



REIMAGINE! ANACOSTIA PARK!

A concept plan for Sections D and E



Public Informational Meeting
June 29, 2021 6-7pm



Agenda

- Welcome + Introductions
- Project Background + Site History
- Vision + Goals for the Plan
- Planning Process + How to Comment

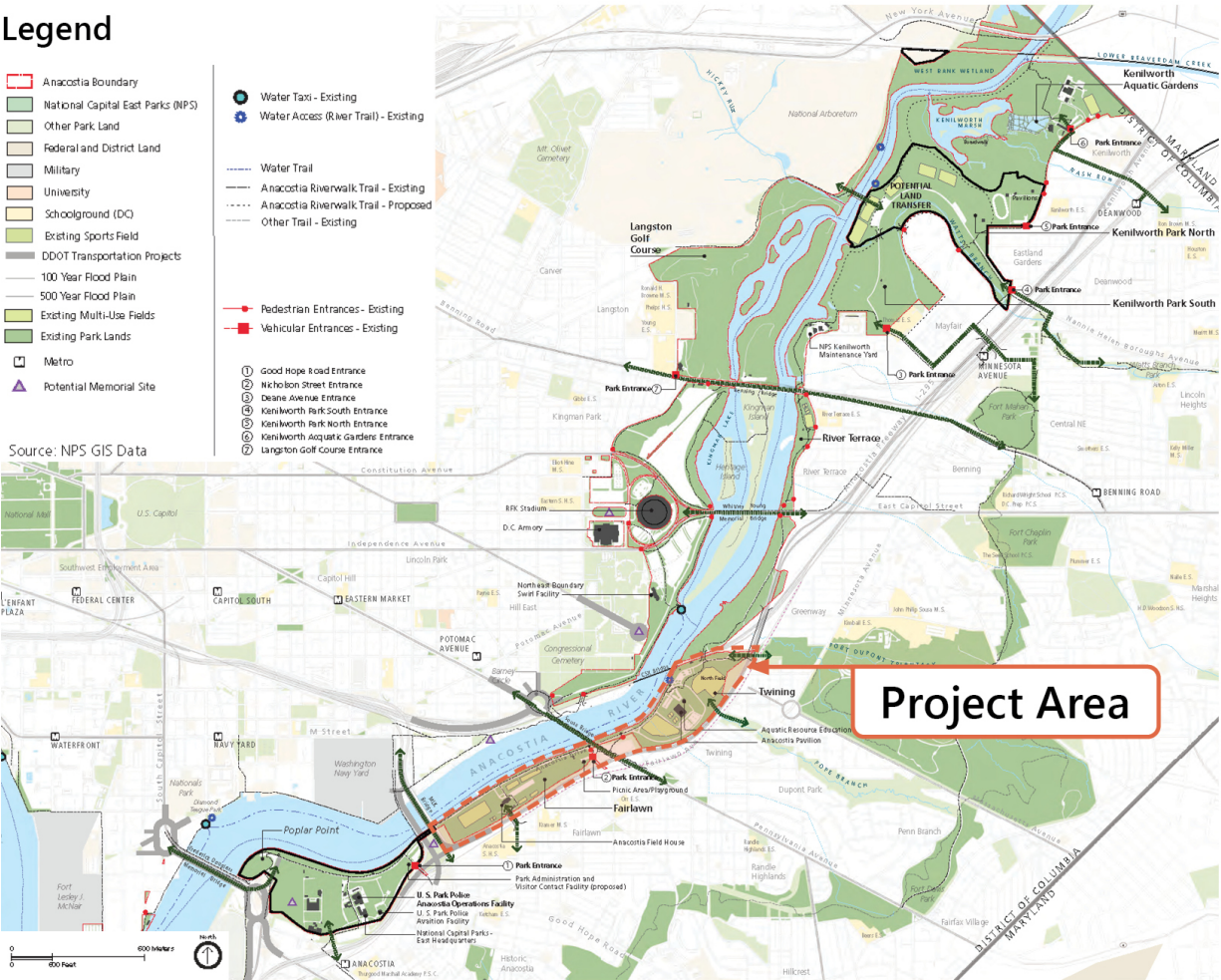


Project Vicinity

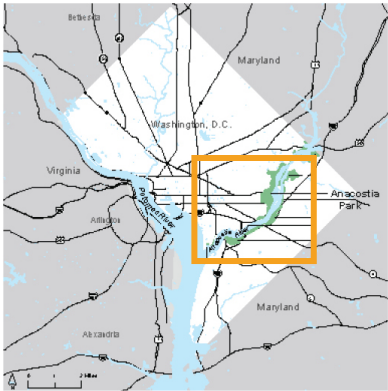
Legend

- Anacostia Boundary
- National Capital East Parks (NPS)
- Other Park Land
- Federal and District Land
- Military
- University
- Schoolground (DC)
- Existing Sports Field
- DDOT Transportation Projects
- 100 Year Flood Plain
- 500 Year Flood Plain
- Existing Multi-Use Fields
- Existing Park Lands
- Metro
