How would you describe Southern Silver Spring?

**Diverse**
- Opportunity for growth to make it more equitable
- Gateway to DC (may be good or bad), people pass through and don’t see what SS has to offer

**Active**
- Connects + with DC than downtown

**Quiet**
- Very residential
- Less connected from the core

**More Housing**
- Housing

**Opportunity for growth to make it more equitable**
- A lot of transportation

**Safe Biking**
- Transit-oriented and dense, but has room to grow
- Feels disconnected from the rest of Silver Spring
- Bikeability (Infrastructure) needs to be improved/grown
South Silver Spring Visioning will focus on:

- Open Space
- Connecting Across the Rail
- Focus on Specific Sites
- Topics You Want to Discuss
Where would you like to see more open space?

- Accessible bathrooms in open spaces so people can use a restroom without having to use one belonging to a business.
- Prefer NOOA sidewalk near the Blair side over the Blair side.
- Newell St Closure - favorable place to extend the park.
- Connectivity to the Metro station is an issue.
- More mixed use and retail spaces especially under parking garages.
- Having a central open space area because Jesup is far and difficult to access.
- NOOA sidewalks are better.
- JB meet up but too far away.
- The Blair Parking Lot (shopping Center area where Giant is located).
- Better sidewalks near Denizens.
- Cut-throughs to other parts, when walking in that area to or from any businesses, it seems like it's difficult to navigate w/o ending up going through parking lots or walking through long streets with too-few crosswalks.
POPS: Do you use these public spaces?

**VERIDIAN**
- Seating areas
- Green space elevated, not as useful
- Very uninviting

**PEARL**
- Seating options are limited
- Signage may help, but it is a bandaid to the problem of an open, public feeling.
- Fence = safety/grade issue

**8045 NEWELL**
- Not clear if the building is designated as public; does not feel welcoming
- More signage that designates where cut-throughs are

**GALAXY**
- Surprised that it's meant for public use

Newell Street. Like the seating and picnic tables. Others don't necessarily foster that community engagement.

The Veridian: Bigger park, great seating, not much green space which isn't so great. More often for dog walkers.

The Pearl: Nice space, but a lot of fencing not very clear if it's open.
Jesup Blair Park: Brainstorm!

- Jesup is usually accessed by crossing from 13th Street and E/W Highway. Walk on the side of Moco College.
- Not many safe and comfortable ways to access Jesup. For those who are not near the border, it can be difficult to get through the park.
- More markers and signage. Make the House seen from a distance.
- Celebrate the history of the park/area.
- Don't know much about this park and what's available.
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- Fence is not welcoming, entries are not clear.
- Isn’t much place to gather because blocked by trees. Larger spaces to present more openly: flying kites, seeing a concert, etc.
- Heightening play areas to make them more noticeable. Big Georgia Ave barrier. Not safe. Park feels isolated and sterile.
- Create more things to do for people that may not play tennis, soccer, and playground. Maybe haunted house tours?
- Make crossing Georgia Ave less intimidating
- Fencing from street is a bit of a barrier entering the park.
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- More seating
- Is it ADA accessible? If not, it’s not a great place for people with disabilities.
- In comparing to Rock Creek, the space could use public grills and picnic tables - in addition to walking loops and bathroom facilities etc.
- Walking through: Possible walking loop. Possibly redesign the sidewalks.
- More public events!
- More seating!
- Tennis courts
- Soccer field
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Context Images

Georgia Ave

Georgia Ave and Blair Rd
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What would bring you to Jesup Blair Park? How can this park be an asset for Silver Spring?
East-West connections across the Metrorail

Not very clear where to crossover over the tracks to access hub

Difficult to bike at Georgia Ave crossing.

Very stressful to cross connections

Difficult to decide between Colesville and Georgia Ave Crossing

Anywhere that gives bikes trouble will probably give ADA trouble

More pedestrian connections

The rail really is a barrier would help if access to the hub was more clear or better connections to access the hub

Pedestrian overpass would be great at Acorn

Georgia Ave crossing is dark, scary, uncomfortable esp has a woman

Longer times to cross street

The crosswalk timer takes very long

The hill on East/West doesn't help with speed and sight to see pedestrians

The lighting isn't good at Georgia Ave crossing

Signals for crosswalks are also often out of order and not quickly fixed.

Love the transit center!

Very exposed when crossing to get to transit center. Scary

Improving pedestrian/bike connection @ transit ctr elevated plaza

Potential crossing

Rail barriers

timer = limited

dark and narrow = scary lighting condition

Legend

Cultural

Industrial

Institutional/CE/NC

Mixed-Use: Residential

Mixed-Use: Commercial

Commercial (Office + Retail)

Parks

Parking and Transportation

Single Family Detached

Prioritize pedestrians

grade changes and crossings = prioritize pedestrian and bike

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0.0 0.25 0.25 0.5 Miles
East-West connections: How do you cross the rail? What could be improved?
East-West connections: How can this intersection be improved:
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

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Looking east from DC over South Silver Spring

- Mix of housing and parks
- Kennett St industrial bldgs
- Newell St Storage
- Car wash
- Multi-use
- Days Inn / Kennett pkg lot
- 7-11 / garden

housing potential park impact on neighbor lot
Opportunity Sites

What would you like to see here?

- Newell: Become housing
  - Newell could potentially block natural light to residences around it
- Days Inn-Lower priority not really an issue
  - Appreciate the PPD parking passes
- Housing affordability
- Something like Thayer (open parking and housing) at Newell
- Make parking garages multiuses
  - Having more housing around parks and are mixed use. Something a single person can afford
- We need to try to invite more retail/restaurants/etc. on this side of the railroad
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?
What else should we discuss?