

ALEXANDRIA OPEN SPACE PLAN



City Council Retreat

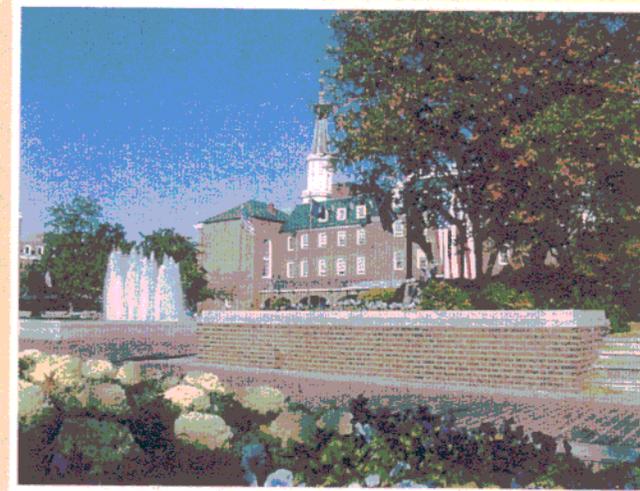
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Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural
Activities

Department of Planning & Zoning
Rhodeside & Harwell, Incorporated

AGENDA

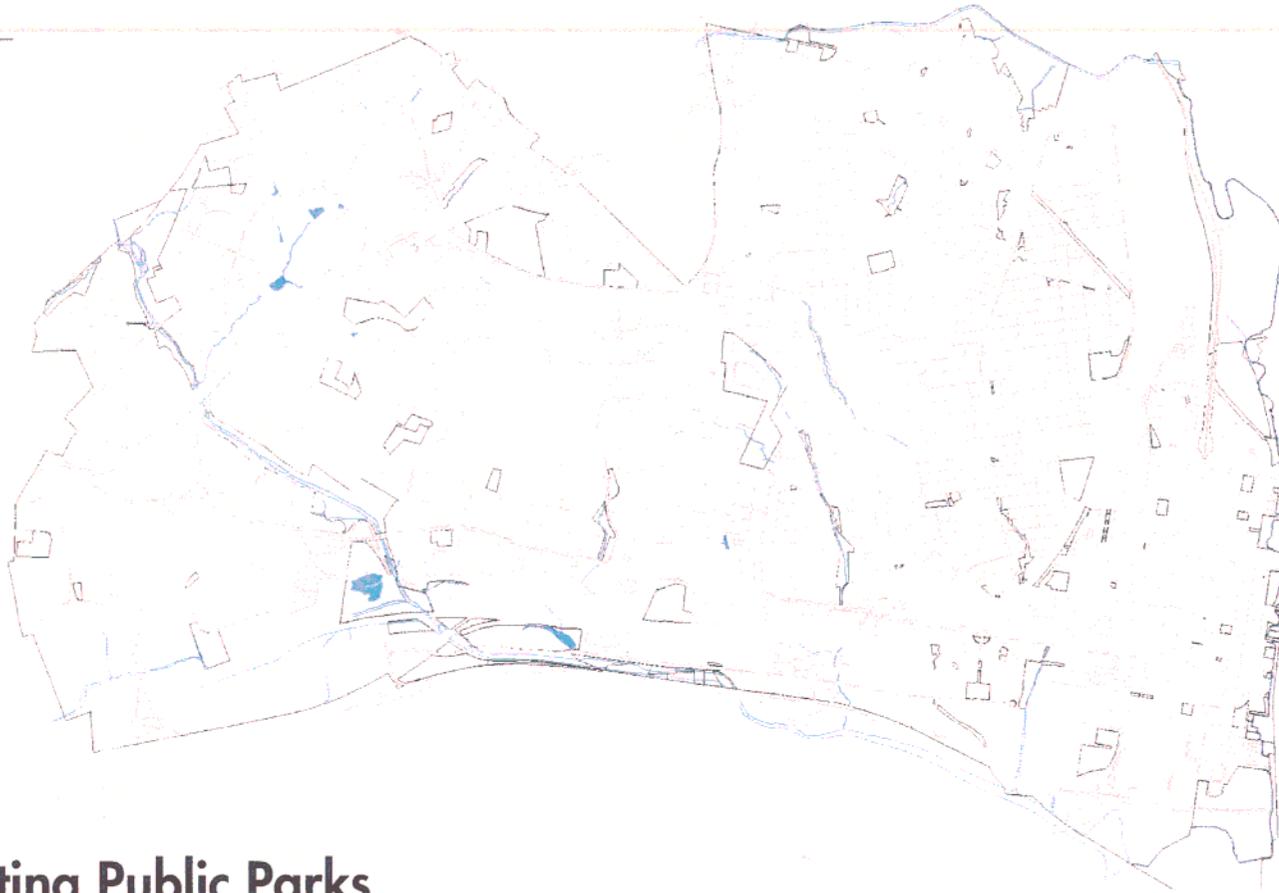
- **Inventory & Additional Open Spaces**
- **Open Space Issues**
- **Goals for Open Space**
- **Priority Actions**



