

How would you describe South Silver Spring?

Disconnected
- Only access
on Georgia or
Colesville to
the rest of
DTSS

Lack of
outside
park
space

Commercial
area

Not easily
accessible,
difficult
parking,
intimidating
at night

Lively when given
the opportunity to
congregate or
recreate - i.e. Newell
St. Closure, Food
Trucks,

My favorite
places like
Bump n' grind,
Denizens.
walkable!

Train (divides
South Silver
Spring)

Looks
tired

Love Love
Love the
Expanded
Acorn Park

diverse,
active,
convenient,
fun, good
place to live,
walkable

"on the other side of
the tracks", have to
run a gauntlet to go
through to the
commercial area

Busy
streets

More homeless,
drugs, loud, more
graffiti, lack of
green space,
growing dog
population.

Residential

Apartments,
stores, busy
streets

Lots of
dogs

often ignored
by the
redshirts and
the police in
terms of
patrolling.

certainly has some
"holes" that need to
be filled in. (the
motel and that giant
7-Eleven gas station,
for example.

South Silver Spring Visioning will focus on....



Where would you like to see more open space?

Expand acorn park even more

Be inspired by Kennedy Rec Center in Shaw, DC for an urban park

Tie existing pocket parks and spaces together (visually and programmatically)

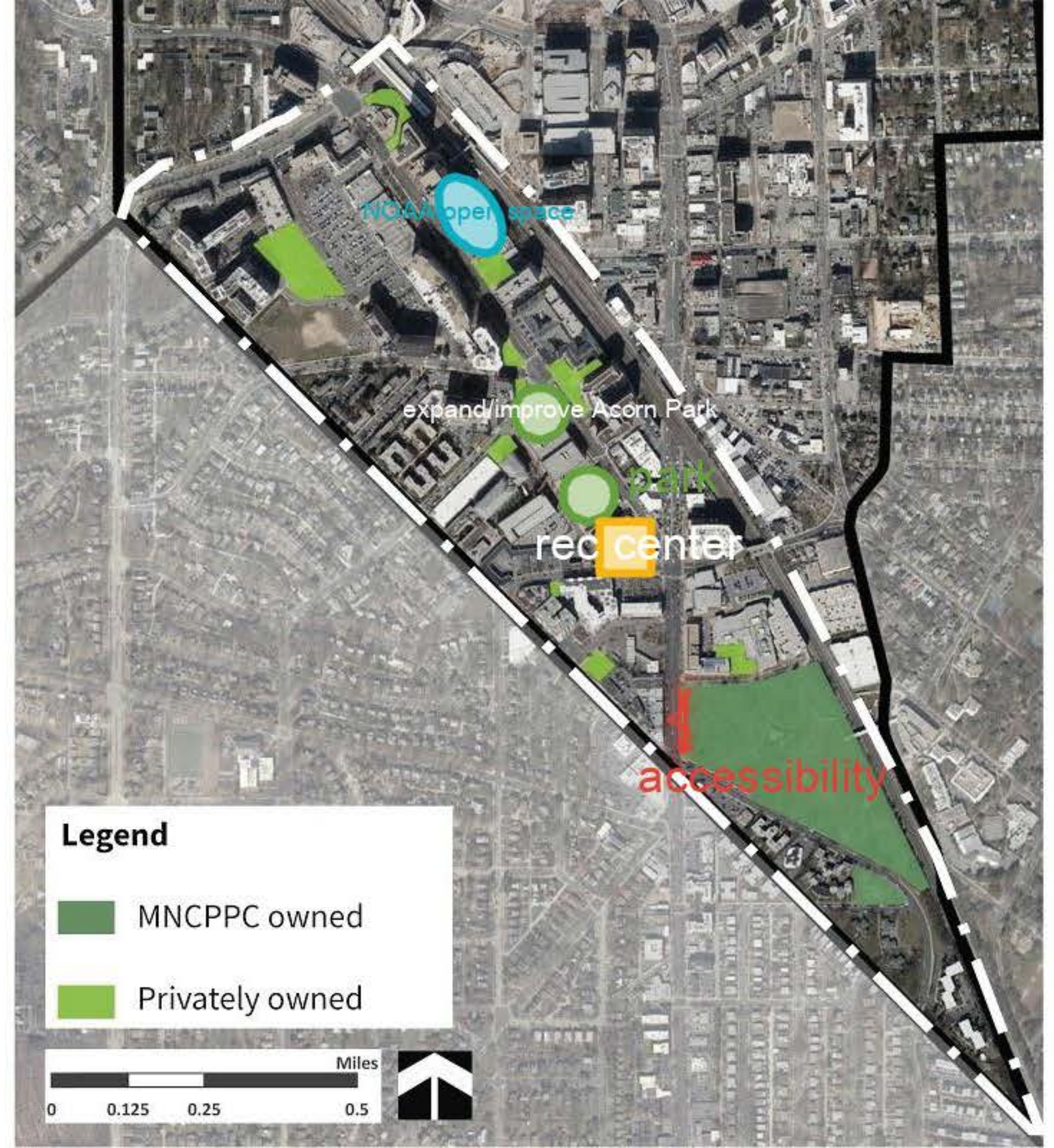
I wouldn't be looking to create a new park, because I think housing is needed more, but am very excited about improving and making better the parks we have

