



Connecticut Avenue NW near Albemarle Street NW (looking south).



Penni/Squirrel Park in front of Intelsat Headquarters (near Tilden Street NW).



Cleveland Park Library on Connecticut Avenue NW (at Macomb Street NW).



Van Ness-UDC Metrorail Station.



UDC on Connecticut Avenue NW.



Entrance to the National Zoo.

2.3 PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Table 1 provides information on the parks and recreational areas within the primary study area. These facilities, as well as the location of the multiple Capital Bike Share Stations in the corridor, are depicted in Figure 4. All parks and trail facilities are owned by the National Park Service, other than Penni/Squirrel Park, which is privately owned and located in front of and adjacent to the Intelsat headquarters at 3400 International Drive.

Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Act of 1966 (49 USC 303; 23 CFR 774) protects publicly owned parks, recreational areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, or public and private historic sites. There are no wildlife and waterfowl refuges in the primary study area. Historic properties are discussed in Section 2.5. Section 6(f) refers to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program, which was established in 1965 by the federal government to expand public, outdoor recreation space. Section 6(f) provides matching funds in the form of grants to states or municipalities for acquisition, planning, or improvements to public outdoor recreation space. Based on review of LWCF fund grants in the District, none of the parks or recreational facilities in the study area received such funding.



Entrance to Melvin Hazen Trail at 3700 Connecticut Avenue NW.



Typical Capital Bikeshare Station on Connecticut Avenue NW.



Muhlenberg Park/Muhlenberg Memorial.



Soapstone Valley Trail (entrance from Albemarle Street NW).

Table 1 | Parks and Recreational Facilities in Primary Study Area (Listed North to South)

NAME	LOCATION / CONNECTION TO CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW	SIZE (ACRES)	RECREATIONAL AMENITIES AND FEATURES
PARKS			
Fort Circle Park	Connects on both sides, between Fessenden Street NW and Ellicott Street NW	8 ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noncontiguous, open, grassy areas
Triangle Park	Connects on east side, south of Fessenden Street NW	>1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small open, grassy area
Muhlenberg Park	Connects on west side, north of Ellicott Street NW	>1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter Muhlenberg Memorial• Open, grassy area• Seating
Soapstone Valley Park	Connects on east side, between Albemarle Street NW and Windom Place NW	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forested parkland with stream valley• Soapstone Valley Park Trail
Penni/Squirrel Park (privately owned)	Connects on east side, between Van Ness Street NW and Tilden Street NW	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grassy area• Seating• Gated (closes at sunset)
Melvin C. Hazen Park	Connects on both sides, between Sedgewick Street NW and Rodman Street NW	42	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forested parkland with stream valley• Melvin Hazen Trail
Klinge Valley Park	Under Connecticut Avenue NW / Klinge Valley Bridge	8 ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forested parkland with stream valley• Klinge Valley Trail• Connects to Rock Creek Park & Piney Branch Parkway park system
Smithsonian National Zoological Park	Connects on west side	154	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoo
TRAILS			
Soapstone Valley Trail	Does not directly connect to Connecticut Avenue NW (western-most trailhead at Albemarle Street NW and Windom Place NW)	~1 mile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Footpath connecting Soapstone Valley Park with Rock Creek Park• Multiple creek crossings
Melvin Hazen Trail	Direct crossing of Connecticut Avenue NW	~1 mile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Footpath connecting Melvin C. Hazen Park to Rock Creek Park• Multiple creek crossings
Klinge Valley Trail	Crosses below Connecticut Avenue NW (does not directly connect to Connecticut Avenue NW)	~1 mile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-use trail with lighting, benches, and rest areas• Constructed along the closed section of Klinge Road NW from just east of Cortland Place NW to one block west of Porter Street NW• Connects to Rock Creek
CAPITAL BIKESHARE LOCATIONS			
Station 31310	Connecticut & Nebraska Ave NW	--	--
Station 31318	Connecticut Ave NW & Yuma St NW	--	--
Station 31300	Van Ness Metrorail / UDC	--	--
Station 31313	Connecticut Ave NW & Tilden St NW	--	--
Station 31305	Connecticut Ave NW & Newark St NW / Cleveland Park	--	--
Station 31307	3000 Connecticut Ave NW / National Zoo	--	--
Station 31323	Woodley Park Metrorail / Calvert St & Connecticut Ave NW	--	--

1 = Limits of Fort Circle Park and Klinge Valley Park extend beyond primary study area. Acreage provided for parcels directly adjacent to Connecticut Avenue NW.

