Crystal Substation Updates

Summary

Our Dominion Energy project team has worked collaboratively with the Arlington County community over the past several months to make additional improvements to the Crystal Substation Upgrade and Expansion Project. We want to thank the community for attending our Aug. 13, 2020 virtual community meeting, viewing the informational session recording, and website content. In addition, we are pleased with the feedback provided through our online survey and small group meetings to address substation aesthetics and functionality. In response to feedback from our outreach, we have added the following to our use permit application:

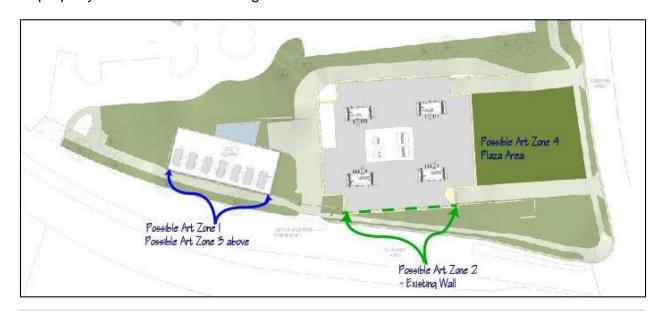
- 1. Commitment to providing public art on-site
- 2. Redesigning the plaza to improve the pedestrian and leisure experience
- 3. Widening the sidewalk located on portions of South Hayes Street from four feet to six feet

These improvements represent Dominion Energy's commitment to be a part of and to serve the National Landing community for decades to come.

Public Art

Dominion Energy will install public art on-site in potential public art zones even though this is not a requirement for use permit applications. These potential public art zones include the new substation facility's podium, the new substation's mesh screening, the existing substation's wall, and the plaza area. Dominion Energy will work with Arlington County to choose an artist, select the location for public art, and commission public art.

Dominion Energy's public art commitment goes above and beyond what is expected for a use permit project and represents the company's desire to be a courteous neighbor by beautifying its property and the National Landing area.



Plaza Redesign

Dominion Energy redesigned its plaza to create an open space that enhances the pedestrian experience. The company previously proposed placing on-site parking near the center of the plaza and breaking up the open space with walking paths. Dominion Energy redesigned the plaza space after analyzing the community's responses to Dominion Energy's public survey. The community's responses to the public survey overwhelmingly favored turning the plaza into a leisurely green open space. Based on this feedback, Dominion Energy decided to move the onsite parking out of the plaza and redesign the plaza space to create an unimpeded open space and pedestrian path.







Wider Sidewalks

Dominion Energy will widen a portion of the sidewalk on South Hayes Street near the South Hayes/South Fern intersection from 4 feet to 6 feet. Dominion Energy originally planned to provide 4-foot wide sidewalks in this location. However, members of the community asked Dominion Energy to widen the sidewalk to 6 feet to create a more welcoming pedestrian walkway. Dominion Energy was able to redesign a portion of its site to accommodate this request. The wider sidewalk will effectuate the redesigned plaza's pedestrian-oriented design.