Improve Jessup Blair connectivity

Make better use of space near NOAA fountains

Make it easier to gather (tables, benches). Add places for food trucks (Blair park food trucks?)

Public space for games (table and lawn games)



POPS: Do you use these public spaces?

I love the appearance of the new benches at metro plaza, I wonder if a similar approach with multi-layered benches could work in front of the veridian



kids love to play and skateboard in front of the silverton, you always see chalking on the sidewalk



We use the Pearl space (do not live there), have picniced there and let kids run and play, bathrooms are an issue if you want to stay for any amount of time (especially with kids)



Yes - south silver spring block party. Opportunity for more usage here?

Pokemon go was popular here in the past

just saw the new design near Silver Branch the other day and it is so lovely. made me want to hang out there

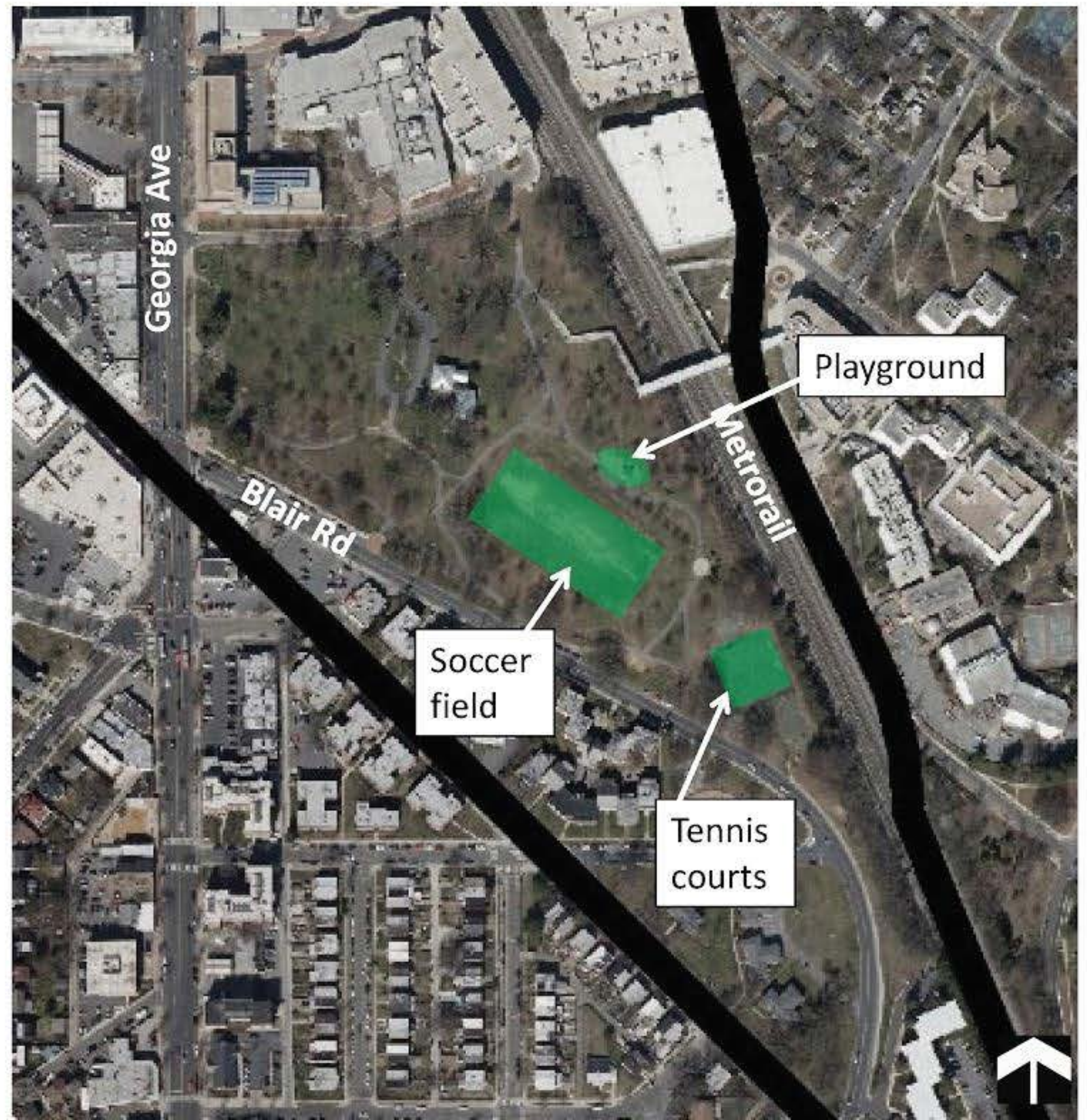


Good shortcut!

Jesup Blair Park: Brainstorm!

What would bring you to
Jesup Blair Park?

How can this park be an
asset for Silver Spring?



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Context Images



Georgia Ave



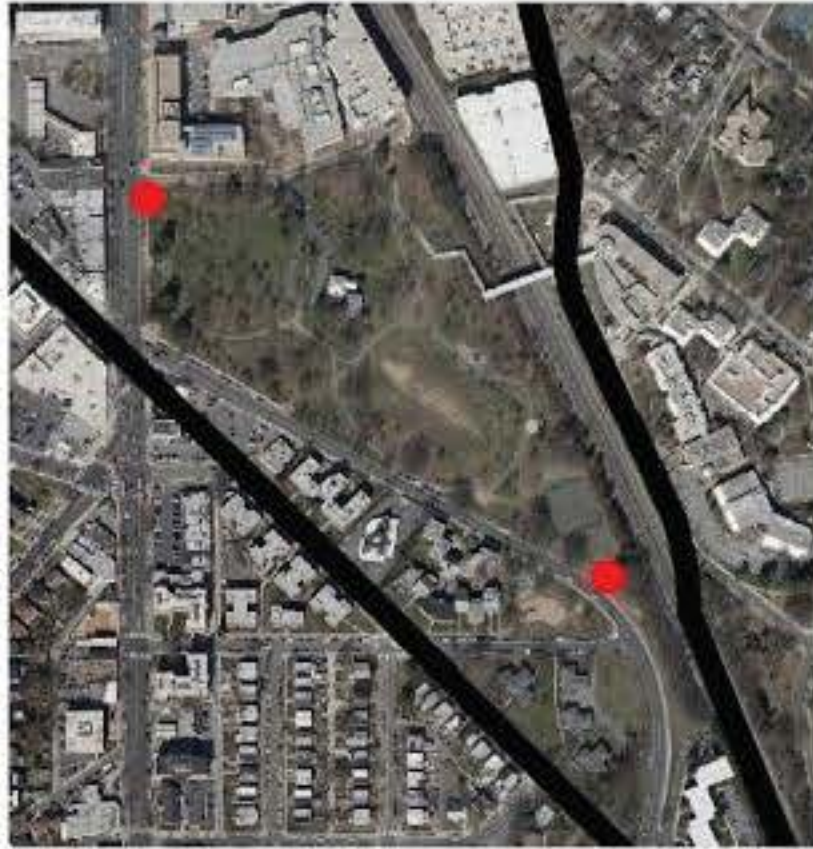
that old 80s colored
Silver Spring sign at
the Blair/Georgia
corner must go
(assuming it is still
there) makes me feel
like we live in a very
uncool 80s suburb
that is trying too
hard....

