



Visioning Workshop

Open House

December 6, 2016

Brief Overview @ 7:10, 8:00, & 8:45

Why we are here



- The overall goal of the Four Mile Run Valley (4MRV) initiative is to **develop a comprehensive vision, policy framework and specific strategies** for the study area through the adoption of a Four Mile Run Area Plan, a Park Master Plan, and a design for the Nauck Town Square . These plans will help **guide public and private investment** in the area over the long term.
- The **Working Group** is charged by the County Board to collaborate with staff to **provide commission, business, civic, and advocate perspectives on a draft Area Plan and Park Master Plan, including policy recommendations**, and to ensure consistency with other County policies.

Process Timeline



Friday: Workshop Kick-off



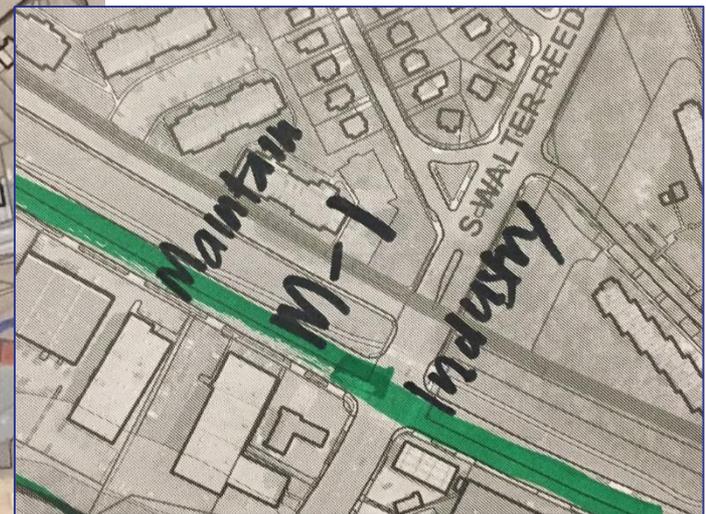
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Examples of Table Drawings

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integration of green spaces / sustainable infrastructure

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open space w/ places for the neighbors to go & hang out and just be.

Opening up access along the stream.

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Mattise field house / parking garage / athletic facility.

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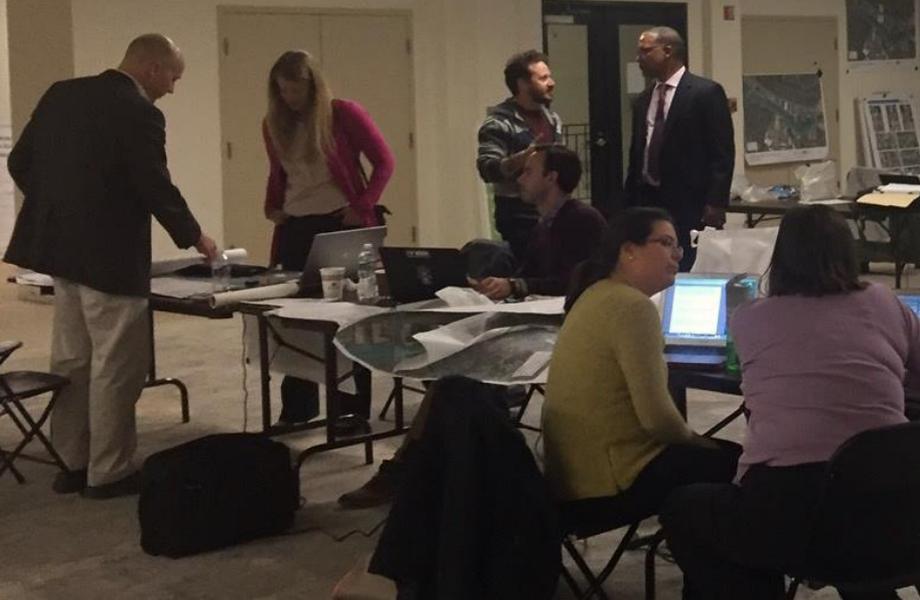
Keep it different from the rest of Arlington.
We don't need another Shurlington, Ballston, etc.

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1. preserving light industrial
2. Connectivity to existing neighborhoods
3. multiuse / Stacking structures
4. Elevated flyover connecting different areas together

Sun - Tues: Open Studio

10AM – 6PM | 2700 S Quincy St, 2nd floor



Today: Open House

DRAFT IDEAS

What we've been hearing so far?

AREA PLAN



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WHAT IF? Pedestrian Crossing(s)?

