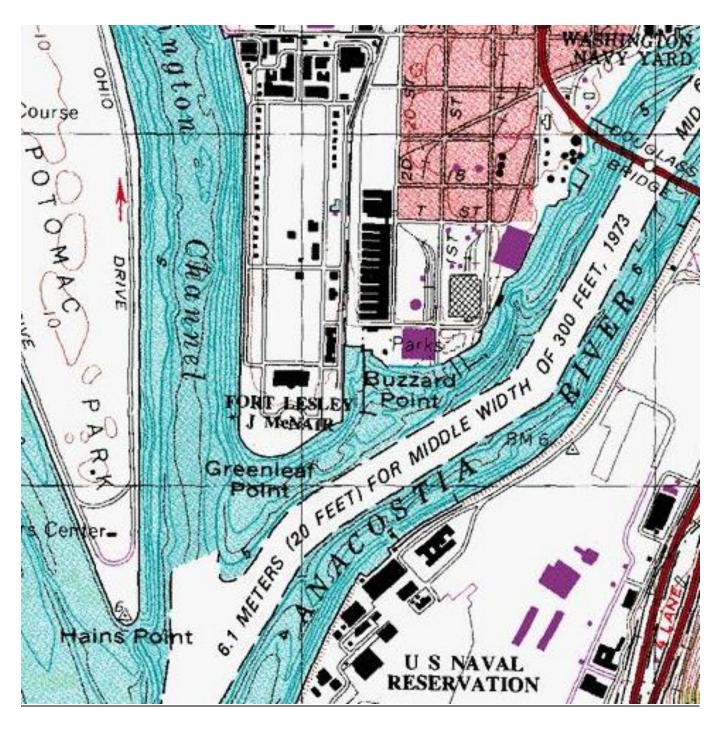
# Buzzard Point Project - How Redevelopment and Industry Shaped What DC's Latest "It" Neighborhood Was And What It Will Be



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In its earliest days, the area that made up Indigenous fishing villages, hunting grounds filled with carrion, and later hunting grounds for settlers was known as Buzzard Point. This name referred to the eastern section of the peninsula making up the southern tip of Washington, DC. In 2021, Forbes magazine called Buzzard Point a "neighborhood to watch" due to the construction of the DC United Soccer stadium, other nearby sports facilities, and the development of high-end apartments and condominium complexes. It anticipated the completion of a new vision of the Southwest waterfront.

This is a far cry and perhaps an obfuscated vision of the neighborhood once called "Nowheresville". The community was legally charted in 1800 (see appendix I) and was occupied mainly by low-income African Americans and some working-class white immigrants. The community has a history of engagement and activism. Boat captains and clergy organizing around labor issues have yielded to community advocates activating around air quality, contamination, and gentrification issues.<sup>3</sup>

This aspect of Buzzard Point in which citizens have to activate to protect their homes has not changed. Residents have sued, in their complaint they accused the City of Washington, DC of preferring a "creative class" in Buzzard Point over the lifelong residents of the area when it comes to amenities, access to public services such as health care, and other redevelopment choices. In short, they sued over gentrification. The legal process did not prevail, but questions of advocacy, political will, and morality remain<sup>4</sup>.

#### Alleys, Sewage and Disorder

Buzzard Point and the Anacostia tributary at points in its history have been referred to as the "nation's only navigable sewer" an affront to the place and the people who inhabit it. The history of dumping on and constructing over Buzzard Point is nearly as old as the neighborhood itself.

