

Questions You Asked

- **How will sustainability be addressed in the design?**
 - The design of The Spot will expand existing bioretention on the site and offer increased shade through both planting of trees and furnishings. The location of the park and key design elements support multi-modal transportation, an investment that will make cycling and walking more comfortable and accessible. NDC will recommend a plant palette of native perennials, shrubs, and trees to support the local ecosystem and minimize maintenance and water usage.
- **Who will manage and program the space?**
 - The City is currently exploring options for programming The Spot. At a bare minimum, we will look forward to seeing you there for Summer Jams in the future!
- **How is this project being funded?**
 - Project funding primarily comes from two sources: A \$681,000 grant from the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and \$250,000 which the City has dedicated from federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The grant from DHCD was originally intended for demolition and site preparation for future development of a structured parking garage, but the original project scope was ultimately found to be infeasible. To retain the funding, the city worked with DHCD on a revised scope, resulting in the current project.
- **What is the timeline for this project?**
 - Please see the project timeline above. Currently, the City intends to spend the DHCD grant funding by June 30, 2024, and have the ARPA funding committed by December 31, 2024.
- **Will there be restrooms included in the design?**
 - Yes! At this time, the design will include a location for [The Throne](#), a plumbed and portable public restroom. You can see The Throne at The Spot now!
- **How will parking be addressed in the design?**
 - The design aims to balance public open space and metered car parking. We'd love your feedback on how we did in the concept designs via the [Hello Hyattsville survey](#). To view existing city parking, follow [this link](#).