

CCCT 2023 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

- **Introduction – Tony Marra**

- Overview
- Lyttonsville Park
- Tunnel under Wisconsin Avenue
- Weiner and Potter Plazas
- Improve Access to the Trail in Northwest DC
- E-Bikes and Speeding
- Georgetown Trailhead Project
- Bells and Bands
- Invasive Species Removal

- **Election of Directors for 2023-2024**

- **Guest Speakers**

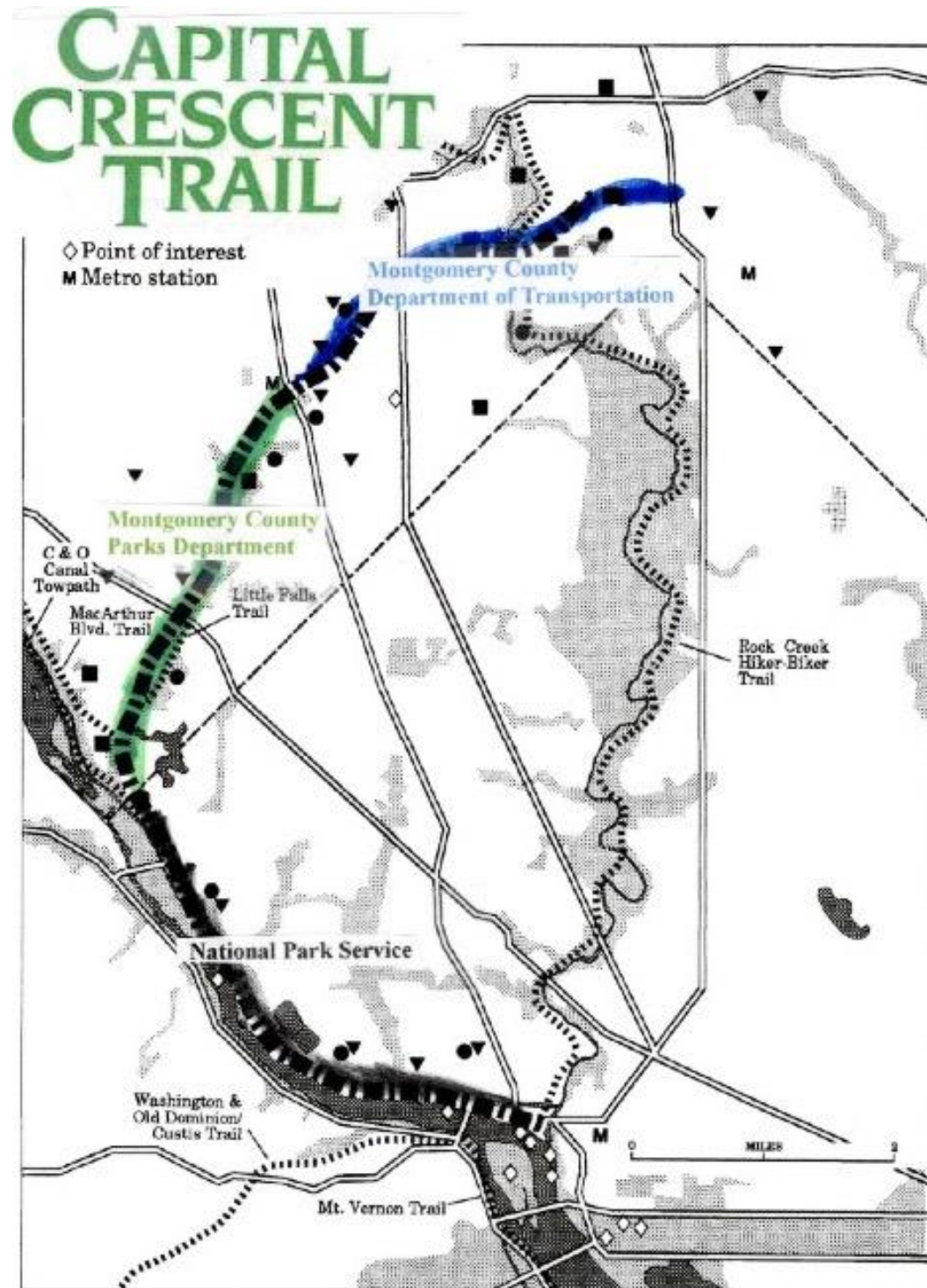
- John Noel and Ryan Yowell from the National Park Service
- Mike Riley and Kyle Lukacs from Montgomery Parks
- Christina Contreras from Montgomery County DOT

