

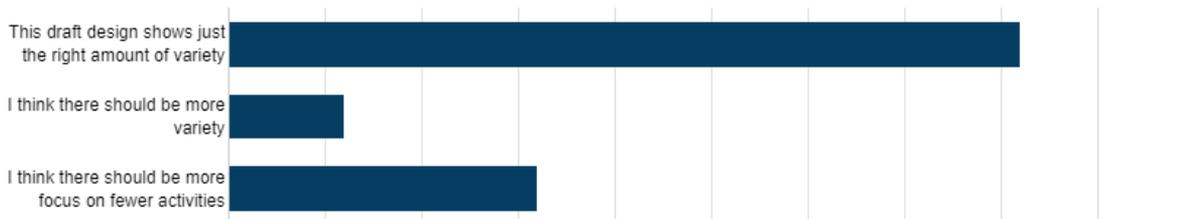
Share Your Thoughts on the Final Draft Design for New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive (69 Submissions)

As feedback opportunities come to a close, how do you feel about the overall progress displayed in the New Park final draft design?



Very Excited	22
Excited	27
Not Excited	13

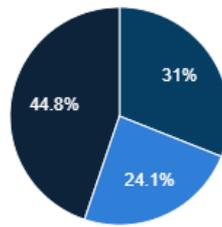
How would you best describe the range and variety of public amenities in the final draft design?



This draft design shows just the right amount of variety	41
I think there should be more variety	6
I think there should be more focus on fewer activities	16

Given the site's restrictions, how would you best allocate space for the total size of lawn areas, seating, and plantings?

Please assign a value to each out of 100 pts.

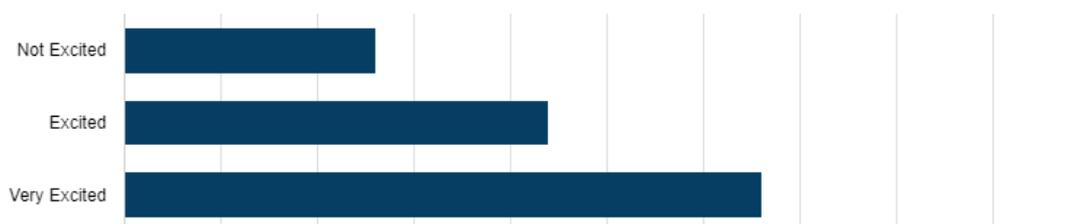


Option	Average Allotted Budget
Lawn area	9.61
Seating	7.64
Plantings	13.99

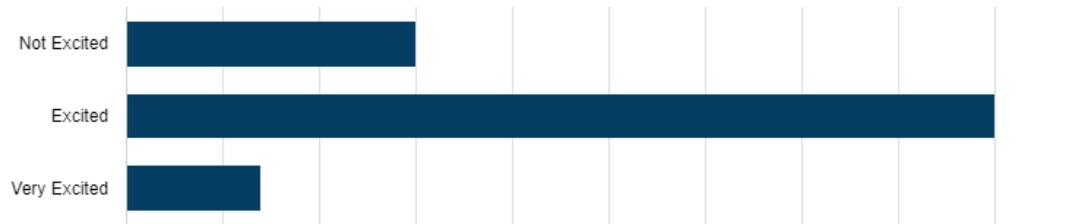
How do you feel about the newest updates including those shown within the proposed park amenities and design guidelines?

	Not Excited	Excited	Very Excited
Protecting the existing cottonwood tree	13	22	33
Site Furniture	15	45	7
Planting Strategy	9	35	23
Capture of Arlington's History	23	29	11

Protecting the existing cottonwood tree



Site furniture



Planting strategy



Capture of Arlington's History



What do you like most about the elements that excite you?
Please keep responses to 200 words or less.

Pollinator plantings and the meandering path

I appreciate the historic marker! I also really like the boardwalk design and the canal shade structure. Very nice.

The exploration rain garden is a great idea, and I like that you took the feedback to soften and green the previous designs. I think the plantings and berms will be a good buffer from the street, and like the lighting concept.

Overall the plan seems to have aimed for balance and relative calm in an already noisy, busy area. Shade in the hot months (essential in this area!!), nice plantings, berms to add interest/topographic variety and places to locate

seating are all good. If the result is half as good as the drawings, it will be splendid. Good maintenance over time is essential!

