Department of Parks and Recreation
Department of General Services

Providing the District's children and adults with exciting, innovative, and inclusive play spaces.

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# Meeting Agenda

1. Project Overview
    a. What is Play DC and Why is it Important?
    b. What is a “Play Space”?
2. Community Input Process
3. Budget
4. Timeline/Schedule
5. Questions?
6. Your Say in DC Play
    a. Your Current Playground
    b. Your Neighborhood
    c. Your Vision
7. Future Involvement
8. Questions, Wrap-up and Next Steps
    a. Next meeting date & time

## What is "Play DC"?

Mayor Vincent C. Gray announced a new and exciting playground renovation project, the largest in the City's history.

Vision: "*Play DC, is a multi-year effort to provide the District's youth and adults with exciting, innovative, and inclusive play spaces*."

## Why is this important?

DPR currently has 78 playgrounds, 32 of which will be renovated by end of 2013
Budget for each project will be based on need and site conditions

- Provide safe playgrounds for children living in and visiting the District.
- Ensure playgrounds are accessible and inclusive for children and care givers.
- Increase health and wellness through natural and adventure play.
- Foster community support for a well-loved playground.
- Improve our built environment by being better stewards of our land.
- Encourage volunteerism and partnerships at playgrounds.

# What is a *Play Space?*

- It's not just your typical playground.
- It's multi-generational – kids, teens, families, adults, seniors!!!
- Play is for all abilities.
- Play goes beyond traditional playgrounds with a focus on innovation and imagination, and provides opportunities for multiple different experiences in the same space.

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**MOVE** - a place to explore different types of play, with a focus on ranges of activity

**GROW** - ranges of experiences and learning

**BE GREEN** - opportunities to experience the natural world

# Case Study – 11th & Monroe Park

## Why doesn't this Play Space work?

This photo was taken on a bright and sunny day. Would you visit this park?

- Feels dark and uninviting.
- Lack of sight lines created by sunken park.
- Absence of seating and amenities makes park difficult to enjoy.
- Feels enclosed with heavy fencing, walls, and sunken plaza.
- No sense of place.

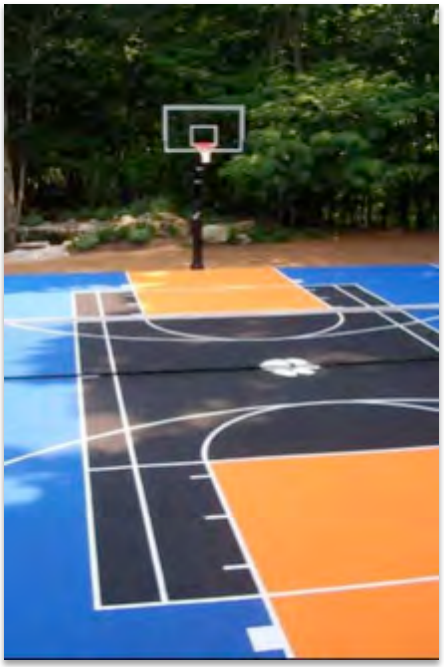
# Case Study – 11th & Monroe Park

This Play Space works!!

The renovation is complete. How do you feel?

- Clear sight lines even on a cloudy day.
- Vibrant and safe play area for kids with new equipment and safety surface.
- New amenities, such as game tables and seating activates the park in new ways for multiple generations.
- Showcased history of the property as a former trolley turn around site.

# Ideas for Your *Play Spaces*



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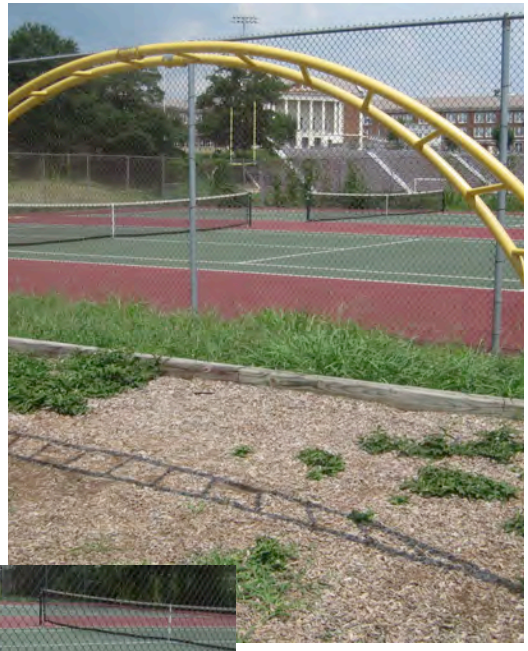
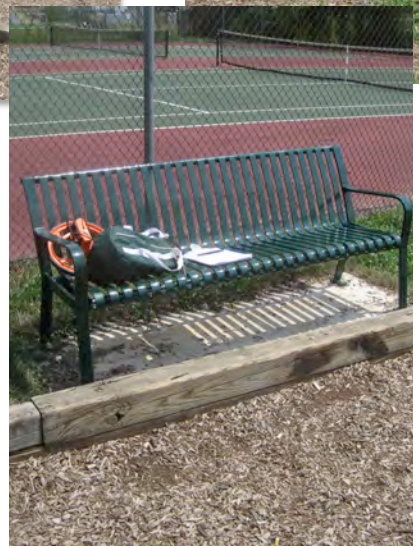
# Existing Conditions - Example

DPR developed a scorecard to evaluate the play equipment and look at the neighborhood demographics.





