

ARLINGTON POPS

A Plan for Our Places and Spaces

DRAFT STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2 AND 3



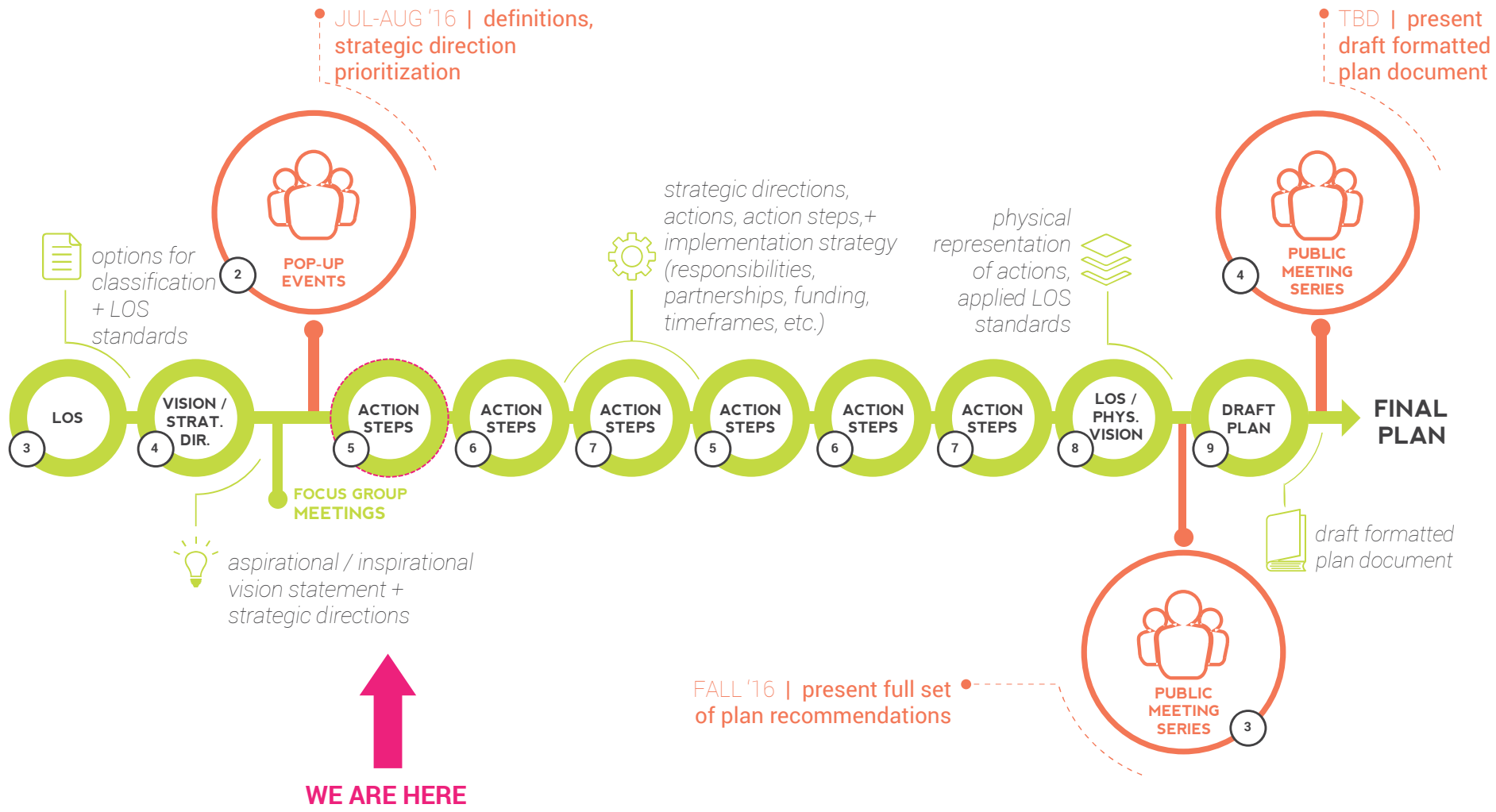
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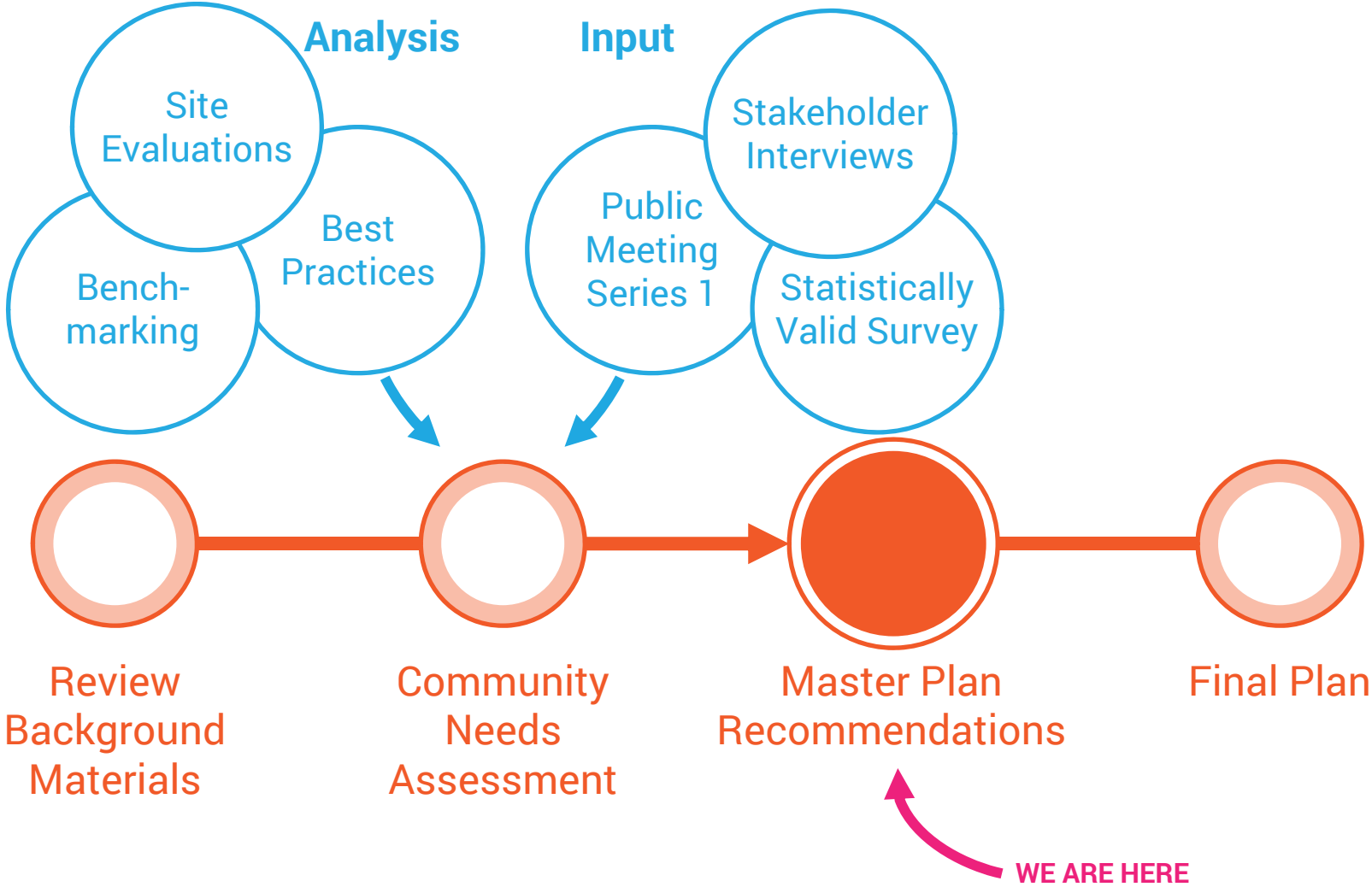
AGENDA

