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Share your thoughts and preferences for a new park in Lyttonsville.

Summary Of Responses

As of August 2, 2023, 9:42 AM, this for	um had:	Topic Start	Topic End
Attendees:	145	June 29, 2022, 2:53 PM	August 31, 2022, 12:00 AM

Responses: 39 Hours of Public Comment: 2.0

QUESTION 1

How far do you live from the future park (2205 Kansas Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland)? (Select one)

	%	Count
½ mile or less	59.0%	23
Between ½ and 1 mile	15.4%	6
Between 1 mile and 5 miles	20.5%	8
More than 5 miles	5.1%	2

QUESTION 2

How often do you think you would visit the park? (Select one)

	%	Count
Daily	12.8%	5
A few times a week	43.6%	17
A few times a month	33.3%	13
Less than once a month	10.3%	4

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QUESTION 3

How would you typically get to the park? (Select one)

	%	Count
Walk	69.2%	27
Bike	15.4%	6
Drive	7.7%	3
Other	7.7%	3

QUESTION 4

What are your priorities for amenities in the new park? Please rate the following amenities on a scale from 1 to 5. (1 = Not important, 5 = Very Important).

Gathering space

	%	Count
1 - Not Important	15.4%	6
2 - Slightly Important	5.1%	2
3 - Moderately Important	23.1%	9
4 - Important	23.1%	9
5 - Very Important	30.8%	12
Seating & picnicking area		
	%	Count
1 - Not Important	10.3%	4
2 - Slightly Important	2.6%	1
3 - Moderately Important	25.6%	10

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	%	Count
4 - Important	43.6%	17
5 - Very Important	15.4%	6
Multi-purpose lawn		
		Count
1 - Not Important	10.3%	4
2 - Slightly Important	17.9%	7
3 - Moderately Important	28.2%	11
4 - Important	23.1%	9
5 - Very Important	17.9%	7
Game & fitness area		
	%	Count
1 - Not Important	12.8%	5
2 - Slightly Important	20.5%	8
3 - Moderately Important	33.3%	13
4 - Important	7.7%	3
5 - Very Important	17.9%	7
Tree canopy / Shade		
	%	Count
2 - Slightly Important	2.6%	1
4 - Important	12.8%	5

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5 - Very Important	% 84.6%	Count 33
Bicycle repair station		
1 - Not Important	% 41.0%	Count 16
2 - Slightly Important	7.7%	3
3 - Moderately Important	12.8%	5
4 - Important	20.5%	8
5 - Very Important	12.8%	5
Drinking fountain		
1 - Not Important	% 7.7%	Count 3
		· ·
2 - Slightly Important	10.3%	4
3 - Moderately Important	15.4%	6
4 - Important	20.5%	8
5 - Very Important	41.0%	16
Artwork		
	%	Count
1 - Not Important	12.8%	5
2 - Slightly Important	12.8%	5
3 - Moderately Important	25.6%	10

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	%	Count
4 - Important	30.8%	12
5 - Very Important	10.3%	4
Historical interpretation and signage		
	%	Count
1 - Not Important	7.7%	3
2 - Slightly Important	17.9%	7
3 - Moderately Important	10.3%	4
4 - Important	20.5%	8
5 - Very Important	41.0%	16

QUESTION 5

What is your preferred name for the park?

	%	Count
Lyttonsville Neighborhood Park	27.8%	10
Talbot Bridge Neighborhood Park	30.6%	11
Talbot Avenue Neighborhood Park	2.8%	1
Samuel Lytton Neighborhood Park	27.8%	10
Other	11.1%	4

QUESTION 6

Please provide ideas you have for incorporating the bridge or interpreting the history of the park.

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Answered 17

Skipped 22

QUESTION 7

Please list other comparable public spaces you've visited that might be good examples for this location.

Answered 11

Skipped 28

QUESTION 8

Please share any additional thoughts and ideas you have for the park.

Answered 23

Skipped 16

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Survey Questions

QUESTION 1

How far do you live from the future park (2205 Kansas Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland)? (Select one)

- ½ mile or less
- Between 1/2 and 1 mile
- Between 1 mile and 5 miles
- More than 5 miles

QUESTION 2

How often do you think you would visit the park? (Select one)

- · Daily
- · A few times a week
- · A few times a month
- · Less than once a month

QUESTION 3

How would you typically get to the park? (Select one)

- Walk
- Bike
- Drive
- Other

QUESTION 4

What are your priorities for amenities in the new park? Please rate the following amenities on a scale from 1 to 5. (1 = Not important, 5 = Very Important).

Row choices

- Gathering space
- · Seating & picnicking area
- Multi-purpose lawn
- · Game & fitness area
- Tree canopy / Shade
- Bicycle repair station
- Drinking fountain
- Artwork
- Historical interpretation and signage

Column choices

• 1 - Not Important

- 2 Slightly Important
- 3 Moderately Important
- 4 Important
- 5 Very Important

QUESTION 5

What is your preferred name for the park?

- Lyttonsville Neighborhood Park
- Talbot Bridge Neighborhood Park
- Talbot Avenue Neighborhood Park
- · Samuel Lytton Neighborhood Park
- Other

QUESTION 6

Please provide ideas you have for incorporating the bridge or interpreting the history of the park.

QUESTION 7

Please list other comparable public spaces you've visited that might be good examples for this location.

QUESTION 8

Please share any additional thoughts and ideas you have for the park.

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Individual Responses

Roger Paden

inside Silver Spring June 29, 2022, 8:05 PM

Question 1

• 1/2 mile or less

Question 2

· A few times a month

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 3 - Moderately Important
Seating & picnicking area: 3 - Moderately Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 3 - Moderately Important
Game & fitness area: 2 - Slightly Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 4 - Important

Bicycle repair station: 3 - Moderately Important Drinking fountain: 3 - Moderately Important

Artwork: 2 - Slightly Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

· Samuel Lytton Neighborhood Park

Question 6

You have convinced me (1) that the trail should abut the Purple Line and not meander through the park and (2) that the bridge should not be 'on' the trail. So the bridge memorial should be free-standing. I think that the memorial should be interpreted. I recommend that you contact David Rotenstein, a historical who has studied Lyttonsville for interpretive information.

Question 7

There will be several historically relevant exhibits on the history of Lyttonsville. One will be an art in transit feature at the Lyttonsville station that will focus on Lyttonsville's history. There may in the future also be an exhibit at the community center. Perhaps these could be coordinated.

No response

Elizabeth Handwerker

inside Silver Spring June 29, 2022, 8:24 PM

Question 1

• ½ mile or less

Question 2

· A few times a month

Question 3

• Other - Run

Question 4

Gathering space: 3 - Moderately Important Seating & picnicking area: 3 - Moderately Important

Multi-purpose lawn: 1 - Not Important

Game & fitness area: 3 - Moderately Important

Tree canopy / Shade: 4 - Important Bicycle repair station: 5 - Very Important Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important Artwork: 3 - Moderately Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

This park will get a lot of traffic with people walking, running, and biking between downtown Silver Spring and Rock Creek Park. A drinking fountain and bike repair station would be really useful here.

Question 8

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Name not available

June 29, 2022, 8:26 PM

Question 1

• 1/2 mile or less

Question 2

Daily

Question 3

Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 5 - Very Important
Seating & picnicking area: 1 - Not Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 1 - Not Important
Game & fitness area: 1 - Not Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important
Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important
Artwork: 1 - Not Important

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Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

• Samuel Lytton Neighborhood Park

Question 6

Our history here is so important and unfortunately this space isn't a good use for this.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

This space is isolated and runs along the railroad. Therefore, it should be used for a dog park a skate park or something of that sort that will actually draw the neighbors out. I would like to see this space focus more on our neighborhood and not so much the Crescent Trail.

