



Silver Spring Intermediate Neighborhood Park - Concept Plan

February 19, 2019, 2:04 PM

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Summary Of Responses

As of February 19, 2019, 2:04 PM, this forum had: **Topic Start**

Attendees:	280	January 29, 2019, 9:28 AM
Responses:	84	
Hours of Public Comment:	4.2	





QUESTION 1

Please leave your feedback for the final concept design.

Answered	84
Skipped	0

QUESTION 2

**Please rate your overall satisfaction to the final concept design.
(5 being the most satisfied)**

		%	Count
5		33.3%	28
4		26.2%	22
3		16.7%	14
2		11.9%	10
1		11.9%	10

QUESTION 3

How far do you live from the park?

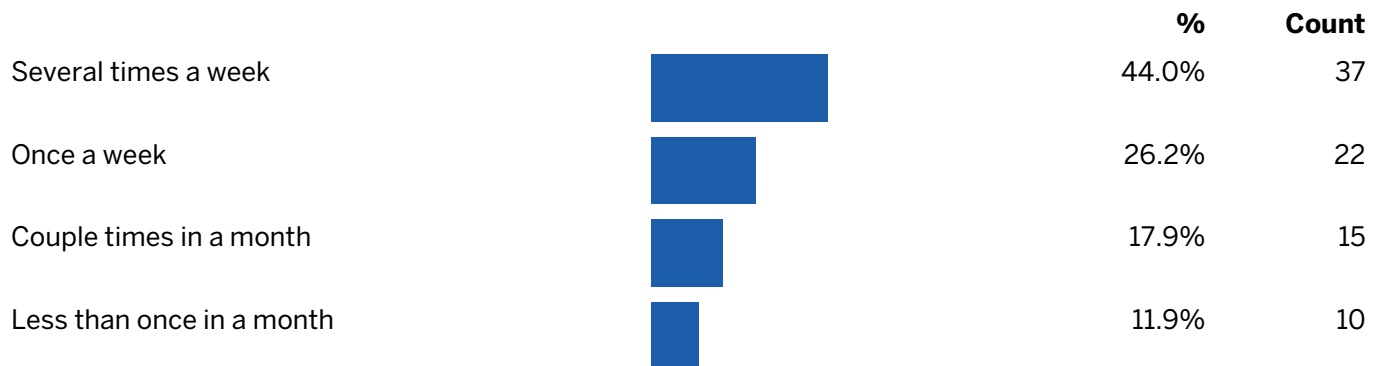
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QUESTION 4

How often do you visit the park?



QUESTION 5

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Answered	45
Skipped	39

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Survey Questions

QUESTION 1

Please leave your feedback for the final concept design.

QUESTION 2

**Please rate your overall satisfaction to the final concept design.
(5 being the most satisfied)**

- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1

QUESTION 3

How far do you live from the park?

- Less than ½ mile
- More than ½ mile but less than 1 mile
- More than 1 mile

QUESTION 4

How often do you visit the park?

- Several times a week
- Once a week
- Couple times in a month
- Less than once in a month

QUESTION 5

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Individual Responses

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring

January 29, 2019, 2:13 PM

Question 1

I want to learn more about the proposed changes to the **playground area**. **The equipment is extremely outdated** and could use an overall refresh, as well as new materials to replace the woodchips. I'm also curious to learn about the "natural play" area.

Question 2

- 4

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Gregor Wallace

inside Takoma Park

January 29, 2019, 2:36 PM

Question 1

I'm very surprised and **disappointed that Montgomery Parks didn't include a soccer/futsal function** in the multi-sport court design. If one reads all the survey comments carefully, a clear majority of the community around the Park wanted soccer to be included in the 'multi-sport courts'. I have difficulty understanding why 'Pickle ball' has stubbornly remained part of the design while soccer has been excluded. With a little imagination, and a touch of dare i say compromise, a lay-out for the multi-sport courts could have been developed that included both soccer and tennis (and Pickle ball if folks really felt that necessary).

This represented a compromise from the beginning by including a soccer function within an existing structure of the Park, while leaving the remaining green-space untouched. The proposal was never to "turn SSI Park into a soccer field". This is a straw-man argument put forward by certain neighbors of the Park who are highly resistant to change.

Furthermore, from some other contributions on this survey I sense that some neighbors who overlook the Park don't support any proposals that

would potentially lead to greater use of the Park. This is not my understanding of how public space should be planned or utilised, particularly in a densely populated urban/suburban area like ours. My view is that we should be maximising the utility of all our public parks and the demand for better soccer facilities in the County is without question. Let's be clear, the current situation in the County of grass fields for soccer are not fit-for-purpose. Montgomery Parks needs to move away from this model towards a network of all-weather, small-sided, public access soccer courts. These facilities would democratize access to better quality surfaces for skill development and small games, much in the same way our public parks provide adequately for tennis and basketball, and they would avoid the maintenance costs associated with periodic grass maintenance and repair.

I urge MP to reconsider their final concept design.

Question 2

- 1

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

No response

Name not available

January 29, 2019, 2:38 PM

Question 1

I think the Parks Planning staff has done a great job incorporating feedback from the residents into this plan. It appears that the plan will be a good improvement, meeting both community and accessibility goals, and at a lower cost than initially proposed. Personally, I would have liked to see the parking lot removed and reused for a better purpose, with metered street parking added to Chicago Ave, but I was in the minority. And, while it appears to be out of the purview of the plan, I would still like to see **pedestrian crossings at the Violet/Chicago intersection and a four-way pedestrian crossing at the Philadelphia/Chicago intersection**. This would improve safety, increase access and use of the park and slow down traffic on Chicago and Philadelphia in a way that has a negligible impact on traffic flow.

