REIMAGINE ANACOSTIA PARK!

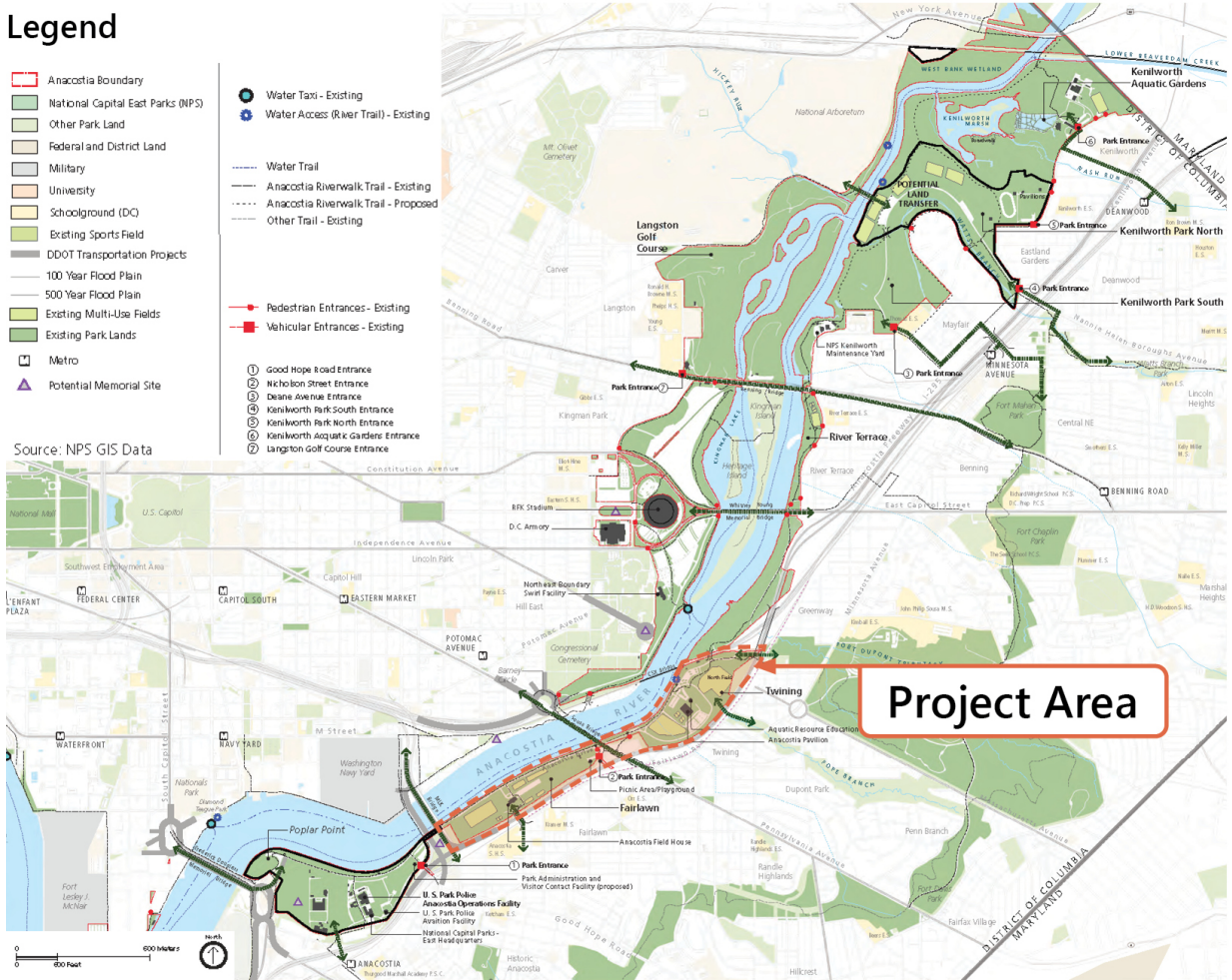
A concept plan for Sections D and E

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