Cottonwood reminds people of importance of big trees, of which there are so few big left in the area. Nice variety of seating designs. Good to learn local history. Great focus on diverse plantings, with diversity of species as well as structure. Also appreciate the attention to pervious hardscape. Great focus on tree plantings, as long as they utilize the rainfall effectively--so many young trees fail to thrive long-term from lack of consistent water in the first several years.

I love the small details in the park. The lighting, both for safety and atmosphere in the park. Protecting an existing mature tree, storm water improvements, and noise barrier from the highway are all important elements that every new park in Arlington should have. I like the fixed benches for seating. With Corona I find it hard to find places outside to eat that aren't at a restaurant. I still see myself using this feature on a nice day post-Corona.

Focus on making it as green as possible, especially including native plants

Meander promenade works well as the primary route through the space of the park. Also like the boardwalk to prevent root damage and the rain garden.

Integration of previous ideas, more "parklike" feel.

Meandering through nature provides a respite from an urban environment. Love the plantings and buffering from street noise.

Pollinator plantings, new meadow habitat, natural areas, tree plantings and the rain garden excite me. However, the plan for the park needs to devote much more space for these elements.

Nothing else about this project excites me. Most of the park is a big disappointment. The use of space does not reflect the preponderance of comments received, but instead represents pre-determined concepts that only small percentages of people want.

The County's landscape architects and consultants invariably utilize these outdated concepts when designing public parks and uses for open spaces. In this instance, they are introducing a large amount of environmentally-unfriendly hardscape into a park that presently has none.

This looks like it is on the way to becoming a natural respite for the many people who live and work in the area. There are a dozen places for them to get energized in surrounding area by expending physical energy. What is most needed is a place that is biophilic and provides opportunities to re-energize and recharge cognitive and psychological batteries. I think if this design

<p>continues without adding further activity enhancements, and provides multiple spaces and places for individual and small group quiet time, that can be achieved very well.</p>
<p>It is green and offers shade and paces for people to eat lunch outdoors.</p>
<p>Natural areas and seating</p>
<p>It harmonizes all the positive elements.</p>
<p>Great to take steps to have a boardwalk to protect the cottonwood</p>
<p>Really like the berms, creating a separation</p>
<p>Like the big, imbedded seating elements with lighting included.</p>
<p>Appreciate no dog run</p>
<p>Trees and more green space.</p>
<p>Unsure what "Capture of Arlington History" means. Will it be the flavor-of-the-day oriented or a neutral, fact based presentation?</p>
<p>Too late for this, but the Park will only really benefit those who live adjacent to the park. Traffics and road crossings really make it totally impractical for residents to the south of 13th Street.</p>
<p>Plenty of places to sit and the variety.</p>
<p>Native plantings, additional tree, permeable pavers. Parks should be good for the environment and give people a break from our urban environment.</p>
<p>I am happy there is an emphasis on low-energy relaxing use of the park - there may be times for gatherings etc but mostly I want to go sit and eat or read a book.</p>
<p>Excited about the variations in elevation; makes it interesting.</p>
<p>the seating being offered</p>

I like the meandering feel and the quiet, green spaces with subtle seating.
The plan for having much of the park consisting of naturalistic plantings is great.
Why don't you depict what this area will be - massive social crowding onto streets, sidewalks, plazas and whatever little grass is planted?
The path ways with seating
I believe in the preservation of trees, as much as possible so I am excited about the steps you are taking to protect the cottonwood tree.
good balance of various needs
The lawn and other vegetation to enjoy in the summer. Especially if it's going to have a rose garden. Trees and bushes will provide some shade and cool from the hot summer temperatures that we usually have out here.
the trees and natural landscaping
There is variety, it remains a green park in an urban area. It is not too cluttered.
Love the idea of history
The cottonwood tree's roots will be protected. The furniture will provide adequate seating.
Saving the existing cottonwood tree. Connecting residents and workers w history. Reclaiming space for thoughtfulness, including fitness, seating, natural elements: these are psychological imperatives!
The meandering path is an excellent concept and I like the combination of open lawn space, seating areas and plantings.
Nice job with the meadering path, berms and plantings.
Permeable paving, historical info embedded into pavers, variety of seating, lots of plants, tiny dog space
Saving existing trees

