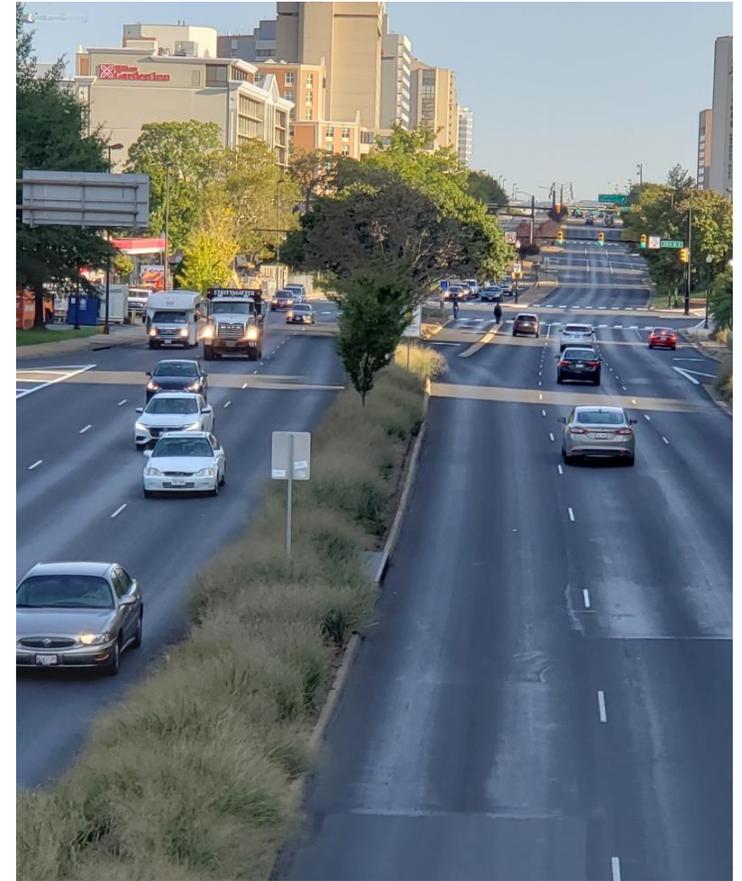


Livability2202 Updates (Working Groups and Issues)

- Route 1 Access
- Future of the Underground
- Open Space
- Two Venue Theater (Synetic/Black Box)
- Housing Affordability
- Schools
- Submissions to Pentagon City PDSP Study

Route 1 Access: VDOT Feasibility Study

- As a part of the Amazon deal, Virginia agreed to study improvements to Route 1. Specifically to explore an at-grade urban boulevard.
- As a result, VDOT is doing a Route 1 multimodal connectivity Study. The Study area is from approximately 12th Street to 23rd Street South; time frame: July 2020 – June 2021
- First virtual meeting of the VDOT project Task Force: September 28; 22202 residents were well represented.
- Community Concern: study scope very narrowly limited to the feasibility of bringing Route 1 down to grade, including at 15th and 18th Streets, and is not considering other alternatives.
- Livability Working group: conducted a survey of residents (with almost 300 responses) and two community meetings August 26 and September 30.
- The major community concern is to preserve safety of the pedestrian/bike crossings at 15th and 18th Streets and avoid another bad situation like 23rd Street.
- National Landing BID posted a slide show on concepts for bringing Route 1 down to grade ([Reimagining Route 1](#))
- A VDOT [survey](#) is open until November 15. [See the website and sign up for updates.](#)



Future of the Underground

- The Underground was innovative when created by the Charles E. Smith company in 1976 and remains near and dear to the heart of residents.
- Where do things stand now? 1990 Base Realignment and Closing (BRAC) Act hit Crystal City hard in 2010. With development now focusing on street-facing retail, many stores are closing.
- Working Group Goal: How to revitalize the Underground?
- First: Creative Underground Challenge ideas: Announcement of Winners and BID awards [press release]
- Second: Working Group brainstorming process
- Third: Conversation with JBG Smith on creative ideas for Underground (Andy VanHorn)

Challenge 1: Write Underground
Challenge 2: Underground TikTok
Challenge 3: Business Underground

Livability22202 needs your insights about the Crystal City Underground!

We are seeking creative thinking and community knowledge about this unique Crystal City asset.

Please join us in one, two, or all three of these "challenges" starting **June 12!**

Details at: livability22202.org

Great prizes for selected entries!!!

