



FREDERICKSBURG RIVERFRONT PARK

Open House #1
March 8, 2014

Summary of Public Input

Summary of Overall Findings

The Basics

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A public Open House took place on March 8, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Downtown Courtyard Marriott. The purpose of this meeting was to brainstorm ideas for the park design and programming and to enable the design team to begin identifying alternative design concepts for the Riverfront Park. At this event, participants had the opportunity to:

- Browse and provide feedback on materials related to existing site conditions and the site analysis conducted to date by the design team;
- Review and provide feedback on downtown and riverfront park precedents from other communities;
- Develop their own park designs (drawings and written visions) by illustrating and describing their vision for the park on a “vision sheet” consisting of a blank base map of the park site;
- Complete a survey, which was subsequently posted online for one week following the meeting. A link to the survey was provided on the project web site. The survey addressed visions and concerns pertaining the future Riverfront Park as well as demographic information.

The Open House also included a presentation of the materials developed for the meeting, followed by an open question-and-answer period.

Overall Participation

Community input was received through three primary methods: (1) Attending the March 8 Open House (2) Completing the online survey (3) Submitting comments via the project web site. Overall participation numbers included the following:

- 63 people attended the Open House (not including Task Force members, City staff and Consultants)
- 284 people responded to the survey, both online and at the Open House
- 13 comments submitted online via the project web site

Key Findings

Major Themes

Major themes that emerged from Open House and survey comments included the following:

- **THE RIVER:** The community would like the Riverfront Park to be, first and foremost, a place where one can view and enjoy the Rappahannock River. The park should also contribute to the river both visually and ecologically, enhancing the overall beauty of the river while contributing to the improved health of the Rappahannock River watershed.
- **A PLACE FOR EVENTS AND GATHERINGS:** A strong majority would like the park to serve as a venue for events. However, the park should be a beautiful and appealing place to visit on days when there are no events. Opinions differed on the size and types of events, as well as whether event facilities should be permanent or simply accommodated within the park as needed. Some members of the community would like to see an amphitheater included in some form, possibly relocated elsewhere on the site.
- **FAMILY-ORIENTED:** The Riverfront Park should be a place to bring family members and should accommodate family-friendly activities. In particular, the park should include areas and elements where children can play, but it should not be just a playground. Numerous community members identified water features (such as fountains and water play areas for children) as desirable elements.
- **EXTENSION OF, AND ANCHOR FOR, DOWNTOWN:** Many view the Riverfront Park as an opportunity to extend downtown to Sophia Street and the riverfront, as well as a destination that will draw people downtown. The park could be a place where one can bring and eat food or ice cream purchased from downtown businesses, and it could also include a location for food trucks, a café or other vendors. The park could also serve as a catalyst for the revitalization of Sophia Street and new businesses on the west side of the street.
- **NATURAL AND GREEN:** The park should include natural elements and green spaces. It should celebrate the natural processes and ecology of the river, while also offering open spaces for picnics, recreational activities and “hanging out.” Some members of the community would like the park to include a landscaped garden area.
- **RELAXATION AND QUIET:** Many community members envision the park as a place to relax, escape the city, and engage in quiet reflection.

- **CONNECTIONS:** The Riverfront Park should be connected to surrounding trails, walking paths and bicycle routes. It is envisioned as a key destination along a riverfront trail system, connecting the park to City Dock and other Fredericksburg parks.
- **REFLECTING FREDERICKSBURG’S HISTORY:** The park should reflect and tell the story of Fredericksburg’s history and the site’s history. However, while the park should include interpretive elements that highlight key aspects of the city’s history, historical themes do not need to be a defining or dominant element of the park.
- **PARKING AND ACCESS (TOP CONCERN):** There was no clear consensus among community members with regard to whether or not parking should be included on the park site. However, there was widespread, general concern about parking availability downtown and how already-tight downtown parking would be impacted by the park and potential events at the park.

Secondary Considerations

In addition to the major themes identified above, the following additional considerations were noted by numerous community members:

- **Maintenance and Durability:** The park design should be durable and easy-to-maintain to minimize maintenance costs and responsibilities as well as impacts from flooding.
- **Shade:** The park should include trees and structures that provide shade on hot and sunny days.
- **Flood Resilience:** The park should be designed to minimize impacts from flooding events.
- **Restroom Facilities:** Restroom facilities should be provided at the park.
- **Safety, Security and Visitor Behavior:** Community members expressed some concern about security, safety along the river banks, and the behavior of park visitors (loitering, vandalism, noise).

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK



MAJOR THEMES

THE RIVER

RIVERFRONT PARK TO BE A PLACE TO SEE AND ENJOY THE RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER

PLACE FOR EVENTS & GATHERING

SERVE AS A VENUE FOR EVENTS WITH FORTHRIGHTEN IN SOME FORM

FAMILY-ORIENTED

ACCOMMODATE FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES INCLUDING CHILDREN PLAY AREAS & WATER FEATURES

EXTENSION OF, AND ANCHOR FOR, DOWNTOWN

EXTEND DOWNTOWN TO SOPHIA STREET AND THE RIVERFRONT

NATURAL AND GREEN BEAUTY

CELEBRATE THE NATURAL ELEMENTS, GREEN SPACES AND PROSPERITIES AS WELL AS ECOLOGY OF THE RIVER

RELAXATION AND QUIET

ENVISION THE PARK AS A PLACE TO RELAX, ESCAPE THE CITY AND ENGAGE IN QUIET REFLECTION

PARKING AND ACCESS

PARKING AVAILABILITY DOWNTOWN AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE PARK AND EVENTS

REFLECTION OF FREDERICKSBURG'S HISTORY

REFLECT AND TELL THE STORY OF FREDERICKSBURG'S AND THE SITE'S HISTORY

CONNECTIONS

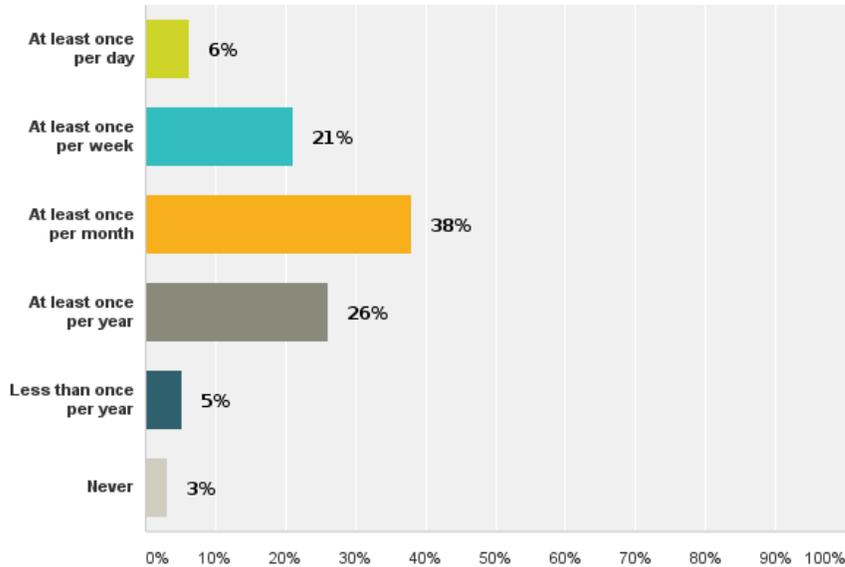
CONNECT TO SURROUNDING TRAILS, WALKING PATHS AND PARKS

Fredericksburg **Riverfront Park** Vision for the Park

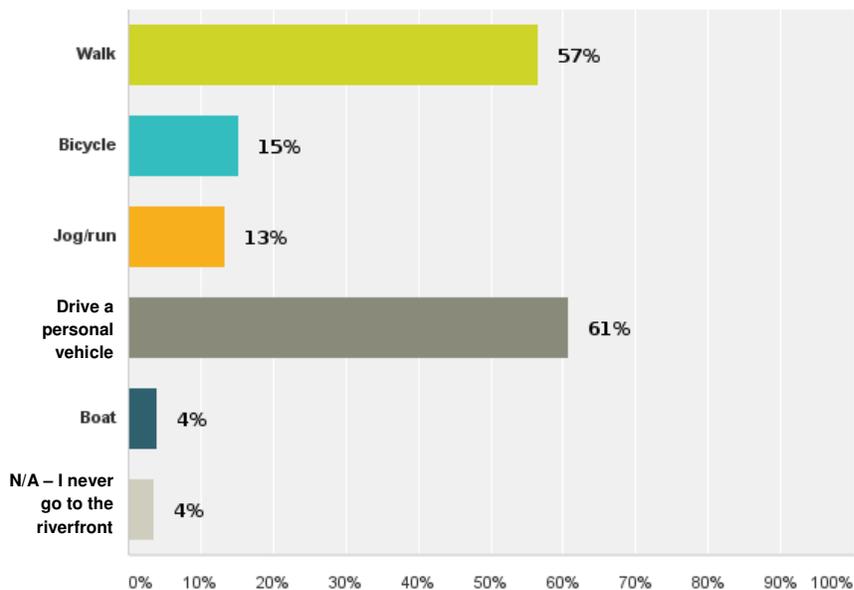
Detailed Findings from Open House Activities

