

CORE VALUES

We believe McMillan Park is:

Historic The park is a DC Historic Landmark listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**, is part of a system of parks, and is a public health and engineering marvel. As such, it should **be retained as a local and national resource** and not deemed as “surplus” public property or sold to any private developer.

Communal The park is **owned by the people of the District of Columbia**. Until WWII, the land was used by the DC community at large as a central park for recreation, cultural events, and gathering. It was Washington’s first de facto racially integrated park, and strong consideration should be given to returning the surface to use as the **great public space** that it once was.

Valuable DC’s Mayor and its citizens should pursue options for **creative adaptive reuse** of the park’s underground water filtration cells for public and commercial uses compatible with the landmark. We advocate an **open design competition** to realize the park’s full potential.

Owed Due Process We get **only one chance to do this right**, and the current process is wasteful, lacks vision, and is the result of a sweetheart deal. The McMillan Park that DC’s citizens deserve will only come from **a transparent competitive process driven by the community**.