



City of Takoma Park

Housing and Community Development

Public Space Management Plan

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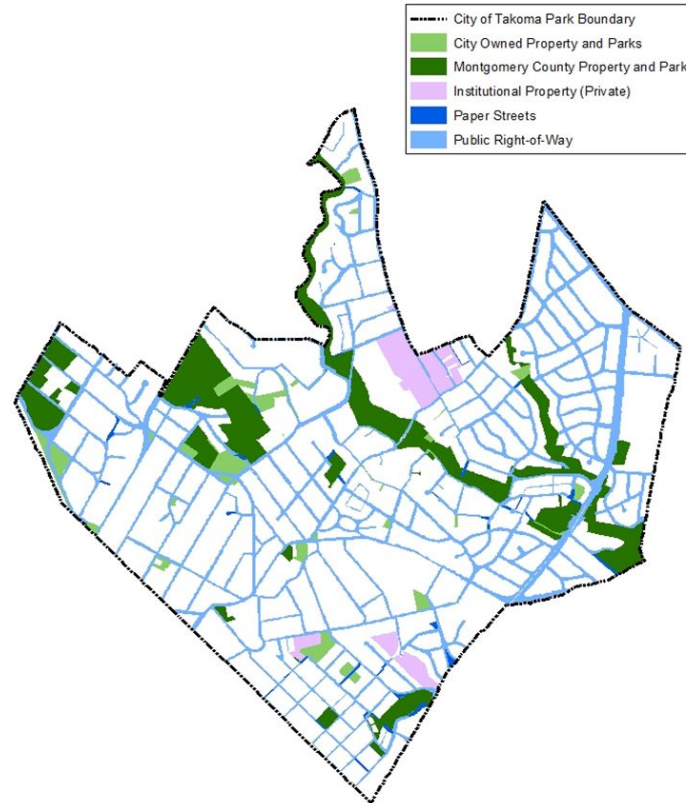
Presentation Overview

- Review of Context and Scope of Work
- Overview of Draft Goals
- Examples for Plan Outcome
- Timeline and Next Steps



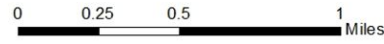
Plan Context and Purpose

Public Land in Takoma Park



1 inch = 1,583 feet

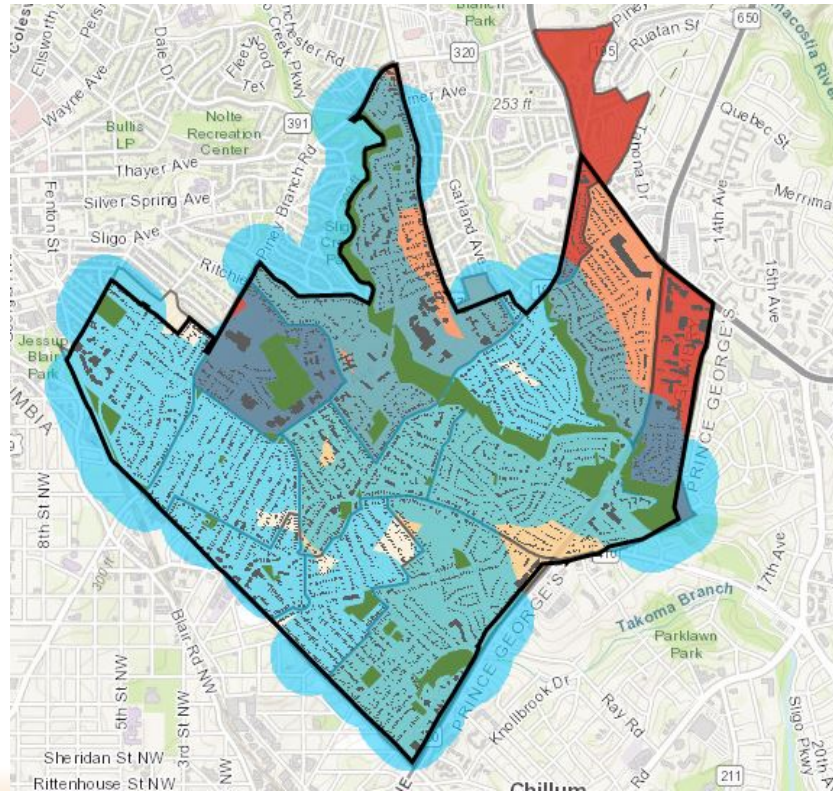
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Racial Equity and Demographics

- [Demographic Map of Public Space Distribution](#)



Purpose of Plan

- Provide a framework to guide future decision making processes regarding public space in the City of Takoma Park
- Clarify roles, responsibilities, and expectations in public space management
- Develop performance measures on how public space will be most effectively used, maintained, and expanded in Takoma Park
- Identify creative uses and reuses of City right-of-way which anticipates the changing needs of the community and City
- Provide a foundation to apply for grant funding and demonstrate the City's commitment to improving public space





Draft Goals for Public Space Management Plan

- Maintenance and Enhancement of Existing Resources
- Connectivity and Accessibility to Public Space for All
- Establish Criteria for Acquisition
- Creative Reuse of Right-of-Way as Public Space



Maintenance and Enhancement of Existing Resources

- Ensure that current spaces are effectively maintained and utilized
- Foster a mix of types of public spaces for active and passive recreational opportunities as well as social gathering space
- Foster and maintain an environmentally sustainable public space network
- Inventory condition of parks and develop associated recommendations for enhancement



Connectivity and Accessibility to Public Space for All

- Ensure access and improve multi-modal connectivity to public space
- Facilitate equitable access to public space for all members of the community



Establish Criteria for Acquisition

- Prioritize multi-modal access and connectivity
- Advance social and racial equity in the distribution of public space and recreational opportunities
- Ensure a fiscally sustainable public space network
- Advance climate change resiliency
- Develop framework to evaluate future spaces rather than identify a list of spaces



Creative Reuse of Right-of-Way as Public Space

- Incorporate and program City owned rights-of-way into a holistic vision of public space
- Improve City streets as places for community building and increased access by non-vehicular modes of transportation



Project Examples for Plan Outcome

- Conversion of parking spaces or other street spaces into bicycle parking or parklet. Cost can vary, approximately \$3,000 for bike racks, bollards, paint



Project Examples

- Park Design and Creation-Approximately \$250,000 for design, grading, playground equipment



Project Examples

- Green Infrastructure Projects in Right of Way
 - Addition of bioretention facilities and modular wetland systems (raingardens on Glenside Drive)
 - Approximately \$200,000 to 300,000 for construction



Next Steps

- Public input on Draft Goals
 - Survey to rank priorities
 - Interactive map to leave comments
- Refine Draft Goals
- Development of Recommendations for Goals
- Presentation of Refined Goals and Recommendations to Council
- Development of Final Plan for Approval



Timeline



Project Page and More Information

<https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/public-space-management-plan/>