Survey

Question 1: I visit the riverfront park site area... (N=284)



Question 2: When you visit the riverfront park area, how do you get there? (Select all that apply.) (N=283)



Question 3: What are the top three ways that you would change or improve the park site? (N=175)

*1. Create a beautiful setting
(45 responses)*

- a. Trees/shade
- b. Landscaping
- c. Seating/benches
- d. Picnic areas
- e. Water feature

*2. Create an events and/or cultural arts venue
(24 responses)*

- a. A small events venue
- b. A place for downtown events
- c. Farmers' markets and festivals
- d. A new cultural arts building
- e. A music pavilion

*3. Showcase the river, river views and access
(19 responses)*

- a. Views
- b. Docks
- c. Paddling and other boating access

*4. Connect to existing trails and paths; a waterfront trail
(17 responses)*

- a. Walking trails
- b. River walk
- c. Connection to the canal path and link to downtown
- d. ADA accessibility

*5. Parking
(13 responses)*

- a. Keep or add parking spaces (6)
- b. Remove (7)

*6. Create a destination: a reason to go there
(11 responses)*

- a. This needs to be more than just a parking area

*7. Create a place for kids and for families
(11 responses)*

- a. Water play fountains
- b. A playground that is fully ADA accessible

*8. Improve maintenance
(7 responses)*

- a. Remove invasives/plant natives
- b. Keep clean
- c. Maintain healthy plant life
- d. Have good law enforcement

*9. Remove existing fencing
(5 responses)*

Other comments

- *Tear down the Lodge building (3)*
- *Create dog park (3)*
- *Emphasize history (3)*
- *Create a skateboard park (1)*
- *Create community gardens (1)*

Question 4: The City and design team will be exploring a range of potential "themes" for the park design and uses within the park. Which of the following themes best describes your vision for the Riverfront Park? (Check all that apply) (N=203)

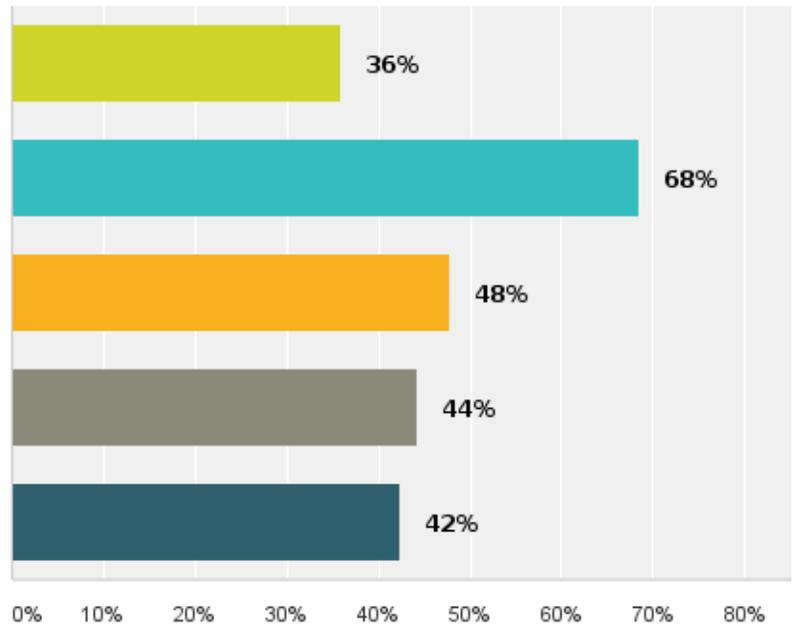
HISTORIC / INTERPRETIVE (the park highlights the site's history and/or Fredericksburg's history)

EVENTS / CULTURAL / ARTS (the park serves as a venue for a variety of arts and/or cultural events)

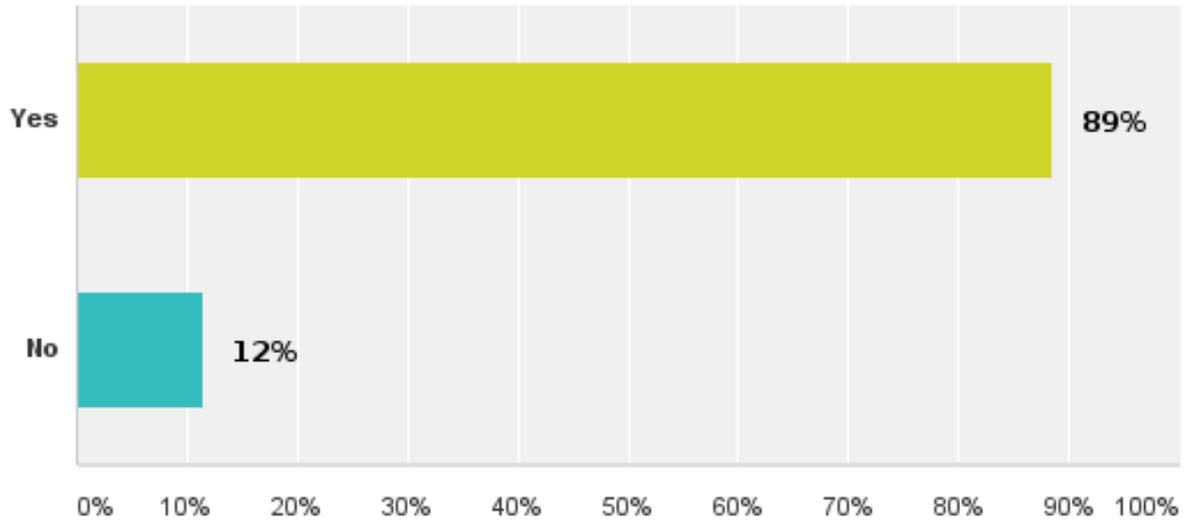
FAMILY / RECREATION (the park includes elements and activities for children and families)

ENVIRONMENTAL / NATURAL (the park design emphasizes nature and environmental processes)

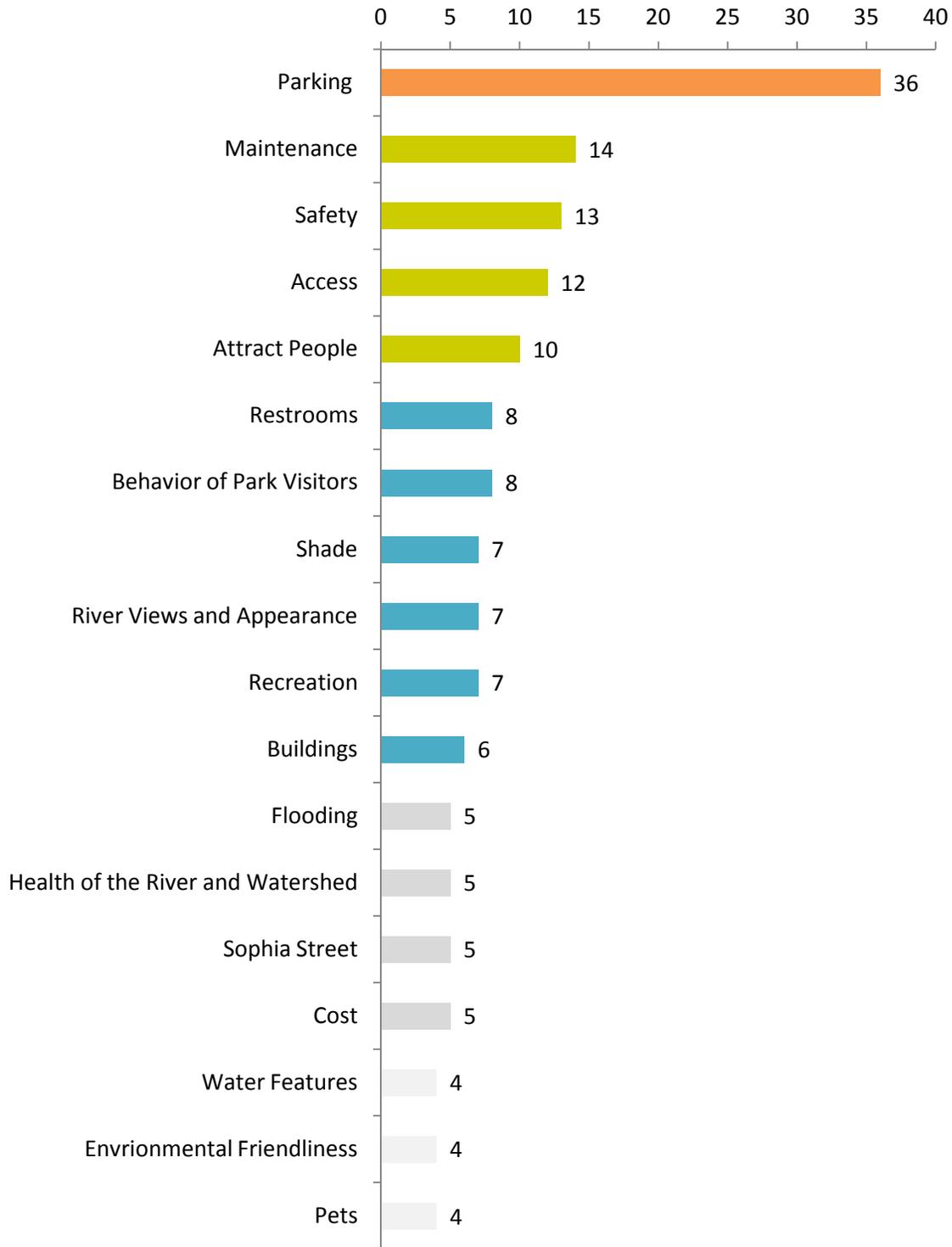
LANDSCAPE / GARDEN (the park has a landscaped, garden-like character)