- **Questions and Answers**

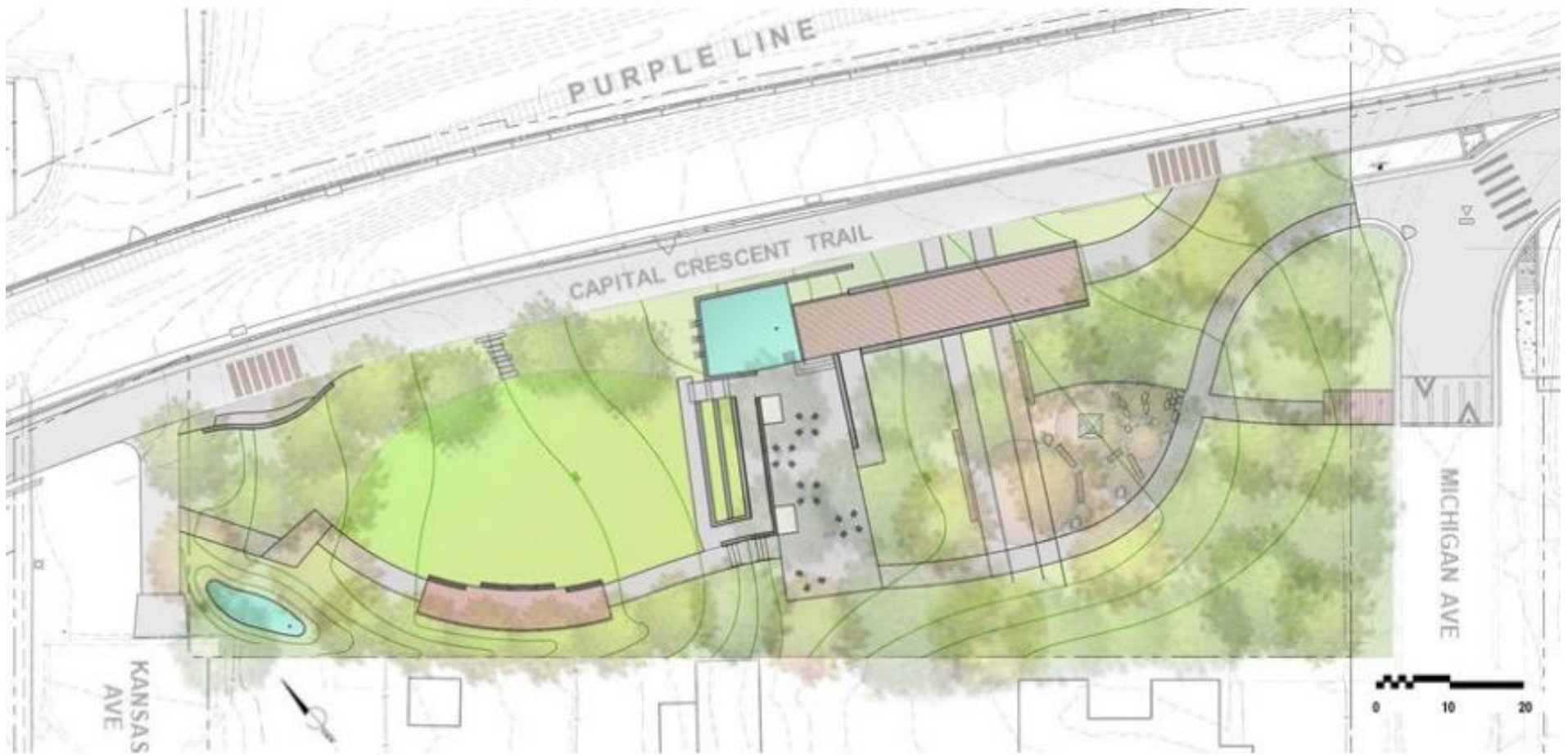
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- **Adjournment**

Original CCT Concept Plan



Future Lyttonsville Neighborhood Park



Recommended Facility Plan, August 2023



Multi-purpose Lawn and Heritage Terrace, View from West. CCT is to left.



Bridge Memorial, Aerial View. CCT is visible in bottom left corner.