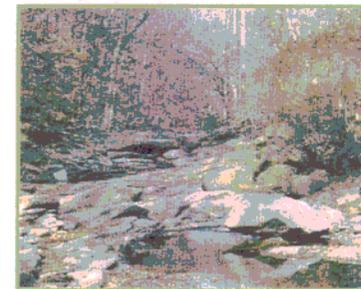
INVENTORY

Legend

 Parks



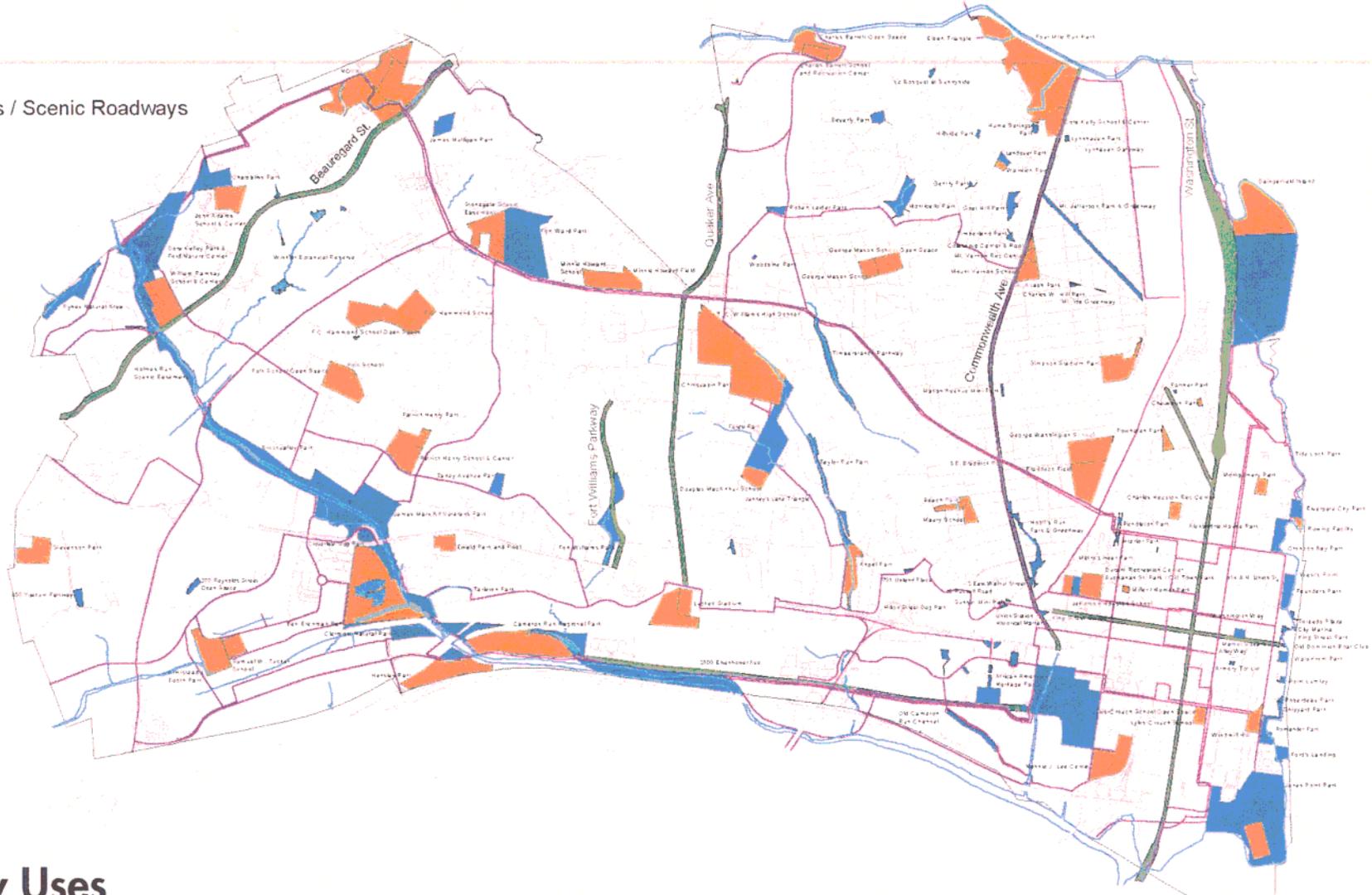
Existing Public Parks



INVENTORY

Legend

- Active
- Passive
- ▬ Trails
- ▬ Streetscapes / Scenic Roadways

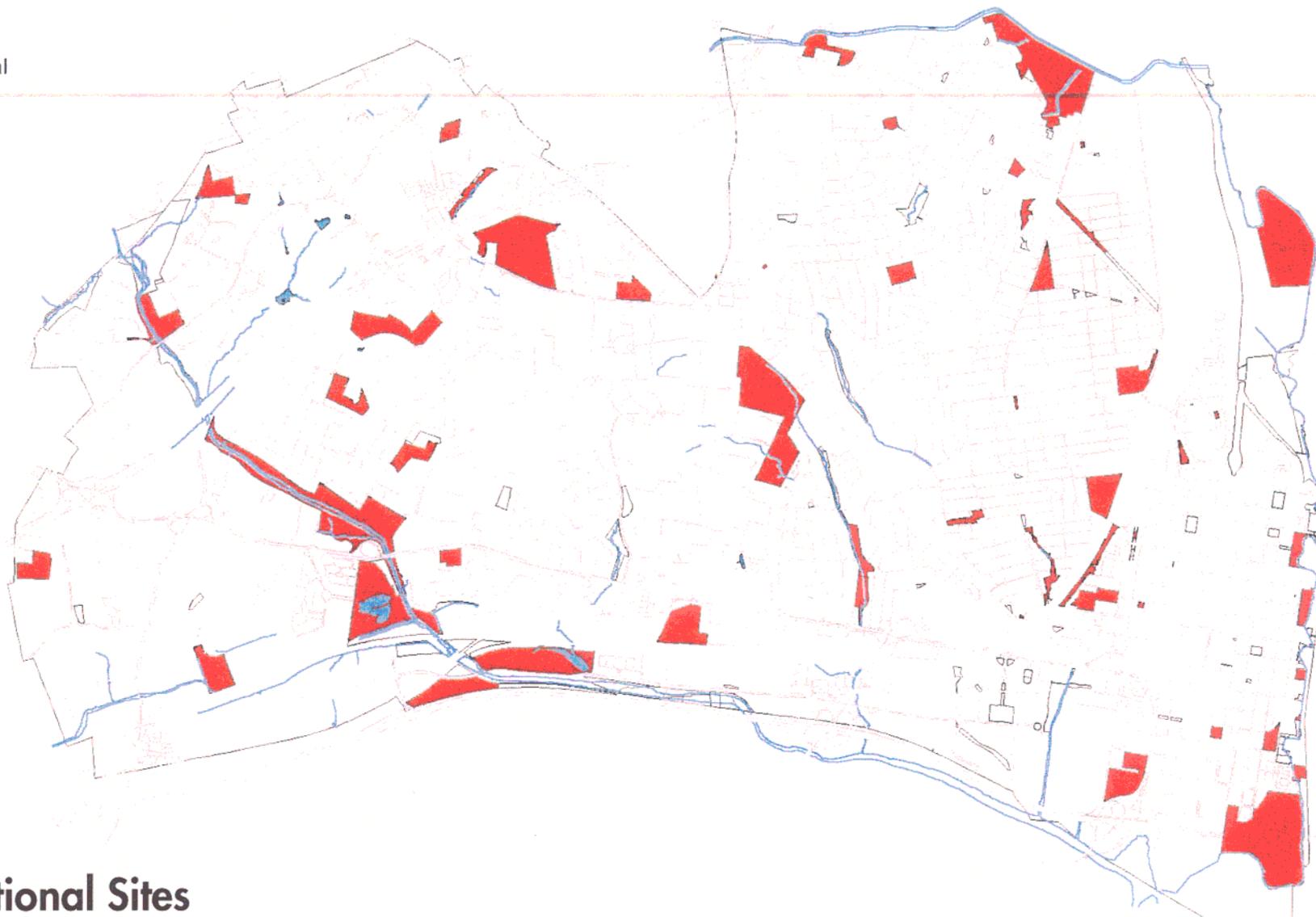


