

CITY COUNCIL HEARING

JULY 5, 2022



















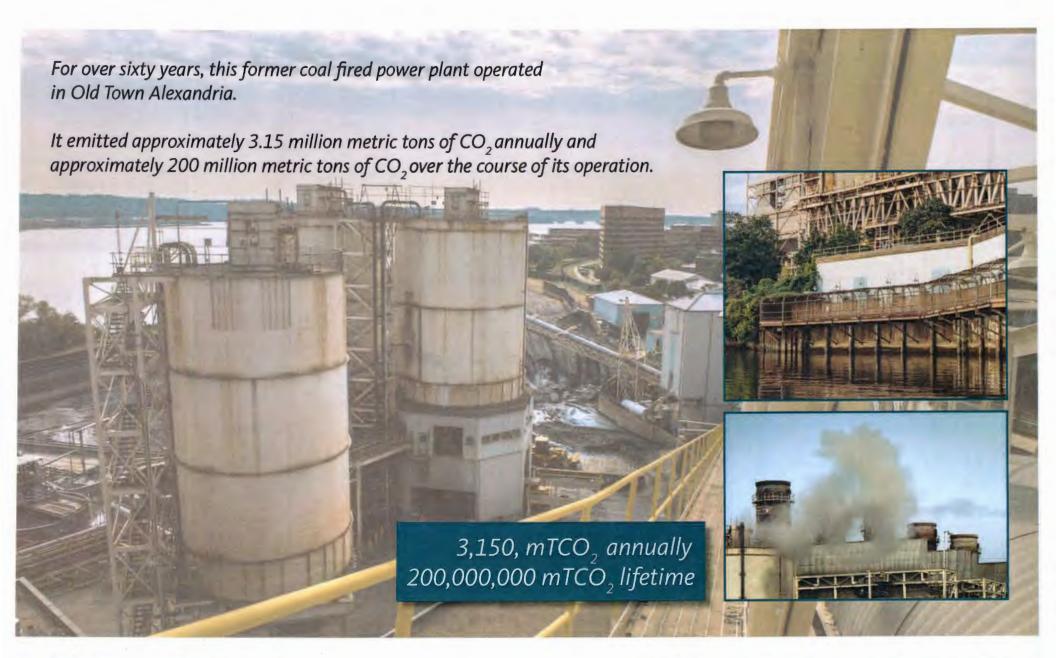




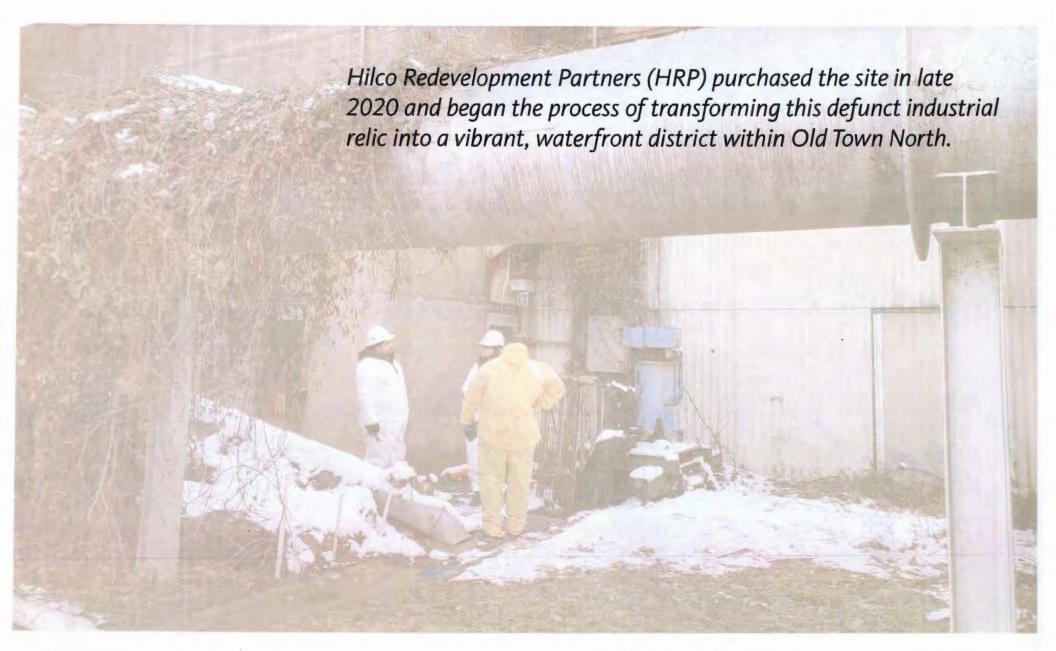


















OLD TOWN NORTH

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A ROBUST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

16 + Months of Community Engagement

45 + Engagement Events

11 Community Meetings

- Introductions
- Overview of OTNSAP
- 3 Site Tour Weekends (@1000 people)
- Site Concepts, Opportunities & Urban Design
- Open Space Planning

- Land Use, Building Heights & Affordable Housing
- Environmental & Sustainability
- Transportation
- Wrap Up Meeting

11 National Park Service Meetings

20 + Meetings with Civic Organizations, HOAs & City Agencies, including:

- North Old Town Independent Citizens' Association (NOTICe)
- Old Town North Community Partnership
- Marina Towers Board
- Harbor Terrace
- Watergate Townhouses Board
- Alexandria House

- Urban Design Advisory Committee
- Housing Affordability Advisory Committee (AHAAC)
- Transportation Commission
- Environmental Policy Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Waterfront Commission



A SHARED VISION FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PRGS

PRGS PROJECT WILL DELIVER TRANSFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS



Environmental Remediation

Abatement & deconstruction of power plant

Site remediation in coordination with Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (**VDEQ**)





Economic Benefit

+/- 1,100 construction-related jobs

+/- 2,000 permanent jobs

+/- \$35 M net taxes during development

\$12 -15 M net annual taxes at completion





Affordable Housing & Subsized Arts Uses

Affordable Housing:

- \$8-11M monetary contribution
- +/- 60 units through bonus density
 - +/- 100 units through P3

Arts:

 +/- 15,000 SF subsidized arts space through bonus density





* Early estimates of costs and values in 2021/2022 figures

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PRGS PROJECT WILL DELIVER TRANSFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS



Open Space & Activation

14.2 acres of publicly accessible open space created or improved

- Improved cyclist and pedestrian connectivity
- Active & passive open spaces
- Potential waterside dining at pump house



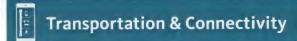


Aggressive carbon reduction targets

25% Energy savings
10% Embodied carbon reduction
3% On site renewable
Electrification

comprehensive sustainability approach: reduced energy usage, renewable energy, storm water management, & decreased reliance on vehicles





Reconnection to Old Town North

road network

Bike infrastructure connected to Mt. Vernon Trail

Woonerf provides pedestrian & cyclist priority.

Below-grade parking garage



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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS

THE FIRST STEP IN A MULTI-STEP PROCESS

CDDCoordinated Development District



MASTER PLANNING & ZONING

- · Road and block configuration
- · Open space amount and approach
- Land use, density & height maximum

Outlines community benefit framework; Carbon Neutrality Analysis

DSPDevelopment Site Plan



SITE & INFRASTRUCTURE

- · Streetscape, roadways and sidewalks
- · Utility routing and approach

Defines public infrastructure; Coordinated Sustainability Strategy

DSUPsDevelopment Special Use Permits



BUILDING FORM & ARCHITECTURE

- · Building massing and use
- · Architectural definition and character
- · Detailed open space associated with blocks

Building sustainability features



LAND USE & HEIGHT

A FLEXIBLE AND RESPONSIVE LAND USE APPROACH

- A mix of commercial and residential uses is proposed on site. Commercial uses may include office, arts, innovation, hotel & retail.
- · A modest increase in height over the OTN SAP is proposed to offset on-site easements and increase publicly accessible open space.