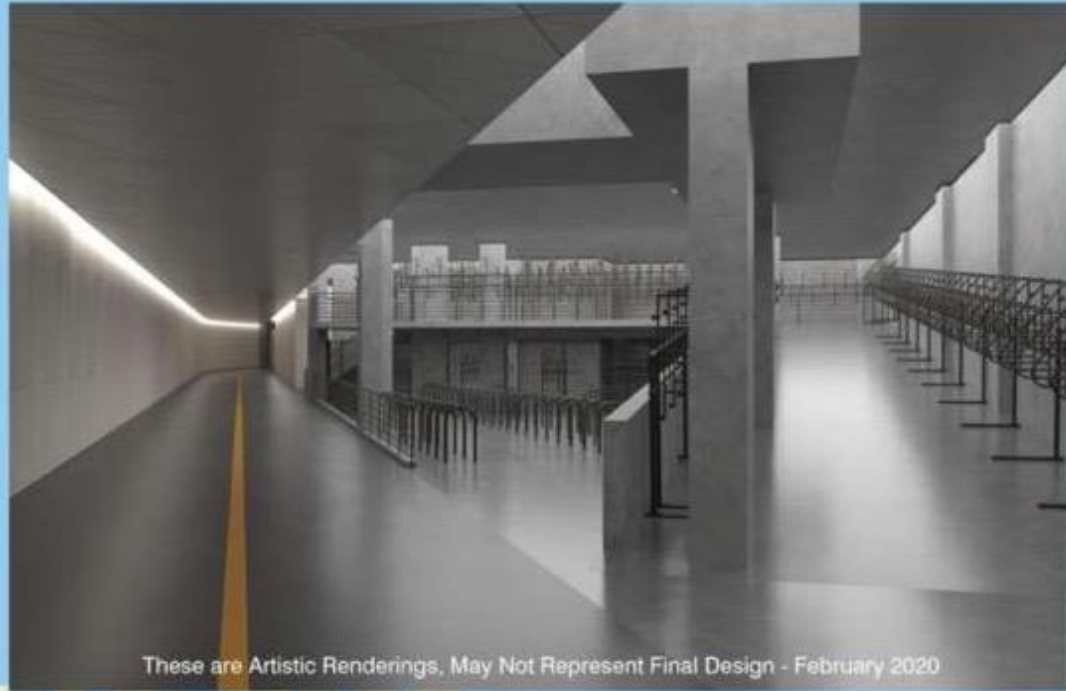
Bridge Memorial, View from the CCT.

**Tunnel under Wisconsin Avenue –
To replace the Tunnel taken for
the Purple Line**

Capital Crescent Trail Tunnel Project

- Project Highlights

- Long and short term covered parking for approximately 450 bikes near Woodmont Plaza and Purple Line Bethesda Station
- Secure area available for long term bicycle parking



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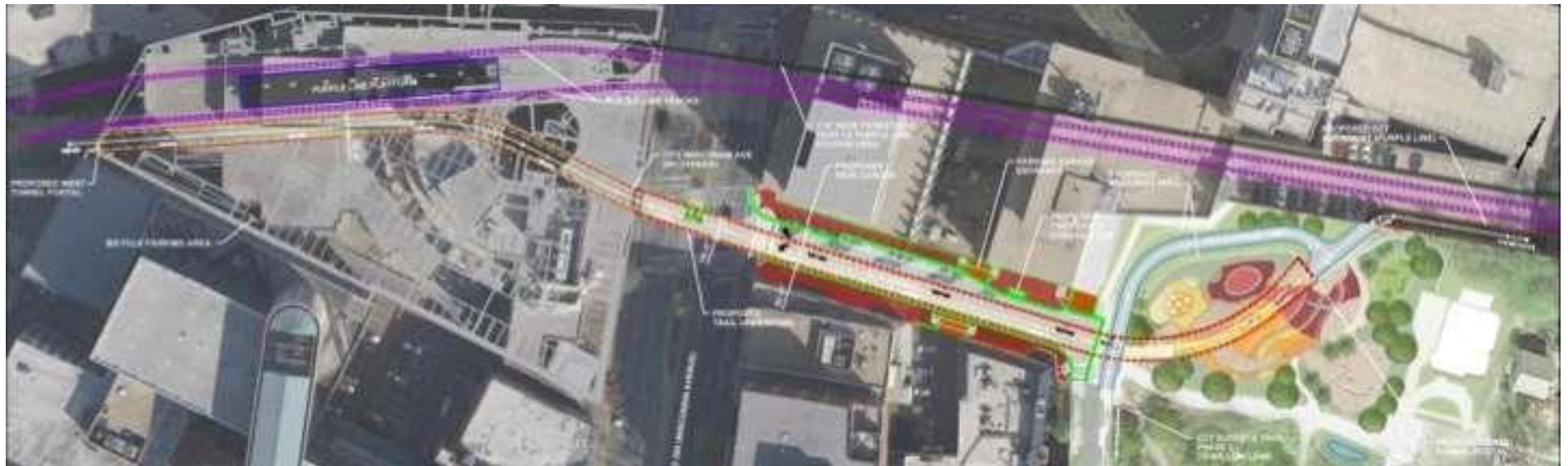