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Question 2

- 4

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Name not available

January 29, 2019, 3:07 PM

Question 1

I like the park just the way it is. Put a water fountain by the tennis court.
Gene Luttenberg

Question 2

- 2

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring

January 29, 2019, 4:16 PM

Question 1

I like it! Provides accessibility while maintaining the simplicity and openness of this small park

Question 2

- 5

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

David Asch

inside Silver Spring

January 29, 2019, 6:17 PM

Question 1

The planners have taken feedback into consideration and this plan appears to be a fine representation of the community's thoughts and wishes.

Question 2

- 5

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Name not available

January 31, 2019, 4:39 PM

Question 1

Takoma Park would highly benefit from a swing that **an adult swings at one end and a small child swings across from them**. This swing is highly recommended from Play Advocates from around the world. I am one of them, Pat Rumbaugh, The Play Lady Executive Director of the nonprofit www.letsplayamerica.org LPA is based in Takoma Park, MD.

Question 2

- 5

Question 3

- More than ½ mile but less than 1 mile

Question 4

- Less than once in a month

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Question 5

yes

Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 1, 2019, 5:59 AM

Question 1

I'm interested as to where the picnic structure went? Having a covered picnic area seems like it would be a good idea for useability especially for birthday parties, and community events. Shade in the summer is a plus and it doesn't seem like a major line item to get rid of. I also liked the idea of a sledding hill especially with the proposed renovation of Takoma Middle school getting rid of the hill the neighborhood children use now. Having at least one area of exercise equipment also seems like a nice amenity and the current plan shows none. One drinking fountain is too few especially being located so far from the playground. There should be one closer.

Question 2

- 3

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Heidi Coleman

inside Silver Spring

February 2, 2019, 5:44 PM

Question 1

I commend the planning staff for making a genuine effort to listen to community feedback, request input from outside experts and develop a solution that seeks to address most concerns. I support the plan. I believe it addresses the most critical needs (making the park ADA accessible and improving drainage). It makes some improvements that will benefit park users (by installing a bike rack, a natural play area, new backstop walls and pickle ball lines on the tennis courts; by re-installing of

a water fountain [at its previous location]; and by making the play area smoother and more user-friendly). In addition, it accomplishes these improvements with only modest changes to the park, which was very much desired by nearby residents (e.g., it seeks to keep as many trees as possible, maintains the open green space in the center of the park, and will involve only minimal regrading, which should preserve the sledding hills). I support the planning staff's recommendation NOT to include a shelter or to use the tennis courts for soccer.

I offer one comment. I note that the site plan shows lines for three pickle ball courts: one parallel to the tennis courts and two perpendicular. I strongly recommend that you include just two pickle ball courts and that they both be parallel. Then, players on both pickle ball courts can use the tennis nets and there will be much less opportunity for interference (e.g., missed shots from the perpendicular courts ending up on the other court).

Thank you.

Question 2

- 5

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

Heidi.L.Coleman@gmail.com

David Minton

inside Takoma Park

February 4, 2019, 8:51 AM

Question 1

I was relieved to see that the Park Planners listened to the majority of park users who wanted to maintain the essence of its current unstructured, uncluttered design. The Park has its own uniquely open character, and we should preserve that identity. The proposed improvements make sense.

Question 2

- 5

Question 3

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- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Name not available

February 4, 2019, 1:51 PM

Question 1

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Question 2

- 4

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Couple times in a month

Question 5

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ann lafferty

inside Silver Spring

February 4, 2019, 5:52 PM

Question 1

I'm so much happier with the final design, than the original design. Thank you Wen and the Parks Dept. I esp. appreciate the additional trees, and keeping the space open and very flexible.

One thing I am very concerned about - the plan looks like the very large sycamore trees that border the playground (on the tennis court side) will be removed. Picnic tables on permanent pad instead. These trees are about 25 years old. I remember what it was like to be at that playground, before the trees were there - it was full sun with too much heat and humidity. Please preserve those trees.

One other minor concern: I have reservations about **seating that is obscured - below street level** - at the corner of Boston & Chicago (safety, cannabis smoking, etc behavior best done at home)

Thanks for all the considerations given to ideas, concerns, and opinions, and for several forums for their expression. We are a community where there are many differing desires for the best use for this park.

Ann Lafferty

Question 2

- 5

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

lafferty_ann@yahoo.com

Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 4, 2019, 8:12 PM

Question 1

We like it! It (mostly) preserves the character of this neighborhood park.

Question 2

- 5

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

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- Several times a week

Question 5

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Amy Bernath

inside Silver Spring

February 4, 2019, 9:30 PM

Question 1

Thank you for adjusting original design to make improvements to a neighborhood park without eliminating green space and open areas. Looking forward to drainage improvements and to a water fountain in the park.

Question 2

- 5

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Dave Grossman

inside Silver Spring

February 5, 2019, 11:41 AM

Question 1

Thank you for putting together a design that largely reflects the input from the community. This plan makes improvements to the park while keeping the park largely the way it is.

My ideal preference would have been for the tennis courts to remain tennis-only, so there aren't distracting additional lines all over the place, but the addition of a couple of pickleball courts is not a big deal (and, I'm sure, meets the desires of others). Hopefully, the desires of some for additional soccer space can be met at nearby parks, as you've indicated.

A couple of additional comments:

(1) Please be sure to keep a sledding hill in the park, to the right of the new ramp from Philadelphia to the tennis courts. Also, please be aware of where the little kids who go sledding there end up, which appears to be right around where it looks like you're planning to add new benches by the tennis courts.