FLEXIBLE DISTRIBUTION OF USES ACROSS SITE



*Commercial uses can include, but are not limited, to those listed

	65,000 G5F	BLOCK B 415,000 GSF	635,000 GSF		S80,000 GSF	BLOCK F 470,000 GSF	10,000 GSF
Commercial *	4	V	V	1	1	1	1
Office	1	1	/	1	1	1	
Arts/Innovation	1	1	1	1	1	1	/
Hotel		1	1	/	1	1	
Retail	1	/	1	/	1	1	1
Residential	1	1	1	1	1	1	





AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A COMPREHENSIVE, THREE-PART STRATEGY FOR DELIVERING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

\$8 - \$11 Million in voluntary affordable housing contribution

175,000 SF of bonus density used to create approximately 58-65 on-site units at 60% AMI (Estimated cost of affordable units: \$40 million)

> 100,000 SF of bonus density used by potential Public-Private Partnership leveraging voluntary contribution with tax credits and/or City funds

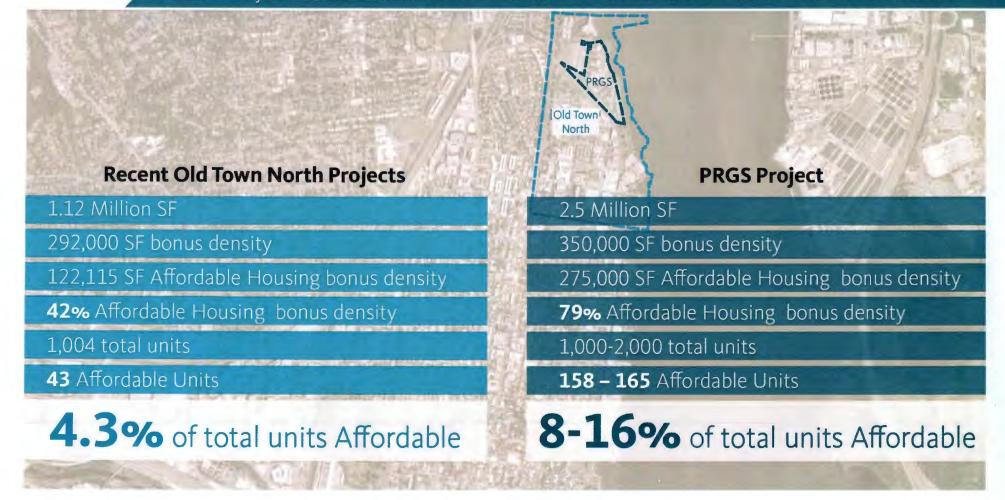




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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

PRGS PROJECT WILL EXCEED OTHER RECENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTMENTS



ARTS AND CULTURE

THE EXISTING ARTS AND CULTURE DISTRICT WILL BE EXTENDED INTO THE SITE

The Old Town North Arts District will be extended into the PRGS site

existing site elements for new, creative uses. This will include planning for arts uses and potentially re-purposing

15,000 SF of subsidized arts and cultural space throughout the CDD. 75,000 SF of the 350,000 SF Bonus density is being used to enable









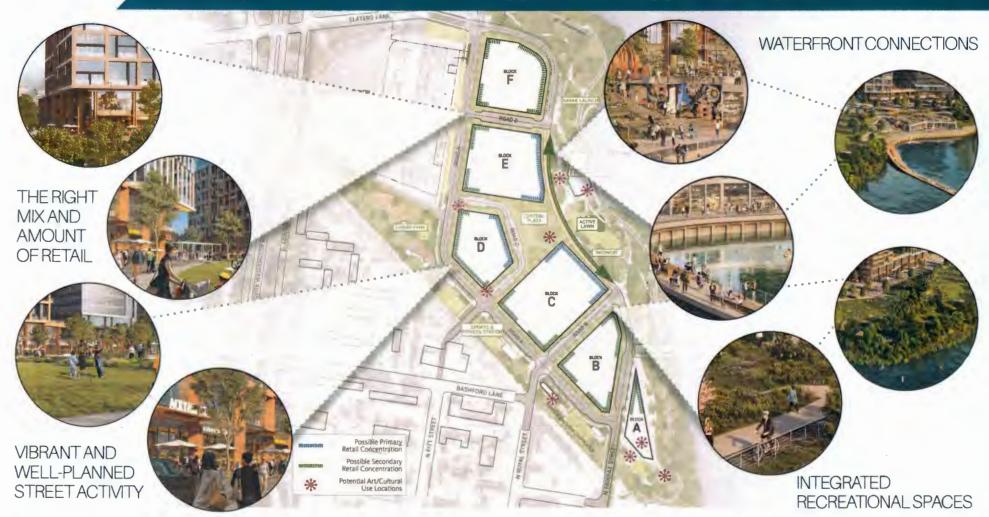






A VIBRANT & FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

EXTENDING THE OLD TOWN NORTH COMMUNITY + CONNECTING TO THE WATER



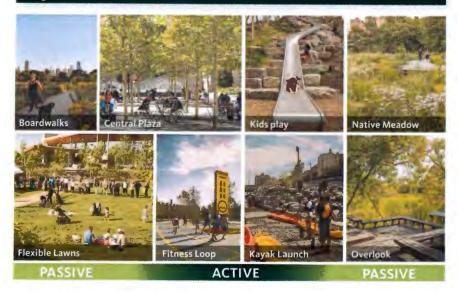
INTEGRATED OPEN SPACE NETWORK PRGS & Adjacent Properties

SUBSTANTIAL NEW OPEN SPACE NETWORK EXCEEDS OTN SAP

Total Open Space PRGS Property by OTN SAP 3.0 acres

Total Open Space PRGS Property 5.77 acres

Total Open Space within PRGS Property + Abutters: 14.2 acres







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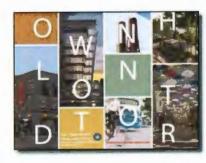
SUSTAINABILITY AND LEED FRAMEWORKS

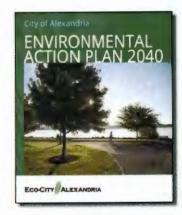
SUSTAINABILITY **FRAMEWORK**

Existing sustainability guidance for development on the PRGS site includes:

- o Old Town North Small Area Plan (2017)
- o City of Alexandria Green Building Policy (2019)
- o City of Alexandria Environmental Action Plan 2040 (2019)







LEED **FRAMEWORKS** The Old Town North Small Area Plan (OTN SAP) envisions that the PRGS site applies the green building rating system Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND). This is a plan level certification.

Each building will also be LEED Silver certified, at minimum. This is a building certification.











SUSTAINABILITY APPROACH

SIX CATEGORIES OF SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS



- OPEN SPACE STORM WATER - HABITAT & ECOSYSTEM SHADING



POTABLE REDUCTION **REUSE OPPORTUNITIES** PROCESS WATER - APPLIANCES



- INFRASTRUCTURE - ESSENTIAL SYSTEMS ADAPTABLE BUILDINGS



- RECYCLING - WASTE MANAGEMENT - INFRASTRUCTURE - OPERATION



MATERIALS - INDOOR AIR OUALITIES - COMFORT - FACILITIES



 VOLUNTARY CARBON **NEUTRALITY ANALYSIS**

TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT **IMPROVEMENTS**



Energy Use Reduction

- Double the ALX Green Building Policy targets of 14% residential and 11% commercial



