

# 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



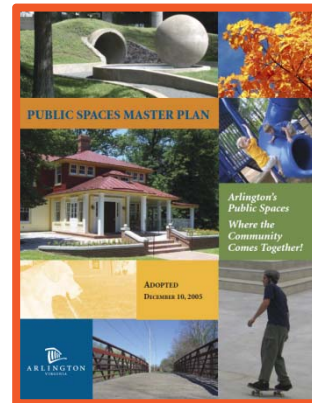
**126**

PLAYGROUNDS



# PLANNING CONTEXT

Arlington  
County  
Comprehensive  
Plan



**UPDATE**

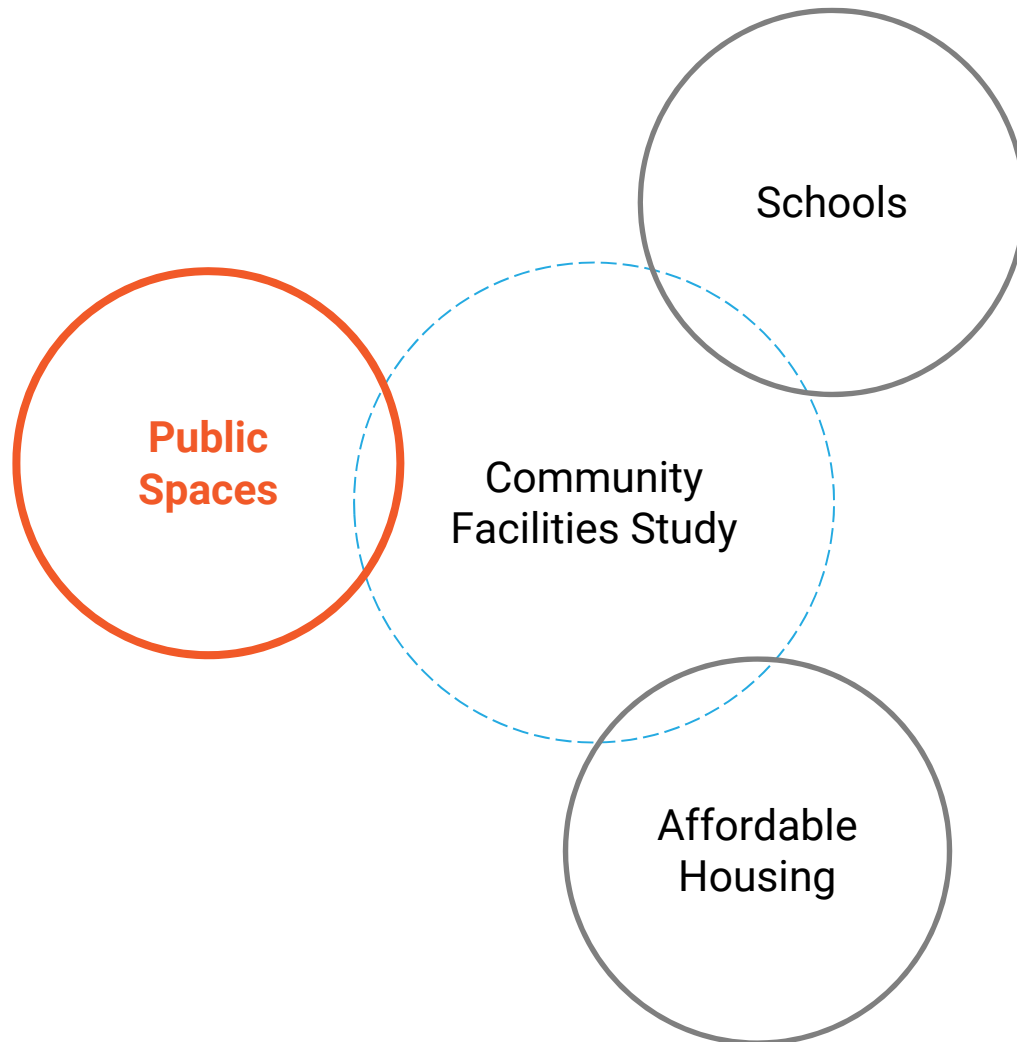
Urban  
Forest  
Master Plan

Public Art  
Master Plan

Natural  
Resources  
Master Plan

**REFERENCE**

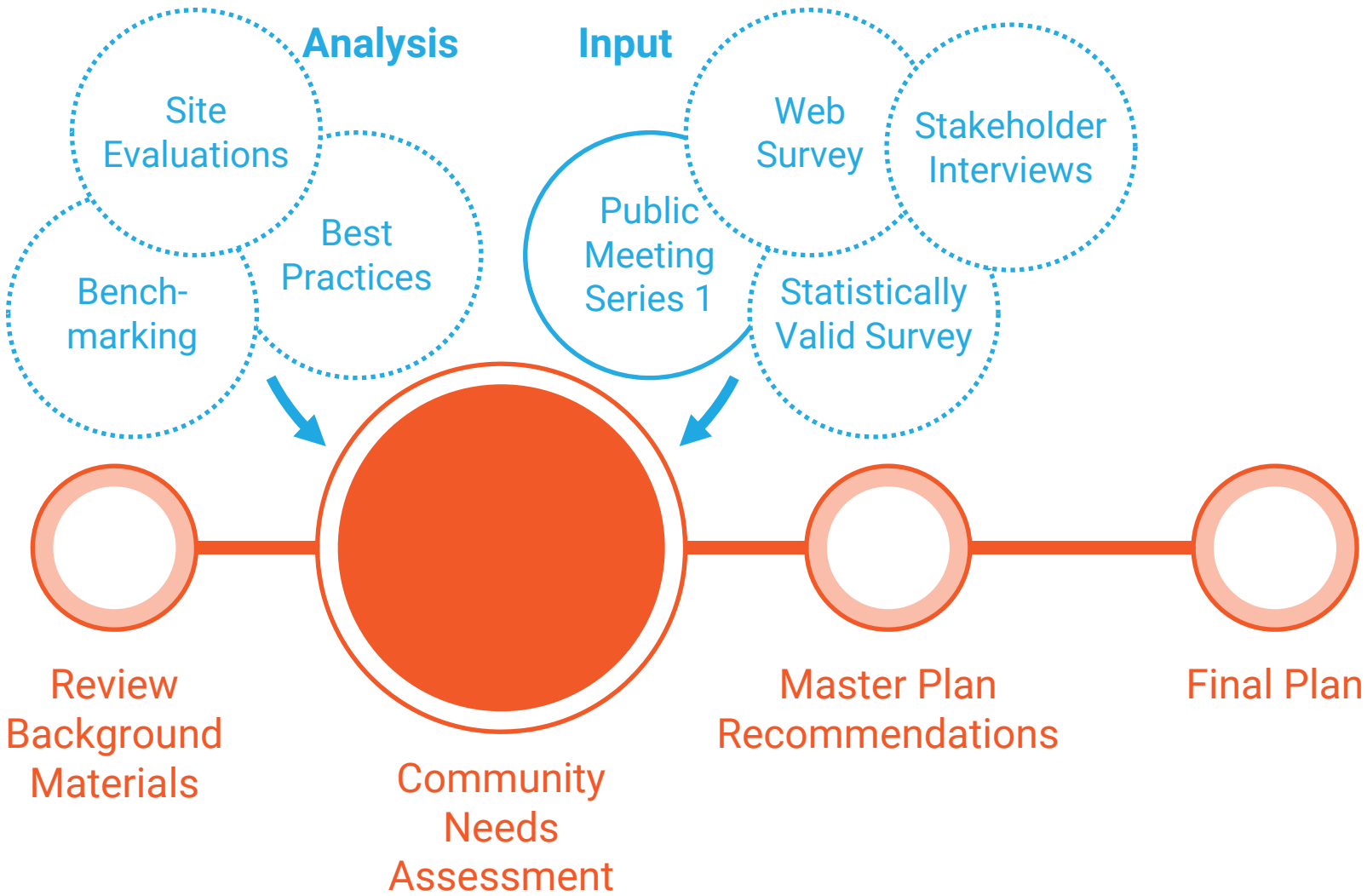
# PLANNING CONTEXT



# PLANNING PROCESS

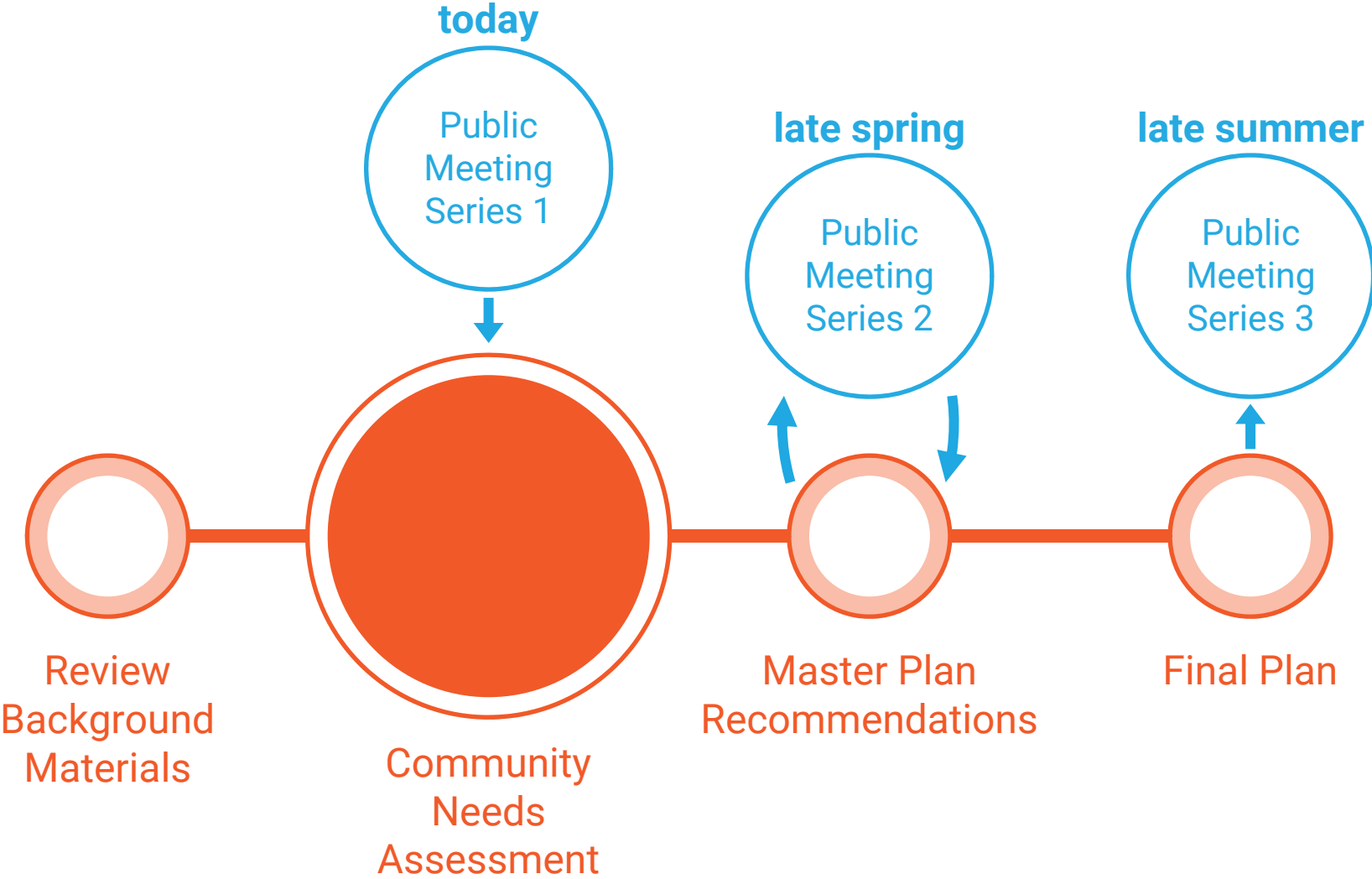


# PLANNING PROCESS





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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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> choices, or circle NONE.]

1<sup>st</sup>: \_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup>: \_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_ 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