Primary Uses

INVENTORY

Legend

- Recreational
- Parks

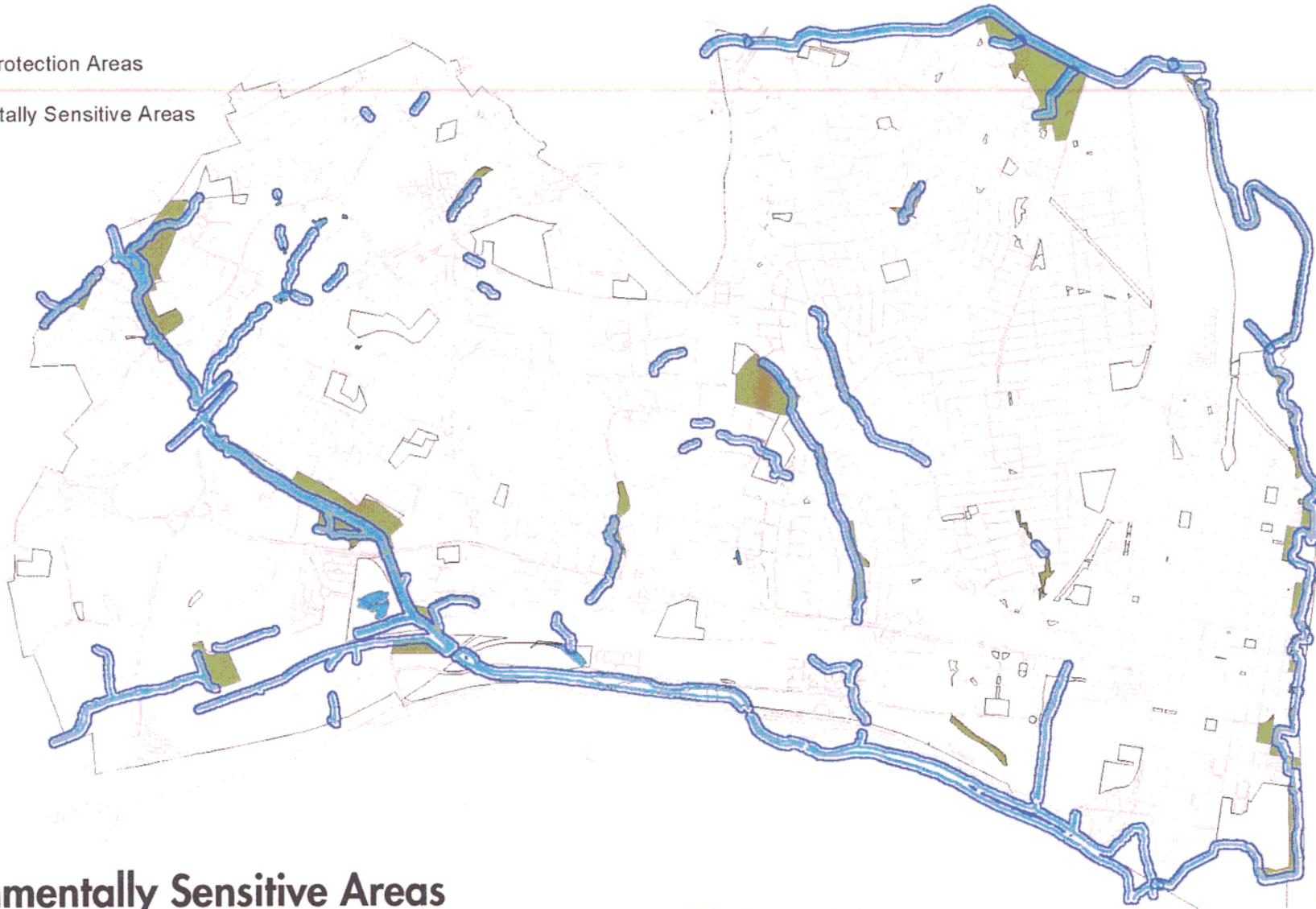


Recreational Sites

INVENTORY

Legend

- Resource Protection Areas
- Streams
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- Parks

