



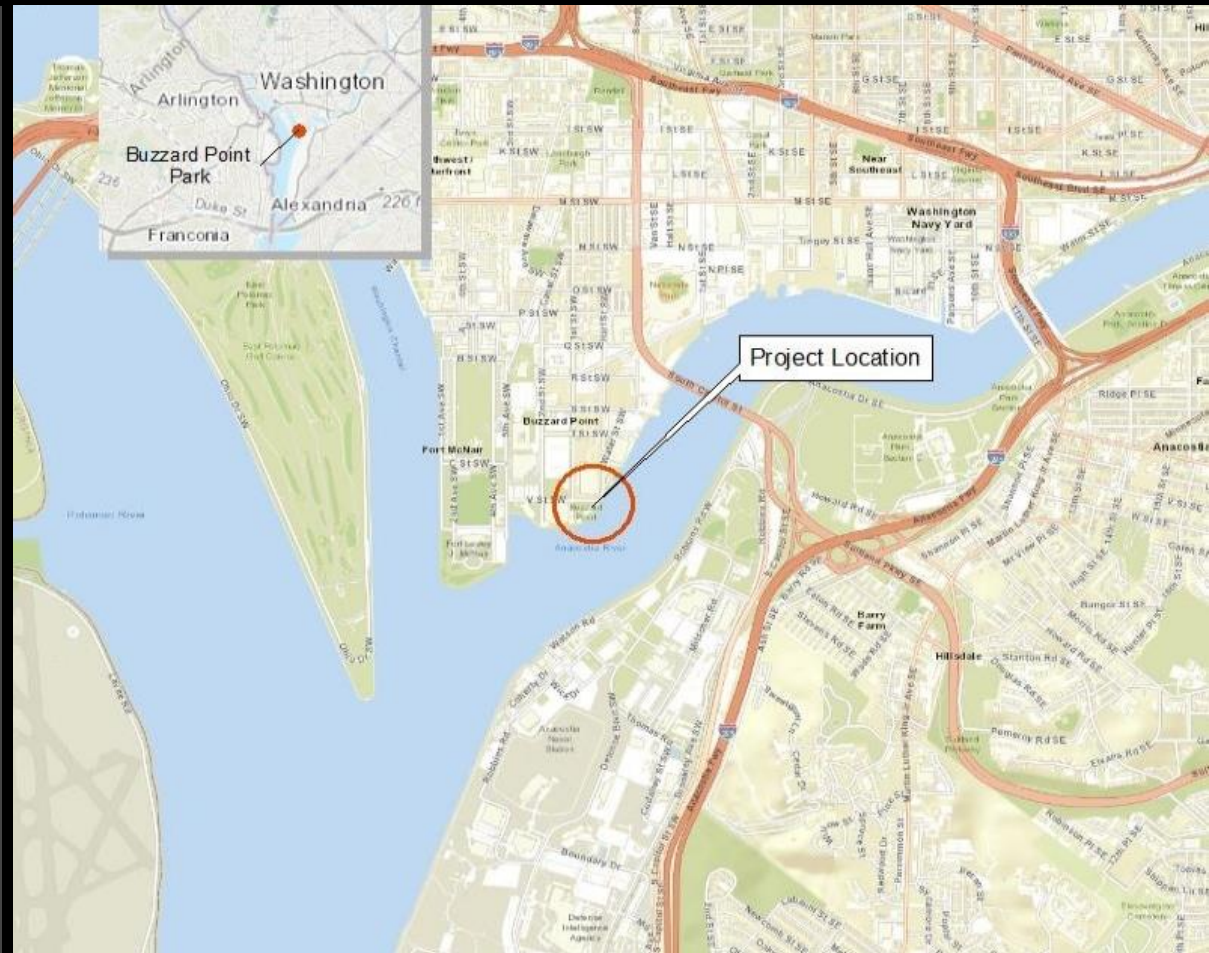
BUZZARD POINT IMPROVEMENTS

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Buzzard Point Park is located in the Buzzard Point neighborhood of Southwest DC and is bordered on the south and east by the Anacostia River.

- Collection of parcels owned by the NPS collectively totaling 7.75 acres-only 3.33 acres are on land;
- The site includes approximately 1,500 linear feet of shoreline along the Anacostia River.



