

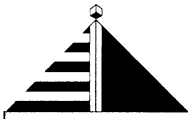
**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
WITH THE
WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE
SUBCOMMITTEE
JONES POINT PARK PARKING**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2005
5:15 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

AGENDA

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|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| I. | Welcome and Introductory Comments | Mayor William D. Euille |
| II. | Staff Presentation | Kirk Kincannon, Director, RPCA
Rich Baier, Director, T&ES
Aimee Vosper, Landscape Architect
Supervisor, RPCA |
| III. | Comments by Woodrow Wilson Bridge
Neighborhood Task Force Subcommittee | Yvonne Weight
Theresa Miller
David Olinger
Jerry King |
| IV. | Comments by Park and Recreation Commission | Judy Guse-Noritake, Chair |
| V. | City Council Discussion | |
| VI. | Next Steps - Continue Work Session to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22 | |

Individuals with disabilities who require assistance or special arrangements to participate in the City Council Work Session may call the City Clerk and Clerk of Council's Office at 838-4500 (TTY/TDD 838-5056). We request that you provide a 48-hour notice so that the proper arrangements may be made.



February 4, 2005

Hon. Mayor William D. Euille,
Members of City Council
City of Alexandria
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Work Session on Jones Point Park, February 8, 2005

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of City Council:

I am writing on behalf of St. Mary's School and St. Mary's Parish. We have examined the various alternatives put forth for access to Jones Point Park and related parking. While we are not able to endorse any single alternative, we would like to take this opportunity to express St. Mary's concerns regarding the traffic and parking uses on South Royal Street.

1. Proposed "Roundabout" traffic circle at southern end of S. Royal Street: South Royal Street is used extensively by parents of schoolchildren dropping off and picking up children in the mornings and afternoons, and with the opening of an entrance to St. Mary's Cemetery south of the school, by funeral vehicles including limousines and hearses. The roundabout should be large enough that vehicles with a large turning radius such as limousines can be accommodated (some draft plans show a rather small circle). Further, this roundabout should be located far enough south on Royal Street to provide a smooth entrance to the Cemetery coordinated with the location of the new Cemetery entrance; at the same time, vehicular access to the school playground for afternoon pickups must be retained.
2. Parking along South Royal Street: some of the proposals include new parking spaces along South Royal Street. In our view this would be very disruptive of the afternoon carpool pickup pattern (for example, people trying to back out of parking spaces along Royal Street south of Green Street could be in conflict with vehicles in the carpool line). Further, we are concerned about possible safety issues for the children at St. Mary's from a large number of unattended parking spaces close to the playground.
3. Access road within Jones Point Park: a vehicular access road into Jones Point Park is preferred, as this road could serve as a temporary relief valve for afternoon carpools during the brief period (2:45 to 3:15 on weekdays during the school year) when there are many parents lined up to pick up their children.

The children enrolled at St. Mary's School do not use Jones Point Park or its facilities for any school-related activities. Therefore, we do not have a position on the uses within the Park.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our views, and we look forward to working with City of Alexandria and (hopefully) VDOT engineers in arriving at the best possible solution for all who use South Royal Street.

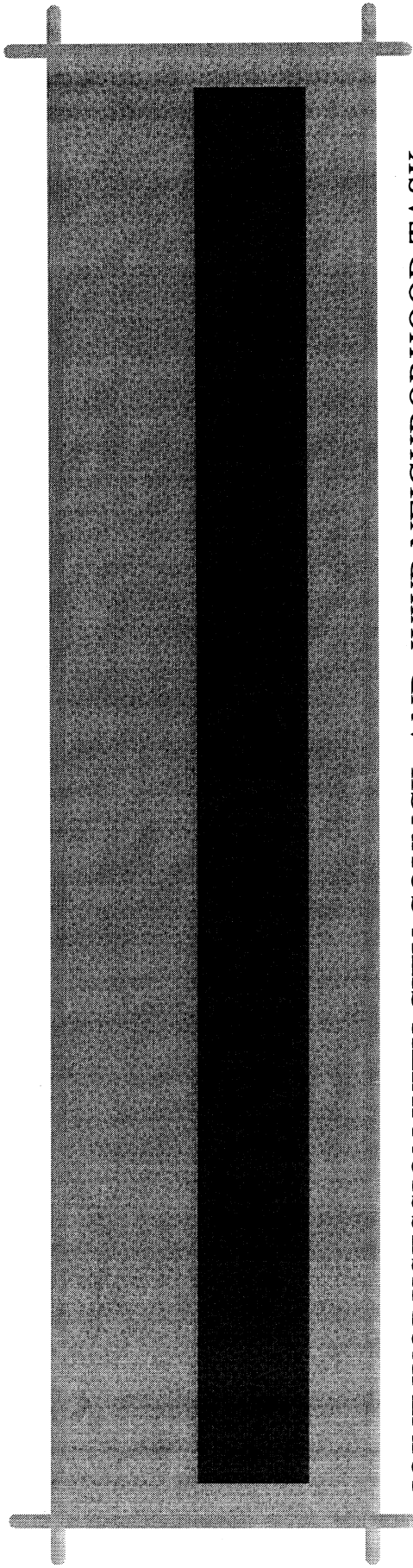
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Engin Artemel". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Engin Artemel
President, The Artemel Group
For: St. Mary's School and Parish

