

1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you? N/A

2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Yes

3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

I think the new design is great. One concern is the loss of the softball field - will one still exist anywhere in the College Gardens area?

4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? N/A

1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

I go frequently to enjoy the beauty and to take my grandchildren.

3) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Very! A lot of good info, given & great questions asked. And for the most part answered.

4) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

Overall-the plan looks good. Things I liked:

- Deck going out over water-w/bench & railing.
- Gazebos-open air pavilions-fountain in water-why not ???
- Addition of nice trees such as-Bald Cypress & Purple Beech, Red Oak, etc. & saving most old trees.
- Stone walls-boulders & info boards & bridge.

5) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project?

Yes & no. Yes if it is for input or my opinion. No - if it just "normal" info - can this be mailed?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I hope it will be done in a timely manner & that they will clean out small pond frequently. Let's see how the Porta-potties will work. Many CG Folks would like

some input on final design of things like gazebo, stone wall, etc. Be sure there are some benches in the sun for sitting in colder weather.

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

I walk by it and drive by it almost every day.

- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Yes

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

It appears to be an improvement on the present situation. Try to make sure there are drinking fountains available, particularly in the warm weather.

- 3) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project?

Yes

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

I drive past it multiple times a day. Also one reason I live in College Gardens-because there is a natural area that attracts wild birds and animals.

- 4) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Yes, very

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

I like it, as long as all the amenities are added as presented. I could do without the fountain as long as there are those "bubblers" under the water. You have retained the PARK part of the College Gardens Park.

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project?

Yes, I'd like to know the major decision pts. for the project.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I appreciate the thoughtfulness of the design. When we were shown plans at the CG Civic Mtgs. We were told amenities would be added ONLY IF there were money available AFTER the SWP was built. It's nice to know the amenities will be added and have been designed into the plan. Perhaps you'll need to add some signs to remind park users not to block driveways. There is a concern great people will park on the access road, but folks do drive on the path now.

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

Only as to property value of the neighborhood.

- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Yes

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

Overall I like it very much. I would like to see the fountain run longer in the year to aid circulation*. How will mosquitoes be controlled?

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project?

Yes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

*My small pond in my yard runs almost year round except when it is very cold.

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

I live on College Parkway across the street from the existing baseball field. I want a park that looks nice & is useful to the neighborhood.

- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Very helpful. Good visual aids.

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

Higher platform has a railing, good. Second platform doesn't have railing-good. Grading along edge of pond is a safety feature-good. Nice trees, perennials, bridge, platform, feature that have, etc.-good.

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project?

Is info.available on the internet?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

One concern-latrines. Smell trash nearby. However, nicely hidden by the plan.

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

Increase enjoyment provided it is properly maintained over time.

- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Yes

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

So far, great-please keep the raingarden safe! Can we have waterlilies as well as cattails?

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? N/A

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

Improve my neighborhood. Improve Watts Branch.

- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Yes

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

Well thought out; good engineering.

- 3) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project?

No

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

We live on College Pkwy and walk through the park regularly.

- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful? Yes

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

I like the purple cypress & the wildflowers at the edge of the pond to keep the geese out. I like the bridge. I dislike the goose fence. I would want regular maintenance of the forepond.

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? N/A

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

It's a focal point of our community; any change can have major ramifications on the community.

- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful? Yes

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

We like:

- (1) your saving many of the trees
- (2) Your sensitivity to continuing to attract wildlife
- (3) The fountain,
- (4) The platform viewing area without railings
- (5) moving the basketball court,
- (6) Deleting the volleyball court,
- (7) the paved maintenance access trail to the forebay,
- (8) the nature information signs.

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? Yes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

We're concerned that the City develop a maintenance schedule to keep the forebay clean. We don't want fences & railings because of undue concern for safety.

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

No significant affect but should help local housing values and improve surrounding environment.

- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful? Yes

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

Positives-Very nice design and appreciate all that is done to control erosion.

Negatives-Concern regarding garbage which won't be collected. Concern that the fountain will do its job.

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? No

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

Basically, there is no visual impact for me; I would like a walking trail-but it shouldn't be concrete.

- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

I found it encouraging although it would take years to have the full effect.

