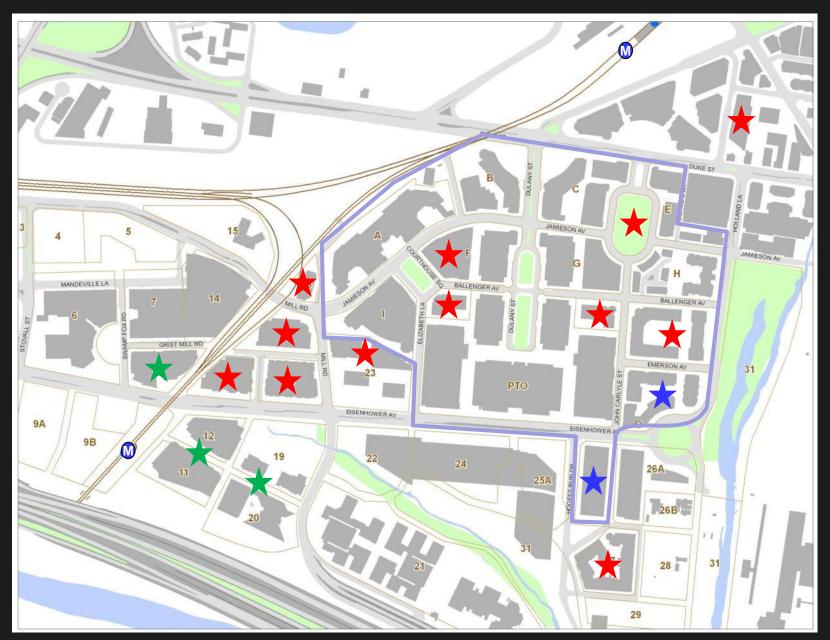
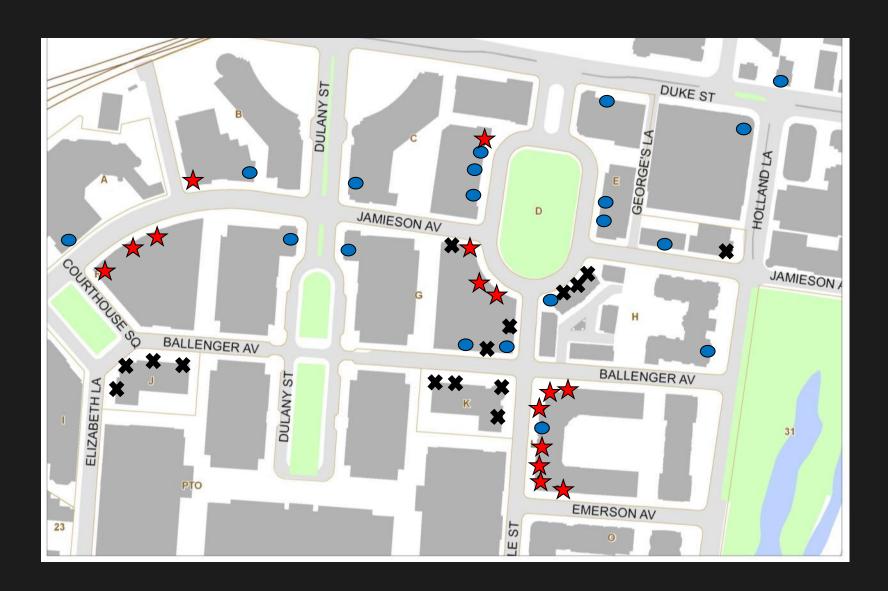


# **Background**

- The Carlyle SUP approved nearly 7,000,000 sf of development
  - 4,000,000 sf of office (58%) PTO is 2.5 million sf
  - 2,025,000 sf of residential (30%) 1,700 units
  - 230,000 sf of hotel (3%)
  - 235,000 sf of retail (3%)
  - 400,000 sf for the Courthouse (6%)

