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## Action Plan, 2015-2022

### A. Introduction

This Action Plan for the Town of Arlington Open Space and Recreation Plan seeks to translate its goals and objectives into concrete actions for the period 2015–2022. It seeks to deliver on the goals and objectives expressed throughout this process with a program of tangible steps for the Town to take over the next seven years.

These actions are targeted to address the physical and organizational issues confronting the Town, as described and analyzed in previous sections of this Plan, especially in chapter 7. This Action Plan strives to examine various needs and visions realistically in light of current economic conditions, while maintaining a focus on the substantive issues of open space and recreation preservation, acquisition, enhancement, management, and maintenance.

Table 9-1 lists more than 75 action items, and Map 9-1 indicates the locations of 20 selected major projects (numbered from left to right). Some of these actions are already in the planning process; others are ongoing but need additional support. While all of the actions listed are recognized as important, two issues rise to the top as being absolutely essential for any future progress toward meeting the goals of this Plan:

- Advocate for continued support from Town staff, commissions, and boards for the principle that open space and recreation are central

and lasting priorities for Arlington residents. While it is understood that there are competing needs for both financial and staffing resources in the Town, all groups must abide by the central tenet that these issues are extremely important to the residents of Arlington. Where open space and recreational resources are concerned, the goals and policies of this Plan must be followed, and the committee members and Town staff must be consulted. The Arlington Master Plan, completed in 2015, also reinforces these priorities and should be used in conjunction with this Open Space and Recreation Plan.

- Secure additional funding sources for staffing and other support to better maintain and enhance all parks, playgrounds, playing fields, and natural open spaces. Additionally, there is strong interest among community residents in obtaining additional open space resources such as the Mugar parcel and additional recreational facilities. Funds to achieve these goals are scarce and the Town must be creative in how funds are raised. Private groups such as the Arlington Land Trust and many Friends groups are actively engaged in efforts to raise funds and to obtain grants for acquisition and maintenance goals. The adoption of the Community Preservation Act in 2014 is a new opportunity for funding some open space and recreation needs.

### B. Open Space and Recreation Priorities

The five priorities listed below reflect the specific goals and attainable objectives that are embedded in the overall Plan. They hold equal importance and represent the concerns shared by Town residents for acquiring, maintaining, raising funds for, and working collaboratively to preserve, protect, and enhance open space resources and recreational facilities in our densely developed Town.

#### 1. Land Protection

Actively pursue long-standing goals to acquire or protect through other means ecologically valuable land parcels such as the Mugar property and Arlington's Great Meadows, as well as other wetlands or undeveloped land that could be lost as open space. Another focus is to pursue opportunities

for protecting and enhancing the natural resources associated with the Mill Brook corridor and improving public access to the area.

## 2. Maintenance and Capital Improvements

Explore multiple public and private avenues for raising additional funds for capital improvements and maintenance of all of the Town's parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities. Some projects already in line for capital improvements through 2022 are Magnolia and Bishop School playgrounds, Robbins Farm and Hurd/Reservoir playing fields, Wellington Park and the Reservoir Beach; ADA compliance upgrades; and a master plan for Poets Corner.

## 3. Management of Town Open Spaces

Continue to encourage Town departments, Town and regional commissions, and volunteer Friends groups to work collaboratively to better coordinate, manage, and raise funds to implement all of the open space goals and objectives. Special efforts are needed to hire additional DPW staff to advocate for and implement planning, management, and maintenance of Arlington's open spaces, natural resources, and recreational facilities.

## 4. Public Participation and Stewardship

Increase public awareness, education, accessibility, and community stewardship of the Town's open spaces through a variety of participatory education programs and volunteer activities to better monitor and improve open space and recreational facilities. A related goal is to make better use of the Town website, e-mail lists, community access TV, and other resources to enhance channels of communication and levels of participation.

## 5. Sustainable Approaches for Natural Resources Management

Take actions to improve water resources management, control flooding, maintain ecological diversity (flora and fauna), promote mitigation and adaptation to climate changes, and ensure that Arlington's residential

areas, commercial centers, and infrastructure are developed in harmony with natural resource concerns.