Natural plantings. Dog area.
All vegetation included thus far
I like fixed seating, meadow, and tree areas. I like buffering from the street to create a space to rest.
Locating seating and tables near proposed retail is important. Celebrating the neighborhoods cultural history through art and/or cultural programming is welcomed.
There is a step toward answering the call of the citizens captured in the 2016 Park Needs Assessment. It is clear from that independent survey that citizens want as many natural elements as possible. It is great to keep the one mature tree, but citizens want so much more including groves of trees. There are plenty of hardscapes and social gathering places in the built environment surrounding the park. This is the only place that could be converted into a true and significant natural area. The plan identifies many natural elements but does not follow through in adopting them. Pollinator gardens are very important, but they are not the only natural ecosystem that could be included in an urban park. More diversity should be included in the planted areas. Also, practical plant selection is needed to recognize the demands of this urban setting.
It's nice to save the mature cottonwood tree. However, it cannot compensate for all of the pavement and mowed lawns that will cover most of the park, which presently has no impervious surfaces.

What, if any, opportunities for improvement do you see with the New Park final draft design?

Please keep responses to 200 words or less.

It takes into consideration many of the opposing inputs and crafts a workable, useful and attractive compromise.
Traditional park benches and trashcans.
I didn't see any table surfaces to go with the seating- I would use the park for working outdoors or eating lunch, and both are quite awkward on a bench without a table of some sort. Also consider the orientation and potential sun

glare on a laptop screen- it would be preferable to work in a shaded spot rather than full sun.

Telling the history—pre-civil war/Eads canal, the slaveholding Roach family, brick yards and rail yards, Freedman's village, industrial and military transportation hub, Arthur Birney (Washington Brick and Terra Cotta Company) and Charles E Smith, the coming of Metro—is important. Surely the past year has shown us that. I agree it's a lot to encompass, but there aren't lots of other spaces like this in Crystal City and the NL area!!!

Teardrop for the parcel shape, but also for remembering our national history; we CAN learn from the past.

Give street generous planting widths and soil volumes, not just the minimums in the County's landscaping plan. Please go with 6+ feet to accommodate the root flare of mature hardwoods and aim for 1000 cu ft soil volume. Here's a real opportunity to create sustainable tree canopy in this urban area if it's done right at the beginning, and this is a site where you can do it right. Select tree species with climate change in mind. Dog spot is so small it will only be a --- patch. Leave it out. Create more continuous bioswales along Eads--no need for so much pavement in between because there's no parking or crossings. Design bioswales that won't collect trash so easily (like the ones by Pentagon mall). Design other tree plantings to effectively use stormwater.

I think it looks great as is.

Remove the exercise and dog areas and make them more green space

I could do without the outdoor fitness area. Long Bridge is only a short walk.

Under the latest plan, what percentage of the total area is now hardscape? Is this necessary for stormwater control? There still

seems to be a lot of the terrain devoted to broader pathways than are required for ambling through the area or sitting and contemplating

respite from a too-active, bustling world.

I'd like to see at least one, better yet two contemporary gazebos in the park with a small table/bench sitting inside

More hardscape than necessary. Particularly the very wide "meander" at the corner of Army Navy & Eads. Even when Amazon buildings are developed, this will still not be a very high pedestrian traffic area and there are duplicate or

triplicate pedestrian paths along perimeter sidewalks (plus the very pedestrian friendly layby in front of Altaire). The meander path can be narrowed to and space given back to planting.

more shaded walking/seating availability

Dog park really not needed since one is coming at PenPlace and another at MetPark. Barking dogs will disturb the contemplative nature of the park. But if it has to be there, make it small and fenced off, with plantings as an additional barrier.

The presentation did not show the dog area at all. What's in it? It seems very small- what can dogs even do there?

Decrease the number of types of features. Greatly increase space for natural areas, including rain gardens, meadow/pollinator habitats and woodlands.

Minimize the areas covered by pavement, including so-called "permeable" pavement . Replace all paved paths with boardwalks or crushed rock. Eliminate all planned paved plazas.

Mowed lawns support few native insects and birds. To help the restore the County's disappearing natural environment, construct only one small lawn, rather than the planned two large lawns.