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JOINT WORKSESSION WITH CITY COUNCIL AND WWB NEIGHBORHOOD TASK
FORCE SUBCOMMITTEE

OVERVIEW

February 8, 2005





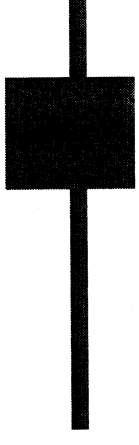
GOALS / ISSUES

TO DETERMINE DIRECTION

- PARKING RESOLUTION
- PLAN DIRECTION

9-11 PARKING ISSUES

- NATIONAL PARK LAND
- NEPA REQUIREMENTS/TIMELINE





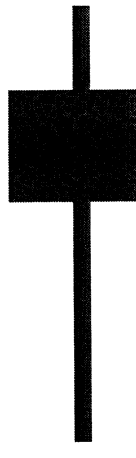
BACKGROUND

- # COMMUNITY INPUT & MEETINGS
- # PLAN APPROVED BY COUNCIL-2000
- # “THREE LEGGED STOOL”
 - HISTORICAL AREA
 - RECREATIONAL AREA
 - NATURAL AREA
- # EXISTING USE- NPS/CITY



MAJOR ELEMENTS OF PLAN

- # 2 MULTI-PURPOSE FIELDS
- # PARKING SPACES
- # HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION
- # EVENT LAWN
- # CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS
- # WATER ACCESS
- # NATURAL RESOURCES
- # TRAIL CONNECTIONS



