

Public Space Projects Update – Crystal City

Presentation to the Crystal City Civic Association

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METRO MARKET SQUARE (MMS) – PARK MASTER PLAN (PMP) PROCESS

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Background:

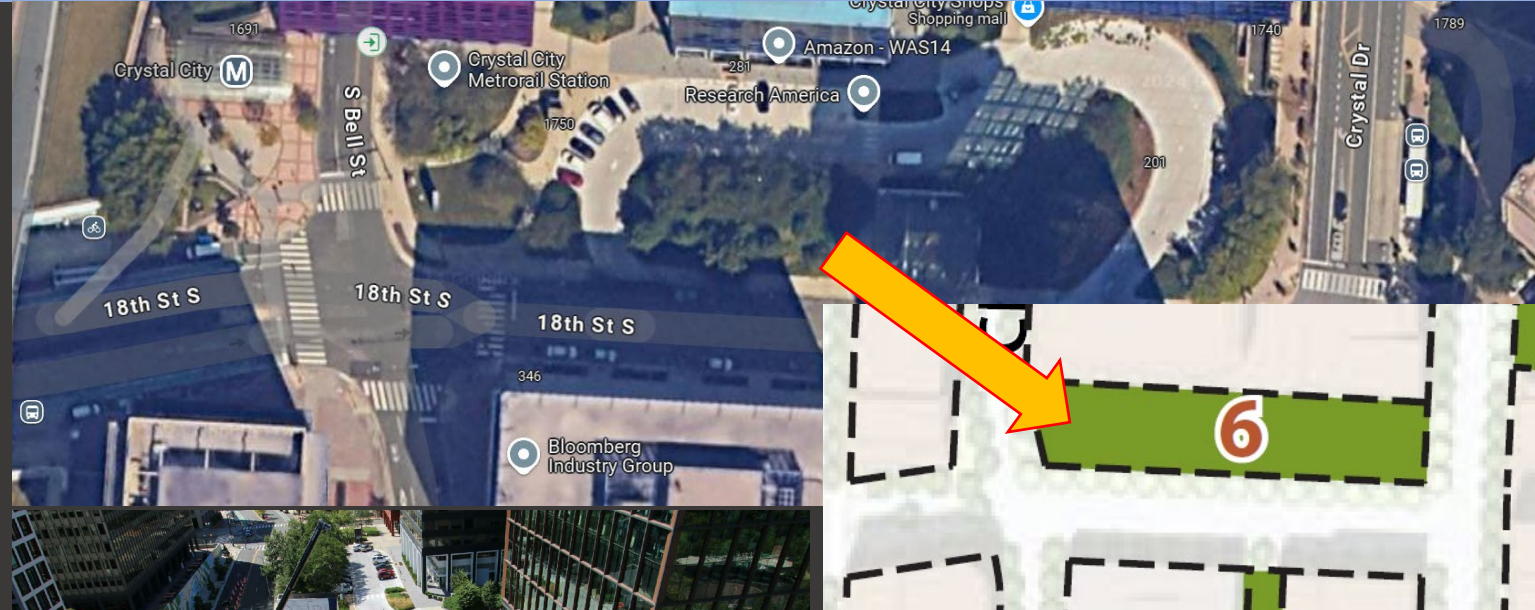
- A minimum 43,900 sq. ft. public space envisioned for this area. This public space is being planned next to and in coordination with the new Crystal City Metro Station East Entrance project (construction in progress) and 18th Street South road/sidewalk improvements (design development ongoing). Approximately \$9 Million total budget (planning, design and construction).
- MMS first engagement (existing site conditions and visioning) occurred in late 2024; on-going interagency coordination for proposed public easements (including one for MMS public space area).