- **Process Review** (5 minutes)
- **Strategic Direction 2: Trails** (45 minutes)
- **Break** (10 minutes)
- **Strategic Direction 3: Natural and Cultural Resources** (45 minutes)
- **Level of Service Sample/Preview** (5 minutes)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC MEETING TIMELINE



PLANNING PROCESS



ANALYSIS & INPUT

Bench-
marking

Alexandria, VA
Bellevue, WA
Berkeley, CA
St. Paul, MN

Site
Evaluations

Bluemont Junction
Penrose Park
Donaldson Run
Gunston CC & Park
Long Bridge Park
Penrose Square
Upton Hills
Virginia Highlands
Walter Reed CC
Welburn Square

Public
Meeting
Series 1

Langston-Brown CC
Courthouse
Whitlow's on Wilson
Arlington Mill CC

Stakeholder
Interviews

Advisory Committee
APS
Aquatics
BIDs & Partners
Bike/Ped
Dog Parks
Gymnastics
Natural Resources
Urban Forestry
Sports

Statistically
Valid Survey

Goal: 800
Actual: 1470

ADDITIONAL INPUT

POPS
Popping Up

- 07-04 July 4th Celebration @ Long Bridge Park
- 07-09 Central Library
- 07-10 Fairlington Farmers Market
- 07-14 Clarendon Farmers Market
- 07-16 Arlington Farmers Market
- 07-17 Columbia Pike Farmers Market
- 07-24 Westover Farmers Market
- 07-28 Ballston Farmers Market



ADDITIONAL INPUT

Focus Groups

06-20 Millennials
06-21 Seniors
06-29 Teens
07-19 Gen Xers



PLAN ORGANIZATION

- Introduction
 - Vision Statement
- Planning Context
 - Previous Planning Efforts
 - Relation to Ongoing Efforts
 - Demographic Trends
 - Recreation Trends
 - Summary of Engagement
- Existing Conditions
 - Parks
 - Trails
 - Focus Groups
- Analysis and Standards
 - Benchmarking
 - Access / Level of Service Standards
 - Applied Standards
- Strategic Directions
 - Policy Recommendations + Rationale
- Action Plan
 - Implementation Responsibilities
 - Partners
 - Potential Funding Sources
 - Timeframes
- Vision Plan
 - Physical Manifestation of Action Plan