(2) Regarding the new picnic area by the playground, please make the tables movable/carryable, as they are now. Don't make them fixed.

Currently, people can move the tables into the shade or into the sun, depending on what they want, and it would be nice to continue to have that option.

Question 2

- 5

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

No response

Name not available

February 7, 2019, 2:46 PM

Question 1

Seating: More seating options should be explored at the retaining wall adjacent to the open field. If budget allows, the retaining wall should be converted to large seating steps with the ability to paint murals on it. A good example was showed on the June 18th Community Meeting 2 PowerPoint, or see link below

<https://mymodernmet.com/16th-avenue-tiled-steps-san-francisco/>
If not, at least consider combing the functions of seating at ground level and the ability to view the field at the top of the retaining wall. See link below for example at the Chicago River Walk:

http://www.sasaki.com/media/files/chicago-riverwalk_07-2.jpg
The top of the wall should have enough standing (and possibly room for stool-like seating) to be comfortable for visitors to hang out.

Public Art: Public art should be a priority for the park. Possible locations are the retaining walls, basketball courts, tennis courts, and bounce walls at the tennis courts. See link below for examples

<https://www.facebook.com/VanMuralFest/videos/check-it-out-heres-an-aerial-view-of-scott-suemes-finished-basketball-court-you-1486417944777899/>

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<https://www.mtwb.org/phillys-first-basketball-court-surface-murals/>

Educational Signage: The stormwater management ponds should have educational signage. Locating the natural playground next to a bioretention pond opens up the opportunity to educate visitors and children on their environment.

Restroom: Porta-potties are currently located next to the basketball court and in the parking lot. With the installation of a water fountain, a more permanent solution for restrooms should be explored. If not possible, a designated location (paved base) for porta-potties should be created. The toilets currently take up 1 parking space.

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Question 2

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Question 3

- More than ½ mile but less than 1 mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Name not shown

inside Silver Spring

February 7, 2019, 2:49 PM

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Question 2

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Question 3

- More than ½ mile but less than 1 mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Name not available

February 8, 2019, 3:25 PM

Question 1

Could we get **more trashcans and recycling bins** for the park? The lawn by the basketball court is routinely littered with leftover gatorade bottles, etc.

Question 2

- 4

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

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Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

No response

Amanda Boyce

inside Takoma Park

February 12, 2019, 1:11 PM

Question 1

The data gathered to determine whether to **paint soccer lines** on the tennis courts is inconclusive. Of course people use tennis courts to play tennis. Did you also count people playing pickle ball? If not, how do you know that's the best use of the courts? It's hard to imagine there's a significant cost to painting the courts for soccer.

Question 2

- 1

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Less than once in a month

Question 5

No response

Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 12, 2019, 1:36 PM

Question 1

I am unhappy to see that it does not include any **space for soccer** (either in the elimination of green space for soccer use) or because there is no incorporation of soccer use on the tennis courts.

Question 2

- 2

Question 3

- More than ½ mile but less than 1 mile

Question 4

- Couple times in a month

Question 5

No response

kris gill

inside Takoma Park

February 12, 2019, 1:51 PM

Question 1

I think the plan looks fine with many good additions. My concern is that the 3 little fields are going to be changed and the top field on the little hill is going to be changed. Please leave it. Having many smaller areas of use allow more to use the park. What I mean is that the lower field allows one activity, the upper field/hill allows another activity and the field by the wall allows, yet another fun activity. The retaining wall also adds a backstop for all ball activities. **Please do not change the levels of the open space.** We also need trash AND recycling bins as well as a year round porta-potty. Thank you.

Question 2

- 4

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Name not shown

inside Silver Spring

February 12, 2019, 3:08 PM

Question 1

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The final design seems to address ADA, County and most neighborhood concerns.

We would ask that the **Memorial Bench** (which is located between two trees shown on the final concept plan) be specifically noted and saved.

Question 2

- 5

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 12, 2019, 8:55 PM

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Question 2

- 4

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Less than once in a month

Question 5

melissatooley@gmail.com

Name not available

February 14, 2019, 5:40 PM

Question 1

Please use the gate latches like in Olney. Much more secure than those in the Ellsworth Park. Also please make the entrance not on the main Street. Again, it works well in the Olney Park. The Ellsworth Park entrance is right on the busiest street. the entrance should really have been put on the other side of the dog park, right near the parking lot anyway. If a dog got loose even for a moment, they're more likely to die with the entrance to the park on colesville rather than on the Ellsworth side. Thank you.

Question 2

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Question 3

- More than 1 mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

No response

Name not available

February 14, 2019, 8:20 PM

Question 1

I think getting rid of the hills is a mistake. Surely the drainage issue could be addressed another way? Rain gardens or drains?

Question 2

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Question 3

- More than 1 mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

No response

Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 15, 2019, 8:46 AM

Question 1

I find the final plan acceptable in that it makes minimal changes to the park's current character.

Question 2

- 5

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Couple times in a month

Question 5

murphy_ronald@hotmail.com

Name not available

February 15, 2019, 4:24 PM

Question 1

A good balance between improvements (accessibility, functionality, beautification) and maintaining the local park feel.

Question 2

• 5

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Couple times in a month

Question 5

philip@kerzap.com

Gi Sgs

inside Takoma Park

February 16, 2019, 3:59 AM

Question 1

I would like to see **space for a dog park**, perhaps along Philadelphia. Right now, people use the tennis court as a fenced dog park.

Question 2

- 2

Question 3

- More than ½ mile but less than 1 mile

Question 4

- Couple times in a month

Question 5

No response

Name not available

February 16, 2019, 10:55 AM

Question 1

I think it looks good and takes into consideration the things that make this park a vital part of the neighborhood.

