



**Arlington
Open Space &
Recreation Plan
Update**

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

JUNE 10, 2021

WELCOME!

Arlington's Great Meadows
Photo credit: Harvey Cote





Agenda

- Arlington's OSRP
Overview of the OSRP
Update Process
- Small Groups
- Report Out
- Next Steps



Town of Arlington

**OPEN SPACE AND
RECREATION PLAN** 2015-2022

Arlington's OSRP

- Open Space Committee prepares and monitors OSRP
- Current plan approved 2015-2022

Arlington's OSRP – Accomplishments

Wellington Park



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Arlington's OSRP – Accomplishments

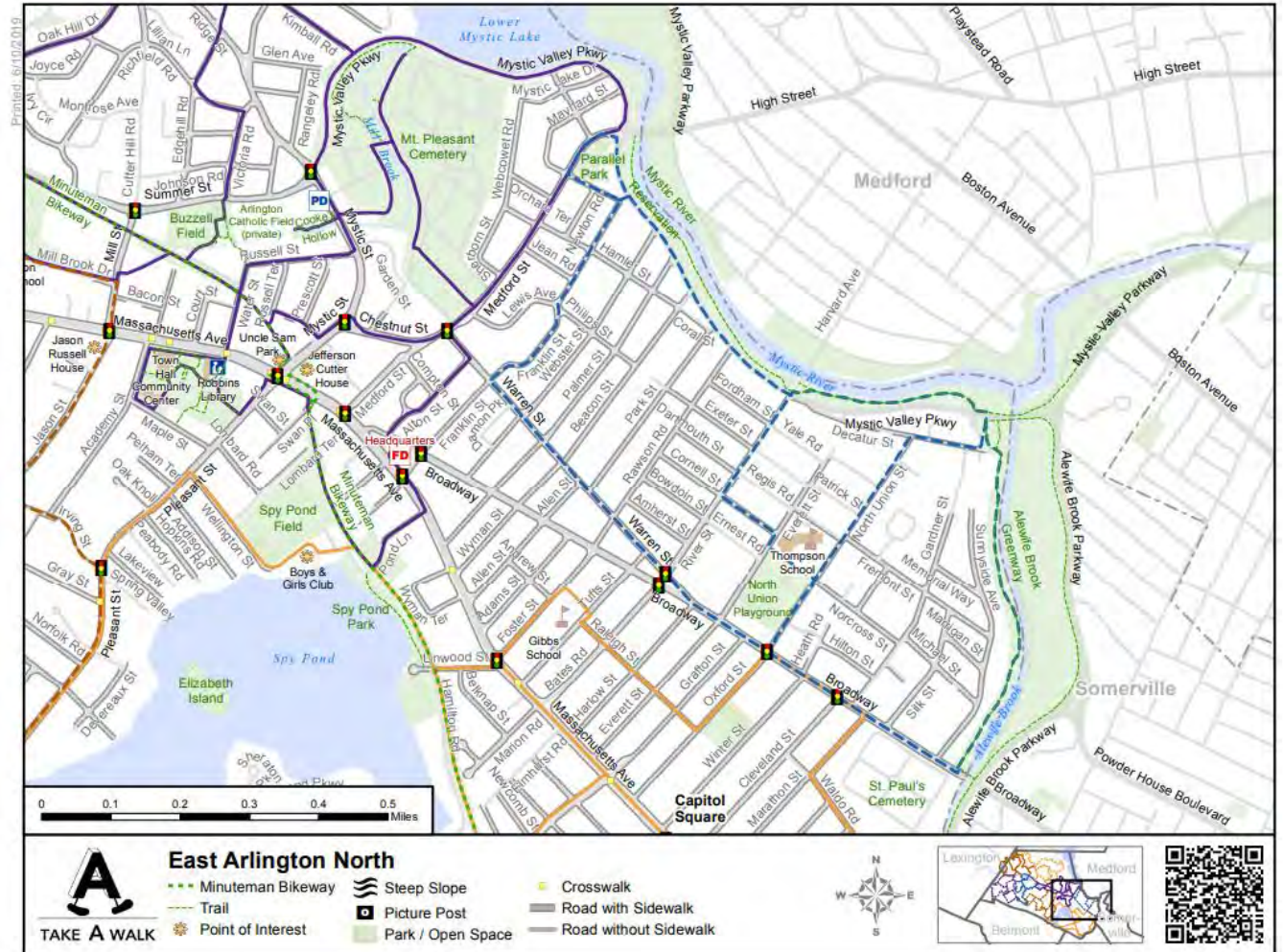
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Arlington's OSRP - Accomplishments

Take A Walk



Arlington's OSRP - Accomplishments

It's a town-wide effort!



