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OPEN SPACE STUDY



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Our “First Principles”

To be successful the MVT Open Space Study effort must:

1. Be Transparent
2. Be Community-Driven
3. Build Upon Previous Planning Efforts

Overview & Purpose of the Study

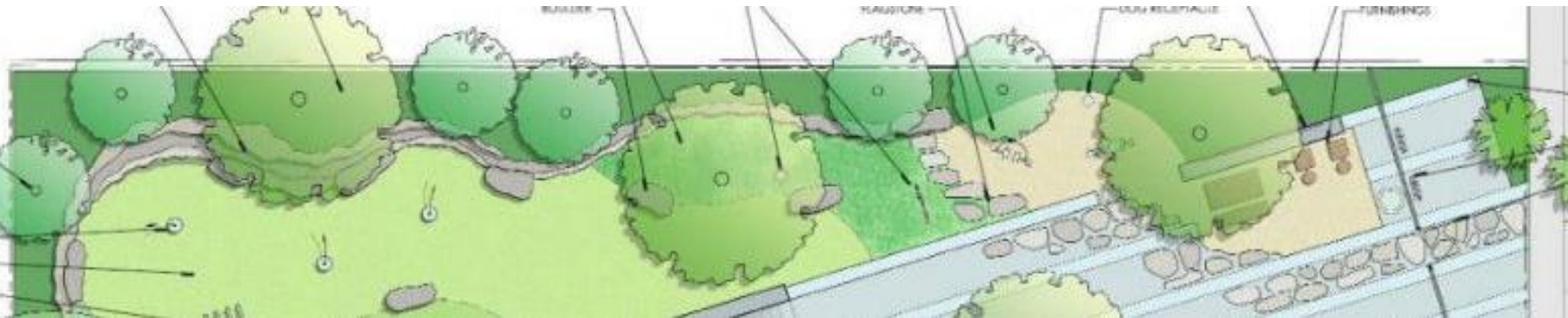
Articulate Community Preferences & Priorities for Open Space



Provide Path to Execution for the Strategy Developed



Create Plan that Serves as Guiding Document for Strategy Implementation



Study Need: Why Now?



MVT is
...the **9th most populous** area in the District...
...and keeps growing

And yet...



...has the **4th lowest provision of open space**,
at 0.19 acres per 1,000 residents & three times
the number of residents per playground as the
District average.*

* Source: DC DPR "Play DC" Master Plan

2017 Neighborhood Perception Survey Results:

Only **25%** feel there is adequate quality and availability of open space

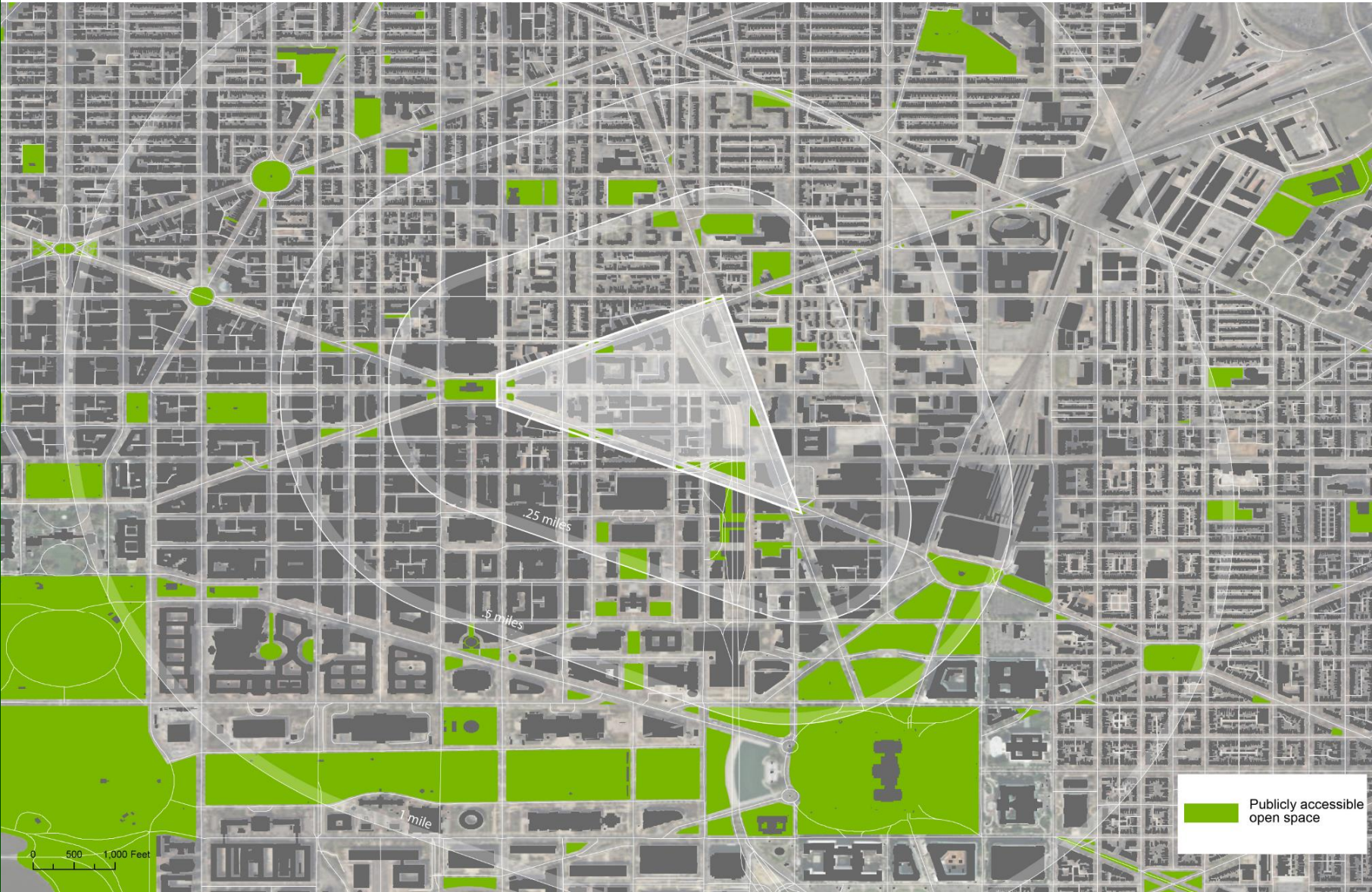
Neighborhood should be more than a building