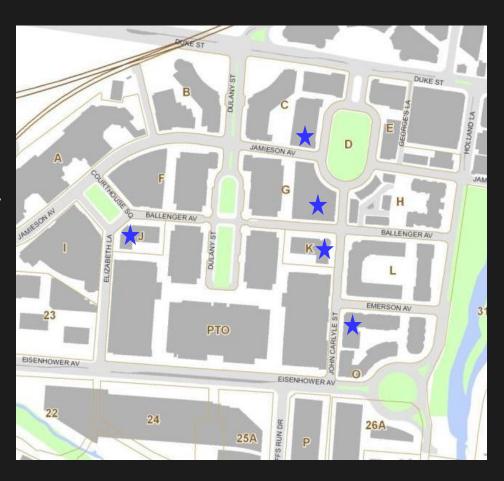
 All of this has been constructed with the exception of Block O (342,000 sf residential) and Block P (371,000 sf office/retail).





# Why Are We Here?

- Amendments to the Carlyle SUP
  - Block C (333 John Carlyle
     St) November 2009
  - Blocks G, J, and K January 2010
  - Block O March 2010
- Administrative approvals for flexibility in retail space
- Overall Retail Vacancy



# Why Are We Here?

- South Carlyle Planning Strategy
- Retail Assessment by consultant hired by owner of Block P
- More information on this planning strategy will be provided at a later date



# EISENHOWER EAST RETAIL ASSESSMENT

# PRESENTATION OF FINDINGS

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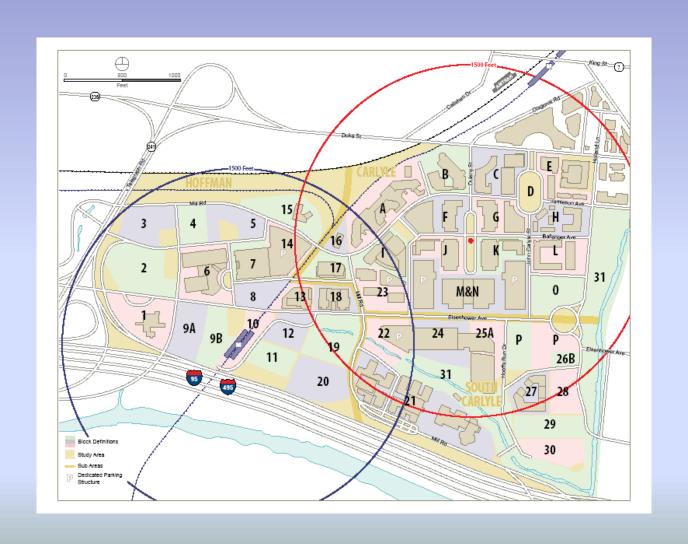
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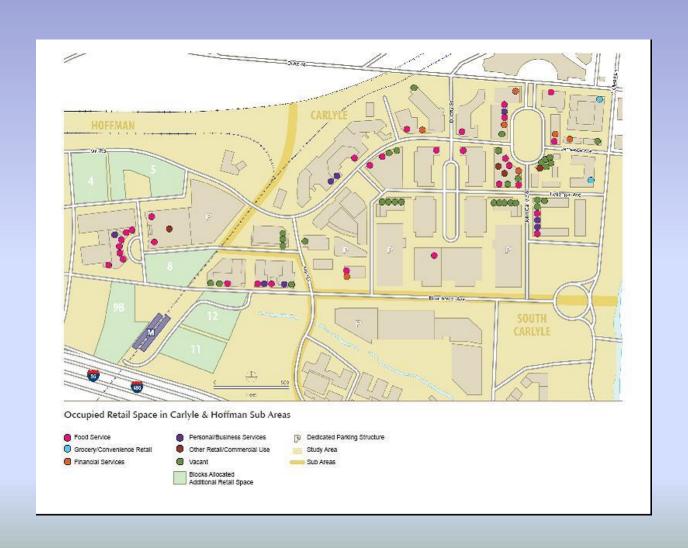
# EISENHOWER EAST STUDY SUBAREAS: Hoffman, Carlyle, South Carlyle



# WALKING DISTANCE (1,500 FEET)



# **DECENTRALIZED RETAIL SPACE**



# CONCLUSIONS

- 1. There is too much required "retail" space in Eisenhower East Study Area as a whole and in Carlyle in particular; "retail" space is too decentralized.
- Demand generators are more likely to support neighborhood-serving food/beverage, "convenience" goods and services than destination "comparison goods."

