

ARLINGTON POPS

A Plan for Our Places and Spaces



AGENDA

- Planning Context
- Planning Process
- Engagement
- Preliminary Demographic Analysis
- Site Evaluation
- Parks and Recreation Trends
- Open House

EXISTING PARKS AND OPEN SPACE



2,077 acres

592 acres Federal*

918 acres County

145 acres NVRPA

30 acres easements

16 acres NVCT

376 acres schools

9.58 acres / 1,000

*excludes National Cemetery
(557 acres)

PARKS AND RECREATION AT A GLANCE

9.58

ACRES PER
1,000 RESIDENTS



3

NATURE
CENTERS
(1 REGIONAL)



43

RECTANGLE
FIELDS
(14 SYNTHETIC)



34

DIAMOND
FIELDS
(1 SYNTHETIC)



14

COMMUNITY
CENTERS



40%

TREE CANOPY



20

COMBINATION
FIELDS



7

COMMUNITY
GARDENS



34,817

PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS
IN 2015



4

PUBLIC POOLS
(1 REGIONAL)



87%

OF LAND AREA
WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF
A PARK



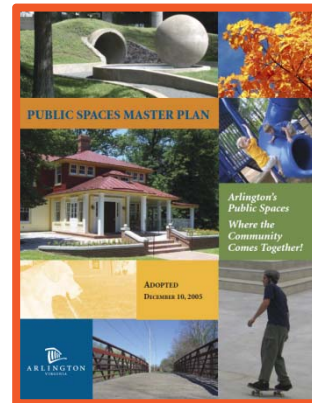
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PLAYGROUNDS



PLANNING CONTEXT

Arlington
County
Comprehensive
Plan



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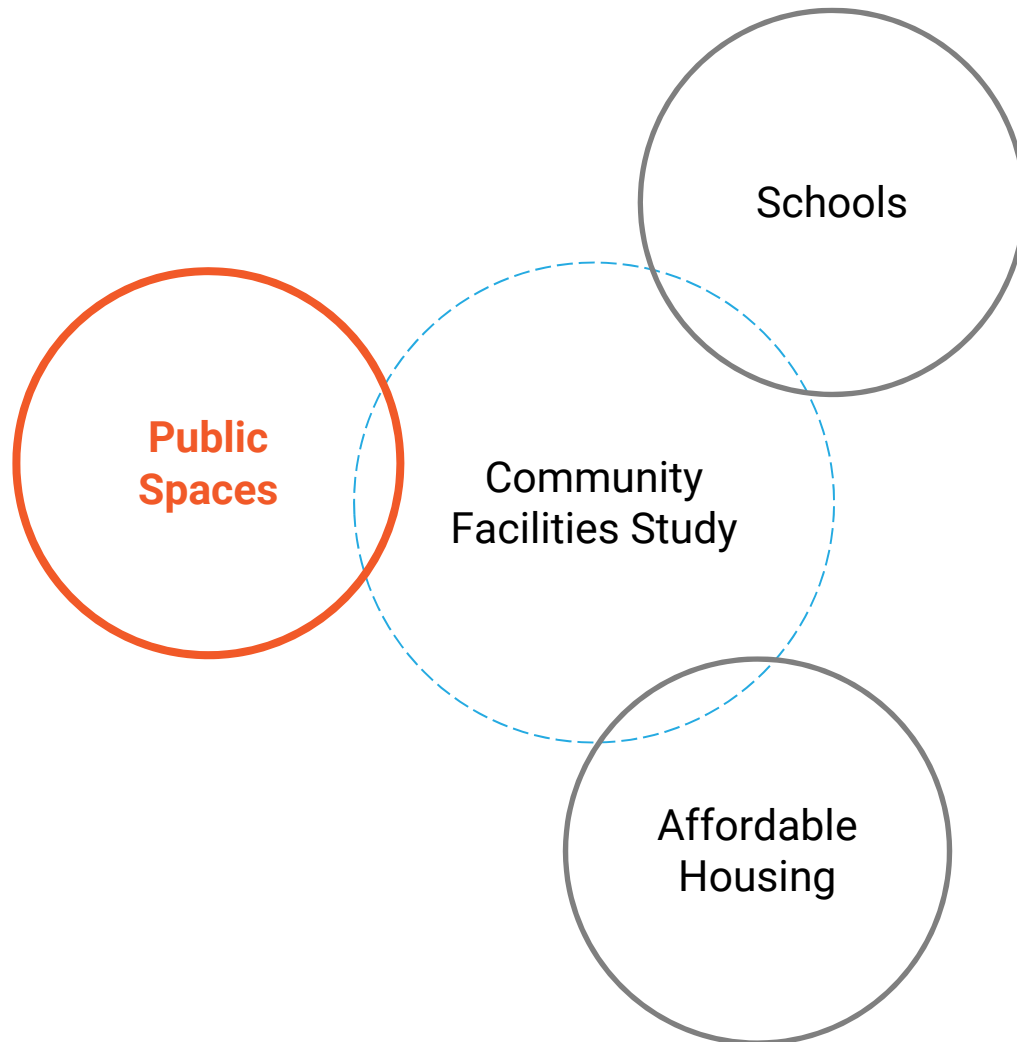
Urban
Forest
Master Plan