SITE DESCRIPTION

Background

Inconsistent shoreline treatment

Aging infrastructure remaining from former marina

Inaccessible boat dock at Matthew Henson Center

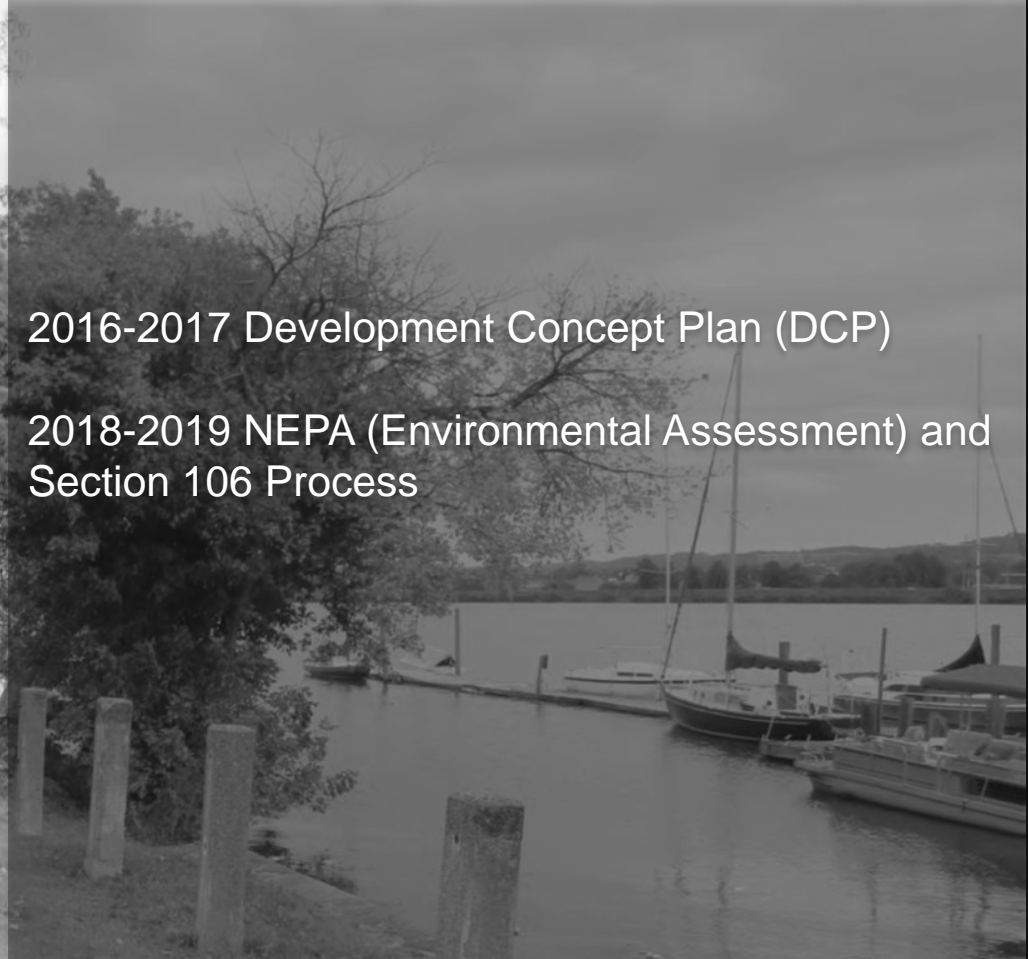
No publicly available restrooms

River views are obstructed by vegetation



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Background



2016-2017 Development Concept Plan (DCP)

2018-2019 NEPA (Environmental Assessment) and
Section 106 Process

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Milestones



The purpose is to transform the Park into an accessible community waterfront amenity that continues the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail (ART). The Park would provide residents and visitors with more open space, recreational opportunities, and ways to connect with the Anacostia River, while enhancing the natural resources and visitor experience of Buzzard Point Park.

This project is needed because historically the industrial nature of the peninsula amidst large industrial buildings in Southwest DC limited the Park's ability to serve as more than a marina for the surrounding community.



Purpose and Need



EA evaluates two project alternatives: a No-Action Alternative (Alternative A) and the Proposed Action (Alternative B), which is the NPS preferred Alternative.

- Alternative A would result in some Park improvements to eliminate remnants of the marina and re-seed / re-grade to better accommodate visitors.
- Alternative B would redesign the Park to provide residents and visitors with more open space, recreational opportunities, and ways to connect with the Anacostia River while enhancing the natural resources and visitor experience of Buzzard Point Park.
 - The Anacostia River Trail will extend through the Park.
- Alternative B is divided into two options that work to bring park visitors closer to the waterfront. The Proposed Action would have potentially adverse but short-term impacts to submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV), wetlands, and the floodplain. There would also be permanent impacts to wetlands and floodplains. Overall, however, a redesigned park would enhance visitor experience and better control stormwater runoff.

Alternatives



- Stone revetment (riprap) with sea wall
- Passive walking trail in the central section of the Park
- The ART would be extended through the Park
- The Matthew Henson Center would be expanded to include restrooms with exterior access
- The boat dock would be rebuilt with improved public access

Alternative B-Option 1



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- Sea wall with railing
- Expanded central overlook trail/plaza
- The ART would be extended through the Park
- The Matthew Henson Center would be expanded to include restrooms with exterior access
- The boat dock would be rebuilt with improved public access

Alternative B-Option 2



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- Concluding Compliance Process
- Exploring funding opportunities to continue design and implementation



Next Steps