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Anacostia Park
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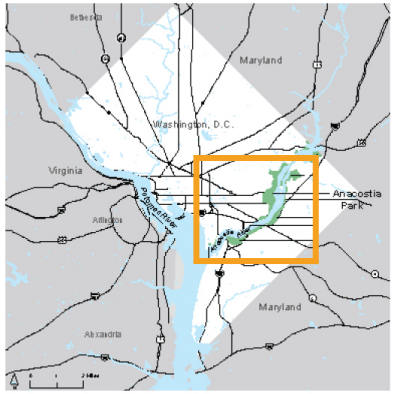
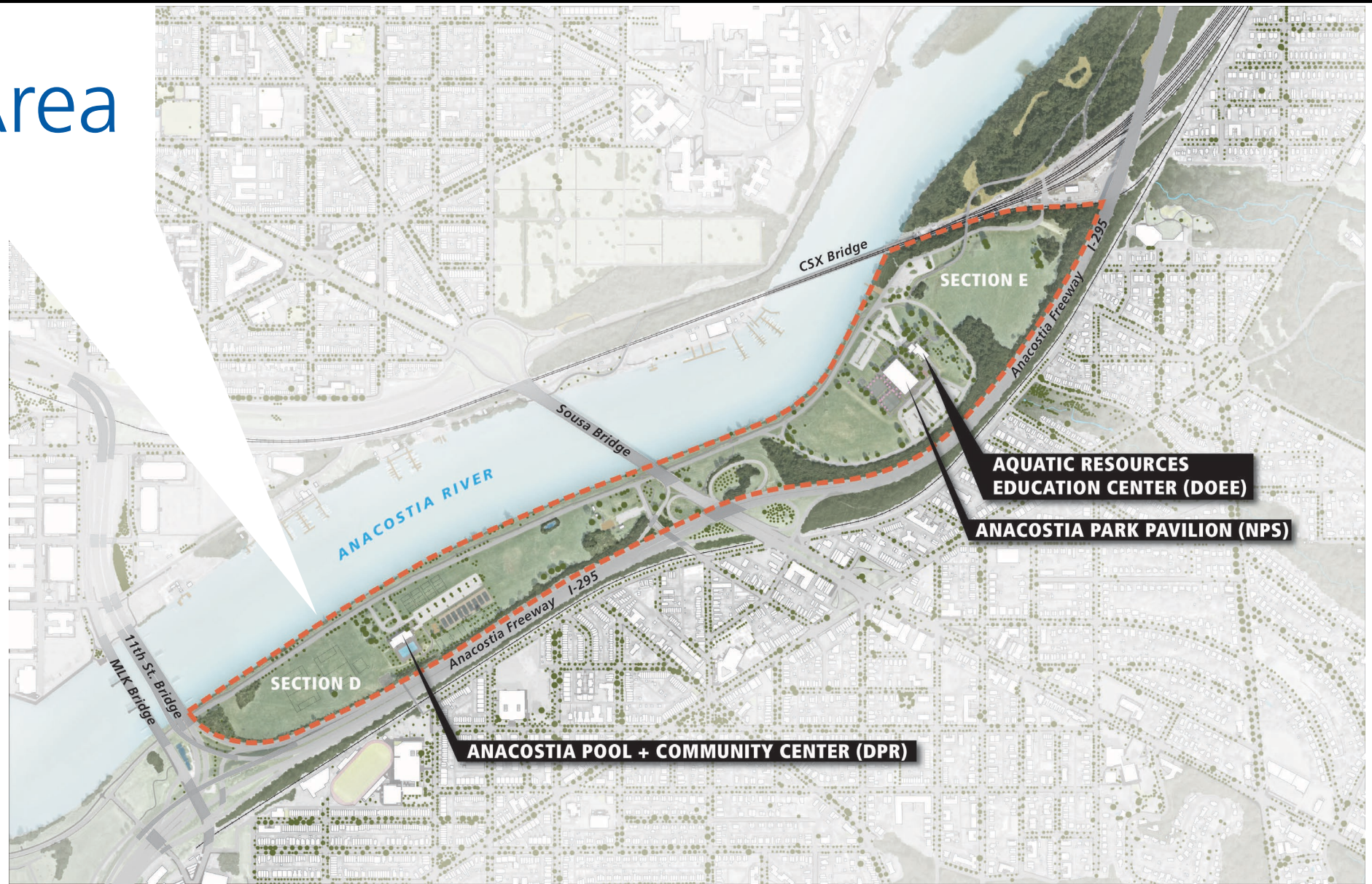