- Potential Memorial Site
- Water Taxi - Existing
- Water Access (River Trail) - Existing
- Water Trail
- Anacostia Riverwalk Trail - Existing
- Anacostia Riverwalk Trail - Proposed
- Other Trail - Existing
- Pedestrian Entrances - Existing
- Vehicular Entrances - Existing
- Good Hope Road Entrance
- Nicholson Street Entrance
- Deane Avenue Entrance
- Kenilworth Park South Entrance
- Kenilworth Park North Entrance
- Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens Entrance
- Langston Golf Course Entrance

Source: NPS GIS Data



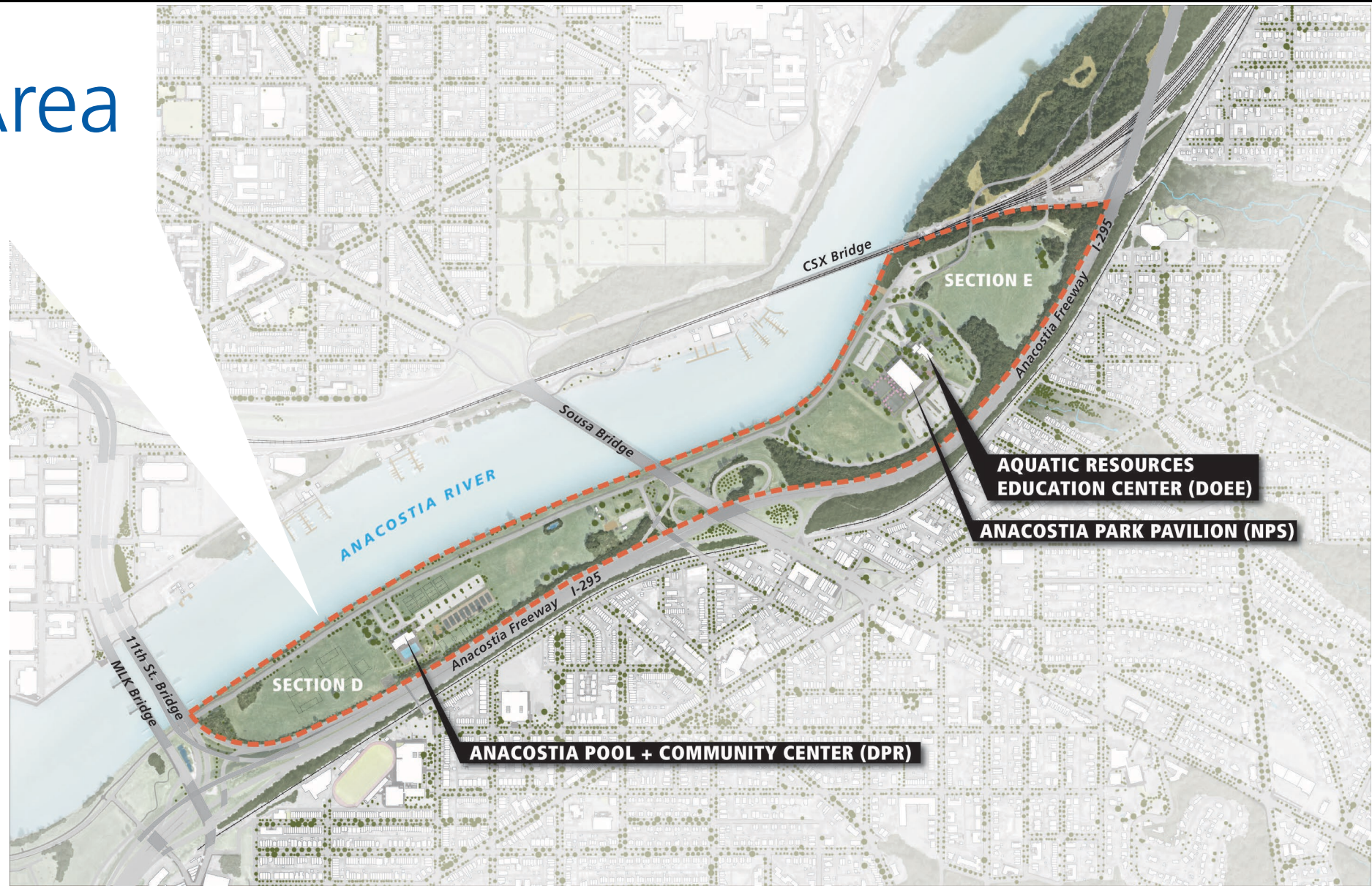
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US Department of the Interior
Anacostia Park
Washington, DC