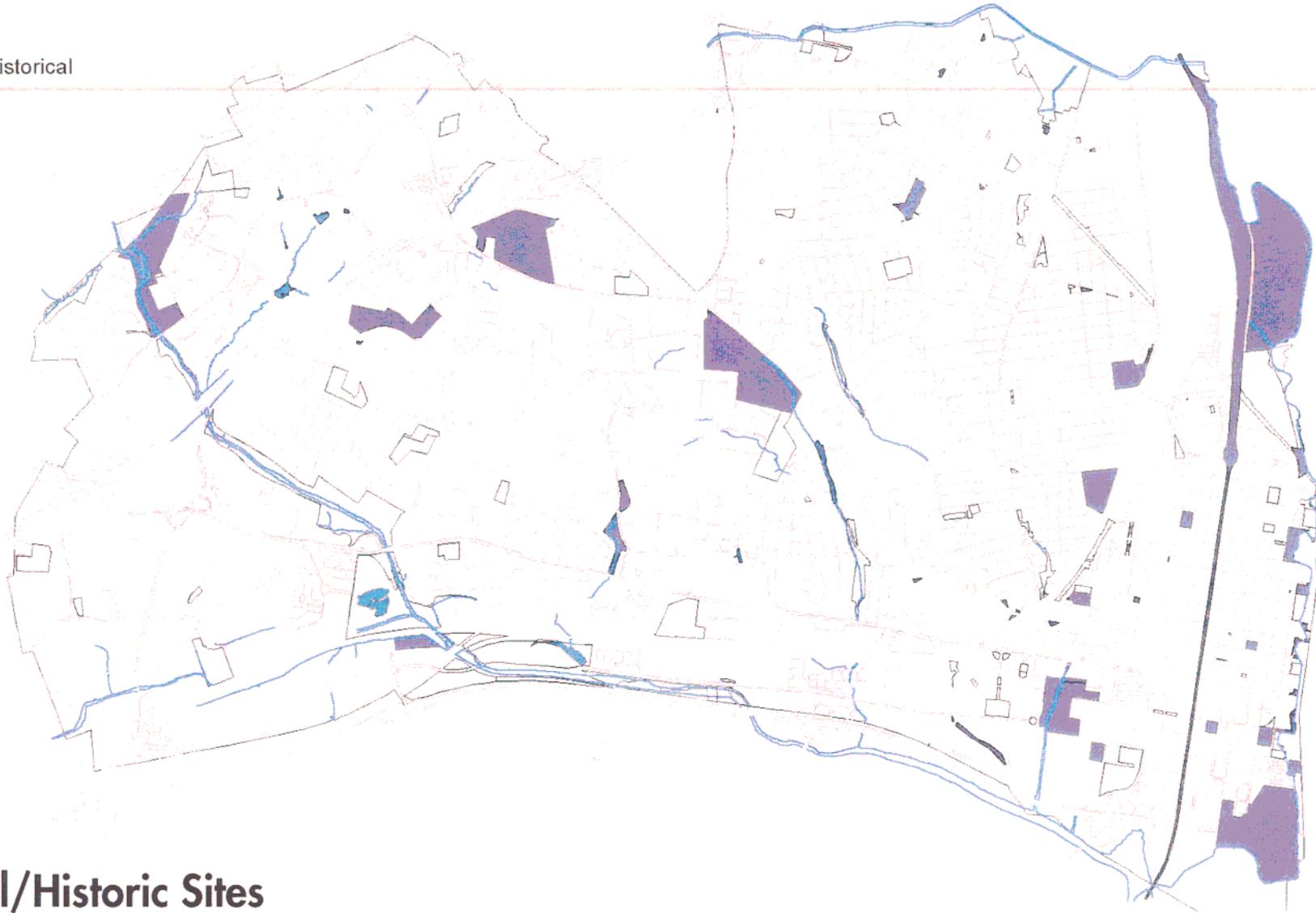


Environmentally Sensitive Areas

INVENTORY

Legend

-  Cultural / Historical
-  Parks



Cultural/Historic Sites

INVENTORY

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- Educational - Schools
- Educational - Interpretive Facilities
- Parks



Educational Sites

INVENTORY

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-  Dog Exercise Areas & Dog Parks
-  Parks