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring June 29, 2022, 8:39 PM

Question 1

• ½ mile or less

Question 2

· A few times a month

Question 3

Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 4 - Important
Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 1 - Not Important
Game & fitness area: 3 - Moderately Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 4 - Important
Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important
Artwork: 3 - Moderately Important
Historical interpretation and signage: 3 - Moderately Important

Question 5

Lyttonsville Neighborhood Park

Question 6

If there's a play structure, why not make the bridge the framework for the play structure? Otherwise use the tressles as one side of tables or benches.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Make sure there things people in the neighborhood would enjoy. Tables for shared meals. Ping pong tables. Maybe a large chess board. It wasn't really discussed in the presentation, but this is right next to Rosemary Hills Elementary school with a large field and playground that's very accessible to the community. We don't need another multi-use field just a block away. This site should be something different.

Bryan McCann

inside Silver Spring June 29, 2022, 9:57 PM

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Question 1

• ½ mile or less

Question 2

· A few times a week

Question 3

· Other - skateboard

Question 4

Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important Historical interpretation and signage: 4 - Important

Question 5

• Other - Pat Tyson Park

Question 6

I would like to see the bridge incorporated into the park as a raised feature, with a grass swale on one side and a concrete swale with a concrete apron on the other.

Question 7

https://www.designboom.com/architecture/wavy-concrete-strips-french-industrial-skatepark-continua-mbl-bureau-david-apheceix-06-03-2021/

Question 8

I have weighed in on this previously, and I understand that I may be the only person advocating for a skate feature in this space. I am sure you understand that most skaters are, regrettably, not following local planning processes. But they are hungry for places to skate. The closest skate feature in a public park is at Woodside Skatepark, and, while that is useful, I regret to say that it is not a very good skatepark. Everything in it is too compressed. It would be preferable to have a single skate feature incorporated into a general use park, but with an apron or ribbon of concrete adjacent, as in the example linked above (the Galleria Continua in Boissy-le-Chatel). I realize that this is pretty much a lost cause for this park. But please keep it in mind for future parks in the area. There is so much that could be done in this regard, that would serve local skaters and also the general population.

Eva Santorini

inside Silver Spring June 30, 2022, 4:50 PM

Question 1

• ½ mile or less

Question 2

· A few times a week

Question 3

Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 4 - Important
Seating & picnicking area: 3 - Moderately Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 3 - Moderately Important
Game & fitness area: 2 - Slightly Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 3 - Moderately Important
Drinking fountain: 3 - Moderately Important
Artwork: 4 - Important

Artwork. 4 - Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

Samuel Lytton Neighborhood Park

Question 6

Having seen the presentation on June 29, I think we already have an excellent example: the interpretive boards in the first park shown: a long, not wide residential park that showed the history of the community and which also served as a separating point to the residential homes nearby. There are many photos and documents that the Lyttonsville elders possess and proudly show at the annual Black History Month exhibit at the Coffield Center which would be perfectly suited for an interesting and important timeline/sign. These would have to be secured behind plexiglass or some protective screen. Another plaque should alert visitors to what will hopefully be a permanent exhibit housed at the Coffield Community Center. The actual metal girders of the TAB could be placed horizontally (as in the French WWI park) within the park or raised as in the Somerville, MA park (but would have to be thoroughly secured and cleaned). Visitors should not be able to climb the girders if they are positioned upright.

Question 7

The Somerville, MA park example feels like a very good match to this future park. I envision winding paths with low-maintenance native plantings; hardy grass and mulch, perhaps other materials in areas to allow for wheelchairs (ADA); simple seating arrangements (concrete steps w/ ramps like in an amphitheater); canopy of trees over open green

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space; terraces for separate seating arrangements. Interpretive history boards along the south side as a boundary/buffer to the nearby residences. Park open to the CCT (north). Low concrete walls at the CCT for bicyclists (limited bike maintenance) and walkers to rest (water fountains). All furnishings such as seating, if any, should be simple, easily cleanable, and weather-resistant: chess/checker tables at Lyttonsville-Rosemary Hills are vandalized and destroyed from time to time.

Question 8

Thank you first of all for allowing the residents of neighboring communities to weigh in on the design of this future park. I feel privileged to be able to do so.

Having shared some of my *personal* wishes and thoughts in this survey, I feel strongest that we allow Lyttonsville residents a special say how this small but meaningful space in their neighborhood should be designed. Maybe they feel strongly that the original landowner's name Samuel Lytton should be part of the name of this park. Maybe they will share other suggestions. I do feel we should honor especially the elders who have endured decades of racial discrimination (a formal apology for discriminatory housing covenants in another community was recently presented; hostility towards African-Americans in the neighboring "sundown" neighborhoods; streets were not paved and electricity not completed in Lyttonsville until later in the 20th century!); environmental injustice (a train depot was included at one point and I will be curious about sound abatement issues that were raised during a walkthrough with PL and MDOT folks and elected officials - a Lyttonsville resident's response: "We're not idiots!" is forever etched in my mind; current zoning will be altered to include more housing/mixed use only due to the PL; we will need to ensure that the heavy metal toxins in the current soil are completely cleared); and erasure, the most disgraceful disrespect (check out a current map which does NOT show the community name listed!) Let's also keep in mind that we need to take a long view: this park will not be built anytime soon. Construction will not begin until the completion of the PL, projected to be in the fall 2026 (barring delays, etc) and will depend on funding in coming budget cycles. Keep in mind that the Greater Lyttonsville Sector Plan will rear its head before we know it with what may be massive residential/mixed-use construction alongside the Lyttonsville stop of the PL. At that point - just like it was during the 2016 GSLP meetings and hearings - continued community input is critical. Stay tuned!

Clark Larson

inside Silver Spring June 30, 2022, 11:09 PM

Question 1

• ½ mile or less

Question 2

• A few times a week

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 5 - Very Important Seating & picnicking area: 5 - Very Important

Multi-purpose lawn: 4 - Important

Game & fitness area: 3 - Moderately Important Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important

Bicycle repair station: 5 - Very Important Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important

Artwork: 4 - Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

• Samuel Lytton Neighborhood Park

Question 6

I would love to have parts from the historic Talbot Ave. bridge, as well as reproduction parts designed to mimic its original design, installed to allow park visitors to walk/bike over the bridge as if they were crossing the original. I would like to see a small swale created under the bridge to raise it a little off the ground rather than the bridge sit on the ground. I don't recommend that the CCT passes over the bridge due to potential design, logistical, safety, and maintenance issues, but the bridge could be situated as one way to "enter" a seating or other element of the park from the CCT. There should also be a permanent interpretive sign at the bridge explaining its history and importance to the residents of Lyttonsville since its initial construction.

I would also like the park to recognize the namesake of the Lyttonsville neighborhood, Samuel Litton, and his significance to the African-American residents who have lived and thrived on property that he once owned. This could be realized through the park's name and/or additional interpretive signage about Mr. Litton and the history and meaning of his former property.

Question 7

I really love the park furniture and design of the River Arts District greenway park in Asheville, NC. Information and staff contacts can be found at

https://www.ashevillenc.gov/department/transportation/greenways/.

