasant particles, and looks unnatural. If this is a park, then use natural materials -- our children and families need more opportunities to play in nature, not among plastic and rubber!</p>
<p>Think the painted sidewalk is silly</p>
<p>You're eliminating some of the little less expensive parking there is. Are you kidding me?</p>
<p>Eliminate the rainbow colors on the crossover roadway. Using the same design element (rainbow color stripes) for both the crosswalks and a vehicle road is confusing and unsafe.</p>
<p>I don't get the multicolored crosswalks. The area has such an upscale, sophisticated look already, and that feels like the wrong choice. Not crazy</p>

about food trucks coming in here, but a food pavilion with a cafe/kiosk would be lovely. On the other hand, turning this into "The Lot" would be a crime.

ARRANGE FOR EASY PARKING!

Perhaps more plants, flowers and trees. Overall like the plan.

More prominently placed bike racks.

I don't think there should be any vehicular traffic on the east side of the area (by pottery barn) and that whole area should be pedestrian. The cars would enter and exit on the west side.

-- Dislike artificial turf, prefer real plant life (I do not want the redo to be an easy-maintenance astro-turf lawn with a few colorful pavement squares and planters around it). -- open question how well cut-through traffic from garage will work. Will it pose danger to pedestrians and playing kids, unaccustomed to the new "zebra stripes." Partly depends on car volume. -- area is too small to be a legit play area, I think. -- fire pit? for whom and to do what? (Is the plan going trendy just to be trendy?) -- Dog walking amenities? I guess relief stations are okay, IF somebody monitors them.

Access to the parking garage. Isn't there access to the garage from one of the side streets? I would close off this access to further reduce the amount of traffic. I also found the painted graphics to be confusing to drivers.

Make layout much more biophilic. Convert all plazas to natural areas. Rename the public space from "Market Commons Plaza" to "Market Commons Park". Replace all impermeable paved surfaces and mowed lawns with natural areas containing trees, meadow/pollinator habitat (including milkweed for monarch butterflies and rain gardens, except for a minimum that is absolutely necessary to accommodate motor vehicles. Paved paths should not exceed 10 feet in width and should have curves. Change contour from flat to hilly. Add bike racks, which the public space presently lacks. Replace "casual use" areas and play areas with natural areas.

synthetic turf???

I would not take away street parking. I come from about 3/4 mile away, to shop, and drive because I can't bike while holding bags of things. I am often in a rush and the street parking is most convenient. Removing spaces makes it less likely I will shop at the Market Common. Navigating the garage takes longer and it feels cumbersome.

Also, I don't love the colorful crosswalks. Safety is not a place to get creative. People need clear symbols that they understand. I think the crosswalks are

going to confuse drivers, especially the one linking the ingress and egress driveways. I can easily envision a driver driving in, thinking the crosswalk to his/her left is just a pedestrian walkway, and then trying to turn the car around and go back out of the "in" driveway.

add water features like they have in Crystal City.

I believe this project is a waste of money. I would suggest the county save this money and put it to use and preserve some of the history here. It's a shame to have lived here most of my adult life and not even recognize the places I have lived and frequented. Think about preserving something and stop wasting money on unnecessary work. Furthermore- you are taking away parking spaces which are hard to find in this county. Someone should launch an investigation to see how much effort the county has put into preserving our space and keeping its history

I think the proposed changes still overallocate to cars. I don't think all of the street parking is needed, and would propose modular seating installations in the form of parklets at a few of the parking spaces on a trial basis. I'm also concerned that the bumpout at the Pottery Barn won't be utilized effectively - there are no restaurants or cafes nearby that would use that space.

I would prefer permanent food/drink kiosks, similar to those at the Wharf. I am concerned that all of the added walkway near B&N is unnecessary and duplicative of the existing sidewalk and would be better used as an expanded permanent space for the food truck area or whatever other activities you will add. I would leave one lane for fire truck access and figure out other permanent draws to that area.

It seems like vehicular lanes should be reduced to 2 (instead of 4 that are there now -- 2 parking + 2 vehicular) to make sure there's a drop off lane and a through lane. The green area should be DEEPER to provide more public space/space for events. I really, really do not like when vehicle lanes are 'decorated' to look like sidewalks. It is confusing to drivers, and a serious safety hazard to pedestrians who don't realize cars can go there. We see this every day along Pershing Drive, where cars go in and out of this shopping area (Bonchon) and pedestrians are surprised. Or cars don't realize they can go in, and end up backing up onto Pershing. This is a really bad idea.

I don't like the fencing across the open area. Concerned about cars having to make hard lefts to move through loop

No AstroTurf, please. Greatly reduce the hardscape/heat-trapping, water-shedding hardscape and pavement. Preserve ALL existing trees and add more trees, increasing soil volume, etc., to make the space truly viable for tree growth and longevity. Ditch the fake grass and find ways to increase the area's

ability to store/reuse water and to recharge groundwater, as appropriate. Select native species of vegetation that are compatible/complementary to each other and to the site's extreme conditions. Make the area truly green, and people will come and enjoy themselves. A lot of expensive bells and whistles aren't necessary. The 2016 Parks & Rec Needs survey demonstrates that people want nature. Why not give it to them?

I would remove more parking. Limit it to handicap parking only; or include just one or two 15 minute loading/unloading type spaces. Encourage use of the parking garage and work with the garage owner to allow for free one hour parking or just a reduced rate for the shorter-term parking, or help the stores validate for their customers. (I know Whole Foods does but I'm sure it's at their own expense as I've inquired at others and have been told no.) It's probably not in the budget, but I would use those interior parking spaces around the loop to expand the park area in the middle to provide for more gathering space. I also did not see anything specific to "performance" space. "Programming" yes, but I'd much prefer to see a concert than participate in a yoga class out there. Have a sail or awning with access to power, maybe even a stepped up platform to allow for better sight lines would be great. And having a space like that which is easily transformable to be used for casual use outside of performance times would be ideal. Maximize usage. I am curious how the fencing would affect usage. I wouldn't want it to feel so structured that it deters people from going into the space or seeing the activity within. I suppose it's necessary if you are focusing on a kids play area, but I would advocate for something as minimal as possible (with openings so you don't have to walk a long way to get into/go through the space).

