

VISION 2030 COMMUNITY MEETING

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The following is a brief summary of notes taken by the JHU consultant team during the January 23 community meeting. Leadership from the following community groups were invited to this meeting: North Potomac Citizens Association, West Montgomery County Citizens Association and Darnestown Civic Association. These comments were expressed both as questions and as statements of concern. The JHU consultant team has attempted to record the comments as originally stated during the meeting and have organized these notes by topic below.

DEVELOPMENT - General

- Are any heirs of Ms. Banks alive today?
- Who would live in this area? Is it possible to limit housing to those people working within the Belward/SGLSC area?
- How much housing would be provided on the Belward site?
- There should be a transition from the low-density surrounding residential to the taller/more dense areas of proposed development.
- The overall direction is good. If there is growth in the area, this is the type of growth that is needed.
- The community is supportive of using the proposed research campus as an educational tool for children of all ages.
- JHU should consider denser concentration of development within the SGLSC (rather than Belward). This would allow greater creativity on the Belward property and uses such as open space, parks, cultural and retail.
- The community would be particularly interested in hearing more about green space (and connectivity), infrastructure and transit.
- There are other properties nearby that belonged to relatives of Ms. Banks.

OPEN SPACE/PARK SYSTEM AND HISTORIC PROPERTY

- Community organizations would be very interested in the plans for open space and the park system.
- Would like to see the existing trees preserved and as much reforestation as possible.
- The community would like to see greater connectivity with respect to area parks and bike paths.
- Would there be public access throughout the site?
- Several playing fields may be appropriate on the Belward site.
- The green character of the Belward farm should be preserved.
- The farm house should be preserved, and it may be appropriate to provide recreation/green space around the farm house.
- The team should also consider preservation of the adjacent barns along with the farm house.



ENVIRONMENT/LEED

- Environment design and LEED issues are very important to the community. The community expects JHU to design buildings in an environmentally sensitive way due to JHU's reputation in the fields of research and science.
- The use of alternative energy sources would be appealing.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- The community groups would be interested in additional information regarding infrastructure and proposed improvements.
- Concern about high traffic volume in this area.
- The ideas about living close to where you work are good.
- Concerns about energy, water and other utilities.
- What type of commitment has the county made for transit?