The space shown just above is already built in 7272 Wisconsin Ave (The Wilson & The Elm, the Apex building replacement). What remains to be built is a “cut and cover” tunnel under Wisconsin Ave and Elm St, with the Eastern tunnel entrance in Elm Street Park. See an artistic interior rendering and a map of the future tunnel on the next page.

Capital Crescent Trail Tunnel Project

- Project Highlights

- 985 foot total tunnel length
- 16 foot wide tunnel with wall tile metal ceiling tiles & lighting
- Cellular phone coverage
- Security cameras and blue light phones
- Emergency egress stairs
- At-grade connection to surface trail
- Elm Street Park redevelopment



Maintenance at Weiner Plaza and Potter Plaza



The current landscaping at Weiner Plaza. Water fountain in front.



Some of the current landscaping at Potter Plaza.

The angled brick pavement over to the driveway was recently laid on a dirt path worn down by the frequent pedestrian traffic to/from Whole Foods Market.



**Improve Access to the Trail in
Northwest DC – in the
Palisades Neighborhood**



There is an overgrown very uneven dirt path between the Trail at the uphill end of the bridge over Canal Rd, and Arizona Ave. DC DOT has a project in progress to pave this path and make it accessible, also usable by emergency vehicles, but it has been moving slowly, in large part due to having to coordinate with both the C&O Canal and Rock Creek National Parks.



The Norton St access path runs from the corner of Norton St and Potomac Ave, along the back fence of the Dalecarlia water plant, down to the CCT. It has a very uneven surface as shown here. Heavy rain causes dirt and gravel to wash down onto the CCT, leaving dangerous conditions that have caused at least 1 serious crash. This path should be paved and made accessible.



The stairs that lead down from Potomac Ave, 290 feet north of Manning Place, are the only intentional trail access in the Palisades. The risers are uneven and many are taller than meets code. The wood is decaying. Heavy rain causes dirt and gravel to wash down, leaving dangerous conditions. These steps should be rebuilt with more durable materials and paved surfaces.

E-Bikes and Speeding

The C&O Canal National Historical Park rule on e-bikes, which covers the DC / NPS portion of the Capital Crescent Trail states: **“E-bikes are allowed in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park where traditional bicycles are allowed. ...[U]sing the electric motor to move an e-bike without pedaling is prohibited.** The term e-bike means a two- or three- wheeled cycle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts (1 horsepower)”.

The Montgomery **Parks Department permits e-bikes on bicycle trails** and defines them as: “An Electric Bicycle is defined in Park Rules Chapter II, Section 1(G) as a vehicle that (1) is designed to be **operated by human power with the assistance of an electric motor**; (2) is equipped with fully operable pedals; (3) has two or three wheels; and (4) has a motor with a rating of 500 watts or less”.