Not clear about egress from garage to "loop"

I REALLY do not like the garish bright striped walkways.

Too many --- relief areas--that has to make things nasty. Don't like the idea of fake turf instead of grass/

maybe remove ability for cars to drive through the loop? it's a bit chaotic right now, esp with more sidewalk space for social distancing which has crept into the streets. and people are just haphazardly parking their cars to run in and pick things up, which also causes traffic.

Please, don't get rid of the horseshoe turn around. The proposed "traffic flow modification" not only looks visually unappealing (please, please don't paint the crosswalks that color scheme...), but anyone who has spent a significant amount of time coming in-and-out of that shopping center can see that the proposed modification is going to create a vehicular/pedestrian nightmare, especially during high traffic times on the weekend and during major shopping seasons. By dividing the existing "pedestrian area" in the manner you propose, you're literally encouraging people to crowd around on the southern end of the

loop, and then walk back-and-forth between that and the park area. It will completely jam traffic that is attempting to egress from the parking garage or simply trying to turn-back towards Clarendon. Keep the loop, nix the center rainbow (that would have likewise served as a vehicular crossing), and keep the "dedicate pedestrian area" as one continuous space.

More natural lawn/ground cover and tree spaces would be nice here for shade. Maybe a hammock or rocking chairs or something where people can relax would be good here. A drinking fountain would be good too.

The proposed "raised terrace" outside Pottery Barn would become an additional barrier between the Clarendon sidewalk and the plaza. Bring that down to ground level and integrate it with the adjacent pedestrian space around the corner to the parking garage entrance. Also, eliminate or re-program the 1st floor display space inside Pottery Barn at that corner, which, because of elevation is difficult for both drivers and pedestrians to see. Improve sight lines from the bus stop area into the plaza by pulling back the structure in that location.

The stripes on the pavement are an eyesore. Needs to be more subdued. Also not a fan of walking off/fencing in the Green. Needs to be more open and inviting.

Consider only a small road that goes from Clarendon Blvd. to the parking garage, with no left turn allowed. That will be safer and give a continuous area from "the green" to the horseshoe area. Also, if you do this, there would be no need for the road in front of the Apple Store/Soul Cycle/Pottery Barn. Cars would turn in *only* to get to the parking garage. The rest would be plaza for outdoor events and miscellaneous recreation.

More kids play options. There are a lot of kids that use that space and it gets crowded quickly.

Where is playground?

Reduce car lanes to one lane and expand sidewalk.

- I use this shopping center alot.

- Why take out the playground? Families fill up the expensive 2 bedroom apartments on this property. Otherwise, I am more likely to skip shopping at B&N, C&B and just shop online. We like to eat in the courthouse square because it has safe space for kids to stretch their legs while parents relax. Families are the main group that didn't have a mass exodus out of north arlington during the pandemic. We stayed for the public schools.

- massive health risk- enclosed courtyard will fill up with carbon monoxide from food truck generators. Plus legally may be too close to apartment windows for generators.

- Get a District Taco or Chipotle. I have to go to Rosslyn or Ballston several times a week for it.

- young 20ish Gen Z people want to live in Shaw and U street, maybe Ballston because of bars and restaurants. The restaurants in Clarendon are mostly high end and so more for older people to afford (millennials) who usually have families. Most young people moved home with their parents during the pandemic and will work from home to save money as the pandemic persists. Families tend to stick to the same apartment for years and hate moving (less turnover). Attracting them is a good idea.

- The sidewalk painting is unnecessary and clashes with the buildings. Maybe just do a bright rainbow instead of the christmas colors?

Random color crosswalks

Concerned about flow of traffic and back ups in and out of garage.

I do not like the multi-colored walkways. It's appealing for a little bit, then the novelty wears off and would rather see neutral colors or limited color pallet.

I think having a fixed structure for playground will bring families to the place.

More space for children to play

Play structure. The space currently has an enclosed playground which allows parents to not worry and keeps children entertained for long periods of time. This is essential for maintaining the current family atmosphere, especially for families with young children. There should be plenty of seating for parents near the structure.

Do not take away the small playground it is loved and used by all

I like it!

space for outdoor dining

The bright colors of the large demarcated pedestrian crossings. They clash with the architecture, it implies that the space is more for children than adults, and bright colors on pavement rarely age well.

I would want to have more seating, especially cafe style tables around the edges of the green.

I'm not sure I understand why it needs to change. Why are we spending money on this space again? Looks like more concrete and less green. Don't we have more important things to spend money on?

no synthetic turf--no fake "green."

Allow drive up drop off access for handicapped as well as emergency vehicle access to all stores.

Stripey walks are obnoxious and distracting and will quickly deteriorate.

Close off to all vehicle traffic except emergency and maintenance and occasional food truck. There are other entrances/exits to the parking garage. Better label the garage and redo lane direction

Leave as it is now

Simplify the crosswalk paint, use yellow, white, or green instead of multi-color. The multiple colors are confusing for pedestrians and drivers. It looks like another play space, not an area where cars will be driving by and people should be crossing. Cars may not realize they can drive that way, while young kids will insist on slowly stepping on each color or trying to play in that space.

Better and larger playground that is enclosed.

Colored cross walk

Remove the food trucks. If you want to have permanent coffee or drinks/ice cream stand that's fine but trucks are a bad idea. Removing parking. Needs more landscaping. Emphasizing the garage. The colors on the ground are too prominent/flashy. Prefer something more subtle and elegant. String lights and banners is also too flashy, why not potted plants or flowers hanging from poles instead that give a more personable and pleasant feel?