The area was comprised of "alleys" or areas divested from public services, proper roads and mainly occupied by African-Americans and poor European immigrants. The police census of 1894 found that 117 whites and 146 blacks were in the area

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This report was written by Prof. Monica Sanders, Georgetown Law Center and School of Continuing Studies. Research assistance thanks to Wilson Holzhaeuser of the Law Center Library, Natalie Kitzrow, Lexis Nexis guidance, and Megan Martinsen of the Lauinger Library Digital Services for research and kind assistance with GIS groups.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> WARD 6 HERITAGE GUIDE WARD 6 HERITAGE GUIDE, https://planning.dc.gov/publication/ward-6-heritage-guide (last visited Jul 25, 2022)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This report is an illustration of a number of issues in the Buzzard Point community. It does not contain legal advice, nor is it meant to establish a legal or legal services relationship between any of the authors and any person or persons mentioned in this report or with an interest in the information. The information contained in this work is for the educational benefit of the Georgetown University community, the Buzzard Point community and its allies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> COMMUNITY GROUPS AMP UP \$1B LEGAL FIGHT AGAINST D.C. OVER GENTRIFICATION BIZJOURNALS.COM, https://www.bizjournals.com/washington/news/2018/08/03/community-groups-amp-up-1b-legal-fight-against-d-c.html (last visited Jul 25, 2022)

below Q Street<sup>5</sup>. This was an extension of the area's earlier history as a populated space for the enslaved, freedmen, and indentured workers.

This area was an agricultural site at points and it lacked a closed sewer system. Animals once freely roamed the land, there was a burial ground for horses that could not be sent to factories for rendering. Dumping sites for garbage and manure also dotted the landscape. Most early structures described as shanties were built along 1st and South Capitol Streets SW. There was a canal and a sewer line routed to the Anacostia at the end of East Capitol Street<sup>6</sup>.

Sewage spills in the communities that would eventually be known as became Rosedale, Isherwood, and Kingman Park were a regular occurrence. Until the 1930s, James Creek was essentially a sewer that dumped into the Anacostia River. Because of the toxicity and undesirability, most of the area was undeveloped until the late 19th century. The addition of a closed sewer system did little to uplift the area or the health and safety of its residents.

In the 20th century, Buzzard Point would become an area of scattered rowhouses, known as shanties, narrow alleys and then later industrial warehouses and garages, cement plants, and a few government office buildings that would later be abandoned. A *Washington Star* article from June 29, 1932, said that Buzzard Point "was sparsely settled and for years it had an unsavory repute as part of the territory locally known as 'Bloodfield,' scene of many furious battles between disorderly groups." When the power plant was erected in 1933, it brought a symbol of modern energy to Buzzard Point Power Plant. That would be expanded in 1940 as part of the war effort. With that expansion came another heavy industry.

#### Munitions Plant and Torpedo Making

Two unique neighborhoods in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area provided their land and service to the World War II effort: Alexandria, Virginia, specifically Old Town and Anacostia, mostly Buzzard Point. A torpedo factory was constructed along the Alexandria waterfront. After the war, it was converted into a community arts center called the Torpedo Art Factory and can be still accessed along with a riverfront development that includes tourism, mixed housing, and rewilded natural habitats. On the other side of the river, a munitions factory was constructed. Typical components of munitions manufacturing at the time were: 4-dinitroanisole (DNAN), nitroguanidine (NQ), 3-nitro-1,2,4-triazol-5-one (NTO). These are typical

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> RECORDS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION, https://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/351.html (last visited Jul 25, 2022) and https://www.archives.gov/files/research/district-of-columbia/police-force-1861-1968.pdf

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components and not specific to the plant, as the exact mixture is unknown, but are known carcinogens. According to Ft. McNair's historical registration permit, the base and Buzzard Point were also the site of an arsenal from 1815 to 1821 and expanded in 1851 during the Civil War, and later turned into the Washington DC Barracks. It was later the larger WWI munitions plant and a shipbuilding site – the largest in the world at one point. The plant was decommissioned after the war. The area was designated a superfund site in 1998. Now part of the area has been partially redeveloped into a waterfront park alongside mixed business and industrial uses. The area around Buzzard Point, as detailed in the resources on this site, is in process. To date, there is not a documented remediation process or inventory of the chemicals that may still be lingering in the soil.

#### The Pepco Power Plant

The main building, constructed in 1933 by the U.S. design and construction company of Stone & Webster... It was the only major project constructed as part of a failed early-1930s' plan to create an industrial zone in the deteriorating Buzzard Point neighborhood. That planning would have impacts beyond the power plant in the neighborhood.<sup>13</sup> It led to numerous pleas for studies of the health and environmental impacts as well as concerns about the electromagnetic field.