Timeline:

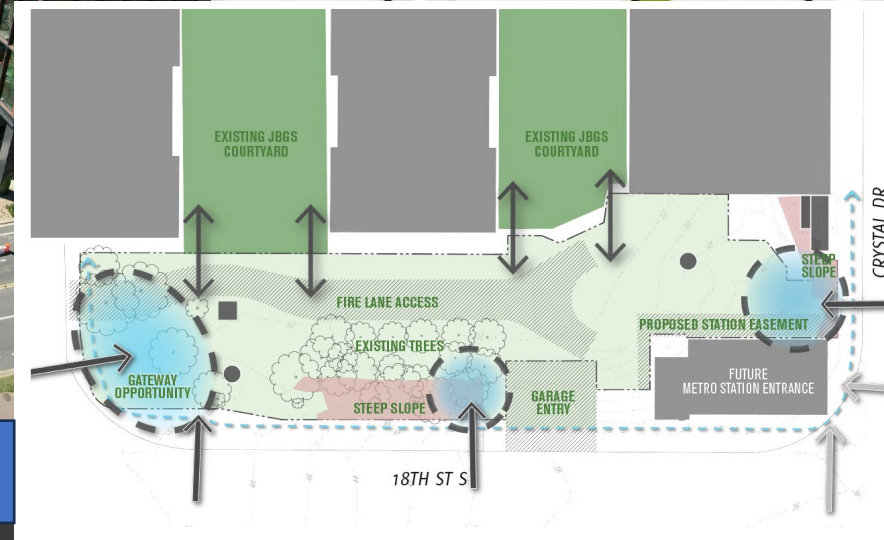
CURRENT – Second Engagement (Preliminary Park Concepts): Anticipated Fall 2025

Third Engagement (Draft Park Concept): Anticipated Winter 2026

PMP Consideration by County Commissions/County Board: Anticipated Spring 2026



Current MMS and Crystal City East Metro Station area construction aerial.



Site opportunities and constraints as identified during first community engagement (2024).

15TH STREET PARK – INTERIM PARK SPACE

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Background:

- The Crystal City Sector Plan identified a median park on 15th Street.
- Since approval, the plan for this has moved to a park adjacent to the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Timeline:

CURRENT - Planning and Design for the Temporary Park to happen in 2028.

- The County is actively working in coordination with the adjacent property owner to finalize easement language a future temporary park.
- Upon completion of the Complete Streets Project (Scheduled to be completed in 2027) the area will be left as a level and grassy public space.



23RD STREET SOUTH AND SOUTH EADS STREET PARK IMPROVEMENTS

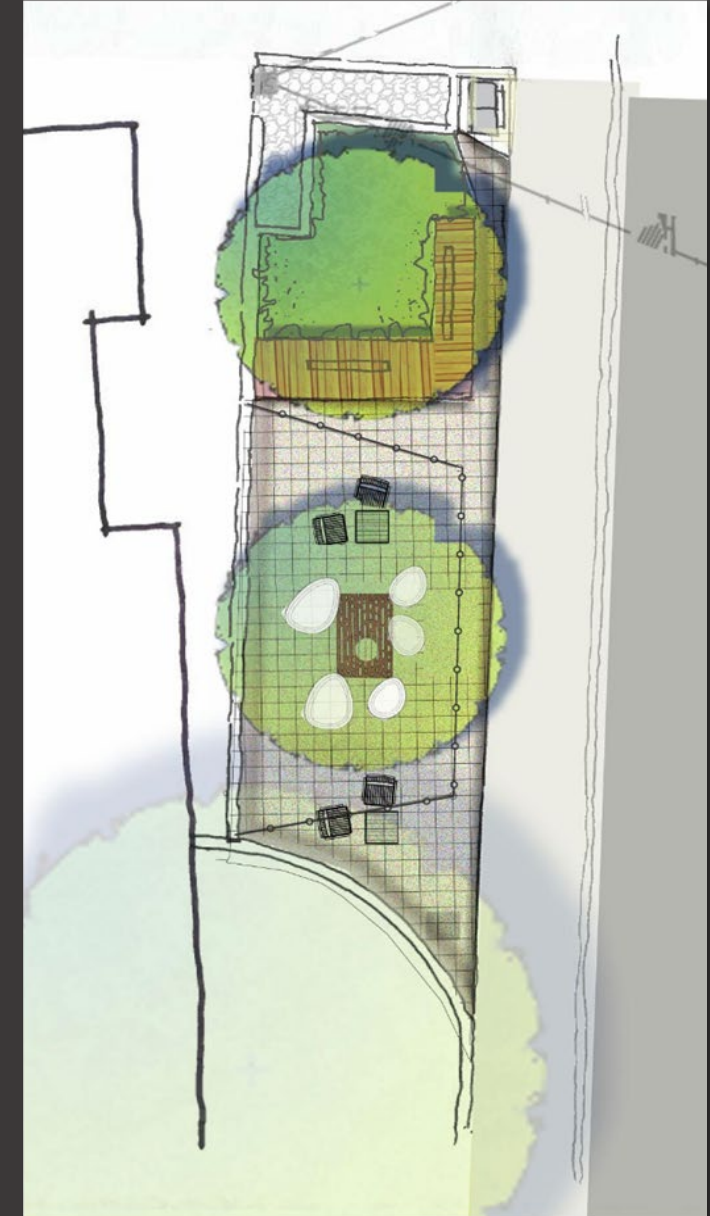
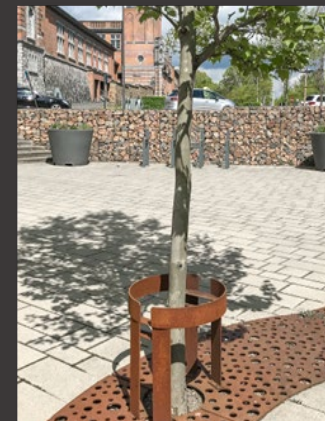
DPR PROJECT MANAGER: JEANETTE ANKOMA-SEY (JANKOMA-SEY@ARLINGTONVA.US)

