

Share Your Thoughts on the PenPlace Park Draft Design Update (163 Submissions)

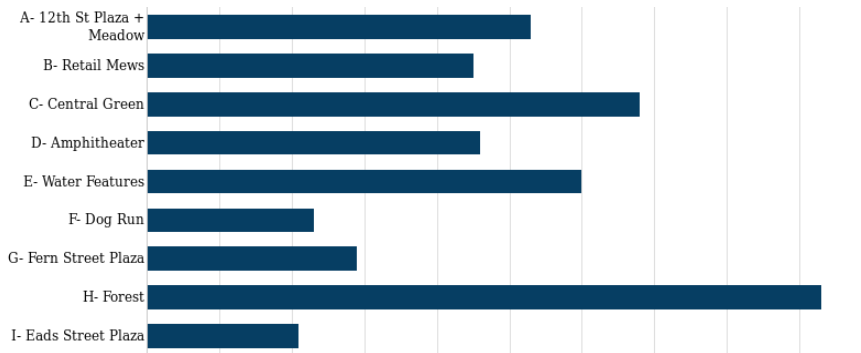
WHICH LOCATIONS ON THE SITE ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT?

- A - 12TH ST PLAZA + MEADOW
- B - RETAIL MEWS
- C - CENTRAL GREEN
- D - AMPHITHEATER
- E - WATER FEATURES
- F - DOG RUN
- G - FERN STREET PLAZA
- H - FOREST
- I - EADS STREET PLAZA



Please refer to the map above. Which locations on the site are you most excited about?

Select all that apply. Click here to enlarge the map.



A- 12th St Plaza + Meadow	53
B- Retail Mews	45
C- Central Green	68
D- Amphitheater	46

E- Water Features	60
F- Dog Run	23
G- Fern Street Plaza	29
H- Forest	93
I- Eads Street Plaza	21

What makes you excited about them?

Please limit responses to 200 words or less.

We need trees

Greenspace!

More open and natural green space, retail areas, ability for community events.

I really need more dog friendly areas for my dog ot be in

I think they are beautiful and they remind me of the open spaces I experienced when living in California. I love the different uses that I think the whole community will enjoy. I like that the buildings are tall so that the community can have more open space.

Love the forest concept and the elevation in section H. The Retail sections also look really well designed.

I appreciate the concentration of trees and other plantings. Given the concentration of buildings in Crystal City, any green space is exciting.

This is our neighborhood and there are so many spaces occupied by office buildings, retail, etc. I am excited for my kids and family to have green space to run, play soccer, gather and be outside.

The more biophilic spaces the better. And among those, the more natural and immersive, the better. So the forest is the top feature as a natural experience and as a wrap around buffer. The others have significant value, but less immersive.

<p>The dog run adds another place for dogs and their owners to enjoy.</p>
<p>This area needs trees! Opportunities to play with family on the Green, and in a water feature in the summer.</p>
<p>Green space in an urban area</p>
<p>Integrated green and relaxation space that blend well and invite walking or sitting to enjoy the surroundings.</p> <p>The dog run should be bigger, and there should not be decorative rocks in the dog run (they are dangerous to playing dogs).</p>
<p>12th St is the FIRST walk-in point of the park, there's restaurants along Fern the mall along 12th St, this is WHERE people will first walk to</p>
<p>Public space and greenery.</p>
<p>I appreciate the large contiguous open space combined with the variety of settings and uses. The generous paths into and out of the central green afford interesting and changing views sheds.</p>
<p>The creativity and fresh approach to an urban design.</p>
<p>The most exciting thing is the trees and greenery; the water concept running through the site is interesting as well.</p>
<p>Terrible. Make them do it over.</p>
<p>Incorporation of nature and natural features</p>
<p>I like that there is a central green for casual gathering space though wish it was bigger. The amphitheater provides an unmet community need and potential for performance space. Would also like to see that be a bigger space.</p>
<p>Green space in an urban jungle</p>
<p>Water features provide visual and auditory interest and make the hot summers feel cooler. A new dog park would be exciting for our furry friends and fun to watch as well. Outdoor performance and food/eating areas are great - if you use them! Seattle had a great free lunchtime concert series in a similar setting.</p>

<p>The greenery, openness, accessibility</p>
<p>Offers great options and additions to our dynamic communities.</p>
<p>Each promises to interject natural features into an area that sorely needs them. Also, the meadow by a street is truly innovative.</p>
<p>The forested area and large central green are hard to develop within dense urban areas these days.</p>
<p>The space as a gathering place</p>
<p>I love the idea of an immersive forest, I think that links so much of the rest of the park with the trees and water and seating but it just sounds amazing to have that peace and quiet and beauty right in this built up area, it just makes me really really happy. But there is so much else that is really beautiful and so thoughtful about the park so it's not easy to pick one.</p>
<p>Very impressed with the presentation and with the comprehensive thinking that went into the design. Also liked that images that showed no bicycles or scooters. I hope that means the pedestrian areas will truly be limited to pedestrians.</p>
<p>I like the range of features overall. I'm particularly excited for some more green spaces / immersive experiences that are natural. I really want more options for quality but casual dining nearby and I love the increase in public seating areas and plazas to spend time outside, especially for workers and those living in all the high rise buildings surrounding the area.</p>
<p>Inviting for strolling and shopping. Retail, amphitheater, and central green will contribute to active use in the evenings and weekends and create a safe environment.</p>
<p>I love what you have done! Go for it!</p>
<p>The beauty of nature. Enjoying the outdoors and having a place to relax nearby is great.</p>
<p>Range of options available to provide open space opportunities to residents and visitors to the site; a design that it not auto- focused</p>
<p>Good places for rotating public art exhibitions</p>

<p>Would like to see A expanded to 12th and Fern. Will welcome more green on 12th St. The current tree line bordering 12th is the only lung left in the neighborhood. The buildings can go a bit further inside the lot.</p>
<p>We desperately need a dog park in the 22202 neighborhood of Arlington.</p>
<p>Quality of life improvement.</p>
<p>The tree canopy and multi levels.</p>
<p>Pure nature and opportunity for special events</p>
<p>I really like the idea of having some green space accessible within Pentagon City. I also love the idea of calling back to the Roaches Run watershed. And the amphitheater opens up so many possibilities for things like Shakespeare in the Park or summertime open-air musical performances.</p>
<p>Areas for pollinators, yay! I love that the took nod to the past with Roaches run.</p>
<p>The 12th St Plaza + Meadow is the most pedestrian friendly, inviting entrance planned anywhere in National Landing. The dog run is needed to keep other parts of the park from becoming dog-focused. The amphitheater might help keep this all-business park busy during times that businesses are not open.</p> <p>Not mentioned above is the fact the plan takes into account that the traffic to the north is loud and needs to be buffered. The analysis that was done for this park might be useful to the County in development of the similarly-situated teardrop park.</p>
<p>The least objectionable in a stupid plan divorced from the majority of residential buildings in the area.</p>
<p>We really need more green spaces in the area. I've been here 5 yrs and only see buildings go up. I want the county, JBGSmith, and Amazon to prioritize pedestrians and accessibility.</p>
<p>Because of overdevelopment, the County has lost most of its woodlands, trees and meadows. The Amazon site is contributing to this overdevelopment. The County Board has recently issued a "Monarch Pledge" and declared the County a "Biophilic City". The meadow and forest are consistent with this, but are much too small. As a result, this is a very poor design for a park.</p>
<p>I love the diversity of spaces. There seems to be an area for every type of use.</p>

