

Interim Fitzgerald Square

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City Council

May 13, 2017

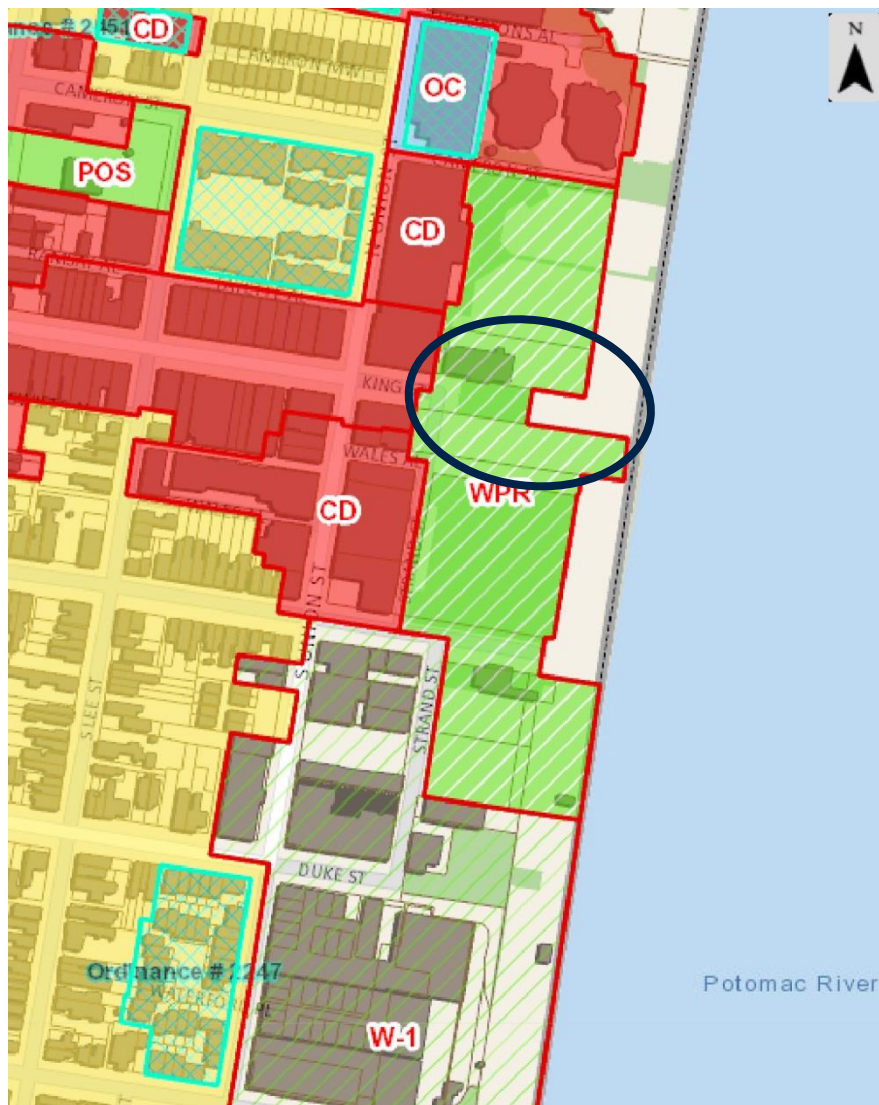


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- WPR Zoning
- Waterfront Small Area Plan
- Waterfront Landscape & Flood Mitigation Design
- Focal point/hub of Waterfront
- Links Waterfront Park & City Marina



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Aerial view from the Potomac River



