

3: Terms commonly used but not defined

Term	Potential Definition	Definition from Other Arlington Plans or Other Sources	Location in PSMP Update	Comments
3.1 green space		<p>Community space consisting of land (such as parks) rather than buildings. (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)</p> <p>[Greenspaces] broadly encompass publicly accessible areas with natural vegetation, such as grass, plants or trees [and may include] built environment features, such as urban parks, as well as less managed areas, including woodland and nature reserves. (K. Lachowycz, A.P. Jones, Towards a better understanding of the relationship between greenspace and health: Development of a theoretical framework, Landscape and Urban Planning, 118 (2013), pp. 62–69)</p> <p>Green space is defined as any vegetated land adjoining an urban area ...and includes bushland, nature reserves, national parks, outdoor sports fields, school playgrounds and rural or semi-rural areas immediately adjoining an urban area. (Chong et al., 2013, Neighbourhood safety and area deprivation modify the associations between parkland and psychological distress in Sydney, Australia)</p>		
3.2 open space	Land that is protected by the government for public use and cannot have any buildings or roads built on it.	Open space is any open piece of land that is undeveloped (has no buildings or other built structures) and is accessible to the public. Open space can include: green space, schoolyards, playgrounds, public seating areas, public plazas, vacant lots. Open space provides recreational areas for residents and helps to enhance the beauty and environmental quality of neighborhoods. (EPA)		Outdoor space that is used for recreation, leisure, or conservation irrespective of ownership or public accessibility.