

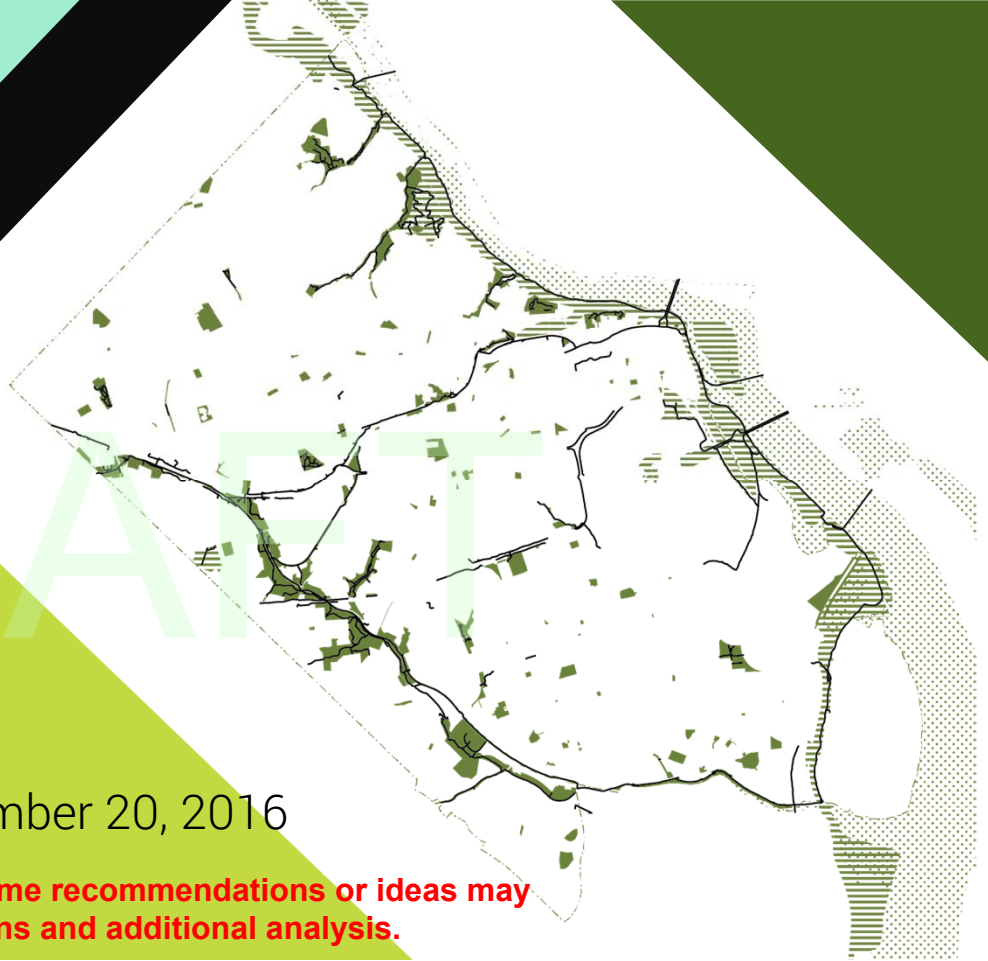
# ARLINGTON POPS

A Plan for Our Places and Spaces

LAND ACQUISITION

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

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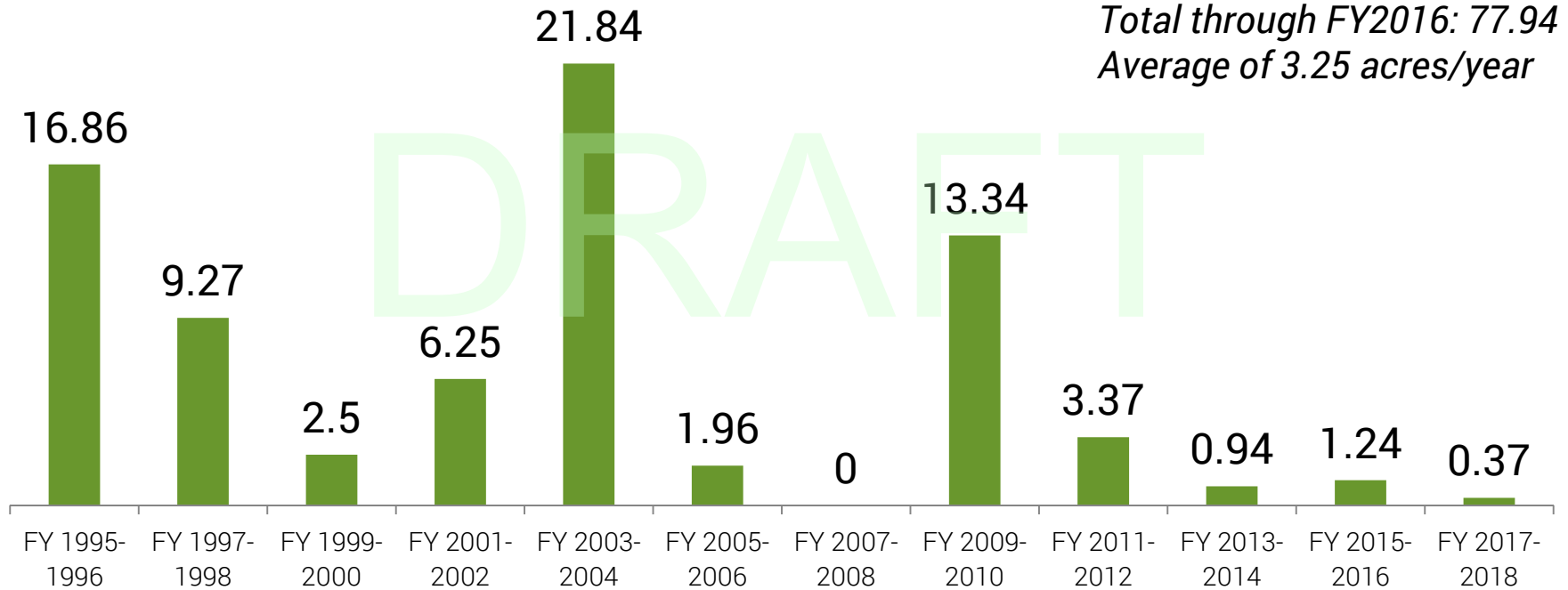
