



## **ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN THE DISTRICT**

### **Closing DC General: Short-Term Family Housing in Ward 3**

The District of Columbia has a plan to end homelessness – and that includes closing DC General, the city’s largest family shelter. Experts, community leaders, and current and former residents agree that DC General is not a good place for families. It’s too big, too old and geographically removed from the services that families experiencing homelessness need to exit shelter.

In order to close DC General, the Bowser Administration and DC Council are advancing a plan to open up short-term family housing in every single ward. These facilities will be small, safe and dignified – with the services and supports that help families get back on their feet.

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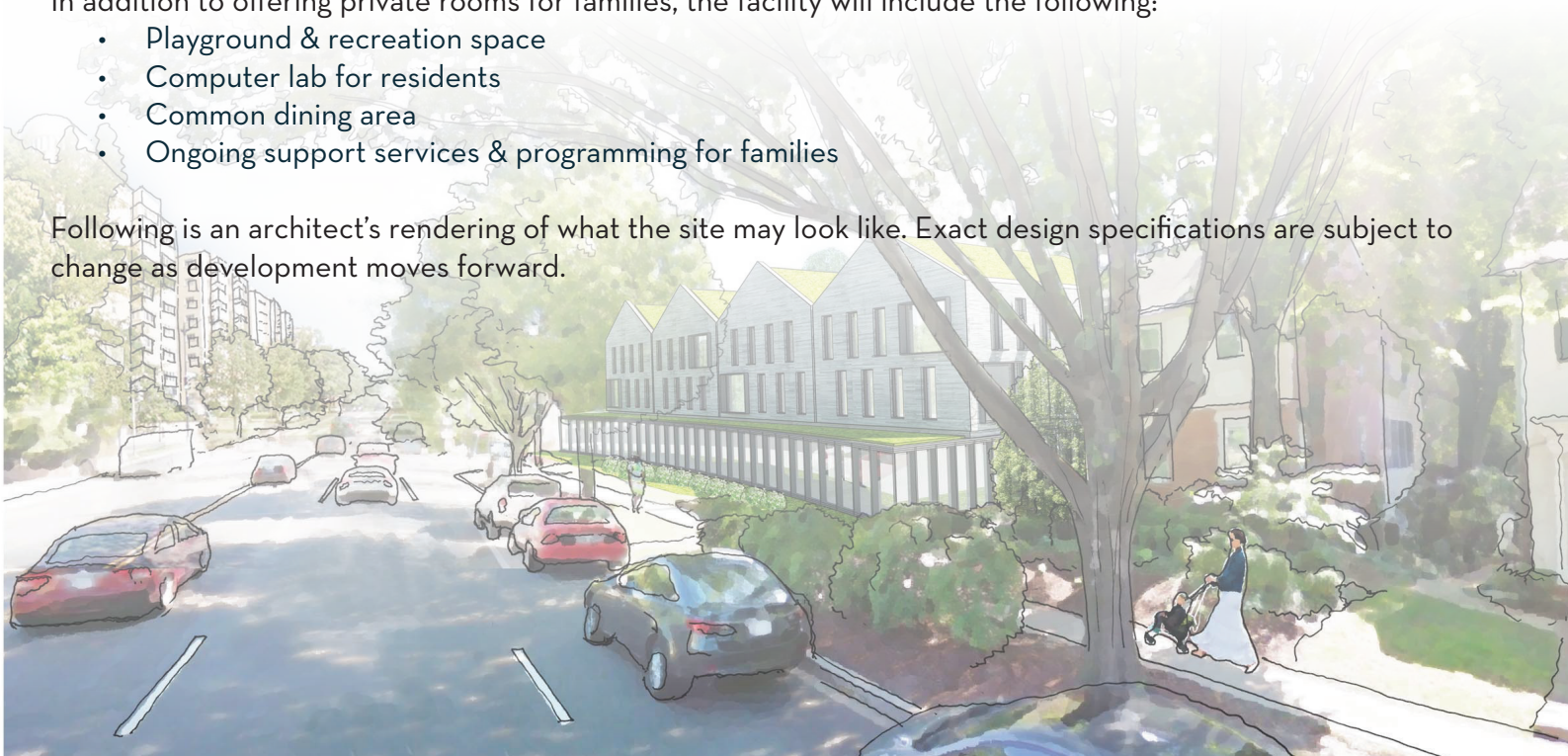
After a thorough search, the District’s Department of General Services has secured a site for short-term family housing in Ward 3 at 2619 Wisconsin Avenue NW. The facility will accommodate up to 38 families at a time.

The Ward 3 short-term family housing facility will be developed on a currently vacant plot of land. In addition to building a modern new building that will complement the look and feel of the neighborhood, the development will create ample parking for the facility’s residents. No new curb cuts are required, as any vehicular access will be from the alley.

In addition to offering private rooms for families, the facility will include the following:

- Playground & recreation space
- Computer lab for residents
- Common dining area
- Ongoing support services & programming for families

Following is an architect’s rendering of what the site may look like. Exact design specifications are subject to change as development moves forward.





Construction of the site is anticipated to begin in early 2017, and the facility is expected to be complete Summer 2018.

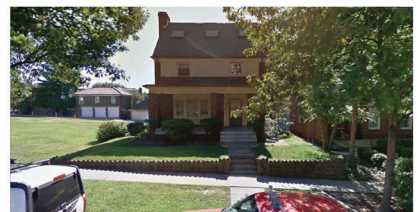
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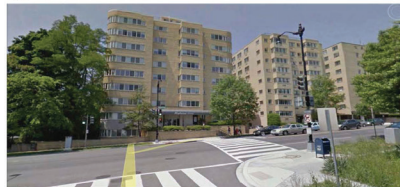
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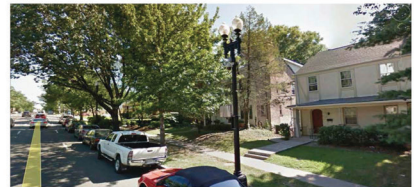
2 VIEW OF LOT 812 FROM WISCONSIN AVE



3 VIEW OF LOT 44 FROM WISCONSIN AVE



7 VIEW OF APARTMENTS ACROSS THE STREET



4 VIEW DOWN WISCONSIN AVE