I enjoy the larger park spaces placed along the New York City High Line, especially those that recreate remnants of the line's history and are planted with pollinator-friendly, native, wild vegetation.

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Question 8

I would like the park to serve as an oasis for people passing through on the trail, as well as those living nearby. Preferred elements include an ornamental fountain, lots of shade and green space, benches, and flowers or other kind of landscaping that also serves as a natural habitat for bees and butterflies. Landscaping within the park should minimize mowed grass area and maximize shade and ornamental trees and natural (unmaintained) vegetated areas. I would like a Capital Bikeshare station to be considered at this site. Seating should be positioned so as to be able to observe Historic Bridge feature, as well as sunsets.

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring July 1, 2022, 1:23 PM

Question 1

Between ½ and 1 mile

Question 2

· A few times a month

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 4 - Important
Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 2 - Slightly Important
Game & fitness area: 4 - Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 4 - Important
Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important
Artwork: 2 - Slightly Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 2 - Slightly Important

Question 5

• Lyttonsville Neighborhood Park

Question 6

use the bridge remnants to create seating/benches

Question 7

Weiner Plaza at the entry of the Capital Crescent Trail in Bethesda

Question 8

as much native plants and shade trees would be great, and a water fountain could help engage the space for Capital Crescent trail users

Name not available

July 1, 2022, 5:37 PM

Question 1

• 1/2 mile or less

Question 2

· A few times a week

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 2 - Slightly Important Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important Multi-purpose lawn: 4 - Important

Game & fitness area: 3 - Moderately Important Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important Drinking fountain: 4 - Important

Artwork: 4 - Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

• Samuel Lytton Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Name not available

July 2, 2022, 11:20 AM

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Question 1

• ½ mile or less

Question 2

Daily

Question 3

Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 4 - Important

Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important Multi-purpose lawn: 3 - Moderately Important Game & fitness area: 2 - Slightly Important Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important Artwork: 3 - Moderately Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 3 - Moderately Important

Question 5

Lyttonsville Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Please do not under any circumstances put in a dog park. The neighbors backing the park do not want it. Additionally, there is an invasive species of plants from the park site that have now encroached into the homes that back the park, please have that treated.

Amy Sharp

inside Silver Spring July 7, 2022, 3:32 PM

Question 1

• 1/2 mile or less

Question 2

· A few times a week

Question 3

Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 4 - Important

Seating & picnicking area: 3 - Moderately Important

Multi-purpose lawn: 4 - Important
Game & fitness area: 5 - Very Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 4 - Important
Drinking fountain: 4 - Important
Artwork: 1 - Not Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 1 - Not Important

Question 5

• Lyttonsville Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

I really like the Montgomery Hills Neighborhood Park for it's ample shaded areas and multiple playgrounds.

Question 8

A playground with plenty of shade would be ideal. Also, I really appreciate when there are drinking water fountains.

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring July 8, 2022, 2:11 PM

Question 1

• Between 1 mile and 5 miles

Question 2

• A few times a month

Question 3

Share your thoughts and preferences for a new park in Lyttonsville.

• Bike

Question 4

Gathering space: 4 - Important
Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 4 - Important
Game & fitness area: 4 - Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 5 - Very Important
Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important

Artwork: 4 - Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 3 - Moderately Important

Question 5

• Talbot Bridge Neighborhood Park

Question 6

Have play equipment that emulates the bridge.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Shade is critical to be a welcoming place.

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring July 8, 2022, 7:02 PM

Question 1

• Between 1 mile and 5 miles

Question 2

A few times a month

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 1 - Not Important Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important Multi-purpose lawn: 1 - Not Important Game & fitness area: 1 - Not Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 2 - Slightly Important
Dripking fountain: 1 - Not Important

Drinking fountain: 1 - Not Important Artwork: 3 - Moderately Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 2 - Slightly Important

Question 5

• Lyttonsville Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Purple Line construction has taken down many tall, older trees that served as habitats for various species and provided shade and fresh air. I think it's important to stay away from a manicured look and try to have areas where trees and other vegetation can grow naturally.

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring July 9, 2022, 11:45 AM

Question 1

• ½ mile or less

Question 2

• Less than once a month

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 1 - Not Important
Seating & picnicking area: 1 - Not Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 3 - Moderately Important
Game & fitness area: 3 - Moderately Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 4 - Important
Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important
Drinking fountain: 1 - Not Important

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Artwork: 1 - Not Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 1 - Not Important

Question 5

· Lyttonsville Neighborhood Park

Question 6

The bridge is so far above grade on the north side that it discourages neighbors from that side from using the park!

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Name not shown

July 9, 2022, 12:08 PM

Question 1

• Between 1/2 and 1 mile

Question 2

• A few times a month

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 3 - Moderately Important Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important Multi-purpose lawn: 3 - Moderately Important Game & fitness area: 5 - Very Important Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important Drinking fountain: 4 - Important Artwork: 3 - Moderately Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 2 - Slightly Important

Question 5

• Lyttonsville Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Name not shown

inside White Oak July 9, 2022, 12:26 PM

Question 1

• More than 5 miles

Question 2

· Less than once a month

Question 3

Drive

Question 4

Gathering space: 4 - Important
Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 2 - Slightly Important
Game & fitness area: 3 - Moderately Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important
Drinking fountain: 3 - Moderately Important

Artwork: 4 - Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

• Talbot Bridge Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Share your thoughts and preferences for a new park in Lyttonsville.

Question 8

No response

Name not available

July 14, 2022, 7:11 PM

Question 1

• More than 5 miles

Question 2

· A few times a month

Question 3

• Bike

Question 4

Gathering space: 4 - Important Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important Multi-purpose lawn: 2 - Slightly Important Game & fitness area: 4 - Important Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important Bicycle repair station: 4 - Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 4 - Important

Question 5

• Talbot Avenue Neighborhood Park

Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring July 19, 2022, 12:07 PM

Question 1

• ½ mile or less

Question 2

• A few times a week

Question 3

Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 5 - Very Important

Seating & picnicking area: 3 - Moderately Important

Multi-purpose lawn: 5 - Very Important Game & fitness area: 1 - Not Important Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important Bicycle repair station: 3 - Moderately Important

Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important

Artwork: 5 - Very Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 4 - Important

Question 5

• Talbot Bridge Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Dog park!

Name not available

July 19, 2022, 1:13 PM

Question 1

• Between 1/2 and 1 mile

Question 2

• A few times a week

Share your thoughts and preferences for a new park in Lyttonsville.

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 5 - Very Important
Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 4 - Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 3 - Moderately Important

Drinking fountain: 4 - Important Artwork: 5 - Very Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

· Talbot Bridge Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Kathryn Miller

inside Silver Spring July 19, 2022, 10:25 PM

Question 1

• 1/2 mile or less

Question 2

Daily

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 5 - Very Important

Seating & picnicking area: 3 - Moderately Important

Multi-purpose lawn: 5 - Very Important

Game & fitness area: 1 - Not Important Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important Drinking fountain: 3 - Moderately Important

Artwork: 3 - Moderately Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 4 - Important

Question 5

• Samuel Lytton Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Please do not make this a dog park. I am a dog owner and I do not want this space to be taken over by dogs and their owners. This should be a neighborhood park that honors local history.

Name not available

July 21, 2022, 2:36 PM

Question 1

• Between 1/2 and 1 mile

Question 2

· A few times a week

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 1 - Not Important
Seating & picnicking area: 1 - Not Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 2 - Slightly Important
Game & fitness area: 2 - Slightly Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 2 - Slightly Important
Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important
Drinking fountain: 2 - Slightly Important
Artwork: 2 - Slightly Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 2 - Slightly Important

Share your thoughts and preferences for a new park in Lyttonsville.