Public Art
Master Plan

Natural
Resources
Master Plan

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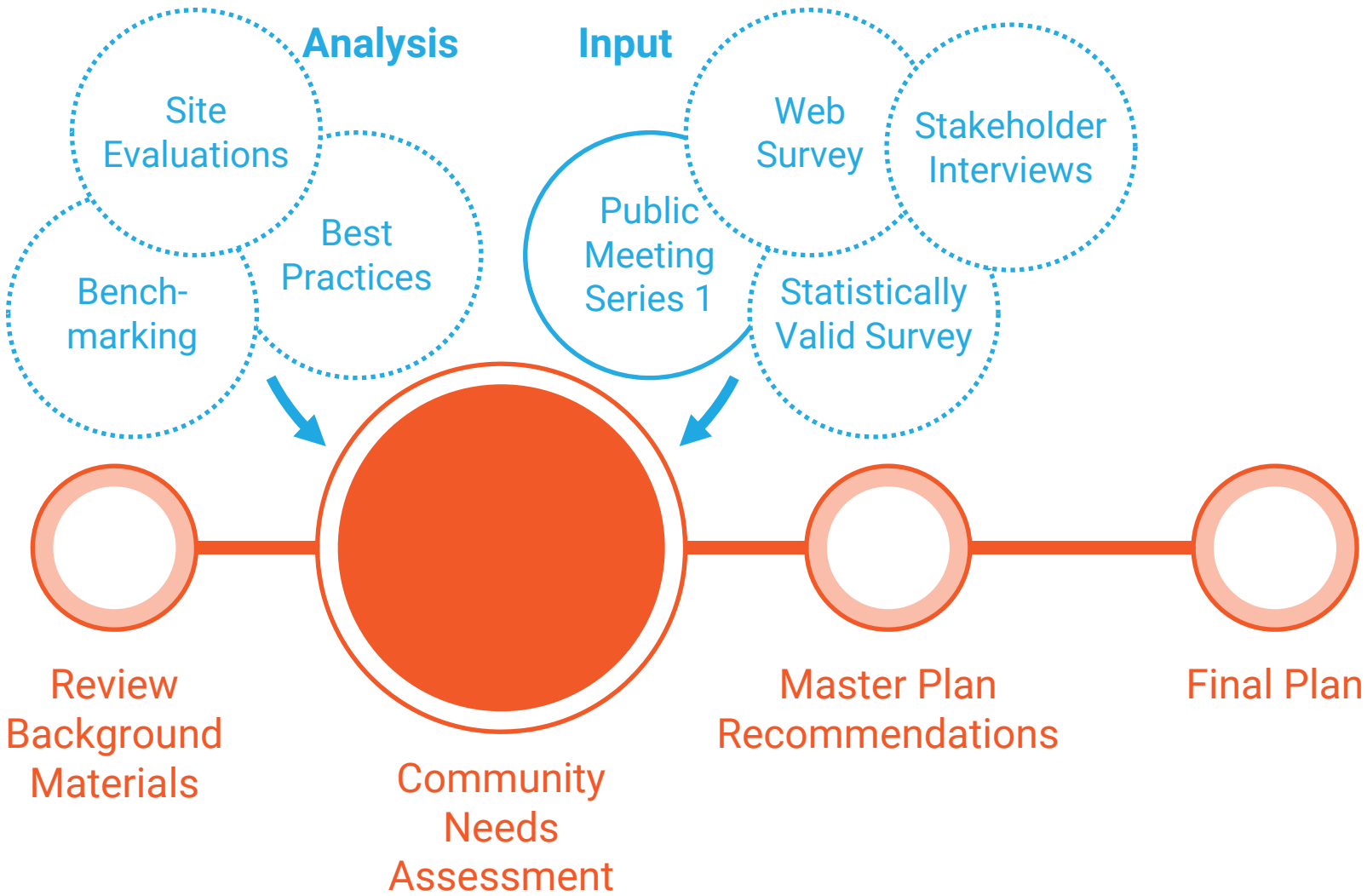
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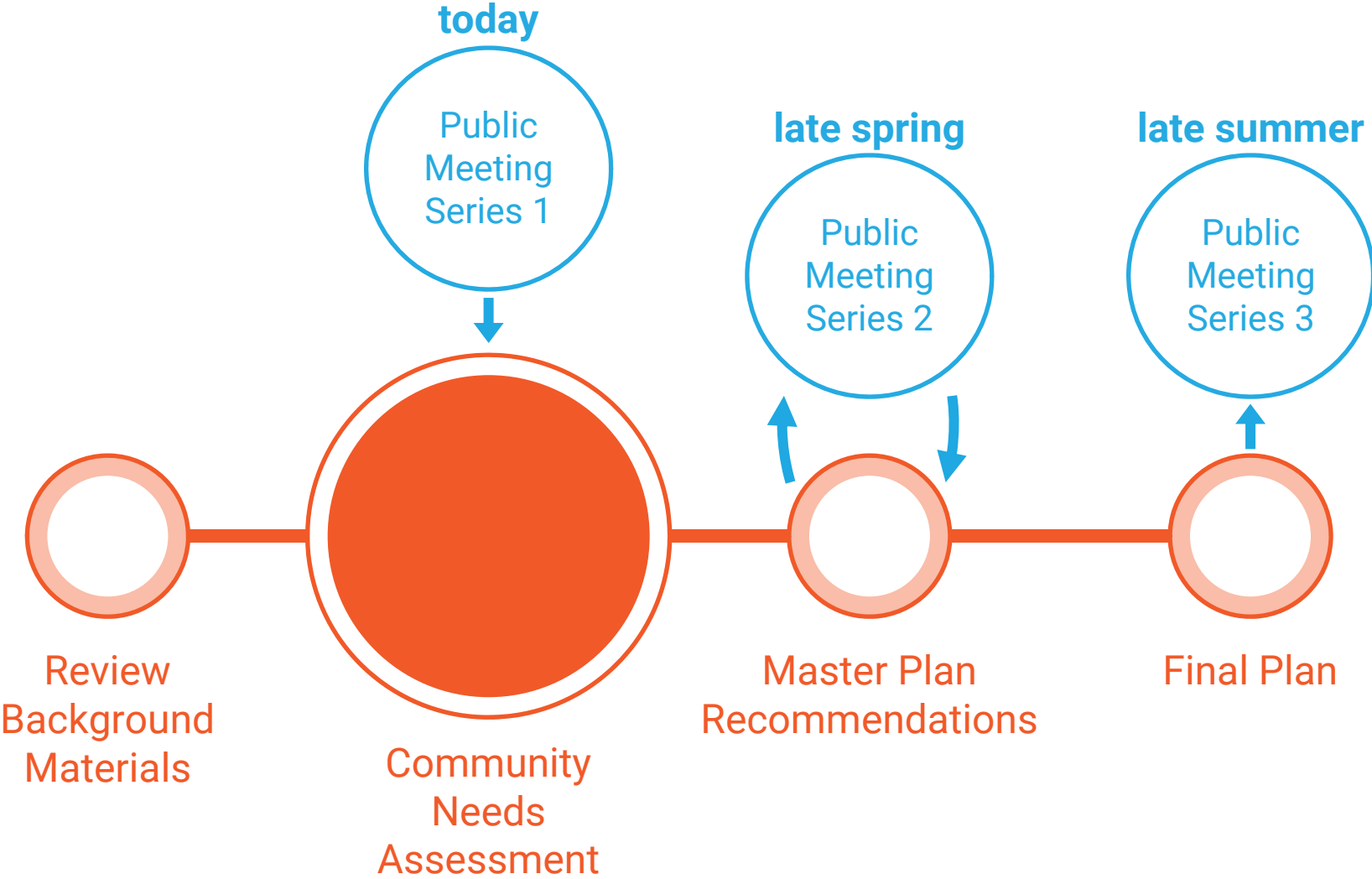
PLANNING PROCESS