**Table 9.1 – Acronyms for Action Plan Responsible Parties and Funding Sources**

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Full Name</b>
ABAC	Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee
ACC	Arlington Conservation Commission
AHA	Arlington Housing Authority
ALT	Arlington Land Trust
ARB	Arlington Redevelopment Board
A-TED	Arlington Tourism and Economic Development
BOS	Board of Selectmen
CC	Cemetery Commission
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CPA	Community Preservation Act
CPC	Capital Planning Committee
DCR	Department of Conservation and Recreation (state)
DPW	Department of Public Works
FoAGM	Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows
HC	Historic Commission
HCA	Housing Corporation of Arlington
HDC	Historic Districts Commission
HS	Historical Society
LAND	Land Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (state)
MAPC	Metropolitan Area Planning Council (regional)
MyRWA	Mystic River Watershed Association
OSC	Open Space Committee
PARC	Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (state)
PRC	Park and Recreation Commission
SA	Sustainable Arlington
TAC	Transportation Advisory Commission
TM	Town Meeting
ZBA	Zoning Board of Appeals

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<b>Goal 1: Acquire ecologically valuable undeveloped lands or ensure their protection through conservation restrictions or other means.</b>						
	1-1. Conduct an inventory of Town-owned open spaces of conservation and recreation value that are not permanently protected, and develop strategies to ensure their protection, especially sites adjacent to existing open spaces, parks, wetlands, and waterways, such as along Mill Brook, Spy Pond, Mystic Lakes, Arlington's Great Meadows, and Poets Corner.	OSC, ALT, ARB, Friends groups	X			Private funding, Town budget and capital funds
	1-2. Work with the Arlington Land Trust, other groups, Town officials, and landowners to negotiate acquisitions, conservation restrictions, transfers of development rights, or other means to protect undeveloped privately owned property of conservation and recreation value that could be developed under current zoning regulations, especially the Mugar land.	OSC, ALT, ARB, private landowners, developers	X	X	X	LAND, private funding, grants, Town budget and capital funds, CPA funds
	1-3. Support the Arlington Land Trust and Conservation Commission as co-holders of a conservation restriction on the open space at the Symmes site, and support a new Friends group to help oversee the designated parks and woodlands on that property.	OSC, ALT, ACC, Friends of Symmes Conservation Area	X	X	X	Private funding
<b>Goal 2: Preserve, maintain, and enhance existing open spaces, including watersheds, water bodies, and natural areas; parks, playgrounds and outdoor recreational facilities; and historic sites and cultural landscapes.</b>						
<b>2-a. Preserve, maintain, and enhance the Town's natural heritage, including watersheds, water bodies, native flora and fauna, and existing natural areas.</b>	2-a-1. Encourage and support Town efforts to manage major water bodies and natural areas to preserve and protect biodiverse habitats for native flora and fauna (including Arlington Reservoir, Arlington's Great Meadows, McClennen Park, Spy Pond, Meadowbrook Park, and Menotomy Rocks).	OSC, PRC, ACC, DPW	X	X	X	Water Bodies Fund

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	2-a-2. Support continued funding for the Water Bodies Fund for the treatment and removal of invasive weeds and other plants from the Reservoir, Spy Pond, Hill's Pond, and other areas as needed.	TM, Vision 2020, Friends groups	X	X	X	Water Bodies Fund
	2-a-3. Encourage and support efforts by Friends groups and other volunteers to help maintain natural resources and landscapes, such as the Wildlife Habitat Garden at the Reservoir and rain gardens at various sites around Town.	OSC, Vision 2020, Friends groups, other volunteers	X	X	X	Private funding
	2-a-4. Support FoAGM's efforts to remove invasive plants and restore upland meadows and other habitats at Arlington's Great Meadows to protect and support diverse wildlife and plant species.	OSC, FoAGM, Mass Audubon	X	X	X	Private funding
	2-a-5. Continue to enforce the Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act and Wetlands Protection Act and the Town's Wetlands Protection Bylaw to prevent further culverting of Mill Brook, enhance its open sections, and promote daylighting.	ACC, ARB	X	X	X	Town budget and capital funds, CPA funds
	2-a-6. Protect and enhance the water quality and ecological integrity of Mill Brook as it meanders through Town from the Reservoir, through many neighborhoods and Meadowbrook Park, and into the Lower Mystic Lake.	OSC, ACC, DPW, Friends groups, private landowners	X	X	X	Town budget and capital funds, CPA funds
	2-a-7. Work with the Redevelopment Board and others on future development in the Mill Brook Study Area and pursue opportunities to expand and enhance public access to Mill Brook by linking existing and new open spaces.	OSC, ARB, ACC, PRC, private landowners	X	X	X	Town budget and capital funds, CPA funds