10% reduced Embodied Carbon target



3% of onsite energy use will come from Onsite Renewable Energy



Electrification minimizes onsite combustion



Transportation and transit improvements



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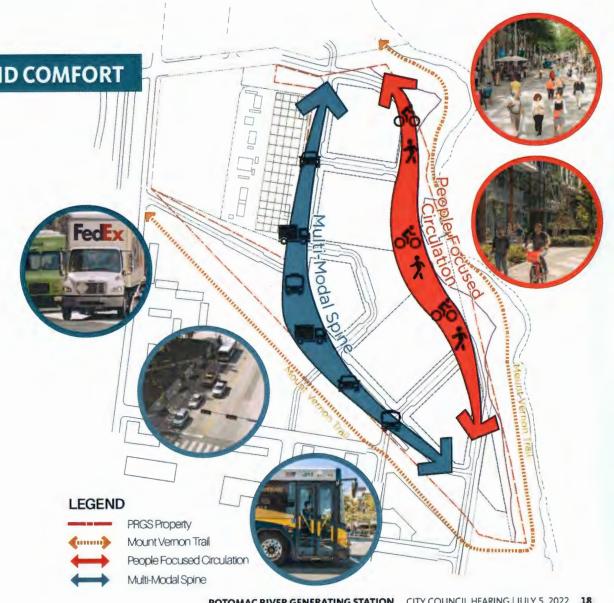
ENERGY REDUCTION TARGETS Typical LEED BD+C Silver 12% 9% Typical LEED ND Silver 5% 2% Site Alexandria Green 14% 11% **Building Policy** POTOMAC RIVER 25% 25% **GENERATING STATION**

* Percentages measured BETTER than ASHRAE 90.1-2010

OVERVIEW

SEPARATING FLOWS FOR SAFETY AND COMFORT

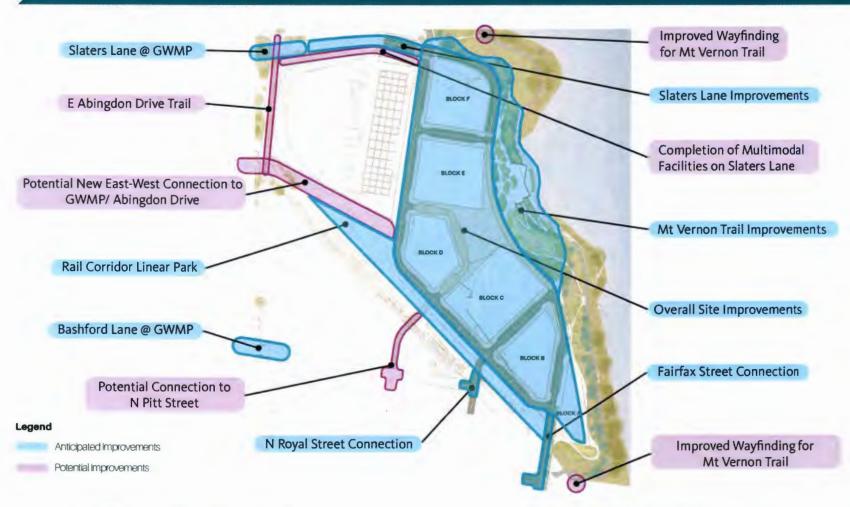
- · Separate flows of cars/trucks/buses and pedestrians/cyclists for safety and comfort
- · A multimodal "spine" street along the west is used for vehicles and buses
- · A people-focused street along the water facilitates pedestrian and bicycle movement, and allows for vehicle movement
- · Geometry of road network discourages cut through traffic
- Provision of DASH transit route and facilities (2 bus stops in either direction) through the site and continued coordination with City and DASH to improve frequency of planned service.





TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPPORT MOVEMENT IN AND THROUGH SITE



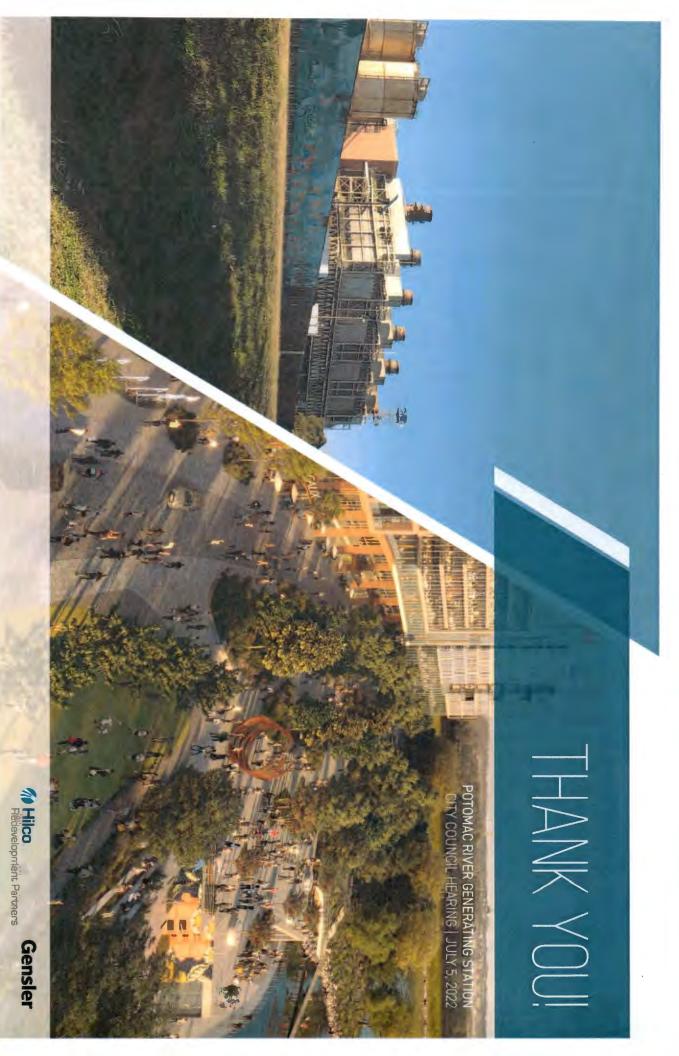




COMPREHENSIVE TRANSFORMATION OF PRGS SITE

TRANSFORMING A BLIGHTED SITE... TO GO ABOVE & BEYOND POLICY REQUIREMENTS ON:





PRIOR TO DECONSTRUCTION START

- · HRP will hold public informational meetings in advance of deconstruction start.
- · Planning for deconstruction includes the following:
 - o Construction Management Plan (CMP) will be coordinated per the City's requirements.
 - o Rodent Control Plan will be established and include regular site inspections.
 - o Noise and Vibration Control Plans will include on-site monitoring.
 - o Dust Monitoring Plan will be established.
 - o Worker Parking Plan will be established.
 - o Existing Conditions Survey for immediately adjacent abutting properties.



VRP AREAS OF INTEREST

- Known Petroleum Release Area (light green)
- Former Chemical Storage and Use Areas (blue)
- Former Power Plant Buildings (orange)
- Drain Lines and Outfalls (yellow)
- Former Coal and Ash Storage Areas (dark green)
- Transformers and Electrical Equipment (red)
- Rail Yard (brown)



VRP NEXT STEPS

- Results from the Fall 2021 sampling were documented in a Preliminary Site Characterization Report, which was submitted to VDEQ in April
- Additional sampling will be conducted in currently inaccessible areas (beneath buildings, near active utilities) and documented in a Site Characterization Report
- After additional sampling is complete, locations where concentrations exceed VDEQ Screening Levels will be evaluated in a Human Health Risk Assessment
- Results of the Human Health Risk Assessment will be used to identify areas where remediation is warranted
- · Remedial actions will be selected, designed, and implemented in coordination with deconstruction and redevelopment



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT + OUTREACH

- February 11 Community Meeting #1
- April 28 National Park Service Kickoff Meeting
- April 29 Community Meeting #2
- June 4 & 5 Public Site Tours/ Community Meeting #3
- June 29 National Park Service Meeting
- July 30 CDD-1 Submission
- September 9 National Park Service Meeting
- September 29 Community Meeting #4
- September 30 Taste of Old Town/ NOTICe Tours
- October 21 National Park Service Meeting
- October 29 Marina Towers Property Visit
- November 08 NOTICe Meeting
- November 08 Affordable Housing Kickoff Meeting
- November 10 National Park Service Meeting
- November 13 Community Site Tour/ Community Meeting #5
- November 15 Marina Towers Board Meeting

