

is pleased to request bids for Engineered Design for a Permit-Ready Engineered Stormwater Plan for the

DUPONT TREE PLAZA



Early Plaza Concept by Leo A Daly for Restore Mass Ave

Transforming a prominent neglected sidewalk at the heart of Dupont into a "green" community landmark where Embassy Row begins.











RFP DETAILS

<u>Category</u> Landscape Architecture & Engineering & Permitting

Location

Dupont Circle Pedestrian Plaza adjacent to 1913 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

<u>Contact</u>

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Submission and Processing

Issue Date: September 25, 2018

Pre-Proposal Meeting: October 10, 2018 noon at the project site - 1913 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036. Attendance at the pre-proposal meeting is recommended but not mandatory.

Questions: During the proposal process submit questions by email: restoremassave@gmail.com *Final date for submitting questions is October 11, 2018, 6 pm.*

Addenda

A link to questions, answers, and Addenda, if any, will be posted on the main page of the Restore Mass Ave website: <u>http://restoremassave.org/</u>. *No addenda will be issued after midnight, Wednesday, October 12, 2018.*

Due Date: Submit your complete proposal no later than 4:00 pm on October 17, 2018.
RMA is ONLY excepting electronic submissions.
Proposals must be submitted electronically to: restoremassave@gmail.com
Only submissions with the subject line "Dupont Tree Plaza Design" will be considered.





RMA anticipates selecting a Consultant in the third week of October. All Consultants submitting proposals will be notified of the results. A summary of the RFP Schedule is below:

Request for Proposals opened	September 25, 2018
Pre-Proposal Site Meeting	October 10, 2018, noon
Question Period ends	October 11, 2018, 6pm
End of Response or Addenda Posting	October 12, 2018, midnight
Proposals Due	October 17, 2018, 4 pm
Award Notification	October 23, 2018

Interviews are not anticipated. However, if they are needed to decide between select topranked firms then interviews will be scheduled on October 19, 2018.

Legal Information

Responses to the RFP will be evaluated by a selection committee. The selected respondent(s) will be chosen based on the RFP's stated selection criteria. RMA reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all information submitted.

RMA shall be the sole judge as to which respondent(s) meet the selection criteria. RMA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all responses received, to waive any submission requirements contained within this RFP, and to waive any irregularities in any submitted response.

By responding to this RFP, proposers acknowledge that the RMA has no liability to any individual or entity related to this RFP or any proposal and/or the RMA's use or nonuse of any such proposal. Note, proposals will not be returned.

Non-Discrimination

The proposer, for itself and its employees, contractors, and primary subcontractors, agrees not to discriminate, whether in employment, contracting or otherwise, in violation of any federal, state, or local law and/or based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression.



Background

Restore Mass Ave (RMA) will retain an engineering consultant (Consultant) to develop concept plans into permittable engineered designs for an integrated tree and stormwater management plan for the Dupont Tree Plaza. The project will maximize stormwater retention and mature tree canopy at the public right of way pedestrian sidewalk in the northwest quadrant of Dupont Circle adjacent to 1913 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036. RMA anticipates making a single award.

RMA is a District of Columbia nonprofit whose mission is to restore the double row tree canopy of Massachusetts Avenue from Dupont Circle to Wisconsin Avenue, whose noteworthy architecture and diplomatic glamour make it known as Embassy Row. Over 10 years where RMA has worked, tree canopy has expanded by 13%, according to the group. Through the Tree Plaza project RMA seeks to expand its shade tree successes to this pedestrian plaza at 1913 Massachusetts Ave NW. The present PNC Bank adjoining the public sidewalk there was the site of the first big mansion in the area in 1873. The group plans a Tree Plaza to highlight the historic character of the site "where Embassy Row begins."

The Tree Plaza vision is illustrated by the Leo A. Daly rendering and the Designgreen stormwater synopsis (see reference table and attachments). Meetings with multiple branches of the District's Department of Transportation and Office of Planning resulted in advice for permitting coordination and Agency letters of "no conflict" (see reference table and attachments). Early coordination was initiated with neighboring businesses and organizations, including, the Dupont Circle Citizen Association, Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets, Farmer's Market, Capital BikeShare, and the PNC Bank.