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ENGAGEMENT

TAILORED STRATEGIES




Public

deliberate input
and feedback



User Groups,
Stakeholders

interviews and
focus groups



Advisory
Committee,
County Board

briefings



Core Park
and
Recreation
Staff

biweekly
communication

PUBLIC SURVEY

Community Interest and Opinion Survey: *Let your voice be heard today!*
 Arlington County would like your input to help determine park and recreation priorities for our community. This survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete. When you are finished, please return your completed survey in the enclosed postage-paid, return-reply envelope. We greatly appreciate your time!

1. Please indicate if **YOU** or **any member of your HOUSEHOLD** has a need for each type of facility listed below by circling the YES or NO next to the right of each type of facility.

If YES, please answer the questions to the right of the facility regarding “How well are your needs being met?” and “How many times did you use this type of facility during the past 12 months?”

| Type of Outdoor Facility: | Have a Need for this Facility? | | If Yes, how well are your needs met? | | | | If Yes, how many times did you use this type of facility in past 12 months? | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|---------|---|------------|-------------|------------------|
| | Yes | No | Fully Met | Mostly Met | Partly Met | Not Met | None | 1-10 times | 11-25 times | 26 or more times |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 01. Rectangular sports fields (soccer, football, Ultimate Frisbee, etc.) | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 02. Diamond athletic fields (baseball, softball, kickball, etc.) | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 03. Paved, multi-use trails (walking, biking) | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 04. Water spraygrounds | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 05. Playgrounds | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 06. Tennis courts | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 07. Basketball courts | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 08. Volleyball courts | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 09. Skate park | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 10. Dog parks | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 11. Natural areas and wildlife habitats | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 12. Courts (Pickle ball, handball, bocce, etc.) | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 13. Parks and plazas in Metro & Columbia Pike corridors | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 14. Park shelters and picnic areas | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 15. Bike parks (e.g., BMX) | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 16. Hiking trails | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 17. Community gardens | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 18. Rentable space (for formal events) | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 19. Other | Yes | No | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

2. Which **FOUR** of the **OUTDOOR** facilities from the list in Question #1 are **MOST IMPORTANT** to your household? [Using the numbers in Question #1 above please write in the numbers of the **OUTDOOR** facilities that are your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choices, or circle NONE.]

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ 4th: ____ NONE

3. What is the latest time in the evening you would consider using outdoor recreation facilities?
 [Please check ONE of the options for Weekdays and ONE for Weekends.]

Weekdays: ____ (01) 8-9 pm ____ (02) 9-10 pm ____ (03) 10-11 pm ____ (04) 11-midnight
Weekends: ____ (05) 8-9 pm ____ (06) 9-10 pm ____ (08) 10-11 pm ____ (08) 11-midnight