Question 5

· Talbot Bridge Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring July 22, 2022, 10:45 PM

Question 1

• 1/2 mile or less

Question 2

· A few times a week

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 5 - Very Important Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important Multi-purpose lawn: 4 - Important

Game & fitness area: 2 - Slightly Important Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important Drinking fountain: 4 - Important

Artwork: 4 - Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

• Other - Talbot Avenue Bridge Neighborhood Park

Question 6

Salvaged Steel side-walls, girders and cross-beams manufactured by for B & O Railway in late 19th Century, hand-made nails and engraved steel

screws from this Century-old railway overpass bridge are safely stored at nearby Montgomery County's Brookville Road 'Bus Depot' for reassembly into a reduced 'REPLICA' of Historic Talbot Avenue Bridge to be installed in this new Linear Park near Talbot Avenue entrance. Goal is for Park visitors to walk on & around it, view historic photos, read signage on crucial access it gave to generations of Lyttonsville's racially segregated Black residents, linking Lyttonsville with its surrounding neighborhoods and Silver Spring as a pedestrian/vehicular railway overpass.

Question 7

Other standing 'historic' Railway overpass bridges in Montgomery County and Maryland from the 19th/early 20th Centuries, historic replicas of Industrial Age transportation architecture including canals and railways in park-like settings, historic buildings of public value throughout Maryland and Montgomery County.

Question 8

This small Park will be located adjacent to the future Purple Line and Capital-Crescent Trail accessible to thousands of Light Rail passengers and Trail users as one of its main features. It must also be a green symbol of historic residential enclave of Lyttonsville founded in 1853 by Samuel Lytton which flourished as a long-enduring African-American settlement post-Civil War and through the 20th Century to the present day and the Century-long segregation-desegregation story of the 'historic' (now demolished) Talbot Avenue Bridge railway overpass. This small Park must be fully accessible for daily recreational and historic activities by Lyttonsville residents and adjacent neighborhoods, with design and content reflecting Lyttonsville's goodwill and integration values despite racist misuse, and the historic Talbot Avenue Bridge architecture.

Joel Teitelbaum

inside Silver Spring July 22, 2022, 11:22 PM

Question 1

• 1/2 mile or less

Question 2

· A few times a week

Question 3

Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 5 - Very Important

Share your thoughts and preferences for a new park in Lyttonsville.

Seating & picnicking area: 5 - Very Important

Multi-purpose lawn: 4 - Important

Game & fitness area: 2 - Slightly Important Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important Drinking fountain: 3 - Moderately Important

Artwork: 4 - Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

• Other - Historic Talbot Avenue Bridge Neighborhood Park

Question 6

Durable portions rescued during demolition of the historic railway overpass Steel-made bridge walls and cross-beams, hand-made nails/screws are stored at nearby Montgomery County Brookville Road 'Bus Depot' for curation and future re-use as a reduced-side 'Replica' of this Century-Old Talbot Avenue Bridge. This 'Replica' Bridge should be reassembled and sited within this future County Park near Talbot Avenue entrance for viewing and walking access by all visitors to the Park including historic markers and photos of the former functioning railway overpass bridge linking Lyttonsville to Silver Spring.

Question 7

Comparable are several other historic restored Railway Overpass and Covered Wooden Bridges and replicas across Maryland and in Montgomery County that evoke the past way of life in our rural and urban settlements, historic riverside Canals and Canal Paths also open for public visitation and recreation in park-like settings with historic markers and other well-preserved historic Transportation architecture like this B & O railroad engine 'round table' transformed into a bridge.

Question 8

This small new County Park in Lyttonsville abutting the future Capital-Crescent Trail along the Purple Line Corridor will be open for visits by Light Rail travelers and recreation use as a stop on the new Bethesda to Silver Spring hiker/bike Trail. This local Park's character must reflect the history of Lyttonsville itself, a pre-Civil War-founded African-American settlement linked by the Talbot Avenue Bridge with adjoining White neighborhoods to Silver Spring/Washington, D.C. The values and needs of modern-day Lyttonsville residents symbolized by incorporating a durable Talbot Avenue Bridge Replica in this Park should infuse Park design encouraging Park usage by local residents primarily as a localized neighborhood Park facility.

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring

July 25, 2022, 9:28 PM

Question 1

• ½ mile or less

Question 2

A few times a week

Question 3

Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 3 - Moderately Important
Seating & picnicking area: 3 - Moderately Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 3 - Moderately Important
Game & fitness area: 3 - Moderately Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 2 - Slightly Important
Drinking fountain: 2 - Slightly Important

Artwork: 1 - Not Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 3 - Moderately Important

Question 5

• Lyttonsville Neighborhood Park

Question 6

I know there's an effort to install a piece of the old bridge. Nice signage explaining that the tracks literally divided White and African American neighborhoods would be important. It would be nice to incorporate images showing how the roads on the Lyttonsville side were not paved until the 1970s and explaining how people had to walk over the bridge to use public transport.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Please have some sort of public restroom. Many people do not walk or use parks for fear of being caught short, Toilet facilities are important. Shade is also very important.

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring

Share your thoughts and preferences for a new park in Lyttonsville.

July 28, 2022, 1:38 PM

Question 1

• ½ mile or less

Question 2

· A few times a week

Question 3

Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 4 - Important
Seating & picnicking area: 5 - Very Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 2 - Slightly Important
Game & fitness area: 1 - Not Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 4 - Important
Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important
Artwork: 3 - Moderately Important
Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

• Other - If the historic Talbot Avenue Bridge is to be reconstructed in the park, like the idea of the park being named after the bridge (including the word "Avenue" in the title). Feel Lyttonsville residents should have final say on the name though.

Question 6

I believe the best way to incorporate the bridge into the park would be to reconstruct it, including wooden planks between the steel girders. If it can't be placed along the Capitol Crescent Trail, as many community members' assumed it would be, perhaps it could serve as the entrance to the park from the trail? In the future, there will be a montage of historical Lyttonsville photos along a wall at the Lyttonsville Purple Line Station, a Lyttonsville History Museum/Exhibit at the Coffield Community Center, and historical markers placed in Lyttonsville. It would be nice if the historical elements of this park complemented, but did not overly duplicate, these other historical interpretation sites nearby. A reconstruction of the bridge would help share the history of Lyttonsville in a more experiential way, allowing visitors to the park to walk across it and imagine what crossing it was like when it was located just up Talbot Avenue. It would be incredibly meaningful if the bridge, which was the last historically significant architectural structure left in Lyttonsville when it was disassembled in 2019, could rise again in the park. Interpretive signage for the bridge could direct visitors to other locations (real and

virtual) for more information about Lyttonsville, which could build synergy between all of them and amplify their collective storytelling impact. There could also be signage placed on the new Talbot Avenue Bridge noting that it is the former location of the historic Talbot Avenue Bridge in the park just down the road. If the park is named after the bridge, instead of Samuel Lytton, also like the idea of there being some sort of monument/artwork/historical signage specifically focused on him or some distinctive element of the park named after him.

Question 7

I believe this public space is one-of-a-kind in terms of shape, location, and history, and I'm not sure there is another public space that would serve as a good model. May be best to look at examples related to specific elements community members have suggested for the park. For example, several community members expressed interest in a small splash area for children. Something simple might work for that and fit most seamlessly into the overall park design, e.g. water that shoots up at different heights and intervals. The Wharf in DC has a very large one that is very popular with children. Downtown Silver Spring also used to have a very popular one. A smaller or differently shaped version of these sorts of play fountains might work. In general, suggest that Parks Dept staff hone down the elements that are most important to community members and then figure out how they might best be arranged. Once there is a better understanding of where such elements would likely be placed in the park and the amount of space available for each, more specific designs could be suggested/considered.