CHALLENGE UNDERGROUND



Open Space

- February 22, 2020, workshop; report in final clearance
 - Biophilia and connectivity
 - Virginia Highlands Park
 - Crystal City Parks
 - Roaches Run
- Crystal City Parks community engagement (JBG/BID) for 5 JBG-owned Crystal City parks to be conveyed to County during site plan processes
- Highlands Urban Garden (HUG) pilot project in VHP



Working Group Report on
Open Space Workshop

October 2020

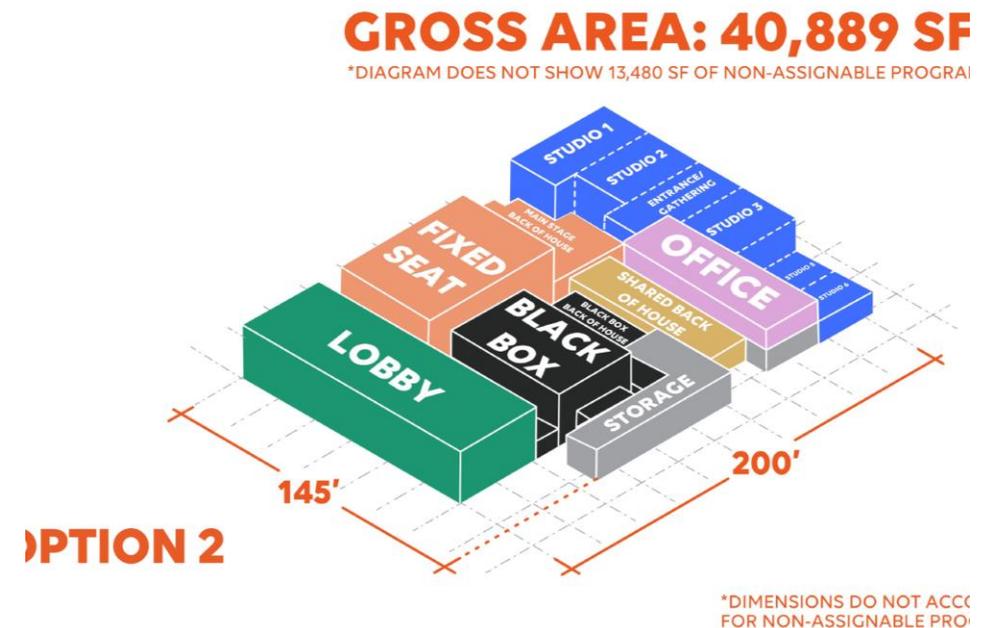
Liability2302 is a collaboration of the Arlington Ridge, Aurora Highlands, and Crystal City Civic Associations representing the residents of the Pentagon City and Crystal City neighborhoods in Arlington, VA.

Visit liability2302.org for additional reports and information.



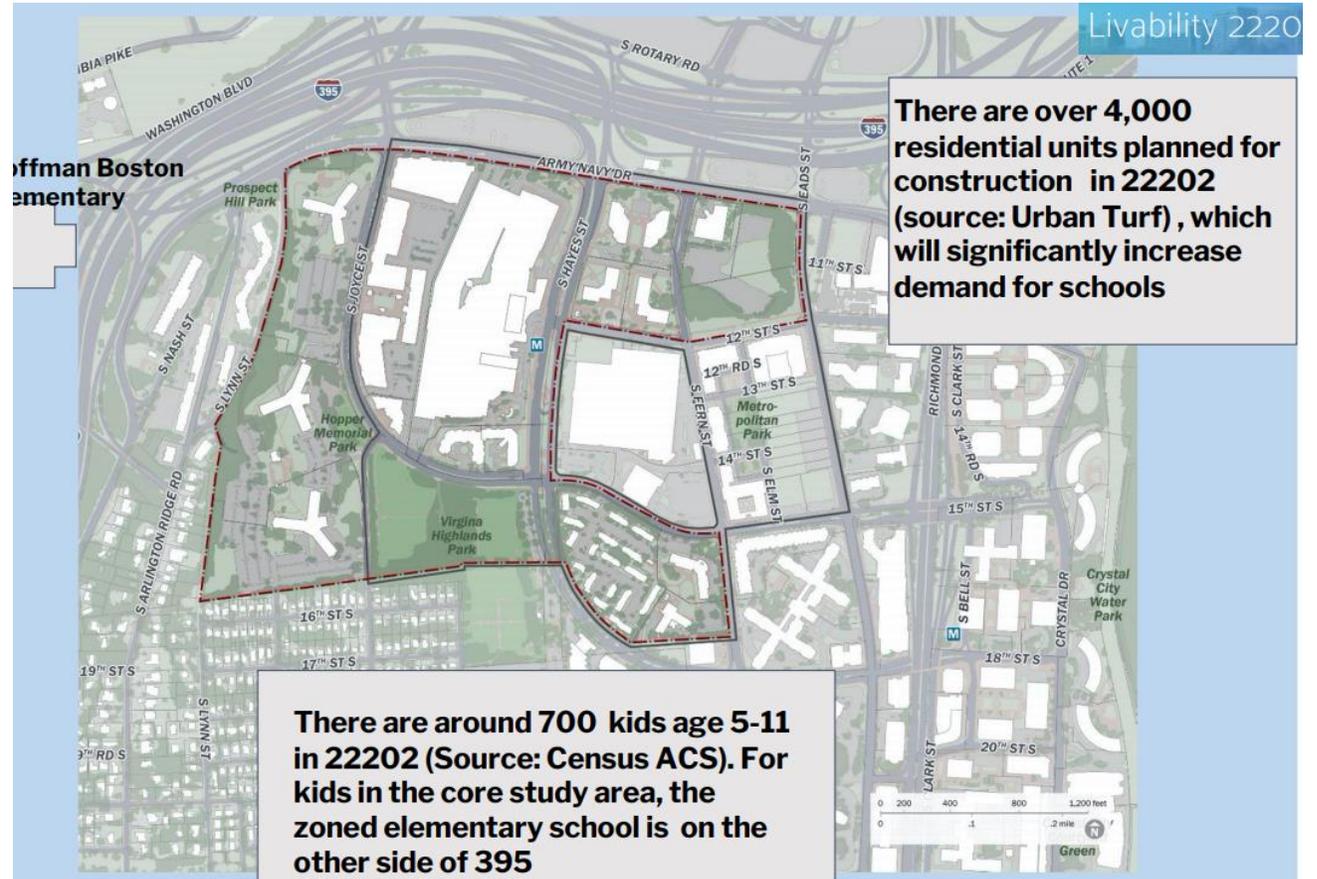
Exploring a Home for Synetic and Performing Arts

