3. Public Works Facility and Park/Recreational Complex

Under this option, the Starlight property would be acquired by the City via eminent domain to develop a new public works facility and a park/recreational complex that would primarily serve the Park Manor neighborhood and then the entire community. This option is presented as a concept in Figure E-22. Note that the adjacent commercial and apartment properties would not be treated as part of this concept. Instead, their upgrading would take place as part of code enforcement and general design improvements for the Route 130 corridor.

The adoption of this option would generate several benefits for the City. First, the City would be able to sell or lease the land where the existing public works facility is situated, allowing for the introduction of new taxable ventures. Second, a neighborhood recreation facility would be created in an area of the City where none currently exists, expanding the recreational opportunities for the entire community.