

Open Space

Currently: All new residential development in Arlington is required to provide a certain amount of open space for the building's residents. Arlington's Zoning Bylaw includes two kinds of open space: usable, which is meant for recreation, and landscaped, which can include plantings, grass, terraces, and walkways. Current requirements are 10% landscaped open space and 15-30% usable open space.

Proposed Landscaped Open Space: 25% on Roof or Balconies

What do you think?

Place a green dot (L) if you like it, a yellow dot (U) if you're unsure, or a red dot (C) if you have concerns.



Roofs from view makes it "exclusive" NO

Make roof & balconies should not count - but roof green walls & roof gardens should be encouraged.

As many people as will support balconies, terraces and a garden for ground level open space!

Landscaped terraces and balconies will be used to increase green space part of the use of public space. This is a big challenge and need to think it through.

Green roofs and other options should be considered. Support instead of just making these changes without making them viable only if a significant percentage is used as green roofing or in other ways.

I think the density of the space is a concern.

Roof and balcony is not shared green space. No to 1/4 open space above grade.

NO CHANGE

Consider "Common" for the required open space to be shared. This will require a significant amount of design.

MAKE VERTICAL GREEN WALLS A PART OF THE DESIGN OF GREEN SPACE

Hi! Can you describe Arlington's open space? Can you describe opportunities for neighbors like "green walls" (Cambridge) and "green roofs" (NYC)? Thanks!

more "3D" images of successful forms of this density would be helpful

Proposed Landscaped Open Space: 20% of Total Building Area

What do you think?

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These recommendations need to be taken into consideration and include in the list of other things like better parking, more green and landscaping near the street, better bike lanes, and the green walls and balconies should be a part of the design.

Only allow roof gardens or balconies that are open to the community

Currently: Arlington prohibits satisfying open space requirements on balconies or rooftop terraces unless they are located at the lowest residential story.

Comments?

Share your thoughts on stickers and place them here.

Green walls, balconies, etc. are a good idea as well.

I don't think it is enough green space. Kids need a place to play outside. We need to be sure we are planting quality greenery.

Roof decks are OK, balconies are not.

I support the idea of green walls and balconies. It would be a great way to increase green space in the city.

WHERE DO CHILDREN PLAY?

20% is a good goal for total green space. 10' setback from sidewalk is a good idea.

Low percentage of green space is a concern. We need to be sure we are planting quality greenery.

Any green wall or balcony that is not open to the community is not a good idea. We need to be sure we are planting quality greenery.

Green walls and balconies are a good idea. We need to be sure we are planting quality greenery.

Allow green walls visible to street towards open space

Only reduce open space requirements when parking uses permeable pavement

To find better common areas we need to be sure we are planting quality greenery.

Only reduce open space requirements when trees are planted

Open space is a good idea. We need to be sure we are planting quality greenery.

