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Phase 1 Pop-Up Summary February 13, 2023

Pop-Up Events Held November 2022 – January 2023

Twelve (12) pop-ups were held throughout Alexandria West area.

Pop-Ups and Meetings	Date/Time	Address	Languages	# of People (approx)
Goodwin House	Thursday, Nov. 17, 11a-1p	4800 Fillmore Ave, Alexandria, VA 22311	English	15
Farmer's Market at Southern Towers	Saturday, Nov. 19, 8:30a- 10:30a	5067 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311	Amharic, Arabic, English, and Spanish	4
Global Foods	Sunday, Nov. 20, 11a-1p	1476 N Beauregard St, Alexandria, VA 22311	Amharic, Arabic, English, and Spanish	10
William Ramsay Rec Center	Tuesday, Nov. 29, 3:30p-6p	5650 Sanger Ave, Alexandria, VA 22311	Amharic, Arabic, English, and Spanish	20-25
Meeting with African Communities Together at Southern Towers	Thursday, Dec. 1, 5:30p	4921 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA 22311	Amharic, Arabic, English	10
Curve 6100 Apartments	Friday, Dec. 2, 5p - 6:30p	6100 Lincolnia Rd, Alexandria, VA 22312	English and Spanish	3
The View Alexandria (formerly Hermitage)	Thursday, Dec. 8, 11a-1p	5000 Fairbanks Ave, Alexandria, VA 22311	English	15
West End Food Pantry	Monday, Dec. 12, 5p-6:30p	5150 Fillmore Ave, Alexandria, VA	English, and Spanish	60
Parkstone Apartments	Thursday, Dec. 15, 2p-3:30p	3001 Park Center Dr, Alexandria, VA 22302	Arabic, English and Spanish	6
Toy Drive at The Nexus Apartments	Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1:30p-3:30p	3450 Berkeley Street, Alexandria, VA 22302	English and Spanish	10

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The Spire	Tuesday, Jan.	2875 N Beauregard	English and	3
	17, 2:30p-	St, Alexandria, VA	Spanish	
	3:30p	22311		
St. James Plaza	Thursday, Jan.	5140 Fillmore Ave,	Amharic,	10
	19, 2:30p –	Alexandria, VA 22311	English, and	
	3:30p		Spanish	



What We Heard

(Verbatim comments provided on post-it notes at pop-ups organized into thematic categories)

Community, Culture and Equity

- community friends and family
- My friends live in Alexandria West
- like the community
- Beautiful place to live here
- Really beautiful
- My friends live around here
- People are more friendly! :-)
- Really like area! Convenient
- There is no social connection in this part of Alexandria (translation)
- Area is nice to live (translation)
- area feels neglected

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- Schools better school building and playground for Ferdinand T. Day
- Better air conditions for our middle school like Hammond
- mindful of people living here already
- Equity and culture
- ACPS how to hear our concerns regarding the school system
- So diverse, opportunities for these groups to open storefronts and commercial businesses
- Great area/diverse, don't outprice people here (unaffordable)
- employment opportunities (live, work, play)
- Don't know what it is to be an Alexandria resident. Pay property taxes, live here, still don't know.
- No large family events/performances in Alexandria West goes to Montgomery County

Safety and Security

- surveillance cameras police office in the roads all day because the main concern for me is safety
- safety & security for family and kids
- Security in the area needs to be better, don't feel safe, quality and amount of school concerns, more cameras

Housing Affordability

- keep affordable housing
- Goodwin House staff living at the Spire
- Rent increases
- high rent and low minimum wage
- The expensive housing rate and the rising rent (translation)
- The renters major concern is the continued rising rent price (translation)
- Rent is high in area (translation)
- affordable housing
- affordable housing residents not being displaced
- rent
- I need affordable house in Southern Towers and west Beauregard Street. I am concerned with high cost of housing, rent increase, risk of eviction and fear displacement
- Building condition and affordability of the building
- high cost of housing, rent increases, risk of eviction, building conditions, housing options and affordability
- Affordable housing (price), keep the diversity, keep the standard of even make better environment (facility)
- more affordable housing
- problem is the rent (going up) (translation)

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Land Use

- Need more public meeting space
- More retail
- Restaurants not fast food
- Development needs more open space and green space
- no more multi-family housing
- fairness in development (height, architecture)
- Shop at Whole Foods and Trader Joe's (outside plan area)
- building are too tall
- Centered gym, grocery stores are close
- need for community room spaces for celebration