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	2-a-8. Enhance maintenance along Arlington’s stretch of the Minuteman Bikeway, and support the addition of public amenities and site improvements for users.	ABAC, DPW	X	X	X	Town budget and capital funds, CPA funds
	2-a-9. Use native vegetation appropriate for an urban environment in Town-sponsored and private landscaping projects along the Mass. Ave. corridor and other commercial streets, and along the Bikeway.	DPW, Tree Comm., ACC, ABAC, ARB	X	X	X	Town budget and capital funds, CPA funds
	2-a-10. Support volunteer efforts to enhance neighborhood streetscapes and street island gardens through maintenance and plantings of native trees, shrubs, and flowering plants.	Friends groups, DPW, ACC, Garden Club	X	X	X	Private funding
	2-a-11. Encourage Town-managed tree planting to a level of one new tree for every one removed on public streets, parks, and playgrounds, and work to make this official town policy.	OSC, BOS, Tree Comm., PRC, DPW	X	X	X	Town budget and capital funds, CPA funds
	2-a-12. Work to protect endangered species, such as Englemann's Umbrella Sedge, and to eliminate invasive plants, such as Phragmites, Japanese Knotweed, Garlic Mustard, Black Swallowwort, and Oriental Bittersweet.	OSC, DPW, ACC, Friends groups	X	X	X	Town budget and capital funds, CPA funds
	2-a-13. Develop policies to prevent the use of identified invasive species of trees, shrubs, and other plants and to enrich all natural environments with native plants.	ARB, DPW, ACC, Tree Committee	X	X	X	N/A
<b>2-b. Preserve, maintain, and enhance Arlington’s parks, playgrounds, playing fields, and other outdoor recreational facilities.</b>	2-b-1. Continue to upgrade the physical condition of playing fields and other recreational facilities per the Capital Plan of the Park and Recreation Commission (see Appendix C).	PRC, CPC, Recreation Dept., School Dept., sports user groups	X	X	X	PARC, Town capital funds, private user groups

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	2-b-2. Support public/private partnerships and other funding initiatives necessary to meet heavy demands on playing fields throughout the Town.	PRC, School Dept., sports user groups	X	X	X	Private user groups
	2-b-3. Encourage the involvement and coordination of youth groups, sports teams, and other users in maintaining playing fields.	PRC, DPW, Recreation Dept., teams, youth groups	X	X	X	N/A
	2-b-4. Increase efforts towards park maintenance, with a focus on long-term fundraising strategies	Friends groups, PRC	X	X	X	Town budget and capital funds
	2-b-5. Introduce educational signage and other amenities at parks (such as benches, bulletin boards, recycling receptacles, bike racks).	PRC, DPW	X	X	X	PARC, Town capital funds
	2-b-6. Pursue new recreational opportunities based on community preference, such as for more swimming and ice skating facilities.	PRC, Recreation Dept.	X	X	X	PARC, Town capital funds, CDBG
	2-b-7. Prioritize and upgrade facilities to meet ADA compliance requirements, as specified in the ADA Study of Town recreation properties, completed in 2014	PRC, Recreation Dept., DPW	X	X	X	PARC, Town capital funds, CDBG
<b>2-c. Preserve, maintain, and enhance Arlington's historic open space sites and cultural landscapes.</b>	2-c-1. Conduct an inventory of significant Town-owned and private historic properties in conjunction with the Historic Commission and other groups to consider conservation and historic preservation restrictions or other actions to properly preserve and maintain these sites.	OSC, ALT, HC, HS, HDC	X	X	X	MAPC Battle Road Scenic Byways Program
	2-c-2. Work with the Town to preserve and maintain historic cultural and recreational properties in need of attention, such as the Play Fair stadium at Spy Pond Field, Winfield Robbins Memorial Garden in the Civic Block, and Cyrus Dallin sculptures on Town property.	DPW, PRC, HC, Friends groups, School Dept.	X	X	X	CPA funds