Not keen on the colors of the walk way

I would retain or modernize and expand children's playground since this is a major draw to the space by people who use it most - families with kids. I would retain and expand the lawn area (not environmentally-unfriendly plastic artificial

turf) since besides being aesthetically pleasing, it also provides expanded seating during larger events.

I'm sure there is some symbolism behind the painted crosswalk proposal, but I think they look too loud. I'd like there to be more that is appealing to families with kids, such as a play structure and lawn games.

This is to put it frankly, lipstick on a pig. There will still be two lanes for cars and a parking line. That is a ridiculous amount of space for cars in a shopping area. Make a single lane for cars and you'll have a ton of safety improvement.

Less parking for outdoor space.

The color of the crosswalk is hideous. If we want high contrast, black and white are suffice.

I would reverse the seating and the park. Placing the seating in the front would provide a lure to passing walkers who grab and go from neighboring shops. Placing a play scape as road is dangerous moving it toward the back will place children near slower traffic. The play structure could be closer to seating for parents to observe play

Move play structure further away from Clarendon Ave

Get rid of carnist restaurants

Seating in front of pottery barn seems like an odd space- furthest from food locations. I don't love the multicolor crosswalks, but that's purely personal preference.

Your goal should be to attract parents. Ballston mall didn't do a great job. Sprayground, playground, yard games to keep kids busy.

add comfortable seating around the fountain, add a couple of gazebos and ping pong tables

Strongly dislike rainbow-striped street and crosswalk areas. Too "loud," garish, childish, etc. Please develop a more sophisticated design/color scheme.

I'm confused by all the proposed outdoor seating where there are currently no restaurants. Is the goal for Pottery Barn to pull out?

I think the fencing around the "green" creates an unattractive look and barrier. Landscaping is nicer and achieves the same effect.

A good example of flexible shared space is courthouse plaza. Obviously, it's bigger, but the combination of fixed and movable furniture is very good. I'd emulate that space here, but be mindful of the scale. An amenity like a fire pit might be too big for the horseshoe space.

The multi-colored pedestrian walk is really unattractive. Perhaps something a little classier? I'm also concerned about the "shared" vehicle and pedestrian walk. I think in reality, that's going to create a very frustrating bottle neck for that garage exit by Crate and Barrel.

too much concrete. that area needs parking. taking it away will hurt the shops there. please no more plastic playground junk for the new design. it is too expensive and only serves to invite lots of trash from people using playgrounds. also do not like the painted crosswalks at all

Expand the Green by deleting 1 lanes of parallel parking (and maybe 1 travel lane) on each side! That is very low-value parking that only clogs up the loop road. There would be *so* much more value to a 15" wider Central Green.

I understand keeping the parking adjacent to the storefronts for pick-up/drop-off. But otherwise everyone is fine parking in the garage and/or just walking here. A bigger central Green would be a big improvement.

Reduce outbound loop road to 1 lane please! Otherwise drivers cheat at the intersection and turn into the crosswalk to Whole Foods.

If possible close that entry to the garage and convert the entire area to pedestrian.

Please keep the dogs off the Green! Kids and casual use of The Green should take precedence over dogs.

The painted graphics do not add to the appeal of this space and in fact, detract from it. Perhaps if their colors were redone, this could work?

The big rocks on top of concrete do not work. Embed the big rocks into the ground, like they should be. Yes, kids will climb on them--that's what the rocks

will be great for! But the landscaping behind can be ornamental grasses or something sturdy enough to handle the fun!!

Keep more of the parking spaces on the remaining loop - do not narrow the car lanes. I also think the painted pedestrian crossings are hideous as well as confusing - keep traditional painted crosswalks, even if enlarged.

primary colors on the crosswalks are hideous; please use more natural colors (colors derived from plants in nature)

The sidewalk area at the corner (near the current Pottery Barn) is already too small today for people waiting to cross the street and this proposed change exasperates the situation. So push the elevated seating area south away from Clarendon Blvd.

Why not take more space from cars on the rest of the loop? There is still lots of parking here despite the fact that Clarendon has more than enough garage space for parked cars in garages. Leaving available spaces only encourages more drivers. I understand you need garage access, but not why not give even more space to pedestrians and make this plaza amazing! The roads should just be one lane with one side of parking max.

You have not addressed the parking issue. I used to come all the time to shop, eat, etc., but then the parking got outrageously expensive so stopped coming even before Covid. Metro is not an answer if you plan to buy things.

-While colorful crosswalks is a great idea, I would prefer it be 2 or 3 tone instead of rainbow.

- I would ensure that all plants are designed that maximize carbon sequestration and mitigate car pollution.utilize carbon sequestering soil techniques

-Bike lane or bike sharrows

-covered bike parking

Eliminate raised terrace

I would further reduce the car space. The parking spots adjacent to the central grass seem redundant given the six existing parking facilities less than 1000 feet away. This is an extremely walkable area of the county, and the biggest

reason I don't go to this area more is the constant presence of cars flooding in and out.

This looks like a space mainly designed for adults. It eliminates the playground entirely but doesn't replace it with anything obviously aimed at kids.

I don't think that fence is necessary on the interior of the horseshoe space. It seems like that it would make it harder to walk across the park (from Apple store to Crate and Barrel).

Bumping out the sidewalk with the possibility of creating more outdoor seating is a great idea, but there isn't a restaurant in that space. Would it just be additional open seating?

I would do less ornamental plants because it looks a little too formal, which may deter people who think it could be private

close off entire loop to cars

Reduce road width further to maximize pedestrian space, maximize outdoor seating/dining possibilities. Seek to extend the concept across Clarendon Boulevard.