About

7 pages

24 public spaces questions

10 demographics questions

Distribution

Mailed after Thanksgiving

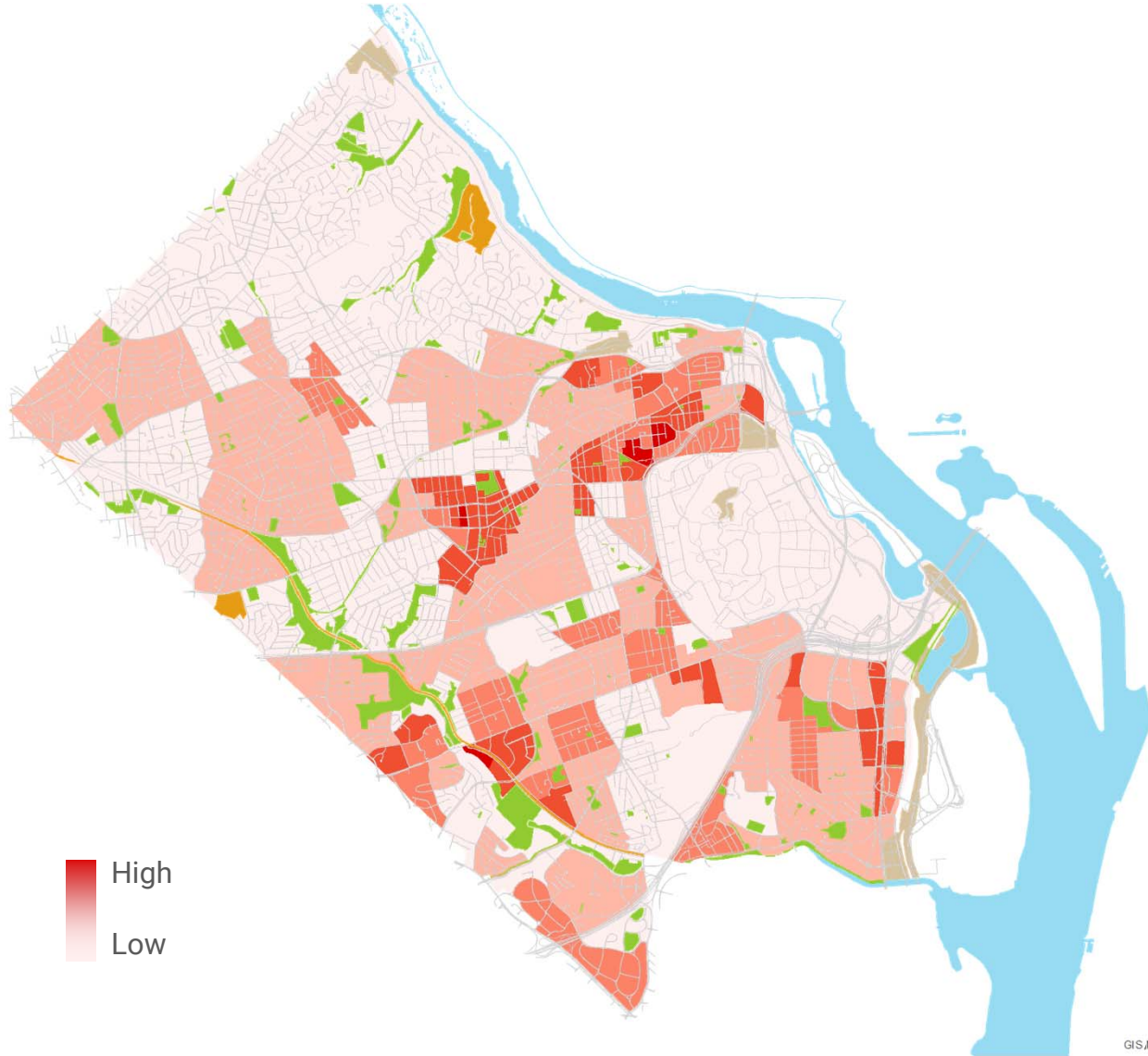
Results

Target: 800 responses

Actual: >1200 responses

ANALYSIS

POPULATION DENSITY

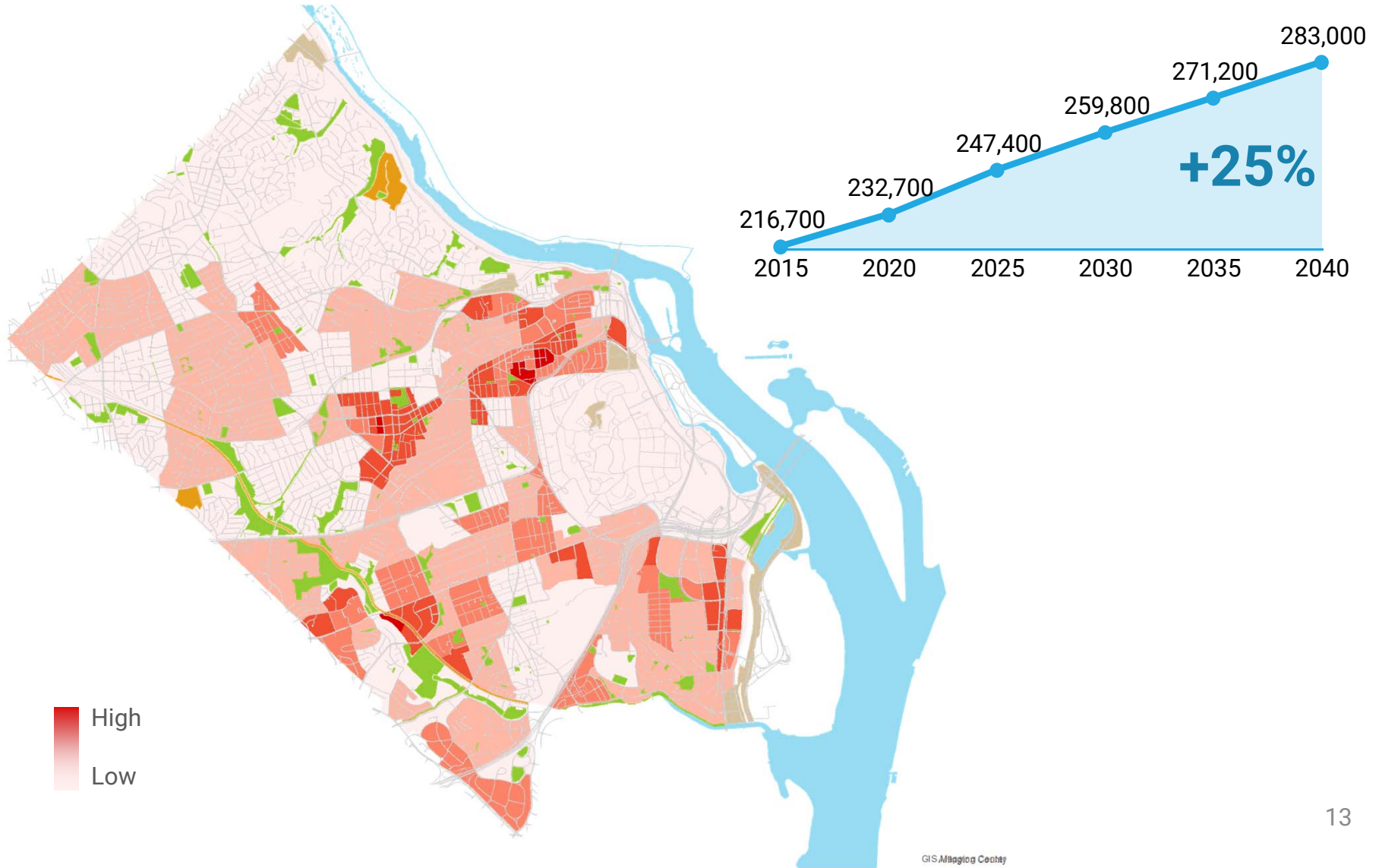


216,700 residents