Project Area

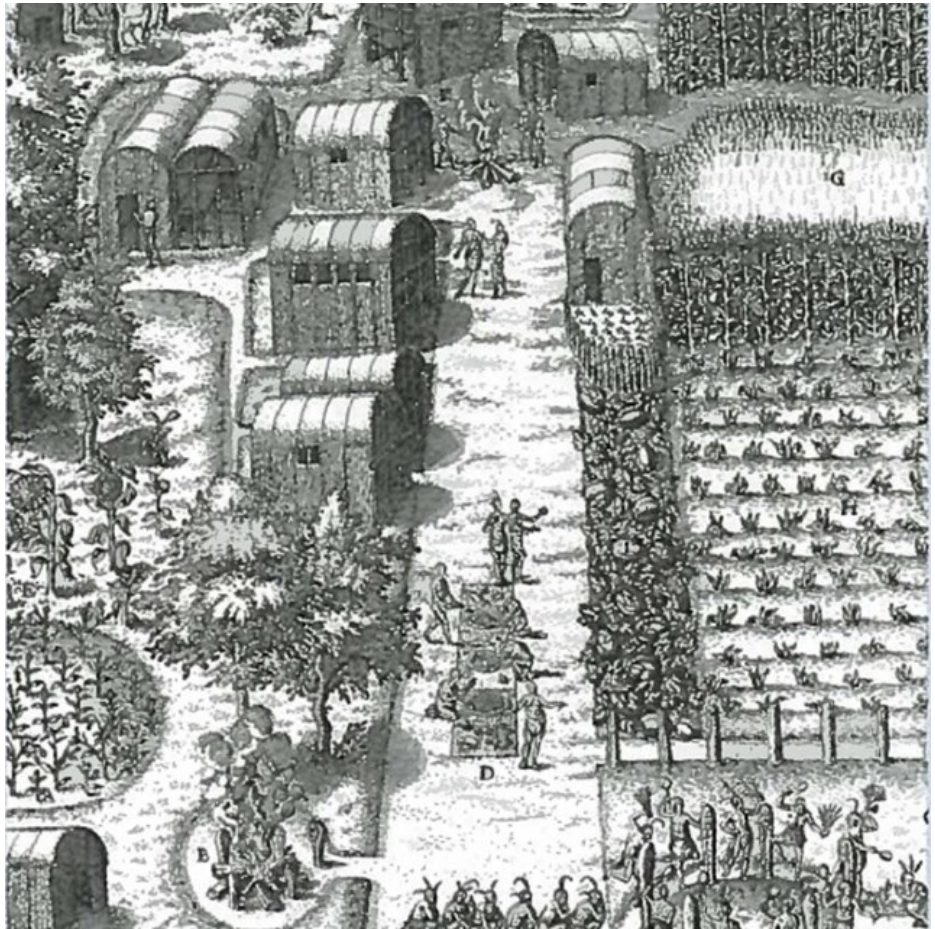


Purpose of the Plan

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

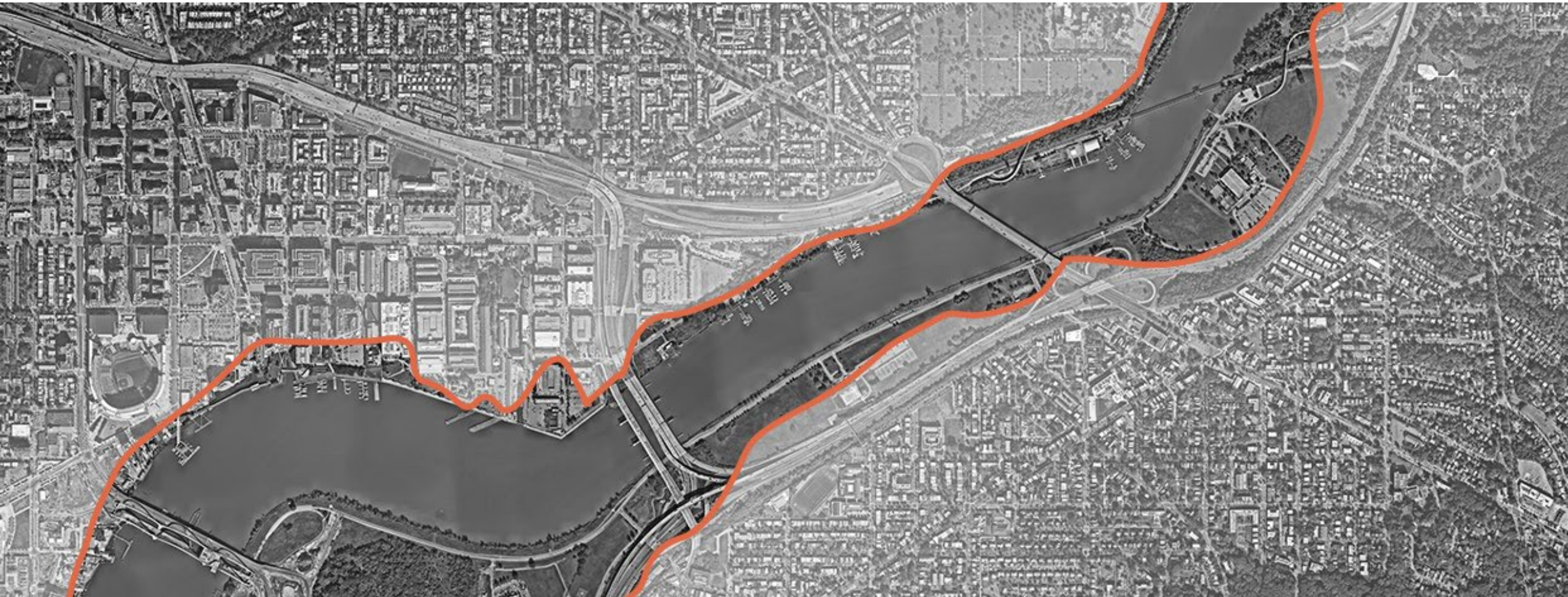
Example of concept drawings from the Buzzard Point Concept Plan