# Playground Sites

DPR Sites - Upcoming

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ft. Stevens | Emery | Douglass | Oxon Run | Ft. Greble | Palisades |
| Harrison | Banneker | Turkey Thicket | Hamilton | Randall | Brentwood |
| Kennedy | Upshur | Hillcrest | Newark | Benning Park | Harry Thomas |
| Rose Park | Congress Heights | Macomb | Takoma | Forest Hills | Raymond |

DPR Sites – Designed/Underway

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| Rosedale | Raymond | Barry Farms | Volta | Ft. Stanton |

DCPS Sites

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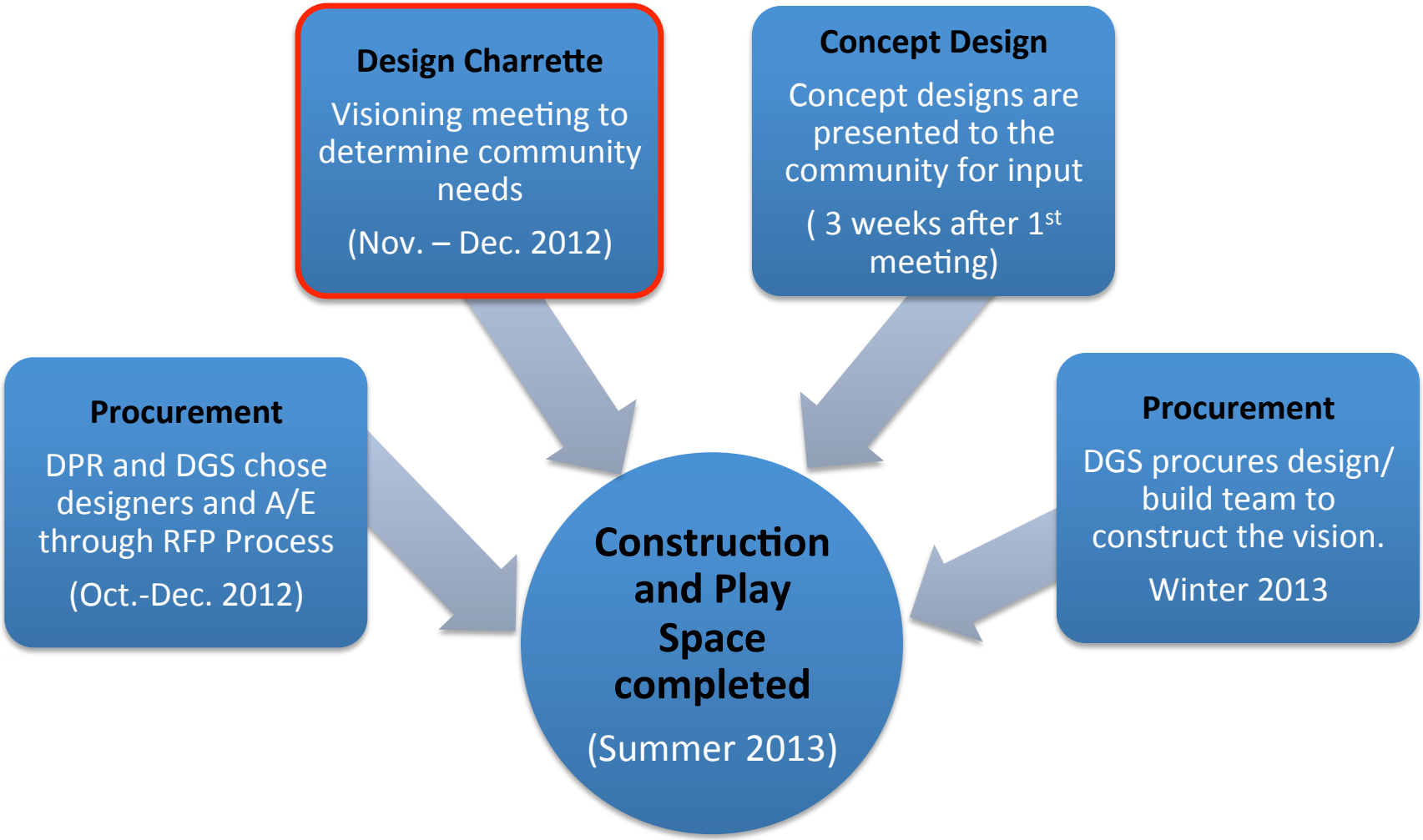
| Key Elementary | Neval Thomas |

# Timeline/Schedule



# Community input

## Common Amenities for Every Play Space

## What do you want to do outside?

Sit on a bench

Exercise

Play in a fountain

Take a walk

Look at art

Watch a movie

Swing

Clibg a wall

Tend a garden

Learn about wildlife

Create something

Attend a class

Build something

Look at flowers

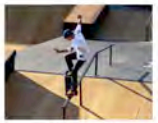
Play a sport

Unstructured Play

Walk in a meadow

Play in sand

Relax


Skateboard

Other Activities (please list)

# Your Say in DC Play

Priorities?

What do you like?

What needs to change?

What's new in your neighborhood?

Who do you see there?

Who isn't there?

What do you want to do in the space?

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# Your Say in DC Play

- Next Meeting – Date & Time
- Survey Monkey https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PlayDC
- Email: PlayDC@dc.gov
- Website: dpr.dc.gov
  - → Property Improvements

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