ACTION PLAN

Strategic Direction 1: Maintain and improve physical assets of existing parks.						
Action Steps	Method	Responsible Parties	Potential Partners	Potential Funding Sources	Performance Measure	Time Frame
Action 1.1. Develop and implement a comprehensive asset management and maintenance system with sufficient funding to improve the quality of user experiences in the Oklahoma City parks.						
1.1.1. Maintain an inventory of all park assets (facilities, infrastructure, and grounds), including condition, deferred maintenance needs, and life cycle replacement schedules.	Task	Parks and Recreation Department	"Friends of OKC Parks" organization(s)	Maintenance enhancement fund (field and shelter fees, golf fees, etc.), sponsorships, advertising, donations	All park assets and their condition inventoried.	Short term (0-5 years)
1.1.2. Establish maintenance standards for park assets (facilities, infrastructure, and grounds) tied to quality outcomes. Target a minimum of level 2 maintenance using NRPA's standards.	Task	Parks and Recreation Department				
1.1.3. Prioritize and implement physical investments in existing park assets to implement the standards and address deferred maintenance and life cycle replacement.	Policy	Parks and Recreation Department				
1.1.4. Update existing facility and grounds maintenance procedures to support the system.	Task	Parks and Recreation Department				
1.1.5. Increase current funding to sufficient levels to implement the system.	Policy	Parks and Recreation Department				

Parties responsible for implementation

Potential implementation partners

Potential funding sources

Performance measures for gauging success

Time frame for implementation

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

SD1: PUBLIC SPACES

SD2: TRAILS

SD3: NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

SD4: PARTNERSHIPS

SD5: RECREATION PROGRAMS

SD6: MARKETING & COMMUNICATION






















SD7: FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

SD8: OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

Strategic Direction 2

TRAILS

What We've Learned

-    Multi-use and hiking trails are among most in demand amenities
-    High usage has caused conflicts between types of users
-    Users need a better understanding of trail etiquette
-    I-395, Fort Myer/the Cemetery, Army Navy Club are barriers
-    Directions difficult due to poor naming and signage
-    Various entities responsible for bike/ped routes is confusing
-    Trail repairs are not addressed quickly

Strategic Direction 2

TRAILS

Improve the network of trails to, within, and between public spaces to increase access and enhance connectivity.

TRAILS

2.1. Complete an “Arlington Circuit” of connected, protected multi-use trails.

- 2.1.1. Complete an “inner loop” of protected routes that connects the Custis, Four Mile Run, Arlington Boulevard, and Mount Vernon Trails.
- 2.1.2. Complete an “outer loop” of protected routes that connects the Four Mile Run, Mount Vernon, Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trails, and the Zachary Taylor Trail or a trail along Williamsburg Boulevard.

ARLINGTON LOOP (EXISTING)



INNER AND OUTER LOOPS (PROPOSED)



TRAILS

2.1. Complete an “Arlington Circuit” of connected, protected multi-use trails. (continued)

- 2.1.3. Evaluate opportunities to create better connections across or around current barriers, including the George Washington Memorial Parkway, I-395, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Army Navy Country Club.

BARRIERS



TRAILS

2.1. Complete an “Arlington Circuit” of connected, protected multi-use trails. (continued)

- 2.1.4. Connect Long Bridge Park to the Mount Vernon Trail.
- 2.1.5. Fill gaps in sidewalks and on- and off-street trails that connect public spaces to neighborhoods, schools, transit stations, and other County facilities.
- 2.1.6. Improve and add connections to adjacent trail systems beyond the county.
- 2.1.7. Expand trail use monitoring to track usage across all major trails by mode, and use gathered data to help guide the trail planning process.

TRAILS

2.2. Ensure trails function for a range of users.

- 2.2.1. Compile and clarify design standards for all types of trails.
- 2.2.2. Use striping on paved trails to separate traffic moving in opposite directions.
- 2.2.3. Ensure paved, multi-use trails are wide enough for passing and that there is sufficient space alongside trails for pulling over.
- 2.2.4. Educate users about trail etiquette.

MODE SEPARATION

Cyclists

1. Be courteous—trails are for all users
2. Keep right (except to pass)
3. Ring a bell or politely call out “passing on your left” when passing
4. Give ample room when passing
5. Keep your speed down and enjoy the view
6. Stay single file during busy times
7. Yield right-of-way to other trail users

All Users

1. Keep right, walk no more than two abreast
2. Stay alert, faster trail users need to pass
3. When stopped, step off the trail
4. Keep dogs on a leash and clean up after your dog
5. Share the trail; be considerate of all users
6. Keep headphones at a reasonable level

Passing on your left!

TRAILS

2.2. Ensure trails function for a range of users. (continued)

- 2.2.5. Consider mode separation where feasible on high traffic corridors such as the Custis Trail.
- 2.2.6. Develop “learn to ride” areas that provide protected spaces for novice users to learn to bicycle.
- 2.2.7. Use Wi-Fi to provide public internet access at trailheads.

MODE SEPARATION



Hudson River Greenway | New York, NY

Strategic Direction 2

TRAILS

2.3. Provide or make better connections to hiking trails.

- 2.3.1. Improve the quality of and increase access to Four Mile Run and Potomac tributary trails.
- 2.3.2. Weigh the benefits of adding hiking trails to protected natural areas against the impacts to natural resources.
- 2.3.3. Show connections to hiking trails in neighboring jurisdictions on signage and in other communication materials.

