

## Statement of Principles

The Palisades Citizens' Association (PCA) supports the city's effort to revitalize Carolina Park, located between Macomb Street, Manning Place, Sherier Place and Potomac Ave, NW. PCA wishes to thank the DC Department of General Services (DGS), the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and Councilmember Mary Cheh for their leadership in advancing this initiative.

In an effort to provide aggregated community guidance, the general membership of the PCA has endorsed the following statement of principles regarding the project's design, implementation and maintenance:

- The design and scope of work to enhance Carolina Park reflects community input during each stage of the project,
- There is improved access to the park from Manning Place NW between Sherier Place NW and Potomac Avenue NW for connectivity with existing sidewalks and possible handicap parking spaces,
- Improved water drainage and mosquito mitigation remain a top priority of the project,
- Park enhancements should attract neighbors within a .5 mile radius of the park to mitigate parking constraints and overall site congestion,
- The space for new playground equipment is the approximate location and size of the existing playground area and without substantive regrading,
- Any new recreation and play features include as many natural and natural-looking elements as possible, including but not limited to: grass or wood chip surface, faux logs for climbing and perching, berms and contouring for play and perching (see attached images),
- Additional benches, picnic tables and other seating is considered,
- Final plans for the park preserve the sledding hill along Macomb St, NW, preserve existing heritage trees and maintain a quaint and natural setting,
- Any new plantings include native plants,
- A commitment is made by DGS and the city to retain funding for maintaining Carolina Park; replacing natural surfacing, removing garbage and clearing invasive vines and poison ivy as needed.