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1.1 public space (see also public realm, civic space)	Multi-functional spaces—such as parks, plazas, trails, streets, and recreation facilities—that support recreation and leisure and that are accessible and usable by all of Arlington’s residents, workers, and visitors.	An array of public spaces—parks, natural areas, attractive streetscapes and scenic views, pedestrian passageways, landscaped buffers, historical sites, community centers, cultural spaces and athletic fields, amongst others-- helps to make Arlington County an attractive and hospitable community for families, individuals, workers and visitors from all social and economic circumstances. (2005 PSMP)	Throughout	
1.2 park/parkland	Land that is primarily used for recreation, leisure, or conservation of natural resources—including ancillary uses that support these primary uses (e.g., recreation facilities, storage, parking).	An open space designated on the regulating plan, accessible to all, including Plazas, Mini-Parks, and Neighborhoods Parks. (Columbia Pike Neighborhood Form Based Code)		
1.3 plaza	Places of respite—primarily in high-density areas amid bustling streets and buildings—to sit, play and relax that may, depending on their design, also serve as small gathering and event spaces.	A public open space designated on the REGULATING PLAN that is not designed for active recreation structures such as ball fields and courts and has a maximum of 70 percent paved surface area. Plazas incorporate a higher percentage of paved surface area than other types of PUBLIC SPACES to accommodate a high pedestrian traffic level. Surface treatment and materials shall be at least 30 percent unpaved pervious surface (turf, groundcover, gravel, soil or mulch), excluding any public art or monument footprint. At least 50 percent of the unpaved pervious surface area shall be vegetated. (Columbia Pike Neighborhood Form Based Code)	Existing Public Space System	
1.4 natural lands (see also natural resources, preserved natural area)		In public and private ownership, are most commonly small-scale spaces offering seating, shade, and modest public amenities along public streets and sidewalks. . These spaces are envisioned as extensions of the public street space and offer places for relaxation, socializing, and people watching. While most plazas will be privately owned and maintained, each should be fully accessible to the public. These spaces are not intended to satisfy the need for large urban parks described above, which can better accommodate other recreational uses. (Clarendon Sector Plan)		
1.5 historic resources	Areas with a defined historical architectural, archaeological, and cultural component. Examples are County-owned historic buildings (community centers, schools, offices), civil-war forts, cemeteries, Native American sites, structures (such as bridges or roads), or other sites determined to have historical value or interest to the community.	Natural Lands are considered a subset of Open Space and refer to parcels of land “which have experienced only minimal human alteration or have recovered from anthropogenic disturbance under mostly natural regimes of species interaction and disturbance.” (NRMP)	NRMP description in Planning Context section; quality of life benefits section	
1.6 casual use space	Spaces intentionally designed to support casual, impromptu use, including relaxation, reflection, informal activities, and connection with nature. Some casual use spaces are generally available, while others are available at designated times.		1.3.1.	

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1.7 recreation	Athletic or leisure activity undertaken for enjoyment, either in an organized or informal capacity.		Throughout	
1.8 recreation facility	Structure built, equipment installed, or space designed indoors or outdoors to enable one or more particular recreational activities.		1.2.2.	
1.9 recreation center	A building that is designed to enable indoor recreation.		1.2.2.	
1.10 community center	A building that is designed to enable a wide range of community-focused and civic programs and events, which may include recreation.		1.2.2., 1.4.6.	
1.11 multi-use activity center	A facility or group of facilities that can accommodate active recreation and is designed for maximum flexibility of use.		1.2.4.	
1.12 sports complex	A facility or group of indoor or outdoor facilities that is designed to accommodate specific team or individual athletic activities, including tournaments.		1.2.3.	
1.13 primary multi-use trail	A key off-street recreation and transportation corridor that may connect Arlington to surrounding jurisdictions and the larger regional trail network. A primary multi-use trail is paved, at least 10' wide, and striped to separate directions of travel. It includes seating areas, signage, and trail-specific lighting. The user base for a primary multi-use trail is broad, including pedestrians, runners, joggers, cyclists, and skaters.	Shared-use Trail – A path segregated from motorized traffic for the use of bicyclists, pedestrians, and users of motorized wheelchairs. (Master Transportation Plan)	Existing Public Space System section	
1.14 secondary multi-use trail	An off-street recreation corridor. It is paved, at least 8' wide. A secondary multi-use trail may be linear, connecting multiple neighborhoods or public spaces, or loops, providing recreational circuits within one public spaces. It includes seating areas, signage, and trail-specific lighting. The user base for a secondary multi-use trail is broad, including pedestrians, runners, joggers, cyclists, and skaters.		Existing Public Space System section	
1.15 connecting trail	A small segment of trail that provides connections between primary or secondary multi-use trails, between primary or secondary trails and neighborhoods, or between primary or secondary trails and parking areas. It is at least 5' wide and may include seating areas and signage.		Existing Public Space System section	
1.16 protected on-street trail	Parallel pedestrian and cycling facilities (a protected bike route with adjacent sidewalk) that are protected from vehicular traffic, located within street rights of way, and together serve similar functions to off-street trails.		Existing Public Space System section; 2.4; 3.1.2.	
1.17 hiking trail	An unpaved path at least 4' wide that may include seating areas- located primarily along the Potomac River, Four Mile Run, and their tributaries. The user base for hiking trails includes pedestrians and hikers.			
1.18 green street	A tree-lined street that is designed to serve as an extension of the public space system. A green street offers pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers a more attractive travel experience, provides shade in the heat, blocks wind in the cold, and may integrate stormwater management features. A green street provides a visual cue that there is a public space destination along the path of travel.	A green street is a street with a vegetated area in the public right of way that reduces the volume of stormwater and stormwater pollutants that enter our local streams, Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay. (Green Streets Program, Arlington County)	1.2.16.	

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1.19 park framework plan	A conceptual diagram that identifies intended uses for a park and in what zones those uses are intended to occur. Types of zones include places for play, casual use, athletics, conservation, and natural and historical resources. Key internal and external connections are also displayed.		1.2.5.	
1.20 park master plan	A refined landscape and architectural plan with specific dimensions, materials, and facilities that identifies park expansion areas, elements that need to be fixed or restored, or elements that need to be completely overhauled.		1.2.6.	
1.21 program/programming	Formally structured activities that take place in public spaces, including but not limited to sports, fitness, nature, art, and special events.		SD 5	
1.22 privately-owned public space	A privately developed space that remains under private ownership and is usually privately maintained but has an easement that makes it open and accessible to the public.		existing public space system section; 1.2.17.; 1.2.18.; 8.3.1.	