# CONCLUSIONS

- 3. Existing "retail" vacancy may be chronic because of the quality and placement of retail spaces.
- 4. Pending "retail" development plans will not alter the future retail positioning of Eisenhower East.

# PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GOOD RETAIL SPACE

- Clustered into a critical mass (perception and function)
- Space for anchor(s) with appropriate amount (ratio) of small tenant space
- Retail architecture and appropriately-configured space (windows, bay depth, columns/ceiling height)
- Accessibility to consumer market(s)
- Parking infrastructure, transit access
- Double-loaded blocks, continuous storefronts, contiguous retail blocks, limited length of walking area, strong sightlines

# EISENHOWER EAST— CHALLENGES TO RETAILING

- Insular area not integrated with Old Town and adjacent areas physically or conceptually despite proximity
- 2. Minor beneficial impact from transit
- 3. No cohesive retail master plan created and executed by a single retail developer
- 4. Retail space (built and planned) exceeds internal support capacity; dependent on external demand that has not materialized (or may never be tapped)
- 5. Physical limitations of space as located and built

# EISENHOWER EAST / CARLYLE COMPREHENSIVE VIEW

- □446,000 SF existing "retail" space / 129,000 SF vacant (29 percent)
  - □ Existing vacancy is likely "chronic"
  - ☐ Most <u>vacancy concentrated in Carlyle Subarea</u> which is largely built-out (35 percent current vacancy)
- □684,000 SF total "retail" space at build-out
  - □ Future development will favor Hoffman Subarea and will not provide enough "lift" to fill all retail space built within Carlyle Subarea
- □ Current retail SF <u>exceeds Pentagon City's specialty GLA</u>

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- THROUGHOUT EISENHOWER EAST / CARLYLE:
  - Broaden definition of allowable "retail" uses to include many types of "active commercial uses"
  - Encourage implementation of BID for marketing/branding and operations
  - Enhance internal and external transit connectivity
- HOFFMAN SUBAREA:
  - Adjust expectations for retail merchandising direction in light of physical design of retail spaces and grocery store as predominant retail anchor

# RECOMMENDATIONS

#### CARLYLE SUBAREA:

 Use <u>event programming as a strategic tool</u> to generate traffic to drive food and beverage sales

#### SOUTH CARLYLE SUBAREA:

- Consider <u>reallocating "retail" space to other uses</u>
- Consider <u>increased density</u> in this subarea as a means of supporting existing "retail" capacity in Carlyle (especially John Carlyle Street)

# Stakeholder Interviews

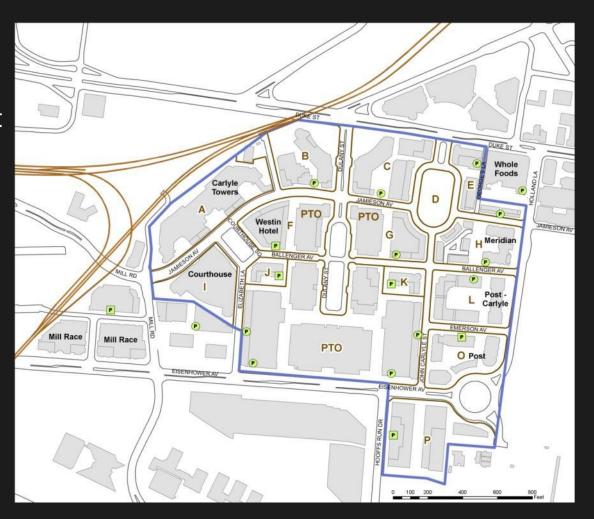
- LCOR
- SHRM
- Michael Lane Properties
- JM Zell
- Carlyle Club
- Brandt Properties
- Hoffman Company
- Carr Hospitality
- Edmundson Plaza