- November 18 National Park Service Meeting
- November 29 Community Meeting #6
- December 8 CDD-2 Submission
- January 13 National Park Service Meeting
- January 20 Parks & Recreation Meeting
- January 27 Community Meeting #7
- February 1 Planning Commission Work Session
- February 17 National Park Service Meeting
- February 22 City Council Work Session
- February 24 Community Meeting #8
- February 28 CDD Completeness Submission
- March 9 UDAC Meeting
- March 14 NOTICe Meeting
- March 15 Old Town North Alliance Board
- March 16 Transportation Commission Meeting
- March 17 National Park Service Meeting
- March 21 Old Town North Community Partnership Meeting
- March 23 Alexandria House Board Meeting

- March 29- Marina Towers Resident Meeting
- March 31 Community Meeting #9
- April 4 Watergate Townhouses Board Meeting
- April 7 Second CDD Completeness Submission
- April 18 EPC (Environmental Policy Commission)
- April 19 Waterfront Commission
- April 21 National Park Service Meeting
- May 11 UDAC Meeting
- May 11- AHAAC (Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Commission)
- May 12 Community Meeting #10
- May 19 National Park Service Meeting
- June 10 & 11 Site Tours
- June 20 Harbor Terrace Meeting
- June 23 & July 5 Planning Commission and City Council Public Hearings *

Key

* Future Engagements (in italics) CDD Submissions (in blue) **Engagements in the next month**

≫STEPS FORWARD SCHEDULE & PROCESS **PAST MEETING TOPICS** - ENVIRONMENTAL & - SITE TOURS - INTRODUCTIONS SUSTAINABILITY - OVERVIEW OF OTNSAP - OPEN SPACE PLANNING - TRANSPORTATION - LAND USE, BUILDING HEIGHTS & AFFORDABLE HOUSING - SITE CONCEPTS, OPPORTUNITIES & **URBAN DESIGN** PRE-FILING COORDINATION WITH CITY STAFF STUDY IDENTIFICATION SITE AND UTILITY SURVEYS

WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY

SUPPORT FOR CARBON FOOTPRINT REDUCTION AND **ENVIRONMENTALLY** SUSTAINABLE MEASURES

DESIRE FOR MIX OF RETAIL. CULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL, AND COMMERCIAL SPACE TO CREATE A WALKABLE COMMUNITY

CONNECT TO THE IMMEDIATE OLD TOWN NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES. AND ORGANIZATIONS

> SUPPORT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

EXCITEMENT FOR NEW OPEN SPACE AND PASSIVE AND ACTIVE RECREATIONAL **OPPORTUNITIES**

> REQUESTS FOR ARTS AND **INNOVATION SPACE**

OVER 40 ENGAGEMENT EVENTS IN 16 MONTHS

DESIRE FOR BETTER WATERFRONT ACCESS AND **OPPORTUNITIES FOR** WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES

> SEPARATION OF VEHICULAR, CYCLIST, AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC IS KEY

EMBRACE THE WOONERF, OR "LIVING STREET" CONCEPT

SUPPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL **REMEDIATION AND** TRANSFORMATION OF THE SITE

THOUGHTFUL APPROACHES TO CYCLING AND TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CONNECTS TO EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

1 INTEGRATE THE SITE Site Access: Roadway Connections

Site Access

- · Three site access points are proposed.
- North Royal and North Fairfax Street connections are planned at the southern side of the site.
 These will require an easement over the Norfolk Southern property or other arrangements with NSP.
- One connection off of Slaters Lane is proposed at the north side of the site.
- These connections are consistent with the Old Town North Small Area Plan.

Future Access

- Two additional potential future connections may be possible. These will require cooperation with abutting property owners.
- To the west, a connection to the GW Parkway via East Abingdon Street may be possible.
- An additional southern connection at North Pitt Street may be possible.



2 CONNECT PEOPLE TO THE WATERFRONT Optimize Waterfront Views and Access

- · Optimize views by shortening distance
- Turn peoples' views toward the waterfront
- · Shorten physical and visual distance

HOW CLOSE DO YOU NEED TO BE TO SEE THE WATERFRONT? WISCONSIN AVENUE IN GEORGETOWN

1300'

1000'

700'









3 PROVIDE MEANINGFUL OPEN SPACE On-site & Adjacent Open Space

Open Space on PRGS Property

Waterfront Park:

3 acres

· Linear Park:

1.67 acres

· Central Plaza

0.7 acres

Pepco Liner:

0.4 acres

Total: Approximately 5.77 acres

Open Space on Adjacent Property

National Park Service: 5.3 acres

· Norfolk Southern Land: 3.1 acres

Total: Approximately 8.4 acres

Total Combined Open Space: Approximately 14.2 acres



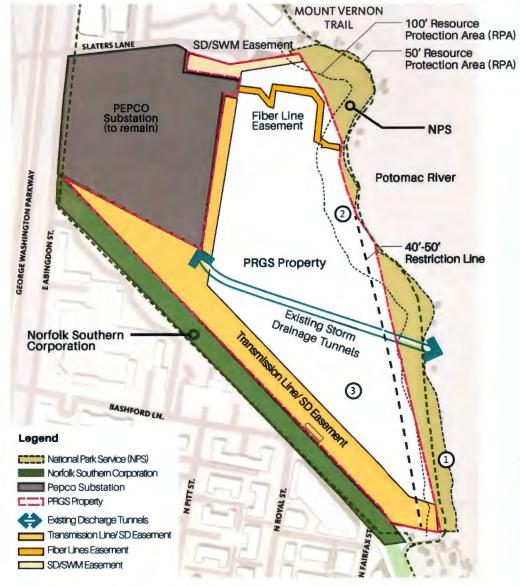




SITE CONTEXT + CONSTRAINTS Existing Easements & Setbacks

- Overall site is 18.8 acres
- · Only 11.9 acres is available for building development (excluding easements and setback zones)
- Only 7-8 acres (approximately 40%) is available for actual building construction once roads, sidewalks and open space are factored in





EASEMENT AREAS PROPOSED PLAN

- · The portion of the easement area shown in orange was unknown at the time the Old Town North Small Area Plan was completed. The Small Area Plan assumed buildings could be located in those areas
- The current proposed plan does not show any building development in those easement areas
- · The easement area could house at least 350,000 sf of development, if it were buildable.

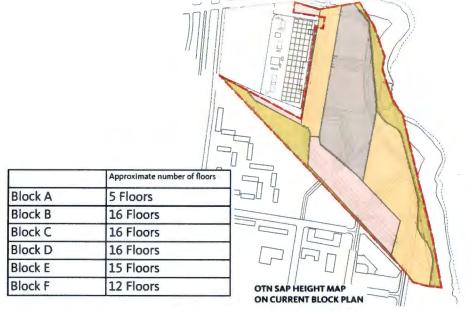


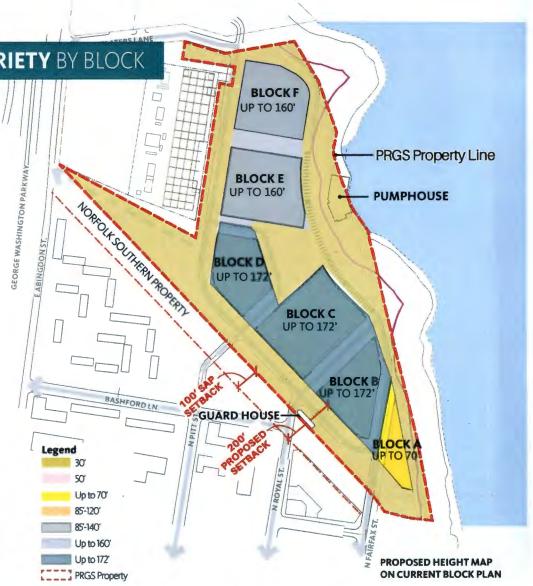
PROPOSED HEIGHTS

INCREASED SETBACKS AND HEIGHT **VARIETY** BY BLOCK

 Each block will have a variety of heights up to the maximum shown. Specific building heights will be determined in the DSUP phase.