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# AGENDA

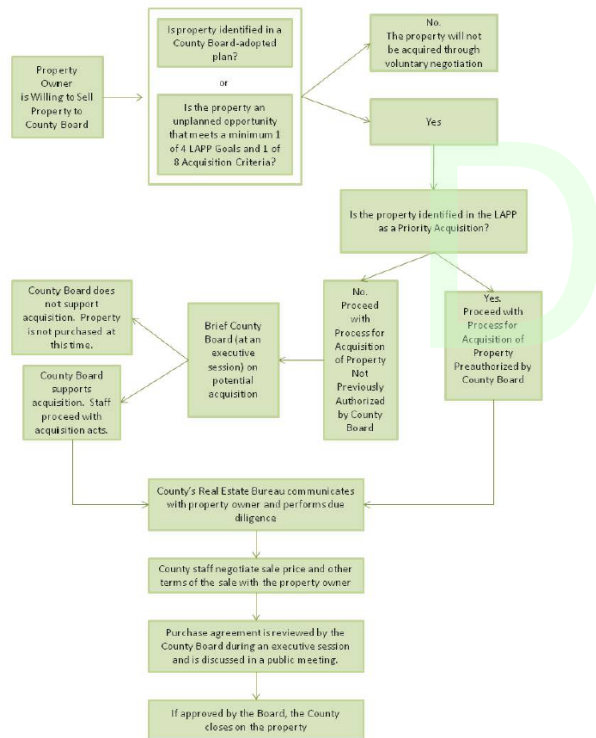
- 6:30 – 6:45 Overview of Acquisition Strategy
- 6:45 – 7:30 Testing of Evaluation Criteria
- 7:30 – 7:50 Weighting of Evaluation Criteria
- 7:50 – 8:00 Break
- 8:00 – 9:00 Review Test Results / Discussion