Question 8

1) In general, I believe Lyttonsville residents should ultimately have the final say on the name and design elements of the park. 2) Also love the idea of creating a park whose design and elements foster social connection between neighbors of all ages and backgrounds. I think it would be beautiful if children who live in communities that were once racially segregated could play together in the park and learn the history of where they live by seeing, touching, and experiencing an actual physical part of it. Other ideas that I think would be lovely: native plants and flower garden/monarch butterfly way station; drinking fountain/water bottle filling station; small community garden; small play area for children, with equipment that is unique and distinctive from other nearby play areas (the two in Rosemary Hills-Lyttonsville Park, the one behind Rosemary Hills ES, the playgrounds connected to the Yeshiva school, Woodlin ES, and Montgomery Hills Park). Also, children love to watch trains pass by, especially freight trains, and this park is right next to the train tracks -- so if the Talbot Avenue Bridge is not high enough to view them from perhaps some sort of climbing structure/observatory tower could be incorporated into the play area? 3) It is understood that design elements to be included in the park will ultimately need to fit within the budget for the park. That said, in the preliminary design process for the park, I believe all ideas should be open for consideration, no matter how much they would cost. To rule out any idea at this point because it might be "too costly" could lead to watering down the vision for this park. During the community

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meeting we learned that there is soil contamination at the park site that will need to be remediated, a cost that needs to be factored into the budget. I don't know the source of this contamination, but note that communities of color are disproportionately affected by environmental contamination, and it concerns me that the possibilities for the Lyttonsville neighborhood park may need to be limited according to how much of the park budget needs to go towards remediation.

Name not available

July 29, 2022, 3:57 PM

Question 1

• ½ mile or less

Question 2

· A few times a week

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 1 - Not Important

Seating & picnicking area: 3 - Moderately Important

Multi-purpose lawn: 2 - Slightly Important Game & fitness area: 2 - Slightly Important Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important Drinking fountain: 4 - Important

Artwork: 4 - Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

• Samuel Lytton Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Name not shown

inside Kensington/Wheaton July 31, 2022, 5:32 PM

Question 1

• Between 1 mile and 5 miles

Question 2

· Less than once a month

Ouestion 3

• Bike

Question 4

Gathering space: 3 - Moderately Important
Seating & picnicking area: 3 - Moderately Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 3 - Moderately Important
Game & fitness area: 3 - Moderately Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 4 - Important
Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important
Artwork: 2 - Slightly Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 2 - Slightly Important

Question 5

• Talbot Bridge Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

I do not live in this neighborhood -- I live a short distance away. But I very much support more parks in this area and think that if you put in a bike repair station I will regularly use it on my way home from Rock Creek and other locations. Also, I think green space and tree canopy are very important for everyone in the county, and we need more of it. Hooray for more park space!

Name not available

July 31, 2022, 5:33 PM

Share your thoughts and preferences for a new park in Lyttonsville.

Question 1

• ½ mile or less

Question 2

· A few times a week

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 5 - Very Important Seating & picnicking area: 5 - Very Important Multi-purpose lawn: 5 - Very Important Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

· Lyttonsville Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Play structures for ages 7-12. Sitting, fitness equipment and shade areas for parents close enough to keep an eye on their children at the play structure.

Name not available

July 31, 2022, 6:26 PM

Question 1

• 1/2 mile or less

Question 2

Daily

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 1 - Not Important
Seating & picnicking area: 1 - Not Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 2 - Slightly Important
Game & fitness area: 2 - Slightly Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 4 - Important
Bicycle repair station: 5 - Very Important
Drinking fountain: 4 - Important
Artwork: 5 - Very Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 4 - Important

Question 5

· Samuel Lytton Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Name not available

July 31, 2022, 9:47 PM

Question 1

• Between 1 mile and 5 miles

Question 2

• Less than once a month

Question 3

• Drive

Question 4

Gathering space: 2 - Slightly Important
Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 4 - Important
Game & fitness area: 3 - Moderately Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important
Drinking fountain: 4 - Important

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Artwork: 4 - Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring August 1, 2022, 6:46 AM

Question 1

• 1/2 mile or less

Question 2

• A few times a week

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 5 - Very Important
Seating & picnicking area: 5 - Very Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 5 - Very Important
Game & fitness area: 5 - Very Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 3 - Moderately Important
Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important

Artwork: 4 - Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring August 3, 2022, 9:13 AM

Question 1

• Between 1 mile and 5 miles

Question 2

· A few times a month

Question 3

Bike

Question 4

Gathering space: 5 - Very Important
Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 5 - Very Important
Game & fitness area: 5 - Very Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 4 - Important
Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important
Artwork: 3 - Moderately Important
Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

• Samuel Lytton Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Share your thoughts and preferences for a new park in Lyttonsville.

Question 8

No response

Name not shown

inside Kensington/Wheaton August 3, 2022, 1:30 PM

Question 1

· Between 1 mile and 5 miles

Question 2

· A few times a month

Question 3

• Other - Public transport

Question 4

Gathering space: 3 - Moderately Important Seating & picnicking area: 5 - Very Important

Multi-purpose lawn: 4 - Important

Game & fitness area: 3 - Moderately Important Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important Drinking fountain: 2 - Slightly Important

Artwork: 4 - Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 4 - Important

Question 5

· Samuel Lytton Neighborhood Park

Question 6

Commission (a) local, Black artist(s) to incorporate the remnants of the old bridge into a work that relates to the history and integrates into the park setting.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring August 14, 2022, 12:19 AM

Question 1

• 1/2 mile or less

Question 2

Daily

Question 3

• Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 1 - Not Important Seating & picnicking area: 2 - Slightly Important

Multi-purpose lawn: 3 - Moderately Important Game & fitness area: 5 - Very Important

Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important Drinking fountain: 1 - Not Important

Artwork: 4 - Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 4 - Important

Question 5

• Talbot Bridge Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Splash pad. There isn't one close to the neighborhood.

Name not shown

inside North Bethesda August 26, 2022, 11:59 AM

Question 1

Share your thoughts and preferences for a new park in Lyttonsville.

• Between 1 mile and 5 miles

Question 2

· A few times a month

Question 3

Bike

Question 4

Gathering space: 3 - Moderately Important
Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 3 - Moderately Important
Game & fitness area: 5 - Very Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 2 - Slightly Important
Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important
Artwork: 3 - Moderately Important
Historical interpretation and signage: 4 - Important

Question 5

· Talbot Bridge Neighborhood Park

Question 6

Can a new and improved bridge just for bikes and pedestrians be built to ensure accessibility to the park? It's currently a pain to get to that area from the area of 2nd Ave/16th street. One has to walk or bike along Brookville rd, where cars seem to drive exceptionally fast

Question 7

I think a park similar to the one at Spring St and Georgia Ave. would be a great example. There's space to exercise, play basketball, and a play area for kids

Question 8

Bring back the real trail in the area!!! Ever since the purple line construction started this region has been lacking a real trail, to connect with Rock Creek Park and the Capitol Crescent Trail

Name not available

August 28, 2022, 10:12 AM

Question 1

Between ½ and 1 mile

Question 2

· A few times a month

Question 3

Walk

Question 4

Gathering space: 5 - Very Important
Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 5 - Very Important
Game & fitness area: 3 - Moderately Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 4 - Important
Bicycle repair station: 4 - Important
Drinking fountain: 3 - Moderately Important
Artwork: 5 - Very Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 5 - Very Important

Question 5

• Talbot Bridge Neighborhood Park

Question 6

It's be cool if there were parts of the bridge that was removed or if a replica could be incorporated. It would give a feel for how 2nd class the connection of this historically African-American community was to the surrounding neighborhoods. The bridge should be a vehicle to talk about the neighborhoods history and importance as a whole.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Name not shown

inside Takoma Park August 29, 2022, 10:42 PM

Question 1

Between ½ and 1 mile

Question 2

• A few times a week

Share your thoughts and preferences for a new park in Lyttonsville.