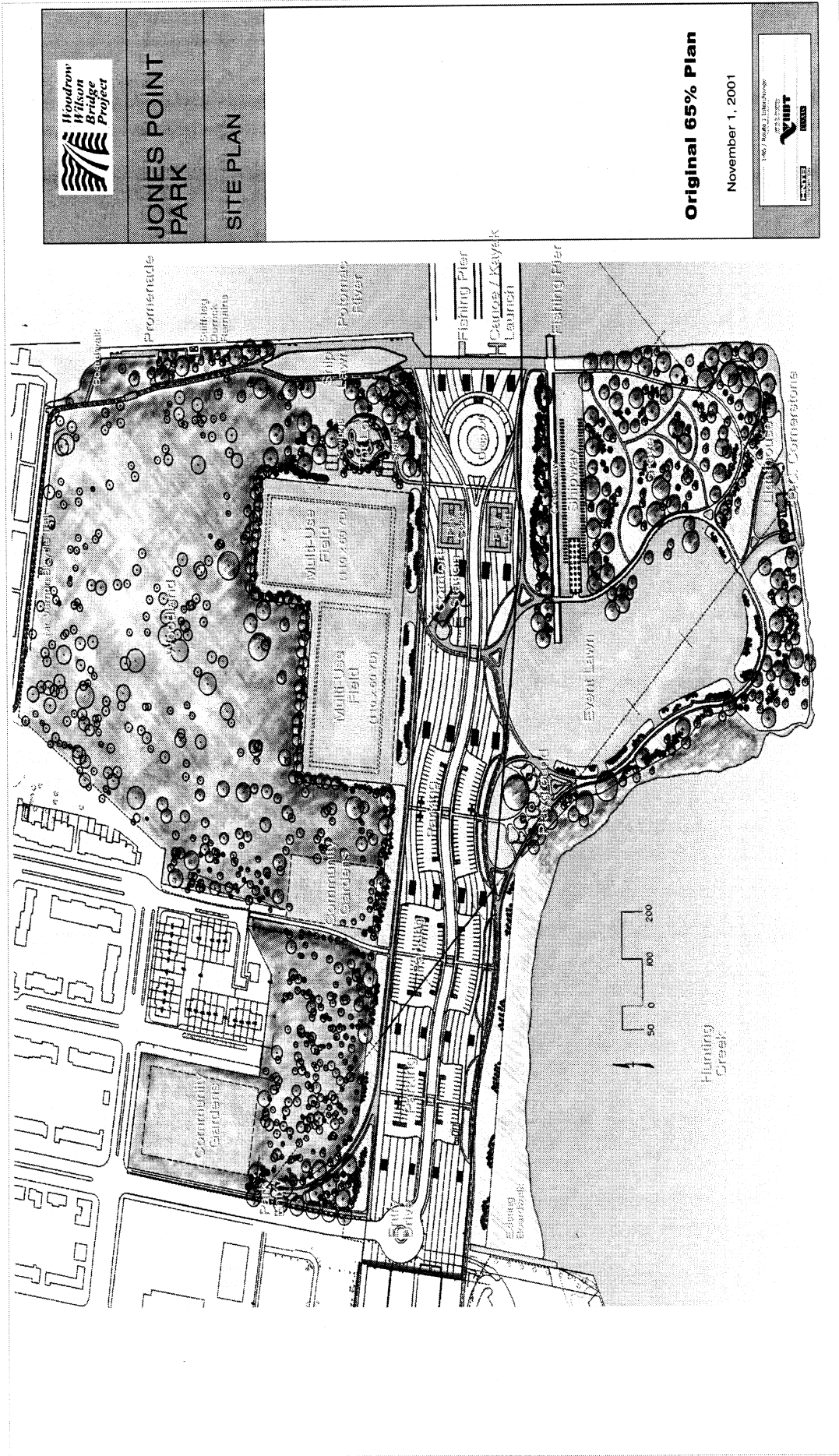


REVIEW PLANS

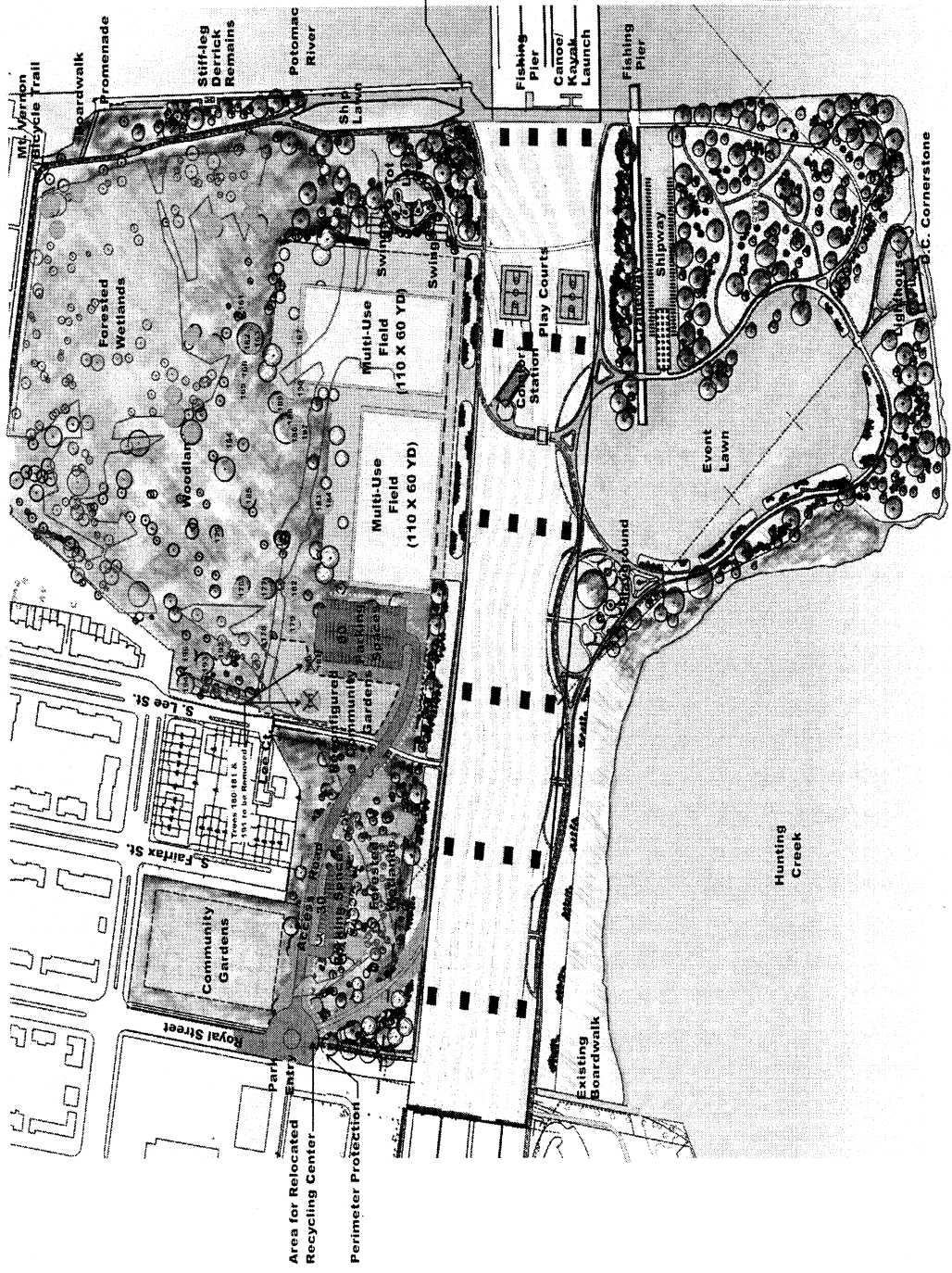
- # ORIGINAL APPROVED
- # VDOT PROPOSALS
- # PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION
- # YATES GARDENS