<p>It's green, lots of trees in a natural setting, nice winding path, seating, water feature at the top. (but it needs an exit/entrance from park to Army-Navy Drive (west of garage entrance))</p>
<p>I appreciate the open green space and grown trees in these areas, which make it feel more like a park space.</p>
<p>The woodland goes a tiny way toward replacing the acres of trees that were on the site. Diverse native species will reintroduce some much needed habitat. The meadow with native plantings is important habitat for insects and birds. 22202 is so densely developed and populated and there is little compensation for the loss of natural habitat and the needs of new residents and workers for proximity to nature.</p>
<p>Local concerts like High school, military, Eurovision, etc.</p>
<p>Open space to play sports, especially pickup soccer</p>
<p>green space and meadow sound great</p>
<p>Water is a great draw and makes everything beautiful. It also drowns out traffic noise.</p>
<p>Due to all these new construction projects, there's barely any green space around so I am excited to see green space considered as part of this plan.</p>
<p>Urban parks should expand the tree canopy. The forest feature would do just that.</p>
<p>Family events</p>
<p>These places of quiet are vital for our well-being as our neighborhood becomes more dense. I am a confirmed urbanite and welcome the energy all the new buildings bring, but also appreciate the thoughtfulness that has gone into planning these small places of refuge.</p>
<p>Water features and greenery will bring much needed cooling and shade features to deaden 395 noise and provide a respite from surrounding concrete and grass. Green common area will be good for kids.</p>
<p>Arlington is retaining less and less green space among more and more huge office and apartment complexes. We need nature and trees to retain balance. There is too much development. We don't need more retail.</p>

<p>People gathering and enjoying one another.</p>
<p>The proposed forest in this part of Arlington with the interesting created topography will be an innovative, exciting open space destination. The water features will compliment the forest and elevated space. The central green will provide potential meeting/event space, while creating a feeling of expanse in the park.</p>
<p>There's so much hardscape in Pentagon City, the forest adds need oxygen. I hope that native trees are selected that support native food webs that in turn support humans.</p>
<p>The forest is something highly unique to a public park. To be able to walk within and enjoy a well developed, natural forest type canopy space within an urban environment is something that really set parks apart. The public enjoys the secluded nature and opportunity to meander in a way that connects with nature and really adds so much value to the entire community. If it could be made bigger I would advocate for that!</p>
<p>Great community places to casually gather and have a break in a green and shaded place.</p>
<p>Nice features in a urban dense area.</p>
<p>We need more trees</p>
<p>We need more trees, especially close together, for shade, wildlife, health.</p>
<p>I liked how the plan is grounded in natural features native to Virginia. Like the biophilic areas that also are designed to capture storm water and slow/reduce runoff. I especially like the tree and forested features the private shade and a more intimate, quiet experience. Would like to see more trees around perimeter and less concrete around trees where the seating is.</p>
<p>Natural elements, trees</p>
<p>arlington parks are always 100 degrees in the summer, never enough trees or shade, they're covered in concrete and plastic playgrounds that are unbearably hot in the summer, while all the hiking trails and creeks in the area are packed to the fullest</p>
<p>The open spaces and incorporating the industrial with the ecological.</p>

<p>I like the public gathering spaces that can host community events. I want more emphasis on the permeability of the site. Right now, there are no straight routes through, so it functions more like a superblock.</p>
<p>It provides much needed seemingly natural green space.</p>
<p>There is nothing quite like it in this part of Arlington and I love something that can bring a community together like an outdoor event space can.</p>
<p>They are not impervious surface. Urban heat island effect is real and the more we pave, the more dangerous it is to our health. Any design that minimizes paving and maximizes pervious surface and heat-absorbing trees is a win for everyone who uses the space.</p>
<p>We need more green spaces that are passive and ones to enjoy nature. We all have a need for more meditative green space.</p>
<p>More green space. Keep after hours free parking. Have 30 min free parking in the day for retailers.</p>
<p>Amphitheater</p>
<p>Dog parks create communities</p>
<p>Places to eat outside.</p>
<p>crystal city area needs more green spaces to relax and enjoy nature.</p>
<p>22202 is sorely in need of green open space where folks can relax and enjoy quiet space in nature. Enough with the concrete.</p>
<p>I love the existing feature in Crystal City and would love to have one closer. Looking forward to more retail and outdoor areas in general.</p>
<p>Nothing. Too little space for the projected resident population. The architect's depiction is a misrepresentation which does not depict significant social crowding, lack of sports and recreation amenities, and major use by bicycles and micro-mobility vehicles. Dogs are preferred over humans.</p>
<p>Worry that the grounds will need a lot of uptake, and hope there are plans for care of the grounds to keep it tidy.</p>

The National Landing BID is most excited about the proposed street activated uses, new retail, and the variety of new and engaging green and open public spaces. We support the site design's approach to the Central Green which anchors the development and offers a visible and publicly accessible draw to Pen Place. The opportunity to foster a truly vibrant street-level experience in terms of public-realm, buildings and open space is an exciting start to this master planned open space.

We desperately need a dog park in this area, so I'm glad to see a space included for that. I also always want more trees and grass, so the "forest" and "central green" are nice inclusions.

Areas that will help take you away from the urban landscape. Give you a sense of escape but close by.

Less concrete, acoustic buffer, variety of plantings and elevations.

I'd like to see more nature and dog friendly amenities. Please make the water feature accessible to dogs, just to cool off. My dog likes to get his paws wet when its hot.

We have heard repeatedly from the AHCA that more open space is needed in this neighborhood -- to the point that they are trying to take away softball fields in the name of casual use space. I'm actually a little disappointed that so much of this is not true casual use space. I also hope that this dog park removes the need for an additional dog park at Virginia highlands.

I have children that appreciate open spaces to explore, picnic and play. I also enjoy eating outside, so the retail mews look lovely.

Fake planning. Too many people...too little space.

Water feature— would love water that our children could splash in!

Trees and native plants are always a benefit to an otherwise concrete jungle.

It would be nice if we can sit and relax near the water.

Arlington is full of playgrounds for humans. We need more places for wildlife and humans to observe them.

The "Forest" is an untypical variation in the landscape - height for the eye, shade for variation, and sound mitigation from the highway.

"Plaza/Meadow" area has a good welcoming vibe, keeps this block from feeling "walled off" from the rest of the area.

The amphitheatre "steps/stage" is at least a bit different than other parks in Crystal City - can it truly function as a stage for a performance? (... as in discrete electrical hookups strategically positioned "in the forest" for microphones, lighting or speakers...)

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Because they add biophilia without taking up space for other housing or plain grass fields that can be used for various creative outdoor purposes.

Looks like a cool place to hang out, get something to eat and do a little shopping.

The stark contrast of highway vs. relaxation space means this area will serve as a buffer and help create a better environment south of the forest. This is far superior to another street entrance backed by 395.

The green spaces (especially heavily shaded) are most exciting to me. The right landscaping will be a refreshing addition to Crystal City.

More businesses and places to walk around.

I like public spaces that are activated or have clear use for activation. Retail is a natural activation. The Central Green and Amphitheater have tremendous potential to become a gathering place for music, events, food, and socializing.

These elements make the park inviting and a place I would go out of my way to visit, rather than a standard green space between office buildings

Pollinator gardens generally good if maintained well; amphitheater nice for events; water features help with urban noise; fern st. plaza good in fall or spring for people to have place to sit, eat lunch. Tourists will like shopping = revenue, retail news are useful. Nowhere on this plan is there a reference to

the 20K sf community space, or how "the community" will access it during the day and evening. The relationship of that space to the park is important. Lacking a normal street grid, this is still a superblock, so through-routes matter. Not that open from Army-Navy. No mention of bike racks for visitors, security. Daytime population = 15-20K incl. tourists?