Anacostia Park



Project Area



Purpose of the Plan

- Provide a framework for future development and use of this section of the park
- Plan will consider existing issues and opportunities

Example of concept drawings from the Buzzard Point Concept Plan



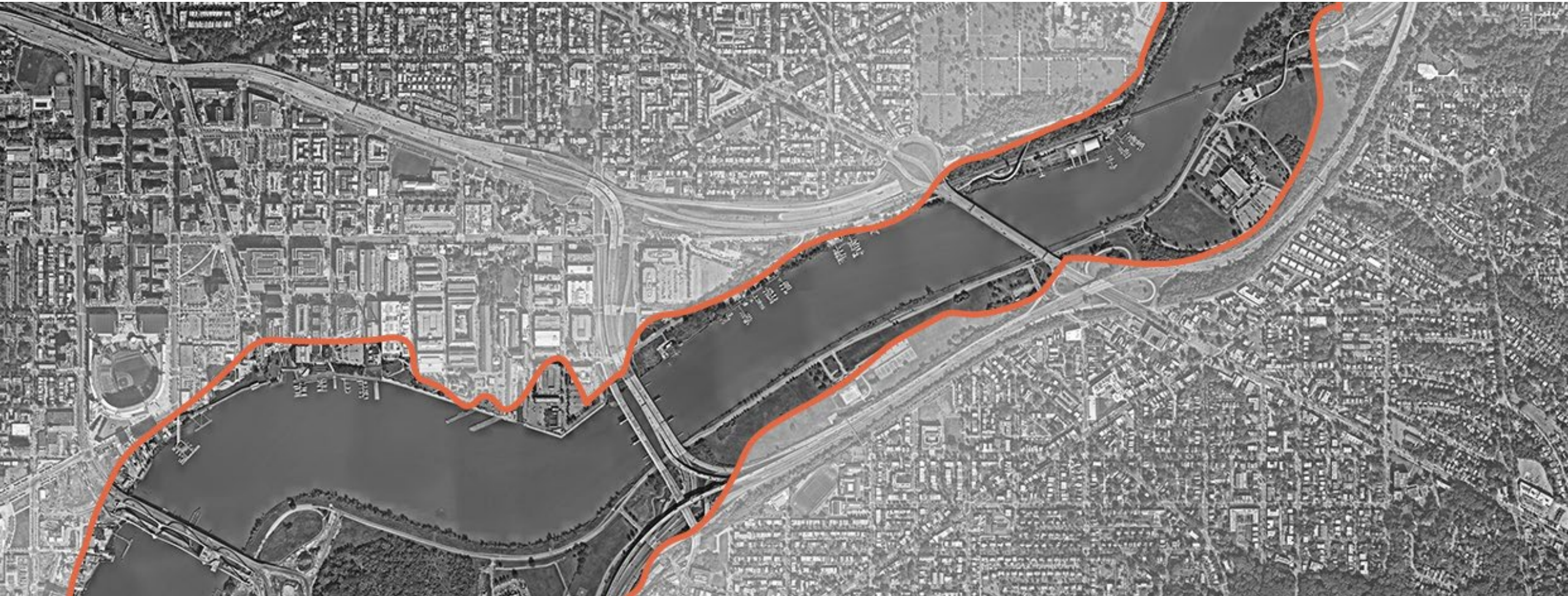
Site History :: Pre-Colonization



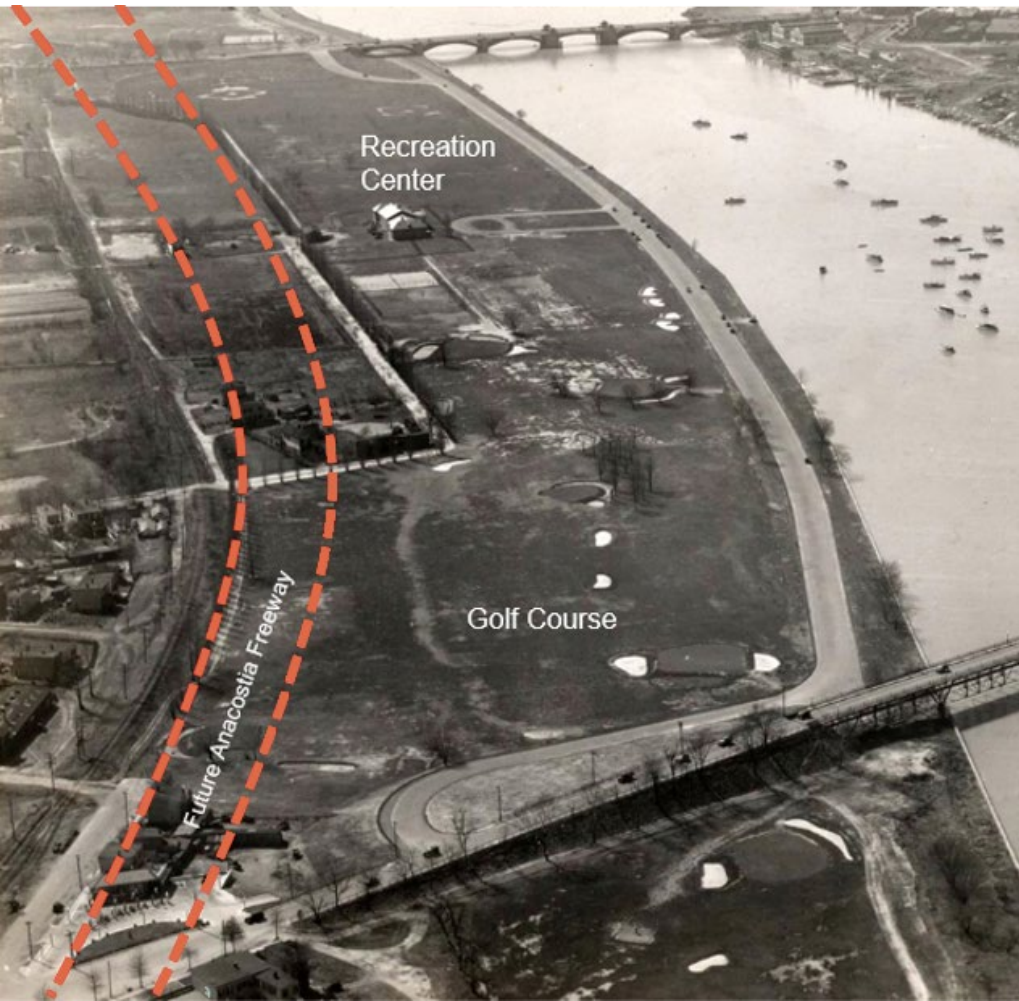
Site History :: 1880's Tidal Flats



Site History :: Shoreline Migration

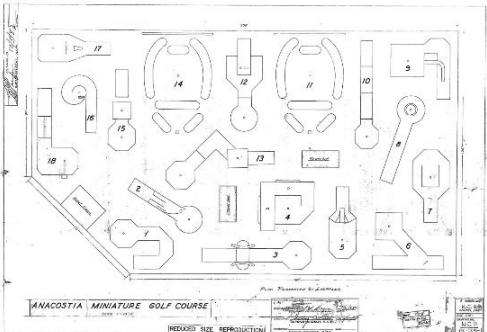
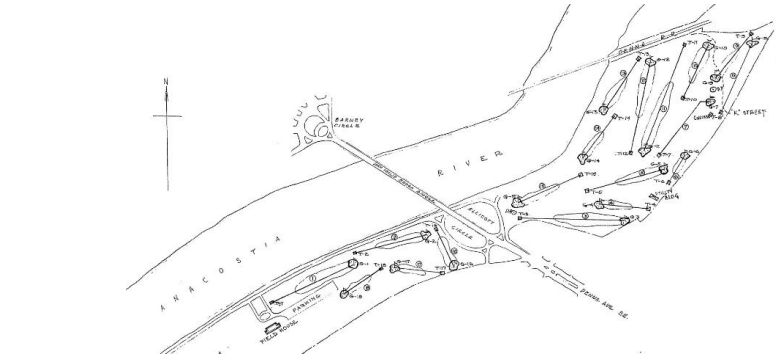