Georgia Ave and Blair Rd



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Georgia Ave at Jesup Blair Drive



Blair Rd



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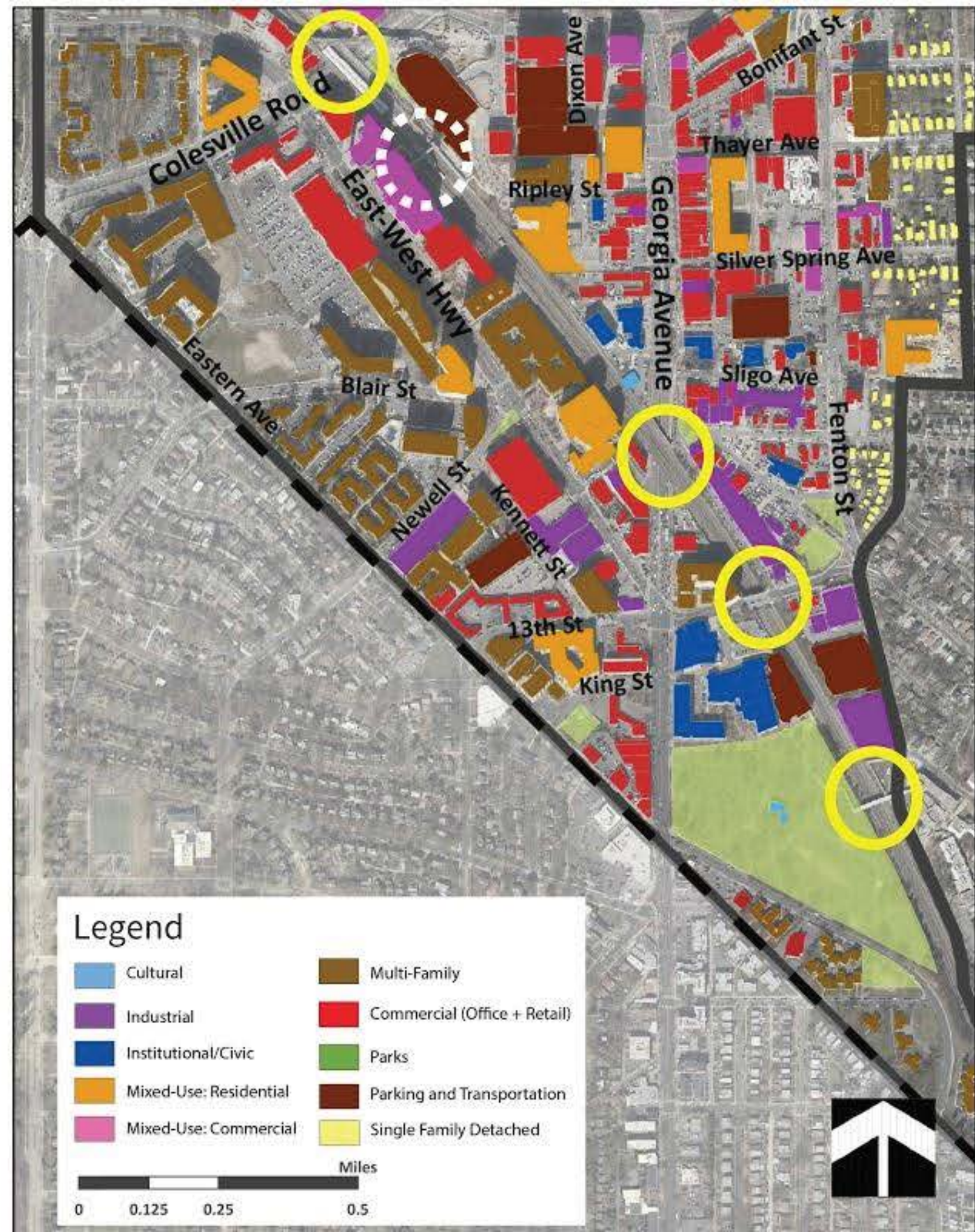
Are outdoor gyms used often enough?