Site History :: Pre-Colonization

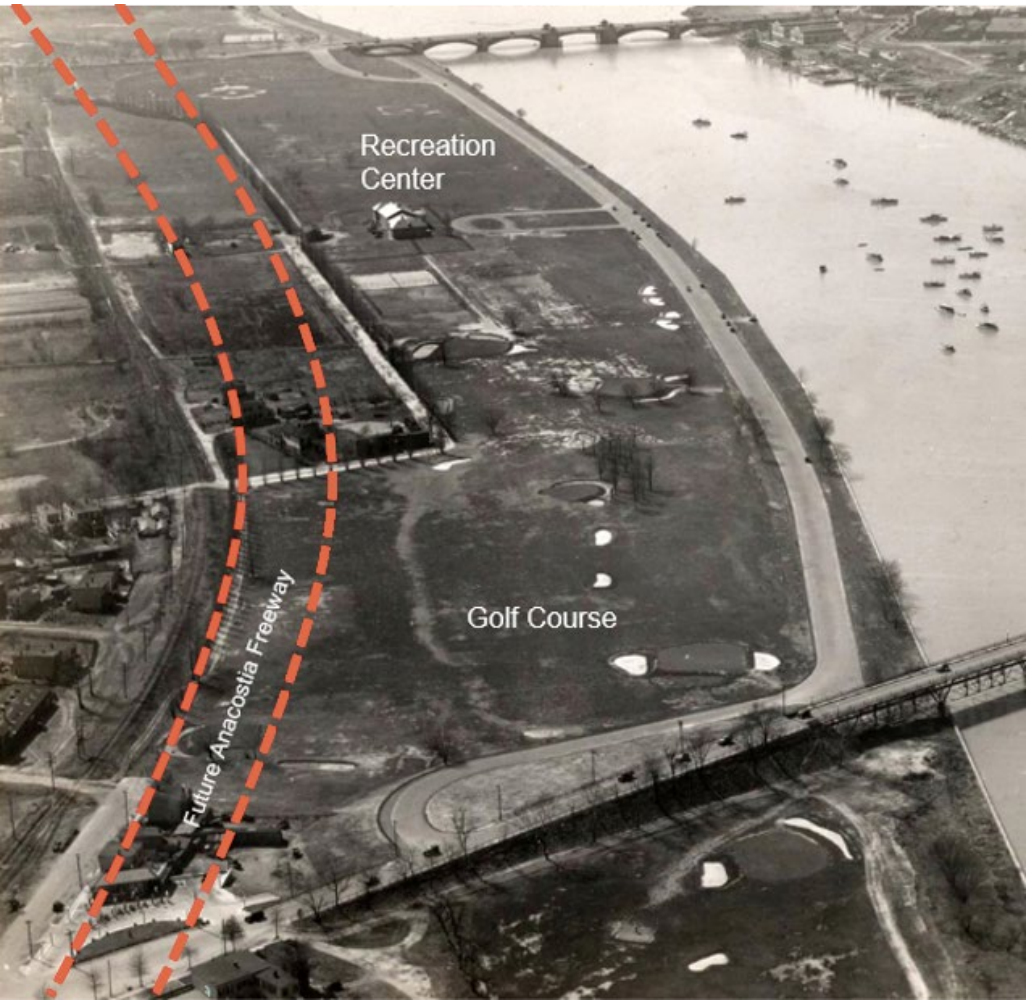


Site History :: 1880's Tidal Flats

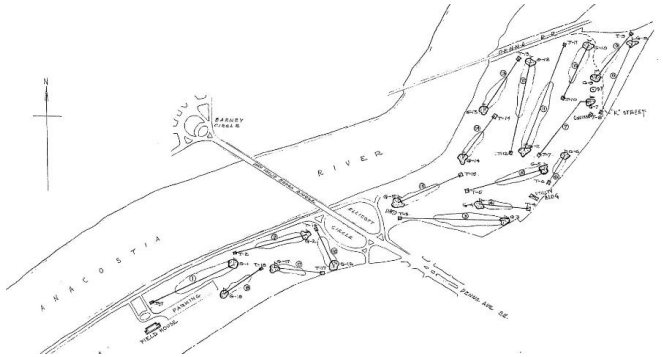
Site History :: Shoreline Migration

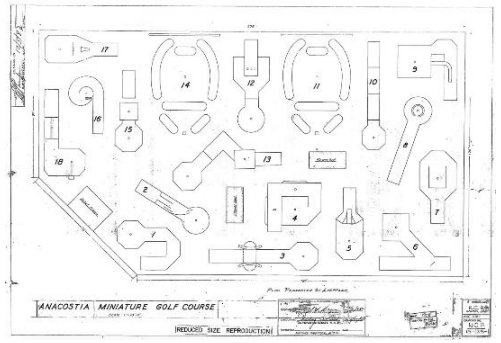


Site History :: 1933 Aerial view of Section D



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

The Bicycle Unit at Potomac Park, with Mrs. Manuel J. Davis of the Marlyn Apartments starting off on a bike.

The Anacostia Swimming Pool, Anacostia, D. C., operated by the Welfare and Recreation Association. It opened for the season last week.

Miss Sarah Fisher of Washington operates one of the pedal boats for hire at the boathouse in the Tidal Basin.

Hains Point Tea House, run by the association. In the center is Charley Channing, tennis champion of Washington, winning a match last summer on a Potomac Park court.

Six Swimming Pools Are Operated

Tennis Courts Flourish Day And Night

By Vesta Cummings.

Uncle Sam is in the amusement business. He is a shopkeeper, a restaurateur, a tourist camp and resort operator, a miller, a newsboy 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 humid 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 3.

Twenty-five years ago the District could boast of only four tennis courts. At the present time the Welfare and Recreation Association operates 28 courts, the National Park Service 47, the Community Center 11 and the Playground Department 38, a total of 124. According to the records there were 6,825 night players and 90,142 players during the 1938 season.