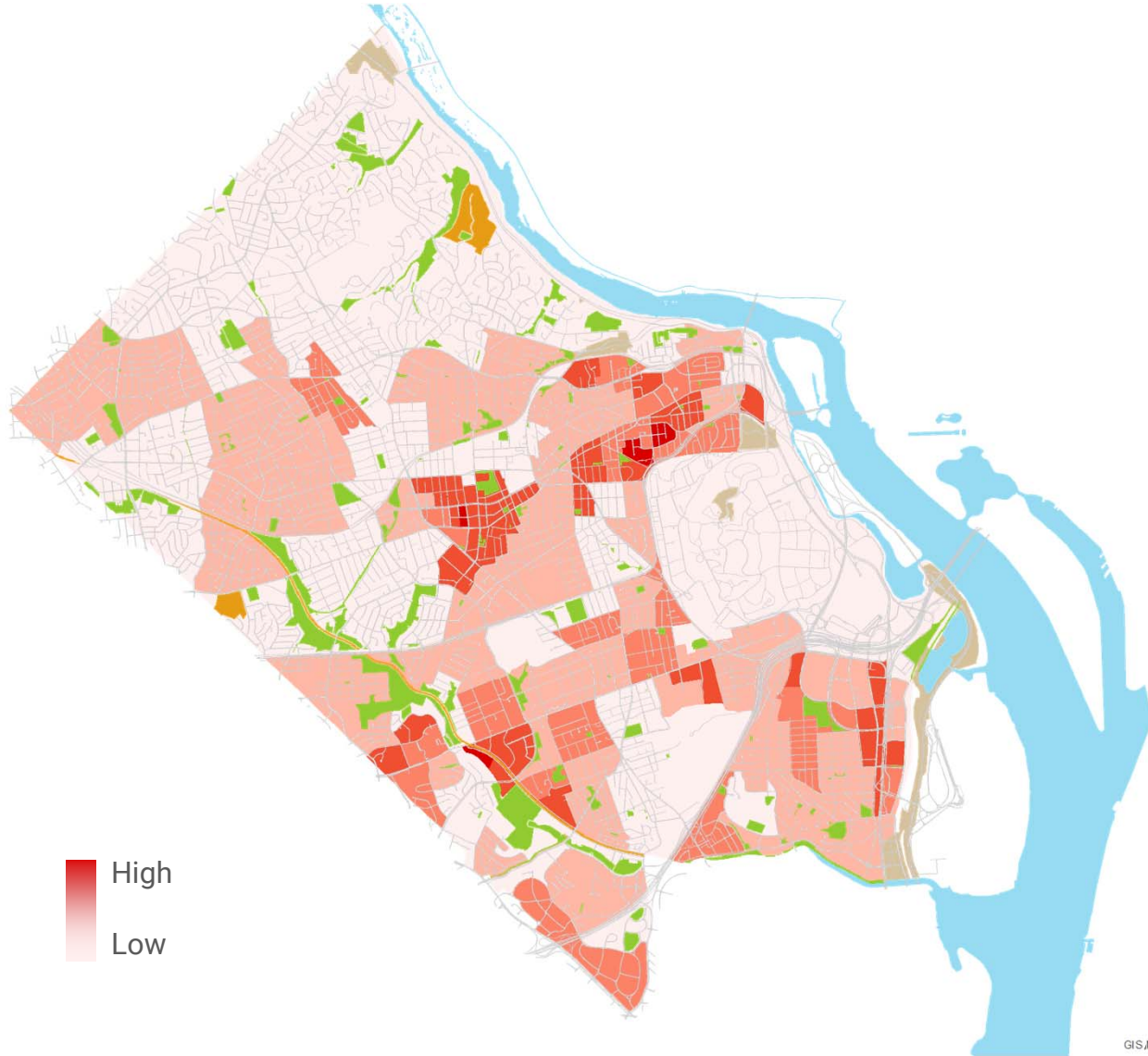
## Results

Target: 800 responses

Actual: >1200 responses

ANALYSIS

# POPULATION DENSITY

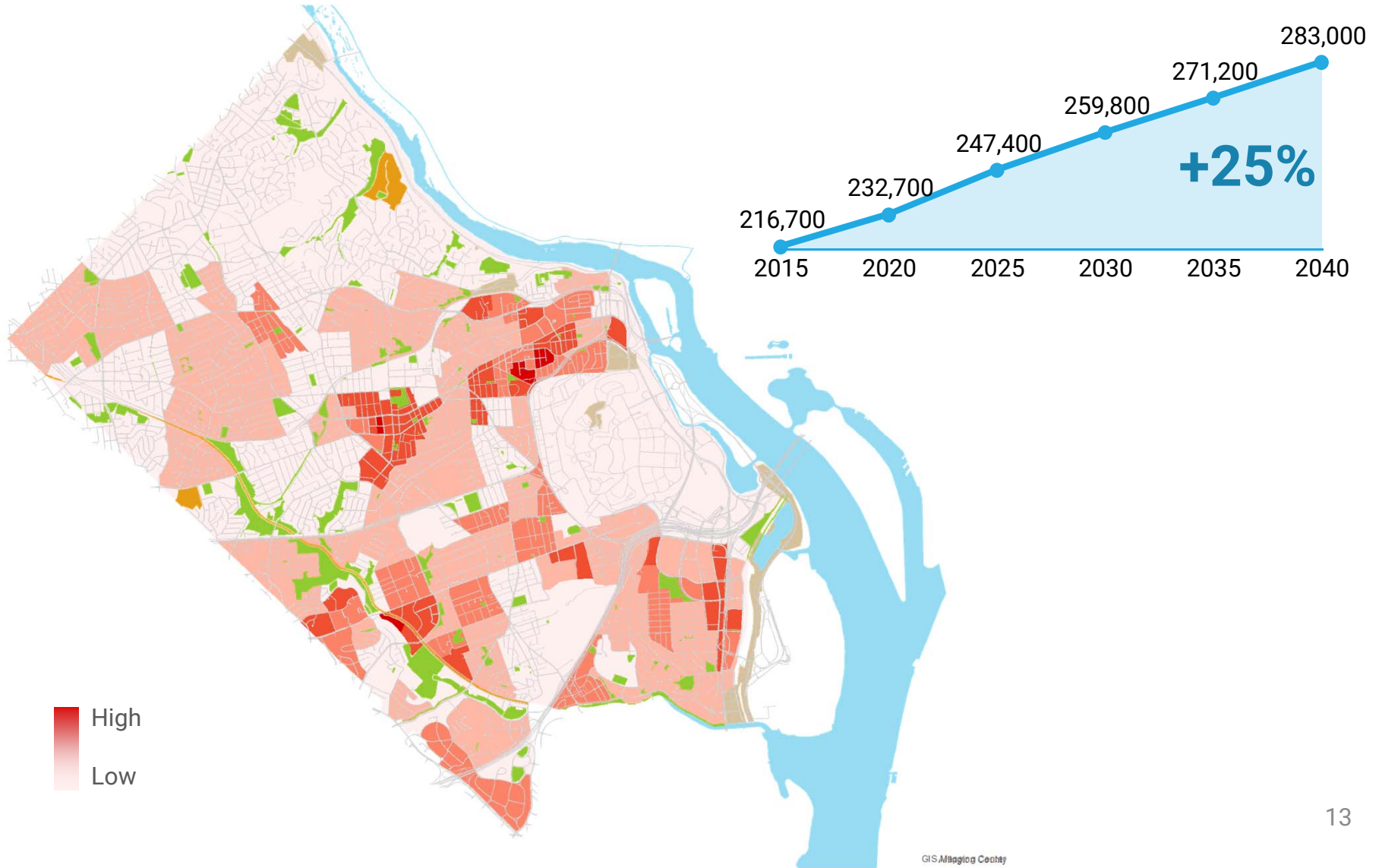