- Proposed heights are a modest change to OTN SAP heights.
- Increases the distance between existing adjacent buildings and new buildings on the PRGS site to 200'.





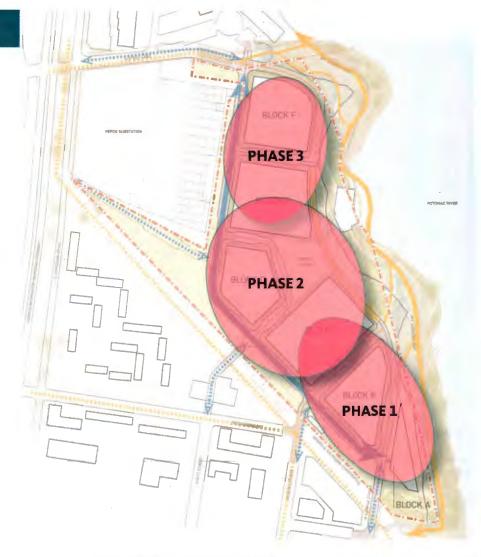


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A PHASED APPROACH

A COORDINATED AND PHASED STRATEGY

- · The CDD anticipates development in three phases occurring from South to North.
- · Infrastructure and open space is anticipated to be delivered similarly as the blocks are developed from south to north.
- Off site improvements are anticipated to be delivered with each phase.

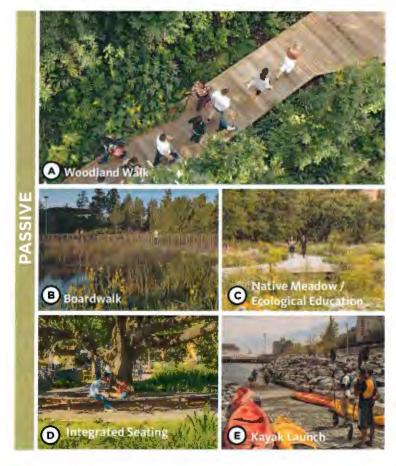


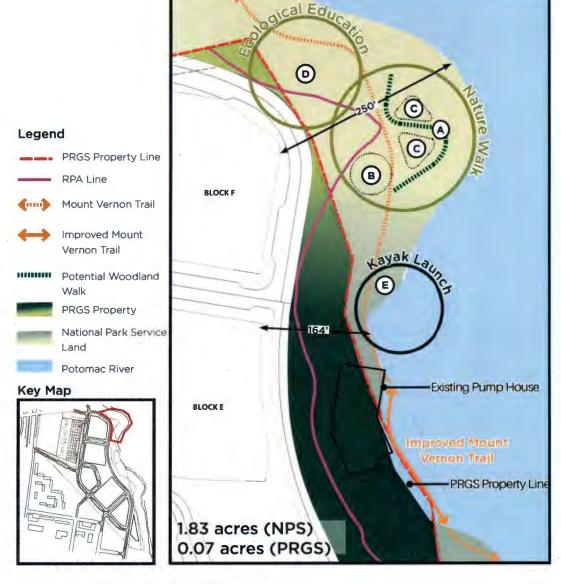
WHAT WE HEARD - OPEN SPACE

COMMUNITY INPUT INFORMED OPEN SPACE PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

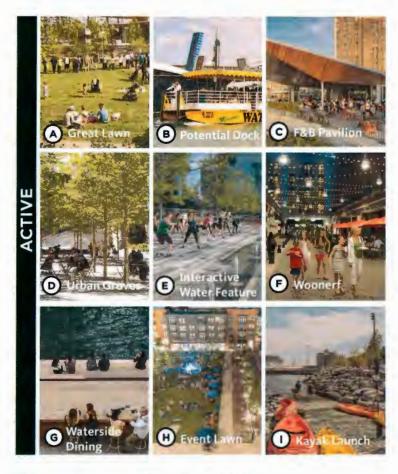


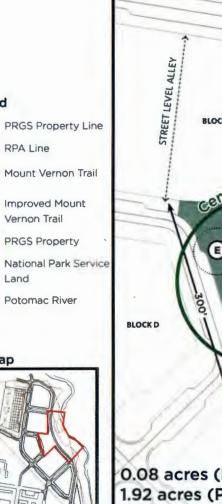
INTEGRATED OPEN SPACE NETWORK Waterfront Zone A





INTEGRATED OPEN SPACE NETWORK Central Plaza & Waterfront Zone B

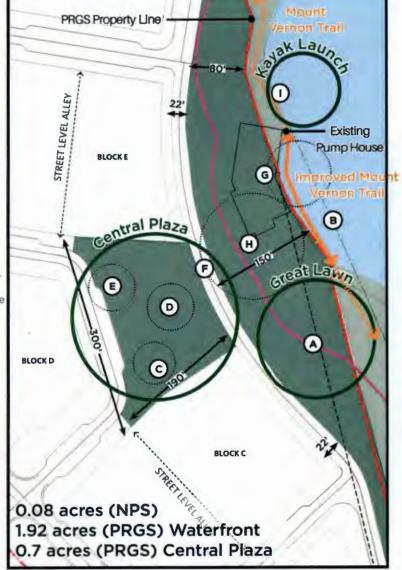




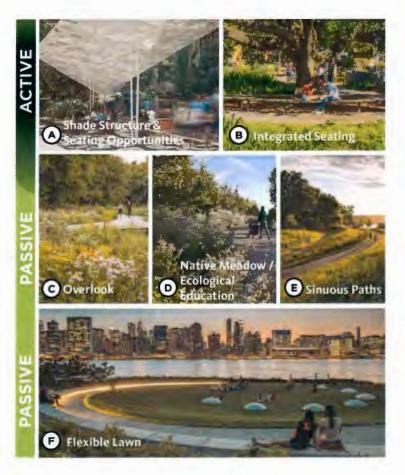
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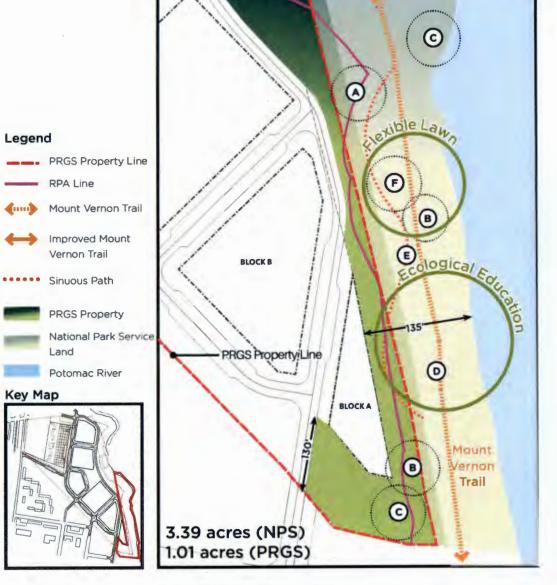
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Key Map



