## BRADDOCK ROAD METRO AREA PLAN



## PLANNING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

MARCH 28, 2006

## **CONTEXT** – Under Change





**Obsolete Warehouse** 





**Auto-Oriented Use** 



**Inwardly-Focused Project** 



**Monarch Under Construction** 

## BRADDOCK AREA - Sites Redeveloping

Transitioning from warehouse/service to residential/retail



Guide redevelopment to minimize traffic, create vibrant, mixed-use neighborhoods with retail, restaurants and transit

#### **Full Build-out**

3.1 million sq ft

#### **Existing development**

1.1 million sq ft

#### Current development concepts

Just under one million square feet 49% of potential development

#### MIX OF USES

#### **EXISTING**

63% residential (67% City-wide)

18% office (13% City-wide)

11% warehouse/service (4% City-wide)



#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Retail Market**

Neighborhood focused retail – 80,000 sf

#### **Residential Market**

1,600 new units

#### Office Market

Limited due to Small sites

Proximity to major office centers

Potential for small association office space



#### **PRINCIPLES**

**Great streets** 

**Urban form** 

Rich mix of uses

Protect existing neighborhoods

**Quality public spaces** 

Strong connections/ Walkability

**Crime prevention** 









#### **URBAN PLACE – Maximize Metro**

## Concentrate active uses on ground floor

Restaurants, retail adjacent to sidewalk

#### Establish the street wall

Scale the buildings to the sidewalk and street

## Encourage walkability to promote transit

Scale the sidewalks for the pedestrian

Locate parking/service on secondary street or alley





#### QUALITY PUBLIC SPACES

#### **Urban Parks/Squares**

Public gathering spaces
Serve larger neighborhood

#### **Pocket Parks**

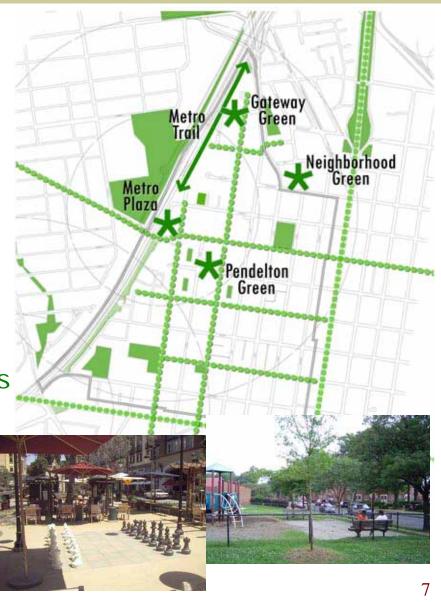
Small scale, well-defined

Within adjoining new development

