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Community Principles for Preserving Warner Circle Special Park

The Warner Circle Committee supports the following statement of principles to assist all parties involved in planning toward beneficial future use, good stewardship, and public enjoyment of this historic cultural landscape and its buildings.

Preservation. Preserve existing buildings and generous open space that surrounds them, as befits the Victorian-era home at the heart of Kensington's garden park plan. Preserve historic angles of view to and from the buildings where possible. Preserve intact the historic oval design of the property by not selling off any portion of the 4.4 acre tract for private ownership or development.

Community Integration. Embrace and incorporate in planning for and use of Warner Circle Special Park the historic park-like setting and its central role within the Kensington Historic District. Key considerations include community engagement, consideration of local traffic, and keen awareness of and accounting for environmental impacts to the historic property and surrounding area.

Financial Viability. Identify appropriate financial resources and incentives to help ensure Warner Circle Special Park will be rehabilitated consistent with best practices and the preservation and sustainability objectives of the County's Legacy Open Space Master Plan. Explore public-private partnerships and creative use of available tax credits and other financial incentives to leverage public funding and to maximize incentives for the preservation, rehabilitation, and reuse of the buildings.

Public Access. Ensure continued public access to the grounds and, to the extent possible, the buildings of Warner Circle Special Park for the enjoyment of present and future generations of Montgomery County residents and visitors.