

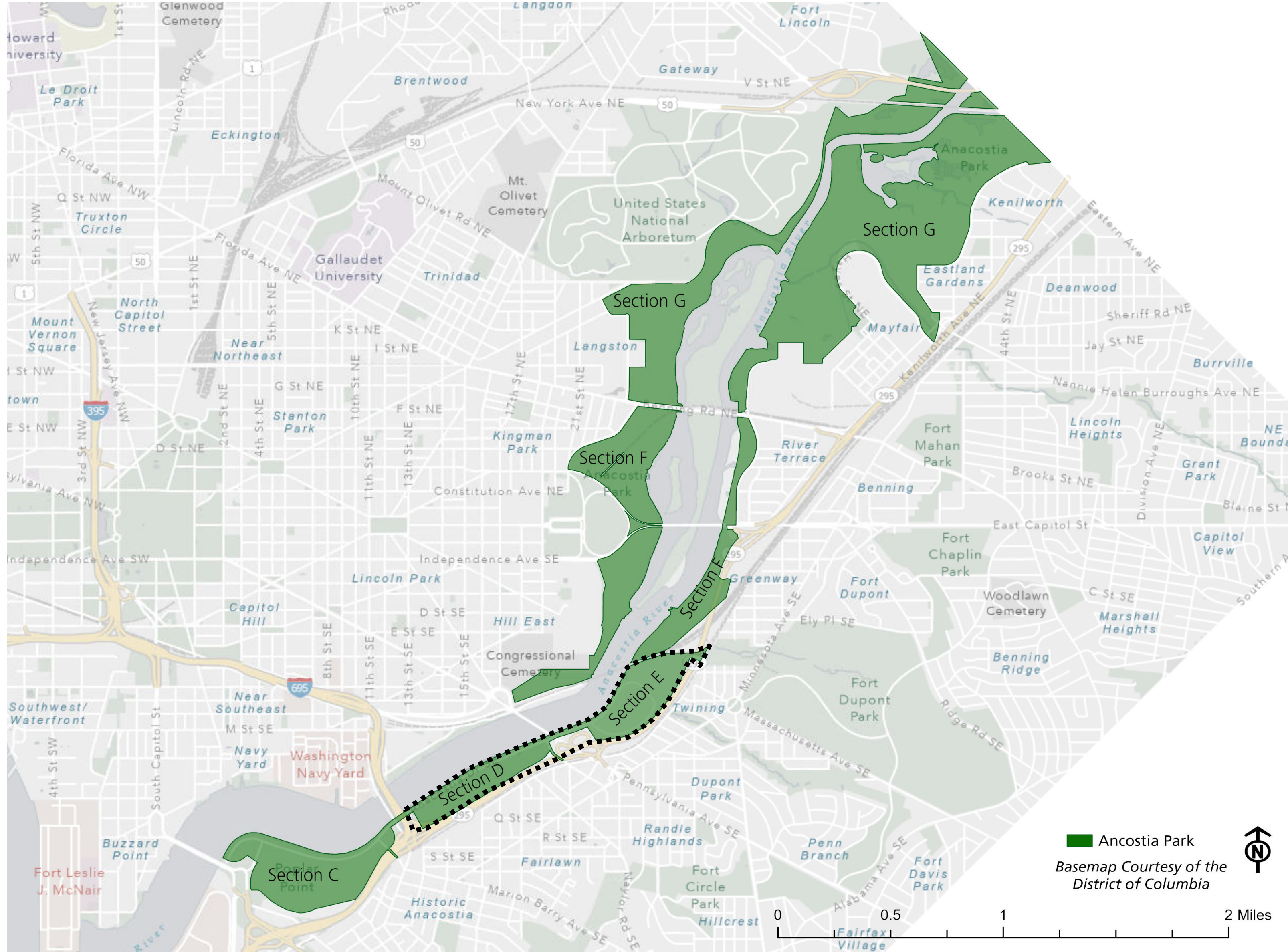


REIMAGINE! ANACOSTIA PARK

A Concept Plan for Sections D & E

Commission of Fine Arts Info Session

Anacostia Park Overview





What is a development concept plan?