East-West connections across the Metrorail

2 pedestrian only connections

2 vehicle + pedestrian connections



East-West connections: How do you cross the rail?

What could be improved?

Georgia Avenue underpass is so bad, it's dark, it's narrow, it's dirty

The tunnel is just really loud and could use some better lighting and maintenance

The walkway on Georgia is narrow and I feel I pass too close to other pedestrians coming in the opposite direction. This is especially bad for scooters.

I'm used to every inch of pedestrian underpasses being completely visible from the entrance.

look into LED lighting

Yes, bright lights and better colors on the walls.

I really wish it was just easier to go over the tracks. That pathway is so essential to get to everything in Fenton Village

Anything covered feels dark and scary.

the college works well for us. I use the underground passage, and I appreciate that people in the community, have worked to improve it and I appreciate the repainting. It doesn't smell great, it's too dark and I don't love using the tunnel at

I prefer the 410 bridge but it's just hard to cross Georgia to get to it

the tunnel needs to be widened to make it more user friendly. This would be expensive so emphasis needs to be made on the entrances and exits.

The dangerous feeling is not just in the tunnels, but going through the groups hanging out at the ends

Folks from North Takoma use the ped bridge on bike and foot and with kids

Possible drainage issues in tunnel. Also gets very icy



East-West connections: How can this intersection be improved:

People get frustrated because you can't make a left from GA onto Burlington

people get frustrated because people are trying to go straight onto 13th from the turn only lane. Just a lot of frustration and people honking.

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I wish there was a way to go on foot from the north side of Burlington to south side of East-West, esp if the sidewalk issue isn't resolved on the north side of east-west

it is very easy to not realize you can't turn left from georgia to burlington and then have to go way down to till you can find a place to make a u-turn.

Opportunity for setbacks on E/W Highway ---> more pedestrian space?

does this intersection in need of a 'Barnes Dance crossing', where all traffic stops and peds walk every way?