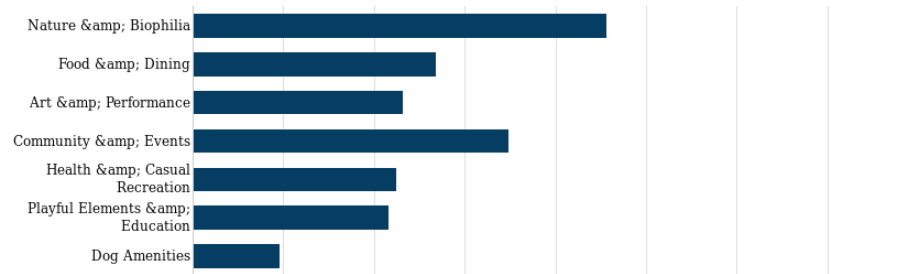
Need more green and less of a canyon feel with buildings cramped to the sidewalk.

Proximity to where I live, possibility to bring community together for events, making area more scenic, active, modern, and enjoyment-focused vs. just a place where people work then go home to suburbs.

Great work providing a variety of spaces that all seem to complement each other and pave the way for similar connectivity throughout Pentagon City.

Which of the following themes are you most interested in seeing captured at PenPlace?

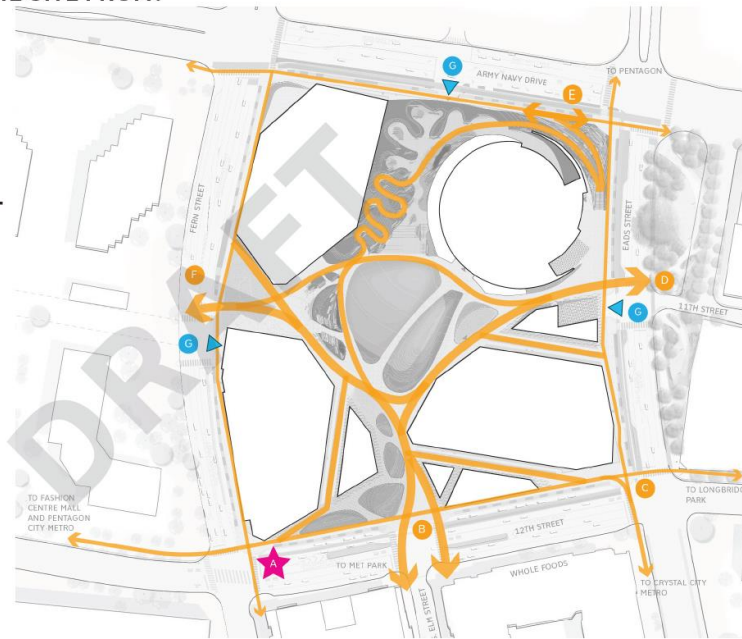
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Nature & Biophilia	114
Food & Dining	67
Art & Performance	58
Community & Events	87
Health & Casual Recreation	56
Playful Elements & Education	54
Dog Amenities	24

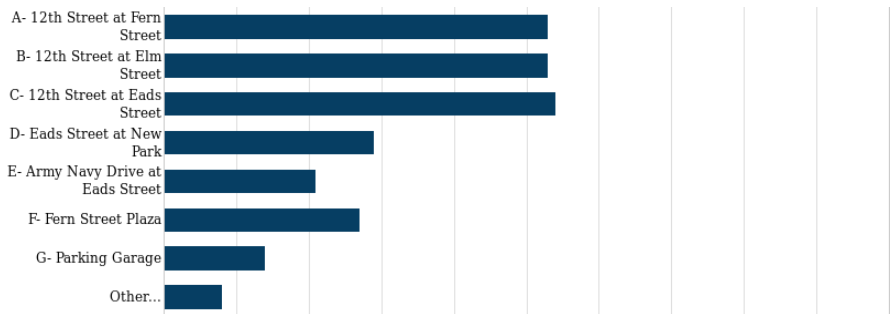
WHERE WOULD YOU ENTER THE SITE FROM?

- A - 12TH STREET AT FERN ST**
- B - 12TH STREET AT ELM ST**
- C - 12TH STREET AT EADS ST**
- D - EADS ST AT NEW PARK**
- E - ARMY NAVY DR AT EADS ST**
- F - FERN STREET PLAZA**
- G - PARKING GARAGE**



Please refer to the map above. Where would you most likely enter the site from?

Select all that apply. Click here to enlarge the map.

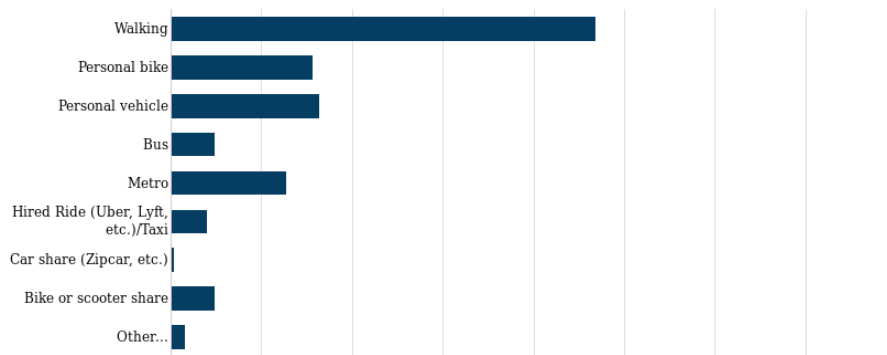


A- 12th Street at Fern Street	53
B- 12th Street at Elm Street	53
C- 12th Street at Eads Street	54
D- Eads Street at New Park	29
E- Army Navy Drive at Eads Street	21
F- Fern Street Plaza	27

G- Parking Garage	14
Other...	8
11th and Eads	1
I live along Columbia Pike so I'd be biking in on Army Navy from the West, and I guess entering next to the childcare if there's a public entry that goes through to the community space? Or biking into the truck loading if there's bike parking in the garage? Not sure.	1
I want Amazon to provide sufficient infrastructure for Amazon employees.	1
I want nothing to do with this mess. Take to where the Smart Growth Planners live...Lake Barcroft	1
No preference	1
None of these are convenient to the majority of residents in the area.	1
northwest corner (walking from the west on Army Navy)	1
Pls plant more trees for shade	1

How do you anticipate getting to and from PenPlace?

Select all that apply.

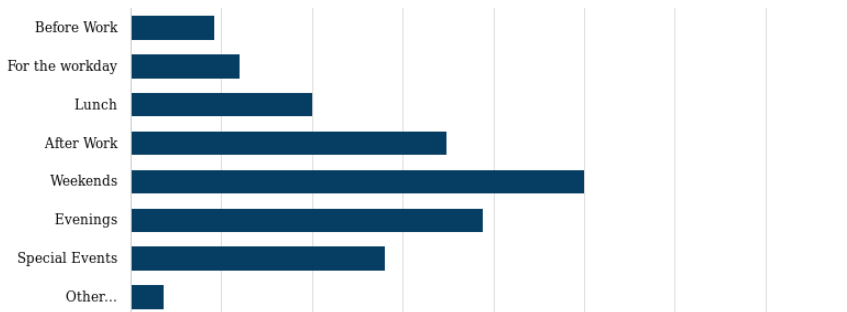


Walking	117
Personal bike	39
Personal vehicle	41

Bus	12
Metro	32
Hired Ride (Uber, Lyft, etc.)/Taxi	10
Car share (Zipcar, etc.)	1
Bike or scooter share	12
Other...	4
Can you spell M-I-L-L-E-N-N-I-A-L M-E-S-S ? Where's the dedicated Pub Crawl space?	1
Car	1
Car if coming form Costco trip or pentagon city trip.	1
Is this supposed to be a neighborhood park, or a multi neighborhood park?	1

What time of day are you most likely to visit PenPlace?