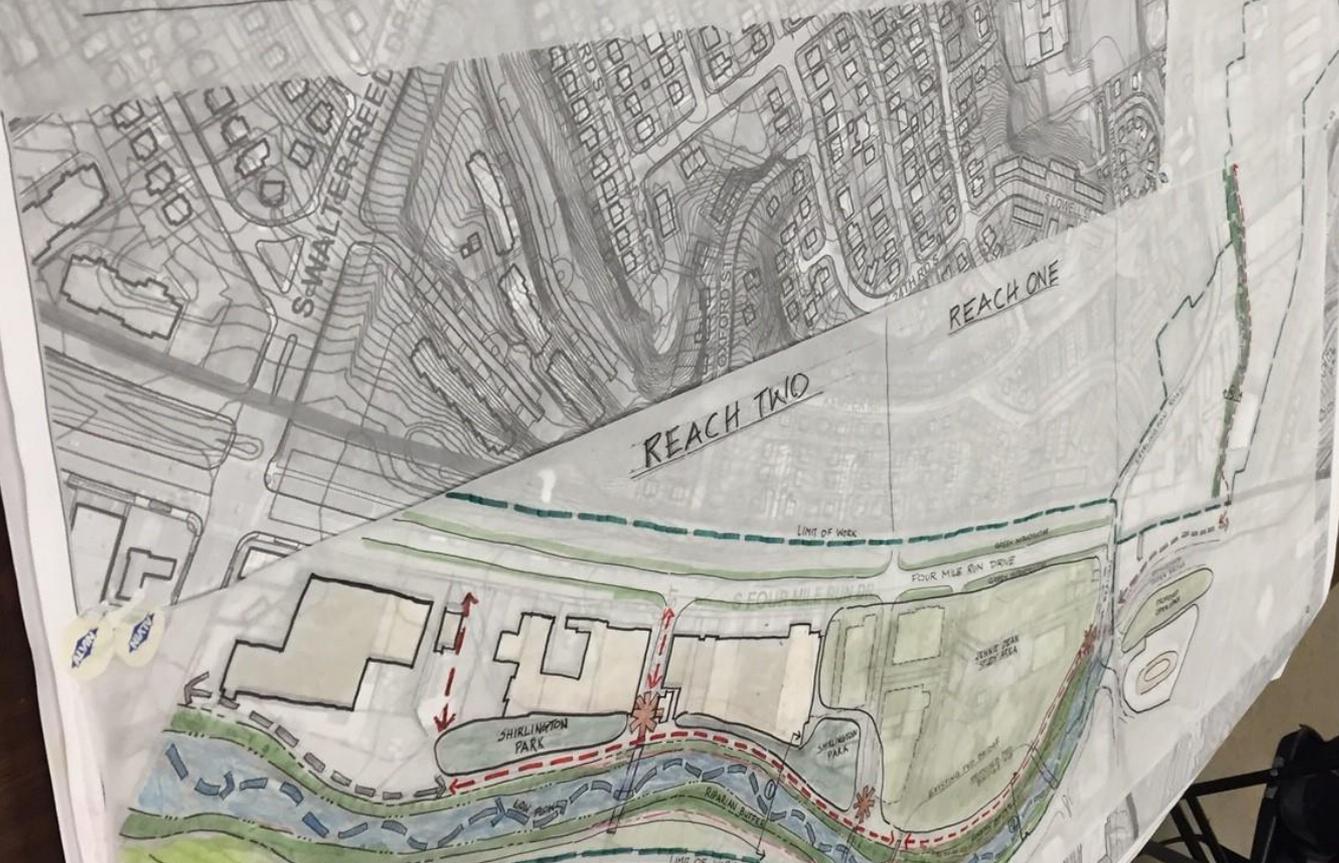


Existing Pedestrian Crossing

WHAT IF? exploring concepts for Four Mile Run



FOUR MILE RUN CORRIDOR DIAGRAM



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Draft Concept 1



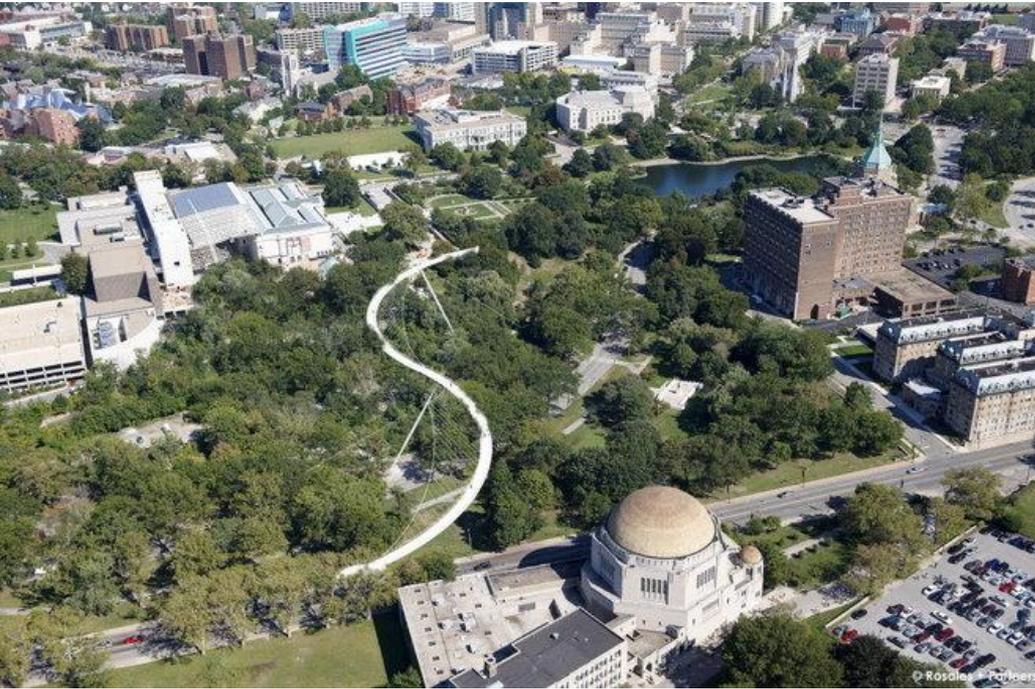
Draft Concept 2

goals include:

- Improve pedestrian conditions
- Add trees
- Increase parking

WHAT IF?

Ped/Bike Bridge at Shirlington Rd?



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WHAT IF?

Maintain Industrial Character?



Yaletown, Vancouver
keep industrial vibe but
modernize it

"Keep Industrial character"
↳ THIS! Can keep
it consistent w/ area
and manage costs.

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WHAT IF?