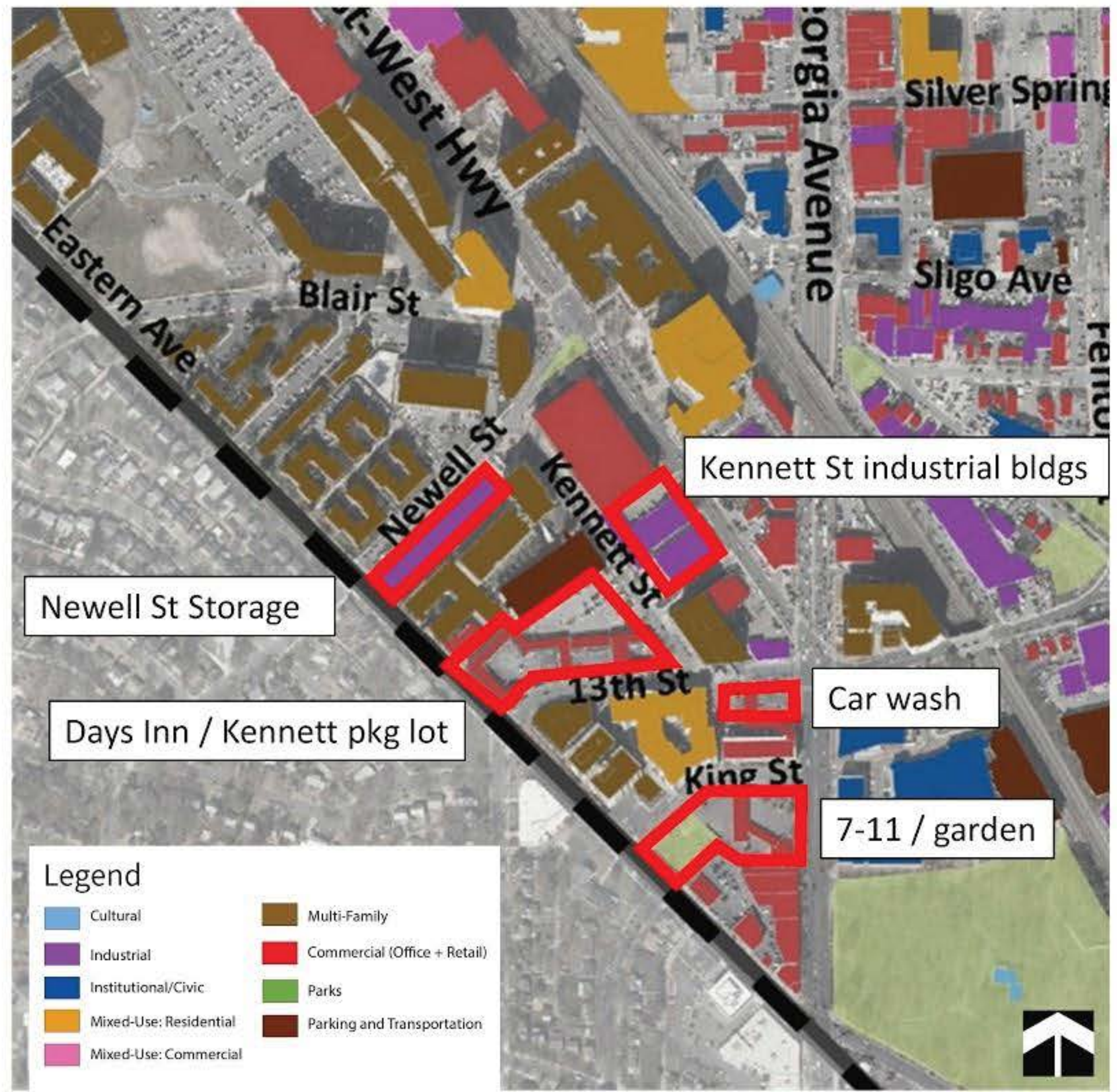
There is a car dealership on Burlington that constantly blocks the sidewalk