**216,700 residents**

**More multifamily  
apartments and  
condos being built**

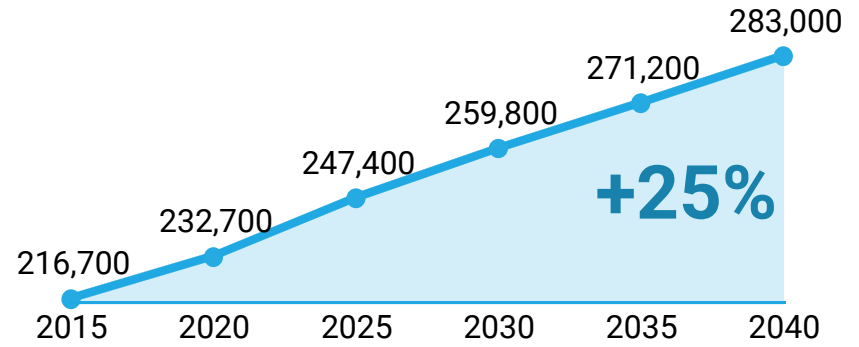
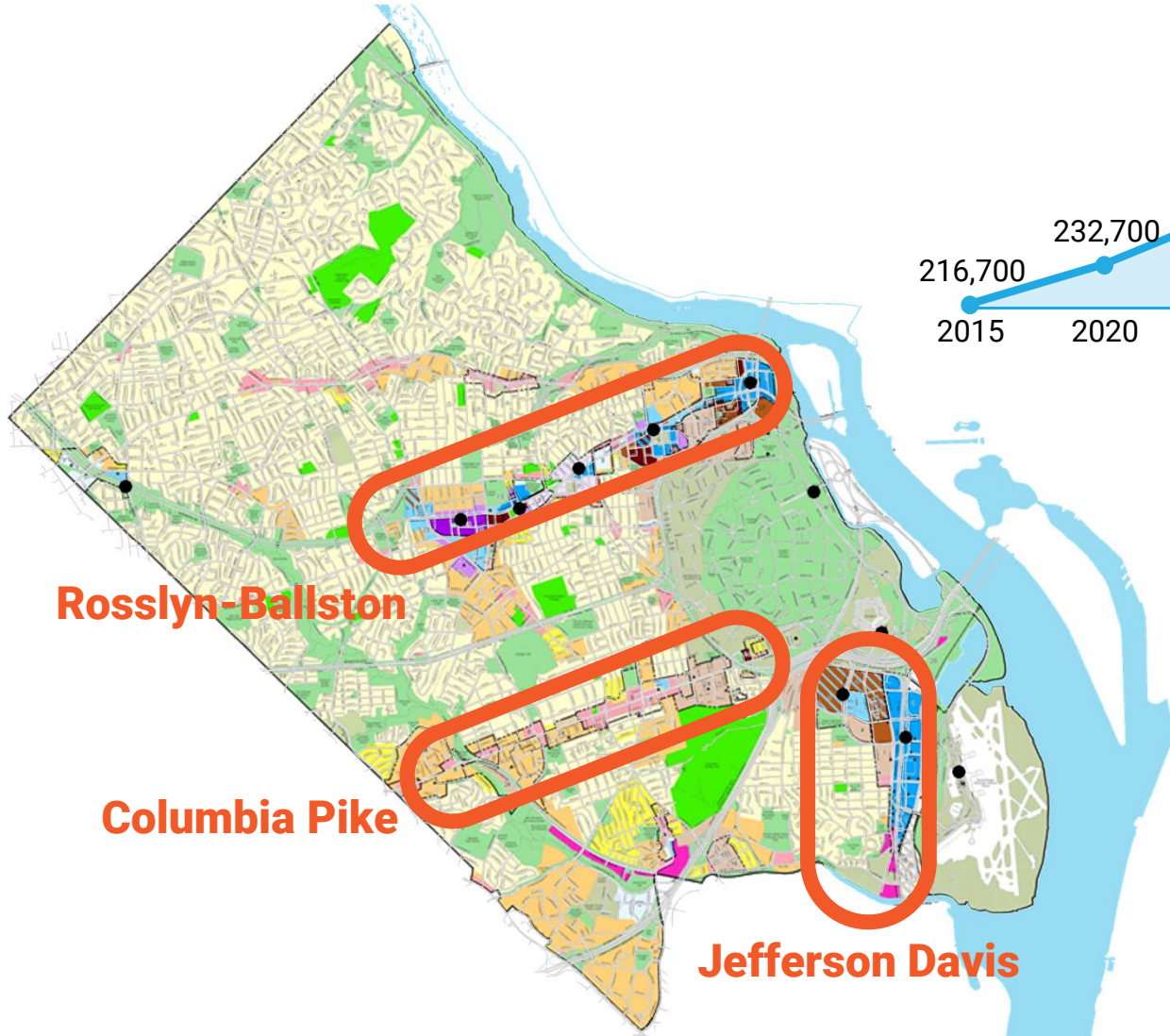
ANALYSIS