TRAILS

2.4. Develop and implement a consistent signage and wayfinding system.

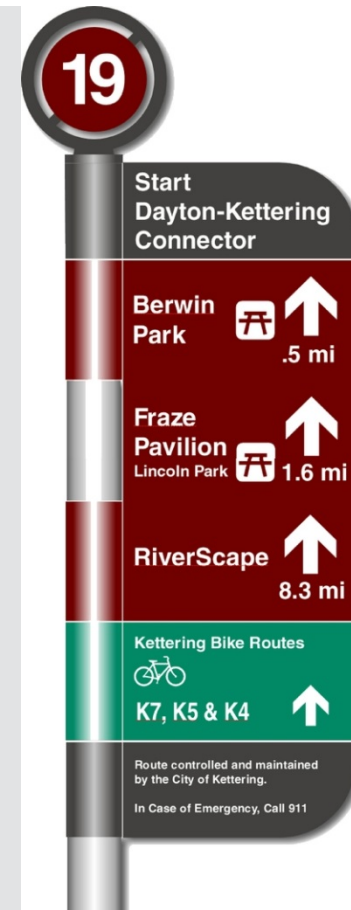
- 2.4.1. Name all trail segments using descriptive names.
- 2.4.2. Work with trail owners within Arlington County and neighboring counties and municipalities to develop common trail signage and wayfinding standards for major connective trails.
- 2.4.3. Develop a County design standard for trail signage and wayfinding that addresses hierarchy, connections, destinations, and identity.
- 2.4.4. Add location identifiers, potentially integrated into wayfinding signage, at regular intervals along trails for issues/emergencies.
- 2.4.5. Improve wayfinding signage at trailheads.
- 2.4.6. Clearly identify what types of users are allowed on each trail.

PRECEDENT SIGNAGE



Existing County Trail Signage | Arlington, VA

PRECEDENT SIGNAGE



Regional Trail Wayfinding Signage | Miami Valley, OH

Strategic Direction 2

TRAILS




























2.5. Better coordinate planning for and management of on- and off-street trails.



Strategic Direction 3

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

What We've Learned

-    Residents expressed high unmet need for natural areas
-    High priority put on nature programs
-    Potomac riverfront is difficult to access
-    Four Mile Run lacks cohesive identity
-    Appetite for more tree canopy, native plantings
-    Connection with school curriculums inconsistent
-    Natural resources should not be compromised for built facilities
-    Supporters of natural resources don't know how to get involved
-    Trees not currently allowed along trails

Strategic Direction 3

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Protect, restore, expand, and enhance natural and cultural resources, and increase resource-based activities.

Strategic Direction 3

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

3.1. Protect and expand riparian corridors along County waterways and tributaries.

- 3.1.1. Address the protection and expansion of natural resources in Four Mile Run planning and site master plans for parks along Four Mile Run.
- 3.1.2. Coordinate the protection and expansion of natural resources with the provision of new hiking trails.
- 3.1.3. Collaborate with the National Park Service to develop a master plan for Roaches Run and Gravelly Point.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

3.1. Protect and expand riparian corridors along County waterways and tributaries. (continued)

- 3.1.4. Work with Arlington Public Schools to identify, preserve, and develop enhancement and management plans for natural and cultural resources in site planning for schools.
- 3.1.5. Develop an agreement with Arlington Public Schools to increase shared resources for management of natural resources on school property.
- 3.1.6. Consider daylighting streams in public spaces that are currently part of the underground stormwater system.
- 3.1.7. Pursue easements to protect natural areas and heritage resources.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

3.2. Integrate natural resources and natural resource interpretation into the design of public spaces.

- 3.2.1. Promote the planting and maintenance of canopy trees on public and private land.
- 3.2.2. Continue a robust invasives management program.
- 3.2.3. Evaluate opportunities to enhance stormwater management features with natural resources.
- 3.2.4. Add interpretive signage within public spaces that highlight the natural resources within those spaces and the benefits those resources provide.
- 3.2.5. Expand and promote official recognition programs for important natural resources, such as the Notable/Significant Tree program.
- 3.2.6. Increase the diversity of habitats for critical species.

Strategic Direction 3

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

3.3. Update the Natural Resources Management Plan.

3.4. Update the Urban Forest Master Plan.

Strategic Direction 3

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

3.5. Foster, develop, and promote nature-based education and recreation programming across ages and skill levels.

- 3.5.1. Enhance and expand nature-based interpretive opportunities for children, starting at pre-school age.
- 3.5.2. Foster additional integration of nature-based education provided by nature centers into public school curriculums.
- 3.5.3. Provide outdoor leadership training to better connect teens and young adults to nature.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

3.6. Promote conservation stewardship volunteerism that allows individuals and organizations to leave a positive legacy in the park system.

- 3.6.1. Continue to identify opportunities for conservation stewardship activities, such as recycling at large events, removing garbage from waterways or parks, planting trees or native plants, or removing invasive plants.
- 3.6.2. Continue to collaborate with community groups, service clubs, and businesses on conservation stewardship events.
- 3.6.3. Revise background check requirements and volunteer waivers to reduce volunteers' liability and encourage latent volunteerism.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

3.7. Capitalize on existing cultural resources in public spaces, and evaluate the potential of protecting additional cultural resources.