This is a design-permit project. It is funded through the Green Street, Green Towns, Green Jobs program (G3) supported and administered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The Chesapeake Bay G3 Grant Program helps communities develop and implement plans that reduce stormwater runoff, increase the number and amount of green spaces in urban areas, improve the health of local streams and the Chesapeake Bay, and enhance quality of life and community livability. The G3 program is federally funded. All applicants including the prime Consultant, their subcontractors and suppliers, must have active SAM accounts that identify each entity is in compliance and none have been suspended, debarred, excluded, or disqualified by the federal government.



Scope of Services

General:

The Dupont Tree Plaza concept proposes planting eleven (11) new shade canopy trees and infiltrating approximately 7,100 sf of existing pedestrian plaza runoff through a permeable pavement system. Additionally, the concept proposes directing approximately 3,600 sf of adjacent roadway runoff, through a network of trench drains and piping, to the permeable pavement reservoir.

RMA will select a Consultant to work with RMA, business and community stakeholders, Utilities and all appropriate District of Columbia permitting agencies to provide engineering services needed to complete permit-ready engineering plans for the Dupont Tree Plaza project. The retrofit plaza will remain a District-owned asset. The engineering will meet DCRA, DDOT, DOEE, DC Water, and Utility standards for design, specifications, furnishings, and maintenance. The Consultant will be responsible for initiating all permit reviews for construction and public space permits required for the Project's future implementation. The Consultant will be responsible for providing RMA with site findings, design drawings, stormwater calculations, and design permitting updates at 35%, 65%, and 95%.

Discovery:

The Consultant will inspect and characterize the Project Area and surrounding locations. This means undertaking any appropriate activity needed to be sufficiently familiar with surface and subsurface conditions affecting the Project including, but not limited to, the following:

- Review and record existing information for the Project Area including locations and depths of sanitary and storm sewers, utilities (if any), and surveys of land plats and ownership points; plats and ownership points;
- Perform a Spot Topographic Survey of Project Area including the entire anticipated limit of disturbance;
- Conduct borings to determine subsoil conditions for infiltration in accordance with DOEE stormwater guidance;

A geotechnical evaluation will be conducted to optimize infiltration designs. The geotechnical investigation will follow the District's permitting requirements and processes (see reference table for DOEE stormwater, DOEE well boring and DDOT public space occupancy permit requirements). The Consultant will be responsible for securing all permits required to conduct the geotechnical investigation. The Consultant will be responsible for interpreting and presenting the infiltration results to the RMA Board with design recommendations, prior to proceeding with the design.

Based on these findings, the Consultant will estimate stormwater flows into proposed Project Area. The Consultant will prepare and submit to RMA a report detailing site condition findings and design recommendations. The Consultant will prepare a 35% Design-Base Map with existing grades, utility locations, and soil data.



Permitting:

The Consultant will be responsible for determining the type and timing of all relevant permits and reviews that will result in final permit-ready Engineered Plans. RMA anticipates this means the engineering and permit review process is at 90 percent or better. Pre-permit reviews may include a ANC, NCPC, CFA, Public Space Committee review, Zoning and Historic reviews, DDOT PDRM, DOEE PDRM, DC Water utility review, and/or others. RMA anticipates the Consultant will pursue a public space permit, a public occupancy permit, a building permit, etc. This will necessitate Erosion Sediment Control plans and Traffic Control plans. It may require special tree permits and DC Water permits.

Design:

The Consultant will be responsible for engineering, and innovating when possible, the specifics of this concept design to maximize the tree canopy goals, integrate onsite stormwater management, maximize stormwater retention in the ultra-urban public right of way, all while maintaining maximum useable programmable space for Bike share docking stations and temporary uses such as the Farmer's Market. All designs will follow the District's stormwater design standards (DOEE, DDOT, DC Water, OP) and will aim to meet or exceed the current regulatory standard of 1.2-inch retention (based on the 90th percentile rain event).

The Consultant will prepare 65% design drawings that integrate the Base Map details such as site data, utility and soil findings, PDRM comments, and any other relevant information with early concepts to provide a proposed design approach and any reasonable alternatives to maximize stormwater retention and tree canopy goals. The Consultant will provide design exhibits and generally support RMA with one public comment meeting. This may include the agenda, illustrative concept images and landscape renderings, meeting co-facilitation, note taking, preparing and presenting design concept through PowerPoint slides and/or large format presentation boards. Innovative approaches for community engagement are encouraged.