Question 3

Bike

Question 4

Gathering space: 3 - Moderately Important
Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 3 - Moderately Important
Game & fitness area: 3 - Moderately Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 5 - Very Important
Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important
Artwork: 2 - Slightly Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 2 - Slightly Important

Question 5

• Talbot Bridge Neighborhood Park

Question 6

I love that this is going to be on the bike trail. And looking forward to completion of the new bridge (as are many of my bike commuter friends!) So I think building the park (and its amenities) around the bike path makes sense. Unfortunately I do not know the history of the area, so maybe this is an opportunity/space to share that as well.

Question 7

I don't know of any comparable parks...but Takoma Park Community Center has a great bike maintenance station and there is one further west on the CCT in Bethesda.

Question 8

Please avoid blacktop playground surfaces etc that would create an urban heat island instead of providing a relief from the elements (or simply a space in which best to enjoy them). Shade and shelter are key! I don't believe there is an existing tree canopy in this location, so maybe some sort of built structure would be beneficial (pergola, shaded benches or swings etc)? Access to running water too!

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring August 30, 2022, 10:49 AM

Question 1

ullet Between 1 mile and 5 miles

Question 2

· A few times a month

Question 3

• Drive

Question 4

Gathering space: 5 - Very Important
Seating & picnicking area: 4 - Important
Multi-purpose lawn: 3 - Moderately Important
Game & fitness area: 5 - Very Important
Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important
Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important
Drinking fountain: 2 - Slightly Important
Artwork: 3 - Moderately Important
Historical interpretation and signage: 1 - Not Important

Question 5

• Talbot Bridge Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Name not available

August 30, 2022, 10:52 PM

Question 1

• 1/2 mile or less

Question 2

· A few times a week

Question 3

Walk

Share your thoughts and preferences for a new park in Lyttonsville.

Question 4

Gathering space: 3 - Moderately Important

Seating & picnicking area: 3 - Moderately Important

Multi-purpose lawn: 5 - Very Important

Game & fitness area: 3 - Moderately Important Tree canopy / Shade: 5 - Very Important Bicycle repair station: 1 - Not Important Drinking fountain: 5 - Very Important

Artwork: 1 - Not Important

Historical interpretation and signage: 2 - Slightly Important

Question 5

• Lyttonsville Neighborhood Park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

The current park is always full of trash -- mostly water bottles, beer bottles, beer cans, soda cans and other food waste. The groups using the park don't always clean up and the trash bins are few.



July 31, 2023, 4:14 PM

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Which Lyttonsville Area – Future Neighborhood Park concept plan do prefer?

Summary Of Responses

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QUESTION 1

Please select which concept you prefer from the options below.

Count Concept Plan A 41.1% 23

Concept Plan B 58.9% 33

QUESTION 2

Comments:

29 Answered

27 Skipped

QUESTION 3

To stay up to date with the Lyttonsville Area - Future Neighborhood Park project, please leave your name and email.

Answered 27

Skipped 29 %

Which Lyttonsville Area – Future Neighborhood Park concept plan do prefer?

Survey Questions

QUESTION 1

Please select which concept you prefer from the options below.

- Concept Plan A
- Concept Plan B

QUESTION 2

Comments:

QUESTION 3

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Which Lyttonsville Area – Future Neighborhood Park concept plan do prefer?

Individual Responses

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring October 25, 2022, 7:32 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

Concept B is much better but still needs some adjustments to make it reachable and highlight the 'historic' bridge parts and interpretive signage even better. Concept A is too 'busy' and and not as conducive to lingering or spending time together and walking up and down winding slope pathways - which Concept B puts into much improved context. We need to focus on Concept B and help Parks make it even more 'Lyttonsville' oriented. My contact: joelanthro2@gmail.com; 240-722-5424

Question 3

- Joel Teitelbaum
- · Joelanthro@yahoo.com

Jon Foley

inside Silver Spring October 25, 2022, 7:41 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

These concepts are very similar. I lean toward Concept B because the amenities (e.g., lawn) seem to flow more naturally with the overall shape of the park. I like the fact that both appear to have plenty of shade. I also think the concept of a "lawn" suggests more care than green space in most local parks receive. I don't think we need a manicured lawn,

Question 3

- Jon Foley
- jfoley5east@gmail.com

Robert Boston

inside Silver Spring

October 25, 2022, 8:06 PM

Question 1

Concept Plan A

Question 2

Both options are attractive. I give a slight edge to A but would be happy with B as well.

Question 3

- Robert Boston
- robboston85@gmail.com

Name not available

October 25, 2022, 8:07 PM

Question 1

Concept Plan A

Question 2

I appreciate all of the thoughtful work and expertise that is going into planning the use of this public space. I am concerned about safety as this park is isolated and brings trail traffic through a residential area that currently does not experience this exposure. Also, there is an elementary school a block from the entrance. I wonder what will happen in this park at night when - yes, closed but open to whoever wants to hang out after dark. The input of park police is important as they have a lot of experience with our local parks. Please continue to explore design elements that enhance safety including lighting.

Question 3

- Maryann McGowan
- m.mcgowan6@verizon.net

Name not available

October 25, 2022, 8:12 PM

Question 1

Concept Plan B

Which Lyttonsville Area – Future Neighborhood Park concept plan do prefer?

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Roger Paden

inside Silver Spring October 27, 2022, 1:05 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan A

Question 2

First, I object to the fact that I am required to vote for one of the two plans. There are elements that I approve of and elements that I object to in each plan. Forcing a choice between the overall plans at this point produces no useful information. I strongly object to the deconstruction of the bridge in both plans. The memorial to the bridge should look like the bridge. The girders need to be placed together at some reasonable distance. The girders can be placed on the ground, but the surrounding landscape should be used to suggest that the girders span an area, whether you use tracks, gravel, or planting. I liked the idea of creating discrete places and using elevation changes to accent these changes. I liked the serpentine walk in Plan A and the amphitheater and organic lawn shape in B. Not sure what happens at the Learning alcove. The Heritage Terrace should be near the bridge memorial.

Question 3

No response

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring October 27, 2022, 4:07 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan A

Ouestion 2

Option A: Fitness center seems more useful than small skate area

Question 3

No response

Name not available

October 27, 2022, 5:15 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan A

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Name not available

October 27, 2022, 6:26 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

I like the skate idea for the kids, so my choice is B.

Question 3

- Lora Berg
- · kcljb@hotmail.com

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring October 27, 2022, 10:02 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

You should add covered pavilions. These days people are looking for places to gather outside that are protected from the elements.

Active space for teens, skaters a good idea!

Which Lyttonsville Area – Future Neighborhood Park concept plan do prefer?