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

Likes:

1. Discouraging geese
2. bridge
3. pier and shelter

4. walking trail
5. Retaining soccer fields
6. Fountain-nice touch

Dislike:

1. Disruption it will cause
2. What about the sledding area?
3. Concern for keeping forebay clean
4. Lack of sanitary facilities-bathrooms with facilities for washing hands needed.

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? Yes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I enjoyed working with the committee. Best of luck with fulfillment of the plans.

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

If it's done RIGHT, it could be an improvement over the present pond/park scope.

- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful? Yes

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

Looks promising.

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? N/A

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

The beauty; walking; safety; play area for my grandchildren; the SWM part is still not clear to me.

- 2: Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful? Yes

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

-Will a larger pond bring more mosquitoes? Pond area only, or throughout neighborhood?

-I don't like platforms, & certainly not without fencing.
-Who pays for this?

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? N/A

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

-The cherry trees are the crowning glory of College Gardens. Any on college pkwy that come out must be replaced with cherry trees!!! Do not destroy the cherry trees.
-If you insist on decks, platforms, they must have fencing-City should not have the responsibility of someone falling in. No one is on duty to prevent problems. Falls are dangerous.

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you? N/A
2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful? N/A
3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

Like: 1) Covering in & out flows with covered docks & planting along the edge of the pond so that the edge doesn't show.
2) Overall plan seems to work well and should be a pleasant pace to walk around.

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? N/A

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Am concerned that the goose fence will be very unattractive
Pls no unplanned railing on the docks!
Pls don't skimp on the plantings & keep the trash out.

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?
The park is a source of recreation & enjoyment for my family.
2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful? Yes

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?
Concerned about safety of platforms that go in to the pond. Concerned about trash being collected in forebay. Maintenance must be vigilant!
- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? Yes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Generally, a good design.

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?
My family walks, runs & bike thru the park & kids play boll on the field.
- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?
Very! Thanks.
- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?
It looks great! I like the natural-looking elements best in the slide show of other parks, ie. Stone wall rather than brick wall. I didn't like red roof on the gazebo-I prefer something that blends in.
- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? N/A

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I like the idea of creating a pond that looks as much like a natural pond as possible, with the planting around it. Thank you to everyone who worked On this-it looks like it will be a great enhancement to the neighborhood.

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?
Possibly turn my home into a flood plain area. Flood my yard & lower level of my home.
- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Disturbing. I'm not hot happy about this or confident about the flooding issues.

- 2) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

I would like more assurance that my yard & home will not be turned into a flood zone.

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? Yes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The two rain storms this summer can & will happen again & it won't be 100 yrs. from now, so if that new pond had been there my house could have been seriously damaged without any insurance to cover the damage. College Gardens is bearing the grunt of King Farm, Rockville Pike that will flow to Rock Creek/Watts Branch Park to the bay.

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

We will enjoy the aerated pond., and the children's play area.

- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful? Yes

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

We enjoy the ducks & geese in the pond and surrounding area. I like the expanded children's play area. Like the design for gazebo.(Open on sides)

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? N/A

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Basketball court is used a lot and I hope it is included in the new plan.

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

I visit the park nearly daily.

2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Very much so!

3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

Beautiful design, bridge, fountain, grasses, stone wall, platform, big trees.
Love it! Wild flowers, perennials, would like to see more shade at the
playground for tots.

4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team
Member to receive further information about the project? Yes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- No RAILING please on the platform or around the pond
 - No concession stand
 - Porta potties(attractive)are a good idea
- START ASAP!

1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

It will affect the nature of the neighborhood-not clear how, yet. Housing &
property values?

2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful? Yes

3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

The “porta potties” near the basketball court. They would be directly
across the street from my house. They look bad, cheap, temporary and
tawdry. Get rid of them!

4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team
Member to receive further information about the project? N/A

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The presentation was very good. As presented the pond and park look
attractive and desirable—I frankly am skeptical that in fact, it will ever be
as attractive as projected. When budget constraints hit, will the fountain go?
The structure? Maintenance and cleanup?

1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

Not sure-Will it effect housing prices

2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Yes, but I need more info-time frame?

3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design? N/A

4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project?

Yes-Thank you.

1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

Recreation and beautify

2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful? Yes

3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

Look ok

4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? Yes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Cost estimates not firmed up.
Big difference between minimum
and maximum
Questionable business practices

1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

Taxes

- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful? No

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

No engineering economy analysis either for project justification or project formulation.