New open spaces will improve quality of life for all ages

We need places to destress, relax and breathe

Study Need: Why Now? (cont'd)

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Open Space within 0.25, 0.5 and 1.0 miles of MVT

Study Approach & Methodology

Phase	Description	Tasks
1	Project Kick-Off	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Map existing conditions
2	Opportunities & Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review previous planning efforts• Assess community open space needs• Assess candidate sites for public space• Research international best practices
3	Stakeholder Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct Stakeholder Interviews
4	Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organize Public Meeting & Planning Workshop
5	Information Synthesis & Strategy Refinement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refine proposals into summary report• Prepare Open Space Strategy

Study Timeline

Month	Activity
November 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RFP Issued
December 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consulting Team Selected• Project Commences
January 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Announcement Issued• Stakeholder Meetings Conducted• Public Meeting & Planning Workshop Organized
February 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collate and Analyze Feedback from Community Engagement and Planning Workshop• Make Available the Results of the Analysis to the Community• Provide Initial Briefing to ANC and Other Local Leaders• Develop Open Space Strategy & Recommendations Based on Community Feedback
March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide Update Briefing to ANC (Proposed)• Prepare for Open Space Plan Implementation
April 2018 ↓	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Execute Open Space Plan Implementation

Stakeholders Interviewed

- Condominium Boards & Unit Owners
- Multifamily Residential Property Owners & Building Managers
- Faith-Based Community Leaders
- Surrounding Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners
- Higher Education Officials
- Commercial Property Owners & Tenants
- Owners of Properties Surrounding Significant Parcels of Current & Future Potential Open Space
- Respected Long-Time Community Influencers