The Consultant will finalize the Project's engineering and landscape design documents by integrating RMA, Agency (DOEE, DDOT, UFA, etc.), and community feedback when required and/or feasible. The Consultant will maintain comment-response documents to track review comments and Consultant responses. The Consultant will input relevant information into the DOEE stormwater database (SWDB): revise SWDB inputs, as needed, and resubmit for final permit. The Consultant will present finalized Engineering Design documents to RMA.

The Consultant will incorporate any and all elements in the final engineering design-permit drawings to ensure Stormwater Retention Credits (SRC) are viable and maximized and they can be obtained post construction inspection with an as-built submission.



Implementation:

The Consultant will obtain construction estimates (cost-based) from the final design. The Consultant will provide RMA with a Strategic Implementation Plan that includes a ranked list of grant opportunities and a non-grant sourced approach for construction funding. Project Management:

The Consultant will establish and maintain lines of communication with RMA. They will attend and participate in the Project Kickoff meeting. Within five (5) days of Contract award, the Consultant will provide RMA with a written, detailed Project plan and schedule. The Project Plan will identify the Project Primary Designer and detail a quality assurance/quality control oversight approach to,

- conducting site investigation findings, their interpretations, and design integrations,
- guiding and optimizing stormwater retention,
- coordinating between professional services including the arborist, landscape architect, geotechnical engineer, soil scientist, etc.; and
- responding to comments from agencies during the permit review process;

The Consultant will meet with RMA on a periodic and ongoing basis (anticipate once per month) to obtain RMA, and community stakeholder input, provide project status updates and report on challenges, advise on design and permitting efforts. The Consultant will record meetings minutes and distribute to all Project partners. The Consultant will submit monthly invoices with written progress reports to RMA.

Deliverables:

- 35% Design Base Map
- 65% Concept Design
- Exhibits for public comment meeting
- Comment-Response Documents
- 95% Design or better: Final permit-ready Engineered Plans for the Dupont Tree Plaza project
- Strategic plan to fund construction

Deliverable Schedule:

Engineering Design Initiated	no later than November 01,2018	
65 percent + Community Feedback	no later than January 18, 2019	
95 percent Design	no later than April 19, 2019	
Project Close Out	no later than May 10, 2019	





Proposal Requirements

Proposals must be accompanied by a Transmittal Letter. This cover will introduce your firm (team), summarize general qualifications, and summarize specific approaches to completing the work. The cover letter must be signed by an officer of the firm who is authorized to negotiate a contract.

The Proposal will be submitted in two sections:

- I. Technical
- II. Price

The Technical Proposal will be evaluated by these key factors:

Factor A: Project Understanding and Proposed Method

Discuss your firm's understanding of the Scope of Services. Discuss your Firm's philosophy towards the integration of stormwater management and tree canopy goals. Describe the method for management of overall project timeline, quality assurance/quality control, and other issues critical to this project.

Factor B: Past Project Relevance and Performance

Provide information indicating why your firm (or Team) is especially qualified for the design of green infrastructure and permitting of public right of way projects in the District of Columbia. Your firm (or Team prime) will provide profiles relevant past projects with references (name, company, title, address, telephone number, email). If this is a Team each subcontracting firm will provide a profile of one relevant past project with references.

Factor C: Expertise

Describe the qualifications and experience of the key personnel to be assigned to the project. If you are proposing a team approach, provide an Organizational Chart illustrating each firm, their roles, responsibilities, and relationships.

Your proposal must demonstrate specific expertise related to the design of Green Infrastructure for stormwater management, tree planting and preservation, and permitting Public Right of Way stormwater retrofit projects.