INTEGRATED OPEN SPACE NETWORK Waterfront Zone C

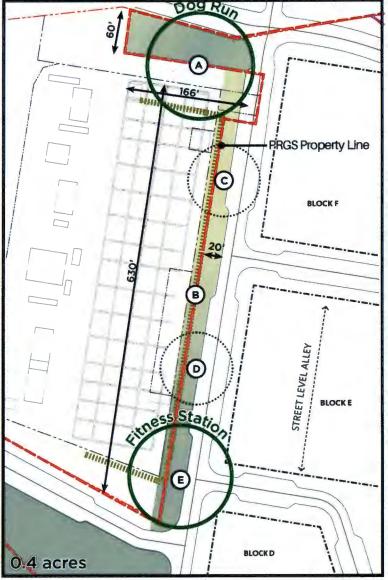




INTEGRATED OPEN SPACE NETWORK PEPCO Liner





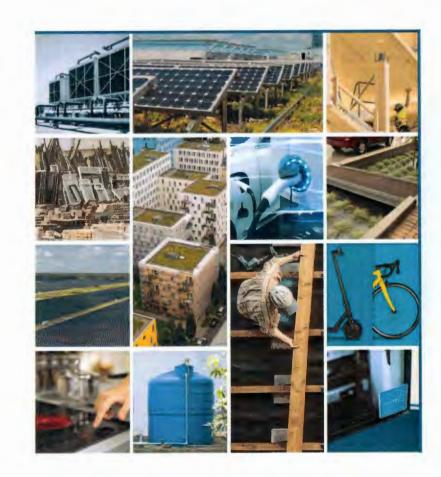


INTEGRATED OPEN



ENERGY REDUCTION

- Targeting 25% Energy Savings over Baseline
 - Double the targets in ALX Green Building Policy of:
 - 14% Residential
 - · 11% Commercial
- **Energy efficiency and demand reduction** is the most critical strategy to reduce carbon emissions.
- Energy loads for base building systems (elevators, common area lighting, ventilation, etc) and tenant-controlled loads (plug loads, individual unit lighting, appliances, etc) represent over half of a building's operational energy use.
- Of the base building loads, ventilation represents roughly 1/3 of the total owner-controlled operational energy use.
- Advancements in scalable heat pump technology are a critical component of achieving operational carbon reductions.
- The team is currently evaluating the feasibility of "districtwide" (central utility plant, GSHP, etc.) and localized energy efficient HVAC systems.











SITE CIRCULATION NETWORK

A COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK FOR ALL MOVEMENT TYPES

- The site circulation network considers delivery vehicles, private vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians
- Facilities have been designed to accommodate people of all ages and abilities
- Deliberate connections have been made to existing surrounding trails and green space
- Pedestrian network has been upgraded by providing direct and comfortable connections for pedestrians to the Mount Vernon Trail and the Old Town North neighborhood











BICYCLE CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY

LEGEND

--- PRGS PROPERTY

LEISURELY ROUTE



MOUNT VERNON TRAIL BIKE & PEDESTRIAN

COMMUTER ROUTE



MULTI-USE TRAIL BIKE & PEDESTRIAN



TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PLANNED BY CITY

BIKE & PEDESTRIAN

LOCAL ROUTE



BIKE FACILITY



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(CURBLESS, MIXED-USE STREET) **BIKE & PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION PRIORITIZED**



SMART CONNECTIONS

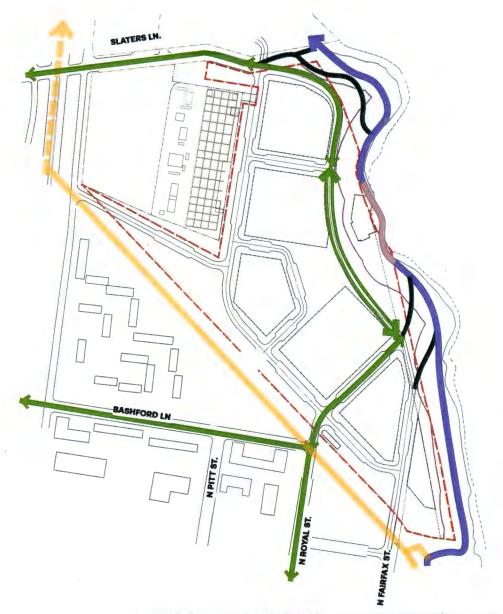
BIKE & PEDESTRIAN (5% SLOPE OR LESS)





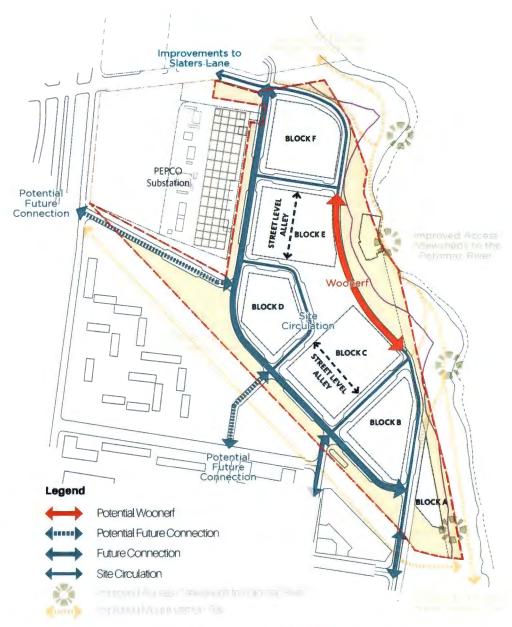






VEHICULAR ACCESS & CURBSIDE MANAGEMENT

- New connections and completion of existing street network
 - · Slaters Lane
 - · N Royal Street
 - · N Fairfax Street
- Parking, loading, and pick-up/drop-off
- · Strategies:
 - · Provision of alleys to for back-of-house operations
 - · Locating access controls to minimize conflicts and queuing
 - Timing/phasing strategies to balance prioritization of modes
 - Prioritization of local versus commuter traffic
 - · Traffic calming to discourage cut-through
 - · Promotion of safety and Vision Zero strategies
- · Potential connections to be further studied and coordinated with City and NPS
 - · Results of MTS show these connections as nice-to-have, not necessary to have

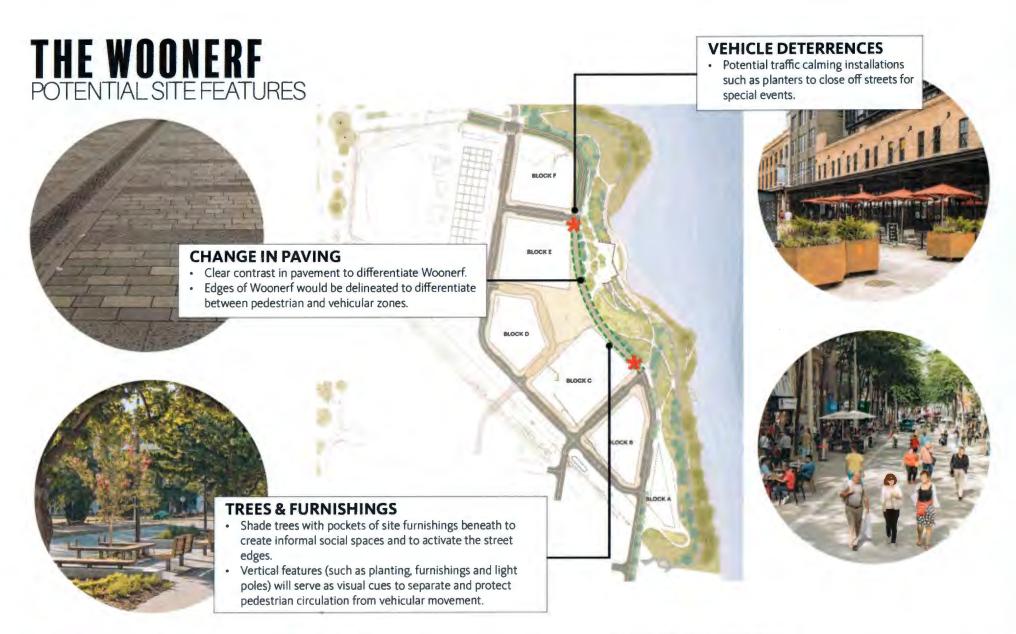




COMPARISON TO OTNSAP

	OTNSAP	2022 PRGS Proposal			
Density & Uses	 2,150,000 GSF Mix of commercial, residential, arts and innovation 	 2,150,000 GSF Up to 2,500,000 GSF (w/ Arts and Affordable Housing Bonuses) Mix of commercial, residential, arts and innovation 			
	Comparable trip generation				
External Connection Points	Four (4) external connections: Slaters Lane N Fairfax Street N Royal Street N Pitt Street Potential East-West Connection to GWMP	Three (3) external connections: • Slaters Lane • N Fairfax Street • N Royal Street + Potential N Pitt Street Connection + Potential East-West Connection to GWMP			
Internal Roadways	Extension of existing street network	 Extension of existing street network Prioritization of viewsheds Prioritization of placemaking Prioritization of open space Porous, inefficient for cut-through Right-sized to balance modes and connectivity 			