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	2-c-3. Continue to upgrade and expand interpretive programs, signage, and other materials that integrate the historical, environmental, geographical, and ecological resources of the Town and region with tourism and economic development goals.	OSC, HC, HS, HDC, ARB, A-TED	X	X	X	MAPC Battle Road Scenic Byways Program
	2-c-4. Develop and implement interpretive programs encompassing the historic Mill Brook corridor, including Arlington's Great Meadows, Arlington Reservoir, the former mill ponds, Spy Pond, and the entire Alewife/Mystic Watershed.	Volunteer groups, HC, HS, FoAGM, DCR, A-TED	X	X	X	MAPC Battle Road Scenic Byways Program
	2-c-5. Support restoration work on landscapes and monuments at the Old Burying Ground and Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.	HC, CC, DPW	X	X	X	CPA funds
<b>Goal 3: Coordinate and strengthen local and regional planning and management of open spaces in conjunction with various Town departments, commissions, and volunteer groups, and work closely with nearby towns and regional entities and with state and federal officials and agencies.</b>						
<b>3-a. Work within the Town of Arlington to better coordinate, fund, and manage open space goals and objectives, especially ongoing maintenance of all resources and facilities.</b>	3-a-1. Maintain and strengthen the Open Space Committee to oversee the Open Space and Recreation Plan and to advocate actively for its goals, objectives, and priorities, in conjunction with the Master Plan's recommended Planned Preventive Maintenance program.	OSC, BOS, ARB, DPW, ACC, PRC	X	X	X	N/A
	3-a-2. Support all efforts to provide sufficient funding for staffing and maintenance of all resources and facilities through multiple sources and programs.	OSC, DPW, PRC, ACC, TM	X	X	X	Town budget and capital funds, public/private sources

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	3-a-3. Advocate for hiring a natural resources professional to oversee the planning, management, and maintenance of Arlington’s open spaces, and additional DPW staff to implement work projects.	DPW, PRC, Town Manager, TM	X	X	X	Town budget
	3-a-4. Support the Cemetery Commission in efforts to create additional burial options, including columbariums and green burials.	OSC, CC, BOS, DPW, ACC	X	X	X	Town budget
	3-a-5. Work with Town departments, boards, and commissions to clarify and enforce Town policies on proper uses of public open spaces and treatment of those who violate regulations.	OSC, BOS, ARB, ZBA, ACC, PRC, DPW, School Comm., Police Dept.	X	X	X	Town budget
	3-a-6. Work with the Capital Planning Committee to fund planning and renovation and projects at Town parks and playing fields, including Poets Corner, Robbins Farm Field, Hurd/Reservoir Fields, Turkey Hill, and Reservoir Beach.	PRC, CPC, Recreation Dept.		X	X	Town capital funds
	3-a-7. Consider ecological impacts of climate change on open space and outdoor recreation sites.	OSC, BOS, ACC, PRC, DPW	X	X	X	N/A
	3-a-8. Develop open space and recreation capital improvements plans in conjunction with tourism and economic development projects.	PRC, A-TED, DPW, ARB, CPC	X	X	X	PARC, CPA, public/private sources
	3-a-9. Expand electronic communications and update GIS and related tools regularly in order to monitor potential real estate transactions that could impact Town goals to preserve and enhance open spaces, including small lots.	OSC, ALT, Planning Dept., DPW	X	X	X	N/A



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	3-a-10. Collaborate with Planning Department and Redevelopment Board on appropriate actions related to planning, development, and open space uses around Town, as part of the Master Plan implementation.	OSC, Planning Dept., ARB	X	X	X	N/A
	3-a-11. Work with Town departments and private groups on collaborative planning to increase access to affordable housing in conjunction with open space.	OSC, ALT, PRC, BOS, DPW, HCA, AHA	X	X	X	CPA funds
	3-a-12. Support efforts to find new options for the temporary storage of snow, damaged trees, and other debris from natural emergencies.	DPW, PRC, ACC	X	X	X	Town budget
3-b. Work at the regional level to coordinate planning and development initiatives that protect and enhance open spaces and historic landscapes across jurisdictions.	3-b-1. Coordinate regional open space planning in the Alewife/Mystic region with organizations such as Mystic River Watershed Association; Friends of Alewife Reservation; the Tri-Community Group (Arlington, Somerville, Cambridge); and state Department of Conservation and Recreation.	OSC, BOS, ACC, MAPC, DCR, MyRWA	X	X	X	N/A
	3-b-2. Continue to work closely with nearby towns on shared open space and recreational resources, such as the Alewife Reservation region (Belmont, Somerville, and Cambridge); Mystic Lakes/River region (Medford and Winchester); and Arlington's Great Meadows, Reservoir, Lex Farm, and McClennen Park areas (Lexington).	OSC, BOS, ACC, PRC, and other Towns' officials	X	X	X	N/A
	3-b-3. Establish better connections with Minuteman National Historic Park, Heritage Way communities, and other entities so that the Town can enhance tourism and maximize the visibility of its historic role in the region.	OSC, HC, BOS, ARB, Planning Dept., A-TED	X	X	X	MAPC Battle Road Scenic Byways Program