To be honest, I think moveable elements like bistro lighting and cafe seating are wasting assets that don't age well. I would focus on building this out in a more cost-effective manner- like benches and more traditional landscape or street lighting. It's going to look better over time and it will be a better investment. Nothing looks worse than banged up outdoor furniture and it's not environmentally friendly to keep replacing it.

I would further reduce the driving lanes and make them only accessible to emergency vehicles. The parking garage entrance should be closed and entered from the Main Street entrance only. Prioritize pedestrians and cafe seating to entice restaurants to the plaza.

Keep parking for errands to stores. Don't want to use parking garage to pop in to retail stores for short errands.

The only change that is needed is more parking. Not less are you are proposing. Vehicular traffic has increased not decreased since the space was designed.

This layout needs more green space (and I don't mean turf). The layout looks sterile and forced and doesn't seem like a nice place to sit outside. This is far inferior to the current space.

Please make bike racks accessible and not in the garage. It's unclear where the bike racks will go. If they are not taken care of they will be everywhere. One other notice, I'm not sure where food trucks mentioned in the video would be located but food trucks seem to be a bit of a stretch in terms of spacing and use.

You need to explain vehicle flow. With the possible closure of the Clarendon metro station looming, you will have more vehicle traffic not less.

Graphics/texture at the pedestrian crossings could also be achieved with pavers, and would require less maintenance than paint.

The very ugly sidewalk colors

Type of grass to real

Astroturf! Our building added astroturf last year and it has been controversial, to say the least. It is primarily used for dogs now and is often left looking and smelling disgusting. Cigarettes have also burned the turf, leading to the entire turf needing replacing. I understand where astroturf can be a benefit, especially in hot climates, but in Virginia, we should make use of the ability to grow grass and plants, instead of adding inorganic compounds. Astroturf can stink of dog urine regardless of sprinklers (like at our building and in Mosaic District), which makes sitting or doing yoga etc impossible. This seems to negate the purpose of installation. I suggest other surfaces and keeping real grass where possible.

Most people allow pets to pee in first green space they experience... A --- area should be closer to the street side.

Think the multicolored sidewalk crossings are stupid. Not clear how cars move in the area without having to enter/exit through a garage

think parking is a problem as will so many others. Wonder whether the garage can be accessed from the west side and the price lowered.

Remove all car lanes. There are other garage entrances. Failing that, make it one lane each way on the garage side.

The fountain seems wasted space and could be various level of seating or small platform for events.

I'd make the whole loop pedestrian only
The number of traffic lanes. No reason to have more than one lane. Create more space for people, not cars.
Please reduce the vehicle travel lanes down to one!
Reduce space for cars. Keep them separate from people
The painted walkways do not seem to go with the rest of the design. It looks childish and tacky
Functionally it all fine. However, the aesthetic is a nightmare. It's a cacophony of styles. The buildings with a cupola are not in a modern style so the modern on-trend elements look terrible and cheap. The existing structures are much more substantial and nice looking. The new wooden planters by the garage look cheap, and in the context they are in, they actually look dated instead of modern. The style of the surrounding townhomes with their brick sidewalks and gardens is not respected at all. The whole thing looks like lipstick on a pig. Respect the pig. In contrast, the color changes to the other parts of the crossing work just fine. (Orvis block and the new building are fine). But the pastels and modern fixtures with striped crosswalks are a mess. I hope you will make aesthetic changes that are more harmonious with the architectural elements that can't be changed.
Don't change anything except people love to eat and drink. Have that available so they relax and stay in place to enjoy the activities, sunshine and fresh air in the summer months.
I'm not sure how much use the fire pit or any permanent "lawn games" (aside from cornhole) would get.
Remove all vehicles from being in the commons. There's access to the parking garage on Fillmore. Make the space bigger, more open! Similar to the space they have created in Mosaic District. And let's get some good restaurants in there w outdoor seating options!
Please get rid of all street parking if possible.
Being forced to turn left or right once you reach the expanded pedestrian plaza at the end of Edgewood as opposed to being able to follow the loop continuously around in front of B&N might cause congestion. Drivers will have to navigate two crosswalks with either turn.

Location identified for bike racks.
It wasn't clear if you were eliminating all the existing street parking around the loop and closing it off entirely to cars. If so, that might be problematic for people purchasing bulky items from Pottery Barn or Crate & Barrel, for example, who will need to load them into a car or truck.
I would increase the plants of other than grass as much as possible.
<p>The various uses of this entire space is fairly balanced, but the specific design of some elements undercut the perceptual impression of the natural features that are included. The same design could become more biophilic in experience by reducing the right angles and straight lines around planters and other borders. Gentle slopes can replace rigid, straight borders. Planted areas can be used in essentially the same places and for the same purposes but with more rounded and irregular shapes. This can benefit plants, in terms of soil volume, and can be used to help guide pedestrian flow. People do not walk in straight lines or make right angle turns. Shapes can be managed, and planted areas protected, by using permeable pavers around and along natural areas, helping to define walking and standing spaces.</p>
The colorful walkways are distracting. They don't match with the proposed color palate of the plantings, added elements, and current store fronts. They seem out of place and jarring.
More green, less asphalt. This whole plaza area would be more appealing if you didn't have to be surrounded by loud moving cars all of the time you're there.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Use natural grass, not artificial turf. -Get rid of brightly painted asphalt--too garish and not consistent with site colors and styles. Use white zebra stripes for crosswalks that people are used to seeing. -Keep tall arborvitae trees and perennial shrubs around fountain facing Clarendon Blvd. -Keep both curved staircases (or make them ramps for accessibility) either side of fountain for symmetry.

-Skip the moveable cafe tables and chairs in front of Barnes & Noble and on sidewalks, and skip movable games and game pieces. They will end up as clutter all over the site. Use fixed benches on perimeter of lawn to maximize lawn use area instead.

-Skip the small sculptures on lawn. They are trip hazard liabilities, and dogs will use them as fire hydrants.