- 3.7.1. Inventory cultural resources in public spaces to identify facilities that may be eligible for local landmark or national register designation.
- 3.7.2. Identify critical cultural resources that may need protection and have potential educational and interpretive components.
- 3.7.3. Establish cultural resource design guidelines for the treatment of cultural resources in public spaces, and implement a design review process that is consistent with cultural resource design guidelines.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

3.7. Capitalize on existing cultural resources in public spaces, and evaluate the potential of protecting additional cultural resources. (continued)

- 3.7.4. Establish an interpretive and education program plan for individual cultural facilities.
- 3.7.5. Develop and use objective criteria to evaluate whether potential cultural resources should be added to the public space system.
- 3.7.6. Focus on interpretation of the “Federal Arlington,” “Historic Arlington,” and “Global Arlington” themes as described in the Public Art Master Plan.

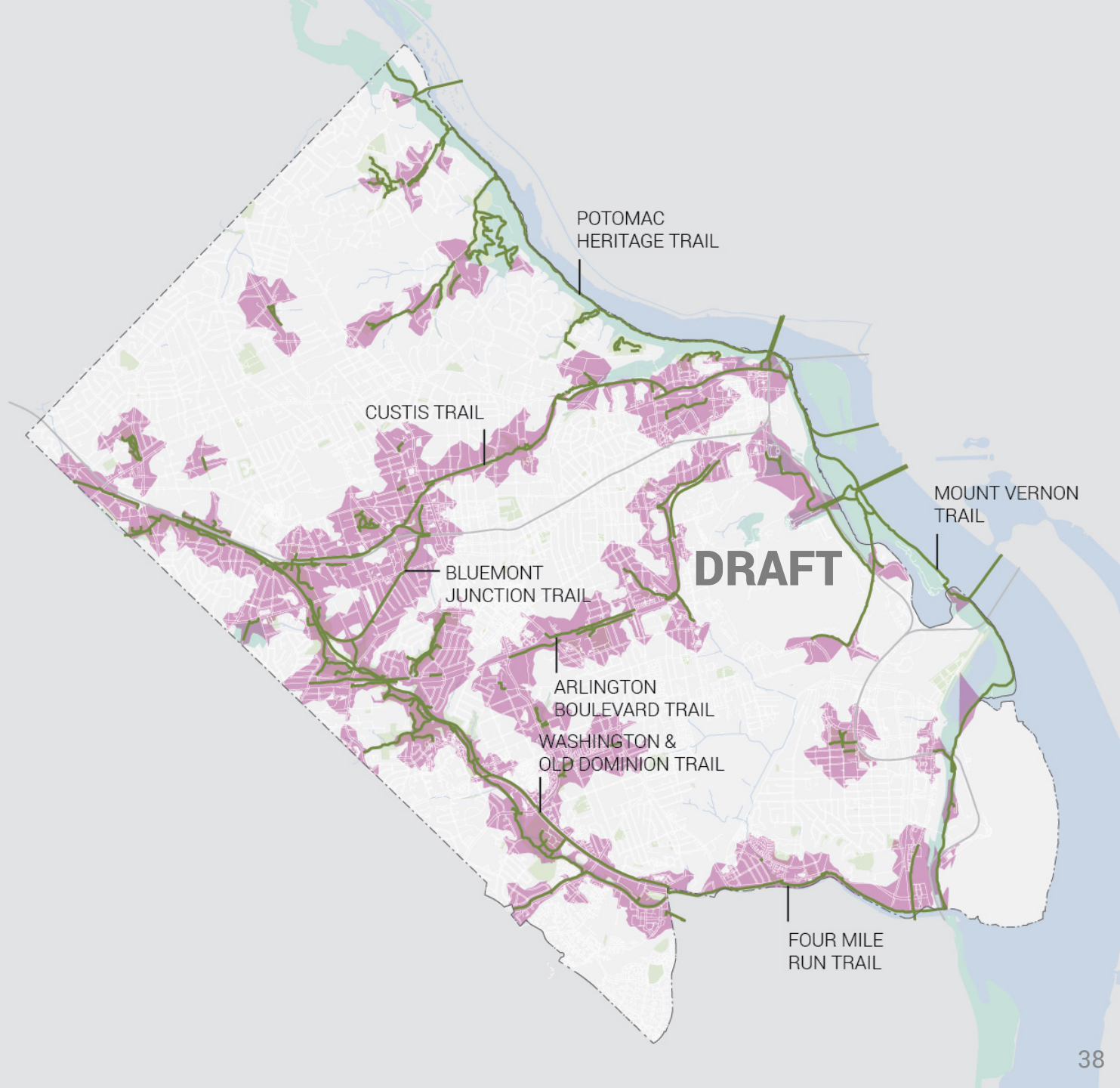
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NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