A boathouse, where canoes may be rented and a bicycle unit are operated in Potomac and East Potomac parks, where patrons may obtain the use of horses, canoes, "pedal-boats," bicycles and a golf course.

During the spring and summer seasons the period of stay in the camp is limited to two weeks, since the main purpose of the place is to accommodate transients. Large groups, such as conventions of fraternal organizations, educational tours and religious meetings stop there all the year round.

Inspected regularly by the United States Health Service, the District Health Department and the medical officers of the association and protected by United States Park Police, this camp is rated as one of the best tourist camps in America.

A village within a city, the camp has a doctor on call, a grocery store, radios, telephones, a telegraph office, laundry, cafeteria, showers, barber shop, garage, souvenir store, a recreational building and a children's playground.

Association Started in Wartime

Camp for Federal Employes New Enterprise

the organization. Under Capt. Hoover's direction its scope has broadened until today the corporation's annual business is in excess of $2,500,000. From $25,000 to $70,000 a year, depending upon net profits, is deposited in the miscellaneous receipt account of the Treasury Department from this source. Approximately one-fifth of the remaining net profit is donated to welfare societies for aiding Government employes and in donations to local charities. Gradually the Federal Government has taken more and more active interest in the association's affairs and since 1930 it has supervised the corporation's fiscal affairs.