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	3-b-4. Work with the Tri-Community Bikeway Group (Arlington, Lexington, Bedford) to improve maintenance, safety, and amenities on the Minuteman Bikeway.	ABAC, BOS, DPW	X	X	X	N/A
3-c. Engage state officials and state and federal agencies in efforts to acquire, maintain, and manage the Town's open space and recreation resources.	3-c-1. Continue to work with state legislators to support and promote state policies that favor protection of and funding for open space and recreation resources.	OSC, BOS, PRC, DPW, ACC, ALT	X	X	X	N/A
	3-c-2. Support efforts to address CSO pollution and flooding problems and to improve public access to areas bordering Alewife Brook and other state-owned water bodies along Arlington's borders with Cambridge, Somerville, Medford, and Belmont.	OSC, BOS, ACC, DCR	X	X	X	State DCR funding
	3-c-3. Advocate for more state funding for the Community Preservation Act to match funds raised locally, and for more dollars for local aid and grants for conservation and recreation.	OSC, BOS, PRC, ALT, ACC, HC, Planning Dept., Town Meeting	X	X	X	State budget
	3-c-4 Advocate with the state DCR for additional financial assistance and/or ownership stake in the state-owned/town-managed ice skating facility at Ed Burns Arena.	Recreation Dept., DCR, PRC, BOS, Town Mgr.	X	X	X	Public/private partnerships
<b>Goal 4: Increase public awareness, accessibility, and community stewardship of the Town's open spaces and recreational facilities</b>						
4-a. Support volunteer groups for major open spaces and recreational facilities.	4-a-1. Support existing Friends and volunteer groups, and encourage the formation of new groups for major open spaces, parks, playgrounds, and natural areas.	OSC, PRC, ACC, DPW, ALT, Friends groups	X	X	X	Private funding