Select all that apply.

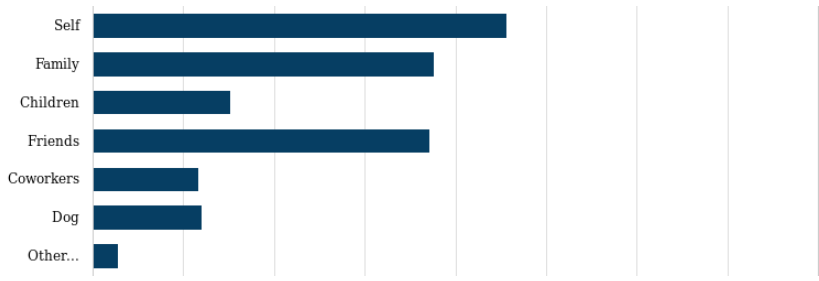


Before Work	23
For the workday	30
Lunch	50
After Work	87

Weekends	125
Evenings	97
Special Events	70
Other...	9
24/7	1
An assortment of those choices	1
Any time.	1
I have a weekend home where the Smart Growth planners live, nowhere near Smart Growth.	1
I will not visit overcrowded public infrastructure.	1
I'm retired, so would likely visit PenPlace in late morning, or late afternoon	1
morning or afternoon	1
Retired, so may choose less busy times	1
Retired--anytime it's not too busy	1

Who would you visit PenPlace with?

Select all that apply.

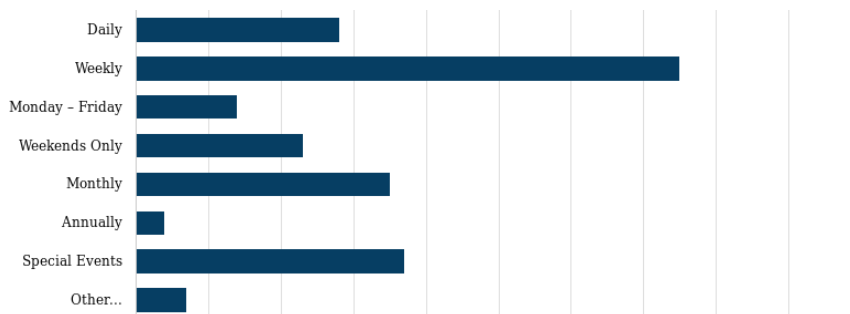


Self	114
Family	94

Children	38
Friends	93
Coworkers	29
Dog	30
Other...	7
An ACPD escort...to protect me from bicyclists and e-scooter riders.	1
fellow citizens and habitants of Arlington + guests	1
Happy hour group or book club	1
Is this supposed to be a neighborhood park or a multi neighborhoodd park?	1
Neighbors	1
out of town visitors	1
Spouse	1

How often would you be likely to visit PenPlace?

Select all that apply.

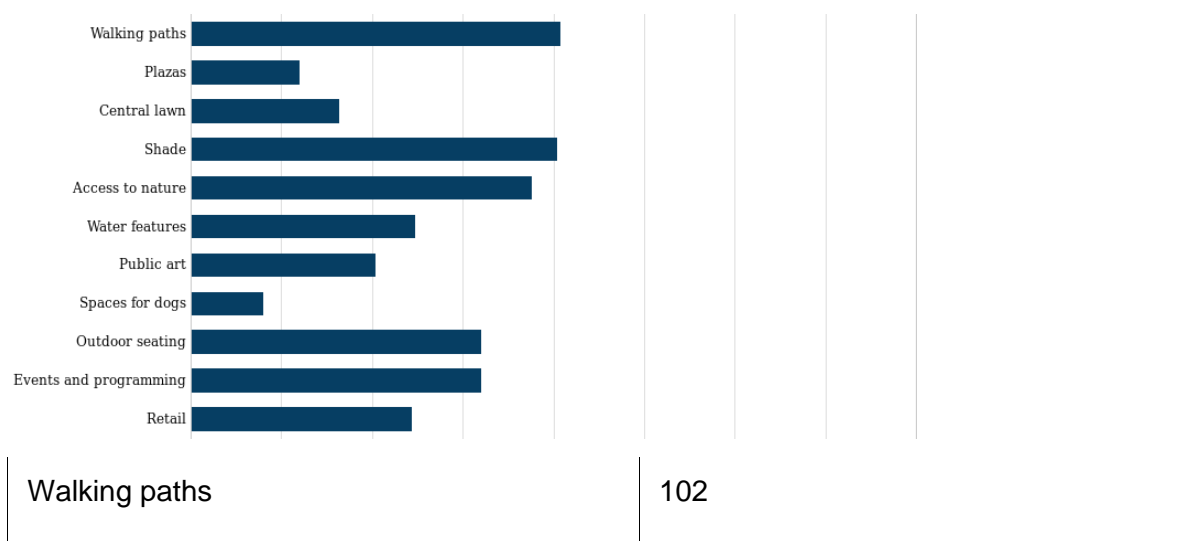


Daily	28
Weekly	75
Monday – Friday	14

Weekends Only	23
Monthly	35
Annually	4
Special Events	37
Other...	7
2-3 times a week.	1
24/7	1
Especially on weekends and holidays	1
It depends upon how it is designed and what ultimately is available that attracts me to it.	1
Only if it were planned for Arlington Residents who aren't urban village idiots....	1
Probably never	1
Would depend on season, and what happens with the community space	1

What would encourage you to visit PenPlace more often or stay longer?

Select all that apply.



Plazas	30
Central lawn	41
Shade	101
Access to nature	94
Water features	62
Public art	51
Spaces for dogs	20
Outdoor seating	80
Events and programming	80
Retail	61

Thinking of something that's not listed above? Add your additional thoughts here:

More trees and natural areas
Integrated outdoor exercise stations? Like pull up bars, etc...
Kid friendly and safe
Outdoor seating as pictured, but also as an individual work stations with fast, strong wifi hotspots.
When I select "programming" I mean hackathons etc. An indoor drone flying atrium would be amazing in the community space.
Urban agriculture features
Play structures
It could be a comfortable space to spend time eating, playing, resting,
Exercise amenities
Letting people drink outside
You have retail but I think good coffee would be so nice, a lovely independent coffee place and a seat outside.
Restaurants? I assume that is part of retail though.
Sunny spaces (for sunbathing and moodlifting). Ability to enjoy alcoholic drinks outside.
A good street grid for multi-modal and ADA access to the park
Bike trails
Opportunity to watch a sunset
Need many plantings of milkweed to help restore monarch butterfly populations. Greatly reduce space devoted to lawns & pavement

Soccer field with markings/goals
We also need trees to counter heat in the summer
The addition of trees that provide shade within any central green. Also trees close enough for hammocks and slack lines!
Coffeeshops, food stands and other small food establishments. Also, water, power, and Restrooms.
As many trees as possible
Would like actual natural forest space, not trees surrounded by concrete. We have way too much unnecessary concrete.
Iceskating
This is more Smart Growth on Steroids
Nooks for small groups to be included (1-3 people)
Offering quality public realm design will create a more memorable, dynamic destination that benefits everyone.
Parking for bikes. A couple spaces for cargo bikes (for families) would be greatly appreciated.
Make the entire parcel un-dediated open space, the only way thousands will be abnle to use...Also who pays to maintain?
Play structures for children
workspaces likce a coffee shop
vegan dining options.
Not enough shade! You need more tall trees and canopies with roofs creating shade. Also not enough benches to sit in the shade.
Hope won't to siphon off interest from other local establishments; it's a workplace campus, convenient for Bartlett & Altaire

Sunset watching spot from 12th street. Avoid the feel of having a concrete canyon with buildings too close to the street.