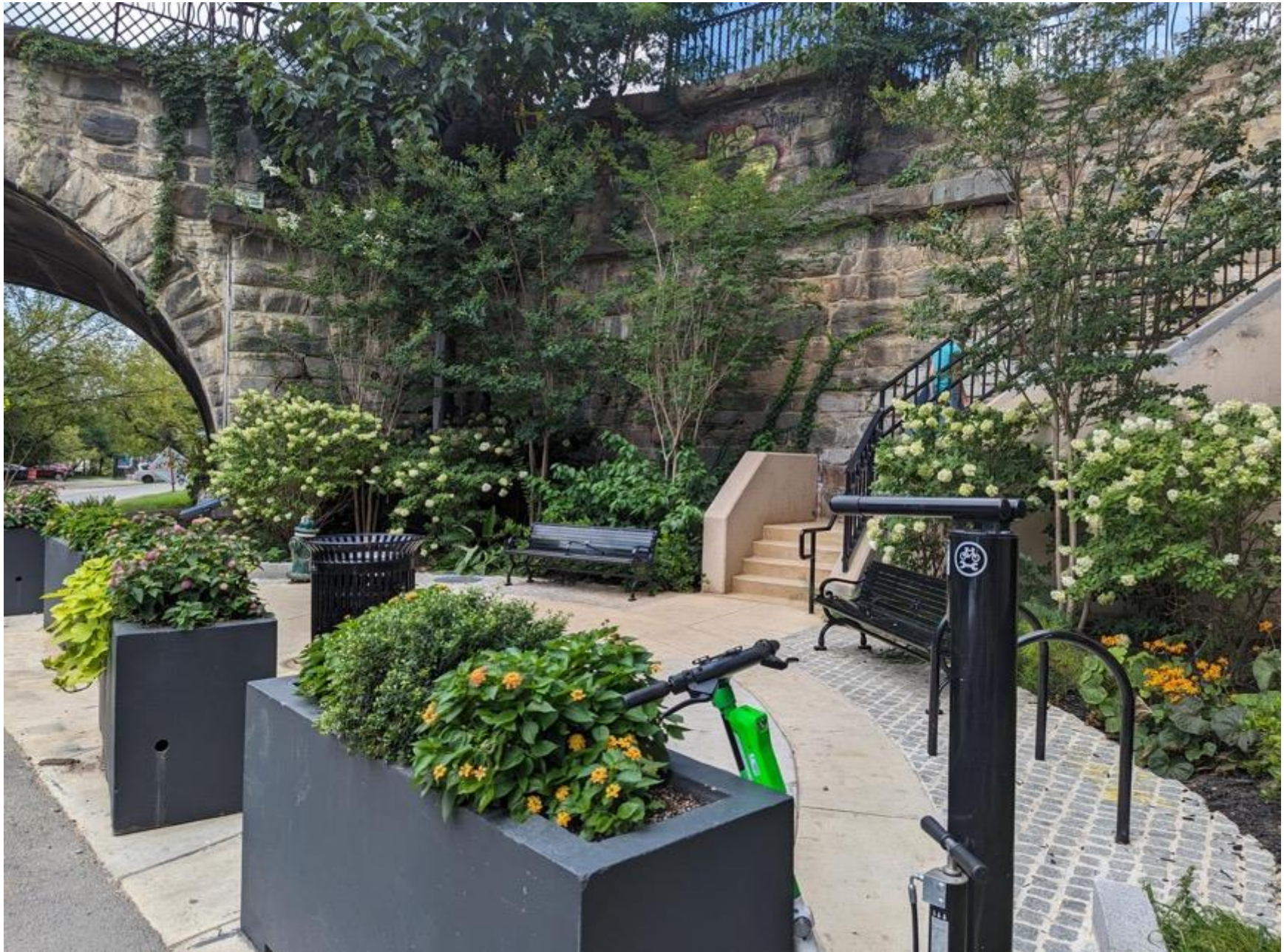
Georgetown Trailhead Project

[Water Street Staircase Rehabilitation and Capital Crescent Trail Trailhead Project](https://www.georgetowndc.com/about/bid-programs/staircase-trailhead-project/)

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Completed Trailhead area, with rebuilt stairs up to the C&O towpath



Completed Trailhead area, with new bicycle maintenance station

Bells and Bands



A B&B (Bells and Bands) at Potter Plaza is seen here. We've also had B&B's at the Georgetown trailhead and at Weiner Plaza (in back of the Ourisman garage, near Bethesda Ave).



These reflective arm bands replaced the whistles CCCT used to hand out.

Invasive Plant Species Removal



Our “Free the Trees” events are held in cooperation with the Little Falls Watershed Alliance.

OUR AGENDA FOR THE FUTURE

- . We will focus on unfinished business and the projects that we discussed tonight.**
- . We will continue to support a tunnel under Wisconsin Ave.**
- . We will continue to advocate for repair, repaving, and widening of the Trail between Georgetown and Bethesda.**
- . We will continue to advocate for better access to the Trail in Northwest DC.**
- . We will stress the need for safety and better signage on the Trail.**
- . We also want to hear from you about what you think we should focus on.**

2023-2024 Board of Directors Nominees

Bruce Adams

Paul Basken

Ed Comer

Jenny Sue Dunner

Scott Feldstein

Morris Klein

David Kathan

David Kosub

Tony Marra

Brian Robinson

Holly Seltzer

Ron Tripp

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