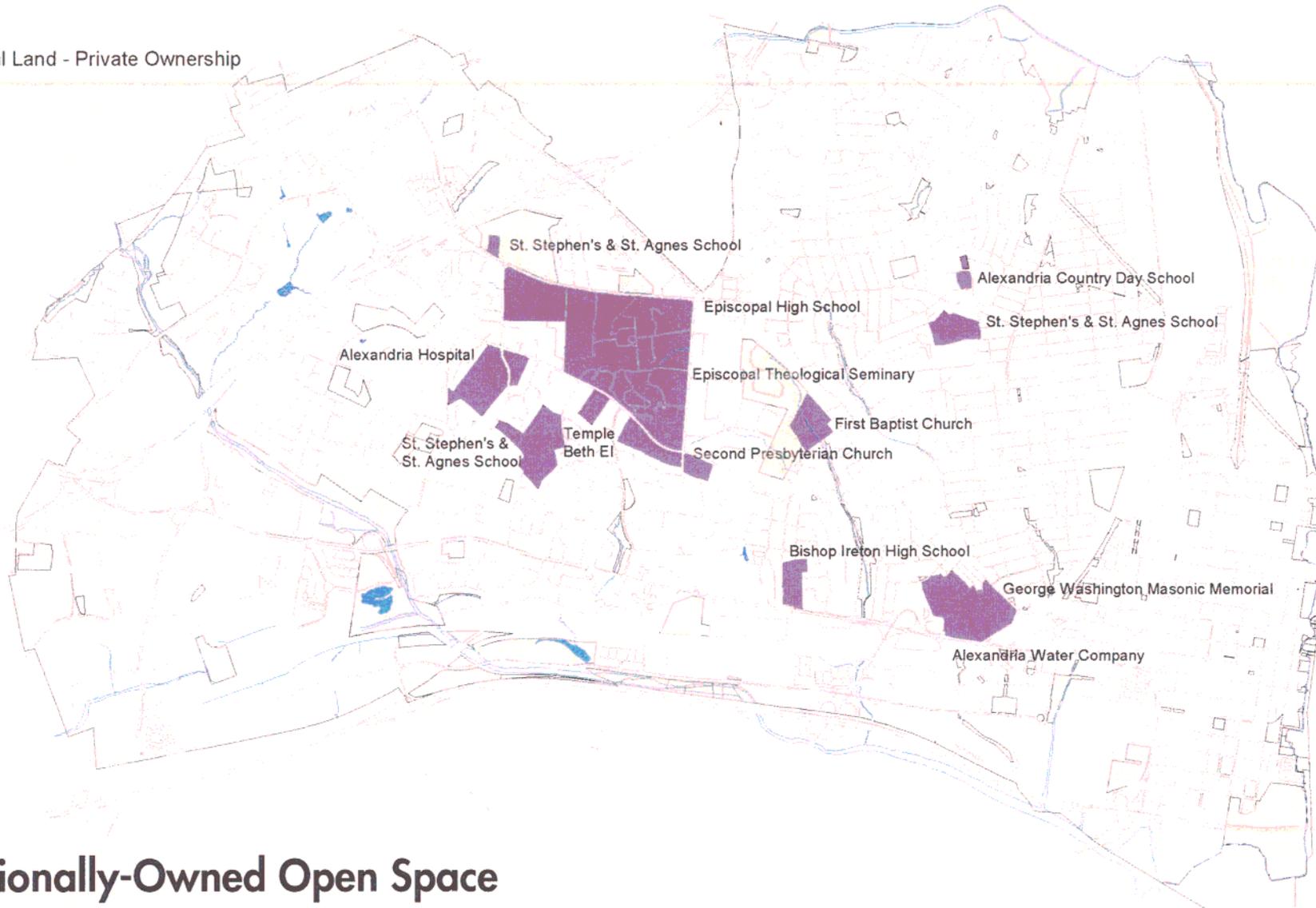


Dog Exercise Areas and Dog Parks

ADDITIONAL OPEN SPACES

Legend

- Institutional Land - Private Ownership
- Parks

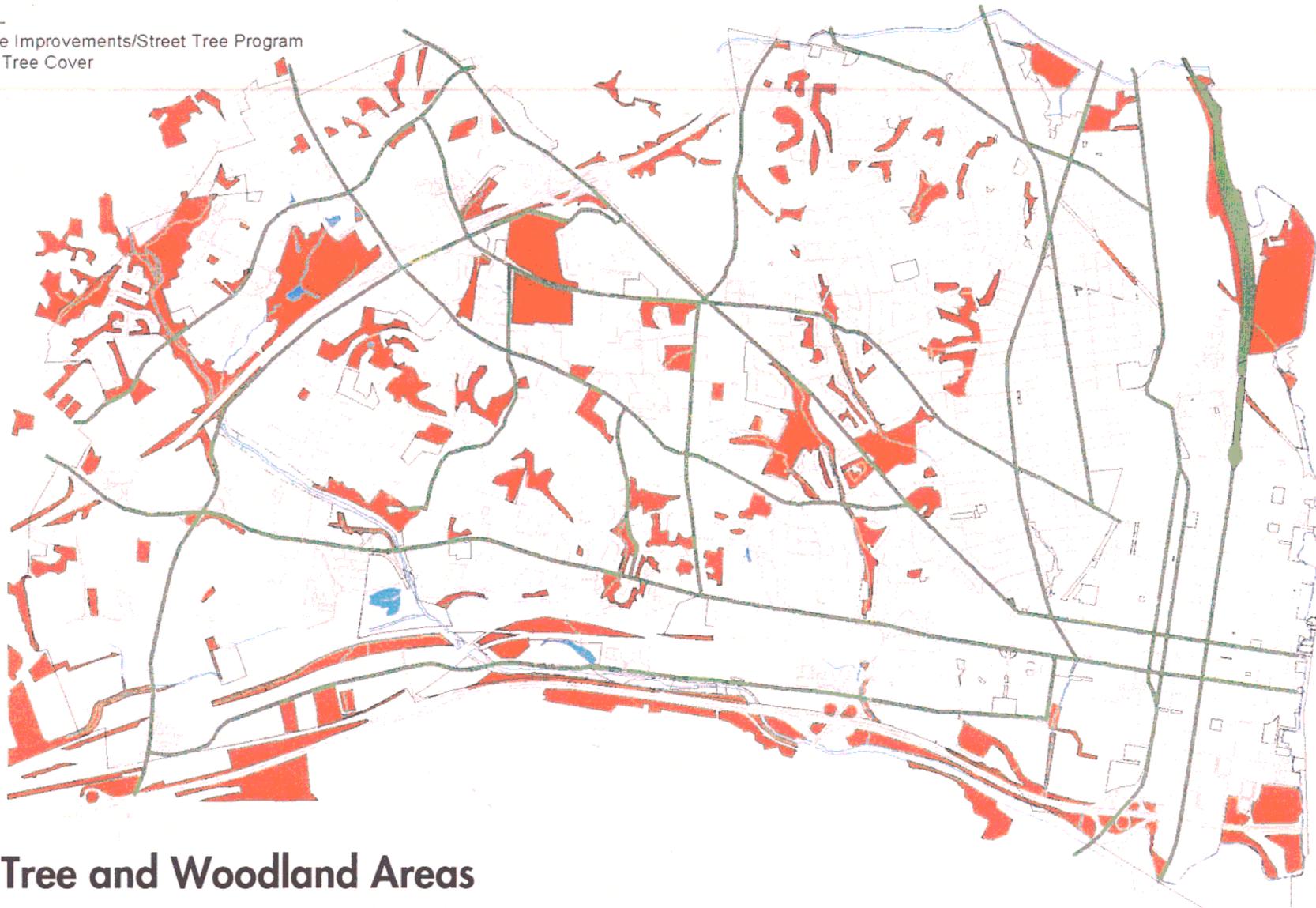


Institutionally-Owned Open Space

ADDITIONAL OPEN SPACES

Legend

- Streetscape Improvements/Street Tree Program
- Significant Tree Cover
- Parks



Street Tree and Woodland Areas

OPEN SPACE ISSUES

1. The lack of open space continuity and connection
2. The diminishing availability of open space
3. The need for stewardship and protection of all open spaces, particularly with regard to natural areas
4. The need to maximize the economic benefits of open space for the City



