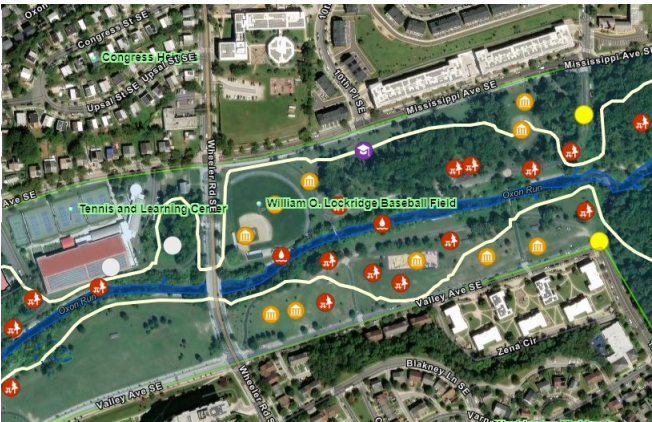


SUMMER 2024

What's going on in Oxon Run?



Project Update

The project team has been busy working on 30% stream design concepts, preliminary park planning designs, and coordinating with DC Water on sewer line design and repairs. The National Park Service (NPS) will initiate their National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study for their portion of the project in the coming months, stay tuned to the project website for information and details on how you can participate.

A Community Feedback tool was created to gather feedback to incorporate into the designs. Common themes that were shared ranged from including bathroom and trash facilities, additional ball fields, lighting, and stream access. Join us in October to see the progress and how some of these items have been incorporated into the concepts and provide additional input!



Upcoming Events

30% Stream & Master Park Plan Design

(Virtual Public Meeting) | Wednesday October 16th, 6:30-8pm

To register for the event please use the following link:

[Oxon Run Stream Design & Park Master Plan Meeting Tickets, Wed, Oct 16, 2024 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Stay Tuned

Please make sure you are signed up to receive project email updates and check the website often, as we will be sending out important information and upcoming meeting dates and times for the project.

If you missed the last meeting in January, the recordings are available on the [Public Input](#) section of the website.

Fall 2023/Winter 2024 Public Meeting Recap

Thank you to all who attended our November 2023 in-person public meeting at THE ARC, and the follow-up virtual meeting in January 2024. The feedback received from both meetings provided on the Feedback Map has been considered and used to shape the 30% stream design options and park planning designs.

Please visit: <https://www.oxonrunparkandstream.org/public-input/> to view recordings from the virtual meeting and to provide feedback on the map.

What's Been Going On?

In the Fall 2023 newsletter, we reviewed the findings from data we have been collecting. Along with progressing to 30% design, additional sampling has occurred. Here is a quick preview of what has been going on:

30% Design Concept Development

The project team has been meeting to review community comments, and next steps to progress design. There has been a large focus on the floodplain hydraulics and hydrology throughout the site, locating pinch points and areas of concern.

Macroinvertebrate Sampling

Once again, in April 2024, two areas were surveyed in Oxon Run to help gain an understanding of the types and quantity of macroinvertebrates that reside within the Oxon Run corridor. Site 1 was located along Oxon Run approximately 1,000 feet downstream of Southern Ave SE. Site 2 was located along Oxon Run in the vicinity of the intersection of N. Huron Dr & Mohican Dr. in Oxon Hill, MD.

Fish Sampling

The project team will be analyzing the fish populations at the same two locations in the late Summer 2024, that were looked at in the macroinvertebrate investigations. The fish sampling is performed by a certified crew that can safely and accurately document the quantity and quality of the fish population.



Did You Know?

Did you know the District aims to have 40% healthy tree cover by 2032?

To meet that goal, the District and its partners must plant over 10,000 trees annually! Trees provide a wealth of benefits to streams. They not only provide shade to help keep the water temperatures regulated, but they also help stabilize the banks, filter sediment during storms, and provide critical habitat. Oxon Run Park and its Stream Corridor have areas that are completely forested and many large trees throughout the park. During the tree survey, over 1,200 trees were identified, and their health was assessed along the stream.

The stream restoration and master park plan will work closely with DOEE, NPS, and DPR to assess ways to save trees and ensure that the trees planted are native, more diverse, and more appropriate for wetland and riparian conditions. As the designs progress and the limit of disturbance is finalized, a planting plan with planting zones will be developed. Plant species will be shared to the public at the 60% design phase.

You can find more information about specific jurisdiction tree laws here: [DDOT Urban Forestry \(dc.gov\)](https://www.ddot.gov/UrbanForestry)



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