Question 2

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Question 3

• Less than ½ mile

Question 4

• Couple times in a month

Question 5

No response

Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 16, 2019, 5:13 PM

Question 1

The plan looks great and should make the park more accessible to more community members.

Park users would greatly benefit from **lights** so that courts could be used into the evening. This would make the basketball courts and tennis courts useful during the fall and spring, when sunrise and sunset fall very close to normal business hours.

I love this park and these courts and visit regularly with my family (and two small children). We would visit and use the park more often if lights were available.

Question 2

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Question 3

• Less than ½ mile

Question 4

• Couple times in a month

Question 5

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Name not available

February 16, 2019, 9:41 PM

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• Less than ½ mile

Question 4

• Couple times in a month

Question 5

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Name not shown

inside Silver Spring

February 17, 2019, 9:14 AM

Question 1

Pro: accessibility by going around major green space a plus

Con: bioretention area near Boston and Chicago cuts into space currently used by Takoma Soccer teams. Seems like parking lot could have been reduced to help keep play space

Wish list: would have liked to see some **exercise areas** added in

Question 2

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Question 3

• Less than ½ mile

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Question 4

- Couple times in a month

Question 5

No response

John Seelke

inside Silver Spring

February 17, 2019, 10:53 AM

Question 1

I am a bit **disappointed that** the final plans do not include any conversion of the tennis courts for **soccer**. For the most part the tennis courts here are rarely used, but with so much growth of soccer in the area turning at least one of the courts into a soccer space would allow more chances for indoor soccer (or soccer that is not on turf). The current plan also takes away some larger space where soccer was played

Question 2

- 3

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

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Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 17, 2019, 11:15 AM

Question 1

I'm **disappointed that there was no soccer** components incorporated.

Question 2

- 1

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

No response

Giev Kashkooli

inside Takoma Park

February 17, 2019, 11:22 AM

Question 1

I am glad that there will be improved accessibility and improved drainage - those are positive improvements. On the negative - it's a real disappointment that there isn't some accomodation for those hoping for a **soccer/futsal option** on the hard court. We have a growing number of soccer players both youth and adults. The tennis courts are not used that frequently for tennis. Having some kind of option to play soccer in the winter in this area would be really great. Just have to see the great use of the basketball courts to know that having a hard surface for soccer/futsal use would be a great way to use the park. It seems there could be many options to do this - provide goals but dont change any of the lines; maybe schedule some hours for tennis and others for soccer/futsal based on simple survey use. I'm hopeful you'll reconsider this proposal.

Question 2

- 3

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Elliott Vanskike

inside Takoma Park

February 17, 2019, 11:33 AM

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Question 1

I vehemently disagree with the decision to use SS Intermediate Park park space for pickleball courts. Here are my reasons:

1. The overwhelmingly popular design was for a multipurpose, all-season surface on which people could play kickball, soccer, futsal, and just run and play.
2. No kid will play tag or just run around on a pickleball court. It's divided by a net. The multipurpose field would have been used for kids to just run and play.
3. The courts will stand idle for many months of the year. I visit the Takoma DC Community Center several times a week and have for years. I have yet to see *anyone* playing pickleball on their courts. An all-season field would be used year-round.
4. As my comment above demonstrates, there already ARE pickleball courts available nearby.
5. The decision seems to have been based in part on cameras tracking court usage. But the fact that people are playing tennis on a tennis court (more than they're playing soccer or some other sport) doesn't prove much. And it seems unlikely that tennis court use predicts pickleball court use. Tennis players are not going to switch to pickleball.
6. I'm not sure whom a pickleball court is designed to serve. Kids don't play pickleball. Young adults don't play pickleball. Look around at the demographic of folks who use the park. Soccer is *far* more popular among people who use the park than pickleball—your own survey results show that.

This decision is baffling and maddening and smacks of high-handedness. Why go to the trouble of surveying the public if you are only going to ignore the results?

Question 2

- 1

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Name not available

February 17, 2019, 12:08 PM

Question 1

You have reduced the amount of open space. there is now only space for

2 soccer fields; not 3. if you do this, i hope you will reduce the cost of renting the field as well.

also its unclear if the "regrading" of the fields will make them more or less level. too much slope will make them less useful as well.

Question 2

- 2

Question 3

- More than ½ mile but less than 1 mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

No response

Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 17, 2019, 12:11 PM

Question 1

I am disappointed that the park design doesn't include a soccer space. My kids love soccer and soccer is an accessible sport, all you need is a ball.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

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February 17, 2019, 12:13 PM

Question 1

*Note: There seems to be confusion from some of the commentators regarding what was proposed for soccer. The proposal is to make the tennis courts 'multi-sport' courts, so that **small-sided soccer** can be played, too. Converting (or as someone put it "usurping") the grass field or any other green space or infrastructure solely for soccer was never on the table. We're talking about maximizing flexibility of the infrastructure in the park - not limiting it in any way. Let's make sure we're all commenting on the same proposal here.*

I'm **disappointed that the final selection does not include small-sided soccer courts** (despite the fact that a majority of the people who responded to the previous public input period advocated for them). During the public input period, only 1 person (in the publicly visible comments) supported pickle ball (note: others didn't have a problem with pickle ball; however, as part of an overall, true 'multi-purpose' court concept). This same person was the only person to oppose small-sided soccer - curious as to why this one person's opinion seemed to hold so much sway?

I'm also disappointed in Montgomery Parks for the disingenuous public input process. You asked for our input, but clearly, you didn't really want it. It appears that pickle ball was a foregone conclusion - why did you bother to ask?