Provide resumes for Key Project Personnel identifying their relevant qualifications, education, experience and responsibilities. Provide a Key Project Personnel Table to summarize resume information, include,

- 1. names
- 2. titles
- 3. expertise
- 4. qualifications
- 5. project role



Required Competencies:

- The Consultant (Team) shall include a Professional Engineer registered in the District of Columbia with stormwater management experience and who has overseen projects involving green infrastructure in the District of Columbia.
- The Consultant (Team) shall include a Geotechnical Expert with Project oversight experience of subsoil investigations and infiltration rate testing in the District of Columbia that can comply with all relevant required permit licensures and certifications.
- The Consultant (Team) shall evaluate the requirement (if any) for a certified Land Surveyor (LS) and if this expertise is required for permitting, then a LS will be included with District roadway and utility survey experience.
- The Consultant (Team) shall include a member who has received DOEE approval for a Stormwater Management Plan in the District of Columbia under the 2013 retention standards.
- The Consultant (Team) shall include member who has attended the DOEE Training: Generation and Certification of Stormwater Retention Credits in the past 18 months.

The Price Proposal will be evaluated by two key factors:

Factor D: Comprehensiveness

This is a lump sum contract. Services should not exceed \$20,000.00. Provide estimate of reimbursables if anticipated to exceed ten percent of the service price proposal. Identify exclusions.

TASK	DESRCIPTION	COST
Project Management		
Discovery		
Permitting		
Design		
Strategic Funding Plan		
	LUMP SUM TOTAL	

Factor E: Best utilization of grant funds

The lowest bid containing all requested services will be considered the best grant utilization.



SCORING APPROACH

FACTOR	CRITERIA	POINTS
Technical		
А	Project Understanding and Proposed Method	40
В	Past Project Relevance and Performance	20
С	Expertise	20
Price		
D	Comprehensiveness	10
E	Lowest Bid	10

Rating	Quality	Description
0	Unacceptable	Fails to meet minimum requirements; e.g., no demonstrated capacity,
		factors
1	Poor	Marginally meets minimum requirements: major deficiencies which may
_		be correctable.
2	Minimal	Marginally meets minimum requirements; minor deficiencies which may
		be correctable.
3	Acceptable	Meets requirements; no deficiencies.
4	Good	Meets requirements and exceeds some requirements; no deficiencies.
5	Excellent	Exceeds most, if not all requirements; no deficiencies.

Technical Score:

Factor X: Points* (Rating/5) = Qualified Factor Score = Sum of Qualified Factors

ATTACHMENTS

No.	Name	Description
1	Tree Plaza rendering	Leo A Daly Illustrative Tree Plaza vision
2	Stormwater Synopsis	Designgreen summary of project and stormwater options
3	DDOT Letter	DDOT letter of "no conflict"
4	OP Letter	OP letter of "no conflict"

REFERENCES

No.	Name	Location
1	2013 DC Stormwater Manual +	https://doee.dc.gov/swregs
	errata + supporting materials	
2	2014 DDOT Green Infrastructure	https://ddot.dc.gov/es/GreenInfrastructure
	Standards	
3	2013 Green Infrastructure Utility	https://www.dcwater.com/design-standards-and-forms
	Protection Guidelines	
4	2013 DOEE Stormwater Retention	https://doee.dc.gov/src
	Credits (SRCs) Market	







PROPOSAL

RMA proposes the design and implementation of an integrated Stormwater Tree Education Plaza (the Plan) at the northwest corner of Dupont Circle. The current site, an expanse of concrete, generates runoff from approximately 7,000 square feet of sidewalk area between 20th Street and the Circle (Figure 1). This vision centers on optimizing conditions for the growth of large canopy trees. The Plan proposes creating adequate rooting space and water needs permeable pavement to drain the plaza and up to 6,000 square feet of an additional adjacent roadway. These conditions will lead to healthy mature trees, shade the users of existing Capital Bike Share station, and improve the entrance experience for visitors to the PNC Bank. With the addition of an informational kiosk, the site will serve as an education platform to convene historic and eco-tours, school programs, and work force training efforts. Managing this runoff within the plaza, adds the opportunity to evaluate public-private treatment policy. Stormwater estimates are provided for drainage areas scenarios (pages 4 -12).

BACKGROUND

For over ten years, Restore Mass Ave (RMA), a District of Columbia nonprofit, has worked with community partners such as Casey Trees, city agencies and private owners to plant, enhance and protect the Grand Avenue tree canopy along, and adjacent to, the Embassy Row part of Massachusetts Avenue west from Dupont Circle. In 2015, international architect Leo A Daly, partnered with RMA to create a vision plan for a Tree Plaza, developed with community input, in the bare sidewalk at Dupont Circle, which is where the tree-lined Embassy Row landscape should begin.

