



**To:** Whom it may concern

**From:** Eric Cassel, President of the Crystal City Civic Association

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EatLoco Farmers Market is applying for a Use Permit for a weekly farmers market in Metropolitan Park. On behalf of Crystal City Civic Association, we wanted to offer our strong support of the farmers market.

The EatLoco Farmers Market at Metropolitan Park will sell produce & proteins, packaged food products, hot food prepared on-site, and handmade items by crafters & artisans. The market will welcome approximately 80 vendors, all who must be located within 150-miles of Arlington County.

Beginning June 24, 2023, the market will be open every Saturday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., and will stop for the season November 18, 2023. The EatLoco Farmers Market envisions resuming operations in March 2024.

The primary focus of the market is to support local, sustainable agriculture and promote a healthy lifestyle to residents, visitors, and workers. In addition to regionally grown fresh produce, the market also offers a range of other products that feature local agriculture and are made directly by small businesses and entrepreneurs in the area.

We hear from neighbors, property owners, and businesses about their desire to have a quality weekly market within walking distance.

This will be a great addition to the neighborhood and we are strongly supportive of it.