-Replace playground area and planter fountain with grassy area with border shrubs and trees, not concrete or asphalt paving of which we have too much already.

-Skip hung banners and lights across Clarendon Blvd. Too dangerous and distracting to drivers, with already congested car traffic, traffic lights, pedestrians crossing, changing lanes to get into Market Common, parking spaces, garages, and Whole Foods.

I think traffic going straight one way into the Market Common area and turning right into the garage entrance near Crate and Barrel should be allowed.

Traffic patterns are very unclear in this rendering. Do cars now cross the green at the painted section in the middle? This seems very dangerous without clear indications of how cars are to navigate vis-a-vis pedestrians. The painted sections of pavement seem confusing. Stripes usually indicate a crosswalk -- and the crosswalks are striped. But then vehicle areas are also striped. Visually similar areas would generally suggest similar uses -- but in this case that's not true, with potentially very dangerous results. Plus I don't really get what the point of the striped areas is anyway. Painted asphalt will fade and crack and just look worn and tired soon. It seems gimmicky.

Would like to keep it family focused with a play structure. Do not want it to become a late night hangout.

Seems a little busy and crowded, and the buildings make for a very echo-y loud space- the cafe may not be a pleasant experience if you're under auditory assault from kids on a sugar high in addition to all the traffic.

no synthetic turf please. stay with natural planting.

This is a fad - color asphalt will fade after a year or two, color will never be like the pictures.

I'd love to see the whole loop area be free from vehicles, except for emergency and essential vehicles.

This plan needs MANY more bike racks. Adequate bike racks will encourage biking, which greatly benefits health and the environment. Adequate bike racks will also prevent people locking bikes elsewhere, e.g., spots that interfere with access for persons with disabilities.

Remove the gas fire pit. It's harmful to human health, air quality, and the environment. It's not worth it.

Do not add synthetic turf. No one even knows yet how toxic it is. Use real plants that are suited to the climate and soil.

No food trucks. They're cute, and I understand they help some people grow a business, but unfortunately they pollute a lot, they're hot and noisy, their food is expensive, and they generate lots of disposable-product waste. Instead promote food carts, food stands, and table-top food makers.

North end near barnes and noble has a lot of paving and little greenery. Renderings showed a lot of interesting planting but I don't see where that fits in on the plan it doesn't look like much space is actually planted, especially if the green is artificial turf.

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

Please keep your answer to 200 words or less.

Must have adjacent level parking . Preferably free parking since it will attract business.

No restaurants or bars! No musical performances after 8pm ever!

Must keep auto and small truck access for residents and for physically challenged users!

If the developer is essentially monetizing a space (adding revenue-generating F&B vendors and associated seating) that was supposed to be a public benefit (open-space, playground, natural), I hope and expect they are "paying" in

some other way -- e.g. a major contribution to Arlington Parks and tree preservation.

We should do this around Arlington more. More space for people and less space for cars.

Please preserve and re-use existing plant material. Would love to see educational panels discussing the newly planted native plants and the value they add to the landscape and our environment. Would also appreciate solar-powered trash cans/compactors.

The company that runs the Crossing and parking garage has begun "ticketing" cars and demanding huge fees. That should be prohibited, especially with fewer spaces. They pretend they are the police assessing penalties. Outrageous.

Please keep a good balance of features that attract families and a cross-section of users. Clarendon is in danger of becoming party-central for 20-somethings, which discourages other visitors/shoppers.

This plan obviously caters to the owners of the complex, with Arlington County bowing down. I don't think the businesses there have been doing well, in corporate terms, for quite a while. I don't think that will change with the new plan. If there are enough young families in that neighborhood, let's use some Arlington money to buy out the developers and build a park. This plan is cosmetic.

I hope most of the curb parking will remain. It's very convenient to pull up and park for a few minutes to pick up a book order or something from the Apple Store and it would be helpful for picking up food, if more restaurants are going in. For longer visits, the parking garage is fine. The raised seating area outside Pottery Barn is odd because they don't serve food. But, if PB is leaving and a restaurant is going in, it would be great to have outdoor seating there. Adding noisy night life might not go over well with residents who live above this space. The appeal of the current play structure is that it's fenced in so it protects young children from cars, bikes, dogs, etc. For families, it ties in nicely with a trip to Barnes and Noble for books and a snack from the cafe.

PLEASE ARRANGE FOR PLENTIFUL EASY PARKING!

Designation of an area where a small, non-fixed stage and canopy (as appropriate) could be erected from Spring through early Autumn for (acoustic) musical performances, as well as for children's shows.

It would be so nice to have a little cafe (serving beer/wine/coffee) in any of the new pedestrian areas!

I think the fountain at the entrance is lovely. It is a touching work of art. Why is it being removed? I hope the table seating would include random seating where, for example, one could spontaneously bring a coffee and pastry carried out of the B&N coffee shop.

A principle guiding this, in my view, should be to keep the natural world as natural as possible. This is a little oasis in a concrete box canyon. Keep the trees. Artificial turf would be at odds with this principle and be more appropriate for a true sports facility that gets heavy use. This partnership - commerce with openness to the community- has been a real success. We do not need to wander too far afield with the resign. (In closing, sorry but the video is not much to go on).

Make this public space an example of biophilic design. Clarendon needs a biophilic park to compensate for its developed spaces and numerous existing paved plazas. As stated above, replace paved plazas, play areas and other paved areas and mowed lawns with natural areas, such as meadow/pollinator habitats that support native plants, insects and birds. Add canopy trees. All trees and other plantings should be of native species that County naturalists select for their abilities to host native wildlife.

I think it is well thought out. I would like to reiterate that to please keep a families with young children in mind as this is the space that is used in the day bybthen with caretakers.

It would be great to have movie nights outdoors, pop up bars, beer and wine served alongwith foodtrucks

Is there evidence to indicate that the new seating area by the Barnes and Noble will be effectively utilized? Are there business in that area that would inspire use of an outdoor seating or gathering space? I would recommend any landscaping approaches at the front end that would draw people into the space, and reveal a seating area in the back.