OPEN SPACE ISSUES

1. The lack of open space continuity and connection

Legend

□ Parks



OPEN SPACE ISSUES

2. The diminishing availability of open space

Legend

- Vacant Land (Private Ownership)
- Vacant Land (Public Ownership)
- Parks

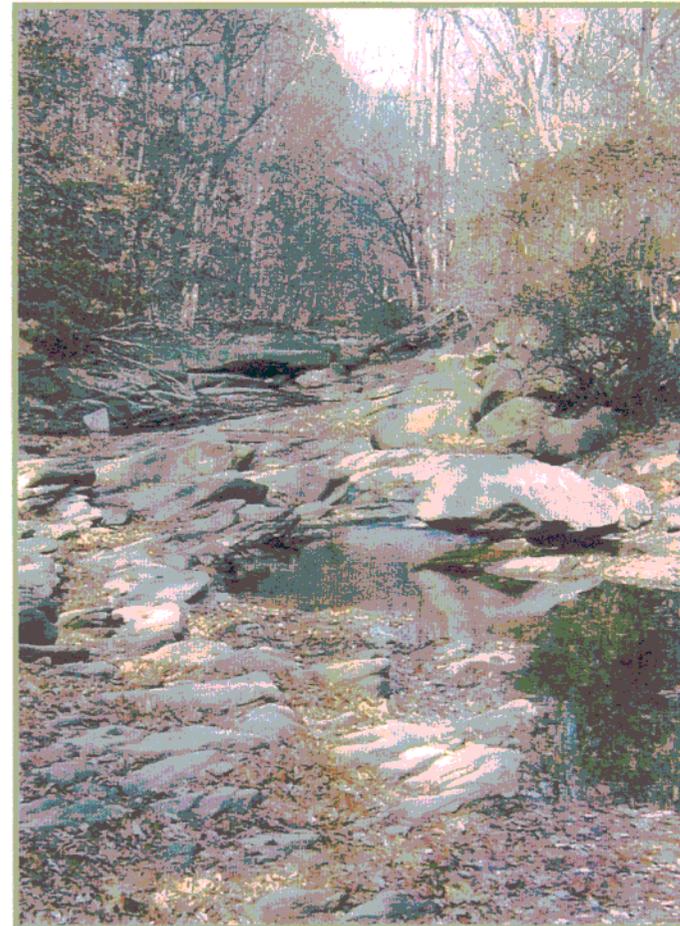
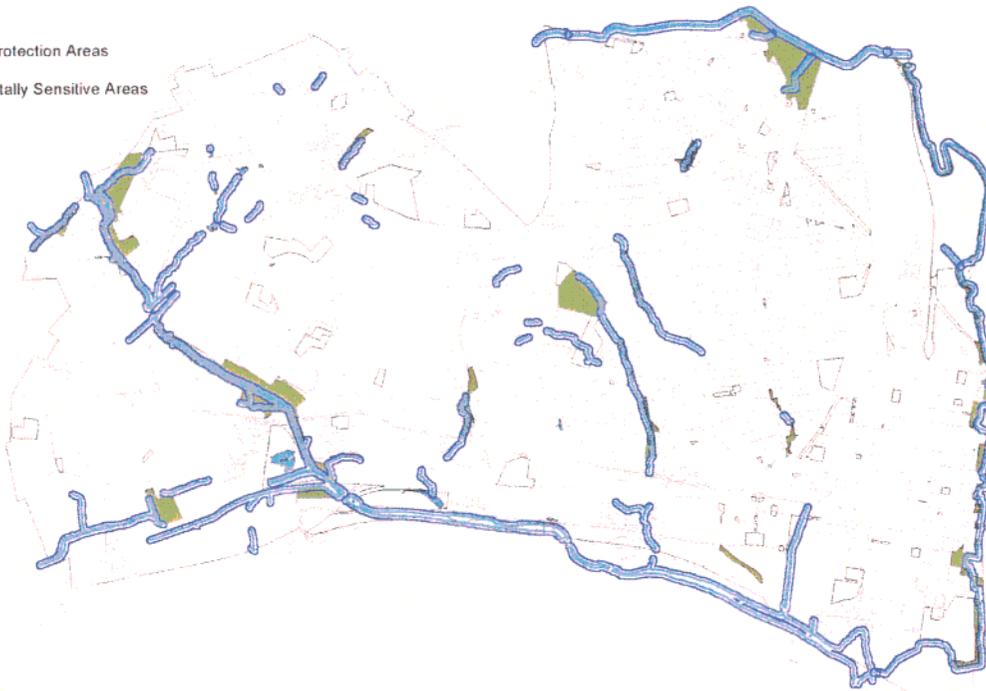