Assure that no parts of any paths are more than eight feet wide. Parts of presently planned paved paths are as wide as 18 feet, which is greatly excessive.

Get rid of the dog area. Dog areas in nearby public open spaces at Penn Place and Metropolitan Park make this planned area redundant.

Devote a large percentage of the park's area to plantings of milkweed to help restore the County's disappearing monarch butterfly populations. Plant only common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*). This only milkweed species that monarchs prefer when laying eggs and that survives well in Arlington. Consult with Alonso Abugattas, the natural resources manager for the Department of Parks and Recreation, when selecting the species of plants, shrubs and trees that will best support local insect and bird populations.

Grasses do not support pollinator populations. Do not plant any grasses, including those that are ornamental.

Comply fully with the County Board's 2016 "Monarch Pledge" (<https://countyboard.arlingtonva.us/monarch-pledge-day/>) and 2019 "Biophilic City Resolution" (<https://countyboard.arlingtonva.us/biophilic-city/>) instead of with the obsolete mixed-use design concepts for public spaces that landscape architects working for DPR's staff and consultants invariably foist upon the public.

Maintain the current design by limiting responses in this engagement when it comes to the "activating" spaces for dedicated purposes, such as dog and exercise areas. Continue to use topography, plantings and path contours to create and separate many different kinds and sizes of space for biophilic experience.

Safety was not addressed. This crystal city area is where police presence has been stepped up due to car jackings and other thefts. What has been done to provide light in evenings, and discourage crowds from partying after dark and homeless sleeping on the benches. I support the meandering style with plants but do not want to see it "set up" where thieves can thrive.

Qa

Remove the dog space. It detracts from the rest of the beauty of the park. This park is too small for dog. People with dogs need to go somewhere else. Replace that space with more plantings and seating.

Make the exploration rain garden a bit bigger, add educational elements

Would like to see history more concretely explored (maybe more explicit design elements, engravings, arts?)

Add a small play element to the southern portion. Imagine parents chatting over coffee while their kids play.

Would love to see the imbedded lighting actually extended more throughout the park and made into an art element.

Is there a way to explicitly connect this more with other parks in the area, like Metpark, Long bridge and the future Penn Place open area?

I am missing color!!! It's too green. Flowering trees, shrubs, easy care.

The design still has a very regimented, unnatural look and feel. It's landscaping, with an artificial appearance. There still doesn't seem to be much space for mature trees. Remember that trees need plenty of space for proper root development as they grow and mature.

There needs to be more space for dog owners because there is little to no space around Altaire right now other than the location of this park to walk what could be hundreds of dogs from the building. Dog waste that accumulates in

one spot will smell and ruin grass in such a small area for so many dogs as well as make the dogs susceptible to infectious illnesses from other dogs.

Reduce the pavement as much as possible. Please keep up the plantings as proposed.

There's only so much that can be done in a space this size so I think this is just right given the constraints. I also look forward to more outdoor space across the street eventually

I'm concerned that the dog area (whatever it is) is very (too) small and that the dogs instead will use the lawn area.

I would remove the gym and the dog area, and replace with more green space. I feel the consistent mix of green space and seating makes for a welcoming community feel. Separately, I feel the shade structure could impact the entrance of Altaire for people approaching from the West on Army-Navy.

the dog park is next to a private car drive and pedestrian heavy area

this may not be a good location for a dog park considering pets so close to vehicles and pedestrians.

I believe the dog park element to be redundant with coming features at Penn Place, and as a frequent visitor to Altaire I don't really want to walk by that all the time. I think the proposed shade structure may be a bit too tall and could overwhelm the surroundings, but like the idea of one. I believe the fitness area would be better as additional lawn; it has a bit of a prison yard feel to me.

Making sure that the Pen Place open space designers are familiar with the planting choices will be useful. Also, revealing the history of the area is fine, but I wouldn't overdo it with signage. Perhaps the most useful historical references can be to describe and depict what the site and surroundings looked like before extensive European development. i.e showing the natural history as much as the human history.

How about making the area into an arboretum with narrow paths and a few benches? Also, please buy the Rouse Estate and other parcels with significant open space rather than expect new residents of new in-fill to use streets and sidewalks for recreation.