Please consider things like that outdoor Paris brand exercise equipment they have out on Crystal Drive. And Zumba!

What programming would draw you to PenPlace on weekends and evenings?

Select all that apply.



Concerts	96
Movie night	68
Fitness activities	44
Outdoor game	37
Seasonal events	114
Markets	113
Food and beverage	100

Thinking of something that's not listed above? Add your additional thoughts here:

peace and quiet
Arlington Public School or school event
Local small business presentations: e.g. how to adjust my bike brakes, sharpen kitchen knives, walking tours with gardeners
Techie and textile art activities; work with Arlington Library Maker Space program? Artomatic? Knitting clubs?
More green space, more nature. Less pavement.
Terrible. Make them do it over.
Urban agricultural inspired markets and events
Special exhibitions (like tech/science fair)
Festivals to celebrate global diversity, fun light-hearted competitions
I like our area would love a farmers market. Is there a place for food trucks to get in or to park?
Street performers that have been prescreened.
Ice skating rink. Dog pageants. Pet adoption events. Speaker series.
A good street grid for multi-modal and ADA access to the park
Because this is an all-business "block," with no one living there, it might be a good place to have some athletic arrangements.
There will be much space for the above activities at nearby Met Park. None are needed or desirable in this park.
Informative signage about the "natural" elements (plants, ecology--as at the Smithsonian Butterfly Garden)

Cultural exchanges and lessons. Gardening and environment classes of some sort.
Orest for walking
Quiet, with no programming, so I can listen to birdsongs
Children-oriented events
Keep access to Synetic Theatre open.
Farmer's Market
For once the depictions are correct...will be an overcrowded mess.
Whatever the programming is, should attract a variety of people and should feel safe.
Notice the massive social crowding?
vegan food options.
Places to sit that have backs on them.
DC is very hot in summer. We need more trees and shade in the park

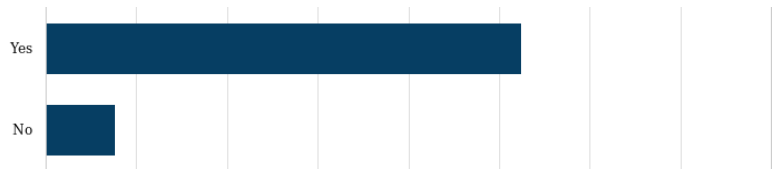
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Please use the comparison images above. Do you feel the proposed design for PenPlace captures the elements of the adopted PenPlace Open Space Design Guidelines from 2014? If not, please let us know why.



Yes	131
No	19

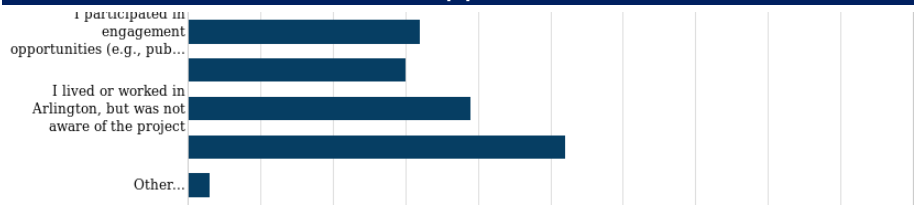
If no, please explain why not...

- The dog space is too small.
- Terrible. Make them do it over.
- Total green space appears smaller, a lot more pavement/plazas, and winding pathways.
- I don't see how this would feel like a public space given how closely surrounded it'll be by Amazon buildings

I put yes, but I think the building design (other than Helix) will be crucial to ensure that the block itself feels big/open
It needs a good street grid for multi-modal and ADA access to the park
The presence of so much retail betrays what was supposed to be a relaxing park, not an income generator.
The guidelines describe a "Central Green". This can be a biophilic woodland or meadow. The lawn is a poor use of this space.
New PenPlace has another huge building; open spaces are too broken up, too much retail, too much hardscape; paths illogical
Too much hardscape and too much chopping up of the natural elements. Why so many paths? Do they follow the desire lines?
not sure
I don't see much of green space and outdoor spot for people to go for walks, play, etc. yet.
Larger buildings dominate. Need some setback and terracing
Lack of trees
Wrong way to ask this question
Although the larger amount of open space is good, the direct through streets for bikes and pedestrians was an important feature
More people, vehicles, activities packed into insufficient space.
Expensive mess in the making
Unsure if this space will be accessible by non-Amazon employees.
I'm not really understanding the question, which feels "loaded" to me.
In 2014 there was no HQ2 on the horizon and the plan was scaled well with existing building/community. The 2021 plan is a sham

I don't understand this question.

How involved were you during the original PenPlace design process before the 2014 Park Master Plan approval?



I participated in engagement opportunities (e.g., public meetings, questionnaires, conversations with staff,etc.)	32
I was aware of the project, but did not engage	30
I lived or worked in Arlington, but was not aware of the project	39
I did not live or work in Arlington at the time	52
Other...	3
I don't participate in closed-door "done deal" so-called "planning" among urbanist REITs, developers, architects, county staff, County Board.	1
I live within a mile and we don't want any more people from Crystal City using our neighborhood for recreation.	1
I was out of town during the engagement opportunities	1

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

Please limit response to 200 words or less.

We need more trees and less pavement.

We do not need another dog area in this part of the county. There are enough (literally 2 about a block away in Met Park, and other 2 in VA Highlands Park) and there are plans to build too many in this part of the county as it is. Please remove the dog run from the design and put in more open space, seating, or play space for humans.

Very excited about this beautiful addition to Arlington's green spaces. And I love that you are prioritizing native plants and pollinators. We need to bring several native bird species back to the area (bluebirds) so every little bit helps!

My daughter and I walked by the space on Mother's Day and she had lots of questions. Today I showed her the YouTube video. Thank you for the explanation and making us green again ❤️

The pathways are non-linear and organic, but the other features are less compatible with the natural design. Retail areas are angular in all dimensions, and even the street tree boxes are rectangles. These should be softened in form and naturalized in materials. Water features seem to create a false sense of natural design, having too much flat stone/poured concrete rather than natural, irregular stones and waterfall/cascade designs that replicate streams. We do not want copies of the many urban water pools and fountains that are artificially pristine but have no life nor biophilic value.

I personally think that the Helix and its design is incredibly ugly. I feel there could have been a better, more attractive, option.

Shade sails on the central green will be important (like currently at the Pentagon row central green).

We need large native trees that provide shade. Like the willow oaks in Virginia Highlands park. This will take time. These plantings are often failures around Pentagon city. Please engage and retain native master gardeners (not landscape companies) on how best to enable these to survive to maturity in the urban location.

I wish there was more shade --- it'll take a while for the trees to be tall enough to provide shade. maybe add some artfully done cloth canopies

Is there a reason the three buildings have to be the tallest in Arlington? You could have the same effect with slightly shorter buildings (great view for individuals in those buildings and maintain the view for long-time Arlington residents in existing buildings). After all, with the interstate and Pentagon, nothing will ever block the view from the new buildings. If you want to have the buy in of the community and a win-win, why would you choose to provide green space and activities, yet edge out all the existing residents?

The dog run is WAY too small. There are tons of dogs in this area, and that space is not large enough for them to run and chase ----.

Central Park, why divide it in half with a sidewalk? that prevents a lot of outdoor activities that need SPACE. I'm a nearby residents that need a park with large open space for casual recreation. The Aurora Highlands Park (stolen and renamed Virginia Highlands) has large soccer fields that are ALWAYS used for scheduled practices and games, residents CANNOT use these fields, we need a family field to kick the ball on.