Question 3

· cherylaleanza@earthlink.net

Name not available

October 28, 2022, 9:39 AM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- · poary3@gmail.com
- poary3@gmail.com

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring October 29, 2022, 11:56 AM

Question 1

Concept Plan B

Question 2

I would LOVE pickle ball courts. Thank you.

Question 3

No response

Name not shown

inside Silver Spring October 30, 2022, 8:07 AM

Question 1

· Concept Plan A

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- sebastian Castellanos
- sebastianc@gmail.com

Name not available

October 30, 2022, 11:35 AM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

Insert 2 side-by-side Talbot Avenue Bridge (restored) Girders/Trusses raised visibly above ground-level with walkable decking + Signage on bridge's Century-long past linked to Lyttonsville's history as a village haven for Free Black families homes must be lead element in Park - aligned with P.L. Corridor between Mult-purpose Lawn (A) and Capital Crescent Trail. Protective permanently-landscaped fencing & noise abatement needed along southern perimeter with Lyttonsville houses. Inviting Park entrances and greenery views thru Michigan Ave. fencing. Bike-fixing Station cordoned off from Parkland. Frequent Parks maintenance of greenery and litter-control + on-foot Park Police visits are essential inputs.

Question 3

- Maya Teitelbaum
- · Joelanthro@yahoo.com

Name not available

October 31, 2022, 11:05 AM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Sunny Le
- sunnykim1292@gmail.com

Bryan McCann

Which Lyttonsville Area – Future Neighborhood Park concept plan do prefer?

inside Silver Spring October 31, 2022, 2:05 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

I prefer Concept B because it includes at least a very small skate spot. My favorite feature of both designs is the way SWM is integrated into overall design. The bridge girders are also great. In terms of fitness possibilities, I would love to see some bars for pull-ups, swings, fly-aways and laches, Looks great! Thanks so much!

Question 3

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Mary Hunter

inside Silver Spring October 31, 2022, 3:57 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

Concept B flows better, it's curvier and less angular than Concept A. I like the concentration of small tables on the eastern side, under the tree canopy. And I love the skate element, which will make the park a destination for teens.

Question 3

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October 31, 2022, 5:33 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan A

Question 2

No response

Question 3

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inside Silver Spring October 31, 2022, 6:38 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

Please consider a small fenced space for dogs. There are many in the community and it could complement either option. Option B provides additional recreational opportunities not currently available and the skating option would be popular with the kids. Thanks

Question 3

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Cheryl Copeland

inside Silver Spring November 1, 2022, 7:37 AM

Question 1

Concept Plan B

Question 2

Although I have selected Concept B, it is imperative that Montgomery Parks redesign how the reclaimed bridge components are used. In order to honor the heritage that these components represent, they must be experienced in a way similar to their original use: as a bridge, not as a retaining wall, or a disconnected "feature" in the landscape. As designed now, their original use will not be understood by park users, and the important story they have to tell about the community this park says it is trying to honor will be lost. Memory is created by how one experiences and moves through a space, not just by signage. Perhaps the bridge could be used to transition between two areas, in particular from the "heritage terrace" to another space like the bike path, or amphitheater. Key to achieving the desired goal is to place the components parallel to each other with the opportunity for users to walk between and/or over them. Incorporating a bioretention area to one or both sides could

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emphasize the "bridge" like experience. Please use these bridge components intentionally. They currently appear to be placed as an afterthought.

Question 3

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November 1, 2022, 7:39 AM

Question 1

· Concept Plan A

Question 2

No response

Question 3

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November 1, 2022, 1:59 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

No response

Question 3

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Christopher Echave

inside Silver Spring November 1, 2022, 2:54 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

I like concept B, as it's more in keeping with the mixed use cases likely to occur with the expansion of the Capital Crescent Trail. To that end, the addition of some water fountains / hydration stations would support passing walkers, runners, cyclists, etc.

I'd like to know more about the design/features of the Skate Spot (area ${\sf E}$).

Question 3

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November 2, 2022, 12:09 PM

Question 1

• Concept Plan A

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Name not available

November 3, 2022, 6:19 PM

Question 1

Concept Plan B

Question 2

No response

Question 3

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Which Lyttonsville Area – Future Neighborhood Park concept plan do prefer?

Name not available

November 3, 2022, 7:44 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan A

Question 2

I like the skate park area, but do not want in this park. I think a skate area near Coffield Center would be a nice addition to that complex.

Question 3

No response

Name not available

November 4, 2022, 9:22 PM

Question 1

• Concept Plan B

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Name not available

November 6, 2022, 4:31 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan A

Question 2

This area needs a fenced-in dog park. The closest dog park is in downtown Silver Spring and can only be accessed by car (because it isn't possible to take non-service dogs on public transportation). Dog owners in the nearby apartments have nowhere nearby to let their dogs safely and legally run around.

Question 3

No response

Name not available

November 7, 2022, 4:56 PM

Question 1

• Concept Plan A

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Name not available

November 14, 2022, 10:28 AM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Name not available

November 16, 2022, 9:54 PM

Question 1

• Concept Plan B

Question 2

It would be super cool if the skate spot was a 3' mini ramp/half pipe. Or if plan a the fitness area was an outdoor gym

Question 3

No response

Name not available

November 16, 2022, 11:40 PM

Which Lyttonsville Area – Future Neighborhood Park concept plan do prefer?

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Name not available

November 17, 2022, 7:33 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan A

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Name not shown

inside Fairland

November 21, 2022, 6:35 PM

Question 1

• Concept Plan B

Question 2

Very nice options. Please bring some of these to the Stonehedge park. :D

Question 3

No response

Name not available

November 22, 2022, 4:04 PM

Question 1

• Concept Plan B

Question 2

I really like the amphitheater feature in concept b.

Question 3

No response

Name not available

November 23, 2022, 10:35 AM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

No response

Question 3

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December 2, 2022, 9:54 PM

Question 1

Concept Plan B

Question 2

New Lyttonsville Railside Park must include reclaimed girders from original Talbot Avenue Bridge arranged in tandem to simulate the historic rail overpass bridge. It should serve as a quiet zone, no skateboarding or rapid activities other than bikes, etc on adjacent Capital Crescent Trail, and provide clear 'overlook' views of both CSX and Purple Line railway tracks/running trains. Montgomery Parks is requested to respond affirmatively to Lyttonsville/other walkable neighborhood residents preferences in design and construction of this special Park. Thanks.

Question 3

No response

Name not available

December 4, 2022, 5:29 PM

Which Lyttonsville Area – Future Neighborhood Park concept plan do prefer?

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Name not available

December 5, 2022, 8:14 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan A

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Name not available

December 17, 2022, 3:21 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan A

Question 2

Both designs are fine but it needs more small tables with benches. Adults should have a place to sit and visit with someone, play checkers or chess, read a book, draw etc. I don't think benches and a picnic table gives enough space for adults to relax. People in apartments without a backyard should have green space to sit out in shade or sun comfortably.

Question 3

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Name not available

December 28, 2022, 5:06 PM

Question 1

Concept Plan A

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Name not available

January 4, 2023, 4:11 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan A

Question 2

I am not committed to either A or B--(it was required that I choose, but I have not studied it enough to have a full opinion. I like the idea of a skate spot, but would bow to the desires of the nearest neighbors.) I am, however, concerned that the bridge be incorporated in the way the neighboring civic associations have described--as a recognizable bridge with a history.