Maintain Industrial Zoning?



condition

- uses allowed in M-1 zone
- low building rents/costs
- convenient location / access
- buffered from residential uses
- job base (1,660 employees)

benefit

- kennels, large caterers, equipment repairs, manufacturers, breweries
- affordable for start-ups, arts, makers
- easy access for customers, employees, deliveries
- can meet critical County space needs not compatible with residential uses
- opportunities for employment without college degrees

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WHAT IF?

Exploring options for Large Footprint Uses



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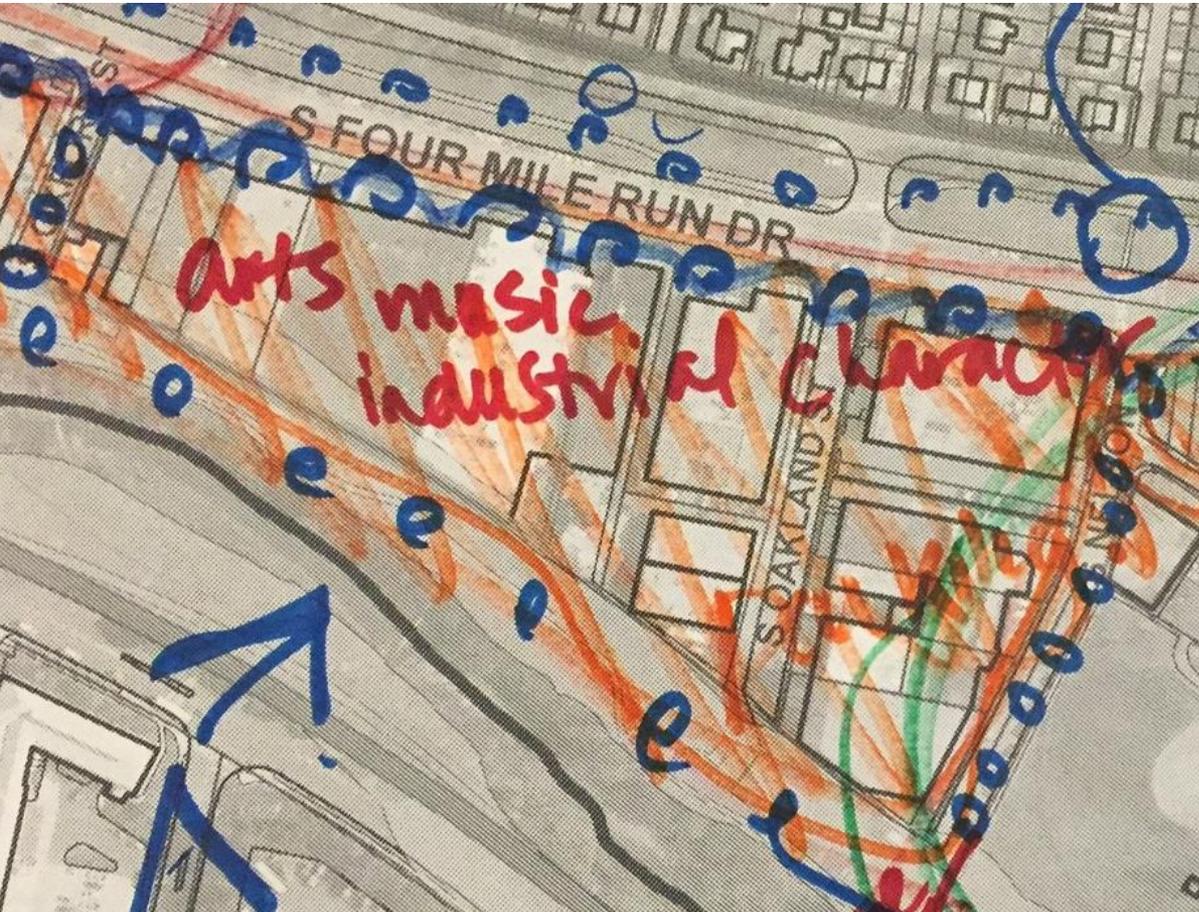