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project?

Yes: Benefit Cost Ratios

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

It adds to the pleasure of living in College Gardens & helps make the neighborhood desirable.

- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Yes. Very informative presentation by Slater Assoc.

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

I really like that talented and professional designers are working on this project. Option 3 is terrific.

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? Yes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I'm excited to see this project come to fruition. It's taken far too long. I don't see any need for further delay.

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

We enjoy going to the park.

2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Yes, lots of good ideas.

3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

Love the fountain, and board work. A geese free pond would be lovely.

4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? Sure

1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

My family frequently walks through the park. We walk the dog & ride bikes.

2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful? N/A

3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

I like the fountain! Love the flowers & plants. Purple beach, love all the different trees.
I don't like the Black mesh.

4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? Yes

1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you? Positively

2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful? Yes

3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

I most like the environmental benefits we will reap from this investment. I also like the notion of new landscaping.

4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? Yes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I really hope the landscape designers will stick to natural species and obtain them from reputable native nurseries, like Environmental Concern. Many nurseries sell natives that are really cultivars that don't even resemble the species, don't attract the same wild life, don't fill the same ecological niche.

I hope they do NOT incorporate a program of mowing and replanting wildflower mixes, since these almost always include invasive exotic species. I would much rather see perennials go in. We would like to be involved in these choices. Tree choices should provide shelter & food for birds. How will River Birch be protected from children peeling the bark?

1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

Tremendously-as I visit the park on avg. 4 days a week w/my children.

2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful? Yes

3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

I like the path around the pond and the extended playground area.

4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? Yes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I am concerned about two safety issues, one major and one more minor.

The first issue is access by children to the underground pipes-e.g. in the forebay. I was told that there would be no grate on the inflow pipe. After a lengthy dry period, I can envision low water levels that would reveal the large pipe.

Curious children walking around will find it despite the dock that disguises it. I don't think we Citizens of Rockville want any child to enter and/or play in these pipes, as there may be hazards-e.g. slippery conditions combined with debris in them. I realize that a grate may necessitate more cleaning but the safety of children (especially relevant so close to a school) is paramount. The article "Safety at Urban Stormwater Ponds" in the Journal for Surface Water Quality Professionals (see Jones et. al Jan/Feb 2006) suggests that a grate may be necessary as the underground pipe is large and long. I strongly advise City officials to re-consider safety measures for the property.

The second issue concerns the standard benches currently used at the playground. I have seen several young children skip through the opening between the back support and the seat base. The children simply fold in the middle and slide bottom first through the opening. Typically, they get a nasty scratch along their spine before they are stopped by their heads. They are literally stuck like a folded piece

of paper until their caregiver rescues them. I would strongly urge officials use benches with full backs-no openings-to protect children.

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?
It is part of our walking route and we like to bring our grandsons to the pond/playground.
- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful? Yes
- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?
We like the original pond-see benefits on the walking path and are somewhat distressed at the loss of the trees and green space.
- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? No

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?
The design will enhance the total neighborhood.
- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?
Very helpful-Very informative and well done.
- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?
No dislikes or objections at this time.
If the design presented, is fullfilled, it will be a great improvement.
- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? Yes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I understand that there will not be space for everything and that some things Must be eliminated. However, I am disappointed that the volleyball court has been eliminated-at least for now. Although it may be ranked low on the list,

it is used regularly by families celebrating birthdays, office groups, small reunions and other group celebrations. The park is used daily from 7:00 a.m. until dark-in almost all seasons. In addition to parents with children using the park, people from offices nearby bring their lunches and eat in the park almost everyday.

Suggestion: That the basketball court be lit for a reasonable time in the evening. There are no “hoops” or other sports activity areas at either Scarborough Square or Yale Village for young people. The basketball court in College Gardens Park are used almost continuously.

NOTE:

The entrance to our street, Clemson Court, is opposite College Gardens Park and I observe on a regular basis, the patrons of the park.

1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

It lies in the heart of my neighborhood, and is the focal point along with the school. The park must be attractive and functional as a key amenity to the neighborhood. It is also the site of the National Night Out where large numbers gather every year.

2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Extremely useful, and well run meeting. Everyone did a great job.

3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

The overall design is superb, we couldn't have asked for better. There is one major issue below and some others.