# POPULATION PROJECTIONS



ANALYSIS

# GENERAL LAND USE PLAN



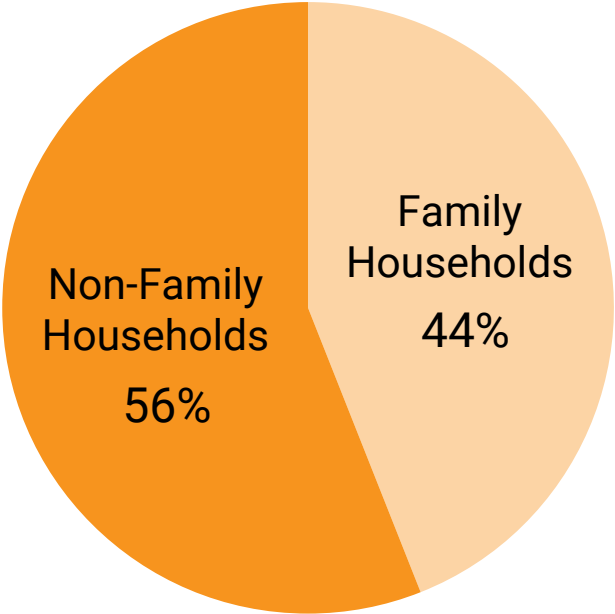
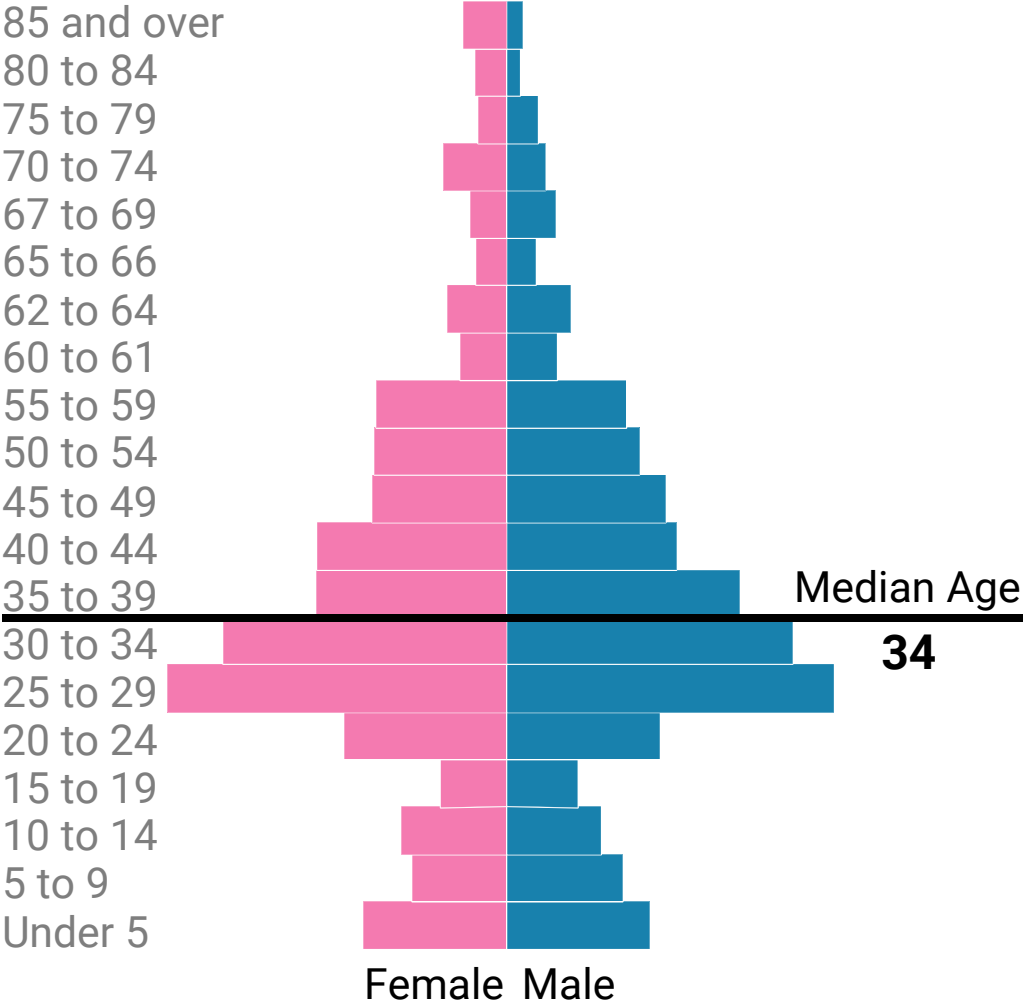
**Rosslyn-Ballston**