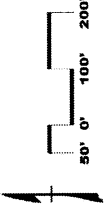
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VDOT PROPOSALS



80 Ft. Standoff Distance

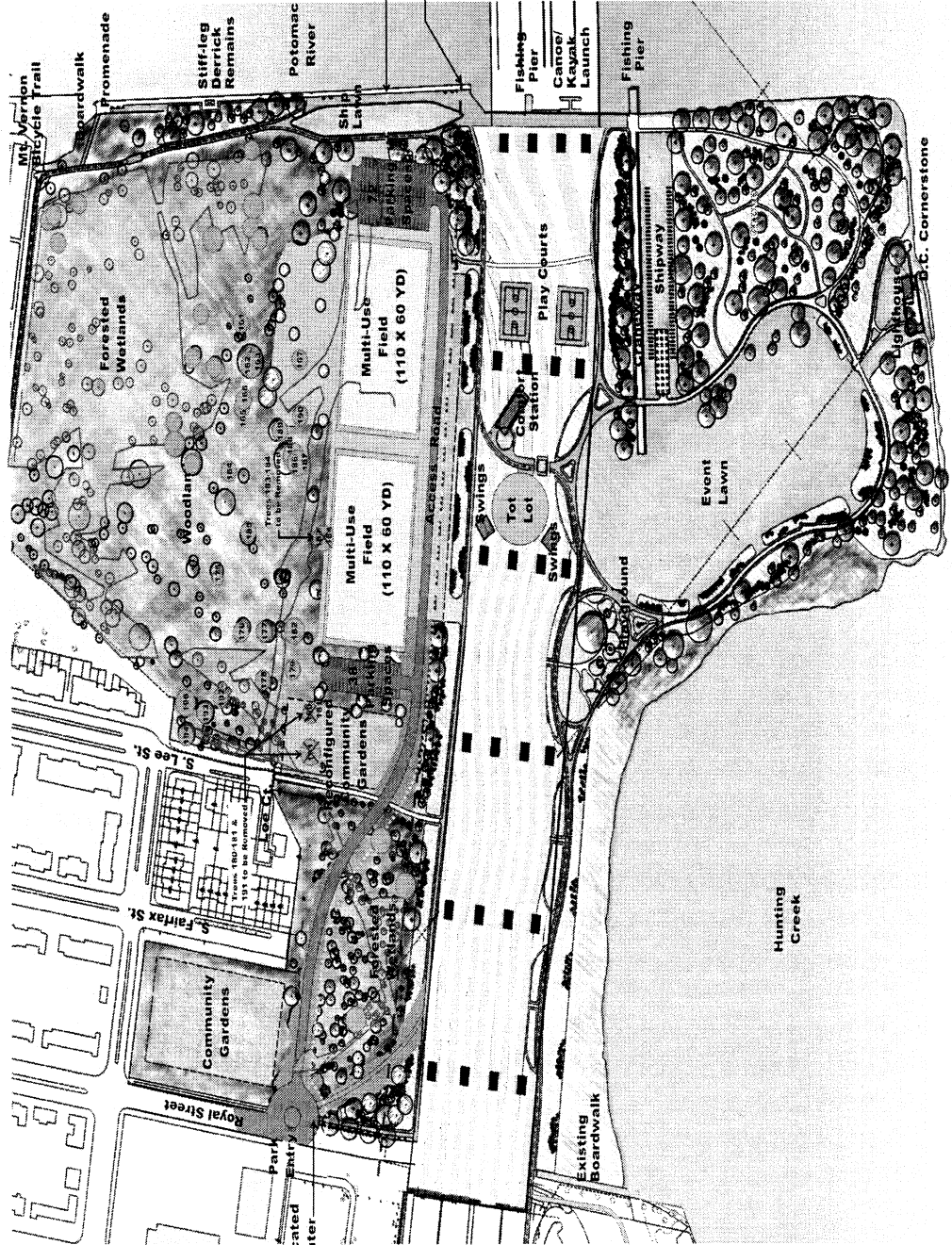


JONES POINT PARK
Access Option 4
Potomac Crossing Consultants

Concept Sketch