The Plan's expansion of the Daly vision (Figure 2) to include stormwater management and link with education goals emerged after input from District agency staff, and on the advice of tree experts. To optimize a sustainable healthy mature canopy, the tree planting plan is modified to allow tree roots access to the surrounding landscape's rainwater. Tree trench, expanded tree boxes, and permeable paving are now integrated into the concept (Figure 3) while preserving adequate building egress and pathways for pedestrians and bicyclists. This connects an additional 6,000 sf of roadway- generated runoff along with the pedestrian plaza runoff. The Plan will follow the District's stormwater design standards (DOEE, DDOT, DC Water). Tree placement are revised to work with bikeshare docking station needs (Figure 4).

ALIGNMENT

The project aligns with four major District executive visions 1. the Sustainable DC Plan, 2. The Tree Canopy Plan, 3. DC's Climate Action Plan, and 4. Wildlife Action Plan. Additionally, it is consistent with the goals of DC Water's Clean Rivers project; DOEE's RiverSmart Schools program; and DDOT's public right of way city-wide retrofit obligations under the MS4 permit. Finally, the proposed project can meet all the DDOT public right of way design standards, all UFA tree guidelines, and all DOEE design standards. A review of DC Water counter maps was completed and the Plan can be executed without conflicting with DC Water's green infrastructure utility protection guidelines. RMA and its agents have met with Agency staff from Office of Planning and multiple DDOT branches including Planning Sustainability (PSD-planning + bikes), Infrastructure (IPMD-projects + stormwater), and Forestry (UFD). All Agency participants identified the project's value, found no-conflict and voiced no-objections.

PARTNERS

RMA will engage nearby schools in the design and implementation of this project. School Without Walls at Francis Stevens (2425 N Street NW) and the John W. Ross Elementary School (1730 R Street NW) are currently involved. RMA is in discussions with UFD, PNC Bank, Capital Bike Share, Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets (HDCMS), and Dupont Circle Citizens' Association (DCCA). Additional connections are being explored with RiverSmart Schools (Patricia Doan).





Figure 1. The site at 1900 block of Massachusetts Avenue, west of Dupont Circle. 2014 Google Maps.



Figure 2. Early tree design iteration on Dupont Tree Plaza to add nine trees to pedestrian Public Right of Way in the 1900 block of Massachusetts Avenue, west of Dupont Circle.



Figure 3. Early stormwater conveyance schematic for the Dupont Tree Plaza layout modified for tree trenches and permeable pavement and expanded bike share platform







Figure 5. Main Plaza Drainage Areas outlined in blue.



Figure 6. West End Lawn outlined in blue.









Figure 9. The District of Columbia's transportation agency (DDOT) provides illustrative Tree Box Standard with surrounding permeable surface. The District's environmental agency (DOEE) quantifies the stormwater benefit based on a combination of the permeable pavement, the tree, and the quality of the underlying soil.



Design Options

ONE: 100% Permeable Plaza only

TWO: 100% Permeable Plaza plus adjacent Roadway + West Plaza Trees

LEGEND

Public	District owned land area: Sidewalk, Road, Driveway
Private	Privately held land area: PNC + Colonial Parking
DA	Drainage Area
Pervious	Surfaces land cover types assigned a 25% runoff coefficient
Imperviou	Surfaces land cover types assigned a 95% runoff coefficient
S	
Rv	Runoff coefiecient
CC	Compacted Cover or Ladscaped or Grass
IC	Impervious Cover or Sidewalk or Road or Driveway
BMP	Best Management Pratice
р	practice
А	Area
Ар	Area of BMP
Sv	Stormwater Volume stored in BMP
Rv	Stormwater Volume retained in BMP eligible for SRCs
SRC	Stormwater Retention Credits
SAavg	Surface Area average
	Surface
	Area at
	the
	bottom of
	the
SAabot	practice
dp	depth of practice
ŋr	Effective porosity (default is 0.35 for permeable pavement)
	depth of
dp	ponding
	depth of
dmedia	media
	media
	porosity
	(default is
	0.25 for
	bioretenti
	on soil
ŋmedia	mix)
	depth of
dgravel	gravel
ŋgravel	gravel porosity (default is 0.40)
i	Field verified infiltration rate
tf	Time to fill (default is 0.083 days for permeable pavement)
ft3	cubic feet
gal	gallons