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WHAT IF?

Arts uses in Four Mile Run Valley?



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- **County needs:** civic facilities, storage, bus parking

draft

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PARKS MASTER PLAN



draft

- Strong interest in moving the **field up towards 4MR Drive**
- Multi-purpose facilities and **layering**
- Increase **visibility** into park
- **Integrate the arts** into park programming
- **Multi-use activity center** (either in the park or nearby)
- Needs for **unprogrammed space**
- Options for **upgrading dog park and playground**

COMMUNITY IDEAS:

Nature, Unprogrammed Space, and Four Mile Run



- Link riparian zone and associated restoration to larger system of parks and natural areas of 4MR
- Respect floodway and floodplain
- Respond appropriately to RPA
- Connect neighborhoods to riparian zone for environmental education, relaxation and enjoyment
- Nearby residents without a yard depend upon park areas for their backyard - playground, picnic, walking, etc.
- More grass and trees; or just more trees

COMMUNITY IDEAS:

Programmed Recreation Uses



- Maintain two baseball fields at a minimum
- Need for Multi-activity Center (Cultural and Arts, Recreation, and Community)
- Not all those needs can be accommodated within the 4MRV Parks and other nearby sites should be considered
- Layer parking underneath structured facilities and any newly constructed playing fields
- Move playing fields away from floodprone areas and towards the street – while being sensitive to adjoining residential areas



COMMUNITY IDEAS:

Program uses for multiple ages and diverse populations



- Replace play structure with quality equipment designed for to accommodate both 2-5 and 5-12 age groups
- Address needs of teens – more outreach is needed to determine needs (e.g. bicycle skills park or something else)
- Address safety issues using CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles
- Increase visibility into park and among park use areas



COMMUNITY IDEAS:

Shirlington Dog Park



- Dog park surface compaction, surface erosion and eroding shoreline are significant challenges (especially adjoining roof drains)
- Maintain areas dedicated to linear shape and function for dogs that run and small dogs
- Maintain at a minimum the existing square footage of enclosed space for the dog park
- Include flexible area to allow for staging of future dog park renovations, shoreline restoration, or future maintenance periods

COMMUNITY IDEAS:

Culture & Arts



- Incorporate cultural arts facilities and programming needs into park programming as a means of building community and neighborhood connectivity
- Incorporate public art into park design features and amenities (focusing on walkways or “Arts Walk” as well as future activity centers)





4MRV VISIONING WORKSHOP

OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK



Of the draft ideas you have seen tonight, which should be top priorities?

Are the other top priorities from your vision that are missing?

What technical questions do you have?

How would you prefer to remain engaged and continue to receive information about this process?

- Public meetings/workshops
- Email/eNewsletters
- Website
- Facebook
- Twitter
- NextDoor
- Community signage/flyers
- Neighborhood/Civic Association listservs
- The Citizen
- Other; please list: _____

Have you signed up for the project enews list? (your email): _____

Thank you for your help and your ideas!
Please leave this at the sign-in table or hand it to a planning team member.

TONIGHT: tell us your thoughts

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check for updates – coming soon!