Work In Progress
September 22, 2004

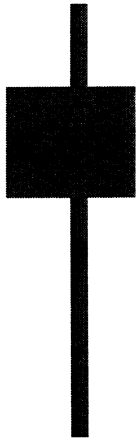
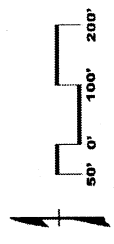


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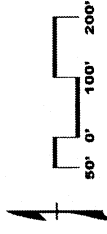
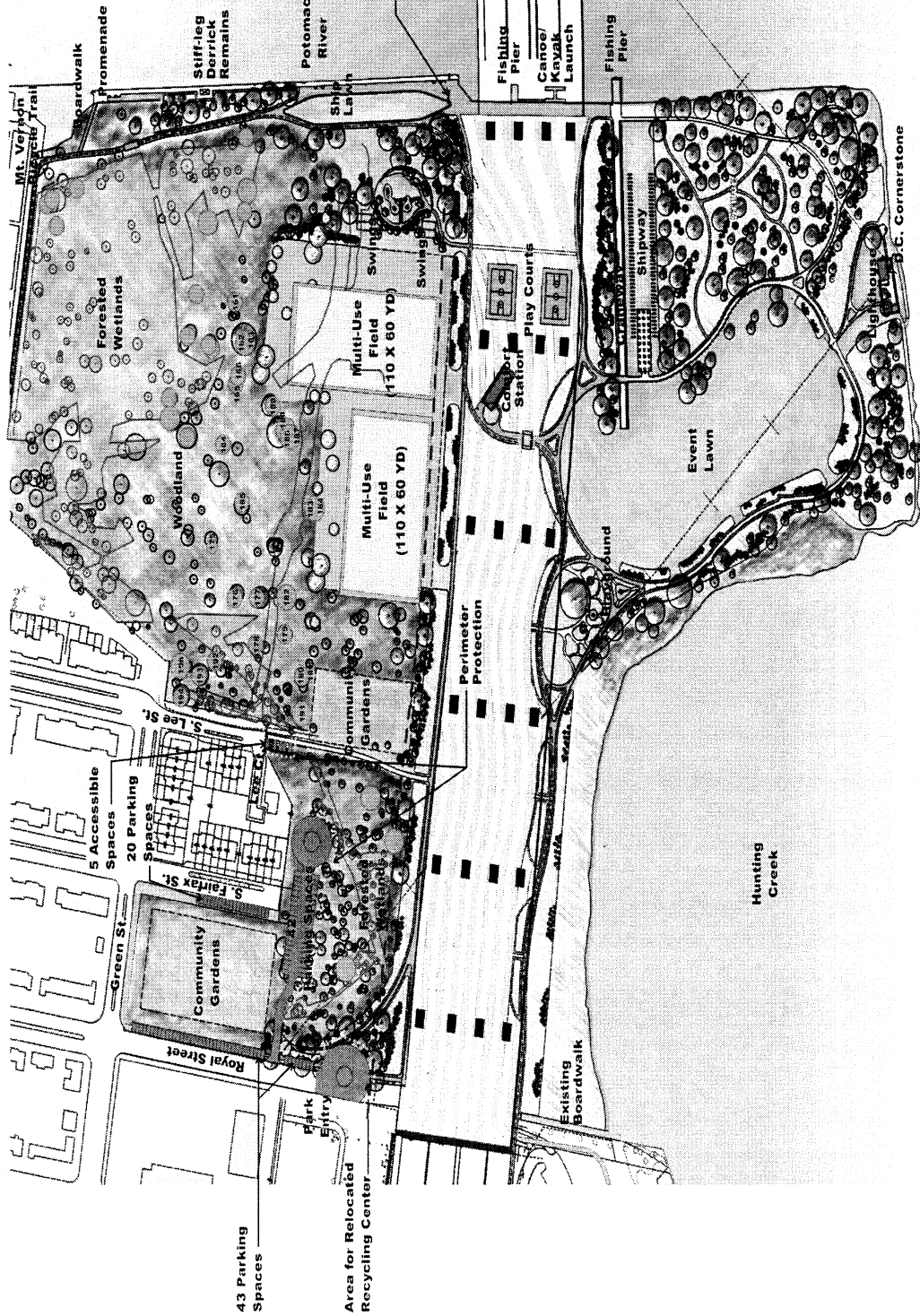