Possible less --- space and more people space.

I don't recall whether or not the plan includes any water fountains. If it doesn't include it, I think it would be a good addition.

Also, I hope that the seating locations will be near possible shading, because the summer sun can be very intense. Lack of good shading could negatively influence the amount of time that folks might want to spend in the park on sunny days.

none

With the proximity of this park to Whole Foods and the coffee shops nearby, many people will want to sit down and eat in the park. Is it going to have tables and chairs, not just benches? Is that seating going to have electric outlets for laptops and phones if people want to work outdoors as well? Also, if the water and utilities are already there, a small fountain would be a nice addition to the park. Perhaps the fountain could depict the history of Arlington. It'd be nice if a smaller compact park like this one had a fountain to resemble a nice European park and not a workout/dog park as much. My guess is most people jog in Longbridge park anyways.

get rid of the exercise area. a little more room for dogs. decrease the width of the walking path

Are there any tables? For a small group activity like chess or drawing, or conversation?

No one cares about the cottonwood tree, it's not cute and sucks to maintain

It didn't seem like there was a plan for an Arlington History placard. Maybe I missed that part of the video?

None. The designated dog area I hope will spare the plantings from disrespectful dog owners inability to correct their dogs

I do not think this is the appropriate location for outdoor fitness, especially in front of a residential building. Additionally, based on the Community Meeting related to PenPlace, it sounds as if they will include a significant dog park, so I'm not sure that's an appropriate use of the space either.

The benches appear to all face a walking path and on outward curves with no seating where people can face each other. If this is going to be a slow, contemplative park, the seating does not appear to be appropriate. I would suggest seating similar to the plaza at Pentagon Row when the lawn is out with fabric canopies, or Crystal City. Overhead string lighting could reinforce the concept of community seating areas.

The presentation discussed areas for working outside but I didnt see a community table or any tables.

The benches, light fixtures and canopy all look dated and boring. The wharf has a variety of seating options as does crystal city and pentagon row that are heavily used - hammocks, adirondack chairs, stumps, picnic/farm tables, upholstered seating, swinging canoe seating etc.

I thought I saw a bike rack in one of the pictures. A bike rack should be provided at each end of the park.

While not a children's park, thoughtful design for children should be considered - there is a lovely section of Washington Square park that has berms used as a rolling playground - SE corner I believe. A small fountain in the pollinator garden would be a better choice than art and the kids love drystreams, dry tall grasses and plantings they can walkthru like bamboo or hedges (but not bamboo). Interactive historical markers etc., small playhouse, etc.

While on the subject of parks- I live across from heavily used Nelly Custis and would love to see a better fence around this park than chain link. Also, they never fixed the drainage problem in the park and as predicted the grass field is showing signs of damage even after only one year not to mention the rusting of the handicap railing as the west park entrance essentially functions as an unintentional dry stream.

Still concerned about 11th St crossings (slides 48/49): Where is speed table, ADA-access/ramp/half domes? What is "regular" sidewalk crossing? Paths do not align at right angles with 11th - sightlines, warnings. Multiple places to cross, increase risks. Layout is unclear.

Boardwalk by cottonwood (SI 48-9, 46): Maintenance, warnings, bad angles/narrowing sidewalk, fencing impact on ped space. 46 - path just stops??

More trees

The Altaire and it's soon-to-be completed sister building on the Verizon site are veritable dog hotels. Unfortunately, many of the dog owners are irresponsible. Virtually every patch of grass in this area and nearby has been ruined by dogs. Unless there's some sort of enforcement, I can guarantee you that the dogs will ruin this park, too, by doing their business everywhere.

None.

Urge you to limit lawn, and add more natural native plants and maximize impervious space. Climate change and development pace demand no less

The illustrations for pavements and seating were mostly not that attractive. The flexible permeable pavement looked best and I like walking on slightly flexible surfaces. Please make the seating out of some material that won't hurt on the hottest summer days. Not sure what would make it prettier--wood? Color?