**Columbia Pike**

**Jefferson Davis**

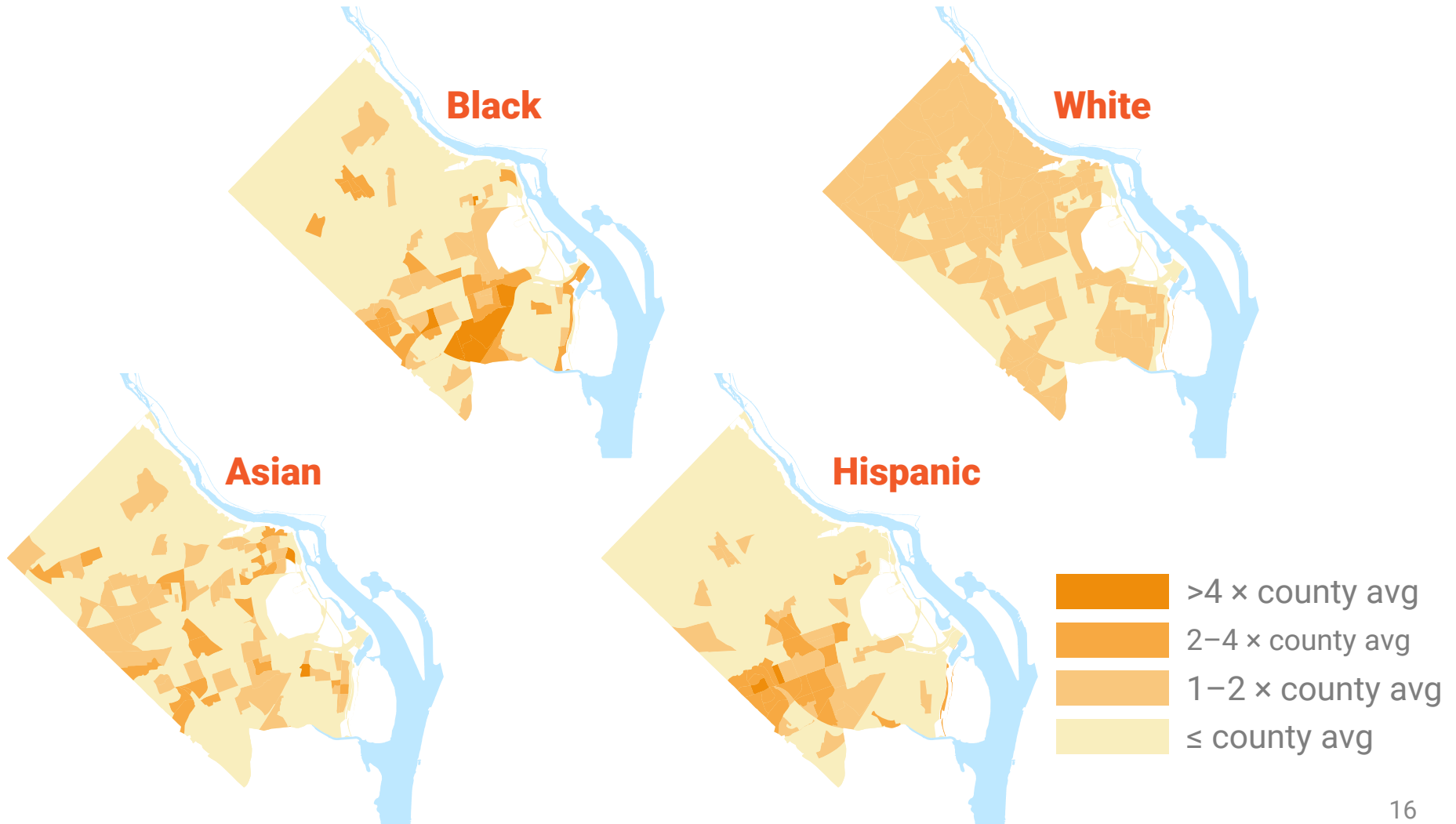
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# DEMOGRAPHICS