**Question 6: Do you think that events should be held at the Riverfront Park?
(N=200)**



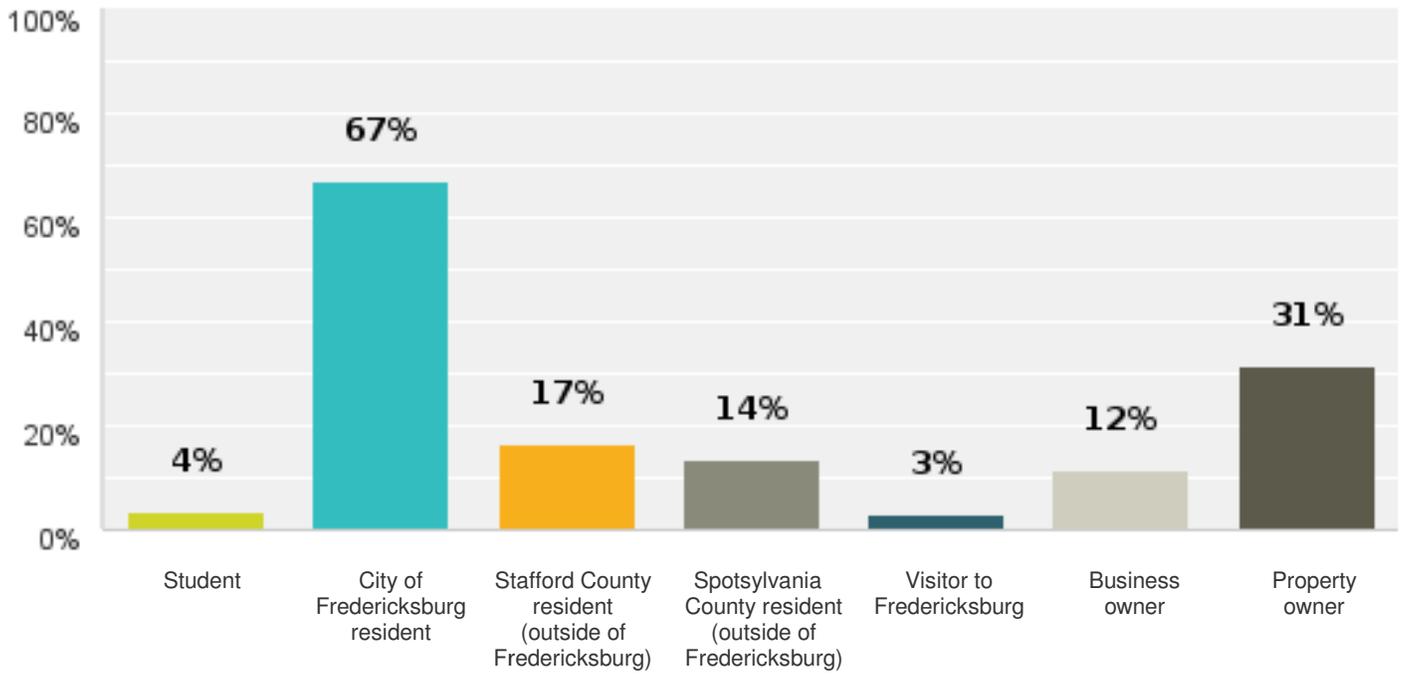
Question 7: Do you have any concerns that you would like to see addressed as part of the Riverfront Park master plan? Please list any concerns. (N=121)



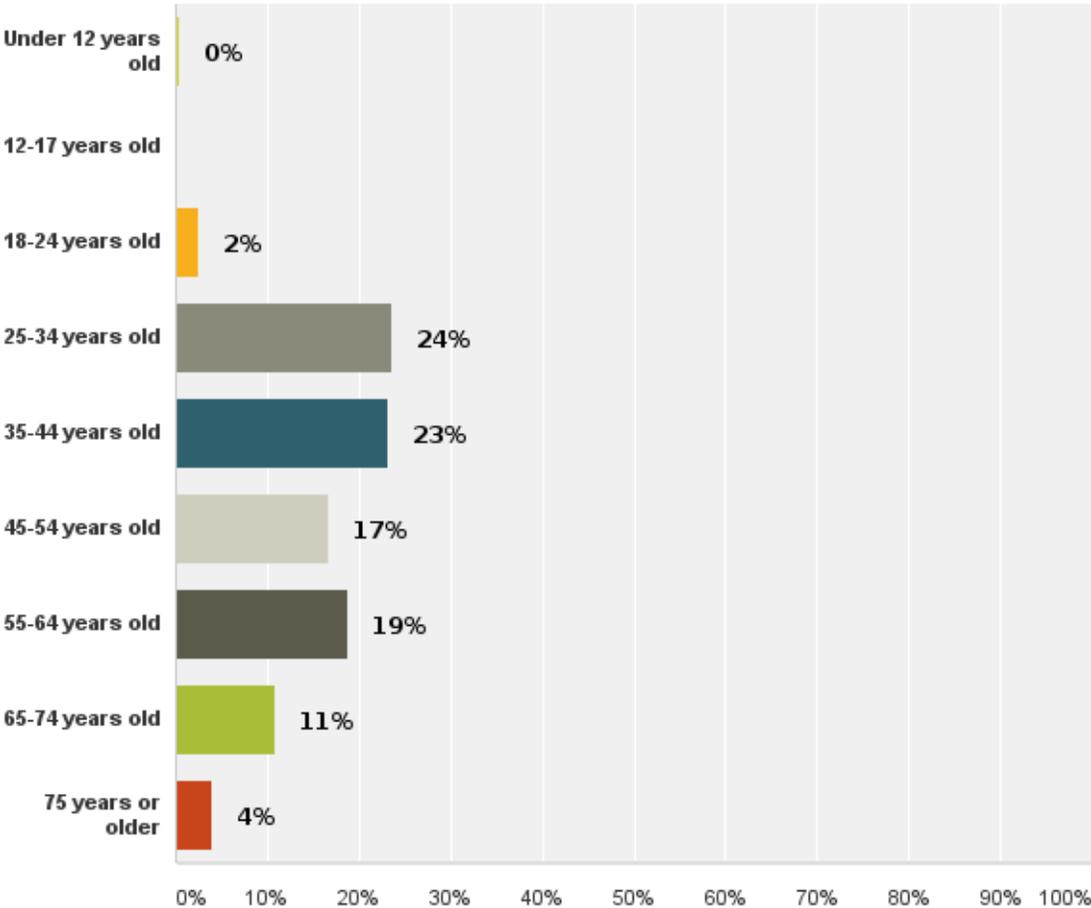
Question 8: If you have visited other riverfront and/or downtown parks, what did you like most about them? If there are specific parks that you think Fredericksburg should look at as examples, please list them here. (N=100)