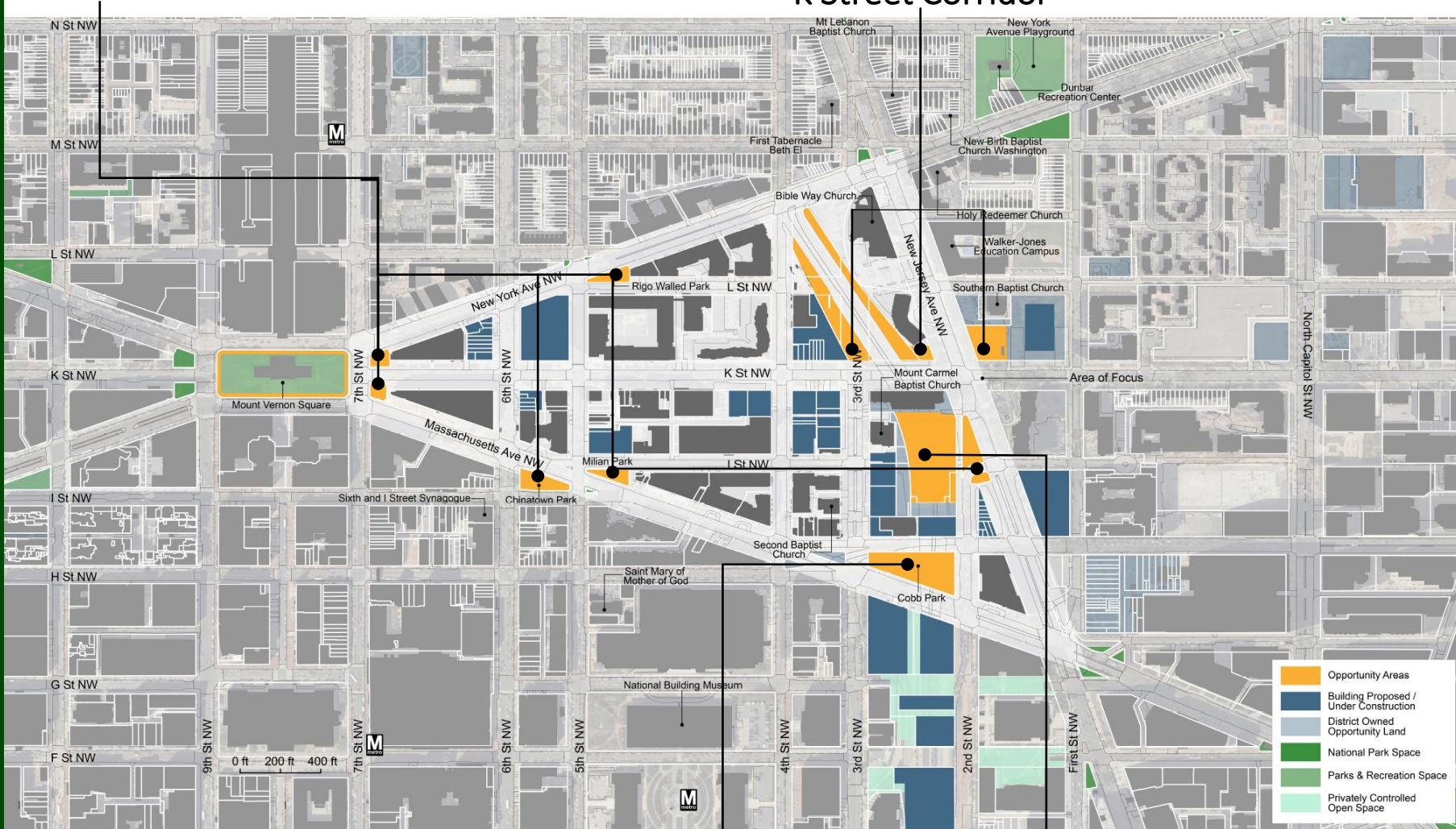
Public Meeting & Planning Workshop

- January 31 at Mount Carmel Baptist Church
- Advertised throughout the community
 - e-mail blasts
 - building flyers and listservs
 - customized postcard distributions
 - social media (including promoted Facebook posts)
- Dozens in attendance
 - area residents and employees
 - faith-based worshippers
 - higher education representatives
 - staff from neighboring Business Improvement Districts
 - Federal and local officials from National Park Service, DC Office of Planning & MPD