I do not see direct access to/from the north (Army Navy Drive). I understand that the height of the proposed woodland area is 20 feet above Army Navy drive. Is it possible to have a pedestrian ramp or stairs steps from Fern and Army Navy leading up to the Forest to provide access to the site from the north.

Kudos for an excellent job! A 100% improvement over the 2014 proposal of ugly government office buildings. This has flair, creativity and a unique design. My biggest question in reviewing all of this: what is it going to look like at night? With all the vegetation there will be dark spaces. What are the plans for illuminating the whole neighborhood, especially those areas with larger trees that are not in open areas? Are renderings done showing before/after sunset?

My #1 concern is that concentrated dog waste makes all lawns and urban bioretention in the neighborhood into nasty cesspools. Innovate modern dog toilets that flush and dilute the urine to reuse the nitrogen for fertilizing plantings in the Helix? Scoops and dedicated closed waste bins rather than placing droppings in plastic bags for the landfill? We can continue unproductively blaming the dog owners or we can provide them with a better alternative.

Terrible. Make them do it over. Or fire the consultants.

Please include urban agriculture features (educational gardens, edible trees, green walls, etc)

The winding pathways are not good, people will want to pass through the site and this does not allow that.

The park needs a big, permeable entrance at Army Navy that isn't a ramp that will take time to use

I am concerned about safety in the forest, that it will be not well used.

Please expand the lawn space, add trees more at the edges

I don't understand the water features, want to see more about them

Add more ground level plantings to Fern St plaza

Can a stage be set up in front of the Amphitheater? AV systems?

Ramp up to the forest should be wider

Eads St plaza has nothing going on, no connection to teardrop

Need more visualization of ramp from Army Navy

I look forward to a fun, vibrant new public space with calming areas to relax. Please use the space well by establishing some regular event planning for all ages.

In general, this is great, but it's biophilia-lite. All natural features seem to be use-oriented, rather than primarily about plants and trees. Would encourage: additional tree canopy around the Central Green, expansion of the meadow and inclusion of pollinating plants, and more attempts to make areas truly natural. I'm also unsure of whether people will enter at 12th or from the Army Navy sidewalk to see The Helix, and encourage more study.

I just wanted to say how amazing I think the park is. I really appreciate all of the thought and care that has gone in and my family and I can not wait to be able to go there. I really love the area for pollinators and all of the shade and trees, that everything is accessible and that there are so many different types of seating so that all of the community should be able to find a seat that they

are able to sit on (and get up from) comfortably. Though we don't have a dog, the dog run will be absolutely loved in the area. I just wanted you to know that I thought this was absolutely beautiful. I hope that we will have the opportunity to enjoy many events there as well as many lovely walks.

Very impressed with your Community outreach -- thank you!

Would appreciate lighting/enough foot traffic that it is safe to enjoy at night.

What will be the costs of maintaining the park(s)? Who will supervise the maintenance? Who will pay the bills?

I love it! March forward!

The park needs a good street grid for multi-modal and ADA access to the park

Safe bike trails will be great.

We have a lot of outdoor gathering places nearby on crystal drive. We do not have a dog park. We really need one in our neighborhood!

Dramatically reduce dog and other --- access to park to eliminate the existing bad odor of most grass areas in Pentagon City area. Children, and everyone else, can no longer enjoy walking on the grass because of the unsanitary conditions left there by local --- owners. A preventable health issue.

I am somewhat concerned about the central lawn and the open spaces around it. It seems too mannered--prim and proper--with little creativity--i.e. just green and open. It seems really flat and featureless; perhaps you could at least break up the edges by including rocky features that bring in some of the wild, unexpected aspects of our regional landscape.

(1) I hope the large trees envisioned near the perimeter of the central greens (at least) will feature the Flowering Dogwood and placard identified as the Virginia State Flower. Absolutely gorgeous and sweeping in nature, particularly in May-June timeframe! (2) With the variety of seating being sited, have you considered soliciting memorial donations (similar to what the National Arboretum does for fixed periods of time)? (3) If you haven't already discussed, please consider pedestrian bridges to cross at midpoints particularly of Fern and Eads streets. Those are heavily trafficked roads and having all crosswalks only is going to be fairly disruptive to traffic and require more traffic lights than necessary which a pedestrian overpass might eliminate. Thanks for all your hard work! I'm a resident of Arlington View nearby.

The design and construction should try to preserve and incorporate some of the existing mature trees on the site, as they will help to enhance the feel of the park and make it feel more natural.

It's great that the loading is planned to be underground, the entrances are related to adjoining areas, and there is a variance from the

pedestrian-unfriendly, concrete-canyon "build to the line" towers-only approach in the Crystal City Sector Plan.

As mentioned above, taking advantage of the noise analysis done for this park might be useful to making final decisions on the Teardrop

park; and because the plan is for all-business buildings, it might be a good location to have athletic arrangements, such as hoops and volley ball courts, because they could be lighted at night and noisy without bothering residents and also be an attraction in off-hours.

Astonishing how this was hijacked from a park to an Event Space divorced from all but a few residential buildings by being placed at the edge of the neighborhood. Would have been better to give Amazon that space and locate the park on Eads. Traffic will be a nightmare, it will be hard to get to, don't know why the dog park is such an important feature (I have dogs but I will never take them there - too far especially in summer and winter walking them on concrete), and of course we have to have retail, where even something as simple as a farmers market will lead to congestion during unloading and loading hours as I see no provision for this. And how will food truck presence be allocated? Ready for the discrimination law suits?

This is very poor design for a new public open space in this area. The nearby Met Park will soon have a dog run, a large lawn for programmed events and active recreation, a number of paved plazas and seating areas, and several wide walkways paved with impermeable materials. The nearby park at Eads Street and Army-Navy Drive will also have some such features. Do not duplicate any of these environmentally-unfriendly features in this new park, as they would be redundant.

Recognize that the County Board approved the 2014 Park Master Plan and its design guidelines before the Board issued its "Monarch Pledge" and declared the county a "Biophilic City" As a result, the Master Plan and its design guidelines are now obsolete . They should not be followed when designing new parks in the Crystal City area. Amazon made this very serious mistake when designing Met Park. Don't repeat the mistake when designing this new park.

Greatly reduce impermeable surfaces by narrowing walkways and eliminating paved plazas and seating areas. Replace the lawn in the central green with

trees and pollinator meadows. All seating areas should be on permeable surfaces. All walkways and seating areas should be made of wood planking or other permeable materials.

Recognize that pedestrians and cyclists will create informal "desire paths" through the central green's lawn to travel between approaching paved walkways. These will create erosion and will destroy the lawn's appearance and functionality. If you don't eliminate the lawn, pave narrow strips through the lawn to directly connect approaching paved walkways. Don't pave any other walkways through the lawn.

What is acreage of open space (sl 22 only 2.09); what % is contiguous, % green, % immersive (walk thru meadows?); overall too much hardscape (vs green/shade/trees); realign path thru center to match east-west desire line; add exit @ north end (desire line and safety); simplify path design; what are clear zone widths for paths and on either side of cafe zones in retail mews? How is AND "connected" to park above it (visually, elevation, etc.) How does playground fit? (safety, access); clarify any bike restrictions. Where is flexible seating sl 31? This is a park - but also a major bike-ped connection - need to design to go THROUGH the park, not just into the park.