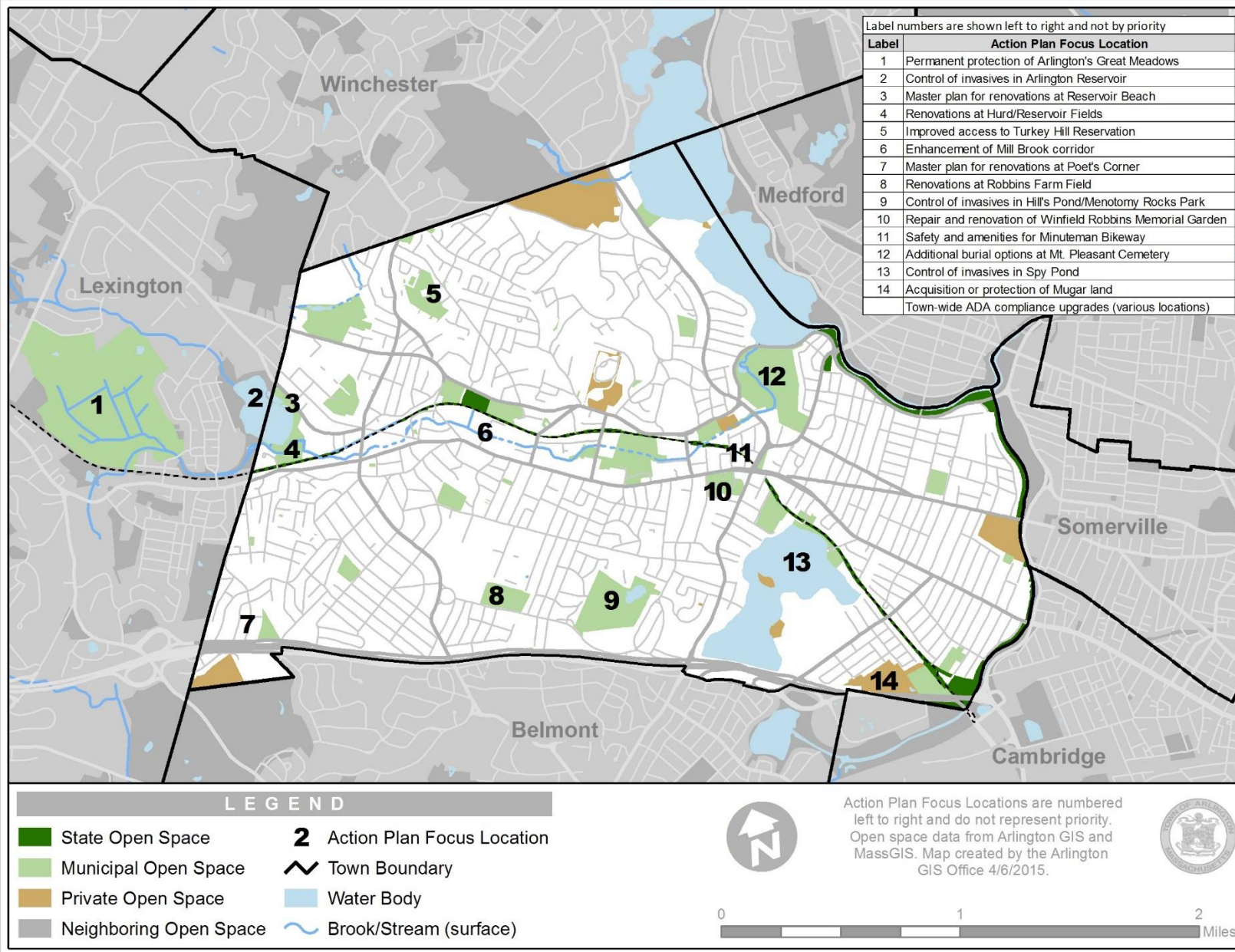
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	4-a-2. Support the efforts of the Arlington Parks Alliance and the Conservation Land Stewards Program to collaborate with residents, users, and volunteers on both fundraising and maintenance projects.	OSC, ACC, PRC	X	X	X	Private user groups
	4-a-3. Support all Town and independent recreational and sports organizations in the funding and maintenance of playing fields, Ed Burns Arena, and other active recreational facilities.	PRC, Recreation Dept.	X	X	X	Town budget and capital funding, CPA funds
4-b. Increase public awareness and educate Town residents about open space and recreational resources.	4-b-1. Encourage residents to participate actively in various Town committees and Friends groups, to be well informed about local resources, and to participate in opportunities for open space and recreation advocacy and maintenance.	OSC, BOS, PRC, ACC, ALT, volunteer groups	X	X	X	N/A
	4-b-2. Prepare handouts, educational materials, and online resources to encourage greater citizen awareness and participation, especially for those who have recently moved to Arlington.	OSC, ALT, ACC, PRC, ABAC	X	X	X	N/A
	4-b-3. Draw attention to some of the smaller and lesser-known open spaces and natural resources, to increase activity in all parts of Town.	OSC, PRC, ACC	X	X	X	N/A
	4-b-4. Encourage participation in regular nature walks and environmental education programs for all ages (such as birding, canoeing/kayaking, and cleanup campaigns) sponsored by non-Town groups such as Menotomy Bird Club, Boys and Girls Club, and Mystic River Watershed Association.	OSC, PRC, ACC, School Dept., PTOs, Recreation Dept.	X	X	X	N/A
	4-b-5. Work with local youth groups, churches, schools, scout groups, and other organizations to promote awareness about the Town's open spaces and participation in open space and recreational activities.	OSC and others as listed above	X	X	X	N/A