# PREVIOUS ACQUISITIONS (ACRES)



# ACQUISITION/PRESERVATION PLAN

Fee Simple Land Acquisition Process

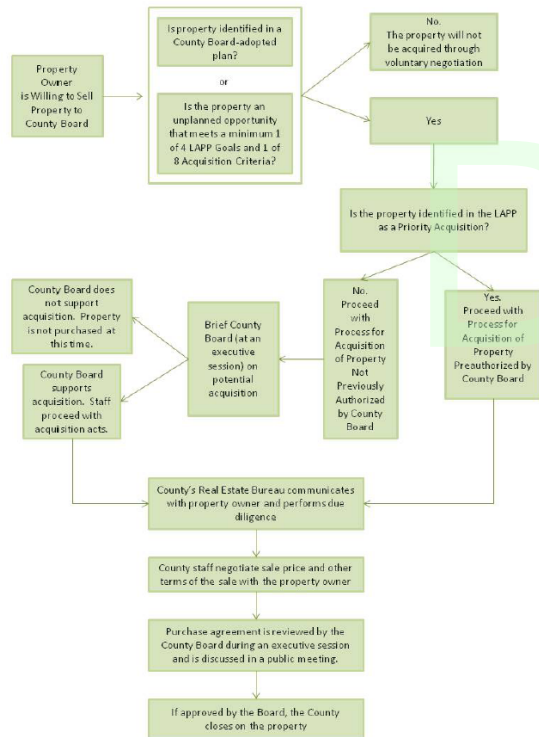


## Acquisition Criteria

1. Identified within the boundary of a Master Planned park.
2. Identified as future parkland in Board-adopted Sector, Area, or Corridor Plans.
3. Located within an area identified as a Future Need Area
4. Has sufficient scale (or adjacency to an existing park) to create approximately two acres of usable parkland. (The two-acre target will provide enough space to accommodate a variety of recreational uses to satisfy the needs of a growing community.)
5. Adjacent to, or an inholding of, an existing park or easement for park purposes.
6. Improves access to an existing park or trail.
7. Expands existing parkland to create a large, uninterrupted open space corridor that may be used for recreation and/or migrating wildlife.
8. Buffers or connects sites in the Natural Heritage Resource Inventory (NHRI).

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## Preservation Criteria

1. Contains sensitive natural resources, such as a native plant community, wildlife habitat, or rare or endangered flora or fauna.
2. High likelihood of disturbance through redevelopment or mismanagement.
3. Contributes to wildlife habitat or migration corridors.
4. Provides fresh water to wildlife through on-site seeps, wetlands, or streams.
5. Located in a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain.
6. Provides a protective buffer to Natural Resource Conservation Areas (NRCA).

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**Properties opportunistically presented to the County for acquisition**

**Proactively identified acquisition opportunities**

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If the space will be privately developed and become a public space through dedication or easement

No evaluation is required

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Use criteria to evaluate and prioritize.

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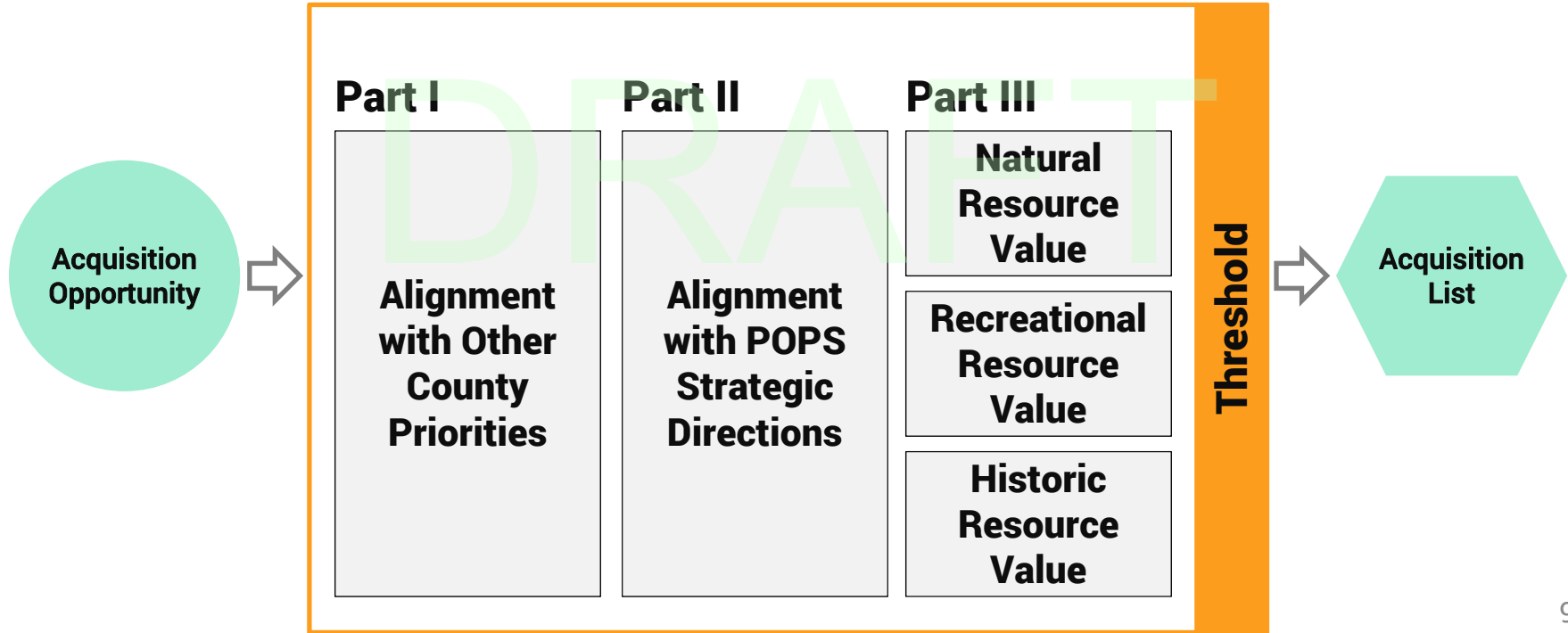
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# ACQUISITION CRITERIA

## Objective Evaluation Criteria



# STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

## Strategic Direction 1

### **PUBLIC SPACES**

Ensure high quality public spaces and access to them by acquiring new land and improving existing spaces.