The substation has solar components and increased capacity, and while papered over by a mural, it is a physical representation of the tension between the community's health concerns and a permitting process focused on future opportunities. For the record, Pepco has submitted for permitting approvals (See Appendix I) to continue working on the new waterfront substation (which residents oppose) and to have the old site designated as an historical landmark.<sup>14</sup>

According to the 2016 Buzzard Point Soccer Stadium Mitigation Study, not only was the Buzzard Point neighborhood cited as an "environmental justice community of

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concern" but it also noted that the area where the current power plant is cited was also, "Half Street to the east, T Street to the south, and 1st Street to the west. Square 0661, Lot 0805 is the northernmost parcel of the three; it is almost entirely paved and used as a parking lot. The middle parcel, Square 0661, Lot 0804 is vacant but was formerly the site of two petroleum ASTs." The report goes on to say that because of the age of the buildings on and around the site, there is a possibility of them containing asbestos – which will become another contaminant of concern if any are deconstructed. Concerns about PCBs, commonly associated with electrical sites, were also listed in the assessment.<sup>15</sup>

The report goes on to note that in multiple areas: arsenic, chromium, benzene, ethylbenzene and petroleum hydrocarbons all exceeded both Environmental Protection Agency and DC Area "risk-based screening levels". Most of these chemicals are of a class known as "forever chemicals" because of the amount of time, beyond any human lifespan, they take to break down and no longer be dangerous.<sup>16</sup>

#### Legal and Regulatory Complaints

From the research team's real-time observations, it is difficult to stand in one place in Buzzard Point for more than a half hour without a cement or uncovered construction truck passing by. Residents have been complaining about particulate matter in the air for years. These concerns have only increased since the stadium construction and other development began.

There have been numerous legal and regulatory complaints against the companies doing the most work in the neighborhood. Those ranging from lawsuits related to gentrification to complaints and permitting violations related to air quality. In *Current Area Residents East Of the River v. District of Columbia* residents accused the city of racially based discrimination and claimed the city was ignoring the needs of long-time residents, even tolerating their displacement in favor of an incoming "creative class" as described in filings. Residents say that bias rises to the level of civil rights violations. While not directly related to the environmental justice problems, the lawsuit provides useful context for residents' struggles. There is an appearance that redevelopment and industry is taking precedent over long-time members of the community. This story is not new in Buzzard Point's history. Superior Concrete, which plays a significant role in the redevelopment of Buzzard Point. Has been the subject of complaints and legal action. In 2020 it paid \$250,000 in fines to the EPA for Clean Air Act violations at its plant in the

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neighborhood.<sup>18</sup> During the public hearing process for Superior Concrete's permit, residents complained about air quality, lack of paving around the site, and uncovered trucks containing concrete and cement materials moving throughout the neighborhood (See Appendix II). Recent photos of the neighborhood would suggest these issues may be outstanding. The company's permit expires on January 25, 2023.<sup>19</sup> Public meetings and opportunities to comment should be held prior to renewal, offering residents another opportunity to respond and raise new claims.

Residents are not the only ones struggling with finding relief in the courts. In the 2020 case, Florida Rock Properties v. Jemal's Buzzard Point, a real estate developer struggled with its claims that petroleum contamination from a fuel terminal was leaking onto its property "impacting the groundwater". Listed in the suit were Superior Concrete, Vulcan Materials – another company with large operations in Buzzard Point and a spotty record - Opportunity Concrete, Exxon Mobil, and Hess Corporation. A motion for summary judgment was granted because of the statute of limitations time bar.<sup>20</sup> Vulcan Materials' name appears in a number of complicated environmental claims in communities around the country. There was also a 2020 Clean Water Act violation filed against Vulcan Materials related to contamination near the Flint River.<sup>21</sup> In DC, the Department of Environmental Quality also issued a permit violation based on Clean Air and Clean Water Act violations.<sup>22</sup> In 2009 and 2010, Vulcan was the target of a set of cases from the U.S. Virgin Islands. Residents claimed that Vulcan, along with Dow Chemical and other defendants were responsible for the contamination of the 'Tutu Wells Aquifer' which was listed as an Environmental Protection Agency severely contaminated site on the National Priorities List. The case was dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.<sup>23</sup> In a now-archived Securities and Exchange Commission filing, records show Vulcan involved in a series of claims in Modesto, California related to "recovery of unreimbursed costs incurred by it for activities undertaken in response to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Modesto Groundwater Superfund Site in Modesto, Stanislaus County, California." It is important to note that the company, in 2007 - 2008 paid compensatory and not punitive damages to