*3.8. Additional action(s) on art, cultural, and historic resources
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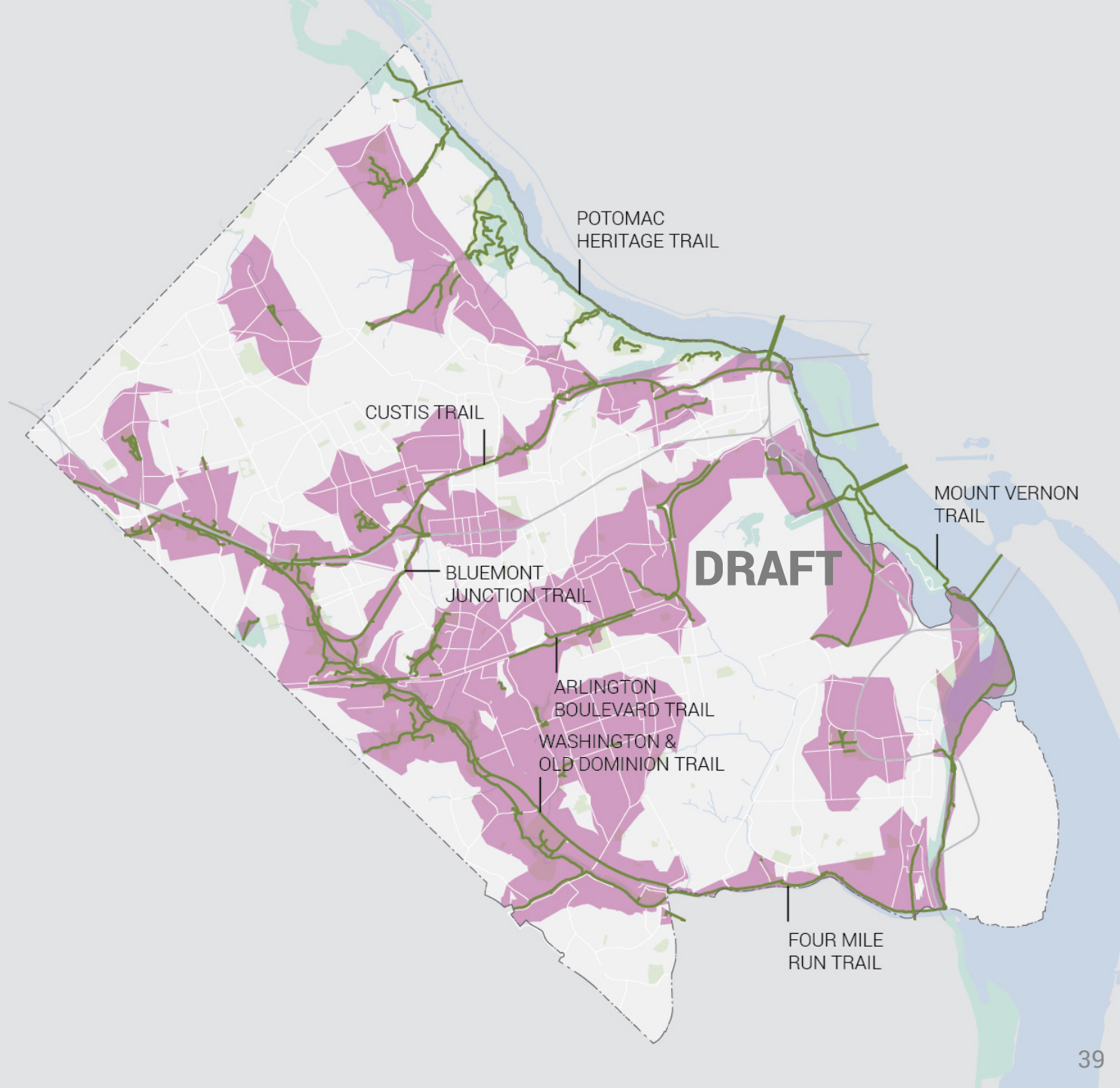
LEVEL OF SERVICE PREVIEW