- Falls Park, Greenville, SC
- San Antonio, TX (Riverwalk)
- Charleston, SC (waterfront park, including fountain)
- Savannah, GA
- Chattanooga, TN
- Jacksonville, FL
- Australia's Gold Coast
- Wilmington, NC
- New Bern, NC
- Beaufort, SC
- Knoxville, TN
- Chattanooga, TN
- Columbia, GA (tubing)
- Wheeling, WV (riverfront park)
- Little Rock, AR
- River Walk, Durango, CO
- St. Paul, MN
- Lititz Springs Park, PA
- Austin Riverfront Park, TX
- Gateway Harbor Park, Tonawanda, NY
- Headwaters Park, Ft. Wayne, IN
- St. Louis Arch Park, St. Louis, MO
- Burlington, VT
- Redmond, WA (skatepark)
- Lynchburg, VA
- More Local:
 - Hurkamp Park, Fredericksburg
 - Alum Springs Park, Fredericksburg
 - Alexandria Waterfront
 - Arlington Long Wharf Park
 - Navy Yard Park (Washington DC)
 - Georgetown Waterfront Park
 - Town Green (Vienna, VA)

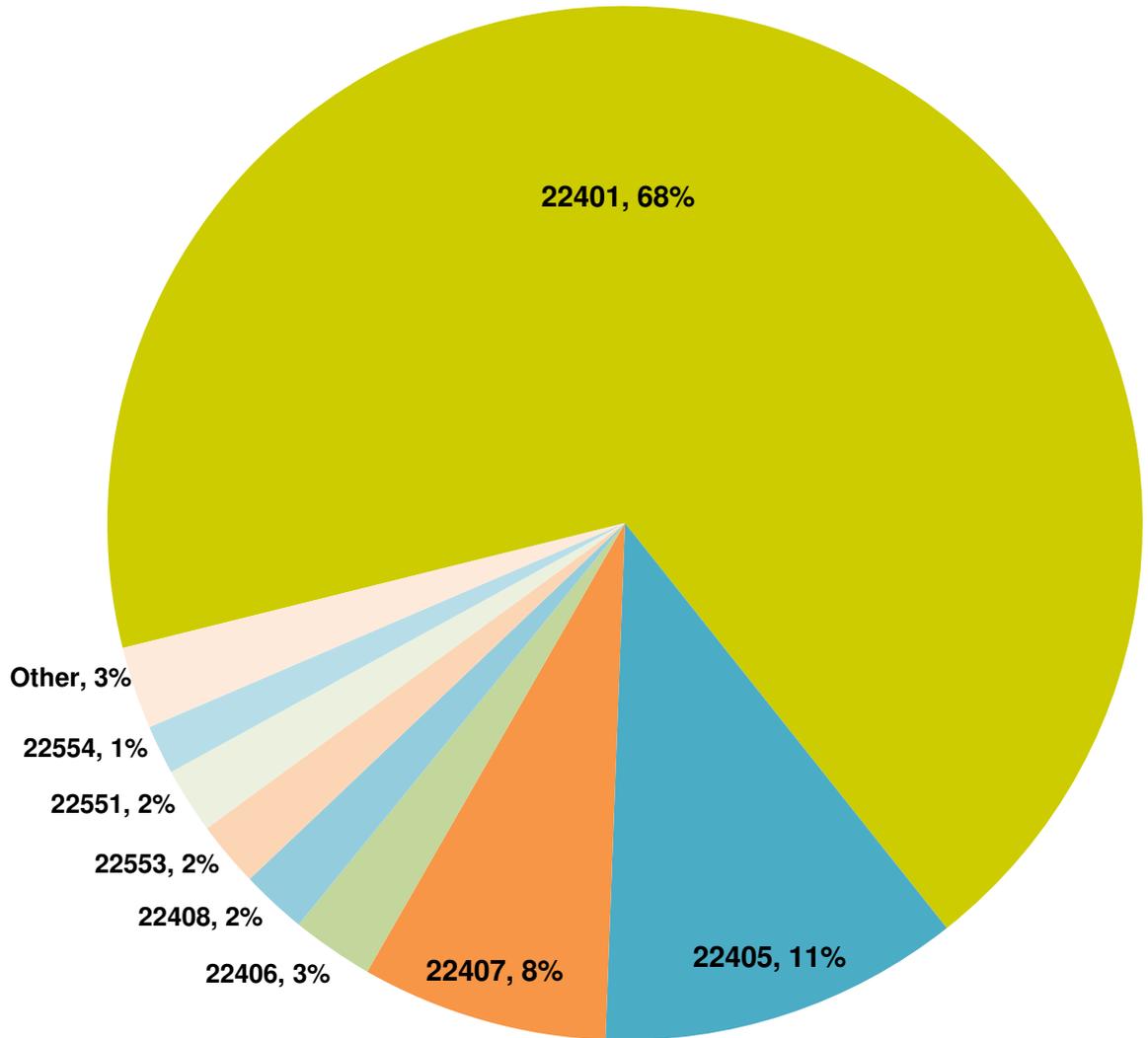
Question 9: I am a... (Select all that apply.) (N=198)



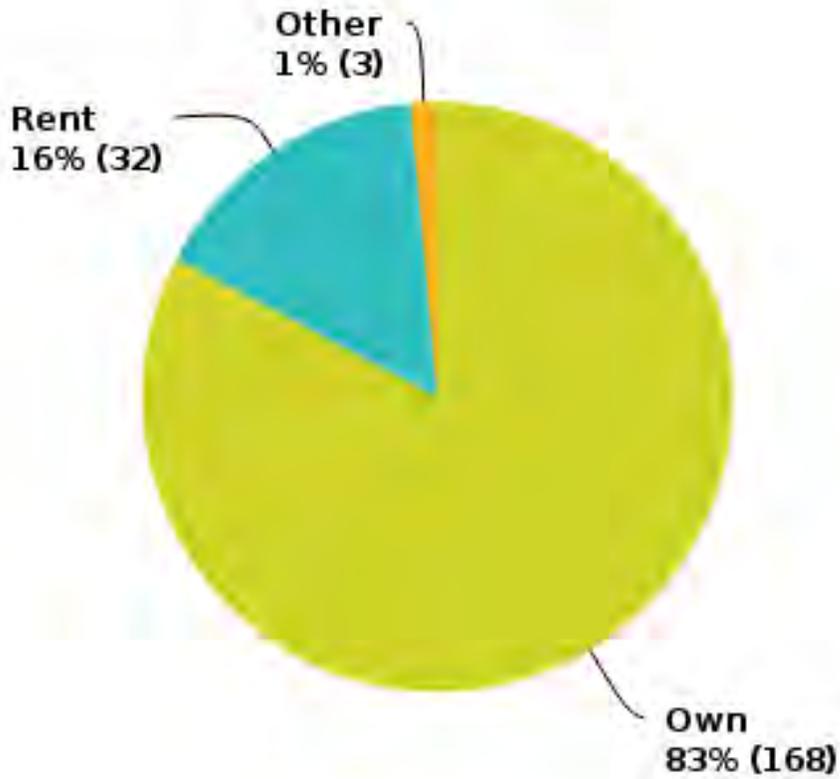
Question 10: What is your age? (N=203)



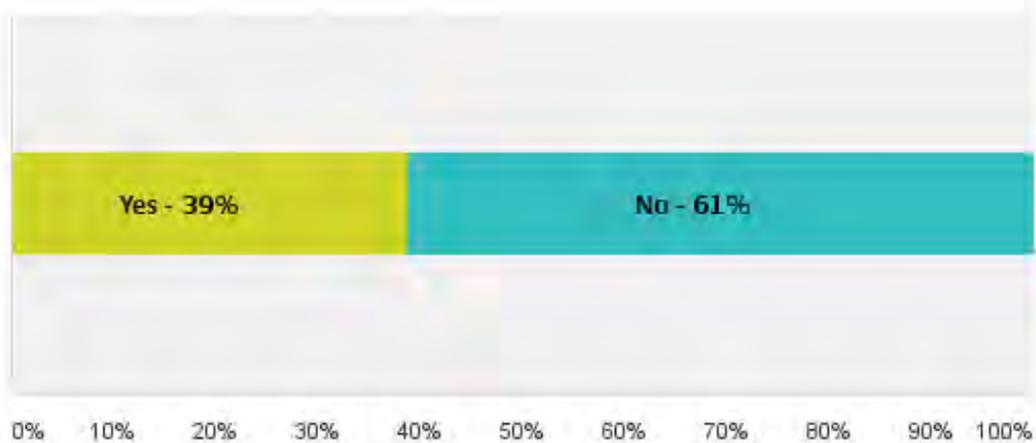
Question 11: What is your five-digit home ZIP code? (N=195)



Question 12: Do you own or rent your home? (N=203)



Question 13: Do you live in a household with children (younger than 18 years old)? (N=201)



Stations

Note: These findings also incorporate comments submitted online, where appropriate.