- A development concept plan is created to guide future planning efforts for both development of parks and their resources, as well as plans future public use and has a 10-year planning horizon.
- Anacostia DCP recommendations will:
 - Be consistent with the legislative purpose for Anacostia Park
 - Advance the *2017 Anacostia Park Management Plan* preferred alternative:
 - Land and water-based recreation would be expanded to meet needs of communities; river landscape ecology to be improved
 - Infrastructure supporting sports play would be consolidated, with current capacity retained or slightly expanded; no major new additions
 - Public access to river would be enhanced
 - Be rooted in an appreciation for the culture of the surrounding neighborhoods and community desires for the future
- Before implementing elements in the concept plan, the NPS will evaluate actions to comply with applicable laws and policies such as the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act and conduct all necessary agency reviews.
- Implementation may occur over time as funds become available.



VISION STATEMENT

This re-imagined portion of Anacostia Park welcomes and inspires a wide range of users while providing opportunities to connect with others and engage with the Anacostia River. The site's nationally significant natural, cultural, and recreational resources are part of daily life in Washington, D.C., and promote community well-being. The park is resilient, safe, and well-maintained with strong connections to communities, partners, and the river ecosystem. Park users feel a sense of belonging and therefore value the park, engage in its programming and serve as active stewards of its future.

GOALS

ACCESS + CONNECTIVITY



Improve the safety, accessibility, and directness to the project area from neighboring communities, and within the park between activity nodes and park areas.

WATERFRONT ACTIVATION



Enhance the visitor experience and connectivity to and from the Anacostia River by celebrating the site's history, ecology, and restoration efforts through educational and recreational opportunities.

ACTIVE RECREATION



Restore and improve the active recreation fields and other organized sport amenities within the project area.

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP



Increase the quality and quantity of passive recreation opportunities within the project area, focused on social, cultural, and community gathering spaces and hosting events.

Public Outreach Summary

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD #1 VISION AND GOALS

June - August 2021

NPS received 371 comments via 110 individuals or organizations on the Vision and Goals Public Meeting held in September 2021. Many commenters expressed their deep appreciation for Anacostia Park as a community space and recreational amenity. Commenters shared concerns and outlined issues relating to park facilities and amenities; safety; access to and through the park; natural environment of the park.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD #2 PRELIMINARY DESIGN CONCEPTS

September – October 2023

NPS received 985 comments via 192 pieces of correspondence; 70 percent of respondents originated from Washington, DC zip codes.

NPS provided updates on the plan and directions on how to comment at ANC 7B, ANC 8A, Anacostia Parks & Community Collaborative General Meeting, Anacostia Coordinating Council Meetings; together with Friends of Anacostia Park tabled at 3 in-park events and held targeted outreach sessions with senior groups, hand dancers, and teens during the comment period.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD #3 REVISED DESIGN CONCEPTS

June – August 2024

NPS received 1,027 comments via 264 pieces of correspondence; 85 percent originated from Washington DC zip codes.

NPS held a hybrid in-person online public meeting at Anacostia High School 120+ in attendance, presented at ANC 7B and 8A meetings and together with Friends of Anacostia Park will table at 14 in-park events during this final comment period.



Concept Similarities

- Address deferred maintenance
- Add restrooms and water fountains
- Increase overall tree canopy and increase wooded buffer between the park and the interstate
- Improve sports fields and sports courts
- Retain existing playground areas
- Include an adult fitness area with exercise equipment
- Incorporate more seated, shaded areas
- Provide a combination or naturalized shoreline and restored seawall
- Enhance wetlands and green stormwater infrastructure
- Incorporate dedicated fishing areas
- Propose to upgrade and expand existing boat launch
- Propose new gateways proposed with opportunities for public art
- Improve connections to neighborhoods at critical entrances including, Marian Barry Ave and 11th Street Bridge Park, Anacostia High School and Fairlawn Neighborhood, Nicholson Street SE, Pennsylvania Ave SE.
- Incorporate parking areas throughout the park
- Improve trail connections
- Include new connection beneath CSX tracks