SLATERS LANE

EXISTING

- Important east-west connection across George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) for residential and commercial users north of PRGS
- · Vehicular "dead end" and no pedestrian and bike connection to Mt. Vernon Trail
- · Only accessible from GWMP

PROPOSED

- · Tie Slaters Lane into overall street network as envisioned by Old Town North Small Area Plan
- Improved connectivity and alternatives routes
- Compact intersection with driveway treatment into Marina Towers
- Pulled roadway to the south to maximize open space to the north and setback from Marina Towers
- · Extend bike facilities through intersection at GWMP to Slaters Lane and connect to Mt. Vernon Trail



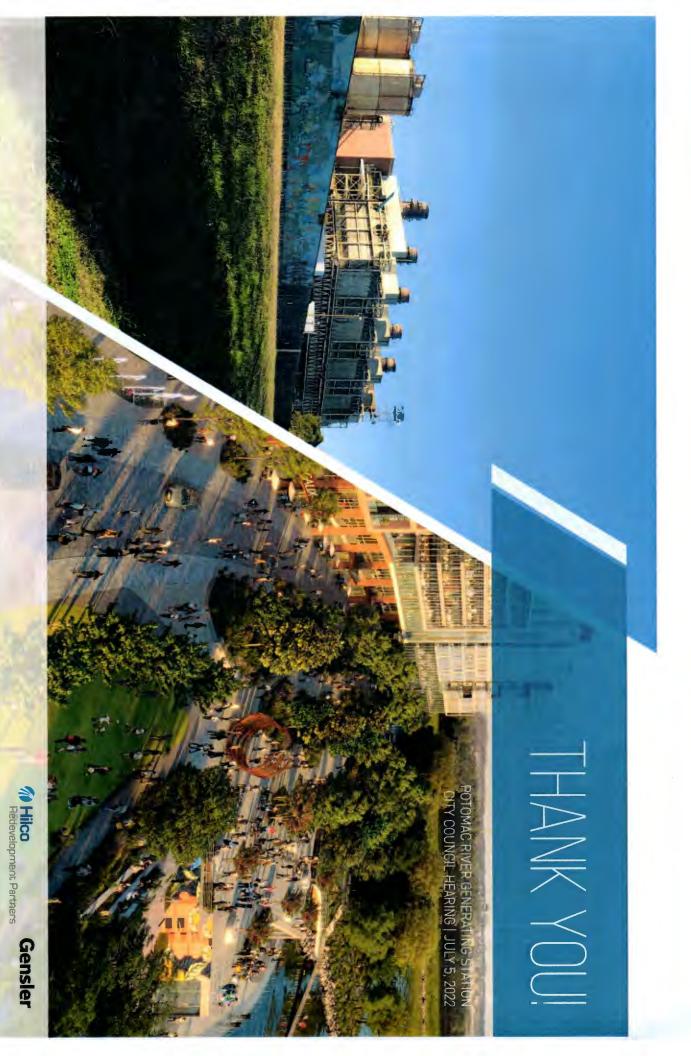












Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor and City Councilmembers, my name is Kathie Hoekstra and I'm Chair of the Environmental Policy Commission.

You have the EPC's letter to the Planning Commission, so I'm here tonight to highlight the most critical elements by using two of the guiding principles you identified during your retreat

First, let us look at this with an Equity Lens:

A common equity question is:

Do the current policies/projects help or hinder the equitable distribution of capital investments for future generations? How can we address this to provide for a more equitable future?

If we are approving buildings with a 50+ year lifespan that are NOT net zero — we are hindering the equitable investments for future generations. With this proposed development, we are placing a burden on future generations that is within our power and authority to change. We are doubling the cost of energy for each resident in these affordable housing units unnecessarily, because we have the technology to cut it in half.

So yes, we are going beyond the Green Building Policy (GBP) requirements, but just as we ask for affordable housing in return for increased density or height, we can ask for more here – and unlike with affordable housing – here the developers can recoup any increase in cost.

And no, this is not new, unproven technology, hundreds of buildings across the country and world are using the technology we are advocating for – from 16 to 25 stories and multifamily and multi-use.

And no, waiting to the DSUP stage means we are potentially cutting off alternatives to use District level methods like sharing energy between buildings when demand is high in one, but low in another. The infrastructure to do that will not be there.

Next, let us look at this thru the Environmental justice lens

Sustainability – means meeting our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Anything short of net zero here – does not meet that definition. You are adding to the causes of the climate crisis vs. staying the same or reducing the problem.

96% of Alexandria's Greenhouse gas pollution comes from the Community, with only 4% coming from City

57% of those emissions comes from Buildings

The City itself has made great strides, but now it's time to ask the rest of our community to step up as well. We **MUST** ask Developers to use the best available, **current technology** when they are asking for more density and height. Doing less means higher costs in the future to be borne by all of Alexandria - in my view an unnecessary cost.

We urge you to require the Developers to use the best available current technology here. Add an EUI of 25 for residential, 40 for commercial and 50 for hotel as a condition of this CDD.

I'm here to answer any questions you might have.

Statement of Mary Harris of the Marina Towers Condominium Community To the Alexandria City Council on July 5, 2022 Regarding Docket No. 9, Coordinated Development District Conceptual Design Plan #2021-00004

Mr. Mayor and Honorable Members of the Alexandria City Council.

My name is Mary Harris. I live at Marina Towers, 501 Slaters Lane Unit 1410. I look directly at the Hilco and PEPCO property across Slaters Lane. I am a 27-year resident of Marina Towers, a condominium community of about 500 residents located about 50 feet north of the Potomac River Generating Station. I am speaking today to support the comments and request of my Condominium Association of over 250 owners and other abutting property owners that our City Council defer action of this CDD docket item for zoning change and Master Plan amendments with over 160 related conditions and new design guidelines released to Planning on June 13th until its next regular meeting.

This short deferral will build public trust and allow sufficient time for our community to review the detailed plans & conditions, assess their impact, and meet with the City and Hilco officials. After numerous high level presentations and site tours (none covering the north end of the property), three weeks (including two 3-day holiday weekends) to review, clarify and assess the details of hundreds of pages of final drawings, designs and conditions is just too short.

Our main concern is the future of Slaters Lane, a short, historically significant and narrow wooded lane ending at a cul de sac entrance into our property and the Mount Vernon Trail along the Potomac River. The lane was made originally by John Slater and shown on the earliest Hopkins maps of rural Alexandria. Our property on Slaters Lane is surrounded on three sides by the National Park Service (Daingerfield Island to the North, Mount Vernon Trail & Potomac River to the East and the George Washington Memorial Parkway/Alexandria Old & Historic District to the West) and then the power plant site to the south limiting options for access. Also, due to our proximity to the CDD, transportation, demolition and construction conditions loom large for us at Marina Towers.

We support the OTN & Hilco vision for transformation of this property, especially after being in the downwash of the power plant emissions for almost 40 years, and are thankful for the presentations and meetings with Hilco and the City over the past 8 months. Now we need to analyze the details of what is being "set in stone" at this stage that will affect our property and govern the site over the next 25 years. This will enable us to live in harmony as neighbors. Deferring Council action until your next meeting for adequate public review is a vital capstone event for meaningful public engagement.