**More multifamily
apartments and
condos being built**

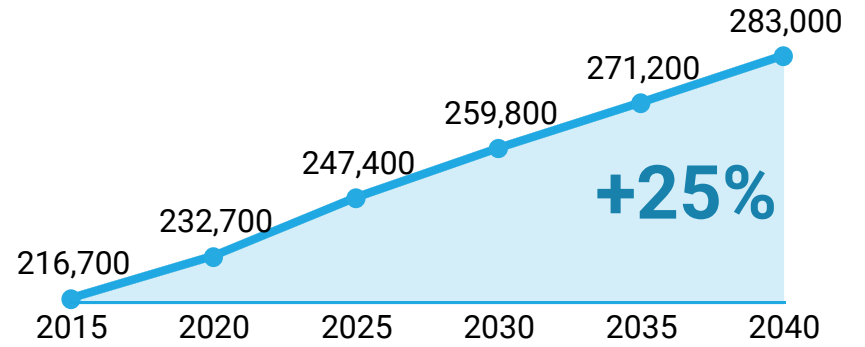
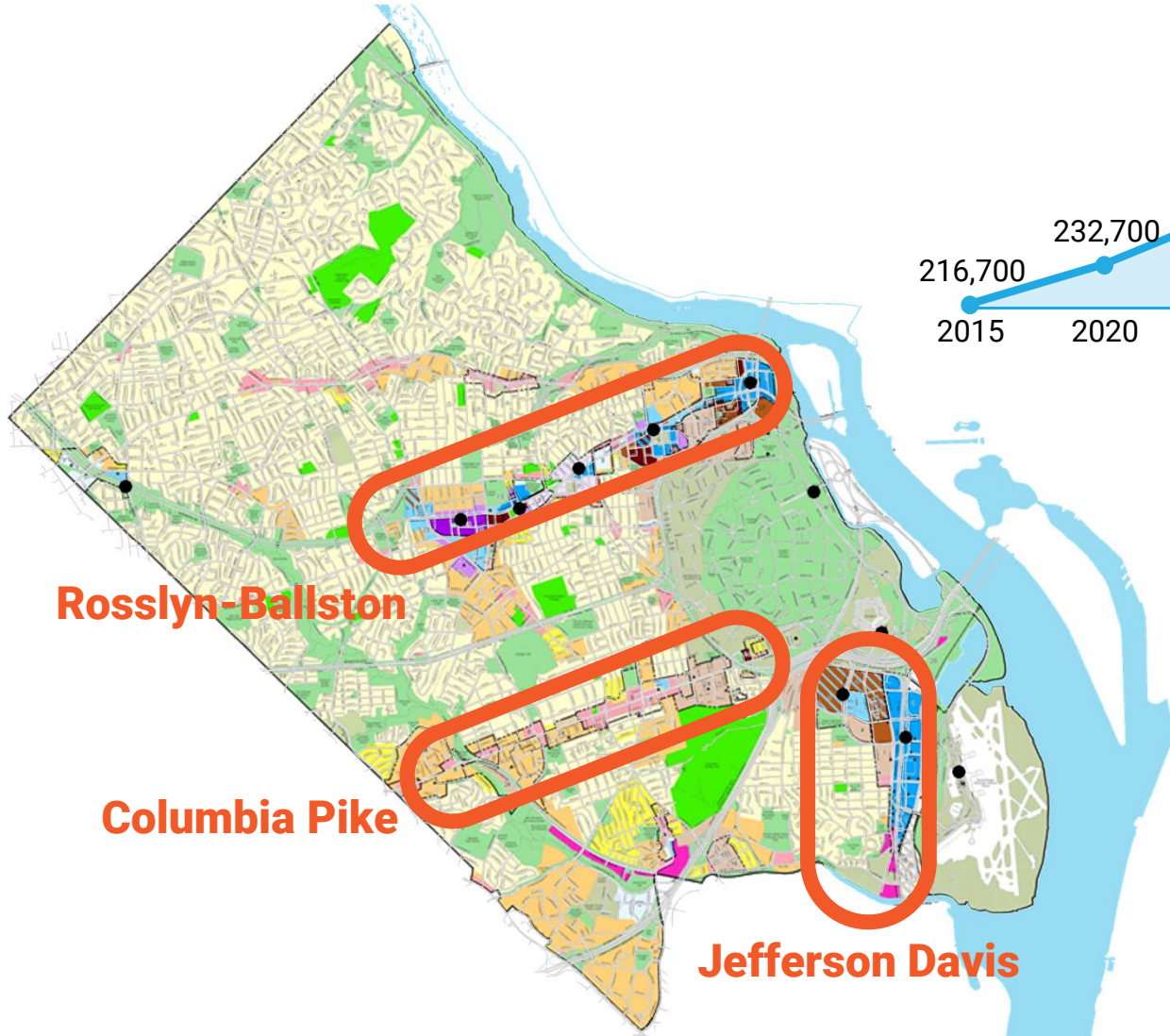
ANALYSIS

POPULATION PROJECTIONS



ANALYSIS

GENERAL LAND USE PLAN



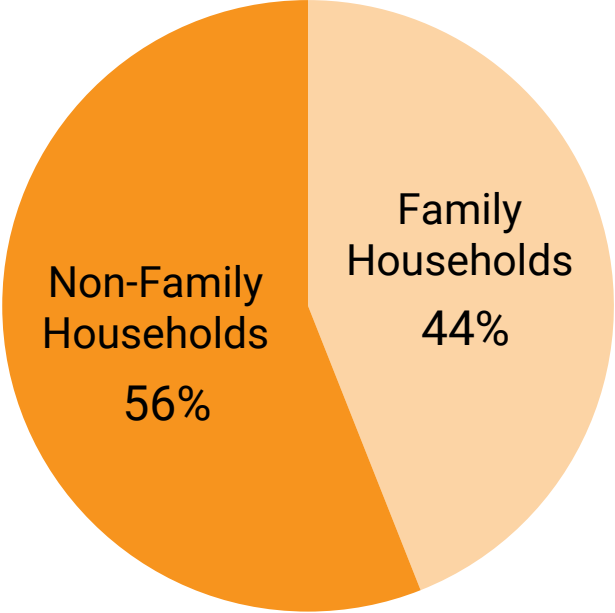
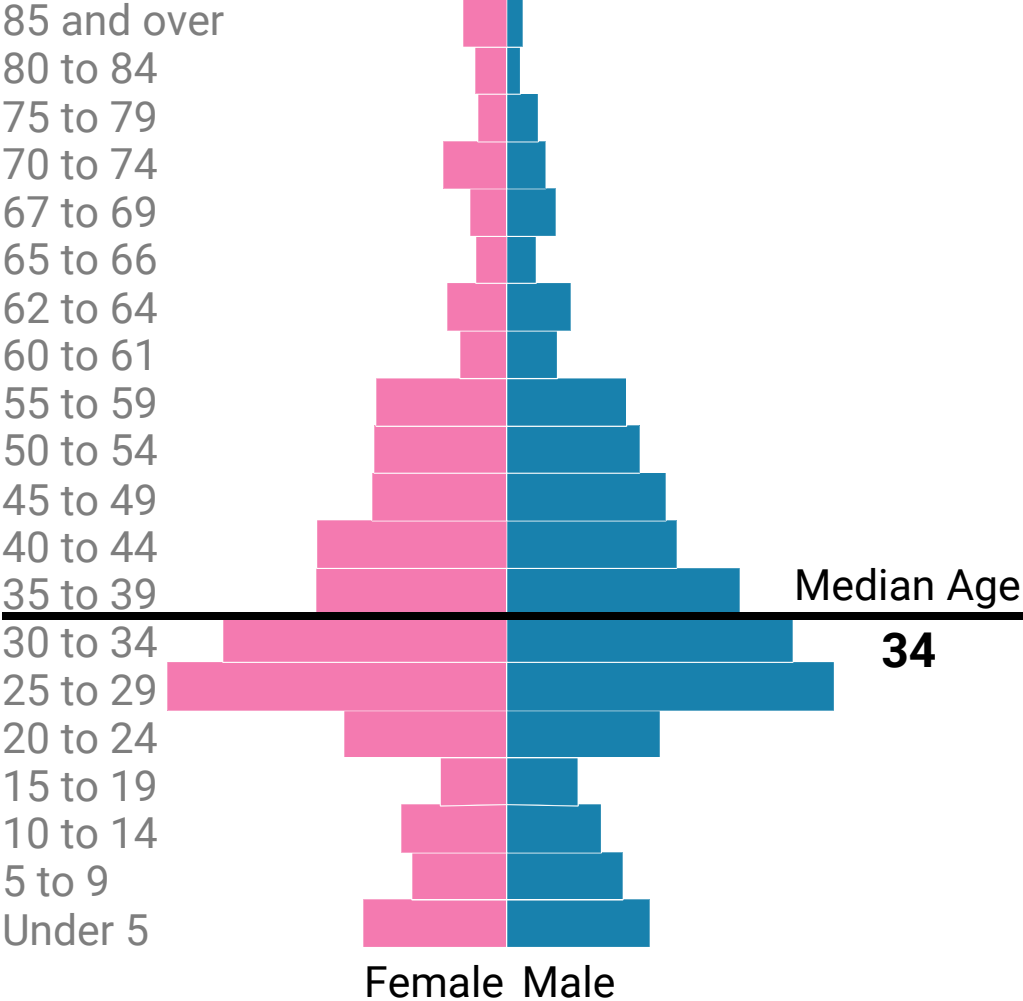
Rosslyn-Ballston

