Background
Creating a Sense of Place for White Flint
- Walkable streets
- Vibrant public realm
- Mix of uses
- Civic uses
- Character derived from local context
- Architecture appropriate to place
Background
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Wall Local Park
- Wall Local Park is approximately 11 acres and within one half-mile of the Metro station. The Montgomery Aquatic Center and a large surface parking lot (250 spaces) occupy almost half the site. If the surface parking were relocated, Wall Local Park could include more outdoor recreational options for the surrounding community and the future residents. Wall Local Park is a suitable site for co-location of a recreation center in conjunction with the expansion of the aquatic center.
- This Plan envisions a public/private partnership with adjacent properties to relocate the surface parking within a parking structure built in conjunction with new residential development. This would help redirect public sector funds from building structured parking on-site to improving Wall Local Park. The redesign of Wall Local Park should incorporate the sizable trees and include a pedestrian connection to the
- Josiah Henson/Uncle Tom’s Cabin site, a cultural site of international significance, about one quarter-mile south on Old Georgetown Road and one half-mile from the Metro station.

Background
2010 White Flint Sector Plan Recommendations p. 29

Block 2: Wall Local Park
- This block contains the 11-acre Wall Local Park and Montgomery A two other properties, the Gables (now used as a parking lot) and a remaining after the intersection realignment of Old Georgetown R-Boulevard will be reconfigured into rectangular blocks in sizes mor redevelopment. Wall Local Park should be redesigned with more a through developer contributions. It may also be an appropriate loc community recreation center. This area should be primarily resider use.
- The Metro East District, because of its proximity to transit in the ce area, is a suitable alternate location for the co-location of the reco regional services center.
- Confirm the PD-9 and R-90 Zones on Wall Local Park.
- Rezone the rest of the block to CR 3: C 1.5, R 2.5, and H 70 to ensure a tr density between Block 1 at the Metro station and the existing residential on Georgetown Road.
Background

November 2011 Implementation Strategy for Public Amenities Report

Strategic Goals for Public Facilities

- Create an amenities implementation strategy that integrates public and private spaces
- Avoid redundancy
- Avoid competition with the private sector
- Maximize use, efficiency and flexibility
- Create synergies with existing and planned facilities
- Promote a strong relationship with the recreational loop and transit
- Be “right-sized” and sustainable (economic and environmental)
- Create a vibrant and inviting sense of “Place”
- Maximize the benefits to the public
- Educate visitors about its story and history

Wall Park

- A primary recreational destination for the entire area
- Future location for the expanded swim and new recreation center
- Relocated surface parking will provide space for other uses
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The Park Today

- 11.9 acres
- 261 parking spaces
- Existing Swim Center is 44,000+ square feet
- Existing forest along Old Georgetown Road to remain

**Visions for a Newly Renovated Wall Park**

- Future Mixed-use Residential/Retail Development
- Future White Flint Community Recreation and Aquatics Center
- Existing Kennedy Shriver Aquatics Center
- Future Open Space
  Surface parking to be removed and relocated to the new garage behind the swim center
Draft Preliminary Program of Requirements

Phase I – Interim Park

- Build structured parking
- Remove existing surface parking
- Retain the access to the swim center entrance from Executive Boulevard
- Retain accessible parking near swim center
- Retain the service access to pool from Old Georgetown Road
- Retain the dry dive facility
- Have an interim park with just grassy area where parking was – The Great Lawn
- Preserve the wooded area, existing playground and existing trails through woods

A Great Lawn for many different types of activities
Achieving Sector Plan Goals

- New streets and realignments with better block configuration
- New shared garage allows for +/- 920 total spaces. 400 spaces allocated to Wall Park and KASC
- New community Open Spaces
- Potential location of new recreation center expansion to KSAC
- New shared access via internal lanes increases links and walkability
- Conceptual Gables White Flint Layout
Sketch Plan Concept for Gables Development

Proposed Parking Structure on Gables Property
Preliminary Option for Recreation Center and Swim Center Expansion

- A compact design that wraps new center components around existing building leaving more open space for the park

The Great Lawn

- Large lawn space, approximately the size of a soccer field or Bryant Park lawn area – approximately 1.5 acres
- Informal, non-permitted play, mini sports fields
- Group gatherings for museum tours
- Concerts
- Lectures
- Various seating and shelter options - moveable
Future Amenities Under Consideration