There also appears to be a misunderstanding that inclusion of small-sided soccer requires 'conversion' of the tennis courts. It does not - they can co-exist (and the required additional cap-ex is negligible). (Also - did you know that it's possible to get retractable nets that are stored inside the net posts?)

And side note - while I appreciate that Montgomery Parks attempted to look into the viability of small-sided soccer with an "observation study," the study does not provide me any comfort (and actually, the way it's presented, it looks like it was done with the sole objective of confirming an existing bias toward tennis). It does not appear to be scientifically robust - as there appear to be many factors unaccounted for (i.e. What were the time frames over which the observations were held over? Were they the same in each park? What was the weather like over the two 31 day periods? Were "total users" a count of separate individuals or just total number (i.e. if the same 4 people played tennis everyday - would they have counted as "124 users"))? I'm also curious to know whether anyone was aware of the observation study, and therefore able to influence the results.

In conclusion, I appreciate that Montgomery Parks is looking at this park and is willing to invest in improving the park and upgrading the infrastructure. I only wish that the community input (that you requested) had been better incorporated into the final design.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

No response

Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 17, 2019, 12:46 PM

Question 1

Are you kidding me?! Pickle ball? Not a multi use court with the option for small sided soccer games!? Of course an analysis of tennis court use doesn't show it being used for soccer, because it's currently designed only for tennis! This analysis only shows that, to encourage enjoyment for soccer, it needs to have a design that welcomes people to play soccer!

Can we also point out that **soccer is only the most popular, most diverse, most cross cultural, and most universally well loved sport IN THE ENTIRE WORLD!** Considering how diverse our neighborhood is we should default to the MOST inclusive plan not the least inclusive one. I want a community that WELCOMES diversity! What is going on here? Was this some kind of sham kangaroo court analysis? This is very fishy. What a huge disappointment. What scam. Shame on the public servants who did this analysis and pushed this through.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

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Jacobboyce@yahoo.com

Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 17, 2019, 1:25 PM

Question 1

I like the proposal overall and think the improvements will be great for use of the park. I would like to see **more bench/wall seating (I'm not clear if what is there is going away) near the playground** because there are often parents/caregivers there with kids. I love the picnic tables that can be used for food. Can recycling bins be added? I look forward to frequenting this park more as my son gets to be the age for the playground.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Less than once in a month

Question 5

Mazur.sarah@gmail.com

Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 17, 2019, 1:37 PM

Question 1

Soccer is the most popular sport by a mile in this neighborhood. It is very unfortunate that the plan doesn't include any feature to facilitate the game

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Couple times in a month

Question 5

No response

Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 17, 2019, 2:14 PM

Question 1

I am completely in favor of the project design. It shows the County Planning Team DID listen to the ideas and concerns of the residents who attended the planning meetings. I am **NOT in favor** of turning a small community park with limited parking and NO street parking (the adjacent residents MUST park their cars on Boston and Chicago) into a **soccer park**. Please retain the natural beauty, open space, and unstructured green area that has served this neighborhood so well. This is what the majority of those who live around the park and who use it weekly want.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

No response

Julie Schmid

inside Takoma Park

February 17, 2019, 3:59 PM

Question 1

While I am glad to see that the park is being updated, **I am unhappy to learn that the final design does not include soccer and futsal.** A large number of children and adult residents within walking distance to this park are soccer players. Also, the soccer/futsal facility was the highest rated in the earlier survey. It is disappointing to see that the county did

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not take that initial round of neighborhood feedback seriously.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

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Colette Rausch

inside Takoma Park

February 17, 2019, 4:08 PM

Question 1

The final concept design is perfect. Very happy to see the improvements to the basketball court and tennis courts as they get a lot of use. Also very much appreciate the design preserving the open field space so that it can continue to have multiple uses. We live across the street and appreciate seeing so many people from all over using the park and who will continue to be able to use the park for a variety of activities and sports because the final concept design preserved the flexible use that serves all ages and usages. (A soccer only use would be too limiting, restrictive and exclusive.)

Question 2

- 5

Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Name not available

February 17, 2019, 4:21 PM

Question 1

I might have given a higher rating if not concerned with the statement "minimal regrading of open lawn area to create smoother and more-friendly play area." There should be enough grading to achieve create a more LEVEL area for small play activities such as soccer, volleyball, etc. "Smoother" suggests keeping the sub-standard sloping status quo. Do appreciate all attention to solving drainage problems to a seasonal swamp.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

No response

Name not available

February 17, 2019, 4:27 PM

Question 1

I am a youth in the neighborhood and I am disappointed that the Parks Department is not making a futsal/soccer court.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Less than once in a month

Question 5

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Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 17, 2019, 4:31 PM

Question 1

I dislike the final concept design. I am a teen that plays soccer, and am extremely irate and disappointed. Soccer is one of the up and coming sports in the US, and **not putting a futsal/soccer court is purely ludicrous.**

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

No response

Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 17, 2019, 5:11 PM

Question 1

I love the final concept (without the soccer field). Between the tennis and basketball courts and newly accessible trails, Silver Spring Intermediary Park will be a beautiful multi-use, nature-filled park perfect for families. It is already a favorite spot for picnicking, young families with toddlers, romantic couples and dog walkers. To convert it into a soccer field would dramatically impact its draw in a very negative way and sacrifice its multi-use appeal to a very sport-centric focus, displacing all those demographics who are not soccer players.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Name not shown

inside Silver Spring

February 17, 2019, 8:25 PM

Question 1

Basketball courts look big in rendering but overall good design. Thanks for preserving green space.