- 22202 area lacks arts and cultural opportunities across the spectrum.
- Livability Priority: Encourage Engagement, Arts and Culture
- Goal: To secure a future for Synetic and to anchor Art and Culture to National Landing.
- New home for Synetic Theater, Embracing Arlington Arts Black Box, and other arts organizations in 22202
- Full Co-location in Black Box Theater (Synetic, EAA, AIM): best option for cultural and economic development in Arlington; most difficult to find space in development projects; high community benefits cost
- No funding or management required from County; a non-profit alliance will run the capital campaign
- Big Lift but Big Economic and Artistic Benefits
- Major economic draw for restaurants and stores
- Possible synergies with universities and tech community
- Roughly 41,000 sq ft required
- Potential Venues: 2525 Crystal Drive, PenPlace, Underground: potential AIM classrooms



Schools

- Newly formed Working Group
- School Capacity APS Projections: School Year 2021-22 without 22202 Additional Development
- Over capacity: Oakridge (117%) and Gunston (119%)
- Projections do not account for the additional residential density being proposed, including the new development in Crystal City, the Apex apartments, the Crystal House expansion, or the potential River House expansion.
- Based on the number of planned units, all schools that accept students from 22202 will be over capacity by 2024:
 - Oakridge (163% over)
 - Hoffman Boston (110% over)
 - Gunston (145% over)
 - Wakefield (131% over)
- There are around 1,000 kids under 5 in 22202 (source: 2010 Census ACS) and fewer than 10 daycares in 22202.



Affordable Housing

- Goal - Address livability in access to housing
- Working group meetings January 25 (Values and Barriers) and March 7 (Solutions)
- Summary report in final clearance process with recommendations
 - Objective A: Avoiding Displacement
 - Objective B: New Development of Diverse Housing
 - Objective C: Building Community
- County's Missing Middle Housing Study launched October 28: investigate the possible role of missing middle housing in increasing Arlington County's housing supply and diversifying its range of housing choices
- The CCCA is serving as a community partner on the study.
- The community's first [Online Feedback Opportunity](#) is live now until December 31, 2020. Make sure Crystal City's voice is heard in the study!



Pentagon City Planning Study & Transportation Analysis

- Available now – Transportation report on traffic history & trends
- Underway – Detailed traffic analysis model to forecast future traffic for all 22202
- First Public Workshop October 15. The meeting materials, including notes from all of the breakout groups, are now available on the study [website](#).
- Second Public Workshop **November 17** at 7 pm
- Livability22202 submitted a number of slides during the submit-a-slide exercise by October 31. Posted on the [Livability22202 website](#).
- <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/pentagon-city-planning-study/>