Celebrating cherry blossoms would be a nice element.

Since there is a "perpetual" public-use easement, I expect the county to involve the county's Natural Resource Manager, lead arborist and Office of Sustainability and Environmental Management Bureau Chief in a review of this "minor" site plan amendment to ensure that the result is environmentally beneficial and truly sustainable. From site plan condition 61: . The final design

of the central plaza shall be similar to the proposed design presented as part of the site plan submission in terms of general layout, special features, paving materials, plant materials, and surface treatment. The final plan for the central plaza shall be reviewed by the Park and Recreation Commission and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Resources and shall be approved as part of the final site development and landscape plan. The central plaza shall be designed to provide maximum opportunities for access for persons with disabilities. Maintenance of the central plaza shall be the responsibility of the owner. The applicant shall dedicate a perpetual public use easement over the approximately 20,500 square foot central plaza prior to the issuance of any certificate of occupancy for the project.

This is a great project to see under consideration. I currently don't feel that area is very friendly for casual gatherings as it feels to narrow and closed off. It has great potential and is in a great location but I'd say it's currently way underutilized. I typically walk through this area and don't feel compelled to linger at all. When I do drive through that loop, it's just a pain. I'd rather NOT expect (or hope) to find parking because it's so limited and just plan or know that I am going to need to use the garage. I wish it didn't cost so much for the first hour - it's been annoying when I need to run in to return something at one of those stores and then I have to spend \$6 when I am leaving 15 minutes later. Even if they just did 30 minute free parking and then \$2 or \$3 for the first hour it would be appreciated. I would actually park in there more often if it wasn't an automatic \$6 for a short stop.

Concern for dog clean-up. Will there be designated spaces for dogs, or wide open?

the colored cross walk is.... weird. can we just have normal crosswalks?

Does the area need to be changed?

This is a good first start, I would love to see how the design progresses.

Also consider adding street trees behind the bollards at the Clarendon curb at the northernmost central island to offer shade to those walking past the plaza and encouraging them to stop and linger.

This seems like a lot less open space/park space than currently. The seating area needs more plantings and less hardscape.

Add native plant pollinator gardens to enhance the beauty of the space and add another attraction for children and adults alike.

Open container policy within the plaza

By eliminating the loop parking, all drivers are forced to park in the already crowded and small parking garage. Is there a plan to increase parking? I would also like to see the parking garage be free for drivers staying under 30 mins.

I'd like this become a full pedestrian plaza, with a possibility for car as emergencies. If not possible keep the space for cars as minimum

Please keep play area fenced in so parents can read a book without having to worry their child will dart into the street.

A large, architecturally interesting roof over cafe seating would make the space more useable in summer heat or in rain.

Not a fan of the artificial grass turf as sole solution. It can be hot in the summer. Keep natural grass or blended. People like to sit in the natural grass

Please include bike parking for cargo bikes, that is spaces that are longer and wider than a typical commuter bike. Thank you!

I love the idea of art concrete to match the greenery.

The proposed design seems to reduce functionality of the space. "Play sculptures" of bunnies are useless to any child and hold the interest for 2 minutes maximum. Currently families with kids like to come to the space, shop in the stores that surround it while kids play, the new design will definitely make that option a lot less appealing.

It's more important than ever to optimize outdoor spacing/recreation/dining.

Included above

Please keep the outside play structure. We go out of our way to

Come to market commons because of the outdoor play structure. One of us can run errands; the other person is with the kids and then we get lunch in Clarendon. We would be very unlikely to visit as a family without that safe playground.

Wish East Falls Church got 1/10th the attention of Clarendon but at least we get more flooding :(

Always thought it was a shame that the second floor landing hasn't been utilized more. Those businesses die but it's actually a great spot.

Concerned about how clear signage will be for where cars go with colorful cross walks and where to look out for crossing pedestrians

review the world's best urban park amenities to see what can be implemented at the Market Commons: <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/articles/a-guide-to-moscows-park-life>

<http://kiddingherself.com/gorky-park-moscow/>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorky_Park_\(Moscow\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorky_Park_(Moscow))

Why not eliminate parking altogether, but keep the "street" for emergency use? and redirect the parking lot ingress/egress entirely to Fillmore? I think your proposed solution is going to create a frustrating situation for both drivers and pedestrians.

Looks great! Really good direction, just go a bit further and take out the central green parallel parking spaces (and maybe a travel lane). And then see what opportunities you have with all that expanded park space!

The proposed new name is not any better than the old name. No one referred to this place by its old name and no one will use the new name. Could you go back to the drawing board on this one and find something that seems Green and Fun. "Crossing" has no meaning at all.

It would be nice if you have a central feature, like the big clock at Courthouse. Then you could tell people, "Meet me by the clock" or whatever was appropriate. Can you think of something to slow drivers down as they make right-hand turns out of the loop?

The proposed sidewalk in front of the Williams-Sonoma looks to be very awkward. There's a pinch point where the steps, ramp and existing tree pit come together. The pedestrian path along there should be better thought out.

More space for people. Less space for cars. This could be such an amazing plaza!

Personally, I really don't see why the entire County tax base should pay for a playground/pleasure garden for a neighborhood of high income earners.

Especially given the dearth of fancy recreation/play spaces in lower income areas. This should be funded by a special tax district assessment on homeowners: no one not in the immediate area is going to come to top of the line income stores like Whole Foods, Pottery Barn, Apple, Ethan Allen and Williams Sonoma. And pay to park. All of which say "upper middle class white" to me. Sends a very non-inclusive message. And there are a lot of white people in your mock ups, as well.

Would the tables be for specific restaurants? Or more so people who get food to go and want to sit outside

I can't support removing any of the street parking. Arlington is looking to add density and cars aren't going away. Let's deal with reality and stop giving developers a pass on the parking.

