

Crystal City Sector Plan, Information Update
Urban Forestry Commission, Meeting Summary -
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Committee Discussion/Remarks

- In other instances involving PDSPs, the associated design guidelines book has not always been as effective as some would like. The language hasn't proven to be strong enough to enforce.
- Careful consideration needs to be given to the amount of soil needed to adequately support trees. Typically the county landscape standards call for a minimum 4' soil depth.
- Soil volumes also need to be considered, as street trees will need enough soil volumes to support trees with large canopies – how is that going to be achieved?
- Planting more trees, with adequate soil, can also be exploited as a stormwater management strategy; it's estimated that 1,000 c. feet of soil could hold 200 c. feet of water during rain events.
- As they are not currently incorporated into the county landscape standards, the commission should consider if there's enough interest in talking about creating soil volume requirements.
- Is there a Business Improvement District (BID) in Crystal City today? Is the idea to use or expand a BID to manage and carry out the proposed infrastructure improvements?
- It appears that Land Acquisition Policies should be focusing attention in the Crystal City/Pentagon City area given the lack of public open space in these locations; how is the Plan addressing the potential decrease of green space in the area?
- Green roofs should be considered as a potential stormwater management strategy, and in other instances, rooftops could be also used to accommodate types of recreation.