

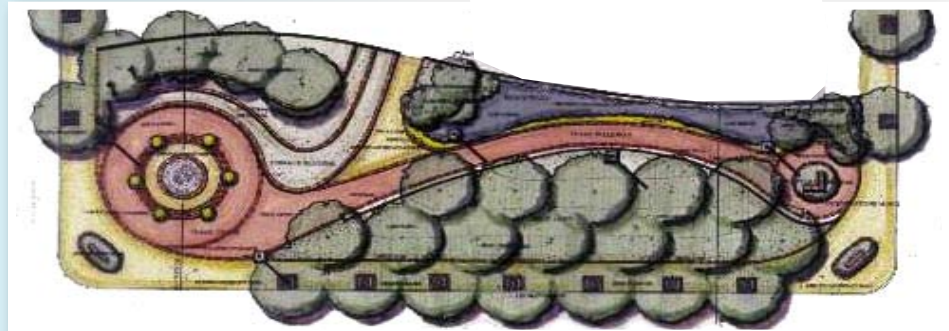
# Alexander Fulton Park



When Moore Planning Group, LLC., (MPG) received a contract from the City of Alexandria to transform a small, grassy rectangle into a creative, functional space, they faced several design challenges. The design intent was to transform this site, which faces a busy parking lot and sits in the core of Alexander Fulton's original settlement, and use it as a way to celebrate Alexandria's past, present, and future.

One of the innovative design ideas MPG's plan featured was the recycling of old city street bricks for a plaza walkway that runs the length of the site. A second tie is the cornerstone from Alexandria's old city hall, featured in a historical exhibit at one end of the bricked walkway. Historical lighting solved the issue of public safety, and reminds visitors of days gone by. A large granite casting of the city's seal, set in the center of a circular plaza, forms the link to the present. Nearby shaded areas invite lunch-hour picnics and other public uses. Colorful tile murals, painted by school children at an annual art festival, line an existing retaining wall and represent the future. The wall, which depicts visions of a "peaceable kingdom", complete with nations, people, animals, and the environment living in harmony, forms the centerpiece of the park's design.

The use of innovative design techniques allowed MPG to transform a small, grassy rectangle into a safe, public-welcoming area that both residents and city visitors enjoy. Historical exhibits, located at strategic points, educate visitors about the past, present, and future of this great city on the Red River founded by Alexander Fulton.



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