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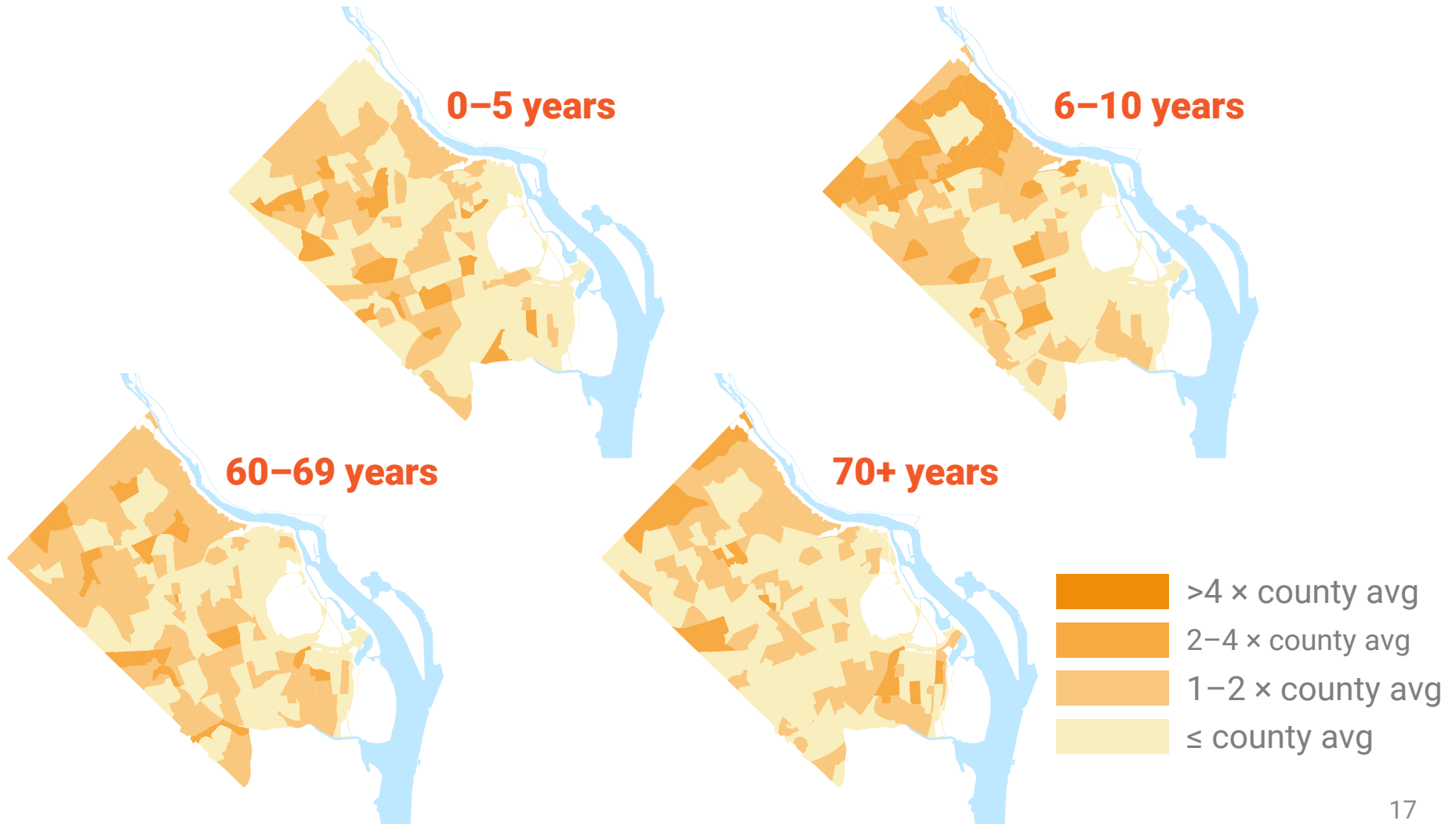
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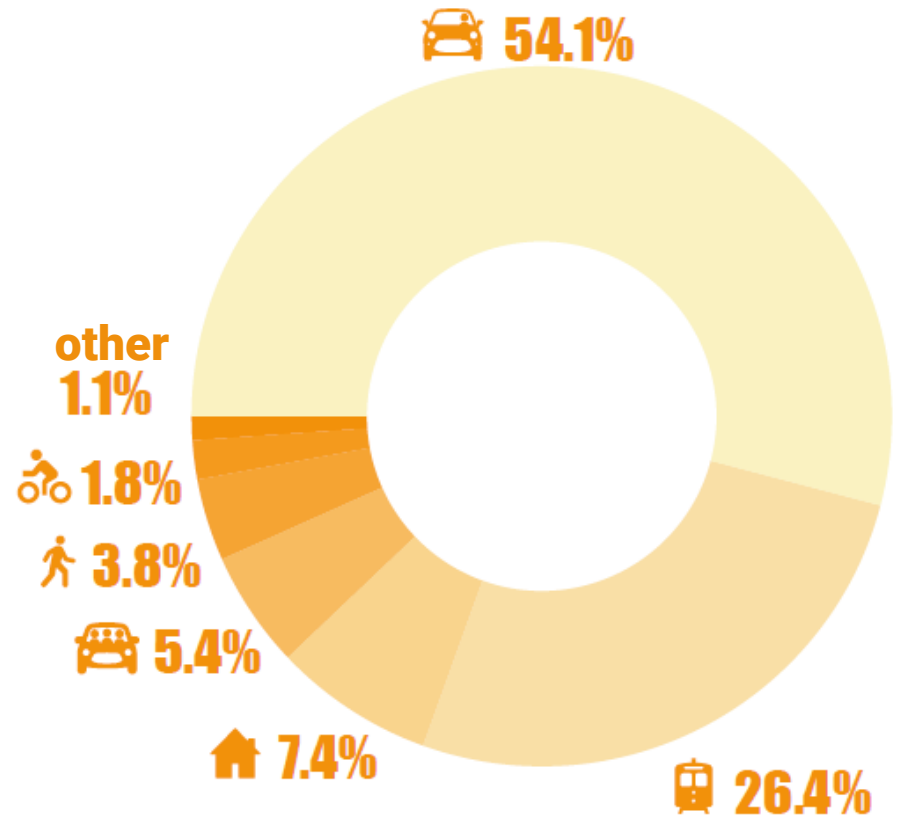
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# DEMOGRAPHICS