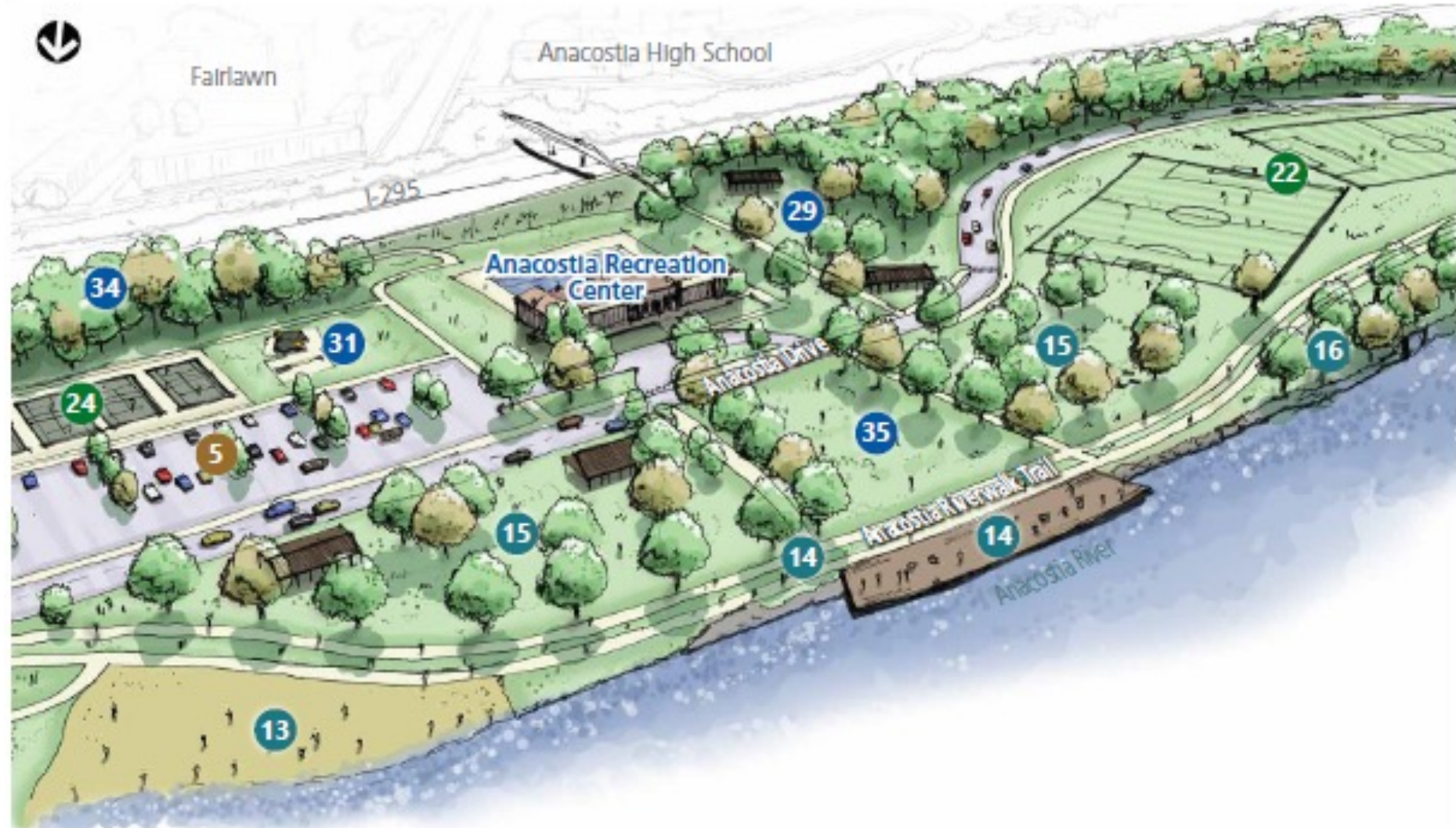




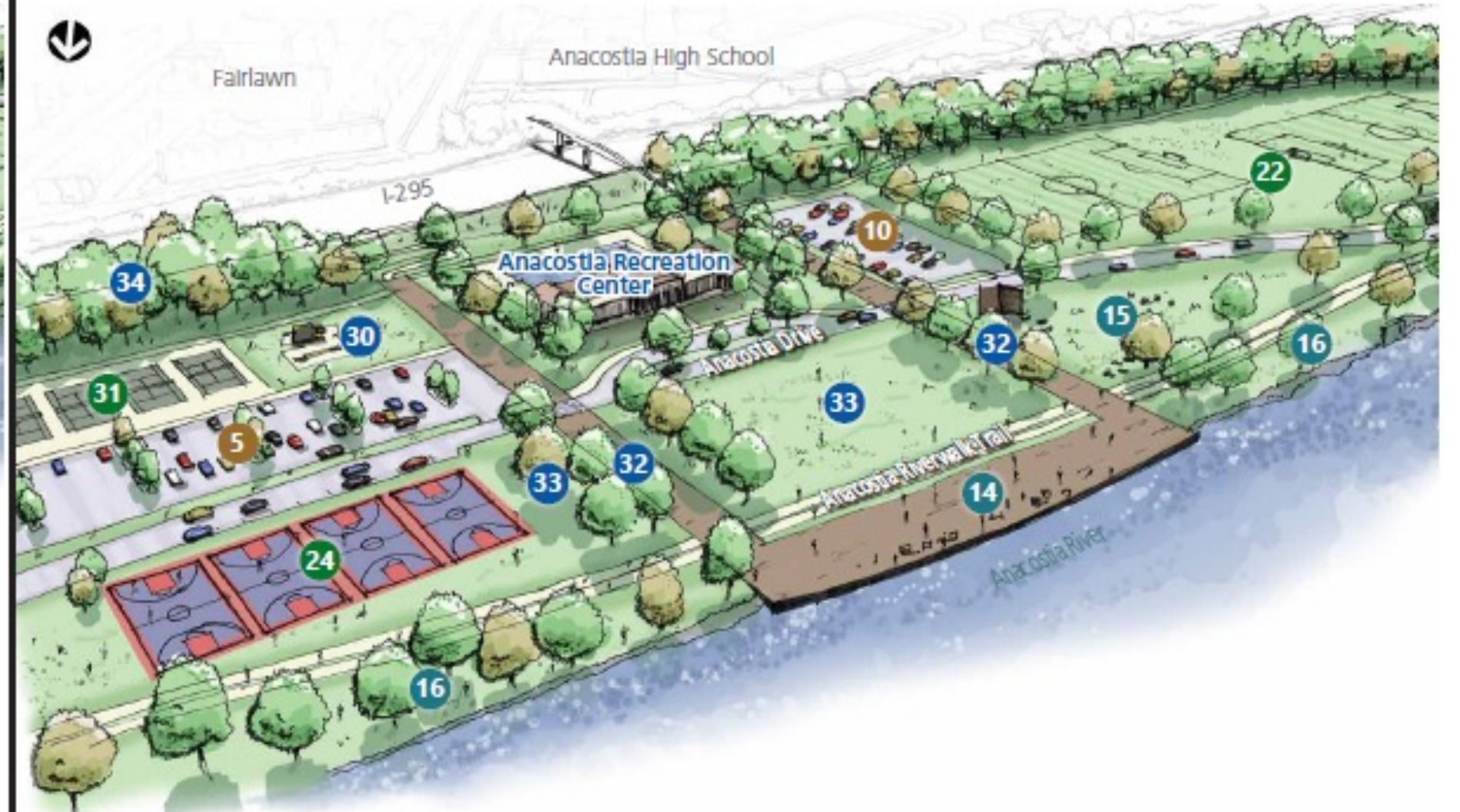
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CONCEPT 1: SECTION D



CONCEPT 2: SECTION D



CONCEPT 3: SECTION D



EXISTING: SECTION E



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CONCEPT 3: SECTION E

Anacostia River Trail and Anacostia Drive

Anacostia Riverwalk Trail and Anacostia Drive Design Options

Existing Conditions

The existing Anacostia Riverwalk Trail is roughly 9-feet wide and serves all users traveling in both directions. The popularity of the trail leads to crowded conditions and increases the chances for conflicts between users. Below are options to make the trail safer.