Columbia Pike

Jefferson Davis

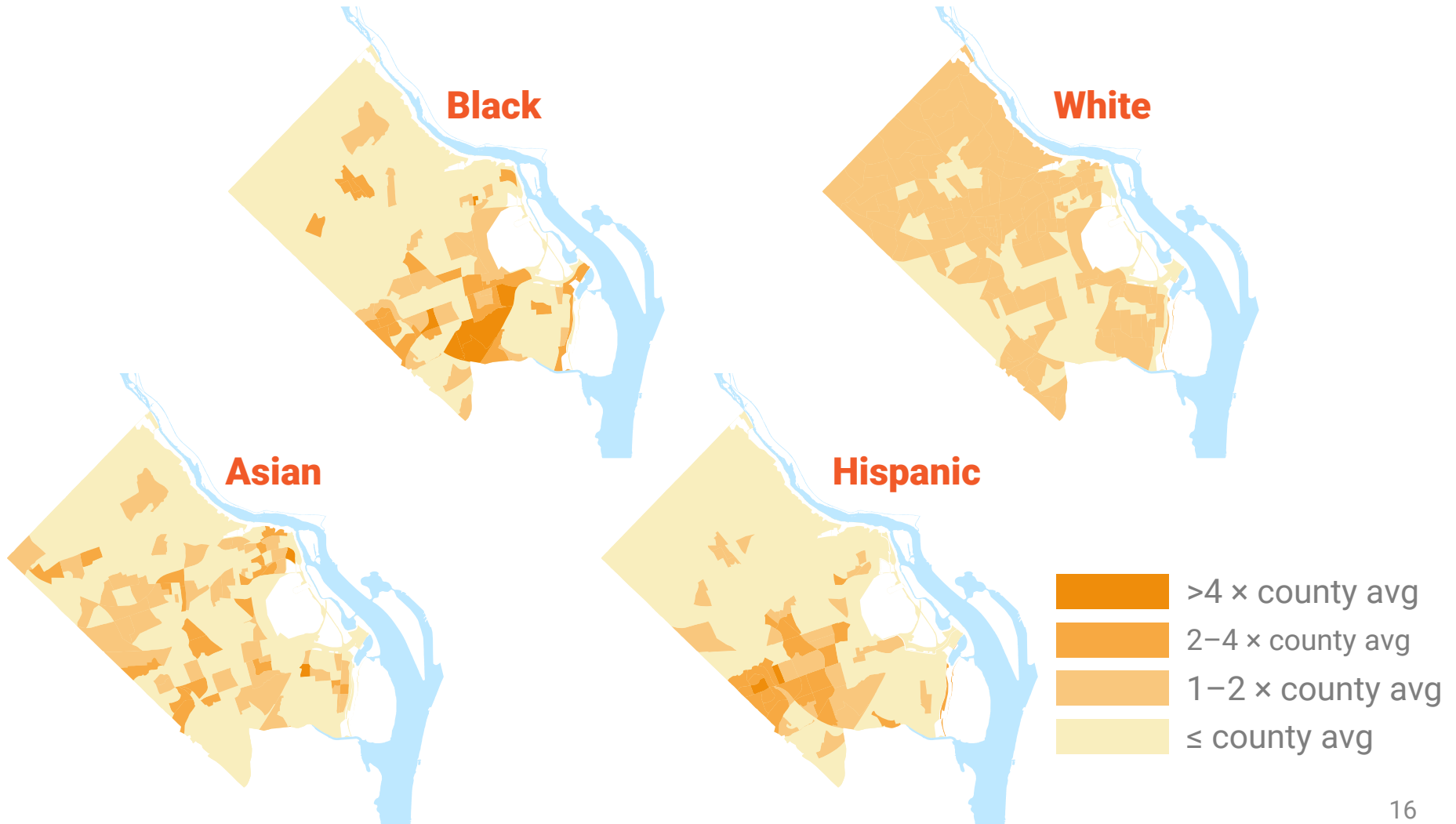
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DEMOGRAPHICS