Station 1: Introduction to the Planning Process

Draft Project Goals

Activity: Are there any additional goals for the Riverfront Park that should be considered? If so, write these on a sticky and add to the Draft Project Goals list. [Note that some people also placed green dots next to certain goals.]

1. Develop a concept level design plan for the Riverfront Park that reflects the aspirations of the city's citizens and leaders.
2. Include broad-based community input in the development of a park program and plan for the riverfront site.
3. Develop a plan that will become an integral part of Fredericksburg's Downtown, and will expand downtown attractions to the riverfront. (6 green dots)
4. Create an open space amenity that will serve both the citizens of Fredericksburg and visitors to the City. (2)
5. Develop a plan that respects and acknowledges the historic context in which it is located. (3)
6. Maximize the opportunities presented to develop a park that respects, and works with, the site's environmental characteristics while, at the same time, connecting people to the river. (2)
7. Encourage people to walk downtown and provide linkages to nearby trails and pedestrian paths. (13)
8. Create a destination to GO TO along Fredericksburg's downtown riverfront! (5)

Additional goals and comments:

- Create something that is a destination to attract both resident and others
- Add public art goal
- Balance use/design for residents and visitors/tourists
- Walkway to Fall Hill and City Dock above River
- Draw people downtown via the mall
- Celebrate Virginia

Key Programmatic Ideas

Activity: Place a dot next to the ideas that you like and write your ideas on a sticky note.

| ELEMENT | # of DOTS |
|--|-----------|
| STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES | |
| Structure/overlook for accessing and viewing the water | 4 |
| Gazebo/pavilion (open/transparent) | 0 |
| Floating dock | 4 |
| Public restrooms / first aid stations | 7 |
| Storage facilities | 0 |
| Vending/concessions areas | 0 |
| Outdoor café | 0 |
| Coffee kiosk | 0 |
| Parking | 7 |
| No Parking Lot | 8 |
| FURNISHINGS | |
| Seating areas | 8 |
| Tables / picnic facilities | 1 |
| Trash and recycling receptacles | 6 |
| Drinking fountains | 2 |
| Fences | 0 |
| RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES | |
| Dog park / dog area | 0 |
| Fishing | 4 |
| Water access for boating | 7 |
| Fitness equipment | 0 |
| Bocce courts | 1 |
| Biking facilities | 3 |
| Skating/hockey rink | 0 |
| Chess | 2 |
| "No playgrounds" | 0 |
| Winter uses | 2 |
| EVENT SPACES | |
| Amphitheater | 12 |
| Stage (floating dock, flexible design, good acoustics) | 2 |
| Spaces for simultaneous events | 0 |
| Spaces for tents | 1 |

| ELEMENT | # of DOTS |
|---|-----------|
| LIGHTING | |
| Pedestrian lighting for safety | 5 |
| All-night lighting | 2 |
| Blue security lights | 1 |
| Solar lighting | 0 |
| Ability to control lighting | 0 |
| SIGNAGE AND INTERPRETIVE ELEMENTS | |
| Signage for visibility | 0 |
| Interpretive displays | 2 |
| Murals to tell history | 2 |
| Interactive interp. Kids activities | 2 |
| Parking | 1 |
| PUBLIC ART | |
| Rotating exhibits | 1 |
| Art that is useable, purposeful, interactive, climbable | 8 |
| Living art | 5 |
| Sculptures | 3 |
| OTHER PARK FEATURES | |
| Water feature / fountain | 4 |
| Shade (trees, shade structures) | 12 |
| Places to access/touch the water | 0 |
| Utilities available in the right places | 0 |
| Sponsorship opportunities | 0 |
| Food trucks | 8 |
| Flagpole | 2 |

COMMENTS

- Avoid exotic plants; keep natives in mind.
- WiFi hotspot
- Show historic flood marks/dates with a pole/obelisk
- Connect to East Cost Greenway
- Island access (future park extension) 1 dot
- Festivals/events- e.g., art shows, wine expos
- Avoid light pollution
- Finish the amphitheater
- An open-air ice rink can become a fountain or mixed-use area during the warm seasons

Station 2: Current Site Conditions

Existing Conditions Maps

Activity: Have we left out anything? If so, please add a sticky to the appropriate map.

Comments:

- Add Rocky Lane (historic route) to map
- Existing park at William St/Sophia St should connect to the Riverfront Park



Station 3: Issues and Site Analyses – Inform the Design

Key Issues List

Activity: Are there additional issues? If so, please add them to the list.

PARKING: Should it be provided at the park?

- *Yes (7 dot votes or comments in agreement)*
 - Expand parking garage
 - One row along Sophia St.
- *No (6)*
 - Nearby, but not at the park
 - Use all land for grass and people use
 - There are other places for parking; there is only one river

MASONIC LODGE: Retain or remove?

- *Remove (3)*
 - Move it
 - Remove it and make restrooms underground with useable space above
- *Retain (2)*

AMPHITHEATER: Should there be one?

- *No (3)*
 - Poor use of land
 - Market Square already acts this way
- *Yes (2)*
- *Other comments*
 - The amphitheater is underutilized
 - It's not really an amphitheater – too flat

ENVIRONMENTAL / SOIL CONSIDERATIONS: What is / is not possible here?

- The riverfront from US 1 east is silty, and in very poor natural condition. Should have an environmentally-friendly installation. Access (floating or construction) will require a costly and controversial 404 permit. The city has City Dock; connect the park and the Dock area.
- Understand local wildlife – we have it all! Habitat consideration and avoidance as appropriate.
- Suggestion for cherry trees.
- In July and August, the river level is very low and a noticeable odor appears. This may affect/limit public usage.
- Consider the possibility of flooding.

ARCHAEOLOGY: What is the appropriate way to protect these resources?

- Interpret them for everyone to learn about
- Plan for interpretive space for the inevitable archeological finds
- Work and partner with the museum and HFFI

MAINTENANCE: Cost and responsibility?

- Low maintenance
- Keep concept simple and easy to maintain
- Install doggie clean-up stations with receptacles/bags

SHORELINE VEGETATION: What is appropriate?

- “River friendly park” – restore native plants (trees and bushes) on river side of park to stabilize the shoreline and give natural beauty
- Native species
- Fungi
- Living shoreline with a floating dock

WATER ACCESS: Should park users be able to access and/or touch the water?

- *No (4)*
 - Water view is important, but not necessarily water access - maybe a board walk
 - Dangerous and destructive of the bank and river. There is access very nearby at the boat dock, which is convenient and safe
- *Yes (4)*

EVENTS: Should the park be a venue for events?

- *Yes (10)*
 - Lots of events at the park
 - Park should be available and have open capacity
 - Events should be planned to be small enough that it does not overwhelm parking and downtown traffic
 - Permit; considerations to be made when park completed

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS & IDEAS

Connections

- Marked “gates” or gateway to and from the park to Caroline St., with unique pavements
- Path to Rocky Lane and Dixon Park
- Attractive walk from the park to the boat dock so people who want water access know where to go safely and easily.
- Connect walking and bike trails (3)

- Old stone warehouse connection (1)
- Like Scotts Island connection
 - Scotts Island - Pontoon bridge (flexible); Garden with regional plants
- Make it attractive to bike or walk to the park

Views

- Clean up all river views
- No more high-rises to obstruct views (2)

Other

- River level totem marking elevations of different events
- Programming
- Verify whether Rappahannock to Mayfield-Ferry Farm Bridge is a State Scenic River
- Bathrooms (6)
 - Add between parking lots west of park site
- Park should help to answer the following question: “What is our role in this region?”
- Keep it simple, with emphasis on landscaping consistent with environmental requirements.

Site Analysis Maps

Activity: Add other factors to be considered to the maps as needed.

Comments

- The amphitheater fills in 5’ twice per year

Station 4: What Kind of Park Would You Like Here?

Park Themes and Precedents

Activity: Place a green dot next to the themes and precedents that you like and would like the team to explore further.

All dot voting results are provided in the following pages. Images receiving votes are color coded based on whether the image received relatively more (green) or fewer (yellow) votes.