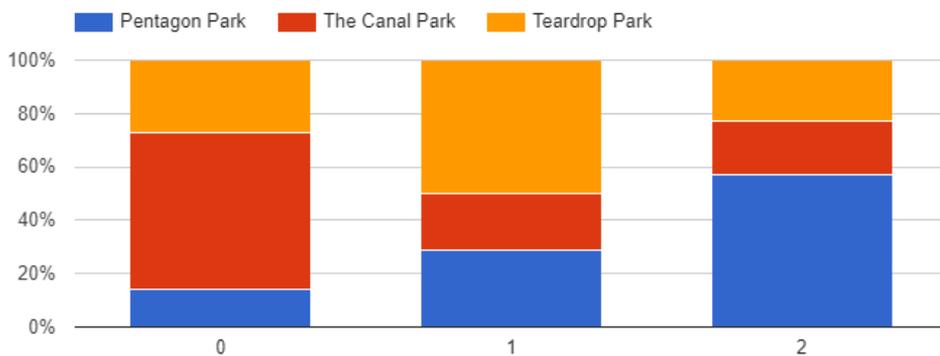
3. Ensuring a logical relationship between the park and the retail spaces at 12th Street- Given the proximity of this new park to new retail opportunities proposed at the LCOR building (480 11th Street South), we underscore the need to offer complimentary park amenities and connections to this space, thereby activating retail frontage/bays and offering a vibrant and exciting new place for pedestrians. For example, the proposed promenade pathway and plaza should complement and align with the new LCOR retail bays. The BID supports the provision of dedicated, built-in seating and tables. The BID also supports buffering any outdoor fitness areas that are immediately adjacent to retail uses. We emphasize the need to ensure proposed design interventions should complement this new retail centric, street-level experience for retail patrons and visitors.

It is clear from the responses to date show a clear and strong preference for the natural elements. Rather than just including these wishes as part of the design and then adding "amenities" that staff think are attractive, how about giving the citizens what they asked for?

Get rid of more of the hardscapes - there are materials that would allow even greater water retention as well as giving a more natural feel to the area. Colored concrete does not translate into natural. Built in seating in the long strips shown look more like an urban plaza than a natural area. How about some separate seating groupings (e.g. alcoves) with space between using natural materials like wood that would also allow some privacy. Minimize the size of the main pathway through the park to allow more space for nature and permeable surfaces. Ban riding bikes, scooters, and similar vehicles from the park. Eliminate any large built shelters - again use smaller, more natural enclosures.

Eliminate all of the pavement. There should be no paved plazas or walkways. Paths should be either boardwalks or crushed rock and not exceed 10 feet in width. Reduce the area covered by mowed lawns to a very small percentage of the total area. Plant only native trees, shrubs and meadow plants that pollinators prefer. Do not plant any ornamental grasses, as these do not support pollinators. Plant much milkweed to make the park comply with the County Board's Monarch Pledge. *Asclepias syriaca* (common milkweed) is preferred, as this is the only milkweed species that monarchs prefer while laying eggs and that survives well in Arlington. Consult with Alonso Abugattas, DPR's lead naturalist, when selecting the species of plants that best support pollinators.

The following are suggested names which also align with Arlington's Criteria for Naming County Facilities (Section I.). Please drag and rank the following in the order from best to least in your opinion.
Read Arlington's Criteria for Naming County Facilities (Section I.) here.



	1	2	3	Score
Teardrop Park	50.72%	27.54%	21.74%	2.29
The Canal Park	21.74%	57.97%	20.29%	2.01
Pentagon Park	27.54%	14.49%	57.97%	1.7

