

I am writing to express my sincere disappointment in the plans for the park at the south end of the McMillan site. Great urban parks contain a variety of landscapes that lend themselves to a multitude of uses throughout the year - think New York's Central Park and our own Rock Creek Park. Not so with the McMillan design, which involves little more than a big, flat, open, grassy space. Is this really the best the planners could do? Moreover, have the landscape architects ever lived in DC between the months of May and September? For most of that time the grass will be brown and the site will be desolate, as no sane person would spend significant amounts of time during the dog days of summer in an area with no shade. How many DC residents do you find spending their leisure time down on the Mall?

Please give the neighborhood a useable park with a variety of vegetation to provide color throughout the year, inclines and declines to provide visual interest (as well as an area for neighborhood kids to go sledding), shaded picnic areas, and yes, a field in which to play organized sports like soccer or baseball.

Sincerely,

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