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Adams Morgan for Reasonable Development

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Adams Morgan is one of the most iconic and well-known neighborhoods of DC along with Capitol Hill, Georgetown, and Dupont Circle.

The Plaza at the corner of 18th Street and Columbia Road has, for 40 years, been an important part of the Adams Morgan neighborhood. The Plaza is under threat of development.

Today, the 2,500-square-foot plaza and an adjoining 1,500-square-foot elevated stage are used for a weekly farmer's market, musical performances on Adams Morgan Day, and other community gatherings. It sits at the geographic center of Adams Morgan. There are no comparable spaces for public use in the densely-built neighborhood.



After three years of negotiating Perpetual Federal Bank, who purchased the land in 1973, agreed to redress its history of redlining and discriminatory lending and provide specific changes to

its banking practices and to create a community space for public use, covered in a “good neighbor” agreement between the Adams Morgan Organization (precursor to the current ANC) and the bank.

The building was constructed in 1976 by architect Seymour Auerbach with an amphitheater shaped public space for use by both vendors and community groups, and in proportion with the

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stretch of historic 18th Street. The plaza quickly became one of the most used public squares in the city, and was at the center of the annual Adams Morgan Day festival and many community events over the years.

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The proposed new “Plaza” is largely built outside the property line, subsumes existing city sidewalks, incorporates design elements to further prevent public use such as planters and benches curved away rather than inward, and offers only 5% of the usable space of the current Plaza. It is no plaza at all.

On August 4, 2017, DC Superior Court Judge Todd Edelman granted a preliminary injunction against the redevelopment because he found there is a substantial likelihood the Plaza is subject to an easement for public use since it was built in the 1970s.



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