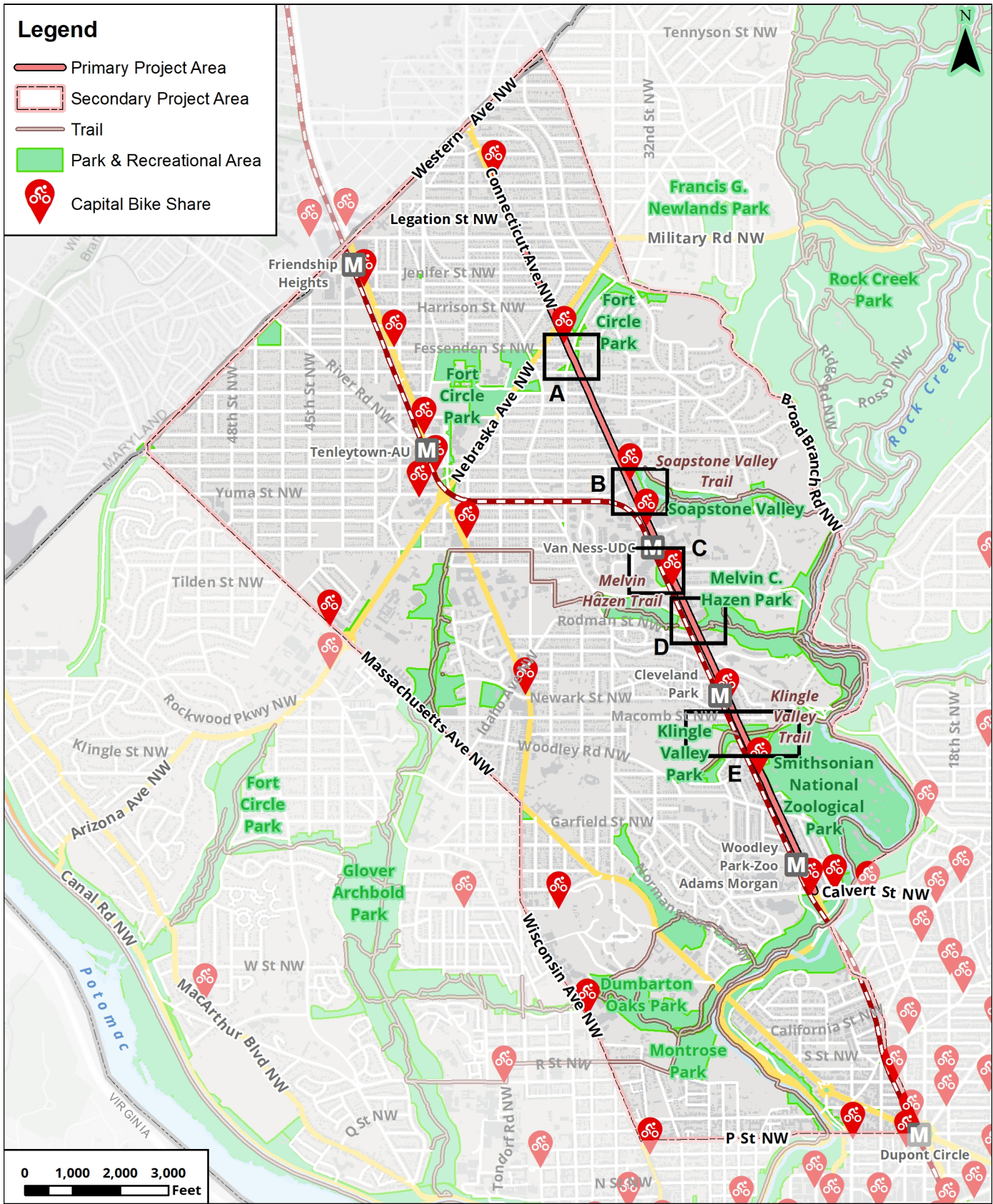


Figure 4a | Parks and Recreational Facilities



Figure 4b | Parks and Recreational Facilities – Details