Explore additional opportunities

#### **Recreation Areas**

Major trail connection Opportunities to expand existing parks



#### **GREAT STREETS**

Provide real alternatives to driving

**Active uses** 

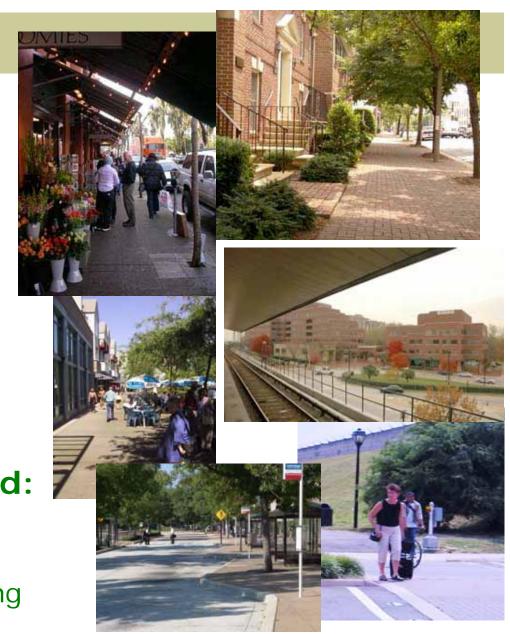
Safe crossings

Reinforce primary pedestrian routes

**Destinations** 

#### Improvements Needed:

Create gateway
Break down oversized blocks
Safer, wider sidewalks/lighting



## STRONG CONNECTIONS-Crossings/Trails

## Streetscapes & Crossings

Create connections to nearby neighborhoods

Target streetscape improvements

## Trail/Bike Connections



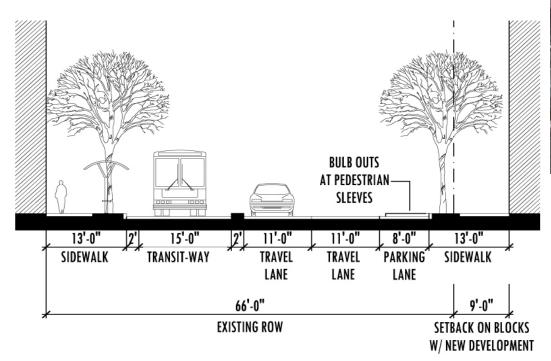
#### STRONG CONNECTIONS-Transit

#### Explore dedicated transit way on Route 1

#### **Enhance Access to Metro**

#### **Plan for Bus Rapid Transit**

long-term Rt.1 transit way





#### CRIME PREVENTION

through environmental design

#### **Building Location**

Eyes and activity on the street Minimize hidden spaces

#### **Public Space Design**

Defined open spaces
Natural surveillance
Sense of public ownership

#### **Pedestrian Safety**

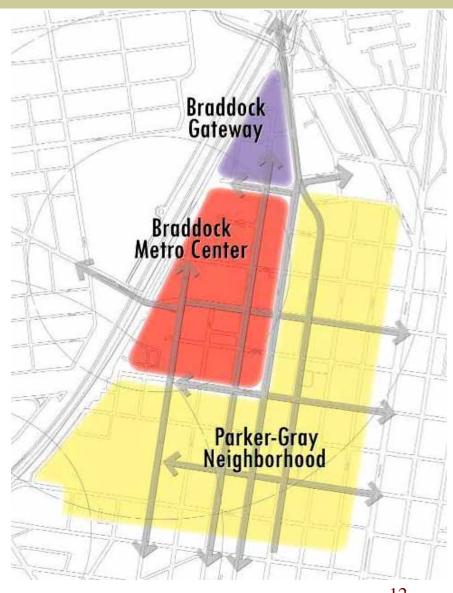
Visibility on the street Good lighting





### **BRADDOCK NEIGHBORHOODS**

- Parker Gray
   Residential Conservation
- Braddock Center
   An Area in Transition
- Northern Gateway
   A New Urban Neighborhood



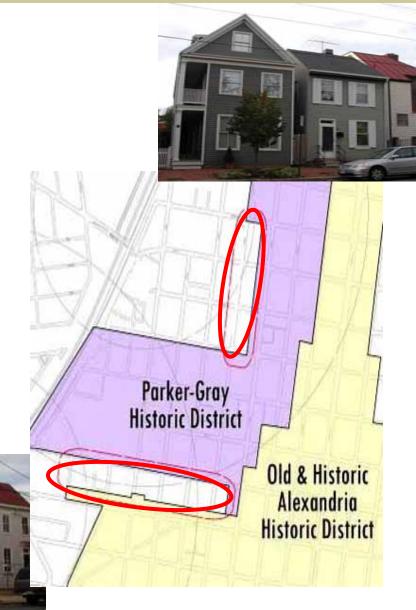
## PARKER-GRAY- Conserve Neighborhoods

Focus on compatibility of additions and new development

**Expand historic district boundaries** 

Seek National Register District designation

**Enhance Queen Street** businesses



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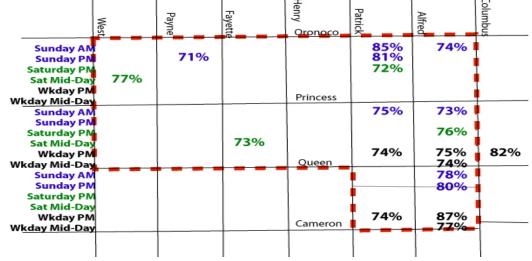
#### POTENTIAL PARKING OPTIONS

Availability of Parking a

**Growing Concern** 







**Expand on-street parking supply** 

Modify parking restrictions to fit location – retail turnover, residential permit areas, metro parking