Play spaces for kids are absolutely necessary, but if everything is movable it can get very messy. Durable structures will ensure that the play spaces are safe for many years.

If I can not circle the loop to find parking without exiting on to Clarendon Blvd I will no longer shop at these stores.

The multicolored crosswalks are really ugly. Please don't do that. It looks really tacky.

Make sure that mobility really exists - for pedestrians, bikes, and scooters. Looking forward to the redesign.

Already has a nice feel but isn't big, open, and vibrant enough to draw people

This survey seems intended to elicit praise only for the pedestrian-friendly changes. It does not seek to elicit concerns or complaints. Also you have also asked no questions seeking community comment about traffic, parking or possible inconveniences that this development might cause. Was this survey written by the Developer? It sure seems that way. C'mon Arlington County, please do not cede your decisionmaking to developers.

The renderings showed a lot of lirioppe and other non-native, ornamental plantings. This redevelopment is an opportunity to incorporate native and pollinator-friendly plants, and move away from the ornamentals that are typically chosen. A butterfly, pollinator, or edible garden would provide a community engagement/education opportunity. Native species can also be planted in an ornamental fashion, and the landscape can respond to local climate and seasonal changes.

Please change the colors
Concern about removing trees reducing shade and feeling barren. Concerned with traffic flow if the loop is permanently closed off and not just for events or on weekends.
Would be nice to allow alcohol consumption in the new area
How many parking spaces would be lost? Would there be any impact on parking garage rates? To ease parking, consider space available indicator lights (as seen at Tyson's Corner). Existing garage spaces are so narrow, with the proliferation of large SUVs, parked vehicles allow very little space to open the door without dinging other cars and makes getting in and out for seniors difficult. It's one reason so many people seek the parking on the driveway in the loop.
Consider attracting food trucks to come and park
We must remain vigilant regarding keeping our distance, wearing a mask and washing our hands. So, maybe provide a spot where one could drink water from a spout, or wash our hands in running water.
Please try to preserve as much of the green space and existing trees as possible! Thank you!
The rainbow crosswalks are dumb.
How does this project support Arlington's clean energy goals? Is there solar energy production? Does it encourage EVs, walking, biking, public transit and discourage vehicles with emissions?
How will the parking garage be accessed? I'd like to see some restaurants return to this area. What are the plans for the upper level where the Escape Room is? It really needs better access and signage as those spaces don't seem to do very well.
Have loved movie nights and other activities in the past. Hope we can do more when it's safe.
In a previous document I recommended eliminating the water pool and replacing it with a waterfall that would be integrated into the front kiosk wall, with little ponding area to maintain. In this current design, I recommend a similar approach to maximizing the sight, sound and smell of falling water by creating a natural stone mound (a few feet high) with a waterfall emerging on

the interior (south) side of the mound, and then allowing the water to run like a mountain stream around the mound and to the street side to utilize the existing structure and plumbing. However, I suggest that all of this be done with natural and irregular stone as the exterior, supplemented with ferns and other native plants, so that the overall effect is a small mountain stream cascading from the hillside.

Disappointed that it doesn't not seem to be family friendly.

Has the applicant done a behavior mapping of how the space is currently used? Demographic composition? it says biophilic design, but there is nothing biophilic about this design. too much pavement and too much fake grasses.

Question: How would the "sculptural pieces" be chosen?

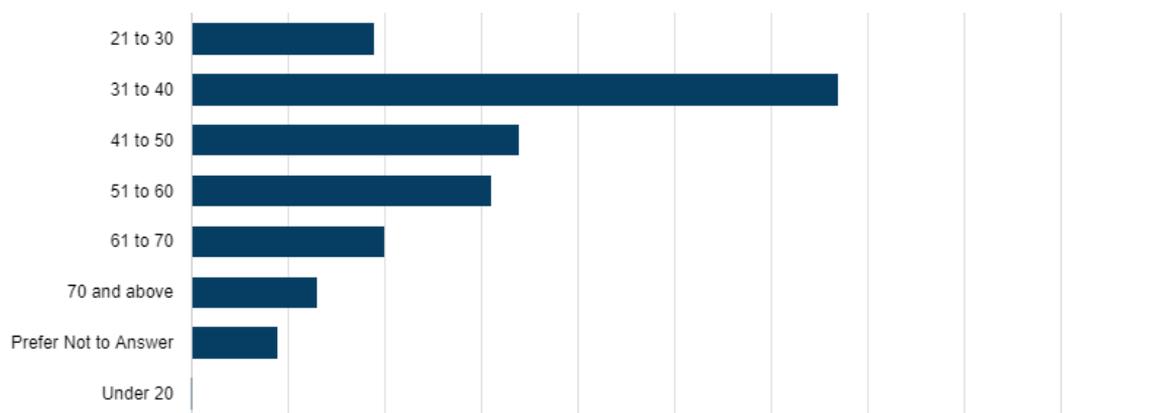
Could you require people to walk their bikes and scooters within the loop?

This looks like a wonderful place to be in warm weather. What features would help it be appealing in cold weather too?

Thanks for the opportunity to comment!

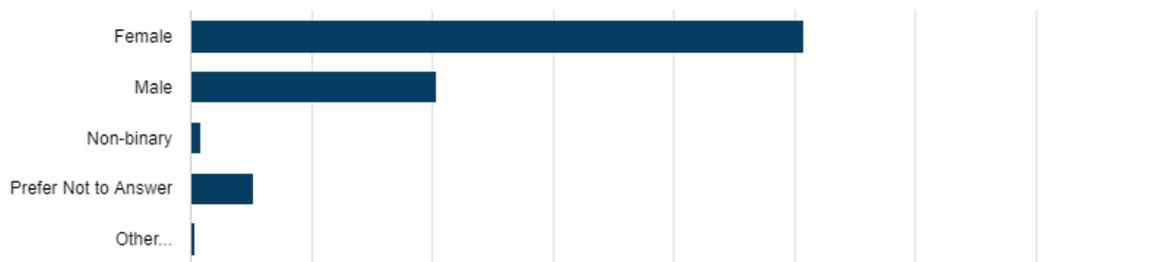
P.S. Regarding the next page: Thanks for being competent survey methodologists. :) I get so tired of poorly designed surveys that put the demographic questions up front.