How can we make the Riverwalk Trail better for all users?

The Anacostia Riverwalk Trail is a destination within itself and used for a variety of activities. How can we maintain the trail's attractiveness and functionality while creating a comfortable experience for walkers, joggers, cyclists, and others?

Feedback from the community prompted three potential design solutions for accomplishing this goal. Any of the three options below could be implemented into any of the concepts.



All options would accomplish the following:

- + Reduce conflicts between different trail users
- + Maintain the trail's location close to the water or new waterfront spaces
- + Increase shaded areas with seating along the water
- + Provide adequate safety lighting
- + Provide areas for rest and relaxation
- + Introduce nature-based stormwater management features to address flooding

1) Maintain Existing Trail + Provide Bike Lanes

This option re-imagines the trail as a place for a relaxing stroll, jog, or a casual bike ride. The tree-lined trail is limited to these users, creating a safer and more comfortable experience.

Protected bike lanes are provided along Anacostia Drive for cyclists that travel at higher speeds.

This option would have the greatest increase in impervious surface within the park.



Bike Lane with Buffer

Parallel Parking

Anacostia Drive

Bike Lane with Buffer



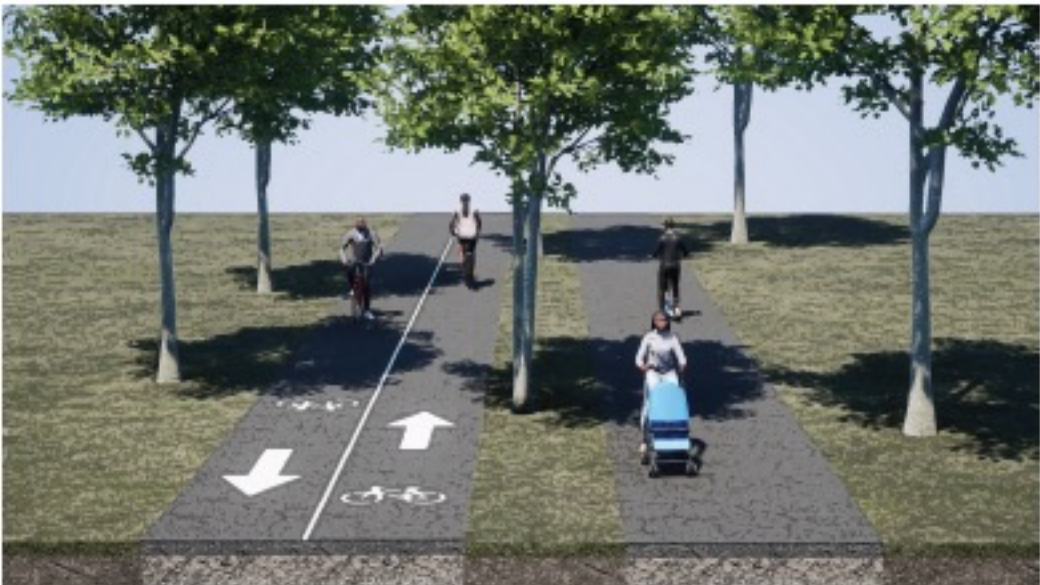
Walking / Jogging Trail

2) Separate Trail Users

This option re-imagines the trail as a place for a relaxing stroll or jog. The tree-lined trail is limited to pedestrians, creating a safer and more comfortable experience.

A separate, bi-directional trail is provided for cyclists of all experience levels. The trail is tree-lined and includes areas to rest.

This option provides the best opportunity to increase tree canopy coverage along the trail with shaded seating areas.



Bike Trail

Buffer

Walking / Jogging Trail

3) Widen and Re-stripe

This option widens and re-stripes the trail to provide adequate space for all trail users. The tree-lined trail creates a safer and more comfortable experience for all users.

Rest areas with benches and bike racks are provided to allow users to access new spaces along the waterfront.

This option does not reduce conflicts between trail users as much as the other two, but still provides a much more comfortable experience for the users.



Bike Area

Walking / Jogging Area



THANK YOU!