## Strategic Direction 2

### **TRAILS**

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

## Strategic Direction 3

### **RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP**

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

## Strategic Direction 4

### **PARTNERSHIPS**

Clarify partnerships to set mutual expectations and leverage resources.

## Strategic Direction 5

### **PROGRAMS**

Ensure program offerings continue to respond to changing user needs.

## Strategic Direction 6

### **ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION**

Improve community engagement and communication to enhance user satisfaction.

## Strategic Direction 7

### **FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY**

Enhance the financial sustainability of Arlington's public spaces.

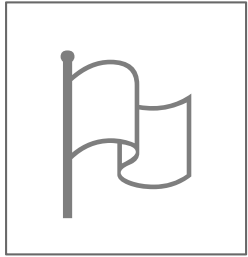
## Strategic Direction 8

### **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE**

Ensure County public spaces and facilities are operated and maintained efficiently and to defined standards.

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# PLACE-BASED CRITERIA



- The site is in an area that is projected to grow.  
*[blocks projected to grow by at least 10% between 2015 and 2045]*
- The site is in a job center.  
*[blocks projected to have at least 200 jobs in 2045]*
- The site has less than 40% tree canopy and will increase tree canopy to 40% or more.

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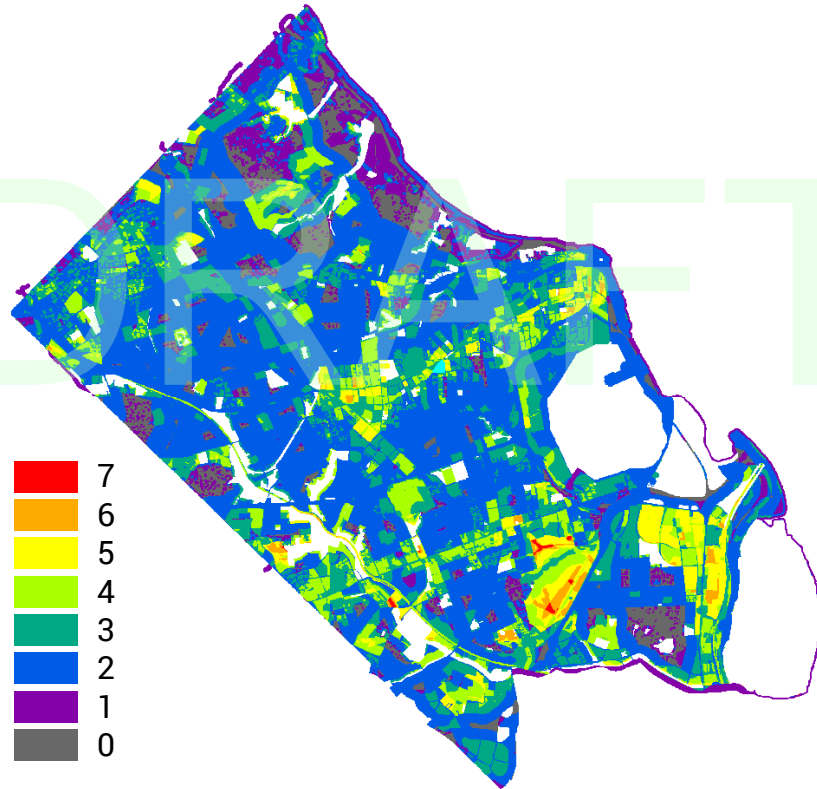
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# PLACE-BASED CRITERIA



# TESTING THE CRITERIA

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# DISCUSSION

- How much should the County know about the future use of the site?
- Should the criteria give less weight to spaces from plans adopted (0, 2, 5, 10 years?) prior to POPS?
- Should criteria (or a subset) be used in the site plan review process to evaluate community benefits?

# POTENTIAL CRITERIA

- The site will incorporate new and innovative amenities. (1.3.4.)
- The site will facilitate universal access. (1.7.)
- The site will expand nature-based education and recreation programming across ages and skill levels. (3.5.)
- The site offers a resource that is unique in the county.
- The site will prevent runoff and erosion.
- The site will grow healthy foods. (5.4.1.)
- The site acquisition cost, the cost of securing an easement, or the cost of purchasing development rights is less than \$x/acre in high-density areas or \$y/acre in low-density areas.



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THANK YOU!