Site History :: 1933 Aerial view of Section D





Site History :: 1949 History of Recreation



THE SUNDAY STAR, WASHINGTON, D. C., JUNE 11, 1939—PART TWO. C-5

Uncle Sam's Recreation Association Makes Washington a Playground

Six Swimming Pools Are Operated
Tennis Courts Flourish Day And Night

By Vesta Cummings.

These Sam is in the amusement business. He is a shopkeeper, a restaurateur, a hotelier, a resort operator, a miller, a railway and a soda bar operator. He is a pro who operates swimming pools and tennis courts.

And doing a nice job of it, too—making profits.

Although Uncle Sam's town may be accused of being tame in the summertime, these activities of his give it many of the advantages of a summer resort, and a swank one at that.

Under one of Uncle Sam's numerous aliases the Welfare and Recreation Association of Public Buildings and Grounds, Inc., six swimming pools are operated in the District. Last season, from June 4 to September 6, a total of 382,479 persons made use of them. This year the pools were scheduled to open June 1.

Twenty-five years ago the District could boast of only four tennis courts. At the present time the Welfare and Recreation Association operates 20 courts, the National Park Service 47, the Community Center 11 and the Playground Department 30. A total of 124. According to the records there were 4,225 tennis players, and 86,142 players during the 1938 season.

A clubhouse, where canoes may be rented and a bicycle unit are operated in Potomac and East Potomac

Association Started in Wartime
Camp for Federal Employees New Enterprise

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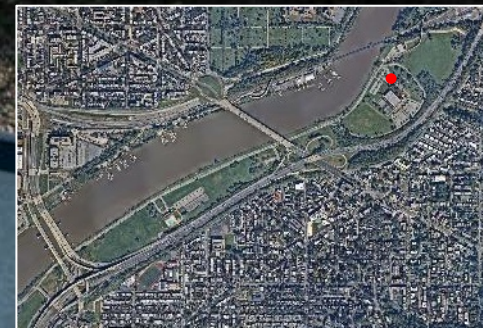
Site History :: 1975 Bicentennial Era



Site History :: 1986 Aquatic Resources Education Center



Site History :: 1990 Urban Tree House



Site History :: 2007 Anacostia River Trail



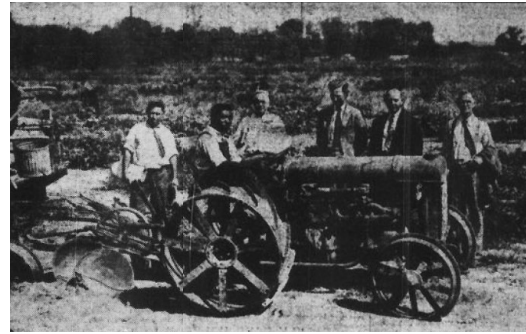
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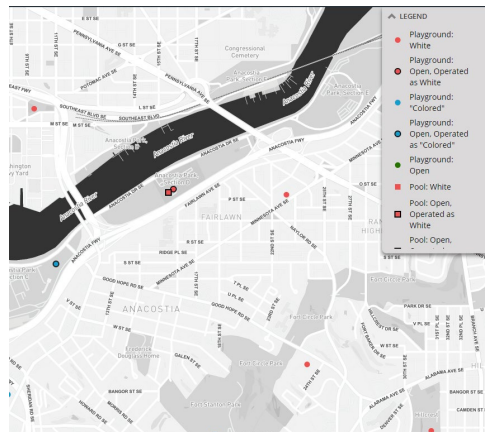
Social Influences



Named and established under an act of Congress in 1918.