Question 2

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Question 3

- More than ½ mile but less than 1 mile

Question 4

- Couple times in a month

Question 5

Lesley_beth@yahoo.com

Paul McLeary

inside Takoma Park

February 17, 2019, 9:04 PM

Question 1

It is very **disappointing the recommendations for a dedicated soccer/futsal area have been ignored.** The neighborhood is full of kids from early elementary school through High School who will continue to have no dedicated space to play, while the tennis court sits empty on the vast majority of days. (Kids use it for soccer, in fact, and will continue to do so. Someone's got to make use of the wasted space.) Meanwhile, our kids will be forced to continue to play soccer on the uneven field which either has high grass or is soft and muddy. Just a huge missed

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opportunity.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Couple times in a month

Question 5

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Arlene Koby

inside Takoma Park

February 17, 2019, 9:45 PM

Question 1

I think the design looks good. I would suggest additional picnic tables, in the green area between the tennis courts and basketball courts.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

arlenekoby@aol.com

Name not available

February 17, 2019, 9:56 PM

Question 1

I like it but I would appreciate handicapped play equipment for special needs children at the playground, specifically the swings. I have a son in

the neighborhood with such needs and the current park doesn't allow him to fully engage.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

Dhrupadmary@gmail.com

Name not available

February 17, 2019, 10:27 PM

Question 1

Without printing the drawings, I couldn't find any of the proposed additional bike racks. I strongly recommend having bike racks on the Chicago/Philadelphia side as well as near the parking lot. Also the bike racks should not be the accordion style that thwarts locking bikes properly.

Question 2

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Question 3

- More than ½ mile but less than 1 mile

Question 4

- Less than once in a month

Question 5

No response

Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 17, 2019, 11:30 PM

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Question 1

As a family, we have used the park for about every activity. Basketball, soccer, lacrosse, whiffle ball, throwing the football and frisbee, hide and seek, tennis, bike riding, merry-go-round, and even tree climbing. I like that the park still holds onto those activities to allow as many to use it as possible. Please leave the top of a hill flat so that it can be used as a field, just like it is now. Maybe add another water fountain. Definitely needs a bathroom too, it is used year round and needs one year round.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

No response

Name not available

February 17, 2019, 11:49 PM

Question 1

I am very sorry to see that there is no area for soccer or futsal in this plan. There are very many neighborhood kids who play soccer and would appreciate it. Please make sure to have benches and tables in the shade.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Robert Franklin

inside Silver Spring

February 18, 2019, 7:22 AM

Question 1

I live across the street from Silver Spring Intermediate Park. The park is used by a wide variety of people engaged in many different activities each day including basket ball, batting practice, children's soccer practice, volleyball, tennis, children playing, dogs playing with humans, sunning (in season), Frisbee, and so on. Most of these activities are unorganized and that is good because it keeps the park available to others. It is to our great advantage that the park can be used by so many people in different activities. It was my great fear when this redesign process began that the goal was to redesign the park to be used as a soccer field. I am relieved to see that that has not happened. Such a change would have interfered with the activities of other users of the park and led to the overuse of the park and its decline. It would have been a detriment to the community by increasing traffic and noise. The park would have been transformed from an asset to a liability. I am pleased to see that the final design does not appear to turn the park into a soccer field.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Ben Rempell

inside Takoma Park

February 18, 2019, 7:49 AM

Question 1

Looks great!

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Less than once in a month

Question 5

No response

Name not available

February 18, 2019, 9:13 AM

Question 1

My primary concern with this final concept design is that it is not clear that the grassy parts between the tennis/basketball/playground and/or near the Boston ave wall are not level and therefore may not accommodate pickup volleyball, frisbee or soccer (usually little kids). The lawns are often used for these activities. Please make sure the water feature and the grading are not designed to inadvertently exclude these types of activities. I cannot tell for sure by the visual pictures, but it looks like their may not be flat areas.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

No response

Andrew Malone

inside Silver Spring

February 18, 2019, 9:26 AM

Question 1

I am very pleased with the increased connectivity and accessibility of the design. The park would be integrated throughout. The addition of the

water fountain is a VERY nice amenity, as is the port-a-john. The designated picnic area is unobtrusive and provides a buffer between where people let their dogs run off leash all the time and the playground. The additional seating will also be helpful. I'm sorry that the exercise stations weren't included but I know they were unpopular with the community as a whole. Overall, I believe this design strikes a fine balance between the desires of some (including me) to program every corner of the space to provide things to engage with the and the desires of others to leave as much of the space untouched as possible. Now the park will be more activated but also still a place of natural respite. I really like it.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Couple times in a month

Question 5

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Name not available

February 18, 2019, 9:41 AM

Question 1

The final design shows the planners listened to public comment. I live down the street and use this park several times a week and am happy with the design. 2 comments: 1) can the water fountain also have a ground-level pet-watering nozzle for water for dogs, and 2) can we rename the park to honor someone worthy from the County or maybe Michelle Obama? Thanks for considering and can't wait for the renovation!

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

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Question 5

No response

Michael Johnsen

inside Takoma Park

February 18, 2019, 9:45 AM

Question 1

Thanks for considering Public comments - the final looks great. 2 additional suggestions: 1) can the water fountain have a lower pet spout for water for dogs and 2) can we rename the park for an honored member of MoCo or even perhaps Michelle Obama :-)? Thanks again!