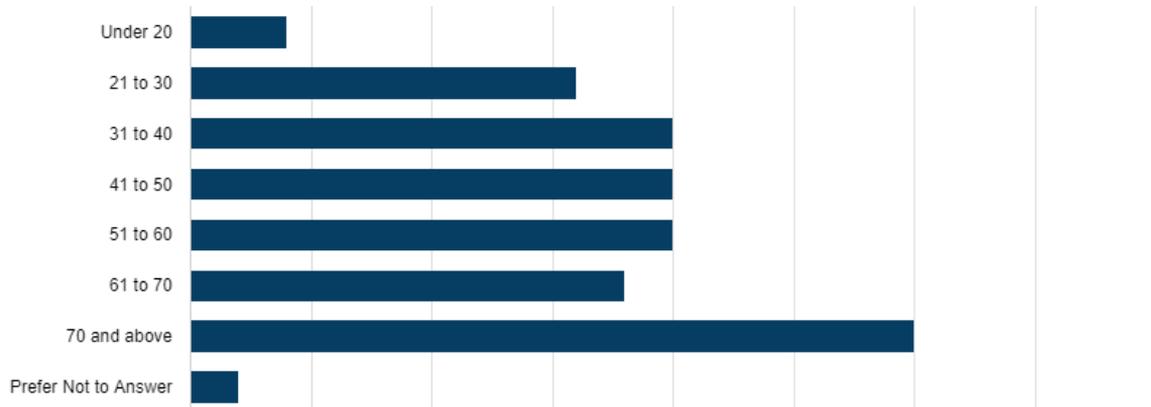
Arlington County names parks based on the geographical, historical, or ecological features. If you have other suggestions, please share below.
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I believe that Canal Park is best as long as there are historical markers explaining the origin of the name

Just "Canal Park" or "Teardrop Canal Park"

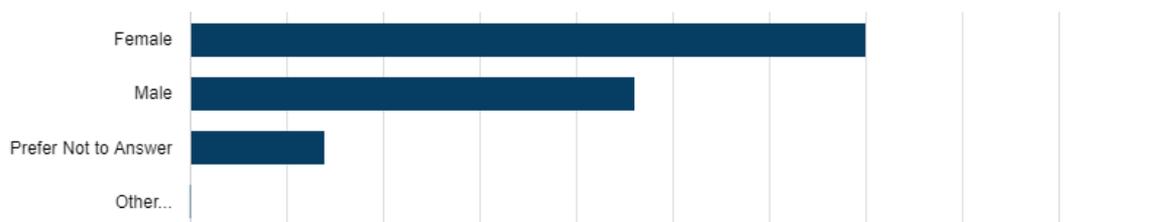
Cottonwood Tree Park or Crystal Drop Park
The Wedge
Please don't name this park after a person. I like the name Pentagon Park or Pentagon City Park.
Freedman's Park
Paperclip Park
Butterfly park
Namaraughquana Park, after one community of native americans whose presence near Long Bridge has been mentioned in early records
Luna Park was an amusement park in this general area.
All of these choices are stupid, to be honest.
Historic Cottonwood Park
Pentagon would be a terrible name. We already have numerous references to the Pentagon, including Pentagon City and Pen Place.
Names like "Arlington", "Wakefield", "Westfield" and "Abingdon" refer to ancient towns and cities in England.
South Arlington Park or Crossing at Crystal City Park
If no one understands the name then there is little reason to request public opinion. Use Pentagon or an obvious historic marker
Please go with Tear Drop
Army Navy Park
"Crystal" or "Canal" or "Waterway" followed by words like: commons, preserve, oasis, sanctuary, retreat, hideaway, etc. - "Park"

Age Range



Under 20	2
21 to 30	8
31 to 40	10
41 to 50	10
51 to 60	10
61 to 70	9
70 and above	15
Prefer Not to Answer	1

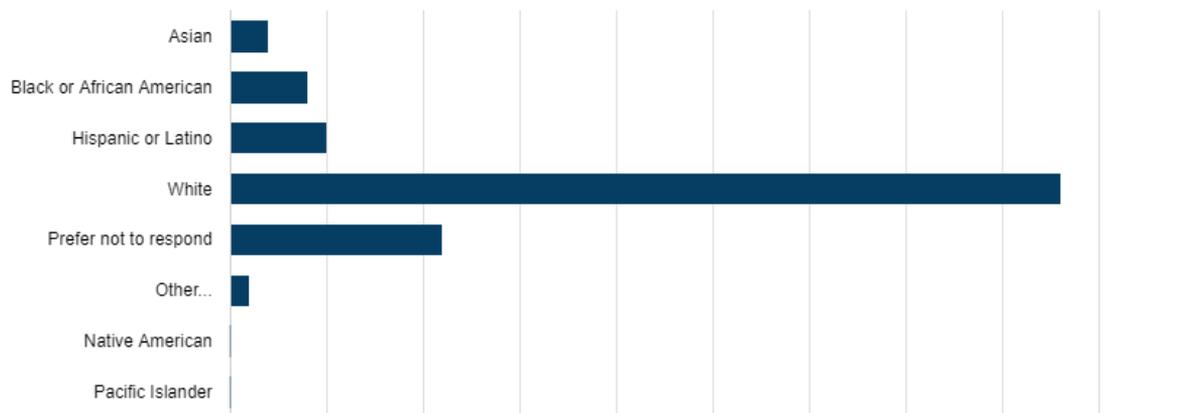
Which gender do you most identify with?