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TO TRAILS



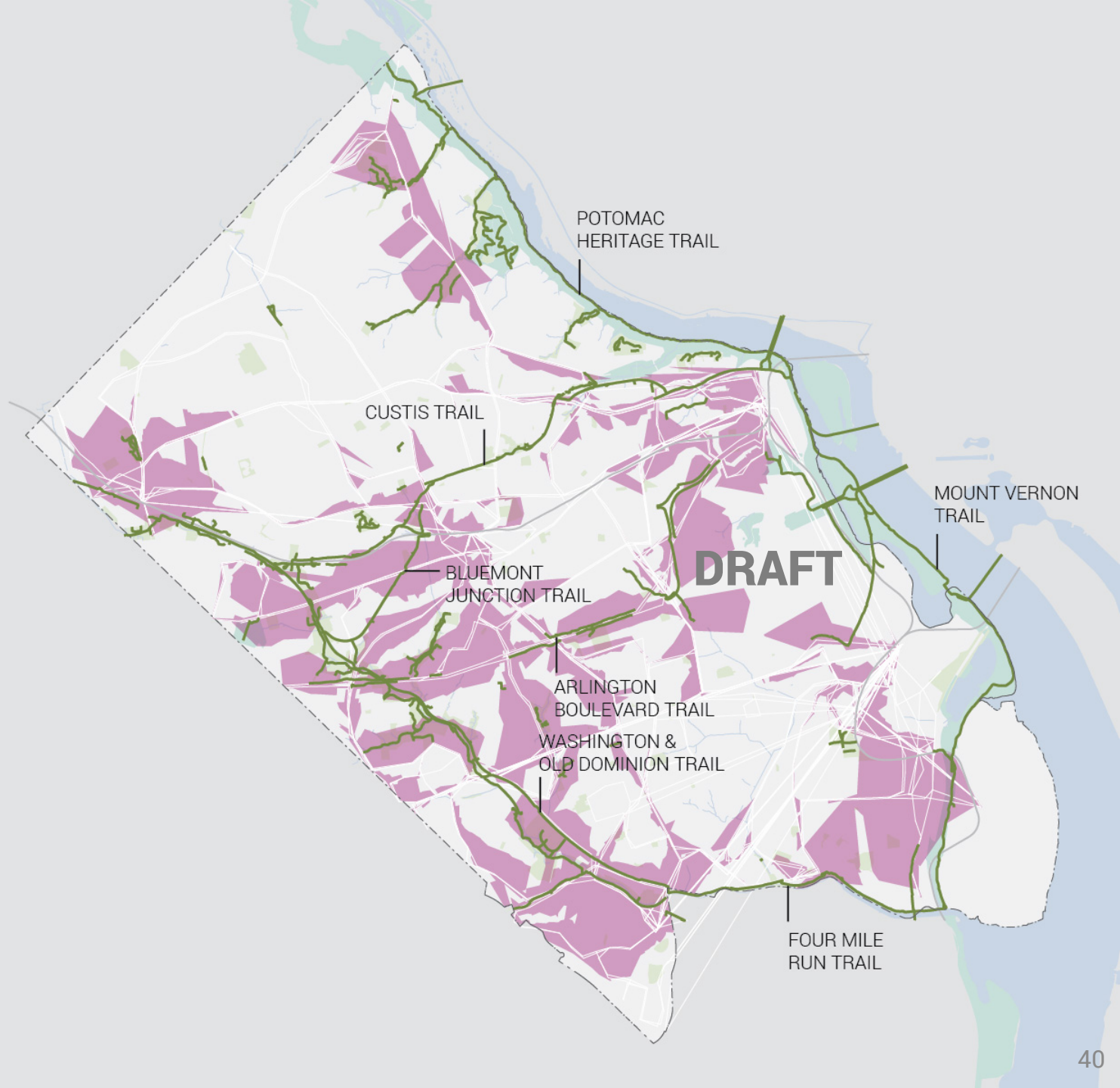
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BIKE TO
TRAILS