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settle the case.<sup>24</sup> Similar complaints were filed, unsuccessfully, in New Jersey in the late 1980s.<sup>25</sup> Because the company is the nation's largest of its kind, according to its LinkedIn site, there are numerous legal actions to be viewed across the country.

#### The Redevelopment of Buzzard Point

The District of Columbia's plan for a healthy and economically viable Buzzard Point is stunning. Questions remain around for whom the redevelopment is being done. Walking through the neighborhood, neat public housing complexes and rowhouses belonging to generational residents of Buzzard Point are giving way to stadium parking, upscale hotels, and shiny apartments and condos. In an American Planning Association independent report – which was written by an independent community assistance planning team associated with the plan, there was an intentional inclusion of a variety of voices on the topic of redevelopment. Its recommendations in 2009- 2010 were quite different from what manifested in the following years. The report stated that the area between 2nd street SW and P Street, should not be the focus of large-scale redevelopment because it would "significantly reduce the amount of affordable housing available" to residents. (p.9) The report recommended the aforementioned area and the area around Fort Mc Nair not be a redevelopment target. Instead, it recommended taking advantage of vacant land and unoccupied office buildings as targets of opportunity for new uses.

In the city's 2017 development vision document, many of the recommendations that were about improving water access, riverine health, and development that took advantage of the "unique character" of the confluence of the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers were kept. The 2017 document noted a series of meetings with community leaders, along with renderings of the ideas they submitted on a map of the neighborhood. These are shown alongside those of property owners and developers. However, as the report continues with designs for living shorelines, LEED-certified architecture, and new residential design, the referenced concerns about access to public healthcare and affordable housing dissipate into the new vision<sup>27</sup> of an upscale waterfront similar to the redevelopment at the DC Wharf. The question of what happened to the suggestions from long-time residents' voices lingers.

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In the opinion of an off-the-record source, for the people of Buzzard Point, legal options might be limited because of statutes of limitations and the overall difficulty of proving harm in these kinds of cases. However, residents have said that some of the negative health effects could be cured by providing more affordable access to healthcare in the neighborhood. In addressing the redevelopment and gentrification issues, the coming year or two would be an opportune time to revisit the promises of one-to-one housing replacement or explore an intentional, culturally competent relocation program. The goal of the city should be an acknowledgment of the complex historical and continual complications this neighborhood has faced.

The District of Columbia leaders should work with residents to come up with solutions to help them maintain a healthy community with access to services and economic opportunities coming into the neighborhood. These suggestions are not novel, but reflective of years of advocacy and outreach from residents, qualitative and quantitative research results from scholars working in the community, and allies in the policy realm. The next step is to take action for the people of Buzzard Point.