Phase II – Future Park
- Splash Park – also in Aquatics Center program
- Performance Area on the great lawn
- Picnic Areas/Seating/Tables/Pedestrian Promenade
- Larger multi-age Playground
- Nature Play
- Skate Park
- Dog Parks
- Recreational Loop/Bike Trail Connections
  - Walking connections to Market Street and Convention Center
  - Walkway to Freedom Trail to Josiah Henson Park
- Josiah Henson Park Museum Kiosk
- A variety of gardens – rain gardens, community gardens, fruit trees
- Food and drink options nearby or in park
- Unique Urban Design

Splash Park Type Water feature
- Splash park similar to Silver spring or Fall Road Park
- Water feature like Rockville
Performance Area

- Stage for museum lectures include space for an inflatable screen
- Small amphitheater

Picnic Areas

- Pedestrian Plaza
- Moveable tables and chairs
- Tent anchors along pedestrian plaza
- Various seating options – swings, lounges, seating walls
- Picnic areas with shelters
Multi-age Playground
- Multiple areas for different age groups
- Larger - like the old Cabin John playground
- Spaces for different types of play
- Large mulch pile to play upon
- Large sand pit
- Spinning merry-go-round type of equipment

Natural Play Areas
- Log jumps, log crawls
- Natural materials for building forts, play huts, troll houses, etc.
Skate Park

- Can be sculptural
- Can be a garden theme
- Can be linear

Dog Parks

- An area for large dogs
- An area for small dogs
- Consider locating the parking garage roof
Recreational Loop/Bike Trail Connections

- Walking connections to Market Street and Convention Center
- Walkway to Freedom Trail to Josiah Henson Park
- A pedestrian/running/bicycle fitness loop to promote healthy lifestyles in this urban environment
- Include fitness amenities like chin-up station
- Stroller friendly
- ADA

Josiah Henson Park
Walkway to Freedom

- Interpretive signage that leads visitors to the internationally significant Josiah Henson Special Park next door
- A museum kiosk with a small meeting area to gather before heading over to the park, wayfinding signage, or small retail area
Gardens
- Demonstration rain gardens
- Gardens with edibles like fruit trees
- Community gardens

Food and Drink Options
- Park Café
- Adjacent to restaurants
- Food trucks
Unique Urban Design
- Interesting lighting for nighttime activities
- Interesting seating options
- Art

Community Recreation and Aquatics Center
- To promote community, recreation, leisure, health and wellness activities
- Potential to share space and costs (and staff) in a single facility
- Aquatic Center, Outdoor Aquatics, etc.
- A facility with “Flexible Boxes” to facilitate adaptability over time
- Surrounding hotels, restaurants, activities and amenities to support recreational users/visitors
- Regular parking demand must be accommodated and peak parking demand must be considered
Draft Preliminary Program of Requirements

Phase II – New Community Recreation and Aquatic Center

- Community Center – 37,000 net square feet
- Re-located indoor racquetball courts and dry dive training facility
- Expanded swim center – Indoor 15,000 net square feet (leisure pool, exercise channel, Spa therapy pool) and outdoor 13,500 net square feet (spray park, deck and lawn areas)

Public Outreach website

MontgomeryParks.org

Wall Park Renovation Plan

Be a part of creating a new urban park!

Public Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 10
Time: 7 pm – 9 pm
Location: Kennedy Shiraki Aquatic Center
6600 Executive Boulevard, North Bethesda, MD 20852

M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks invites you to join us as we kick off the initial planning and community engagement in preparing for the future of Wall Park. This will be an opportunity to share your ideas and get involved in the development of a new community center. Tips for getting involved and planning the new space will be shared. Please join us to learn more about the future of Wall Park and how you can help shape its future.

Please share this information with interested parties and media groups to post announcements in their newsletters, blogs, and on their websites. - meeting notice content (text, image) - meeting notice (HTML)

Future Open Space

Surrounding property to be reserved for Park development and includes the former gardens behind the swim center.
**Project Timeline**

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| Development Review Process       | Begin sketch plan | Continue | Present together | Present together | Present together – Sketch Plan to Planning Board |

**Thank you!**

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