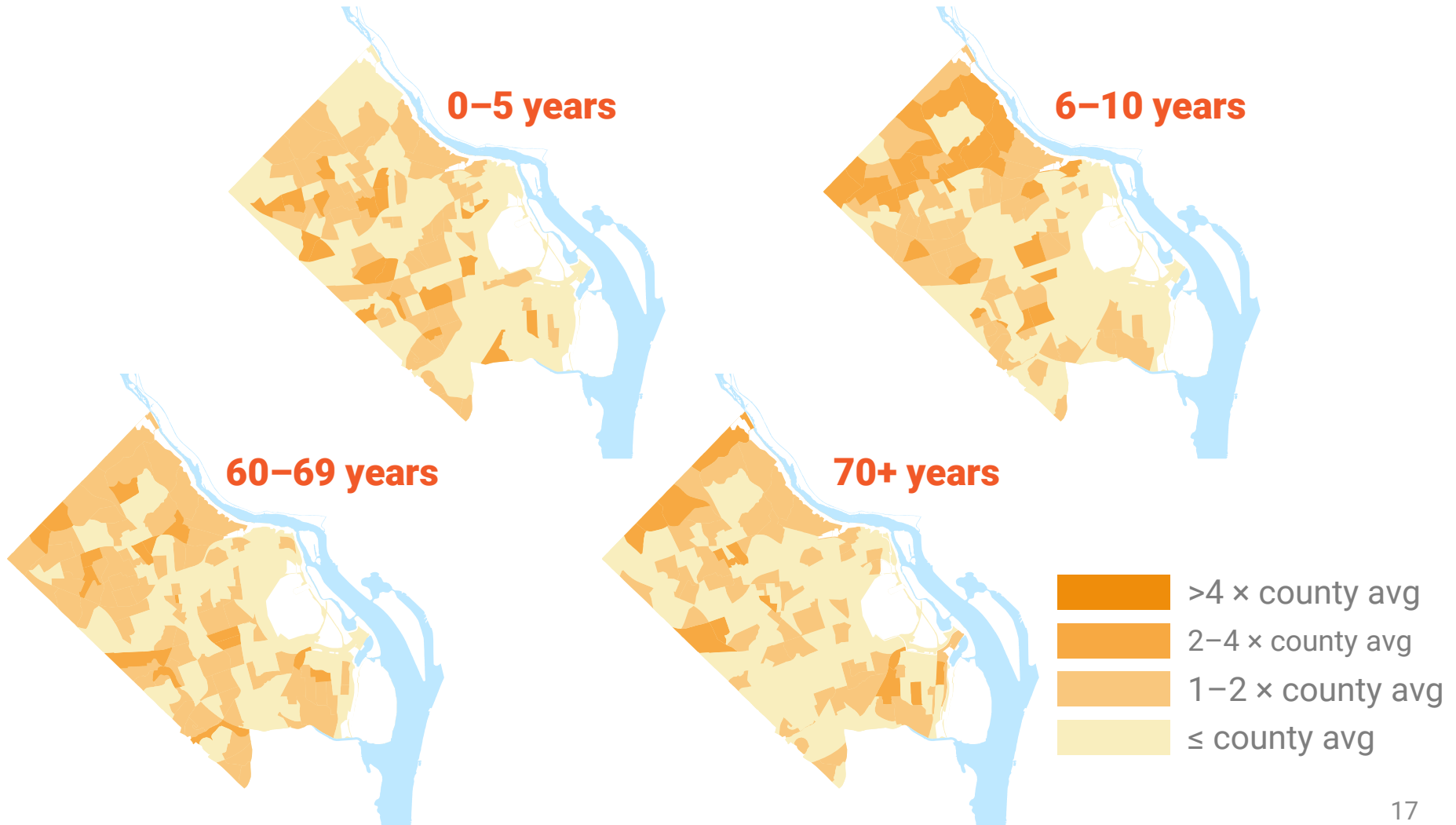
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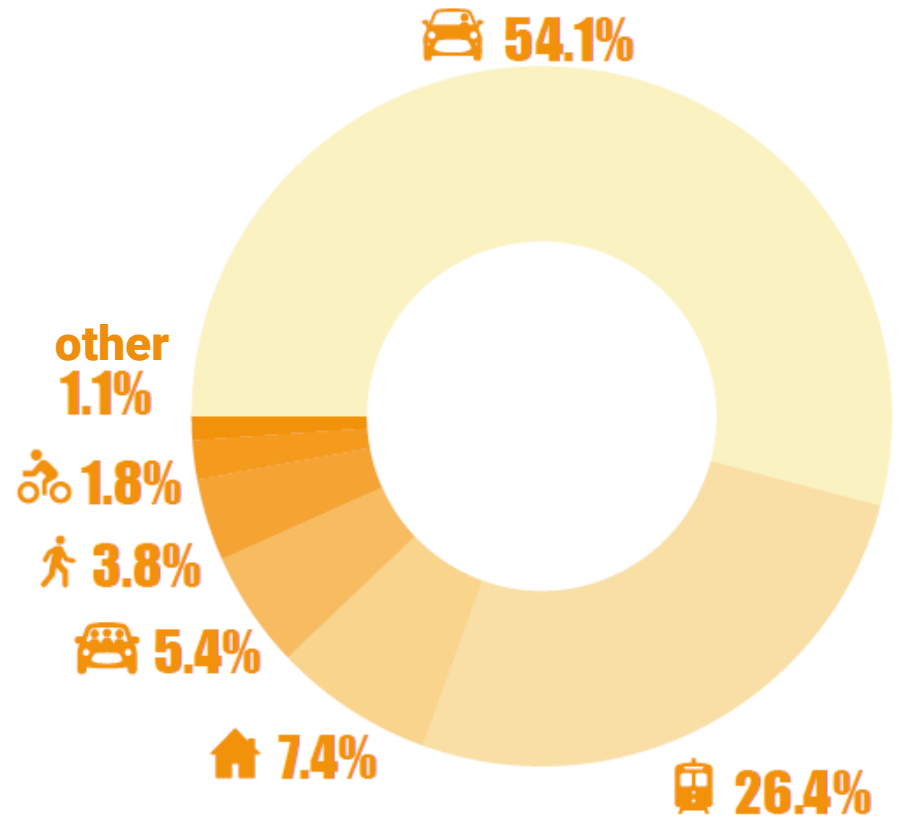
ANALYSIS

DEMOGRAPHICS



ANALYSIS

COMMUTING PATTERNS



FACILITY EVALUATIONS

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SITE / FACILITY ASSESSMENT FORM

Site/Facility: _____
 Address: _____
 Acreage: _____
 Completed By: _____ Date & Time: _____

General Description

Access and Connectivity (check all that apply)

| SITE ACCESS | | ACCESS CONDITIONS |
|--|------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> public road / parking lot | road(s) / intersection _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> well maintained |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sidewalk / pedestrian | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> moderately maintained |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bike / water trail | name _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> poorly maintained |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Metro rail | station _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> reliable access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bus | stop _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> unreliable access |