Age Range



21 to 30	19
31 to 40	67
41 to 50	34
51 to 60	31
61 to 70	20
70 and above	13
Prefer Not to Answer	9

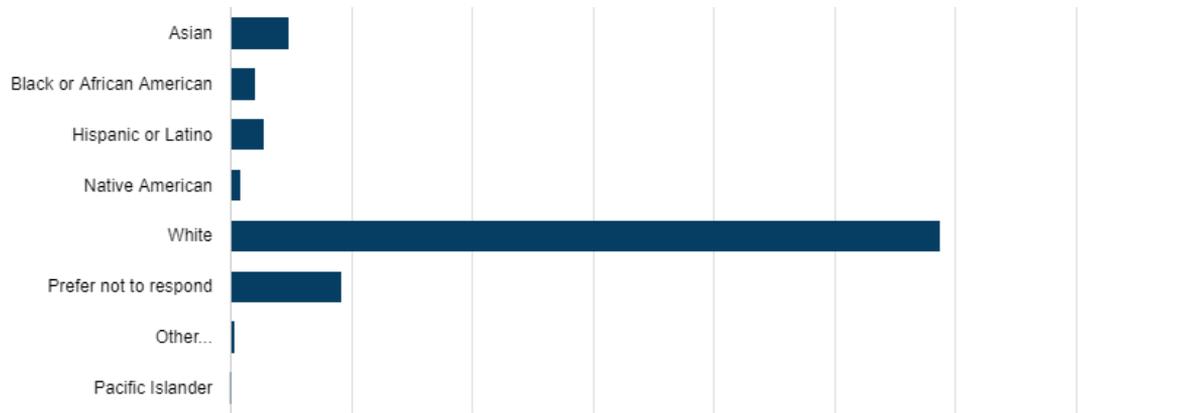
Which gender do you most identify with?



Female	127
Male	51
Non-binary	2
Prefer Not to Answer	13
Other...	1
Male & Female Couple	1

Which of the following describes your race or ethnicity?

(Select all that apply)



Asian	12
Black or African American	5
Hispanic or Latino	7
Native American	2
White	147
Prefer not to respond	23
Other...	1
Middle Eastern	1

Which of the following best describes your current home?



Apartment or condominium	68
Townhome, attached to other houses	41
Single-family, detached home	84

Other...	0
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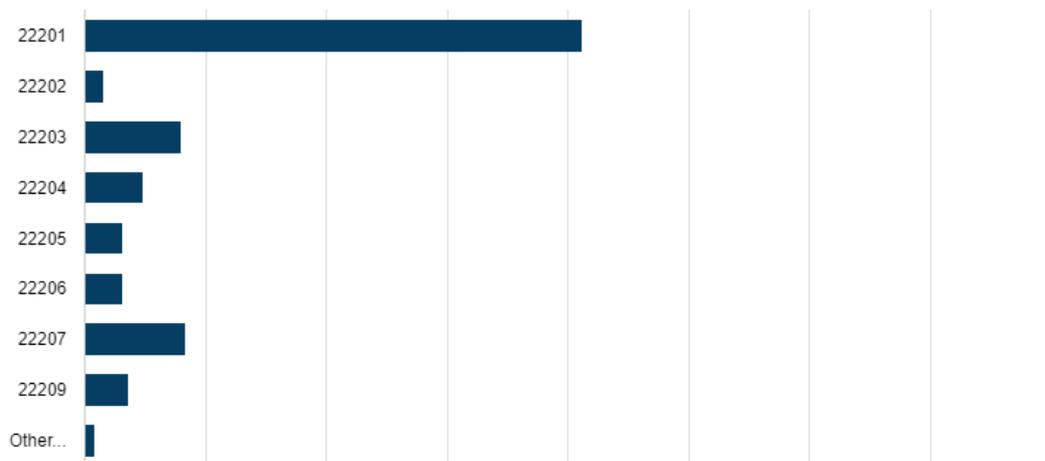
Which neighborhood do you live in?

Alcova Heights	2
Arlington East Falls Church	3
Arlington Forest	2
Arlington Heights	2
Arlington Mill	1
Arlington Ridge	1
Arlington View	1
Ashton Heights	15
Ballston-Virginia Square	19
Barcroft	1
Bellevue Forest	1
Bluemont	1
Boulevard Manor	1
Buckingham	2
Cherrydale	4
Clarendon/Courthouse	60
Colonial Village	3

Columbia Heights	1
Crystal City	2
Dominion Hills	1
Donaldson Run	4
Douglas Park	1
Dover Crystal	1
Fairlington	2
Forest Glen	1
Glebewood	1
Gulf Branch	1
Highland Park Overlee Knolls	1
Leeway Overlee	1
Long Branch Creek	1
Lyon Park	4
Lyon Village	20
Madison Manor	1
Maywood	1
North Highlands	1
North Rosslyn	1
Old Dominion	2

Penrose	2
Radnor/Ft. Meyer Heights	6
Rock Springs	2
Shirlington	4
Waverly Hills	1
Waycroft Woodlawn	2
Westover Village	2
Williamsburg	1
Woodmont	2
Yorktown	1
Other...	2
Annandale Virginia	1
McLean	1

Zip code



22201	103
22202	4
22203	20
22204	12
22205	8
22206	8
22207	21
22209	9
Other...	2
22203	1
22213	1