Explore shared off-street parking opportunities

#### BRADDOCK CENTER TODAY

**Major Redevelopment Activity** 

Opportunity to Create Place @ Metro

**Retail Center** 

Transition scale/height to protect existing residential



## BRADDOCK METRO - 3 Options



Maintain As Is

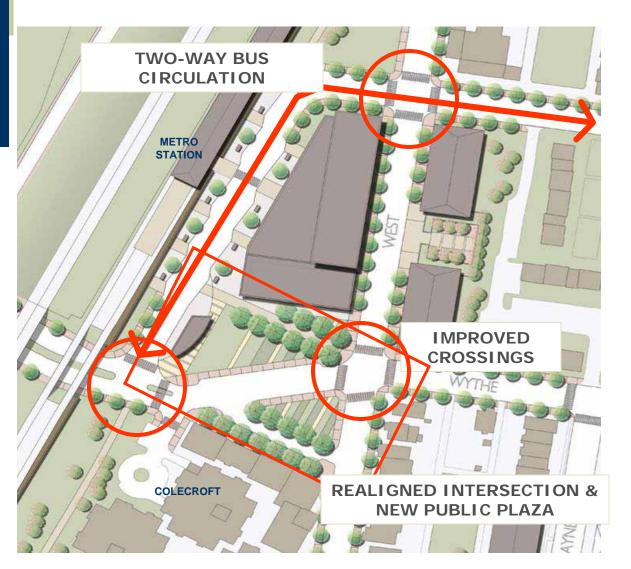


Consolidate Open
Space and Reconfigure
Buses



New Development with Open Space and Reconfigured Buses

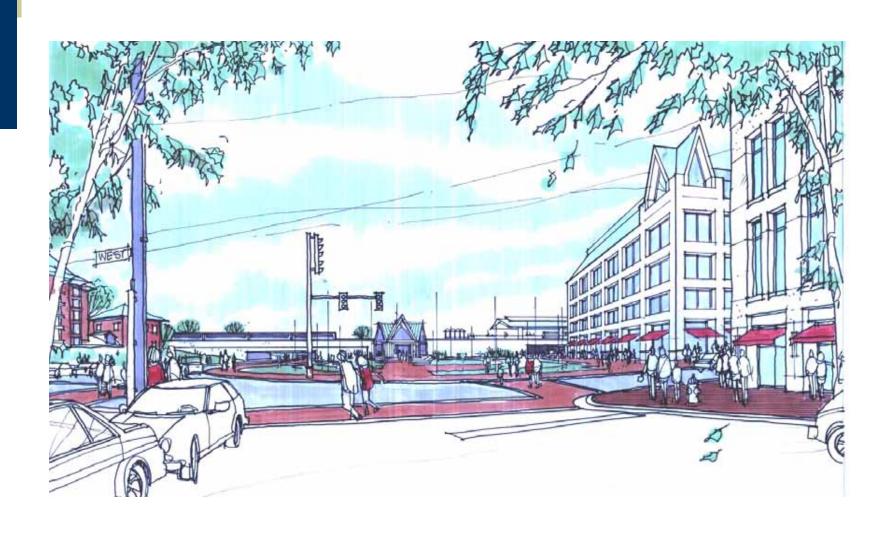
## BRADDOCK METRO - Creating a Center



Mixed Use Development with Retail Cluster, with Colecroft, of 15,000 s.f.

Opportunity to Balance New Development with Usable Open Space and Enhanced Bus Capacity

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## WYTHE STREET – East-West Walkability



Improve Walkability
Enhance Streetscape
Improve Pedestrian
Crossing at Henry
and Patrick



## BRADDOCK CENTER-Improve Walkability



### **BRADDOCK CENTER-Retail Clusters**



## RETAIL – Neighborhood Destinations

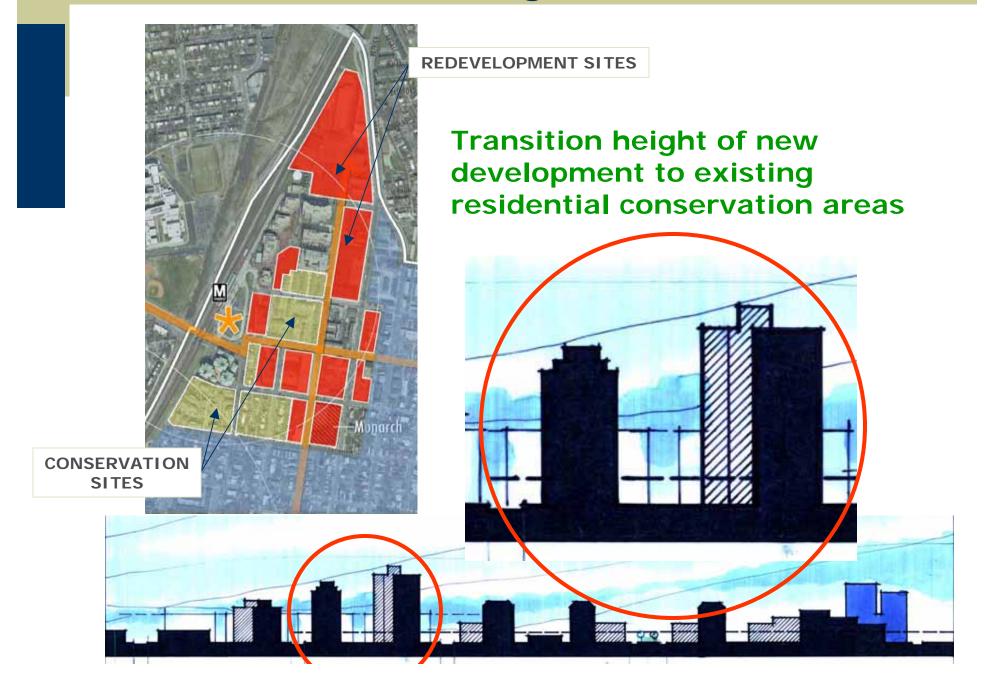
- New retail at Northern Gateway, Henry Street, Metro Station
- Enhance Queen Street businesses
- Administrative approval for outdoor dining, small restaurants