Locations for Consideration

New Jersey Avenue &
K Street Corridor

NPS Reservations

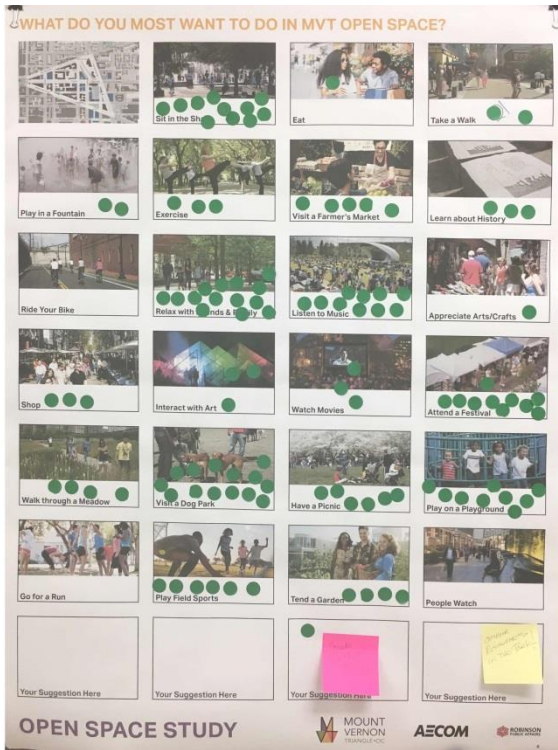


Cobb Park

District-Owned
Parking Deck

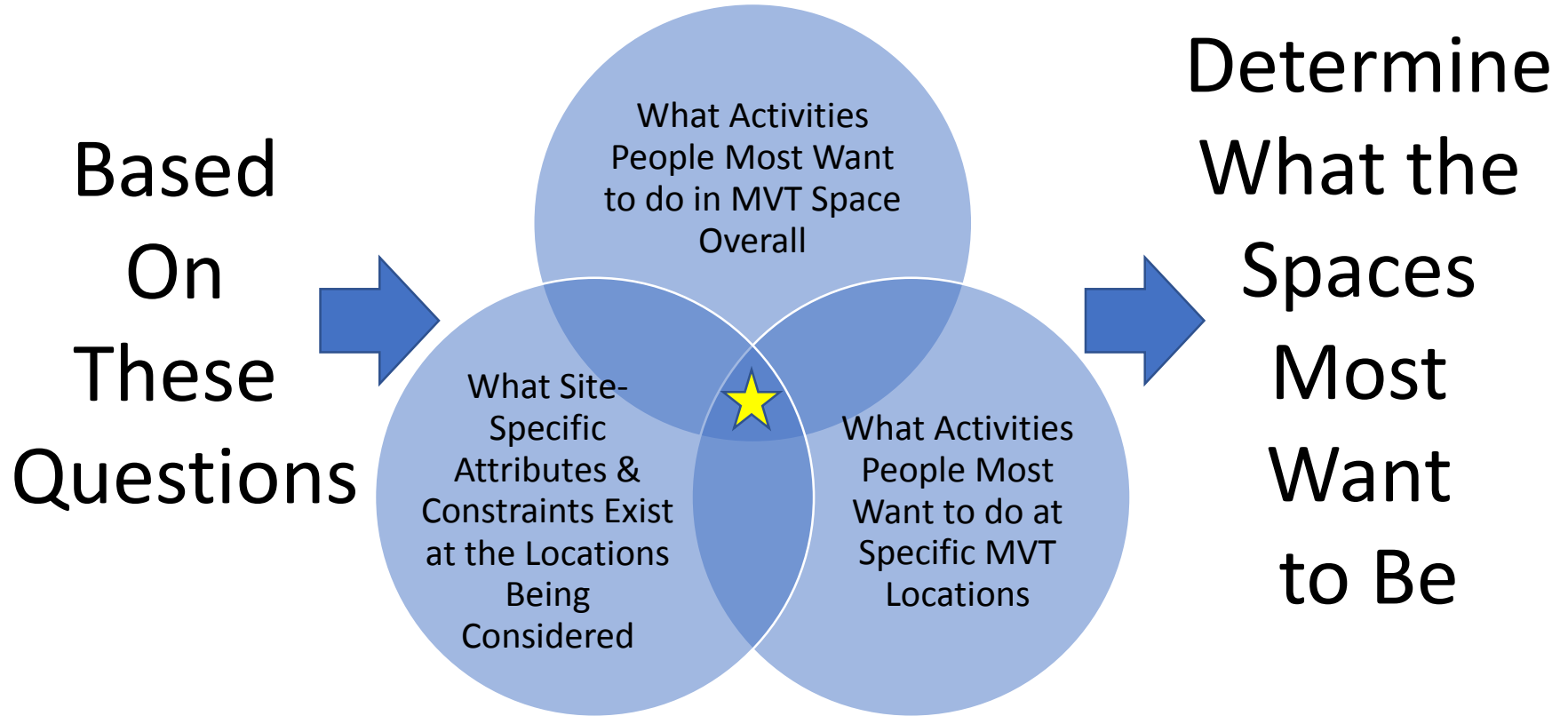
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Activities Polled



- Sit in the Shade
- Eat
- Take a Walk
- Play in a Fountain
- Exercise
- Visit a Farmers Market
- Learn about History
- Ride your Bike
- Relax with Friends & Family
- Listen to Music
- Appreciate Arts & Crafts
- Shop
- Interact with Art
- Watch Movies
- Attend a Festival
- Walk Through a Meadow
- Visit a Dog Park
- Have a Picnic
- Play on a Playground
- Go for a Run
- Play Field Sports
- Tend a Garden
- People Watch

Next Steps



Final Study Results will be Shared Publicly & With the ANC