City of Alexandria, Virginia



Backlick Park

Park and Recreation Commission March 17, 2022





Receive and review the Backlick Run Park Greenway Design

A Park and Recreation Commission Public Hearing will be scheduled later this spring.



Applicant Presentation

Habitat For Humanity Restore Thrift store

Public Storage

Virginia Roofing Corporation

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Public Storage

Backlick Run

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Van Dorn St

Parks & Recreation Commission March 14, 2022

Vulcan Sites



Existing Conditions

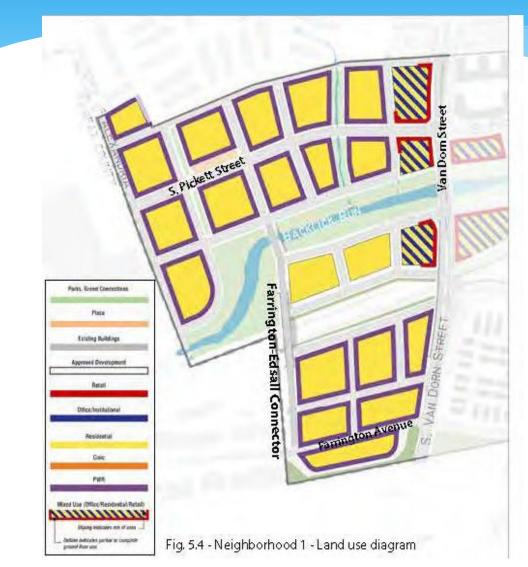






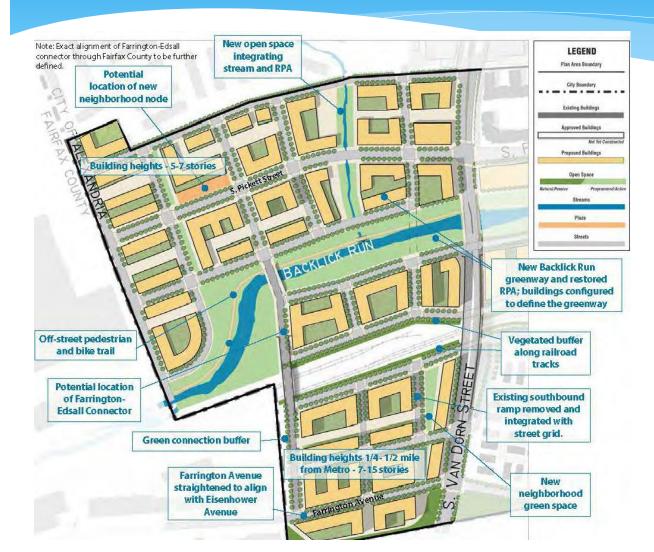


EW SAP Guidance: Van Dorn Innovation District



- Overall: Redevelopment from warehouse space to residential and commercial development fronting on Backlick Run greenway
- Residential Use for interior blocks
- Mixed Use and retail for east block at Van Dorn St.
- Improve and protect Backlick Run
- High quality public realm with ped/bike connectivity
- Buildings are to be 5-15 stories in height & variety of heights

EW SAP Guidance: Van Dorn Innovation District



- Establish a grid of streets
- Farrington Connector
- Primary front facing Backlick Run
- 30% Open Space
- Bike/ped trail along Backlick Run



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Project Facts



• Proposed Zoning:

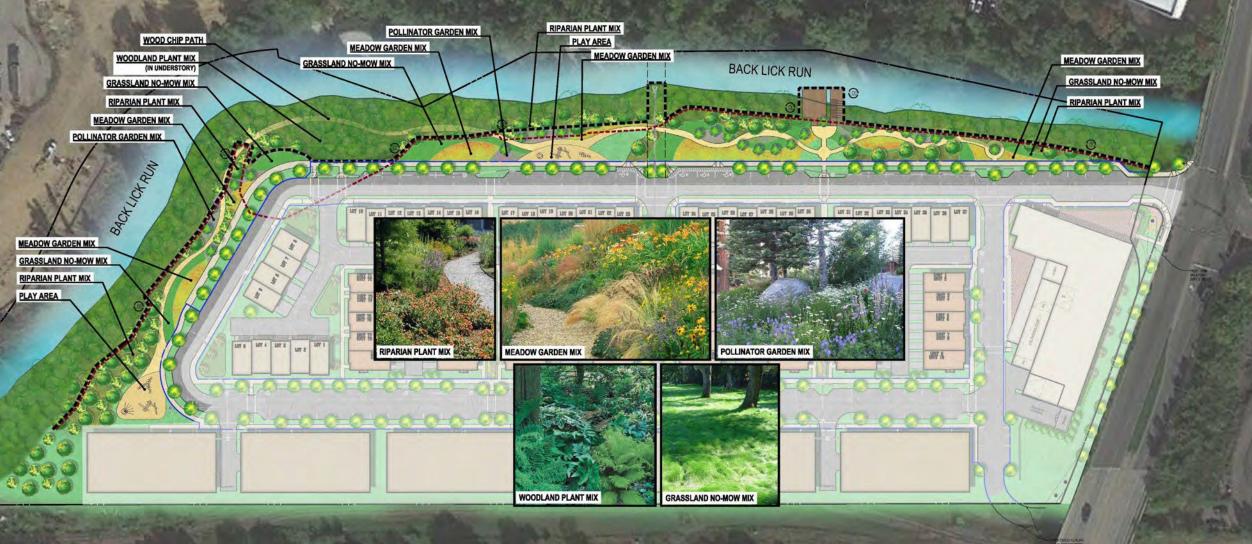
- Total Site Area:
- 773,808 SF (17.76 AC)

CDD #26

- Total Floor Area: 713,043 or 0.92 FAR
- Retail: 5,560 SF
- Unit Types:
 - 37 Town Houses;
 - 80 Two-over-twos
 - 204 Condos;
 - 256 room Hotel
- Building Heights:
 - 45' Town Houses (3/4 stories);
 - 50' two-over-twos (4 stories);
 - 60' Condo Flats (5 stories); &
 - 129' Hotel (currently 11 stories)
- Open Space: 46%
- Parking Provided: Meet Zoning Ordinance for hotel, TH and 2/2s
- Parking Reduction for Condo Flats of 127 (115 on-street parking provided)
- 6-acre dedication of Backlick Park

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Community Benefits



- Affordable Housing Plan
- Green Building Policy
- Site Compaction (Industrial to development-ready site)
- 6-acre dedication of Backlick Park
- Park improvements: access points, trails, benches, features
- Three housing types at differing price points
- Contribution to the EW Implementation Fund
- Other transportation improvements: public street dedications, bike share, reservation of land for pedestrian bridge; etc.

Next Steps



- Timeline: Four (4) Concept Plans Submitted
 - Concept 1: April 2019
 - Concept 1A: August 2019
 - Concept 2: February 2020
 - Concept 3: October 2021
- Pending Concept 4 Submission in April
- Site Preparation: 1 year process
- Next Meeting: Community Meeting March 23
- Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Implementation Advisory Group: Spring 2022





- Staff generally supports the concept design.
- The applicant will continue community engagement efforts and incorporate community feedback in the design of the park.
- The applicant will work towards achieving the goals of the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan including a pedestrian bridge connection across Backlick Run to increase pedestrian access into and out of the site.
- The applicant will continue to work on making the park design ADA and CPTED compliant.



Commission Discussion

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