 Guidelines for preferred retail locations and standards or storefront design, transparency, retail depth and

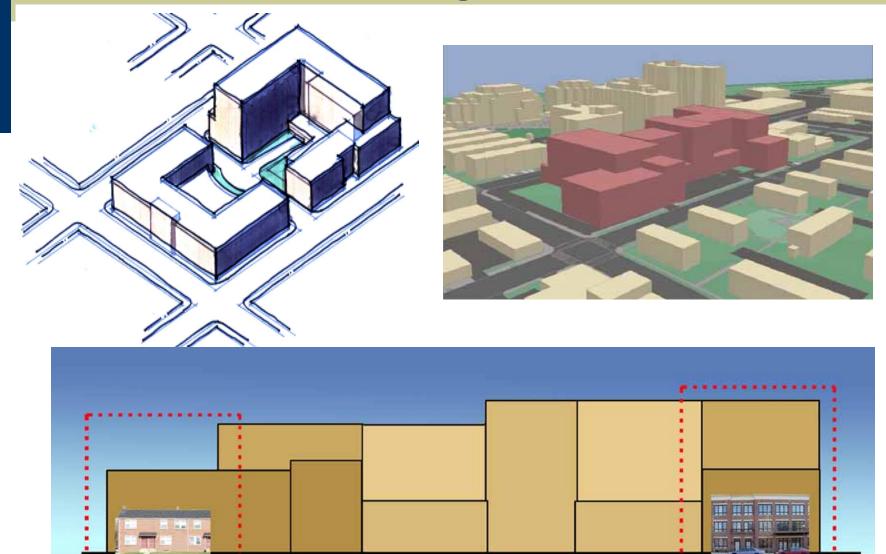
ceiling height



## TRANSITIONS - Height, Mass & Scale



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## NORTHERN GATEWAY TODAY













#### NORTHERN GATEWAY

A NEW URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD

Mix of residential/office

**Corner shops** 

Trail connection to Metro and neighborhoods

Safer pedestrian crossing Rt 1

Affordable housing opportunity

Public Square at Fayette/First

**Washington Monument views** 



### **NORTHERN GATEWAY**

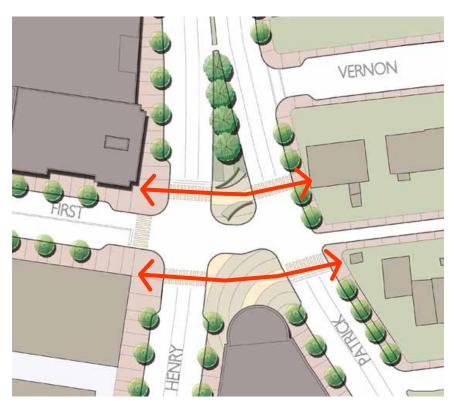
#### **Neighborhood Centered on Urban Plaza**



## FIRST STREET CROSSING







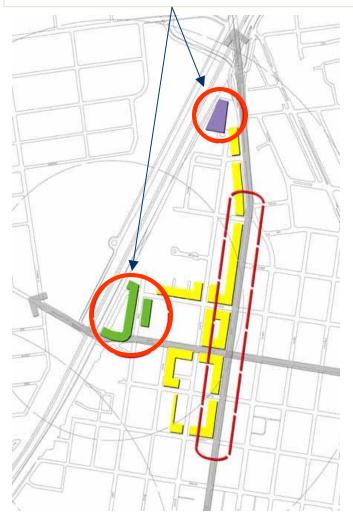
Improve Route 1 Crossing

Slow traffic with parking and gateway

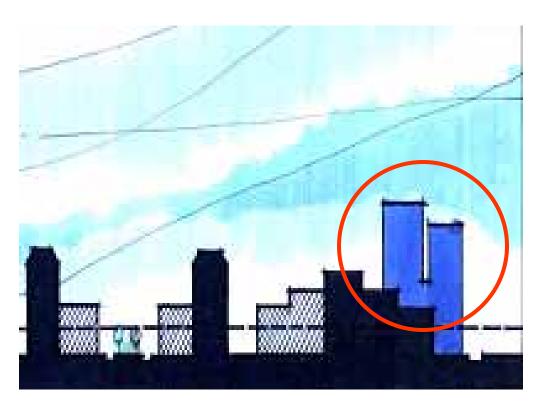
Define entry into neighborhood

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

#### POTENTIAL FOR TALLER BUILDINGS AT GATEWAY & METRO



# Appropriate Locations for Bonus Height/Density for Affordable Housing



### **NEXT STEPS**

**Comprehensive Traffic Analysis** 

Planning Commission Community Meeting

**Draft Plan** 