Block K – LCOR Office Building

# Issues that came out of the Interviews

- Finding parking is still difficult
- Meters have helped, but those hours are only weekdays
- Plenty of parking in garages, but they are hard to find and sometimes not open outside of office hours



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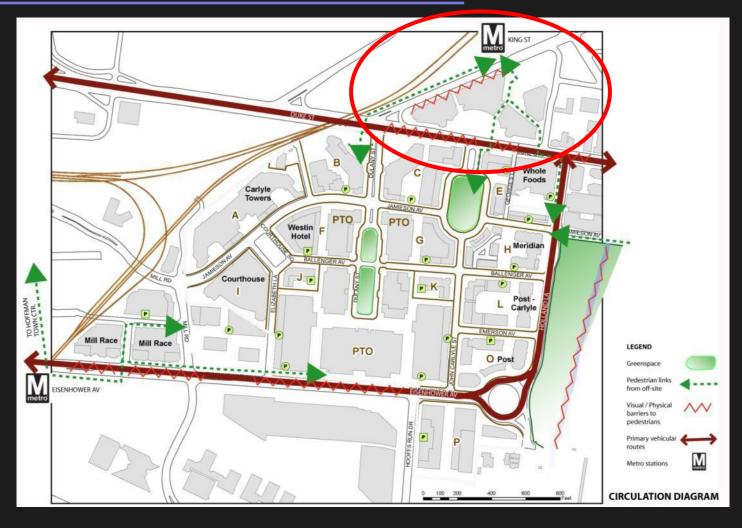
 No events to draw people in – John Carlyle Square and other parks are underutilized





# Issues that came out of the Interviews

 Lack of visibility from metro station and Duke Street

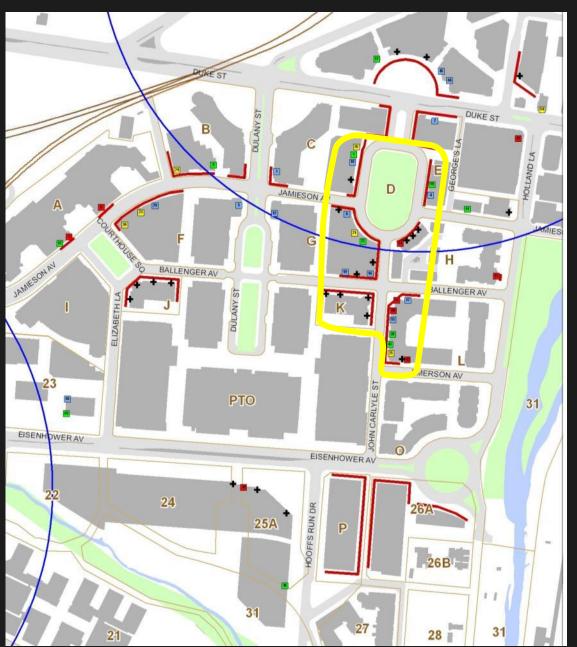


# Staff Recommendations for Carlyle Retail

- Regulatory Changes
- Incentives
- Marketing

# Regulatory Changes

- Revise the retail definition in the Carlyle SUP
  - Require retail in a focused area
  - Flexibility Allow retail, office or other uses outside of the focus area



# Regulatory Changes

- Revise the retail definition in the Carlyle SUP
  - Allow second floor retail uses in all ground floor retail

#### OR

 Provide a more general, open-ended definition of retail



Block K-LCOR Office Building

# **Incentives**

- Stakeholder interest
- Cost versus benefit
- Research needed as to what might be attractive



Block H Townhouses – John Carlyle Square Frontage

# **Marketing**

- Events in John Carlyle Square
- Signage
- Vending Carts
- Public Art







# Next Steps

- Bring forward revisions to the Carlyle SUP
- Research incentives
- Coordination with the CCC
  - Events
  - Parking
  - Signage