1. Major issue: The inlet pipe opening is of continuing concern, It cannot be totally hidden. Children will go inside if it is not closed off somehow, and it is on a path to school from Plymouth Woods and part of the single family homes. I'm looking for creative solutions here.
2. The basketball courts don't have to be full size. They should be bigger than the present ones, but 2 full-size courts may attract young adults from outside the community. The vision that many have had for these courts is as a necessary facility for the youth that live in the neighborhood. I don't want them displaced. Also, they take up a huge amount of space and would be dominating.
3. Some people mentioned putting lights at the basketball courts. I think this is a bad idea. They are too close to houses to allow them to be used until 10 pm.

4. We don't need the horseshoe courts. Few play this game anymore, and the boxes and the stakes would be a hazard.
 5. The pond maintenance access is too wide at 15 feet across. It would be like a two-lane highway in some parts of the country. The width should be narrower, 10 feet would be fine.
 6. I favor rails on the deck and piers.
 7. The area labeled open play, will likely not be used for free play at all by children. An idea for this space is to create a grass court suitable for croquet, bowls, and other grass games. It would need a short, fine grass and a very slightly rounded crown so that water would run off.
- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? No

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I am in communication with people from Plymouth Woods about the inlet pipe opening. They have a major concern as expressed in the comments above, and it is a concern that I have stated since 2001. I'm not sure how seriously this has been taken by City Staff and others promoting SWM. Surely there is a way to make it utterly safe and still have the facility do what it is supposed to do.

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

Directly, I visit the park almost daily. I would note that the current approach that has been taken with the school construction seems to be a little excessive as it related to the location of the barrier fence that has been put up on the Tulane Place entrance to the park. Why was it necessary to completely close that entrance to the walkway that goes down to the park? Given how much fencing was being put up anyway why not just maintain the path?

- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

It was excellent and appreciated.

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

Loved the design, just wish it would start sooner.

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? Yes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- 1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

I live in College gardens and that is the closest park to our home. My kids play at this park, especially my three-year-old. Having a nice place to play and relax near home is important to me.

- 2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Yes, I did. I thought the space was well suited for the audience. (good lighting and sound) I also thought the speakers presented well and allowed ample time for questions, which were answered respectfully.

- 3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

The design has improved a lot since I first saw it. I particularly like the diversity of the shore of the pond. Good mix of wetland plants, retaining wall, grass, stones, and observation points. I also like that you have taken existing elements (like basketball court and playground) and made improvements to them. The missing item I'd most like to see is bathrooms that are safe and accessible. Having the porta johns is certainly an improvement over what we have now, but it is my hope you can find a way to provide access to flushable toilets that can be safe and open for use.

- 4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? Yes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- 1) I enjoy playing horseshoes, but I can't see that area being used very often. I'd Rather have a second smaller play area there near the picnic area so kids can play nearby while there parents are taking care of their meal. Ideally that would be a different theme from the larger one. (space ship, boat or cars perhaps) Maybe something musical like the park in Germantown.
- 2) Water fountains near the play area and basketball court would be nice.
- 3) Please make sure the interpretive signs are accessible to kids.
- 4) I'd love to see some creative play spaces instead of the generic playground equipment that pops up at every school and park in the country. More spinning things, please.

1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

Personally, not to a large extent. I rarely use the park. However, I'm very concerned about the storm water management situation in the community, and I believe this project will help protect the Watts Branch watershed.

2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Yes, very much so.

3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

It's an excellent design, blending in the new SWM ponds nicely with the new environment.

4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? Yes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

1) How will the College Gardens Park Project affect you?

We enjoy the park for walking, relaxing, watching the ducks/geese and an occasional picnic. Fro what I saw and heard at the meeting, these activities should be enhanced by the new park.

2) Did you find the information provided to you tonight to be helpful?

Yes, it allayed my concerns and made me very comfortable with the new park design.

3) What do you like and dislike about the proposed park design?

I like the enhanced nature of the park, with wild grasses and other landscaping, as well as the viewing areas, and the fact that they kept most of the positive aspects of the existing park, such as the trees and the children's playground. Obviously, there will be trash to clean up after any major rain storm, so the maintenance will be an important aspect to monitor closely.

4) Would you like to be contacted by a City of Rockville Project Team Member to receive further information about the project? No