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OPEN SPACE ISSUES

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GOALS FOR OPEN SPACE

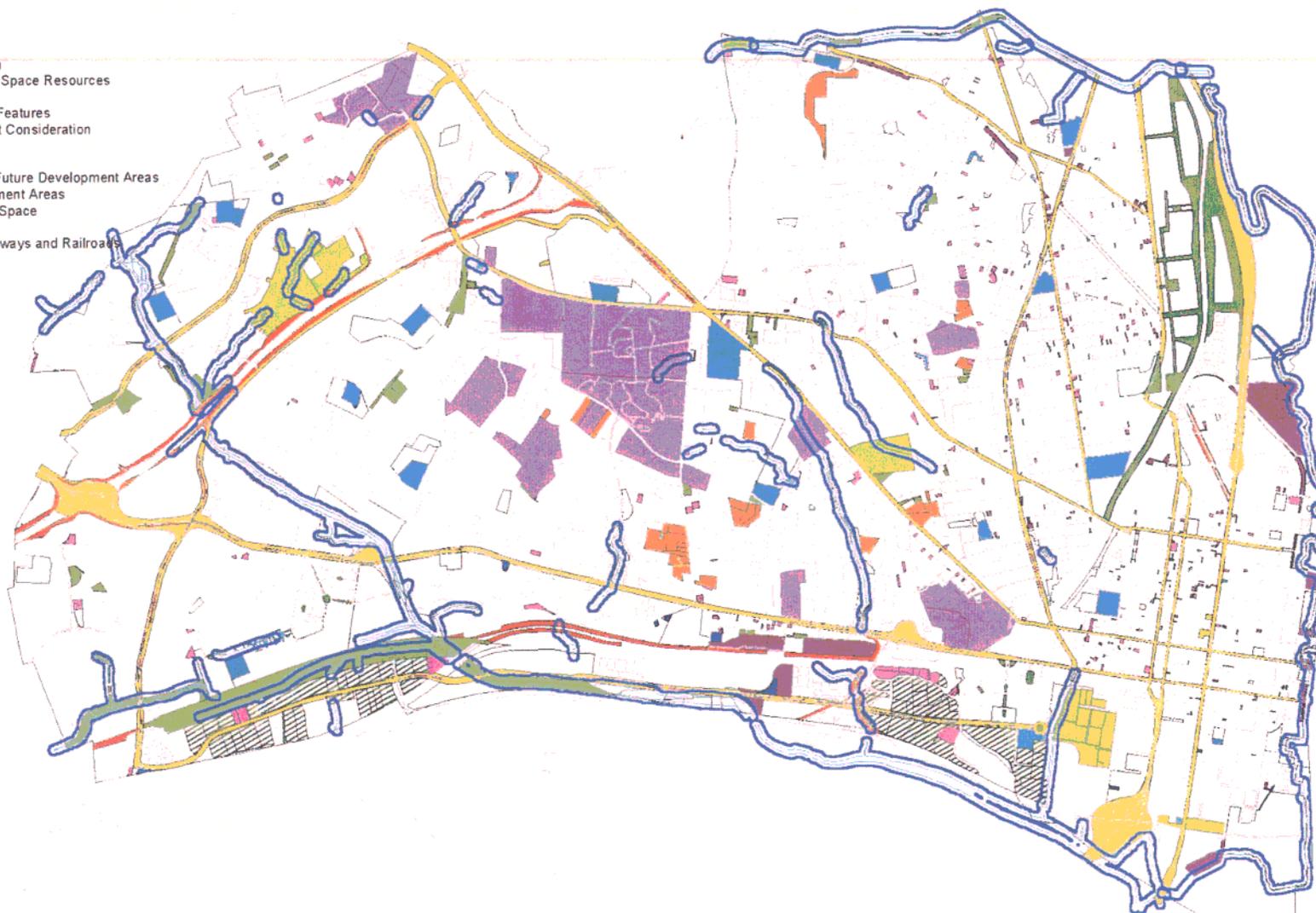
1. Protect and enrich existing parks
2. Develop innovative opportunities for creating additional open space
3. Complete implementation of the Potomac River Waterfront Plan
4. Protect and preserve institutional open space
5. Enhance streetscapes and gateways
6. Expand citywide street tree program and protect existing trees and woodland areas
7. Protect privately owned open space



OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITY SITES

Legend

- Resource Protection Areas
- School Sites
- Cemeteries and Botanical Garden
- Institutional Properties with Open Space Resources
- Large Lot Residential Properties
- Undeveloped Areas with Natural Features
- Vacant Land, Under Development Consideration
- Vacant Land - Public Ownership
- Vacant Land - Private Ownership
- Open Space to be Delineated in Future Development Areas
- Planned Open Space in Development Areas
- Required Common Private Open Space
- Planted Medians
- Wooded Buffers Adjacent to Highways and Railroads
- Streetscapes
- Parks



OPEN SPACE CONCEPT PLAN

Legend

- Key Linkages over Infrastructure
- Green Crescent
- Green Connector
- Central Open Space Conservation Area and Key Streetscapes
- Parks



- **Protect**
- **Connect**
- **Expand**

PRIORITY ACTIONS

- Create an Open Space Conservancy
- Complete public access along the waterfront
- Prepare Holmes Run Greenway Management Plan
- Honor Resource Protection Areas; do not grant RPA waivers
- Preserve specific private properties as open space
- Plan for the open space/recreation area east of Simpson Field at Potomac Yard
- Add more trail linkages
- Establish streetscape and gateway program for Route 1
- Revise zoning requirements to achieve better open space in new developments



ZONING

1. Change zoning to require public open space set asides
2. Apply requirement to commercial properties
3. Create Open Space Trust Fund citywide
4. Develop open space component for all specific planning study areas



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