Female	35
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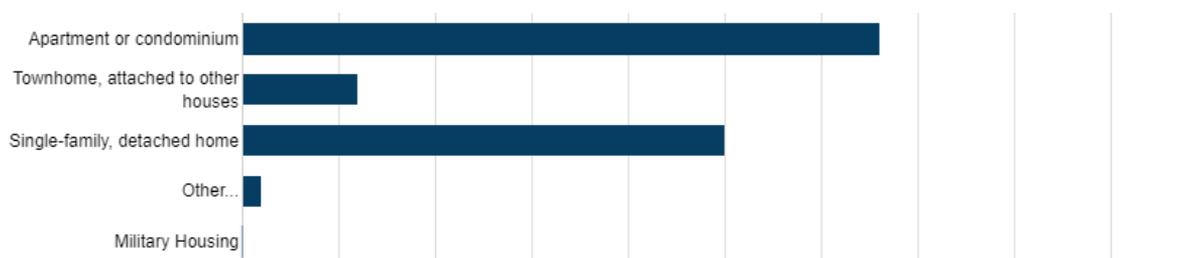
Male	23
Prefer Not to Answer	7
Other...	0

Which of the following describes your race or ethnicity?



Asian	2
Black or African American	4
Hispanic or Latino	5
White	43
Prefer not to respond	11
Other...	1

Which of the following best describes your current home?



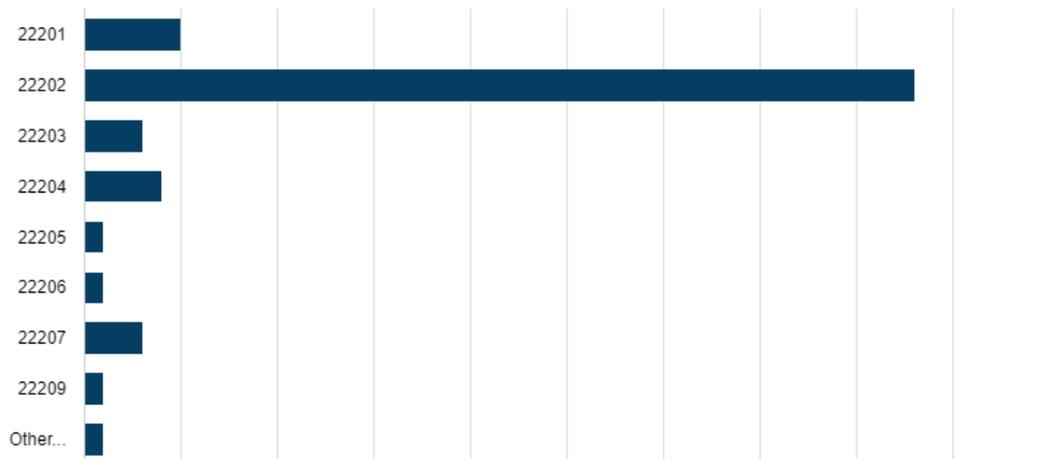
Apartment or condominium	33
Townhome, attached to other houses	6
Single-family, detached home	25
Other...	1

Which neighborhood do you live in?

Alcova Heights	1
Arlington Forest	1
Arlington Ridge	5
Aurora Highlands	12
Ballston-Virginia Square	2
Bluemont	1
Boulevard Maonor	1
Buckingham	1
Clarendon/Courthouse	2
Columbia Heights	1
Crystal City	25
Donaldson Run	1
Highland Park Overlee Knolls	1
Green Valley	1

North Rosslyn	1
Old Glebe	1
Penrose	1
Radnor/Ft. Meyer Heights	1
Shirlington	1
Waverly Hills	1
Woodmont	1
Other...	4

Zip code



22201	5
22202	43
22203	3
22204	4
22205	1

22206	1
22207	3
22209	1
Other...	1