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2.1 civic space (see also public realm, public space)		an outdoor area dedicated for public use. Civic Space types are defined by the combination of certain physical constants including the relationship between their intended use, their size, their landscaping and their fronting buildings. (Crystal City Sector Plan)		
2.2 public realm (see also public space, civic space)		area of the built environment dedicated to public accessibility and use, commonly composed of streets, sidewalks, and public open spaces such as parks, squares and plazas. The public realm is spatially defined by the buildings, both public and private, fronting its edges. (Crystal City Sector Plan)		
2.3 easement		a right granted to one property owner (often a public entity) to make use of the land of another property owner for a limited purpose, such as a Right-of-Way or Public-Use Easement. Easements may be specified for a fixed period of time, a fixed but renewable duration, or be set in perpetuity. (Crystal City Sector Plan)		
2.4 sense of place		the experiential quality of an urban setting that fosters a sense of genuine human connection and belonging, making one feel that a place is distinctive and unique. (Crystal City Sector Plan)		
2.5 civic green		describe a formally configured, small public lawn or park that is primarily unpaved. (Columbia Pike Commercial Centers Form Based Code)		
2.6 pedestrian pathway		Interconnecting paved ways that provide pedestrian and bicycle passage through blocks running from a street to either a street, alley or an interior block parking area. The area within a pedestrian pathway shall be a public access easement or public right of way. The easement width for these pathways shall not be less than 20 feet with a paved walkway not less than 10 feet wide, except where otherwise specified on the regulating plan, and shall provide an unobstructed view straight through their entire length. (Columbia Pike Commercial Centers Form Based Code)		

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2.7 street		Includes all public space (streets, squares, pedestrian pathways, civic greens, parks)—including any transit service operator passenger platform—but not garage entries or alleys. (Columbia Pike Commercial Centers Form Based Code)		
2.8 streetscape		the urban element that establishes the major part of the public realm. The streetscape is composed of thoroughfares (travel lanes for vehicles and bicycles, parking lanes for cars), public frontage (sidewalks, shy zones) as well as the visible private frontages (building facades and elevations, yards, fences, awnings, etc.), and the amenities of the public frontages (street trees and plantings, benches, streetlights, etc.). (Crystal City Sector Plan)		
2.9 street-space		All space forward of and between required building lines, including but not limited to streets, Plazas, pedestrian pathways, Mini-Parks, Neighborhood Parks, sidewalks, and transit service operator passenger platforms, but not garage entries or alleys. (Columbia Pike Neighborhood Form Based Code)		
2.10 centering space		Centering spaces are prominently located, highly visible, primarily hardscape spaces defined by public streets and buildings with active ground floor uses. These are spaces that attract and accommodate major public activities and provide sites for special events, art installations, and community gatherings. Such spaces should provide seating, public art, and facilities to support special events and activities, and could include space-activating elements such as fountains or spaces to stage events. (Clarendon Sector Plan)		
2.11 urban park		those serving the needs of both surrounding neighborhoods and the core area’s residential and work populations. These parks should be planned and designed to provide an array of public space activities and programs. Open, landscaped areas, as well as multi-use, basketball courts, handball courts, community fields, community canine areas, tennis courts, circuit courses and climbing walls, should be considered for these urban parks to promote activity, exercise, and foster a sense of safety. Urban parks should be located along primary pedestrian and bicycle ways and offer green spaces with shade trees and seating. (Clarendon Sector Plan)		
2.12 preserved natural area (see also natural lands, natural resources)		Undeveloped areas that are characterized as having a mix of mature trees, dense tree canopy, steep slopes, hydrological features (such as wetlands or seep), or Resource Protection Areas (RPA). These areas are in private ownership and have limited accessibility. Preserving these lands and engaging in invasive plant removal will enhance the local ecology, absorb stormwater runoff, provide wildlife, and enhance the community’s open space network. (Columbia Pike Neighborhood Form Based Code)		