Parks and Open Space

- Save Parks
- Keep green space!! Love Dora Kelly and Winkler
- Love parks
- Love Winkler
- Winkler multiple access points
- Love parks near my house
- Need more recreation areas
- I like to play soccer
- School and the rec
- Pet areas
- Schools- playgrounds and safety
- Litter at cemetery add signs
- playgrounds and parks
- more parks nearby (translation)
- caretaker for the cemetery
- Southern Towers playground need work to be safe place for our kids and family, we having accidents every day broken legs/hands
- more walking areas for dogs
- There is no park close to Parkstone
- playgrounds for kids
- playgrounds
- Pet relief areas
- places to play
- places for children (translation)

Transportation

Multimodal

- Pedestrian Access across Seminary to be safe/easy
- More pedestrian friendly
- Wider sidewalks
- add pull out of traffic bus stops, to keep traffic moving and reduce accidents (Seminary Road)
- Pedestrian crossing lights (translation)
- More bike lanes (protected green ones)
- WMATA or DASH buses on Seminary to Pentagon? (28G or 16L used to)
- More buses around peak hours (7a-9a and 4:30p-6:30)
- more buses during peak time
- more electronic signs at bus stops on bus arrival in X mins
- What are we doing with scooters and bikes?
- dangerous for pedestrians along Seminary
- safety on Fairbanks + Seminary
- bus stop clock (arriving in X mins)
- limitations, would like to bike but no bike lane (s)
- move CaBi station on Fillmore Av (in front of St James Plaza)
- Metrobuses and DASH buses fly down Fillmore Av (translation)
- walk to other places difficult
- buses pass frequent (translation)
- Like walking around here

Traffic + Parking

- Parking problems at circle (The Spire, Goodwin House, Newport Village)
- traffic issues Seminary Road
- close to DC (translation)
- traffic concerns ensure uniformity of building looks (i.e. colonial)
- Seminary Rd (west). No more left turns on SB Beauregard?
- Transportation issue/problem and lack of fair price (translation)
- lack of parking
- Flashing red light at Giant (Lincolnia Rd and N Breckenridge Rd)
- more lighting around here (dark)
- traffic bottlenecks on Sanger Av (on street parking on Sanger causes it)
- easy to get around
- more lanes (exit lanes and merge lanes)
- traffic is noisy
- increased congestion
- parking at the Spire
- flashing pedestrian signal on Fillmore at x-walk (translation)
- children at play sign at St James Plaza
- too much double parking on Fillmore Av
- no parking at St James Plaza after hours, can we park at NVCC lot?

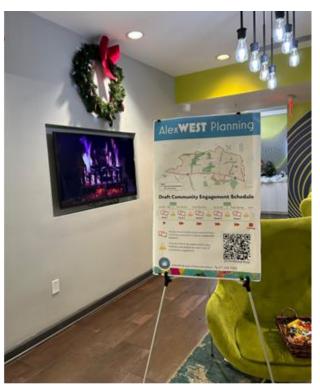
• lack of parking/ not sufficient (translation)