Existing King Street Park



Current ODBC Parking Lot



Waterfront Park at proposed promenade connection

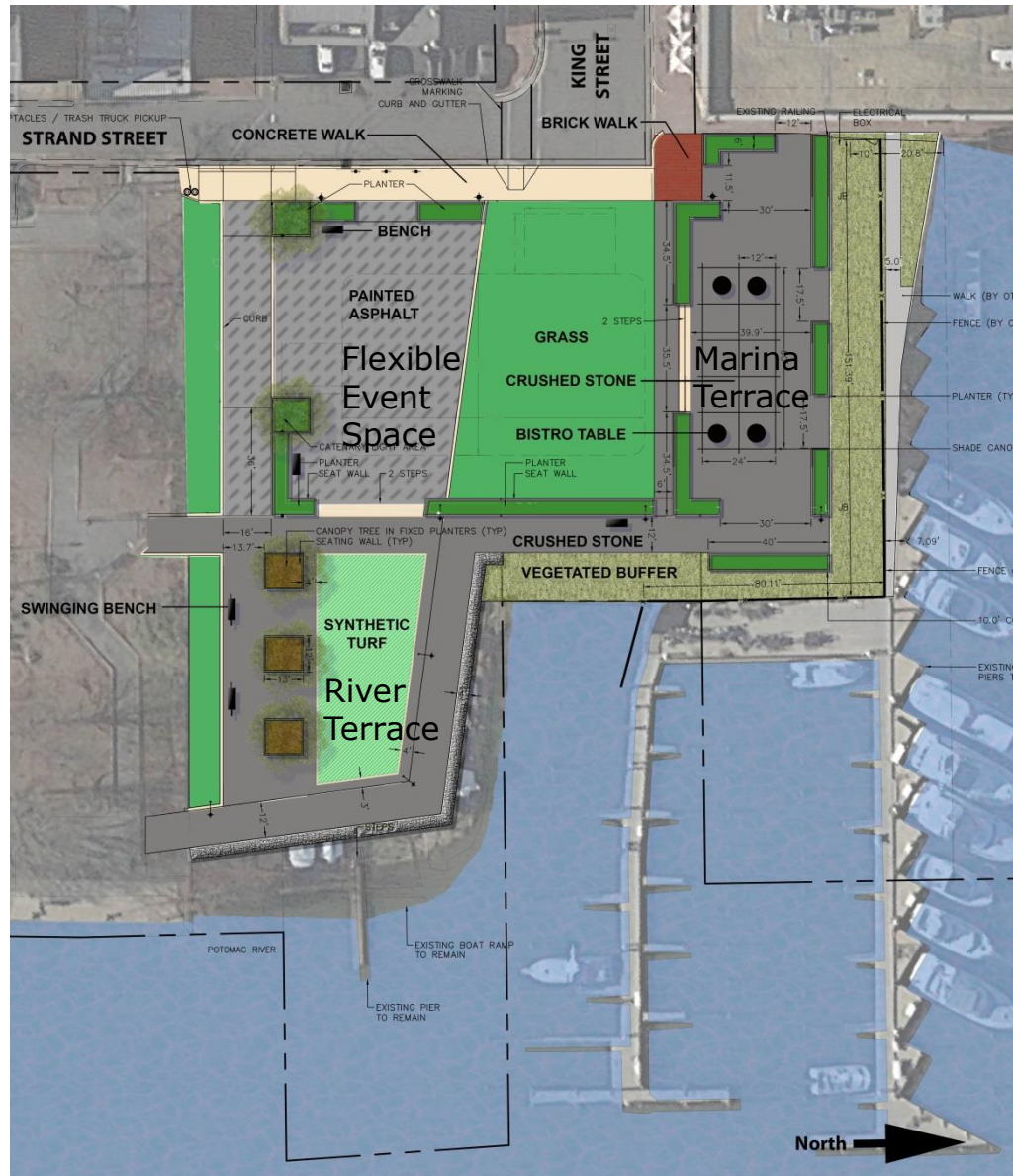
Project Description

- Public park at the hub of the Waterfront
- Flexible passive spaces provide for a variety of uses
- Key connection of Waterfront Park to the City Marina
- Special Uses to provide activation of the Waterfront
- Interim until flood mitigation / final park design



Site Design

- Follows design module of Waterfront Landscape Design
- Flexible open event space at foot of King Street
- Promenade along River, connecting adjacent open spaces
- Marina Terrace for shaded seating
- River Terrace for passive use



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Perspective of Flexible Event Space from southwest corner