Finally, because some issues of concern will be further detailed in the Infrastructure Site Plan, we also request that the City Council adopt a condition that the CDD Infrastructure Plan DSP and all subsequent DSUPs or Plan revisions be available for public review and comment for a minimum of 60 days before their consideration and action.

Thank you so much for your attention and the opportunity to address the City Council on this matter.

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

JULY 5, 2022

TO:

HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

KARL W. MORITZ, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING

SUBJECT:

UPDATE MEMO FOR THE JULY 5, 2022 CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

DOCKET

The following recommended conditions changes related to Docket Item #9, CDD #2021-00004.

To further clarify coordination among the applicant, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), staff has proposed the following revised condition language.

CONDITION 13

- 13. The maximum building heights of each building shall be measured from average finished grade to the roofline of each building with additional height permitted above the roofline for appurtenances, parapets, architectural features and roof decking and guards per Section 6-403 of the Zoning Ordinance, as amended. In addition, the following regulations apply:
 - a. Additional height for mechanical penthouses, solar photovoltaic structures and horizontally adjacent structures for common amenity spaces is permitted up to 20 feet above maximum building height unless increased by Special Use Permit.
 - b. Each Development Special Use Permit related to a development block is subject to review by the Federal Aviation Administration for compliance with building height regulations within flight paths for Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. The Applicant shall obtain approval(s) from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and all other applicable Federal and/or State agencies for all block(s), building(s) or portions thereof subject to the applicable FAA height restrictions prior to the release of a building permit. The Applicant shall provide to the Directors of P&Z and T&ES a written statement and/or approval by all applicable Federal and/or State agencies that the all block(s), building(s) or portions thereof that are subject to the applicable FAA height restrictions are not a hazard to air navigation or that the project does and is in compliance with all other applicable FAA requirements and/or recommendations. If the FAA and all other applicable Federal and/or State agencies require revisions and/or modifications, the modifications may require subsequent approval by the City Council, if the Director of P&Z determines that the amendments are substantively different that than what was approved by City Council.

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CONDITION 139

In the City Council staff report, which includes the Planning Commission's revised language for Condition 139 related to sustainability, there is a minor error in the text for Conditions 139.a. which is correctly indicated on page 8, but on page 96 does not indicate that the final two sentences are stricken. Condition 139.d on page 97 is mislabeled as 139.f.

The correct condition language is as follows:

The site and each building(s) shall seek to achieve carbon neutrality in compliance with the Old Town North Small Area Plan through application of the targets identified in the Carbon Neutrality Analysis (CNA), dated April 7, 2022, as outlined below:

Site & Building Targets

Target 1

a. Each building(s) shall achieve a minimum 25% reduction in operational carbon emission based on the ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2010 Appendix G – Performance Rating Method baseline established by 2019 Alexandria's Green Building Policy; or achieve an EUI target based the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) for climate zone 4A based on building type (e.g. table CC103.1of the 2021 IECC);). Each building shall comply with the Green Building Policy at time of DSUP submission. If the baseline of these standards increases, flexibility in achieving this target may be considered on a case by case basis. If flexibility is requested, the Director of Planning and Zoning will consider alternate practices the applicant proposes to incorporate into the project to determine if the request is justified.

Target 2

b. The site shall achieve a minimum 3% annual on-site renewable energy generation across the CDD area. Prior to the approval of the infrastructure development site plan (DSP), the applicant shall evaluate strategies to increase the targeted 3% on-site energy generation through approaches such as use of public open space, adjoining properties, or other comparable approaches as part of the Coordinated Sustainability Strategy (CSS). These strategies and analysis will be reviewed as part of the infrastructure DSP. As part of each block's Development Special Use Permit (DSUP) review, the applicant will evaluate strategies to increase the on-site energy generation above 3%.

Target 3

c. Each newly constructed building(s) shall achieve a 10% reduction in embodied carbon compared to industry-standard construction practices. With each preliminary DSUP submission, the Applicant shall provide an estimate of the

Embodied Carbon Intensity (ECI) [kgCO $_2$ /m 2 or lbCO $_2$ /sf], as identified in the CNA, for the proposed redevelopment as part of the development review process. As part of each block's DSUP, the applicant will evaluate reductions in embodied carbon for associated site improvements.

Target 4

d. Each building(s) and all land use(s) permitted herein shall be solely electric with limited exceptions for allowances for natural gas where electric is not feasible. Natural gas shall be prohibited with limited exceptions for: restaurants and retail uses, emergency generators, common area amenities such as common space grilles and common space fireplaces. For these limited accessory elements, the buildings shall be designed to support low cost and available conversion from fossil fuels to electricity in the future. These limited exceptions shall be re-evaluated with each DSUP submission.

Target 5

e. Off-site renewables shall be utilized towards achieving carbon neutrality, to the extent needed in addition to the targets outlined above, by phase. Off-site renewables may include Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), Renewable Energy Credits (RECs), and/or other comparable approaches as recommended by staff and approved by the City Council. Generally, the Applicant shall design buildings, infrastructure, and open spaces in a manner to maximize on-site carbon reduction targets and minimize the use of off-site renewables, to the extent feasible. (P&Z) (T&ES) (PC)

Submitted by

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Good evening. My name is Jan Macidull. I live in Marina
Towers, at the end of Slaters Lane, on the north end of the
proposed development. About 15 years ago, our condo
members worked with NOTICe, and many others to shut down
this power plant.

Today, we look forward to joining an exciting, vibrant, and innovative new neighborhood just across the street.

Tonight, Council is being asked to approve the CDD plan submitted by HRP HILCO. This became available to the public about 3 weeks ago. Approval tonight by Council would establish basic groundwork for subsequent DSP and DSUP decisions that will define in greater detail how this development will be implemented.

Marina Towers and Slaters Lane are among the neighboring properties most impacted by this project. Slaters Lane is proposed as the northern access and egress road to and from the new development via the GW Parkway and Route 1.

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Today the two blocks east of Slaters between the GW Parkway and River have very little traffic. This is a quiet, historic roadway that ends in a cul-de-sac by the river. The CDD proposes a very busy 4 lane road, designed to service 2000+ new development residents, tourists and local visitors, businesses and their employees, commercial vehicles, city and tourist buses, bikes and pedestrians. All are expected to use this roadway at one time or another.

How will Marina Towers property be effected? Landscape we have planted and maintained for over 40 years would be taken away to enable public access across our side yard to the Mount Vernon Trail as well as the new development. Included is a children's playground.

Two new street intersections are proposed in front of our entry parking lot. We wonder how to ensure and protect access and egress to and from our property by our residents, visitors and vendors during and after construction, and, importantly by emergency fire and rescue personnel. Our large surface parking lot will surely be a target for those visiting or working at the new development. We foresee more security staff and equipment being needed.

And this is just the beginning of our worries. We have not had time to thoroughly go through this large application. We have yet to have back and forth discussions with the developer, National Park Service and City staff and to clarify what particulars of an approved CDD application would convey to

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subsequent DSP and DSUP decisions around the issues mentioned and, no doubt, many more.

Importantly, because of the short review time permitted, our Association's Board has not had time to determine what and how to communicate with Marina Towers' condo owners. They will have questions.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that Council delay action tonight on the HRP HILCO CDD application until at least its September meeting, to enable good faith discussions among key players after reasonable time for digesting the contents and implications of this application.

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144. Prior to the 2nd concept submission of the Infrastructure Development Site Plan (Infrastructure DSP), the Applicant shall develop and submit the Coordinated Sustainability Strategy (CSS) and include the evaluation of approaches for on-site energy generation as part of the review of the Infrastructure DSP. This CSS shall be reviewed and endorsed by City Council prior to or concurrent with the approval of the Infrastructure DSP and implemented through DSP/DSUP approvals. If the Council does not endorse the CSS, the applicant shall revise and resubmit the CSS to Council for review and endorsement. The Infrastructure DSP may not be approved prior to gadorsement of a CSS.

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