Like too many Arlington parks, this one isn't big enough for all the various uses provided for. It is smaller than the 2 ballfields at VHP yet it tries to do some of everything. Forest and meadow sizes are woefully small. Too much hardscape, too many paths. The same will happen with VHP masterplanning and other Pentagon City sites. The design should better compensate for the loss of green habitat at the site and the need for thousands more residents/workers to have proximity to nature that isn't in tiny patches surrounded by hardscape. Green space needs to be real habitat, not just pretty. Grow the habitat, and plan the event spaces and plazas for the adjacent developments such as Brookfield.

I didn't see much re: bike connectivity. I'd like to be sure there is ample bike parking, and foos, safe connections to the Mt Vernon and four-mile trails and local bike lanes in between. Bottom line: make it safe and easy to get to this beautiful space by bike, scooter and walking. Even from North Arlington or Alexandria.

The basic design looks great and will create a wonderful natural destination space. Please resist calls for creating straight "efficient" walking or biking paths. There is no need for a Northern pedestrian access. Not every direction needs to be a front door.

Restore more of the native habitats that are threatened by urbanization.

I applaud and encourage the continued incorporation of more green, biophilic oriented aspects into this park. Creating something of an oasis of nature will attract countless people to sit and enjoy the space in a way that a general park

space type design would not. The forest is precisely the type of features that will make this park stand out. I would encourage casual seating options within the forest that don't infringe on the space but encourage folks to sit and spend time within this feature.

I likewise support the creation of the central green, but would highly encourage the planting of trees along the perimeter. An open green can be unforgiving in the summer months and having trees planted along the perimeter will allow for more shade, additional canopy coverage and more opportunities for folks to set up things like hammocks and slack lines to take full advantage of the green.

As always, permeable pavers, storm water retention facilities, and meadow features that mimic how nature retains and filters water are all aspects I would also encourage throughout the space.

Making it easy to get a coffee and/or beer while having a meeting with a laptop would make me use the space several times a week! Overall, as is, I'm very excited about the space as a resident of the area!

There needs to be a better connection across 12th St. south to the other park. A wide open crossing area is insufficient to encourage the access those depicted between this park in the one to the south

More forest. Could add memorial groves of trees. A natural space for quiet healthful contemplation in an increasingly noisy and hectic world.

The site needs to feel like a true public space, and direct access through the site for bikes and pedestrians is essential.

Please add more space for nature, more space for wildlife, and more space for native species.

access needed through forest to Army Navy Drive

Take this and the people who planned and approved the planning to the Rust Belt where most of them came from.

Concerned the dog park may be too close to the "lounging" areas by central greens, could be a smell if it becomes a "pee-patch" for dogs. But definitely think they need their own area, that is much needed given how many dogs I see here.

The plan and design for Pen Place should ensure an open and accessible to the public. Further understanding of the circulation throughout the site and to adjacent destinations should mirror anticipated desire paths. And while prioritizing pedestrian safety and accessibility is priority, the design should

reconsider multi modal circulation and offer ample at-grade parking for these modes.

Can you enclose the dog park area? That way dogs can play freely without fear of them running off.

Please make all outdoor lighting schemes compliant with International Dark Skies lighting standards (warm color, LED, downward focus, shielded). We don't need more light pollution in the area. Appreciate the additional free space and community engagement.

Please please please provide for safe bike access and secure lock-up points. Encourage people to bike here!

Take it to Jeff Bezos's back yard in vibrant Seattle. This was obviously planned by County employees who don't live in Arlington. How many sardines can you pack in a 6-sardine can?

Accessibility by local residents needs to be prioritized. If spaces are dominated by Amazon employees, it's no better than having a closed campus of buildings. Be good neighbors.

Now about some East Falls Church attention? thanks

The proposals are exciting - but I want to know now what public access easements will be recorded on the site. How will we ensure that all of this community benefit will remain open to the public for most of the day and evening? The benefit of the Viewing Tower at Central Place in Rosslyn, that allowed for greater height and density, is no more at this point. How do we keep that from happening here? Also, having the spiral of trees on the drawing is a tad misleading since they are not all on the same plane as the rest of the green space - they rise upward on the large helix.

Again - you need to create more spaces with shade. It's very hot in summer and fall (spring too) and people avoid going to places with no shade during the day. You need more tall trees and structures creating shade. A children's playground is needed too. We have many kids in the area and very few playgrounds in Pentagon city and Crystal city. Benches for older people are needed too. Many like to come to read and they need benches. Hope you'll have water drinking fountains. Please plant more bushes, flowers.

Pretty much covered in previous remarks. It's a superblock, so east-west and north-south access matter a lot, especially from A-N. Also how well it plays with the overall Pentagon City PDSP planning effort, specifically the 'green ribbons' concept, linking the entire area, and Crystal City in particular. Community

Center location matters. The Transitway was a massive failure of imagination/investment, but let's make use of what it can offer. The Pentagon surface parking lots on Army Navy south of I395 would make an excellent place for diverse housing. Let's not rule that out as a welcome future use. PUDO solutions crucial. Thank you for your considerable efforts.

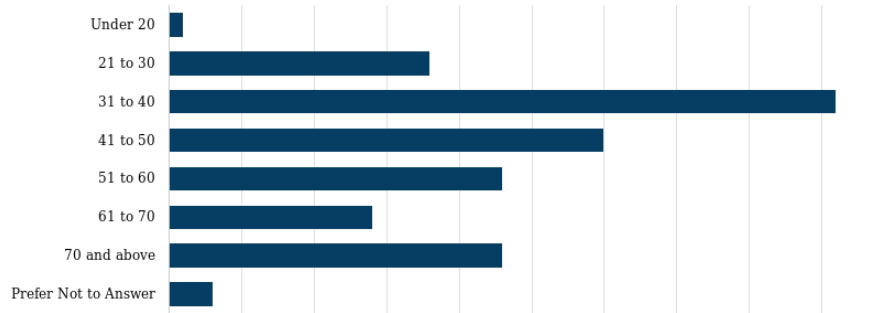
Preserve the tree line on 12th st. We need shade, the nice breeze and design that sidewalk like a boulevard- very wide.

Please anything involving dogs make sure it is fenced off or requires leashes. Please also friendly, community-savvy police paying attention to things.

From the design, it is clear that integrating with the greater area is an important aspect. As an area resident, however, it is not clear the extent to which the spaces would be usable at any given time. Can you provide estimates on the capacity of spaces, and how much of that would be taken up by employees, retail customers, special events, etc, vs publicly open casual use? That's not a knock on the design, but needed to set expectations on this space and what other spaces we'll still need to think about in the area.

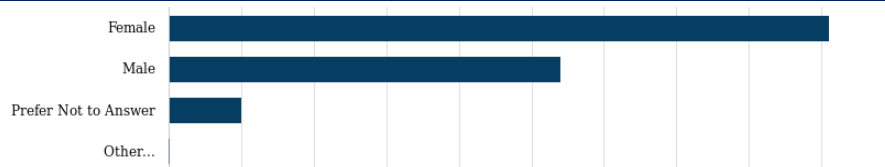
Also, in some areas there seems to be lots of seating, and others, like the meadow and planters, none. Is that correct? Lots of seating/sitable places everywhere would be preferred.

