



**Paul Laurence Dunbar Memorial Park** will honor the first published African-American poet and Shaw resident from 1898 through the early 1900s.

The park, located at New Jersey and O Streets, NW in the neighborhood of Shaw in Washington, DC, is the only public green space in a several block radius. Surrounding neighborhoods, such as Dupont and Logan Circles all have cohesive social centers and greens.

Federal Washington, just a few blocks south of New York Avenue, also has many urban social centers and green spaces that symbolically serve as America's front yard.



1874 map of Washington showing the site at New Jersey & O Streets, NW

Shaw lacks a cohesive neighborhood center. The objective of this design is to provide “lungs” to the inner-city neighborhood. By redesign of the park and reconfiguration of neighborhood circulation patterns, “lungs” are created in both a physical, green sense and a socio-economic sense.

The triangle north of the park formed by 4<sup>th</sup> Street, O Street, and New Jersey Avenue will be blocked to traffic to accommodate a much-needed post office. The adjacent abandoned buildings will be fitted for retail. The addition of these features such as the post office will ensure the park becomes an important part of a resident's daily routine. The students from nearby Dunbar High School will also benefit from having retail establishments close at hand.



Proposed reconfiguration north of O Street showing new post office and other retail establishments