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5-MINUTE
TRANSIT
TRIP TO
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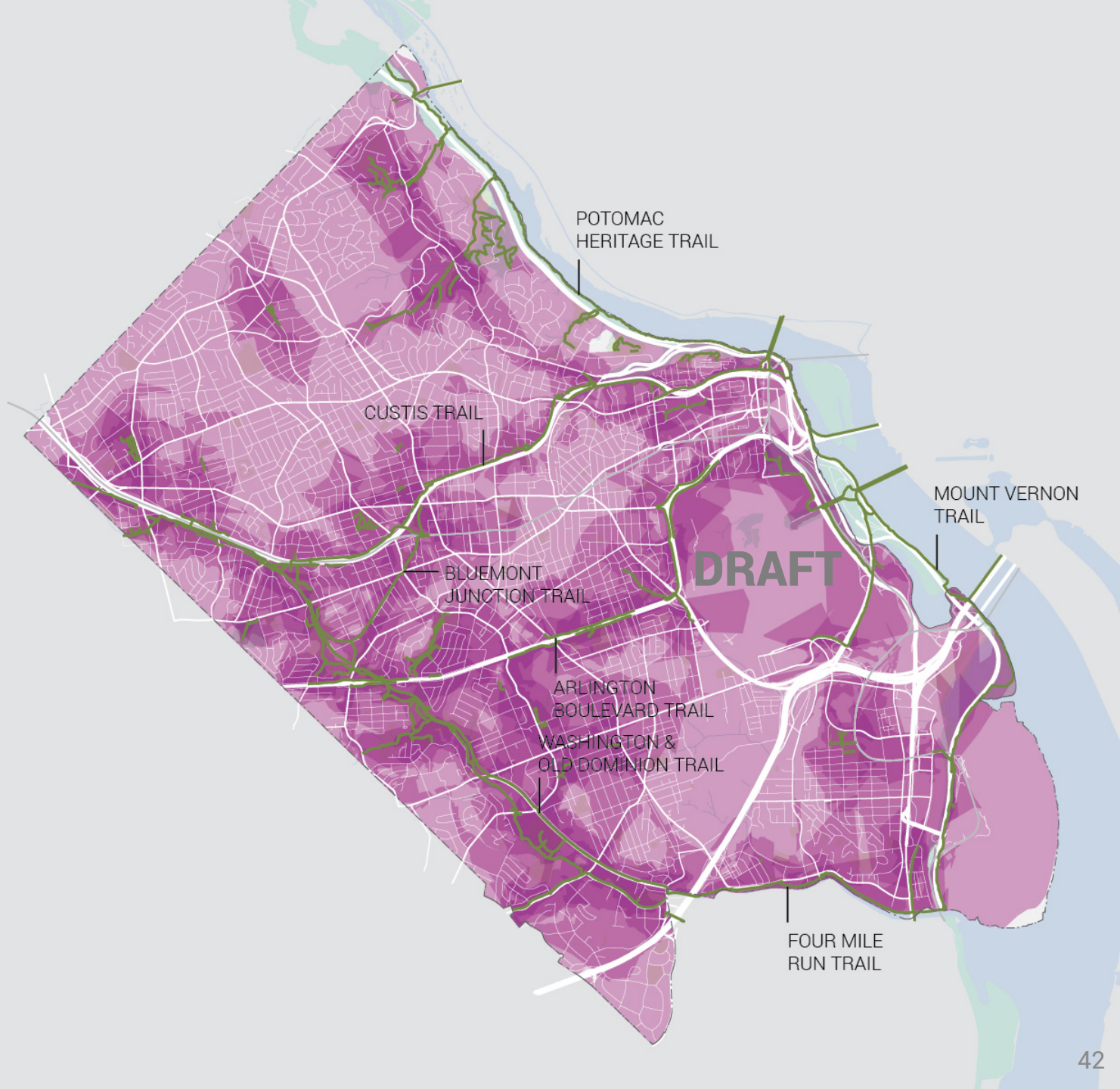
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DRIVE TO
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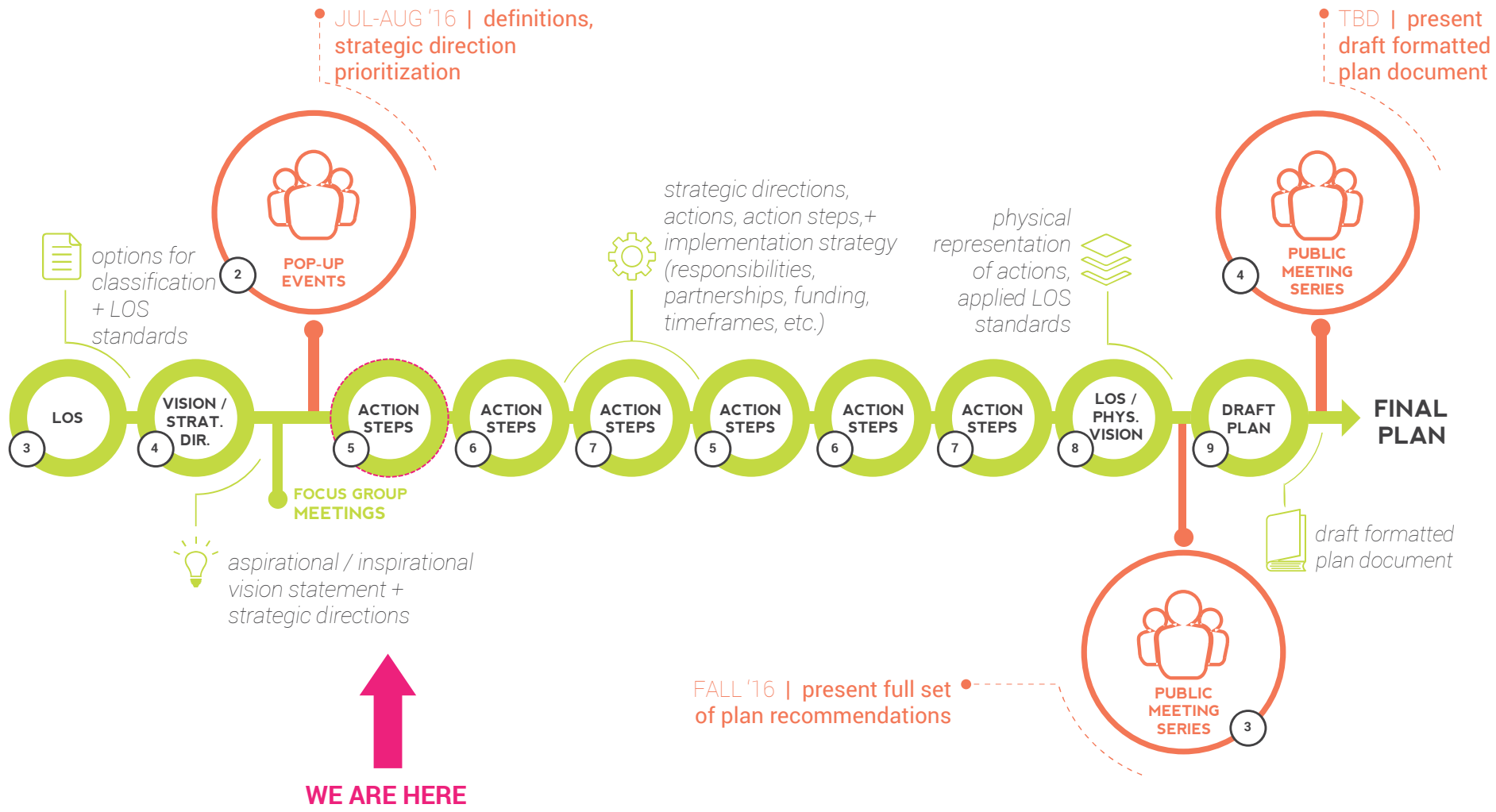
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ACCESS TO
TRAILS
OVERLAY



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