Opportunity Sites

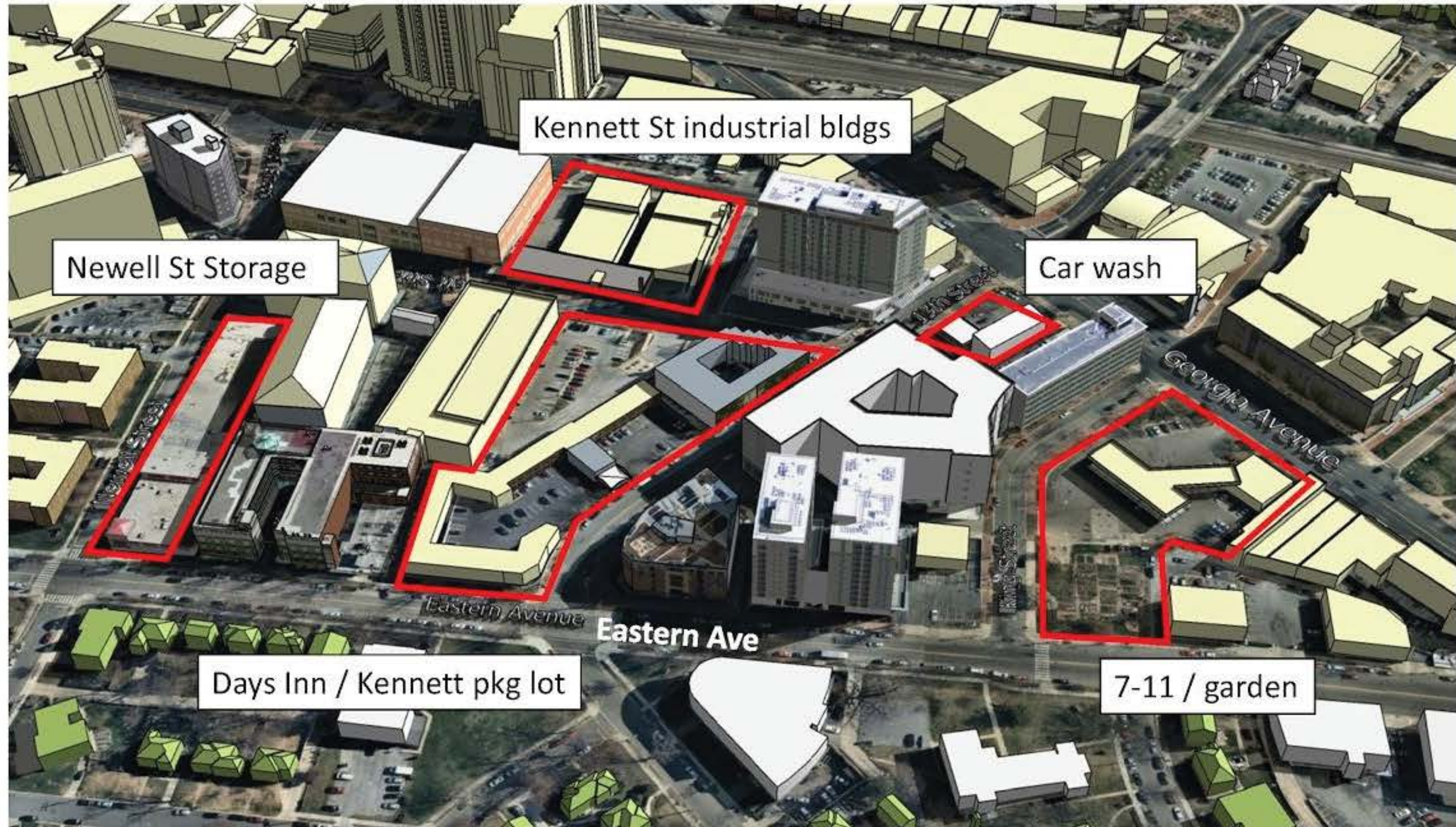
What would you like to see here?

- Newell St storage facility
- Kennett St industrial buildings
- Days Inn site + parking lot
- Car Wash
- 7-11 / gas station / garden



Opportunity Sites

Looking east from DC over South Silver Spring



Opportunity Sites

What would you like to see here?

apartments at
newell and
eastern

The former Coca
Cola bottling
building across
from Denizens
should be preserved
as historic

Small retail
spaces would
be great.

I'd like to see more
residential in many
of these areas, both
market rate and
affordable, in
addition would be
great to see retail if
it can be attracted

Disagree with
residential
development at
newell storage site -
public use space
behind the storage
site could lead to a
green space idea for
the future

Maybe the
storage could
be an
extension of
Acorn

Lack of
pedestrian
grid currently.
Add more
pathways



Garden Apartment Sites

Are these sites valued by the community?