Falls Park_Greenville SC

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Teardrop Park_New York NY



Commons Park_Denver CO



Drake Park_Bend OR



Brooklyn Bridge Park_New York NY



Georgetown Waterfront Park_Washington DC



Gwanggyo Lakeside Park_South Korea_Concept Image_WRT



Ljubljana Riverfront_Ljubljana Slovenia



Ljubljana Riverfront_Ljubljana Slovenia



Sammamish River_Redmond WA



The Yards Park_Washington DC

Fredericksburg Riverfront Park Park Themes Environmental_Natural

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Palmisano Park_Chicago IL



Olympic Gardens_London UK



Ljubljana Riverfront_Ljubljana Slovenia



Richmond Riverfront_Concept Image_Hargreaves Associates



Richmond Riverfront_Concept Image_Hargreaves Associates



Principal Riverwalk_Des Moines IA_Concept Image_WRT



Richmond Riverfront_Concept Image_Hargreaves Associates



Simcoe Wave Deck_Toronto ON



Pack Square Park_Ashville NC

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Simon and Helen Director Park_Portland OR



Market Square Park_Houston TX



Old Town Farmers Market_Alexandria VA



Town Point Park_Norfolk VA



Caras Park_Missoula MT

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Waterfront Park_Chattanooga TN



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Waterfront Park_Chattanooga TN



Toronto Music Garden_Toronto ON



Toronto Music Garden_Toronto ON



Outdoor Concert_Waterfront_Alexandria VA



Toronto Music Garden_Toronto ON



Berkley Riverfront Park_Kansas City MO



Shade Structures



Open Air Movies

Fredericksburg Riverfront Park Park Themes Events_Cultural_Arts

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Cumberland Park_Nashville TN



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Cumberland Park_Nashville TN



Cumberland Park_Nashville TN



Coolidge Park_Chattanooga TN



The Ice Rink_Canal Park_Washington DC



The Ice Rink_Canal Park_Washington DC

Fredericksburg Riverfront Park Park Themes Family_Recreation

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Georgetown Waterfront Park_Washington DC



Gas Works Park_Seattle WA



Teardrop Park_New York NY



Teardrop Park_New York NY



The Dell At The University Of Virginia_Charlottesville VA



Teardrop Park_New York NY



Maritime Park_South Boston MA



The Dell At The University Of Virginia_Charlottesville VA



Gas Works Park_Seattle WA

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Toronto Music Garden_Toronto ON



Waterfront Park_Charleston SC



Georgetown Waterfront Park_Washington DC



Waterfront Park_Charleston SC



Forest Park_St Louis MO



Toronto Music Garden_Toronto ON



Georgetown Waterfront Park_Washington DC



Toronto Music Garden_Toronto ON

Fredericksburg Riverfront Park Park Themes Landscape_Garden

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The Dell At The University Of Virginia_Charlottesville VA



The Dell At The University Of Virginia_Charlottesville VA



Regents Park_London UK



Scampston Walled Garden_North Yorkshire UK



Scampston Walled Garden_North Yorkshire UK



Riverfront Park_Lynchburg VA



Toronto Music Garden_Toronto ON



Toronto Music Garden_Toronto ON

Fredericksburg Riverfront Park Park Themes Landscape_Garden

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Fort Pitt State Park_Pittsburgh PA



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Fort Montgomery State Historical Park_NY



Cumberland Park_Nashville TN



Coolidge Park_Chattanooga TN

Fredericksburg Riverfront Park Park Themes Historic Interpretive

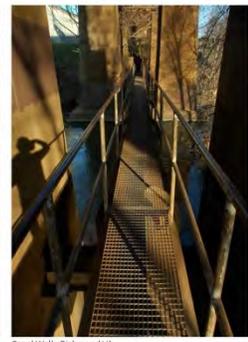
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Georgetown Waterfront Park_Washington DC



National Aquarium_Baltimore MD



Canal Walk_Richmond VA



Historic Interpretation



Canal Walk_Richmond VA



Canal Walk_Richmond VA



Minute Man National Historic Park_Lincoln MA



Canal Walk_Richmond VA



Volunteering_Gettysburg PA



Fort Pitt State Park_Pittsburgh PA

Fredericksburg Riverfront Park Park Themes Historic Interpretive

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“My Vision for This Park Is”...

Activity: Using a blank site plan of the park, draw/write your vision and place it here.

Below are written comments from completed visions. Where noted, some visions also included drawings, which are included as an appendix.

| Map # | Suggestions | Drawing? |
|-------|---|----------|
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gateway to and from the park with unique pavement, arch, signage. • Caroline Street – Must be drawing people both to and from the park. | Yes |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain existing shade trees • Add vegetation along river bank that would prevent erosion. • Add more plants to existing grassy areas. • Convert existing gravel parking lot into dog park. • Keep Masonic Lodge for restrooms, small meeting space rental, first aid location, interpretive center. • Maintain existing parking lot • Continue existing canal path | Yes |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event stage with amphitheater seating. • Masonic Lodge used as centerpiece for shade structure (awnings all around). • Small parking area with wall separating parking from park. | Yes |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water feature and tribute to city’s historic (Civil War) past. • Bathrooms • Area for bicycle parking • Picnic area/ playgrounds • No dog park • I have concerns about homeless population. • Observation deck | Yes |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of Fredericksburg as sea port • What would George Washington see - masts | Yes |
| 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like simple landscaping for all seasons. • Take brick off of Lodge – repurpose as park bathrooms, with deck to view river ice cream/ coffee shop – don’t destroy lodge. • Include passive/ environmentally friendly historic markers or some type of memorial for African Americans who lived and worked in this spot. • Eco-friendly lighting • If possible, remove parking • Amphitheater for outdoor plays/concerts but with steps and walls that could be used for viewing river and possibly rock climbing. • Connect paths to Heritage Trail – Use environmentally friendly pavers filled with low growing plants. • No dog park this close to water • Move parking away from river | Yes |

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| 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River walk – Closer to water • High overlook • Bridge to Scotts Island • Ramp to low, floating, dock, canoe and shell compatible. • Masonic Lodge unwrapped or demolished unless function found. • Waterfall • Water park ala Fairfax County south. | Yes |
| 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat the river edge in the 100 year flood plan soft with native plantings. • Have a walkway parallel to the river at the edge of the 100 year line with a railing. • Have a “peace” grove with soft pathways, sycamores, and cherry trees, and a variety of seating clusters. There currently is nowhere in downtown where people can take a break and relax. | Yes |
| 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local art in the park. • No parking within the park. • Masonic Lodge is not historically significant enough to preserve. • Physical access to the water. • Interesting plantings and cherry trees. • Facilities for multiple uses/activities. | No |
| 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I’m interested in a “natural” setting; everywhere along the river. • No parking • Curved lines near walkways – no “straight” lines, use eco pavers when possible. • Remove building – underground bathrooms. • “Eco pavers” to secure shorelines, using native trees, plants. • Water access everywhere connect walking/bike trails as much as possible along river. | No |
| 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No parking in park. • Drop-off on street. • Do not need to keep Masonic Lodge, unless completely restored. | Yes/ No |
| 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If saved, restore and adapt the Masonic Lodge, removing the brick for bathrooms, kitchen and storage. • Preserve foundational remains. • Move the amphitheater away from the water. Put it closer to Sophia Street and perpendicular to Sophia Street so it is better integrated with the space where large public events and festivals will be held. This will also minimize its vulnerability to flooding. If you keep it facing the water, you’ll need a shell that will block the view of the river. | Yes |
| 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please include location specialness. Last section of State Scenic River designation of the Rappahannock. Goes to Mayfield – Ferry Farm Bridge | No |
| 14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From a walkway at the edge of the 100 year flood plain, have a ramp that goes down to a floating dock that allows people to get close to the water and enjoy the views up and down the river. • The dock will allow people in canoes, kayaks, and small boasts to access the park from the water and allow fishing. • This approach will keep people off the riverbank and help prevent erosion. | Yes |

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| 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An anchor for downtown – having the ability to bring people downtown all year long and lots of people. • Telling the history – this project has the ability to tell the entire history and importance of the river. • Breaking ground – breaking ground architecturally and environmentally setting a high standard. | Yes |
| 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Path through park, connecting with the bike path and canal path. • Remove Lodge and put in a dog park. • Dock. • Cement seating/benches. | Yes |
| 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kayak moorings • Stage (able to be seen from water) • Bike racks • Space for blankets and folding chairs around the amphitheater • Recreation field? | Yes |
| 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shade trees • Educational markets • Flower garden • Walking trail | Yes |
| 20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An outdoor exhibit that captures the history of Civil Rights – Jewish, Black, NVSS, LGBTQ. • Static displays for traveling exhibits or art collections. | Yes |
| 21 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden. • Amphitheater. • Hard surface at center, with grass on sides. • Entrance signs. | Yes |
| 22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking abutting Sophia Street to provide a buffer from street noise for the park. | Yes |
| 23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pier with Boat/Kayak space. • Large open area. Good for sports. • Water Feature/play fountain somewhere. • Amphitheater not necessary if concert/event venue available elsewhere. | Yes |
| 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'd like to see an educational facility where local students of all ages can learn about the river and its role in the development of the city. • There seems to be a strong influence in this area of the black community. I would like to see history of this area and the black community a focus in the park. • We see the “rear” of many, many buildings. We need to consider how to make this park not to be “behind” the main part of Fredericksburg and more incorporated into the mail of downtown. | No |
| 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking on edge, abutting Sophia and Hanover. • Connectivity – Trails, Paths, Old Stone Warehouse, City Dock, Rocky Lane, Dixon Park, Stafford side, viewshed. • Natural | Yes |