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

No response

Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 18, 2019, 10:06 AM

Question 1

The design looks attractive and welcoming for lots of different people who want to use the park in different ways. Thank you to all the staff who contributed their skills and time to create this plan. And thank you for making it possible for the neighborhood to comment in a forum like this. It's a great example of how well government can work for everyone.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

No response

Andy Sullivan

inside Silver Spring

February 18, 2019, 10:16 AM

Question 1

Hi, overall this plan looks good -- the drainage improvements will go a long ways towards making the open green space more usable for informal activities like soccer, volleyball and tag. However, I agree with many other commenters that we've missed an opportunity to convert the underused tennis courts into multi-activity spaces that can better serve more members of the surrounding community -- it wouldn't take much to make the enclosed court space suitable for pickup soccer, kids learning to ride bikes, etc. This use would not affect any other areas of the park, such as the green space, and wouldn't draw hordes of people from outside the neighborhood as it would only be confined to the tennis court space, which can't accommodate full soccer teams.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Couple times in a month

Question 5

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Name not shown

inside Silver Spring

February 18, 2019, 11:48 AM

Question 1

I support this design, and heartily commend the planners for a concept that is appropriate to the scale and nature of this park (especially for not

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usurping its flexibility with a soccer field). I am, however, concerned that the Natural Play Area (t) is too small to be effective for its purpose, and is positioned too close to the bioretention area (b) which I fear will cause substantial erosion and damage. As much as I love the idea of a natural play area, I believe that tiny space should instead serve as a shrub buffer which will better support and protect the important drainage system.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

No response

Calvin Dunn

inside Takoma Park

February 18, 2019, 12:11 PM

Question 1

I like the current plan, and I like how the main field remains multipurpose and without a soccer field. It is great for dog walkers, which I have noticed is a large demographic in my neighborhood.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

No response

Sat Jiwan SJ Ikle-Khalsa

inside Takoma Park

February 18, 2019, 1:28 PM

Question 1

Overall like the modest community responsive design.

Points for considered further improvement:

--three non parallel pickle ball lines seems to contribute to crosscourt interference. Alternative design with three courts, would be a set of pickle ball court lines centered on each tennis court and one straddling the gap between two courts. (With a convertible net piece to cover the gap?)

Alternative design with 4-8 total courts, pickle ball lines could be made with four courts on each tennis court (as many tennis clubs do) but then you need portable nets. (But could do tournaments.)

—maybe a hybrid is best. 4 courts total. One each on outer side of tennis courts using tennis net, so portable nets not needed. And 2 in the middle area (one on each side of the gap between courts. For times when you might have four courts in use at once.)

Hybrid 2: 5 courts total: 2x2 on each side of one tennis net/court. Need portable nets. And one on other tennis court, using tennis net.

—I hear both sides of soccer argument. Seems a shame if there isn't at least a little casual flat soccer field area or two. (And possibly some lines that don't conflict on the tennis/pickle ball court— maybe just one half?).

—dog park on side of tennis courts with turfed slope up toward Philadelphia might work. The dog park in Takoma is near but largely out of sight of tennis court — so there may be more noise or visual conflict/temptations here.

Ps. I pledge to setup some "little free tennis libraries" and maybe could include pickle ball and soccer/futsal equipment in a community shed that would provide sports equipment for sharing with community and casual park attendees.

PPs Takoma dc has two red ball junior 10u tennis courts. They aren't pickleball courts but could be used as such.

Ppps. Soccer and tennis are #1 and #2 sports in world and would be good to have some of both at the park in our diverse community. Soccer can be played easily on a grass field and a hard tennis court with minimal modification.

Contact me if you'd like sketches of pickleball layouts or to talk more about sports libraries.

Question 2

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Question 3

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- More than 1 mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

satjiwan_khalsa@hotmail.com

Name not available

February 18, 2019, 1:58 PM

Question 1

Lights for the basketball courts would be awesome. If the concern is that it would disturb the neighbors, you could even make it so that they can only stay on til 9PM. This way people can play for a solid portion of the evening (without lights any time but summer this would be tough) and still clear out at a reasonable hour.

Question 2

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Question 3

- More than 1 mile

Question 4

- Less than once in a month

Question 5

No response

Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 18, 2019, 2:05 PM

Question 1

I am astounded by the power of the pickleball lobby! I have never seen this sport played, nor do I know anyone who plays it. That said, I am not against it -- but it seems that it could easily coexist with soccer. I ask MCPS to reconsider the decision not to include the soccer option. Thank you.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Name not available

February 18, 2019, 2:06 PM

Question 1

From what I can tell, pretty much what is exists now will remain with added ADA walk ways and drainage improvements. That is fine with me.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Name not shown

inside Silver Spring

February 18, 2019, 2:24 PM

Question 1

In reviewing meeting notes/feedback, it's heartening that various concerns were addressed, including mine. The final concept appears fair.

Question 2

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Question 3

- More than 1 mile

Question 4

- Less than once in a month

Question 5

No response

Jeff Kenton

inside Silver Spring

February 18, 2019, 3:37 PM

Question 1

Love it overall. Please ignore the folks who post that the tennis courts are not used. We use them most weekends during decent weather.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

No response

Nancy Nickell

inside Silver Spring

February 18, 2019, 3:47 PM

Question 1

This small, peaceful, deeply loved neighborhood park is no place for a soccer field. I am greatly relieved that it has been dropped. I am concerned about "seating for waiting area" near basketball courts. If people sit on the ground now, they can continue. This basketball court