JONES POINT PARK
Access Option 5
Potomac Crossing Consultants

Concept Sketch
Work In Progress
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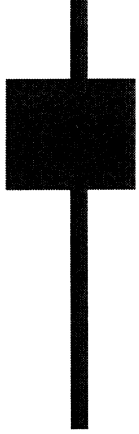
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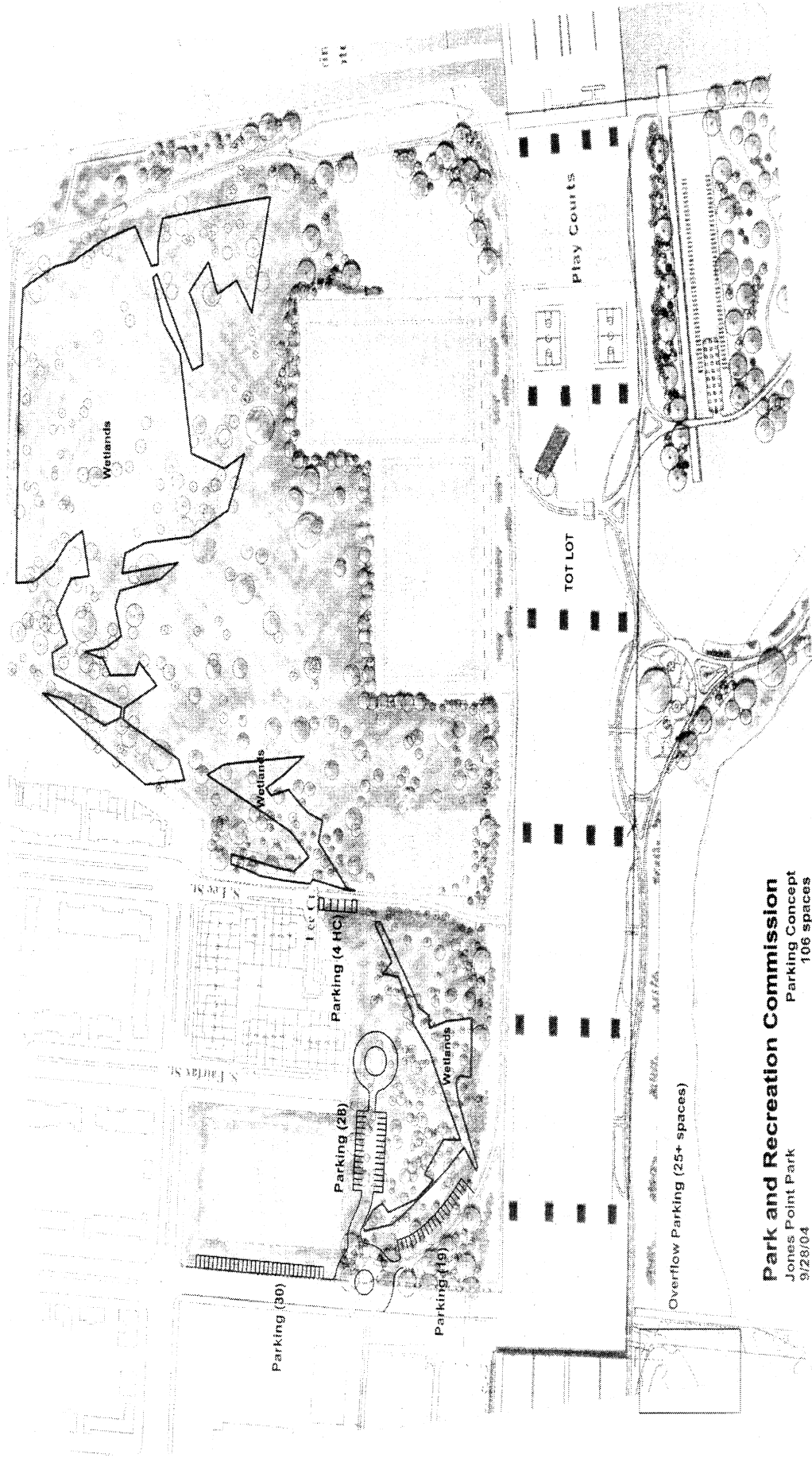
80 Ft. Standoff Distance