Aerial view from the northeast

Project Approvals Requested

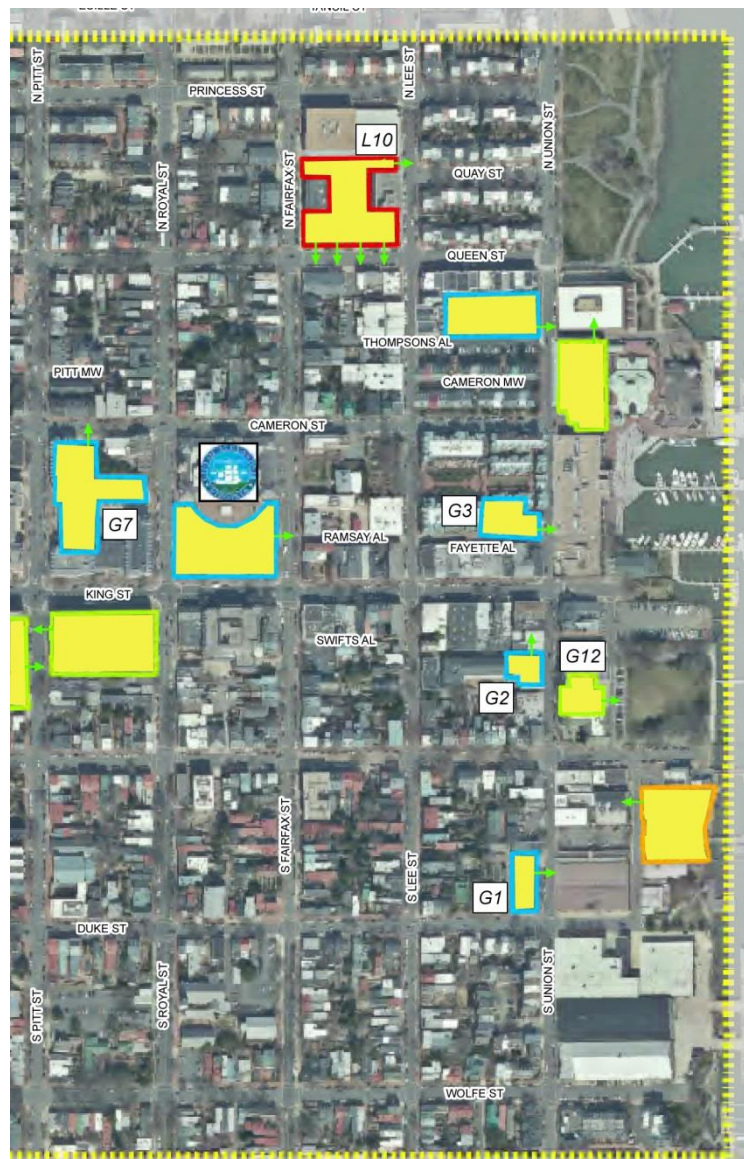
- SUP for:
 - Commercial Outdoor Recreational Facility
 - Example: Ice Rink
 - Outdoor Food & Craft Market
 - Example: Holiday Market
 - Parking reduction
 - For the Commercial Outdoor Recreational Facility



*Ice rink as illustrated
in the Waterfront
Landscape & Flood
Mitigation Design*

Area Parking

- 1,265 garage spaces in the area
- Up to 600 spaces unused during peak hours
- Utilization study found 66% of spaces occupied during peak Friday and Saturday hours (approximate)



Conformance with Small Area Plan

- Park envisioned in Waterfront Plan and Waterfront Landscape and Flood Mitigation Design
- Special Uses per the Waterfront Plan and Design
- Key step in implementation



Community Outreach

- Extensive community engagement through the Waterfront Plan process and subsequent Waterfront Landscape & Flood Mitigation Design
- Specifically for the Interim Fitzgerald Square, the applicant attended numerous public meetings, including:
 - Waterfront Commission
 - Parks & Recreation Commission
 - Board of Architectural Review
 - City Council and Planning Commission



Recommendation

- Staff recommendation:
 - Approval of all requests subject to conditions contained in the staff report
- Planning Commission action, May 2, 2017:
 - Approval of Development Site Plan 7-0, and recommended approval of Special Use Permit 7-0