ANALYSIS

# COMMUTING PATTERNS



# FACILITY EVALUATIONS

Arlington County Public Spaces Master Plan 1/6

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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 / Oreoboard	<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 with trees and a winding path, situated in the heart of a dense urban landscape. The surrounding city is filled with tall buildings and skyscrapers, with the Hudson River visible in the background. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

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, bright red, curved, low wall that acts as a planter for tall grasses. The scene is set in a lush green park with trees in the distance. The title 'PARKS AS PUBLIC ART' is overlaid at the top in white text on a blue grid background.

**Tanghe River Park**  
Qinhuangdao, China

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Source: Kongjian Yu and Cao Yang via [contemporist.com](http://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, surrounded by dense urban buildings and streets. The image is overlaid with a blue grid pattern. The text "CREATING SPACE" is written in large, white, bold letters across the top left. In the bottom left corner, there is a caption: "Klyde Warren Park Dallas, TX". In the bottom right corner, there is a page number "32" and a source attribution: "Source: Kye R. Lee, Dallas Morning News".

**Klyde Warren Park**  
Dallas, TX



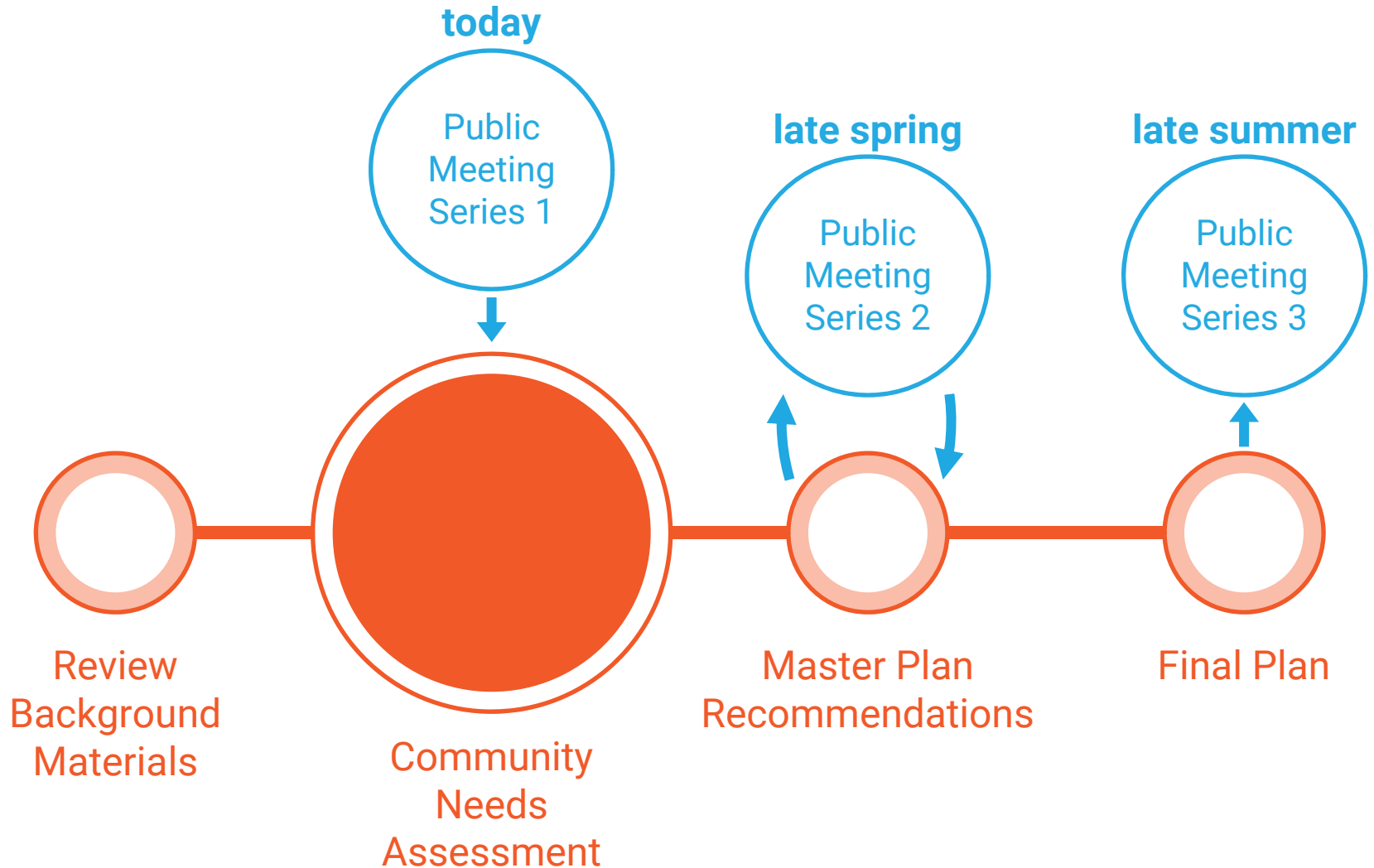
# GOING VERTICAL



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# PLANNING PROCESS



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