JONES POINT PARK
 Access Option 6
 Potomac Crossing Consultants

Concept Sketch
 Work in Progress
 September 28, 2004



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS



Park and Recreation Commission
Jones Point Park
9/28/04
Parking Concept
106 spaces

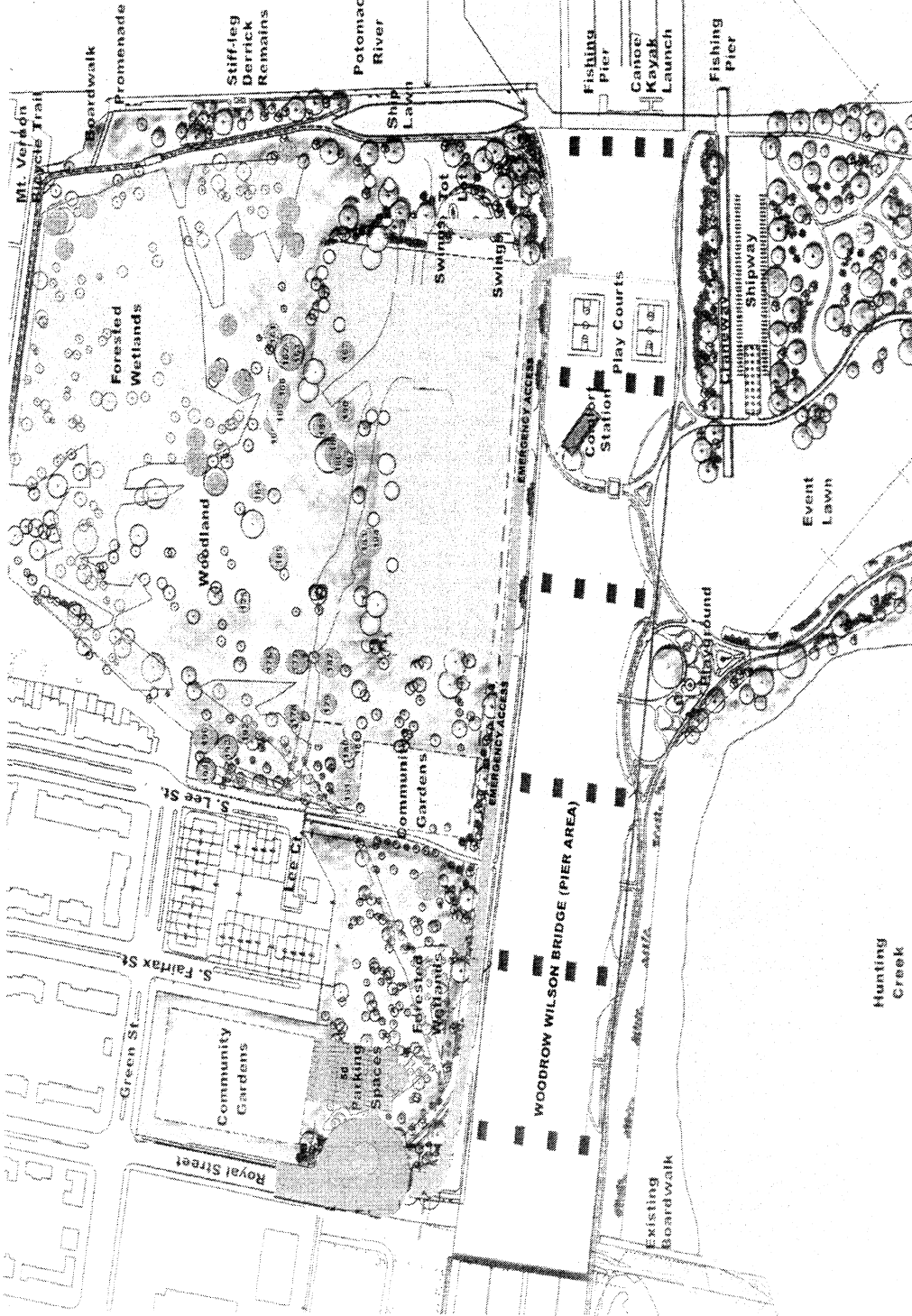


YATES GARDEN RECOMMENDATION



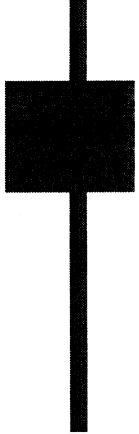
NOTES:

1. PARKING LOT CONFIGURED TO AVOID WETLAND
2. PLAN INCLUDES ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ST. MARY'S CAR POOLS.
3. PRIVATE VEHICLES NOT ALLOWED WITHIN 80 FT OF BRIDGE.



Yates Gardens Civic Assn.
 Jones Point Park
 Parking Concept

Concept Sketch
 Work in Progress
 January 7, 2005





COMMENTS

- # NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE
SUBCOMMITTEE
- # PARK AND RECREATION
COMMISSION CHAIR



Neighborhood Task Force

- # Circumstances have changed with regards to Jones Point Park and the ability to accommodate parking which had been planned under the bridge.
- # Available space is finite
- # All of the uses that had been adopted assumed a level of parking and a location of parking which now no longer exists.



Neighborhood Task Force

- # If the City continues to implement plans for the park without taking into consideration the elimination of parking under the bridge, wetlands, tree canopies, green space in the park will be reduced.
- # A reduction of parking within the bridge, without a reconsideration of the uses for the park, will also have a significant impact on the neighborhood as park users will have no choice but to park vehicles on city streets.



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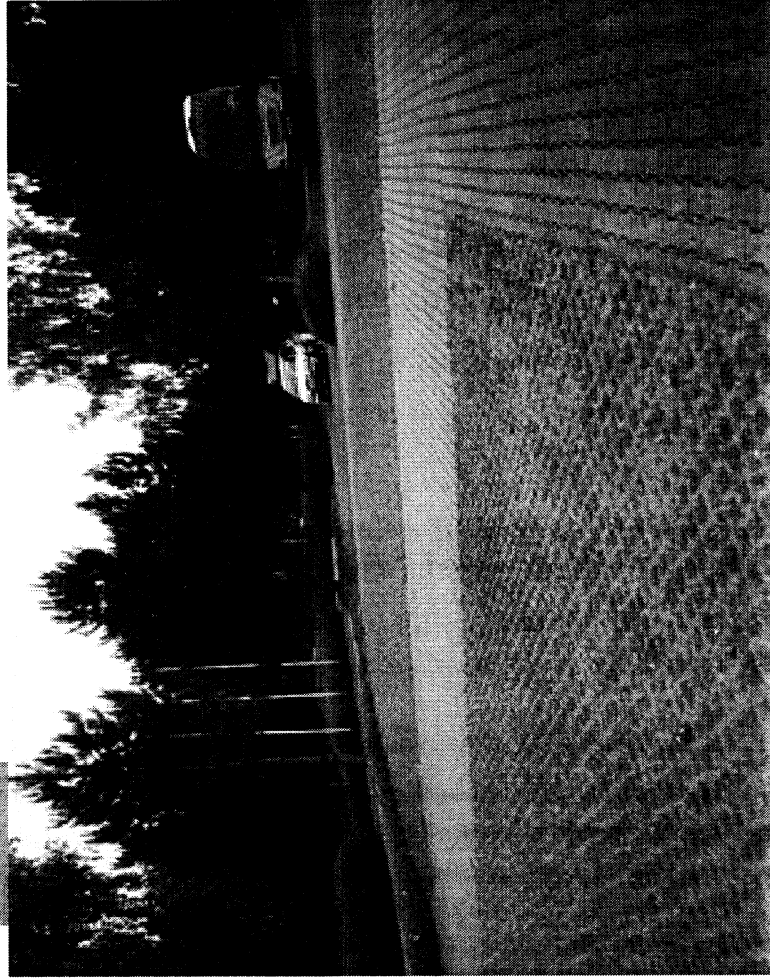
- # The City and the citizens have suffered loss of parking by reason of the changed circumstances. We should seek reimbursement accordingly from the appropriate federal or state entities.
- # In conclusion, the subcommittee believes that the uses planned for the park no longer fit the size of the parking, the parking need, and thus all plans should be reconsidered.



Park and Recreation Commission Chair



Park and Recreation Commission Chair





COUNCIL DISCUSSION

DIRECTION

NEXT STEPS

