

# City of Alexandria Open Space Funding



**FY 2004 Budget  
Worksession Presentation**

# Open Space Plan

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- Schedule:

## May meetings on Master Plan Amendments

- Planning Commission May 8
- City Council worksession May 13
- City Council Public Hearing May 17

## *Setting the Stage:*

- In 1990, Alexandria had 7.5 acres of active and passive open space per 1,000 residents, based on population of 111,000.
- Between 1990-2000, City added 125 acres of open space, and 17,000 residents.
- In 2000, Alexandria remained at 7.5 acres per 1,000 residents, despite adding the 125 acres.
- In 2012, the projected population of 142,000 would require the City to add 100 acres of open space to maintain 7.5 acres per 1,000 residents.

# Proposed Open Space Plan: *Priority actions*

1. Create an Open Space Conservancy
2. Preserve specific private properties as open space
3. Complete public access along the waterfront
4. Add more trail linkages
5. Establish streetscape and gateway program for Route 1.
6. Prepare Holmes Run Greenway Management Plan
7. Honor Resource Protection Areas
8. Plan for the open space/recreation area east of Simpson Field at Potomac Yard
9. Revise zoning requirements to achieve better open space in new developments

**Most of the above require funds to implement.**

# CONCEPT PLAN

## Legend

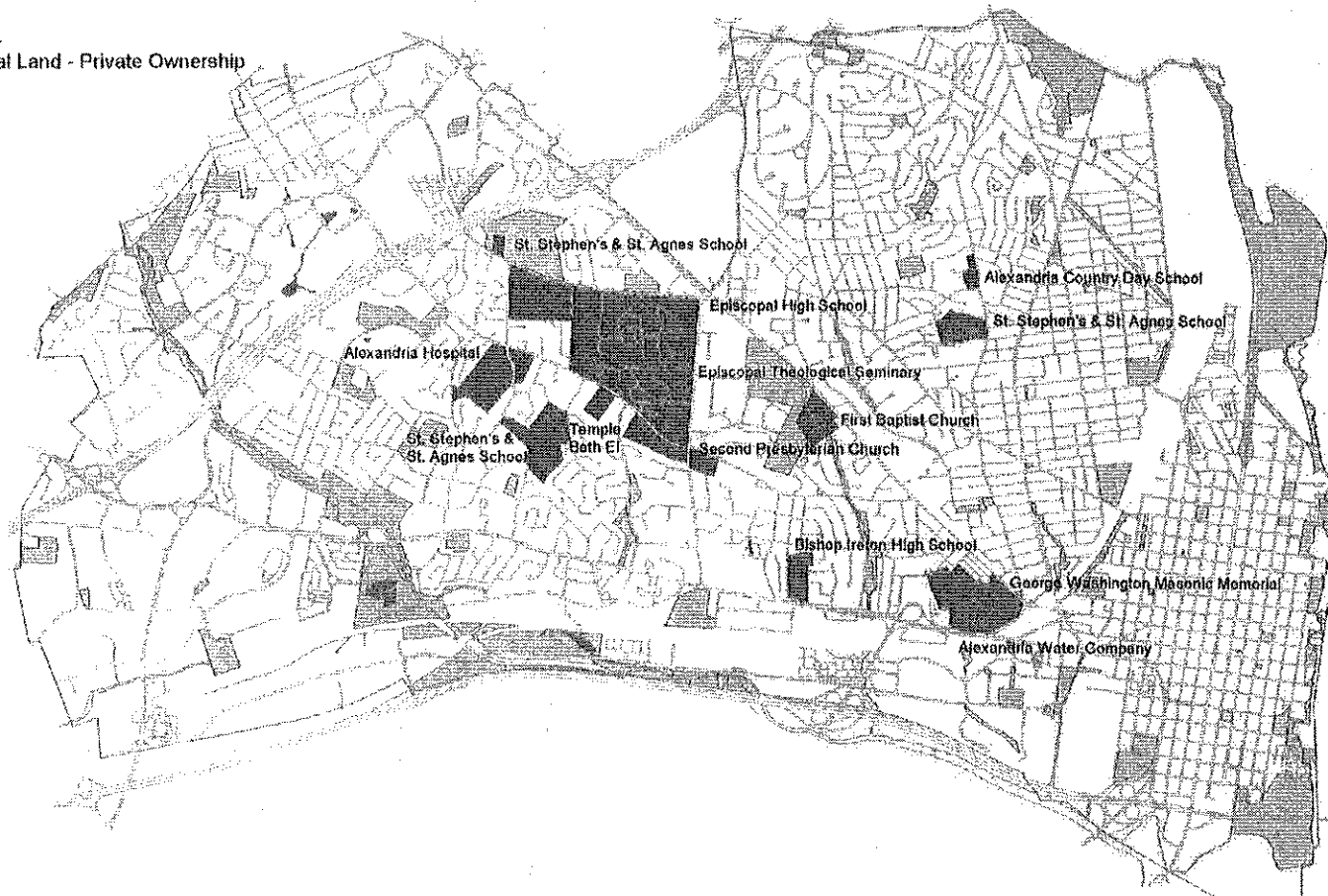
- Key Linkages over Infrastructure
- Green Crescent
- Green Connector
- Central Open Space Conservation Area and Key Streetscapes
- Parks



# INSTITUTIONAL LAND




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- Institutional Land - Private Ownership
- Parks



# VACANT LAND

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



## Conclusion:

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- The City needs to identify a number of sources of money, and must be prepared to provide some on its own funds to add to private and other government funds.
- The City cannot be the only funding source for the acquisition of open space, but it must be a key source.
- A one cent add-on to the real estate tax could raise \$2 million a year or about \$12 million over a six year period