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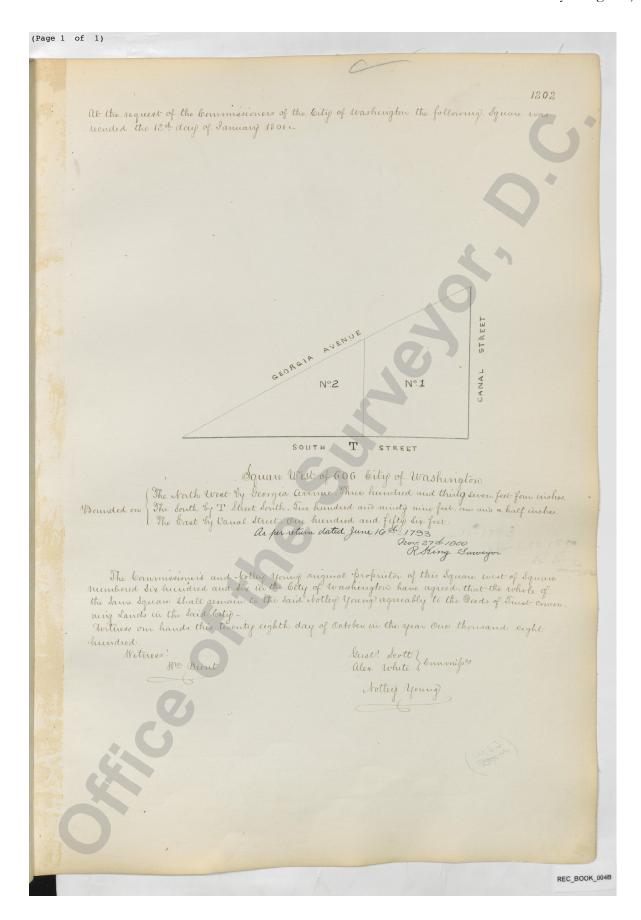
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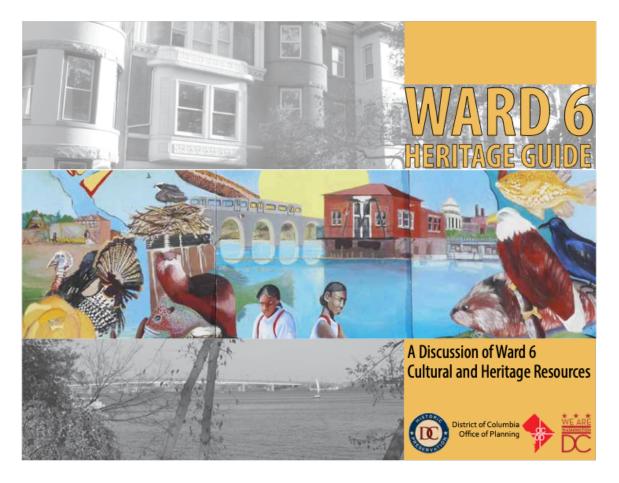
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Ft. McNair Historic Site Nomination (mentions uses of area around Buzzard Point)

## **Appendix I Pepco**

#### GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE



# HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC LANDMARK OR HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION

New Designation X_  Amendment of a previous designation  Please summarize any amendment(s)
Property name Potomac Electric Power Company Substation No. 25  fany part of the interior is being naminated. It must be specifically identified and described in the narrative statements.
Address 2119 Champlain Street, NW
Square and lot number(s) Square 2562/ Lot 0097
Affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C ( )
Date of construction1930-1931 Date of major alteration(s)
Architect(s) Arthur B. Heaton
Architectural style(s) MODERN MOVEMENT/Art Deco
Original use INDUSTRY/Energy facility
Property owner Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO)
Legal address of property owner 701 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001
NAME OF APPLICANT(S) DC Preservation League
f the applicant is an organization, it must submit evidence that among its purposes is the promotion of historic preservation in the Histrics of Columbia. A copy of its charter, articles of incorporation, or by-laws, setting forth such purpose, will satisfy this equirement.
Address/Telephone of applicant(s) 1221 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036
Name and title of authorized representative Rebecca Miller, Executive Director
Signature of representative Shully Date 4/14/10/6
Name and telephone of author of application
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## Pepco Application For Power Plant Historic Designation

# **Appendix II - Superior Concrete**

#### GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of Energy and Environment

January 26, 2018

Roberto Talavera Director of Technical Services/Operations Superior Concrete Materials, Inc. 1601 South Capitol Street SW Washington DC 20003

Re: Permit No. 7188 to Construct and Operate a Ready Mix Portable Concrete Batch Plant at 1721 South Capitol Street SW, Washington DC

Dear Mr. Talavera:

Pursuant to sections 200.1 and 200.2 of Title 20 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (20 DCMR), a permit from the Department of Energy and Environment ("the Department") shall be obtained before any person can construct or operate a stationary source in the District of Columbia. The application of Superior Concrete Materials, Inc. ("the Permittee") for a permit to construct and operate a central mix ready mix portable concrete batch plant with one (1) C&W BP-790 Pulse Jet Dust Collector (Central Dust Collector) and three (3) Silo Dust Collectors at 1721 South Capitol Street SW has been received. Permission to construct and operate the ready mix portable concrete batch plant per the submitted plans and specifications on the application received September 21, 2017, and additional information received October 27, 2017 and November 2, 2017, and statements made during the public hearing on December 18, 2017 is granted subject to the following conditions:

#### I. General Requirements:

- a. The approved central mix ready mix portable batch concrete plant shall be constructed and operated in accordance with all applicable air pollution control requirements of 20 DCMR. This plant shall be constructed with the following dust control measures in place, which shall be continuously maintained for the duration of the operation at the site:
  - 1. The primary mixing facility shall be enclosed in a closed-sided and roofed structure;
  - The facility shall be fully paved, to the extent permitted by the stormwater management permit;
  - The facility shall be equipped with a pressure wash system for trucks which shall be used on all trucks exiting the site, except when temperatures are at or below 32 °F.;
  - 4. All conveyors shall be covered by wind shield covers;



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#### COMMENT RECONCILIATION MEMORANDUM

TO:

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FROM:

Stephen S. Ours, P.E.

Chief, Permitting Branch

SUBJECT:

Comment Reconciliation Memo – Superior Concrete Materials, Inc. Draft Permit No. 7188 to Construct and Operate a Ready Mix Concrete

Batch Plant at 1721 South Capitol Street SW

DATE:

January 26, 2018

#### BACKGROUND

On November 17, 2017, the Air Quality Division ("AQD") of the Department of Energy and Environment ("DOEE" or "the Department") issued draft Chapter 2 permit No. 7188 proposing to issue a permit to Superior Concrete Materials, Inc. to construct and operate a ready mix concrete batch plant at 1721 South Capitol Street SW.

A properly noticed public hearing was held at the Southwest Public Library, 900 Wesley Place SW, Washington DC on December 18, 2017.

The public comment period was extended through Friday, January 5, 2018.

A number of people testified at the public hearing. Additionally, a number of people submitted written comments.

This memorandum responds to these comments and explains any actions taken to address them.

In some cases, similar comments were made by multiple commenters. In these cases, comments have been combined and summarized and only one comment response is provided in the table below.





#### **Appendix III - Buzzard Point Vision Document and Studies**



# Southwest / Navy Yard / Buzzard Point Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D

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**Development Review Specialist** 

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Via email: elisa.vitale@dc.gov

With copy to: Kristin Connall, kconnall@akridge.com

RE: Comments on Large Tract Review Application for 100 V St. SW (Square 609, Lot 804 and Square 611, Lots 19 ad 810)

Dear Ms. Vitale:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 14, 2020 with a quorum present, a quorum being four commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 6-0-0 to provide written comments to the Office of Planning (OP) on Akridge's Application for Large Tract Review of the upcoming redevelopment of 100 V Street SW.

This large site, to be completed in two phases, will ultimately include over 2000 residences, several hotel and office spaces and a variety of retail opportunities. As such, it will dominate and largely determine the character and functioning of Buzzard Point. ANC 6D has received a full briefing by the Applicant, is excited about prospects for a well-designed and imaginative new village setting, but has raised several issues that it hopes OP and the Applicant will address.

First, while there will be a new Anacostia River Walk along the water's edge around Buzzard Point and new recreational uses of the water itself, there will be very little green space remaining as a result of the redevelopment of Buzzard Point and including this site. The 100 V St. plan calls for a park space at the southern end of the site along V St., which would cover the full block between 1st and 2nd streets and be about 50 feet wide from the curb to the building line.

ANC 6D is requesting that the Applicant reimagine this area and instead of the

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# **BUZZARD POINT**

# Vision Framework + Design Review Guide

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Environmental Assessment

August 2019

National Park Service Assessment for Buzzard Point