APPENDIX

Riverfront Park Visions from Open House Participants

Open House #1
March 8, 2014

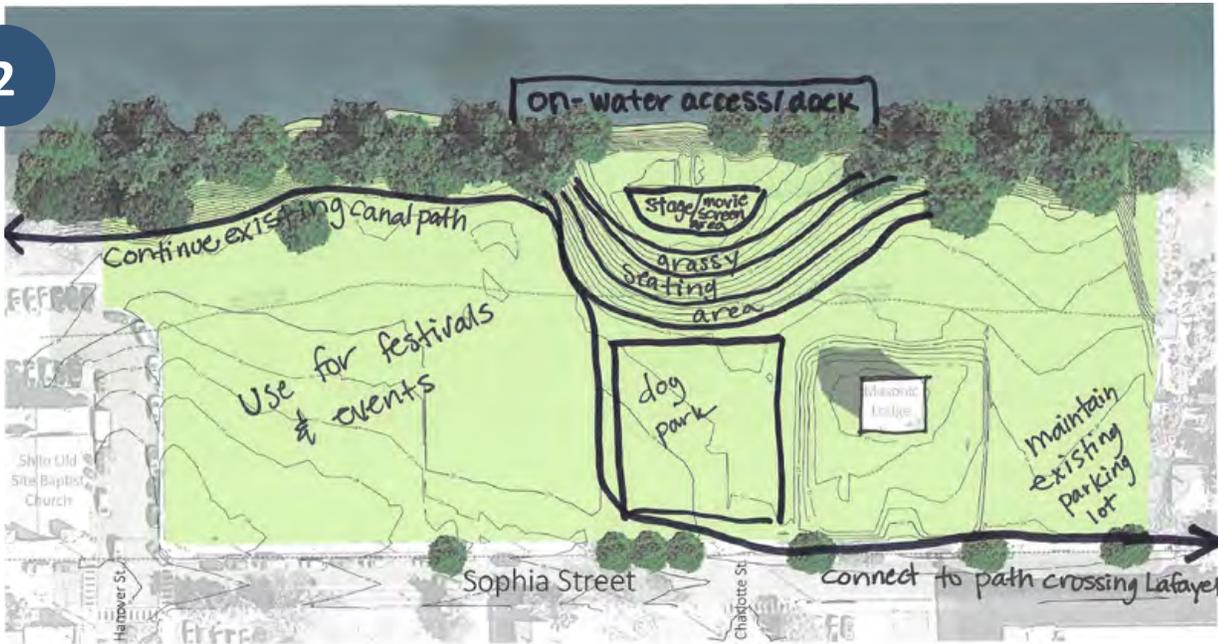
APPENDIX: COMPLETED VISION EXHIBITS

1



Gate way "to" & "from" Caroline Street - Must be clearly drawing people both ways -

2



Maintain existing shade trees
 - Add vegetation along riverbank that would prevent erosion
 - Add more plants to existing grassy areas.

Convert existing gravel parking lot into dog park

Keep Masonic Lodge for:
 - restrooms
 - small meeting space/ren
 - first aid location
 - ~~interpretive center~~
 - Interpretive center?

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3



Event stage w/ amphitheater seating

Masonic lodge used as centerpiece for shade structure (awnings all around)

Small parking area w/ wall separating parking from park

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WATER FEATURE
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Bathrooms!
 - AREA FOR BICYCLE PARKING

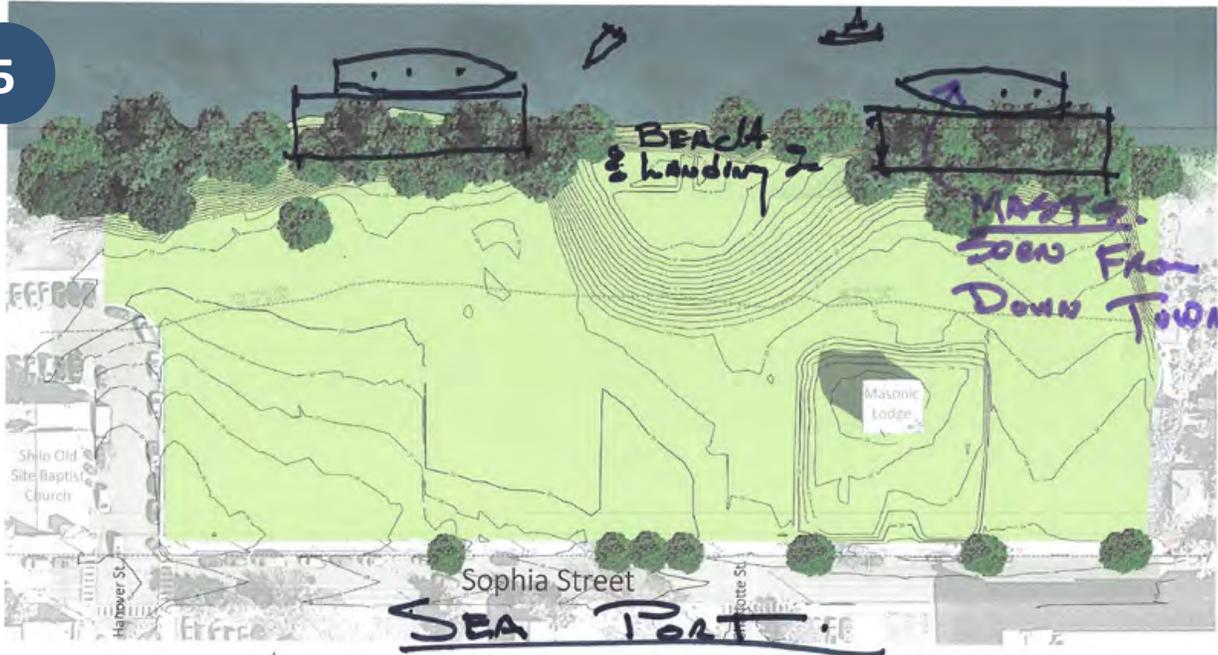
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- History of Fredericksburg AS Sea port
- What would George Washington See. MASTS



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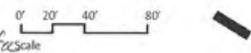
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- * would like simply landscaping w/ colors for all seasons
- * Take brick off of lodge - re-purpose as park bathrooms w/ deck to view river ice cream/cottages shop
- Don't destroy lodge
- * include passive/envl friendly historic markers or some type of memorial for african am who lived here in this area
- * eco-friendly lighting
- * if possible remove parking
- * amp, theater for outdoor plays/concerts but w/ steps and walk that could be used for viewing RIVER & possibly climbing

close to water.
* move parking away from river



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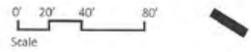
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- A RIVER WALK - CLOSE TO WATER
- B HIGH OVERLOOK
- C BRIDGE TO SCOTT'S ISL.
- D RAMP TO LOW FLOATING DOCK CANOE + SKIFF COMPATIBLE
- E MASONIC LOG UNWRAPPED OR DEMO'S UNLESS FUNCTION FOUR
- F WATER FALL
- W WATER PARK AKA FAIRFAX COGNAC SOUTH