Public Gardening 1920-30's



Segregated Playgrounds 1948



Anacostia Pool Riot 1949



SITP – 1968



SITP – Power of Music



DRAFT Vision Statement

This reimagined portion of Anacostia Park welcomes and inspires a wide range of users while providing opportunities to connect with others and engage with the Anacostia River. The site's nationally significant natural, cultural, and recreational resources are part of daily life in Washington, DC and promote community wellbeing. The park is resilient, safe, and well-maintained, with strong connections to communities, partners, and the river ecosystem. Park users feel a sense of belonging and therefore value the park, engage in its programming and serve as active stewards of its future.

DRAFT Project Goals



Access + Connectivity



Waterfront Activation



Community Fellowship

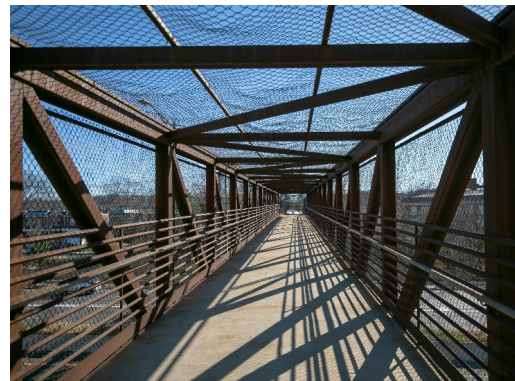


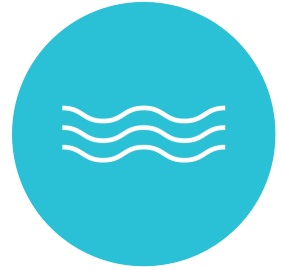
Active Recreation



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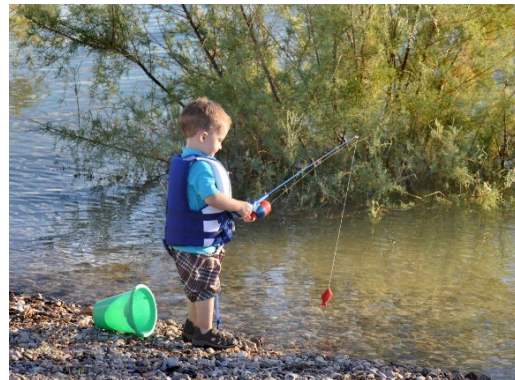
Improve the safety, accessibility, and directness to the project area from neighboring communities, and within the park between activity nodes and park areas.





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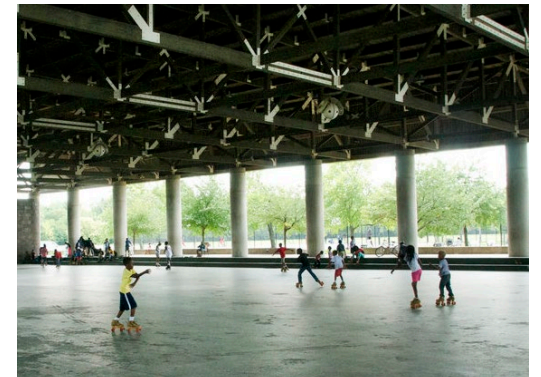
Enhance the visitor experience and connectivity to and from the Anacostia River by celebrating the site's history, ecology, and restoration efforts through educational and recreational opportunities.





Community Fellowship

Improve opportunities for passive recreation focus on social, cultural, and community gathering spaces and hosting of events.





Active Recreation

Restore and improve the active recreation fields and other organized sport amenities within the project area.





Planning Process

Planning Phase	Timeline	Opportunity for Public Input
Publicize Vision and Goals for the Plan	Summer 2021	>>>We are here!<<< Provide your thoughts and ideas for the future of this portion of Anacostia Park.
Develop Concept Options	Fall 2021	
Publicize Concept Options	Early 2022	Provide your reactions to concepts developed for this portion of Anacostia Park
Review input and finalize the plan	Spring 2022	



How to Comment

1. Submit comments electronically at:
https://parkplanning.nps.gov/Reimagine_AnacostiaPark
via e-mail at: **ncr_planning@nps.gov**
2. Call toll-free at:
1.888.345.2823
3. Mail or hand-deliver written comments to the NPS at:
National Capital Parks – East
Superintendent
Re: Reimagine Anacostia Park
1900 Anacostia Drive SE
Washington, DC 20020

Please provide
comments by
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