Age Range



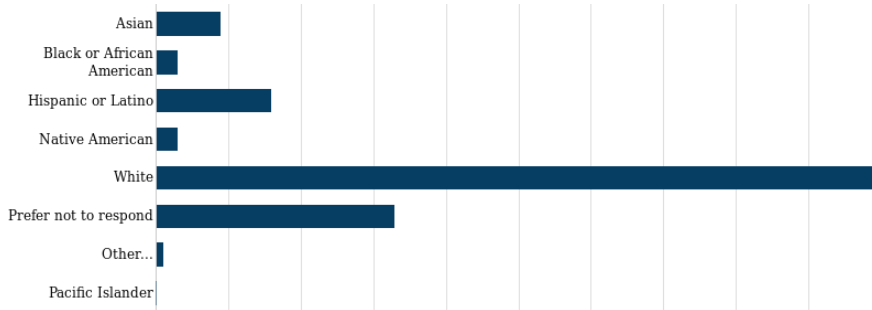
Under 20	1
21 to 30	18
31 to 40	46
41 to 50	30
51 to 60	23
61 to 70	14
70 and above	23
Prefer Not to Answer	3

Which gender do you most identify with?



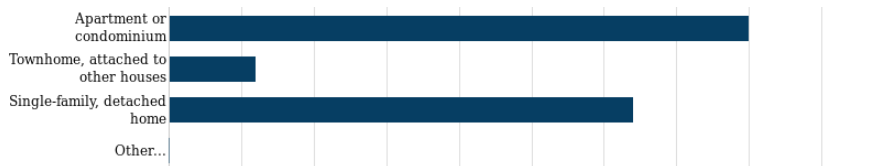
Female	91
Male	54
Prefer Not to Answer	10
Other...	0

Which of the following describes your race or ethnicity?



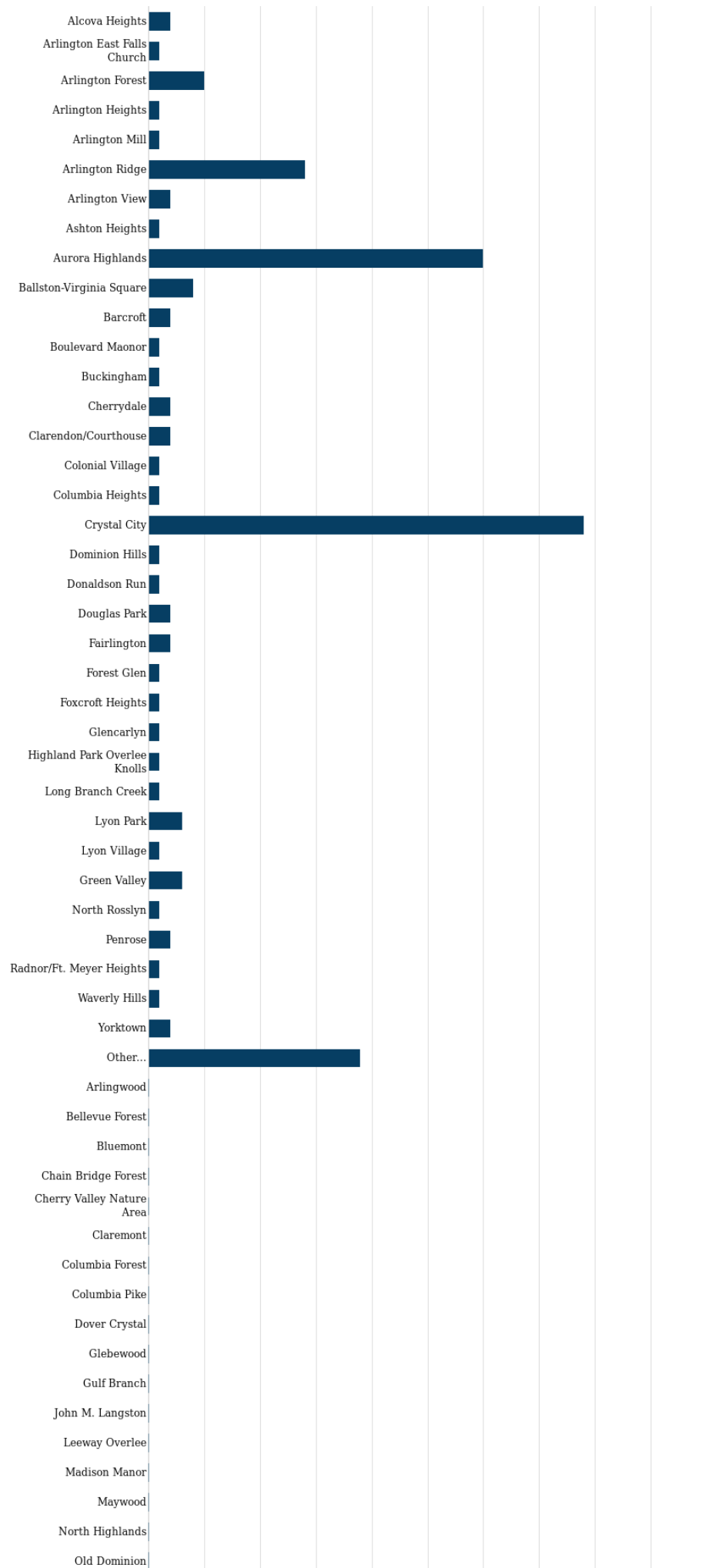
Asian	9
Black or African American	3
Hispanic or Latino	16
Native American	3
White	99
Prefer not to respond	33
Other...	1
Eastern european	1

Which of the following best describes your current home?



Apartment or condominium	80
Townhome, attached to other houses	12
Single-family, detached home	64
Other...	0

Which neighborhood do you live in?

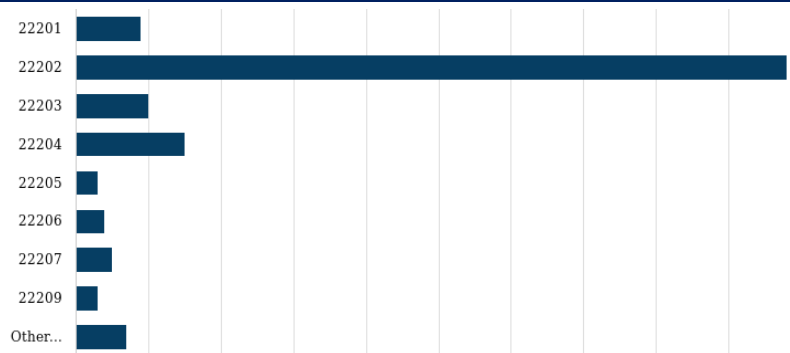


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Arlington East Falls Church	1
Arlington Forest	5
Arlington Heights	1
Arlington Mill	1
Arlington Ridge	14
Arlington View	2
Ashton Heights	1
Aurora Highlands	30
Ballston-Virginia Square	4
Barcroft	2
Boulevard Maonor	1
Buckingham	1
Cherrydale	2
Clarendon/Courthouse	2
Colonial Village	1
Columbia Heights	1
Crystal City	39
Dominion Hills	1
Donaldson Run	1

Douglas Park	2
Fairlington	2
Forest Glen	1
Foxcroft Heights	1
Glencarlyn	1
Highland Park Overlee Knolls	1
Long Branch Creek	1
Lyon Park	3
Lyon Village	1
Green Valley	3
North Rosslyn	1
Penrose	2
Radnor/Ft. Meyer Heights	1
Waverly Hills	1
Yorktown	2
Other...	19
Crystal City/Pentagon City	1
Edsall park	1
FFX	1
Logan Circle	1
NoMA	1
outside the area and will drive in to collaborate with team members	1

Pentagon City	7
Pentagon City (Southampton Condominiums)	1
Pentagon City Metro Park	1
south Arlington	1
Southampton	1
Southampton-Pentagon City	1
Work in Arlington County	1

What zip code do you live in?



22201	9
22202	98
22203	10
22204	15
22205	3
22206	4
22207	5
22209	3
Other...	7
20002	1

20005	1
20009	1
22102	1
22151	1
22213 Why are we "other"????	1
outside the area and will drive in to collaborate with team members	1