

Streetscape Taskforce Walking Tour

Saturday, July 30, 2016

8:00 am

George Mason High School
7124 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043

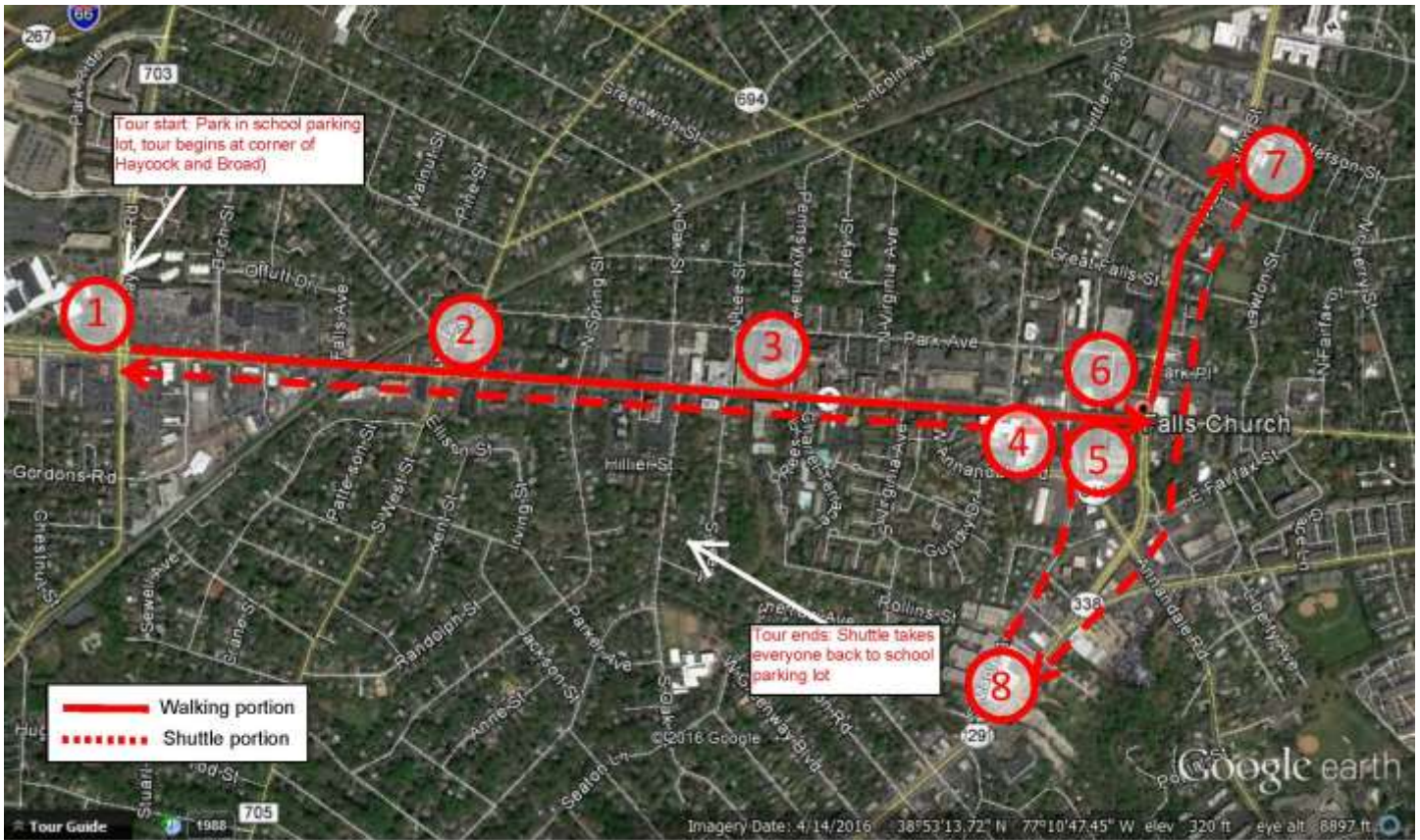


AGENDA

Tour Stops:

Solid red line indicates walking, dashed red line indicates driving in the Parks and Rec van. (see attached tour map)

1. **George Mason High School** -- Group parks and starts at the School.
2. **West and Broad** -- Group walks the full length of Broad to Washington, with designated stops at West and Broad, Spectrum, Harris Teeter, and 100 block of Broad (both sides). Total stretch is about 1.4 miles.
3. **Spectrum**
4. **Harris Teeter**
5. **100 block of Broad** -- Group then walks up North Washington to Northgate, total stretch is about 0.4 miles.
6. **Northgate** -- Group then takes the van (red dashed line) down to Tinner Hill and gets out and walks South Washington area.
7. **Tinner Hill**
8. **South Washington** -- Finally the van takes everyone back to the school.



Discussion Questions:

1. Setbacks: Compare the form/shape of the street trees on W Broad from Haycock to Spring and Virginia to Washington (buildings have 1-2 stories next to the street) with the form/shape of the street trees next to taller buildings (Spectrum, Broadway and Byron) that have similar setbacks.
2. Consistency: How much do you notice/like/dislike any differences between the shrubs and flowers in the street planters on W Broad from one building to the next? How much do you notice/like/dislike the continuity of tree species in the same street planters?
3. Planter size: Note that mature trees completely fill the planter widths in the 100-200 block of W Broad
4. Pedestrian ambience: Compare the Brown's side of W Broad with the 4 Ps side - What do you like/dislike about walking next to planters vs. walking where there are no planters, and walking within the different setback widths?
5. Planter protection: Compare the appearance and condition of the soil and plants in standard raised-edge planters on W Broad with those in edgeless planters like at Pearson Square/Tax Analysts on S Maple.

Meeting Materials Available Online: <http://www.fallschurchva.gov/streetscape>



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