FORT LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
VISION & GOALS

• ENHANCE A VIBRANT COMMUNITY HUB
• REVIVE THE EXISTING LANDSCAPE & PARK
• CELEBRATE THE RICH SITE HISTORY
• ENCOURAGE AN INTERGENERATIONAL EXPERIENCE
• CREATE A MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD AMENITY

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### Historic Overview - Timeline

#### Battle of Bladensburg: On the hill that will one day become Fort Lincoln, Commodore Joshua Barney and his troops hold off the British, before being overcome. The British force advance to burn the White House.

**Painting by Charles Waterhouse (1814)**

#### War of 1812
- **1812**: Fort Lincoln is constructed as part of a series of fortifications to defend the capital which include Fort Totten and Fort Reno among others. When African Americans are admitted to the U.S. Army two years later, many are assigned to the Defenses of Washington.

#### Civil War
- **1861**: 4th U.S. Colored Infantry at Fort Lincoln, Library of Congress.

#### Great Society
- **1870**: The National Training School for Boys opens on the former site of Fort Lincoln on January 13, 1870. Part of the Bureau of Prisons, it was “an institution committed to the task of retraining and redirecting youths who have violated the laws of the United States and the District of Columbia” (U.S. Bureau of Prisons, 1953). It closes in 1968.

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#### Urban Development
- **1967**: Theodore Hagans, an eminent local businessman and Civil Rights leader is selected by the District to lead the redevelopment of Fort Lincoln. In 1984, after Hagans dies in a plane crash, his daughter, Dr. Michelle Hagans takes over the Fort Lincoln Redevelopment Corporation.

#### Great Society
- **1967**: The Fort Lincoln Urban Renewal Area, a new community to be developed on the former reform school site is announced by LBJ to help relieve housing shortages. The plan calls for 4,500 housing units for different income and family sizes. It additionally calls for new schools and community amenities including a library, health center, fire station and rail transit.

#### Urban Development
- **1975**: Fry & Welch Architects design the Fort Lincoln (Thurgood Marshall) Elementary School which is completed ca. 1975 and demolished in 2020.

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**Note:**

- "Once let the black man get upon his person the brass letters, U.S., let him get an eagle on his button, and a musket on his shoulder, and bullets in his pockets, and there is no power on earth which can deny that he has earned the right to citizenship in the United States." - Frederick Douglass.

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SITE ANALYSIS - HISTORIC CORE

THE SITE OFFERED FRIEDBERG UNIQUE ADVANTAGES:

1. IRREGULAR FORM, NOT DEFINED BY THE GRID OF THE CITY.
2. TOPOGRAPHIC VARIATION AND SIGNIFICANT GRADE CHANGES.
3. PANORAMIC VIEWS FROM VIEWER SUPERIOR LOCATIONS.
4. RICH EMBEDDED HISTORY.

HISTORIC CORE

FORT LINCOLN COMMEMORATIVE PARK

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: M. PAUL FRIEDBERG
ARCHITECT: JEROME LINDSAY
COMPLETED 1980

FORT LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER SITE
THURGOOD MARSHALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SHOWN HERE (DEMOLISHED 2020)
FRY & WELCH ARCHITECTS
COMPLETED CA. 1975
DEMOLISHED 2020

THEODORE HAGANS CULTURAL CENTER AND POOL
ARCHITECT UNKNOWN
DATE UNKNOWN, RENOVATED CA. 2009
FORT LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

FRIEDBERG LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE - DESIGNING PRINCIPLES

LANDSCAPE AS STAGE

FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITH SEAMLESS CONNECTIVITY

PLAY IS INDEPENDENT AND COLLECTIVE FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

VISITORS ARE BOTH ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS & OBSERVERS

NEW TYPOLOGY: “PARK / PLAYGROUND”
FORT LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

• DESIGN A CONTEMPORARY AND INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY CENTER TO PROVIDE UPDATED WELLNESS AMENITIES, INVITING SOCIAL RESOURCES, AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

• EXPAND FORT LINCOLN PARK’S DESIGNED LANDSCAPE TO TIE THE COMMUNITY CENTER SITE INTO THE PARK AS A WHOLE.

• INTEGRATE THE BUILDING DESIGN WITH THE EXISTING PARK’S LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND UNIQUE NATURAL FEATURES.

• CONNECT THE NEW CENTER TO THE LANDSCAPE BY WEAVING TOGETHER INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR SPACES.
FORT LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT - CONNECTING OLD & NEW

EXPAND

EXTEND

CONNECT

FOLD
NEW PLAYGROUND; 5,000 SQ FT; 2-5 YEAR OLDS
SEATING/REST AREAS; WOOD DECKING
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
AMPHITHEATER & RAMP
RECREATION LAWN
MEADOW
NEW TRAIL; PERMEABLE ASPHALT
NEW PATH; SQUARE PRESSED CONCRETE
OUTDOOR FITNESS SPACE; WOOD DECKING
ROOF TOP AMPHITHEATER
ROOF TOP LAWN
AGILITY FITNESS COURSE
FOREST EDGE PLANTING

SEATING/REST AREAS; WOOD DECKING
SECURE COURTYARD
NEW PLAYGROUND; 5,000 SQ FT; 2-5 YEAR OLDS
BIORETENTION TYP.
SERVICE ACCESS
GREEN ROOF
ASPHALT PAVERS
ASPHALT DRIVE
DEMONSTRATION KITCHEN
CONCRETE PAVING
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
AMPHITHEATER & RAMP

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LANDSCAPE STRATEGIES
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AGILITY FITNESS COURSE

FLEXIBLE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM SPACES

FITNESS PROGRAM, GATHERING SPACES FOR SENIORS
FORT LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
EXTERIOR VIEW - LANDSCAPE AT AMPHITHEATER
ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT - SITE MATERIALS

- WOOD
- CONCRETE
- FIELDSTONE
- BRICK
- BLACK METAL
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EXTERIOR VIEW FROM THE WEST - FACADE MATERIALS STUDY

1. TEXTURED MASONRY
2. SMOOTH MASONRY
3. WOOD
4. BLACK METAL
FORT LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
EXTERIOR VIEW FROM THE EAST - FACADE MATERIALS STUDY

1. TEXTURED MASONRY
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FORT LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
AERIAL VIEW FROM THE NORTHEAST