Stronger, Healthier and Happier Communities
Access to Experiences, not Acres

Q & A Slides
Role of EPS Plan

Existing Park policies...

....guide this new analysis and implementation plan...

...to interact with existing and future master plans.
Where Is This Plan Applicable?

1. Areas With Existing High Population
2. Areas Planned For Growth
3. Centers Suited To Creation Of Energized Public Spaces
Where to Focus

**EPS Study Area**
- Higher density of people & jobs
- Areas planned for growth

**EPS Pilot Area**
- Test application of methodology
- Silver Spring CBD
Where to Focus

Study Area Residents have a Higher Need for Parks they can Walk To!

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Why This Plan?

This Plan Defines a New Methodology to Help Ensure Adequate Parks and Open Spaces in the Most Highly Populated Areas of the County
Vision

In the EPS Study Area, everyone can walk to a public space.
Supply of Park & Open Space Experiences

How many people are served?

- Active Recreation Example

![fewest people served](Tennis Court)

![most people served](Playground, Trails)
Supply Analysis: Walkable Access to Experiences

*Active*  
*Contemplative*  
*Social Gathering*
Demand Analysis

- Demand equals the sum of
  *Residential Population* +
  *Daytime Job Population*

- Sample demand for one square
  *Estimated Daytime Jobs* 18
  *Estimated Residents* + 436
  *Total Demand* 454
Quantitative Analysis – Identify Areas with a Lower Level of Service

SUPPLY

DEMAND

LEVEL OF SERVICE
Outcomes – Five Implementation Strategies

Where to...

- Activate?
- Connect?
- Renovate/repurpose?
- Develop?
- Create?
Connect

Acorn Park

- Improvements to cross Georgia Ave

- Public Open Space
- Public/Private Open Space
- Proposed Pedestrian Node
- Existing Crosswalk
- Proposed Crosswalk/Pedestrian Improvement
- Proposed Park Pedestrian Connection
Repurpose: Ellsworth Urban Park

BEFORE

• The former courtyard plaza was underutilized.
• A dog park was needed in the area.

AFTER

• Visibility and access improved
• Successful and popular dog park
• Increased park usage
Develop: Western Grove Urban Park
Create – New Open Spaces

- Building Roof
- POPS
- Parking Garage Roof
Thank you

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