Images



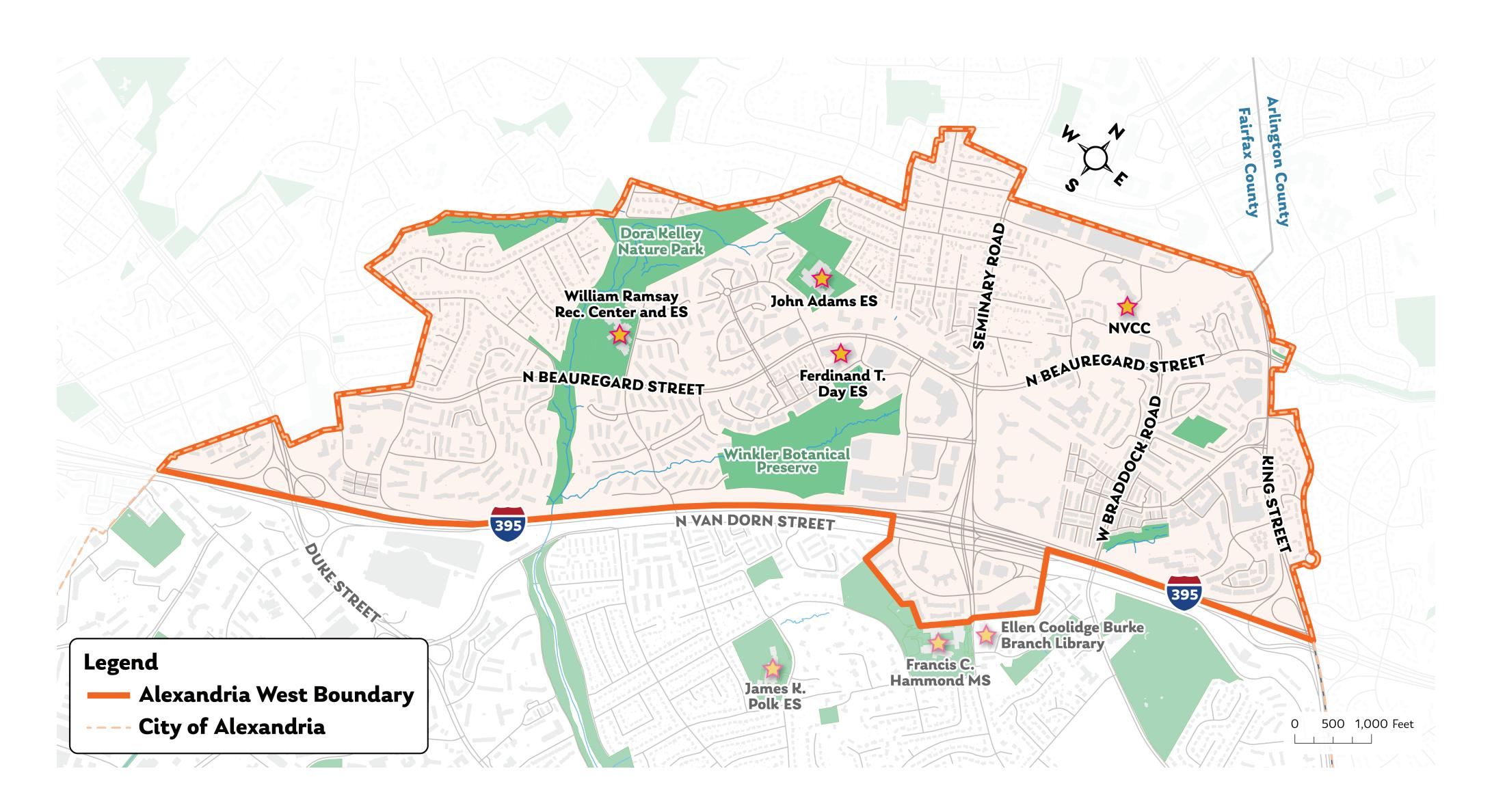




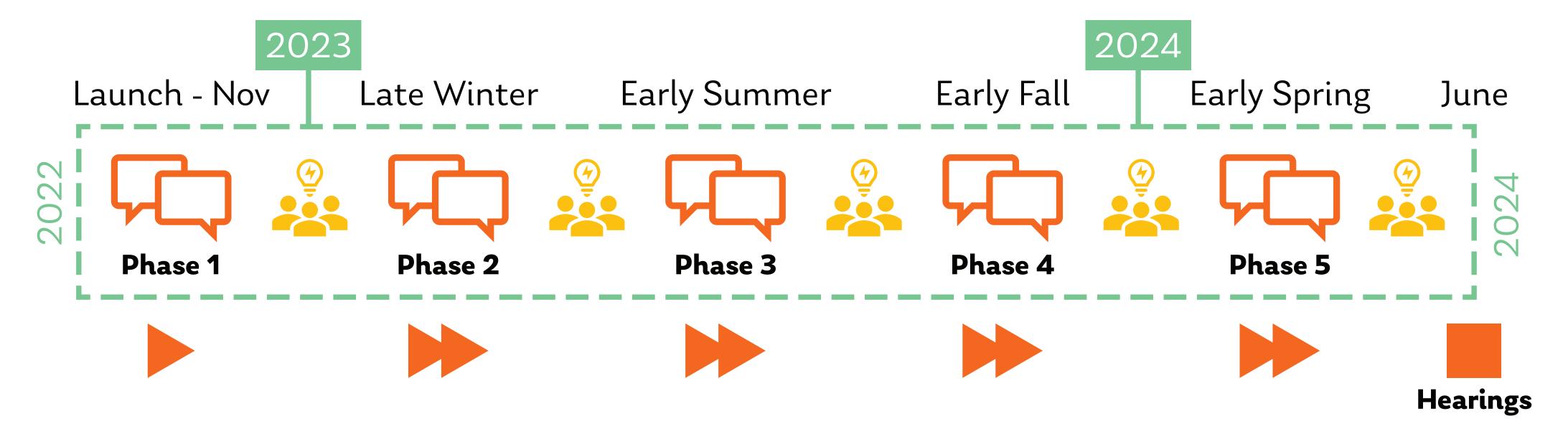




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Draft Community Engagement Schedule





Variety of community events and activities in-person and online to collect stakeholder feedback



Internal work to document community feedback and prepare for next round of community engagement





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Share any questions or comments about the following topics:

Equity Housing Affordability Transportation

Land Use Culture Parks/Play Spaces