Question 3

No response

Name not available

January 4, 2023, 6:27 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

Please follow the recommendations of the Talbot Ave Committee - that is, to place the historic Talbot Ave bridge girders in a way that recalls or echoes the experience of crossing the bridge. Please don't separate the girders or use them as purely decorative or functional elements. Thank you from a longtime North Woodside resident!

Question 3

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Which Lyttonsville Area – Future Neighborhood Park concept plan do prefer?

Name not available

January 4, 2023, 7:51 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Tony Byrne

inside Silver Spring January 5, 2023, 12:54 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan A

Question 2

They both look great, tbh. Concept A felt a little greener. Exciting to move forward!

Question 3

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Anna White

inside Silver Spring January 5, 2023, 4:53 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

My vote for Concept B is somewhat meaningless, as I don't necessarily favor it over Concept A. There are components in both concepts that I like more and less. Generally like the overall design concept and flow of Concept A, but like how the amphitheater faces toward Kansas Ave in Concept B. Like the idea for children's play area in Concept A, and the terracing of the amphitheater and length of the lawn in Concept B. And

while I'm very much in favor of there being more skate parks in Silver Spring, not sure that a skate area would fit in well in this particular park. Where it is placed in Concept B may interfere with people using the Capitol Crescent Trail.

MAIN CONCERNS:

1) Neither of these concepts feature placement of the historic Talbot Avenue Bridge girders in a way that recalls the experience of crossing the bridge. It would be helpful if Montgomery Parks could come back to the community with at least three different options for ways this might be done, so community members can be actively part of the process of considering the pros and cons of placing the bridge in various locations/ways within the park.* Would be helpful if this meeting could be held in person, e.g. at the Coffield Community Center or Rosemary Hills ES, as it can be challenging to engage in back-and-forth group discussion during virtual meetings. And recommend that everyone involved in designing the future park read, if they haven't already, the most comprehensive history of the Talbot Avenue Bridge to deepen understanding of its history and significance to the community: https://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/item/md2205/

*One possible location for placement of a recreation of the historic Talbot Avenue Bridge: Area C in Concept B -- could serve as a main entry way into the park from the Capitol Crescent Trail; would be centrally located and prominently visible looking up across the lawn from the Kansas Ave side of the park; and could serve not only as walk-through area but a central gathering place, as the bridge did during the final years of spanning the train tracks nearby. People crossing the bridge could also have a sense of "looking down" and the positioning would be perpendicular to the actual train tracks--and at a similar SW-NE angle--as the original bridge was. Perhaps the children's play area--maybe incorporating a miniature train that kids could play in and people on the bridge could look down on--could be positioned on the other side? In this location, the bridge could be the backdrop, or the center point, for community gatherings of various sizes.

2) Both concepts include a "Heritage Terrace" that appears to feature a long wall that presumably would be covered with a lot of historical information. I'm not sure that this is the best structural format for presenting historical information. There are already plans for a long wall with historical photos at the future Lyttonsville Purple Line Station and tentative plans for a Lyttonsville History Museum at the Coffield Community Center; it would be nice if the park complemented, but did not duplicate the presentation of historical information elsewhere. A long wall covered in information would be visually "busy" and likely mostly ignored by regular visitors after the first few times they view it. I favor, instead, focusing historical interpretation on and around a recreated Talbot Avenue Bridge, and letting the bridge serve as the portal into Lyttonsville history, just as it once served as a main entry way into Lyttonsville. Additionally, MCPS has recently incorporated local Black history into its curriculum at all levels; local elementary school teachers could make their history lessons more alive by taking their classes to visit the historic Talbot Avenue Bridge. Children learn best through hands-on learning and

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stories; the story and experience of the bridge could serve as an amazing and memorable educational tool -- an experiential, "open-air" museum, if you will. A long wall of information will not engage young people in the history of where they live in the same way.

ADDITIONAL IDEAS:

- 1) Some sort of small memorial -- plaque, marker, statue, monument -- honoring Samuel and Phyllis Lytton, the founder of Lyttonsville and his wife (who, according to research by public historian David Rotenstein, may have been enslaved by Silver Spring founder Francis Preston Blair). Women, especially women of color, are too often left out of official histories -- let's honor the memory of Phyllis too, even if very little is known about her. Perhaps such a memorial could be located in the lower section of the park, which is slightly closer to the location of Samuel Lytton's original property.
- 2) I believe the idea of a small, very simple children's splash park has been ruled out for various reasons, but still favor the idea if at all possible (there's nothing like it nearby and they're always great for bringing kids together). Alternatively, a simple mist machine somewhere near or along the CCT would also be awesome during hot summer months (e.g. like at National Zoo--kids love and great for cooling off). At very least, a water fountain/water bottle filling station would be great for CCT users.
- 3) Not sure how easy it will be to see through the fencing along the CCT, but might be nice to add a structure somewhere that allows park visitors, especially children, to view passing trains. Perhaps this could be accomplished with some sort of climbing structure/observation deck in a play area or a platform/riser near the higher end of the CCT, enabling park visitors to look over the fencing.

FINAL COMMENTS:

- 1) Thank you for all the time, work and thought that obviously went into developing these preliminary design concepts. It is very exciting to see the vision for this park starting to take shape. Community members look forward to working closely with you to further fine tune these and other concepts and ideas.
- 2) While this may be a small "bonus" park, it could play a big role in addressing the complete dearth of Black history-related sites in and nearby Downtown Silver Spring. The work you are doing to design this park is valued and important!
- 3) While I live very close to the future park, I am not a resident of Lyttonsville; I believe Lyttonsville residents should have the ultimate say on the design of the park, as it is located in their community (it doesn't appear that this Open Town Hall Survey registers whether respondents live in Lyttonsville or not)

Question 3

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January 5, 2023, 6:02 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

No response

Question 3

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Karin Chenoweth

inside Silver Spring January 6, 2023, 1:05 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

I chose B because I like the skate park and the game area, but I have no strong feelings on which concept to choose--I would defer to those who live immediately adjacent to the park. Both concepts seem to have a lot going for them. I do want to say that I think any park should use the reassembled bridge as an entrance or as some other design element to make clear the history of Montgomery County's segregation. The Lyttonsville neighborhood was quite cut off from easy transportation and commerce until that bridge was put in, and it is a testament to community advocacy that it was built and that it was replaced. The bridge can be part of recognizing the history and the advocacy. Separating the girders and using them as decorative elements will not have the same effect, even with plaques.

Question 3

No response

Name not available

January 13, 2023, 5:27 PM

Which Lyttonsville Area – Future Neighborhood Park concept plan do prefer?

Question 1

· Concept Plan B

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Name not available

January 13, 2023, 5:39 PM

Question 1

• Concept Plan A

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Name not shown

January 14, 2023, 8:37 AM

Question 1

· Concept Plan A

Question 2

No response

Question 3

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ABRAHAM SAFFER

inside Silver Spring January 19, 2023, 4:16 PM

Question 1

• Concept Plan A

Question 2

No response

Question 3

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Name not available

January 21, 2023, 5:24 PM

Question 1

· Concept Plan A

Question 2

I like parts of both, but more A than B.

Question 3

No response

Name not available

January 23, 2023, 9:51 AM

Question 1

Concept Plan B

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Name not available

January 23, 2023, 3:18 PM

Question 1

Concept Plan B

Which Lyttonsville Area – Future Neighborhood Park concept plan do prefer?

Question 2

B looks like it has more trees. Better for the environment.

Question 3

No response

Name not available

January 24, 2023, 10:45 AM

Question 1

• Concept Plan A

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response