Selection through a non-competitive bidding process and receipt of $309 million in taxpayer subsidies to demolish nearly all of the 100-year-old McMillan Park Reservoir Historic District in Northwest Washington is a special opportunity for developers.

“Open Space” Not Park

• VMP defines “Open Space” as tree boxes, sidewalks, streets and disconnected green areas. Perhaps VMP should include roofs & claim 100% open space. Just look at the VMP illustration on page 2 to see it’s true.

• Although a 2012 community survey showed that 86% of respondents want this land we own to be at least 50% park, VMP is giving us 25% and telling us to be grateful.

• The “public” space will be managed by the private sector, which will control access to it.

Redundant Retail & No Parks

• Over 10,000,000 square feet of development is coming to areas directly surrounding McMillan Park, including grocery stores, restaurants and retail.

• The city failed to plan for green space in NoMa and now must pay $50 million to try to create a park.

• Saving McMillan Park is our last chance to have a large public park and gathering place for our communities.

The District Government and Vision McMillan Partners (VMP) - Jair Lynch, EYA and Trammell Crow - have energized the community to oppose their plan, generating thousands of petition signatures from DC residents.

Destroying the Historic Sense of Place

• According to the DC Historic Preservation Review Board, the VMP plan would demolish 80-90% of the historic structures. VMP ignores McMillan’s majestic underground caverns in its deceptive statistics.

• The VMP plan would destroy nearly all of the underground caverns except for one for storm water storage and another one isolated between medical office buildings and roads.

• The VMP plan runs a sidewalk around the surviving green space and names it after Olmsted Jr., the landscape architect whose original plan its plan destroys.

Subsidizing Developers Rather Than Housing

• VMP claims McMillan Park must be destroyed for housing and businesses even though commercial corridors like North Capitol Street are available, affordable and under-developed.

• Subsidies slated for McMillan Park should be redirected to help VMP build affordable housing on an affordable, non-historic site.

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Disrespecting a Community - Demolishing its Park

Recreating a historic stairway for hospital rather than neighborhood access.

National Association for Olmsted Parks opposes this plan.

We, the taxpayers, own this site and must demand a better balance for our community.

Ugly Architecture; See Building Page 1

Many Townhomes; No Traffic Mitigation

Less Than ¼ Park; Controlled By Private Sector

Only salvaged cavern disconnected from park area.

Busy intersection unsuited for kids.

According to the Historic Preservation Review Board, VMP plan makes the surviving historic structures look like pylons down a highway.

The Historic Preservation Review Board says VMP plan leaves surviving historic structures looking like “tombstones of what was there.”

VMP is unable to guarantee this partial underground cavern will survive.

Traffic: VMP to “Advocate Relentlessly” Instead of Designing Competently

VMP brags that it will build on top of our park 160 townhomes, 425 apartments, 1,054,000 SF Healthcare Facilities, 50,000 SF Grocery and 30,000 SF Retail.

How does VMP intend to manage the heavy increase in traffic on Michigan Ave, First Street and North Capitol?

According to VMP’s website, VMP “will build a transit hub into the site, and it will be a primary spot for accessing bus, bike and car share options. (Translation: a bus stop!) Additionally, the team will advocate relentlessly for the addition of premium transit options to the neighborhood, in an effort to improve the ability to travel to and from the area. Finally, the site will restore and expand the Olmsted Walk around the site and include hiker-biker trails through the site, improving the overall ability to traverse the entire site.”

To avoid gridlock, the VMP plan would require the construction of a metro station.

We Can Do Better

Friends of McMillan supports development and wants our historic park returned to public use as soon as possible.

We want DC to do what it should have done in the first place – use an open, transparent and competitive process based on community requirements to solicit proposals from world-class firms to reinvigorate McMillan Park with amenities, real historic preservation, and majority green space.

Collage City Studio released a plan that shows just the kind of thinking we are looking for. See its plan at: www.mcmillanpark.com.