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	4-b-6. Educate landowners of small and large lots about the benefits of conservation restrictions or other means of protection for their land and the community at large.	OSC, ALT, ACC	X	X	X	Private funding
	4-b-7. Continue to support the “adopt an island” garden program and other activities to enhance streetscapes throughout the Town.	DPW, Garden Club	X	X	X	N/A
	4-b-8. Continue to sponsor an annual Town Day booth and participate in EcoFest for information sharing, education, and advocacy about open space issues.	OSC	X	X	X	N/A
	4-b-9. Continue to use the local and regional media to promote and inform residents about open space and recreational activities and special events i.e., Arlington Cable Access, <i>Arlington Advocate</i> , Town Email list, Town website, GIS maps, etc.	OSC, PRC, ACC, volunteer groups	X	X	X	N/A
	4-b-10. Promote open space and recreational resources in conjunction with other tourism and economic development activities and with improved signage and directions.	OSC, A-TED, ARB, PRC, ACC	X	X	X	Town budget
	4-b-11. Work with the Tree Committee, DPW, and others to promote opportunities for residents to plant and care for trees on their property and on public property.	DPW, Tree Comm.	X	X	X	N/A
	4-b-12. Expand public education for homeowners about common invasive plants and native choices for more natural landscaping.	OSC, DPW, ACC, Garden Club	X	X	X	N/A
4-c. Provide greater use of and improved access to key water bodies, natural areas, and recreational facilities.	4-c-1 Implement the recommendations contained in the ADA Study of recreation facilities conducted for the Town in 2014 by the Institute for Human Centered Design	PRC, DPW, Disability Comm.	X	X	X	PARC, Town capital funds, CDBG, CPA

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	4-c-2. Increase the diversity of recreational options to reflect Arlington's changing demographics.	OSC, PRC, Recreation Dept., School Dept., Council on Aging	X	X	X	Town budget
	4-c-3. Investigate ways to improve public access to state-owned pathways along Alewife Brook, Lower Mystic Lake, and the Mystic Valley Parkway.	OSC, DCR	X	X	X	State DCR
	4-c-4. Pursue initiatives to improve public access and create new pathways along Mill Brook and around Spy Pond.	OSC, ALT, PRC, ACC,ARB	X	X	X	PARC, CPA funds
	4-c-5. Investigate opportunities for additional indoor and outdoor swimming and ice skating facilities.	PRC, Recreation Dept.	X	X	X	PARC, CPA funds
<b>Goal 5. Use environmentally sustainable planning and engineering approaches for climate change and natural resources management.</b>						
5-a. Promote mitigation and adaptation to climate change	5-a-1. Identify environmental vulnerabilities due to climate change and population and development pressures.	Town Mgr., DPW, SA	X	X	X	N/A
	5-a-2. Develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan to protect natural resources following natural and human-caused disasters and the ongoing effects of climate change.	Town Mgr., DPW	X	X	X	Town budget
	5-a-3. Work with Town entities to develop plans and disseminate information about local climate change impacts and steps residents can take to prepare.	SA, DPW, Friends groups	X	X	X	Town budget
	5-a-4. Encourage zoning and other bylaws to ensure that Arlington's residential areas, commercial centers, and infrastructure are developed in harmony with future natural resource needs, in concert with recommendations in the Master Plan.	ARB, DPW	X	X	X	N/A

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5-b. Improve water resources management, control flooding, and maintain ecological diversity (flora and fauna) in water bodies and wetlands	5-b-1. Achieve better water resources management in all Town water bodies through control of nonpoint pollution and storm water runoff, use of low-impact development and groundwater recharge practices, and control of invasive plants.	DPW, ARB, ACC	X	X	X	Water Bodies Fund
	5-b-2. Promote information about water conservation, ecological lawn and landscape treatments, and pollution control measures on both Town properties and private residences and businesses.	SA, DPW, ACC, Friends groups, Garden Club	X	X	X	N/A
	5-b-3. Share information in updated FEMA maps regarding floodplain boundaries and implications for property owners in those areas	ARB, DPW, ACC	X	X	X	N/A
5-c. Support Arlington's efforts to create a more environmentally sound Town and region.	5-c-1. Link Town concerns about open space with larger global concerns about air quality, energy efficiency, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and sustainability issues in general.	OSC, BOS, DPW, SA	X	X	X	N/A
	5-c-2. Encourage public transportation, shared cars (i.e., ZipCar), carpooling, walking, and bicycle commuting as alternatives to automobile use and as ways to improve public health through more exercise.	OSC, BOS, ABAC, SA, TAC, Walking in Arlington	X	X	X	N/A
	5-c-3. Establish more rain gardens and community gardens, and encourage composting, container gardening, farmers markets, and other sustainable food resource practices.	PRC, Recreation Dept., DPW, Garden Club	X	X	X	N/A
	5-c-4. Maintain the Town's status as both a Green Communities and a Tree City community.	Town Mgr, DPW, SA	X	X	X	Town budget

Map 9-1. Action Plan Focus Locations, 2015-2022



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