Background:

- Design improvements aim to create a welcoming and inviting public space, provide a place for visitors to gather and rest, enhance the aesthetics and visibility into the site, update site furnishing and add amenities while continuing to offer casual uses.
- New amenities include lighting, permeable paving, seating, new fencing and trash receptacles and new trees that are native and size appropriate.
- Budget is \$475,000 from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds (planning, design and construction).

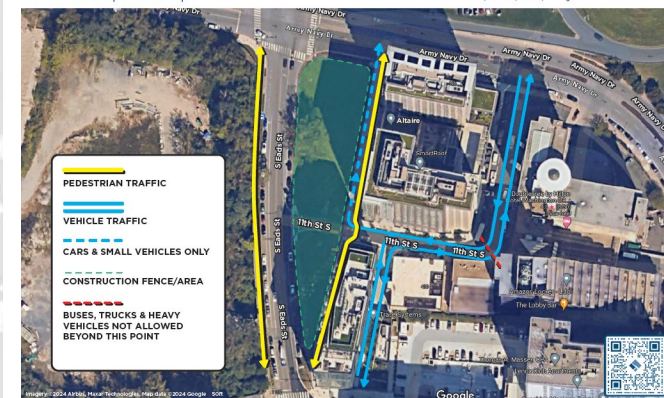
Timeline:

- First Engagement – Completed (May 20 – June 7, 2024)
- Second Engagement – Completed (May 1 – May 2022, 2025)
- Park Renaming – **County Board Fall 2025**
- Construction Begins – **Spring/Summer 2026**
- Construction Ends – **Winter 2027**





ARLINGTON JUNCTION PARK | PHASE 2 | Oct. 4, 2024 - Jan. 27, 2026*
Method of Transportation Map



Arlington Junction Park

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Master Planning Engagement and Design
(Summer 2020-2024)

CURRENT - **In Construction**

Anticipated Park Opening: **Winter 2026**



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Contacts for Area Projects

❖ Metro Market Square (Adjacent Projects)

- Crystal City Metro Station East Entrance
 - Tim Brulle (tbrulle@arlingtonva.us)
- 18th Street South Street Realignment
 - Antonette Isherwood (aisherwood@arlingtonva.us)

❖ Arlington Junction Park (Adjacent Projects)

- Army Navy Drive Complete Streets
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- Transitway Ext. 12th St.
 - Diana Isaza (disaza@arlingtonva.us)
- S. Eads Phase 1 – Army Navy to 12th
 - Ariel Yang (ayang@arlingtonva.us)
- S. Eads Phase 2 – 12th St to 15th St.
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- 15th St & Clark/Bell Realignment
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❖ 23rd and South Eads Street Park (Adjacent Projects)

- 23rd Street South Realignment
 - Rene Harris (rharris!@arlingtonva.us)
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County Projects Map, please refer:
[Projects Map – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government \(arlingtonva.us\)](https://www.arlingtonva.us/projects-map)