has always had good energy; have never heard of confrontations. People come to the park to be active, or to sit on the ground or picnic tables or the steps on Chicago Ave. They do not come to be spectators. I see no mention of **the retaining wall**. It is white, beautiful, peaceful. It reflects all shades of the sun during the day, and glows in the moonlight.. It **should remain so**. I saw a woman turning cartwheels near it the other day. If the fence atop is to be modified, the modification should be minimal for safety - not blocking the view of those in the park or of the morning sun to surrounding neighbors. Neighbors can always see and enjoy the park's beauty. The constant sight also keeps the park safe. There is no need to pave any of the park for walkways. If someone who uses a walker is in the children's play area, that person can go up the sidewalk on Boston and down Chicago to the port-a-potty. Walkways would only encourage people who use sidewalks on the surrounding streets to cut through the park, greatly reducing its peace. The additional pavement would also reflect heat and sound. Trees in the park have enough heat stress - we have lost so many Oaks and one magnificent Locust in the nearly 20 years we have lived here. If this park needs anything, it is more trees. I also wish that **the area with the last remaining big Oak at the corner of Chicago and Boston could be fenced in**, to stop people from cutting through it. Construction of sidewalks near that corner did great damage and helped kill two great Oaks. Pedestrians should use those sidewalks and leave the ground around that last Oak alone - along with the ground around the young trees M-NCPPC planted. Thank you.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Name not shown

inside Takoma Park

February 18, 2019, 4:49 PM

Question 1

Overall, a nice improvement on the current situation and a good balance between different uses and interests. Some minor tweaks that echo what others have said already:
- Add two water fountains

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- More seating around playground, and some play equipment for smaller kids
- Add two picnic tables
- Protect or enlarge sledding hill

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

jac4975@yahoo.com

Name not available

February 18, 2019, 5:14 PM

Question 1

I think the drainage issue is really my main concern. The fields are soaking wet and bare. I am worried about the impact on my basement as I already have water issues. I also am concerned about how imposing the path will be by my fence. I live right next door. Over all it looks like you have heard the neighborhood well. Thank you

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Name not available

February 18, 2019, 5:59 PM

Question 1

Thank you for you work on these improvements for our park. I am very pleased with the increased accessibility without changing g its essentially character. I am not l. Favor of adding more soccer fields at this location. I tried to make it public but couldn't register successfully

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Sandra Moore

inside Silver Spring

February 18, 2019, 6:24 PM

Question 1

I've lived about a quarter mile from the park for 26 years. We used it almost every day when our children were school-aged. I am very pleased with the process you used to solicit community feedback, and the final design. It is a small community park, and I think the small changes you've chosen are just right: adding water fountains, portable toilets, benches for bus stop & basketball court, ADA walkways and bike racks (hooray !) Given the scale of the park, and the fact that there is no street parking, and a very small parking lot, I think it would be a big mistake to devote the large amount of space necessary for soccer/futsal. Belle Ziegler Park, just several blocks away, is well-suited for soccer. If the soccer demands are growing, another site should be developed, not shoehorned into this plan. Many thanks, Sandy Moore

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

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- Couple times in a month

Question 5

No response

Name not available

February 18, 2019, 7:21 PM

Question 1

I mostly like it, but cannot tell if there are any large areas with level ground for soccer, football, frisbee and volleyball.

If there is, great, it does have a drainage problem, but I hope that can be addressed while still keeping the 2 open areas that the park now has.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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Name not available

February 18, 2019, 9:18 PM

Question 1

Adding a soccer function to the existing tennis courts at SSI Park is an ideal plan for this park. There is ZERO impact on the green-space, just greater use of an existing facility.

The demand for better soccer facilities in the County is without question, and the current situation of grass fields for soccer are not fit-for-purpose. Montgomery County Parks needs to move away from this model towards a network of all-weather, small-sided, public access soccer courts. These facilities would democratize access to better quality areas for skill development and small games, much in the same ways our public parks provide sufficiently for tennis and basketball, and they would avoid the maintenance costs associated with grass maintenance and repair.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

No response

Name not available

February 18, 2019, 9:30 PM

Question 1

I am pleased with the final concept design. I like very much that it keeps the general feel and elements of the existing park, but improves some of the existing problems with the park. I like that it does NOT include an organized sport field and keeps the open and flexible space that is so well used and loved by residents and visitors. As a note to designers and planners, the tennis court is a versatile community resource and is used by an astonishing diversity of ages and use types. Please keep it fenced with a closing gate. I could imagine losing a parking space or two to a more generous area for porto-potty.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

No response

Susan Gleason

inside Silver Spring

February 18, 2019, 9:43 PM

Silver Spring Intermediate Neighborhood Park - Concept Plan

Montgomery Parks is seeking input on a final conceptual site plan

Question 1

I appreciate the thought and effort on the part of the MCDP staff on the site plan. However, I believe that the park should not include a soccer field, as it would change the nature of this small and charming parcel of land and increase traffic in the neighborhood.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Several times a week

Question 5

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inside Silver Spring

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Question 1

I am pleased that the department took seriously the neighbors' desire as expressed in both the public meetings and neighborhood tours of the park to have this park remain a free play neighborhood park. Just yesterday, despite the cold, I saw a parent teaching her child how to play tennis in the court. That is exactly the type of activity we should be encouraging.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

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inside Silver Spring

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Question 1

I am surprised by all of the comments against incorporating soccer into the design of this park. My daughters both love the sport and it would be great if our neighborhood park was a place where they could play. It would be easy to change the design so that the tennis courts could also accommodate small pick up soccer games, which would be very popular among children and families in our neighborhood. Happy that the park is getting redesigned, but very, very disappointed that soccer does not also have a place in the new park design.

Question 2

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Question 3

- Less than ½ mile

Question 4

- Once a week

Question 5

No response

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Question 1

I live in Kensington, MD near Silver Creek Middle School. There is no dog park in our neighborhood. Currently, everyone uses the Middle School as a dog park, but I've noticed some people don't scoop their dog's poop and that's not good for the Middle School students. We need a dog park and Takoma Park is too far away. I don't see a place to vote for a dog park on our neighborhood.

Question 2

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Question 3

- More than 1 mile

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Question 4

- Less than once in a month

Question 5

No response