In 1933 the association entered the group insurance field for the benefit of Federal employes, but today its work in this connection is limited to Veterans' Administration field service. By the end of its six years it had approximately 1,400 certificates in force. The association's employes also are furnished group life insurance through a plan whereby the association, as the employer, pays a share of the expense.

Officers of the association are R. F. Martin, president; F. A. Birenfeld, vice president; A. J. Williams, treasurer; C. L. Cobb, Samuel Goodacre, H. G. Porter, W. E. Reynolds, C. Marshall Finnan and Charles A. Peters. No officer or active member

meal ground on the Buhr stone at the mill and that which is roller ground, according to Mr. Little. The old process meal is soft to the touch because the particles are round, rather than flat and sharp. It also contains all of the grain germ and has a richer flavor than most meal.

Among the corn products made at Pierce Mill is unbleached white flour, which is bolted through a silk cloth.

Born in War Time.

The Welfare and Recreation Association was a war baby, born in 1918 as the Joint Welfare Service. The War and Navy Departments had concentrated thousands of new employes in the so-called temporary buildings which still serve these departments on the Mall. There were no facilities nearby for lunches of any kind and pressure of work left

Site History :: 1975 Bicentennial Era

Site History :: 1986 Aquatic Resources Education Center

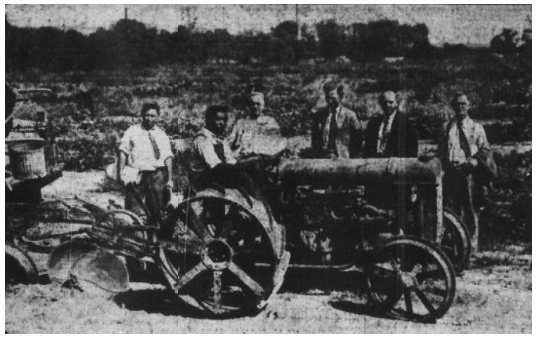
Site History :: 1990 Urban Tree House

Site History :: 2007 Anacostia River Trail

Social Influences

ANACOSTIA PARK
CENTENNIAL
EST. 1918

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

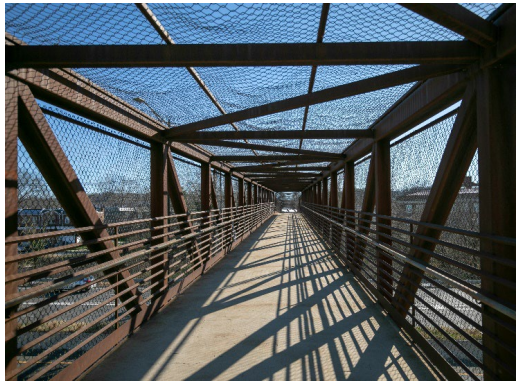
Waterfront Activation

Community Fellowship

Active Recreation

Access + Connectivity

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

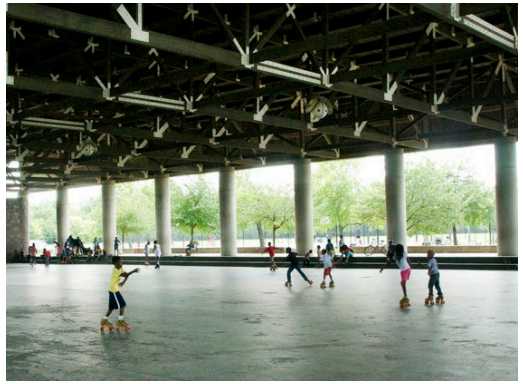


Waterfront Activation

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.

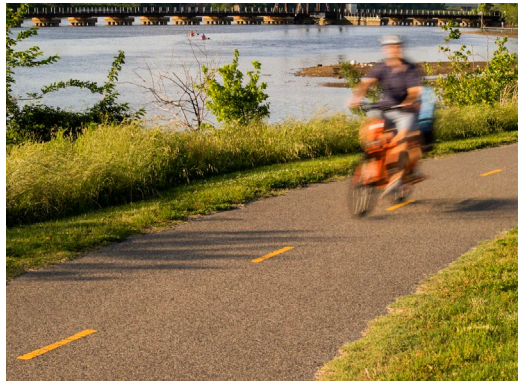
Community Fellowship

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
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 July 29, 2021.