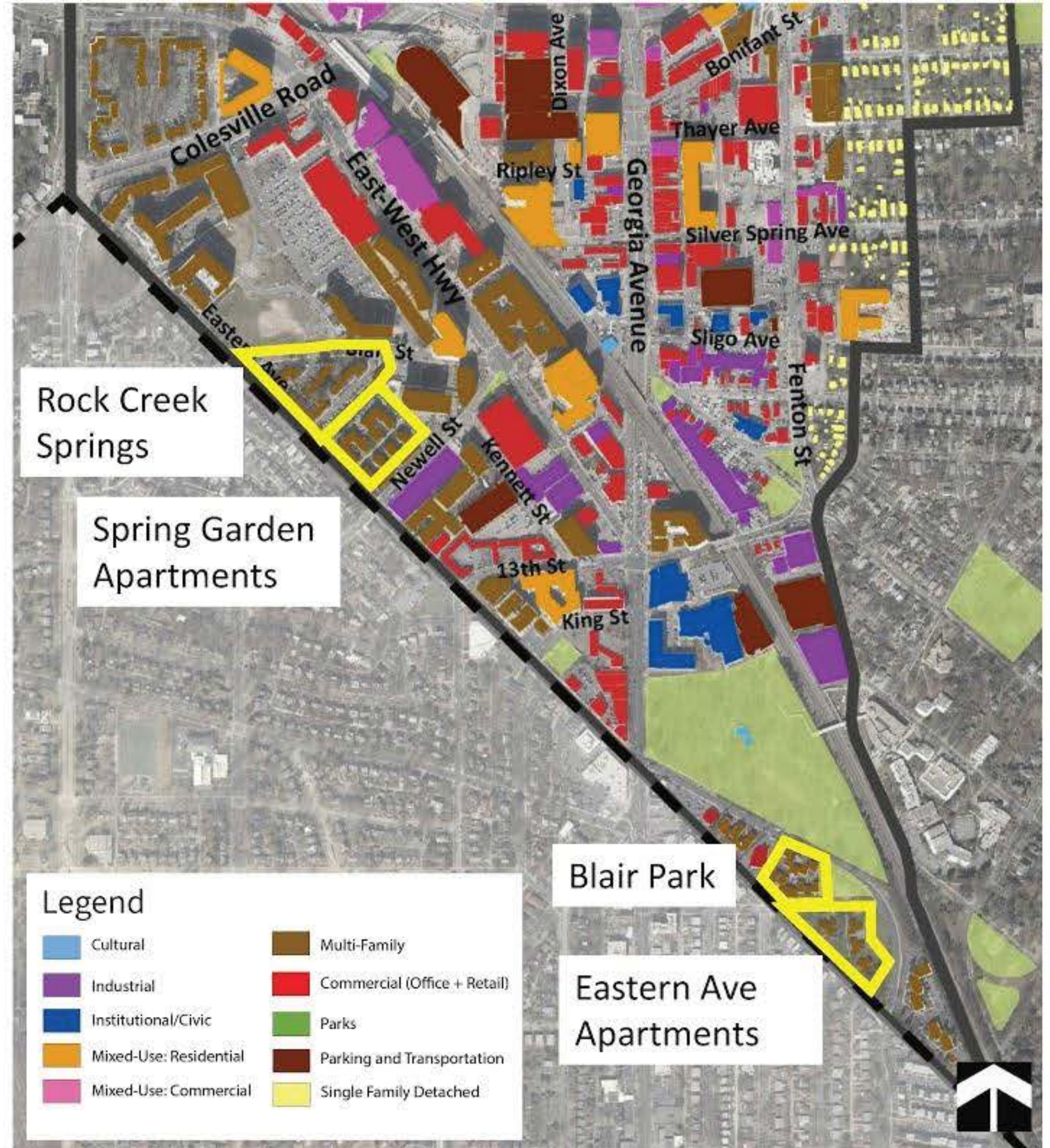
What are the strengths of these properties (physical/social/environmental)?

Are there changes the community would like to see to these properties?

Garden apts have value! They are more affordable housing than some of the high rises but the management companies really need to upgrade them a bit.

I don't have a strong opinion about the garden apts. people who live there seem to enjoy them and it is nice to walk through to apartments there

On Garden Apts: Friends who have lived there have complained about high electric bills because of the wall units for AC and poor insulation in the older apartments. MGMT issue?



What else should we discuss?