Signage (check all that apply)

| TYPE | CLASSIFICATION | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> wood | <input type="checkbox"/> educational / informational | <input type="checkbox"/> directional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PVC/Ore board | <input type="checkbox"/> informational | <input type="checkbox"/> orientation Kiosk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> metal | <input type="checkbox"/> facility identification – large | <input type="checkbox"/> parkrules |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> facility identification – small | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ |

Purpose

Better understand the park system
 Inform park classifications

Site / Facility Assessment Form

Access and Connectivity
 Signage
 Land Cover / Natural Resources
 Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities
 Site Amenities
 Stormwater Infrastructure
 Corrective Actions Needed

ADA Assessments

Assessments of all sites completed

PARKS AND PUBLIC HEALTH



PARKS WITHOUT BORDERS

An aerial photograph of Central Park in New York City. The park is a large, lush green area in the center, surrounded by a dense urban landscape of skyscrapers and buildings. The Hudson River is visible in the background on the left, and the city extends to the horizon under a blue sky with light clouds. The title 'PARKS WITHOUT BORDERS' is overlaid in white text on a blue grid background at the top of the image.

Central Park
New York, NY

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Source: Total due via flickr

PARKS AS “NATURE IN THE CITY”





PARKS AS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

PARKS AS LEARNING SPACES



PARKS AS INTERPRETIVE SPACES



PARKS AS PUBLIC ART

A young girl in a white dress and pink shoes is running through a park. She is moving from left to right across a wooden plank deck. In the background, there is a prominent, curved, low wall made of bright red material. The wall has several circular openings and is interspersed with clumps of tall, green grasses. The overall scene is a vibrant, modern park setting.

Tanghe River Park
Qinhuangdao, China

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Source: Kongjian Yu and Cao Yang via contemporist.com

THE FISCALIZATION OF PARKS



Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park
Chicago, IL

Source: Wally Gobetz via flickr

THE CHANGING FACE OF RECREATION



Tai Chi Class – Atlanta Botanical Garden
Atlanta, GA

CHANGING RECREATION INTERESTS



Squash

COMPETITIVENESS & SPECIALIZATION



UNPROGRAMMED SPACES



CREATING SPACE

An aerial photograph of Klyde Warren Park in Dallas, Texas. The park is a large, green, triangular-shaped area with a baseball field and various recreational spaces. It is surrounded by dense city buildings and streets. A blue grid overlay is present in the upper left and center of the image.

Klyde Warren Park
Dallas, TX

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Source: Kye R. Lee, Dallas Morning News

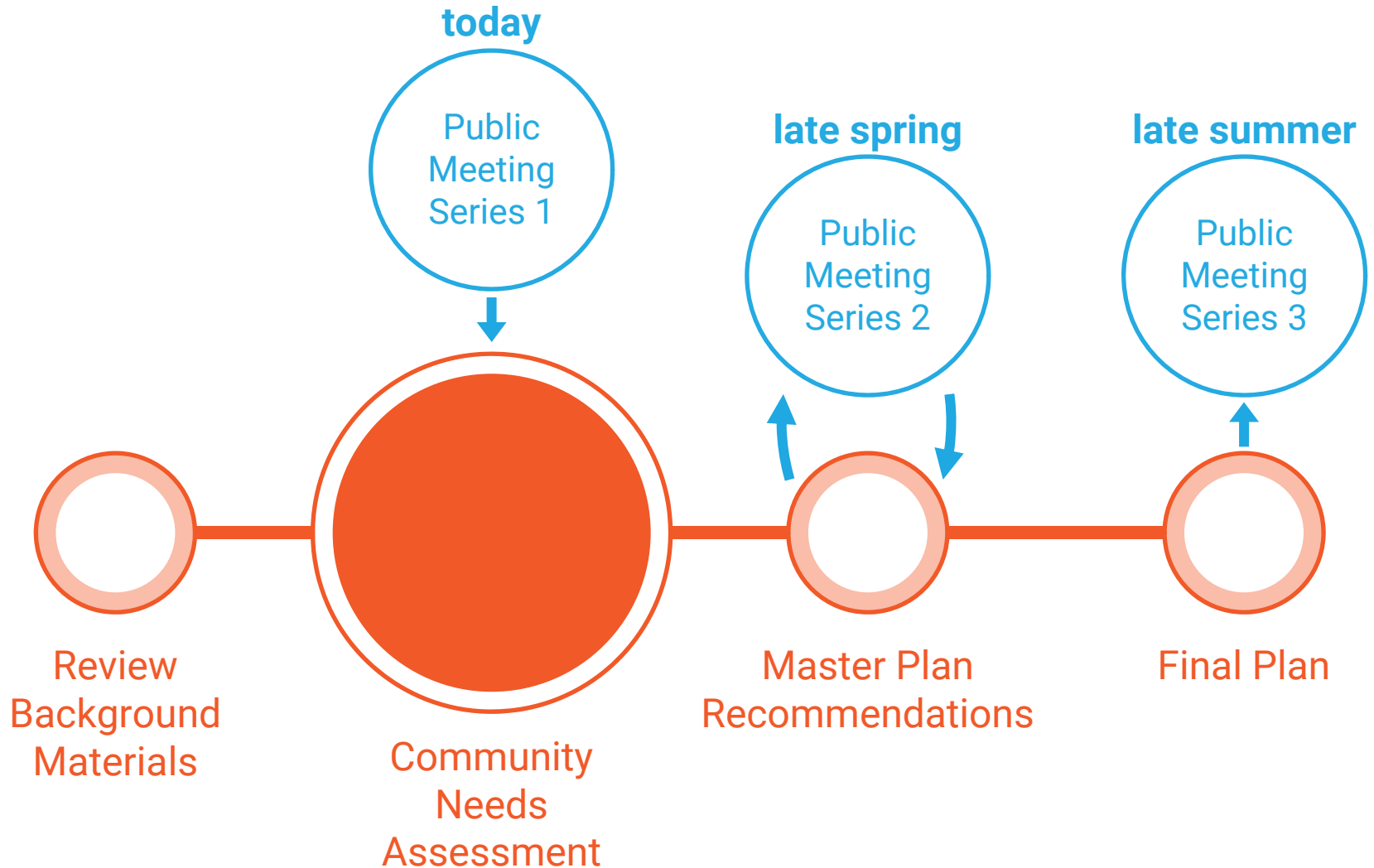
GOING VERTICAL



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PLANNING PROCESS



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