Tree Notes

Stormwater Retention Credits: New and Perserved Tree Value [Whole Site]

One new shade tree (3	35 ft mature canopy) =	10 ft3, therefor add 74.8 gallons per tree
Eleven planted =	823 gallons	

One preserved shade	tree (35 ft mature can	opy) = 20 ft3, therefor add 149.6 gallons per tree
Three preserved=	450 gallons	
Project Tree SRC =	1273 gallons	

Project Tree SRC =

Material Notes

Material Compatability

National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)

Bike Share Siting Guide: share station and Permeable Materials are compatible.

		STORMWATER VALUE				
Drainage Areas	Element	TREES		CDA	Infiltration	
		Preserved			None	Good
		No.	Gal	SF	Gal	Gal
Main Plaza	Permeable Pavement			8,280	1,919	7,032
Road Runoff Added	Permeable Pavement			14,420	1,919	13,213
Main Plaza	New Trees	9	675			
	Preserved Trees	1	150			
West Lawn	New Trees	2	150			
	Preserved Trees	2	300			
	TOTAL	14	1,275			

Design Scenarios

ONE:

Trees + 100% Permeable Plaza only (excluding underground entrance, vaults & utilities)Soils allow infiltration:Maximum Retention Rv (enh) = 7,032 + 1,275 = 8,307 gallonsSoils do not allow infiltration:Minimum Retention Rv (enh) = 1,919 + 1,275 = 3,194 gallons

TWO:

Trees + 100% Permeable Plaza plus Road Runff

Soils allow infiltration:Maximum Retention Rv (enh) = 13,213 + 1,275 = 14,488 gallonsSoils do not allow infiltration:Minimum Retention Rv (enh) = 1,919 + 1,275 = 3,194 gallons

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



March 8, 2018

Jim Sebastian Associate Director **Planning and Sustainability Division District Department of Transportation** 55 M Street SE Suite 400 Washington, DC 20003

To Whom It May Concern,

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) welcomes the initiative of local stakeholders to identify and advance projects that capture stormwater and expand the tree canopy within the public right-of-way.

DDOT is supportive of Restore Massachusetts Avenue's (RMA) concept for a Dupont Tree Plaza to expand the tree canopy for the block of Massachusetts Avenue west of Dupont Circle. The concepts have the potential to advance DDOT's goals to capture stormwater and reduce runoff from the right-ofway, thereby advancing the District's sustainability objectives.

DDOT staff from the relevant branches including the Urban Forestry Division, Infrastructure Project Management Division, and Planning and Sustainability Division have met with RMA to review the concept. We have determined the project will require a DDOT Public Space Permit and all standards, specifications, and regulations applicable to public space must be followed. Through the public space permitting process, the RMA concept will be reviewed in detail by DDOT and other relevant stakeholders, and changes to the concept may be required in response to addition reviews or site constraints. All trees and existing infrastructure must be preserved and restored. Finally, RMA and/or its partners will be expected to sign a maintenance agreement for all non-standard right-of-way components.

Jim Sebastian

District of Columbia Office of Planning



Letter of No Conflict

Restore Mass Ave – Dupont Tree Plaza Project Deborah Shapley 2500 Massachusetts Avenue NW, #6 Washington, DC 20008

March 12th, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

After careful review, the DC Office of Planning has determined that there is no conflict for the proposals for streetscape improvements and tree plantings within the public right-of-way along the north side of the 1900 block of Massachusetts Avenue NW as submitted by the Restore Mass Avenue for their Dupont Tree Plaza Project. OP can support general streetscape improvements that increase the existing tree canopy in this area and have determined that the conceptual designs provided by Restore Mass Ave do not conflict with the mission of our agency or with the regulations and policies that shape the public realm in Dupont Circle as well as the broader District of Columbia.

This letter does not serve as an approval for the proposed streetscape elements, as this project will need to go through the standard public space permit application process, however, at this time OP sees no major issues with the proposal that may disrupt that process.

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Timothy Maher Urban Design and Public Space DC Office of Planning