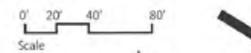
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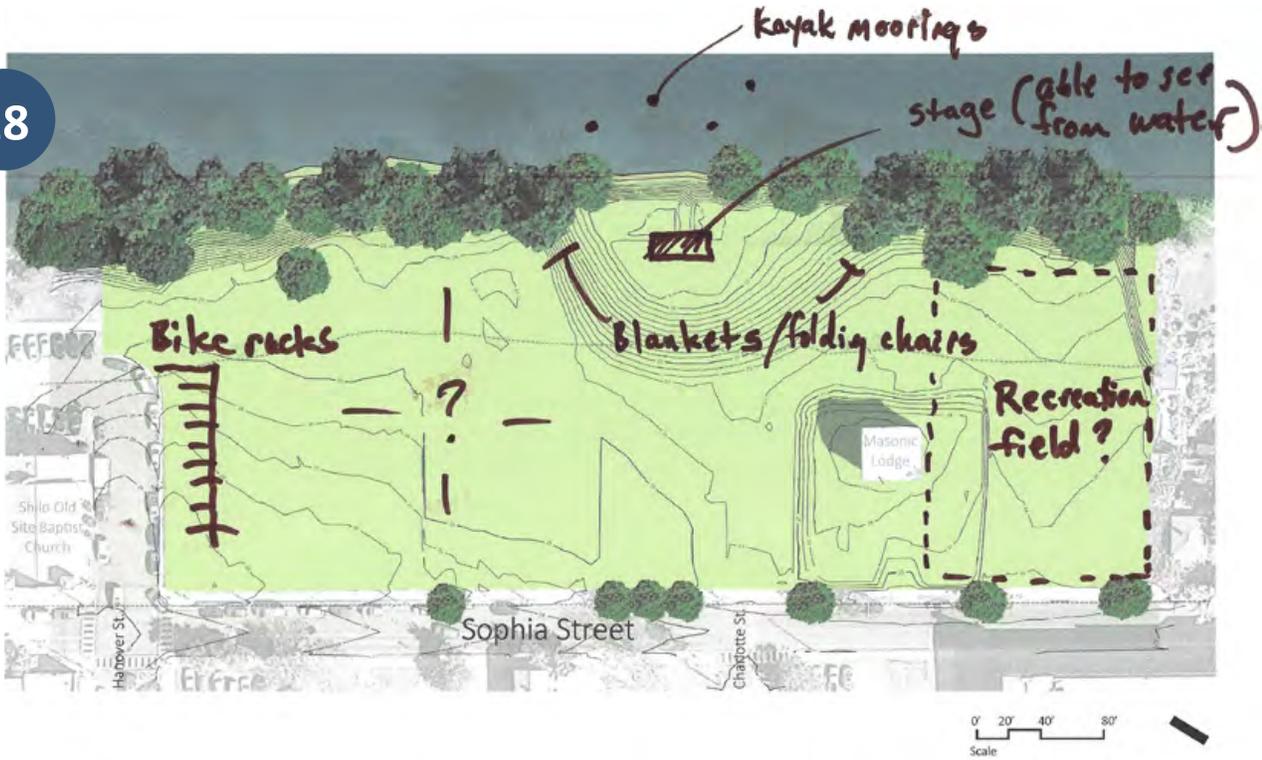
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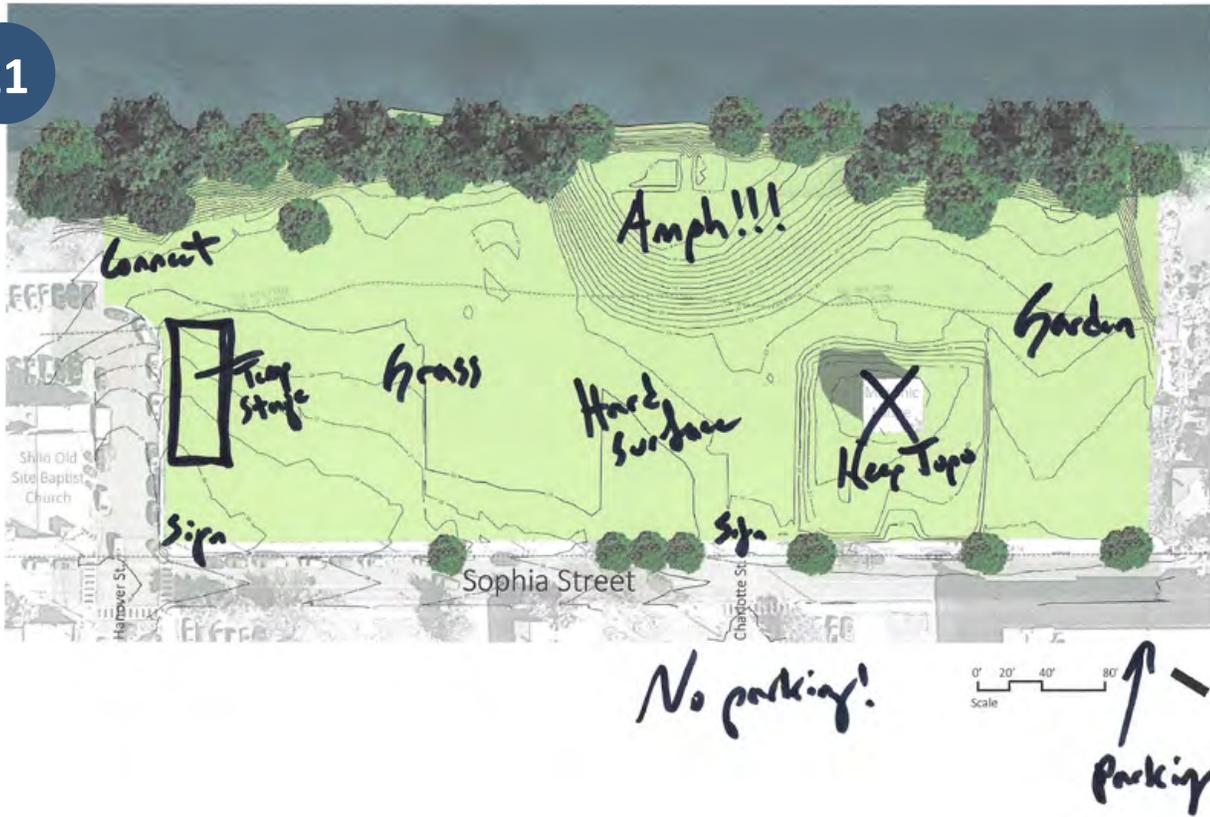


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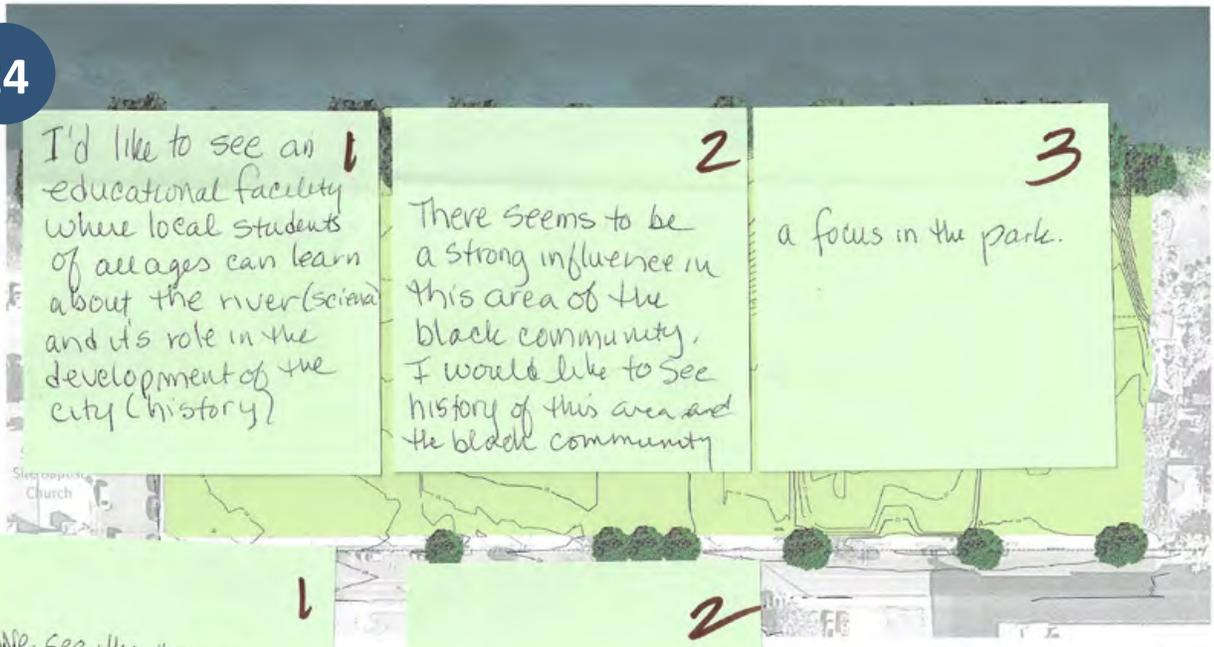
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- PARKING
- CONNECTIVITY
 - TRAILS, PATHS
 - OLD STONE WAREHOUSE
 - CITY DOCK, RULY LANE, DIXON PARK
 - STAFFORD SIDE / VIEW SWED
- NATURAL

Fredericksburg Riverfront Park "My Vision" (SEE ATTACHED)