Town-wide Tree Inventory



Photo credit: Arlington Tree Committee



Photo credit: Mystic River Watershed Association




Arlington's OSRP - Accomplishments

Reservoir Master Plan



Arlington's OSRP - Accomplishments

ADA Improvements Across Recreation Facilities



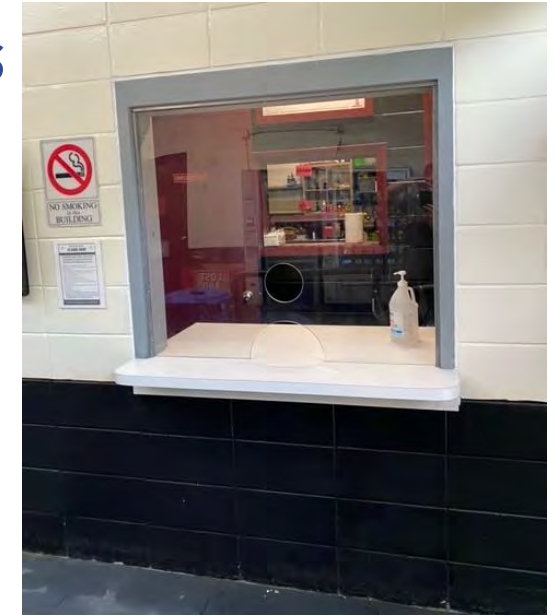

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PART A – Executive Summary
Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

November 2019

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Arlington's OSRP - Accomplishments

Thompson/Lussiano Playground Renovation



Arlington's OSRP - Accomplishments



Removal of Poets Corner Tennis Courts



Robbins Farm Field Upgrades



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The Town of Arlington Field and Playground Feasibility Study

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2021 Field & Playground
Feasibility Study

Magnolia
Playground

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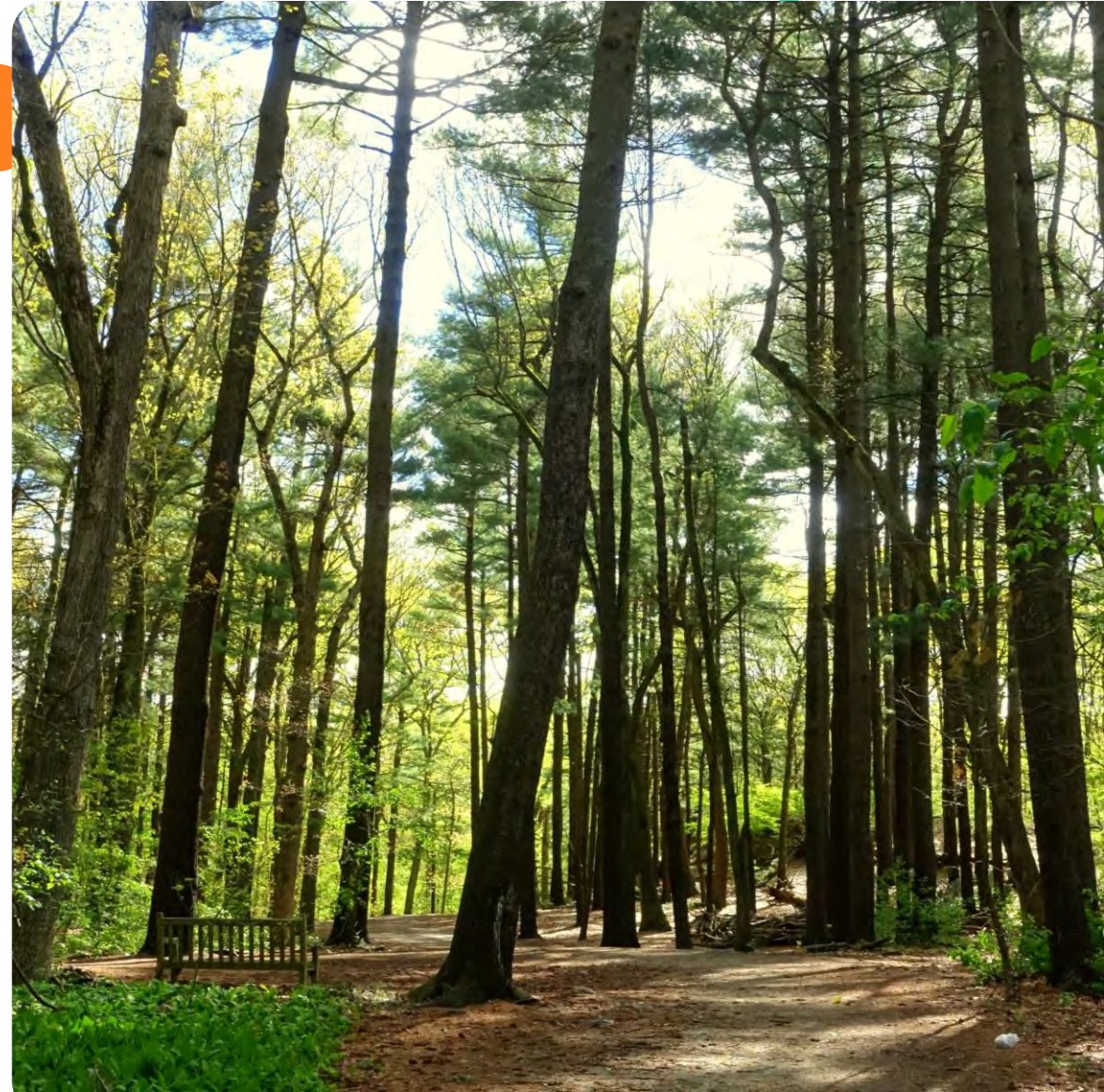
Overview of the OSRP

What is “open space”?

Public and private land that is undeveloped for...

- Public access to nature (e.g. walking trails)
- Protecting water quality
- Protecting habitat (e.g. wetlands, threatened species, etc.)

Menotomy Rocks Park
Photo credit: Dederot



What is recreation?

Indoor and outdoor facilities

- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Multi-use fields
- Basketball courts
- Ballfields



Florence Ave Playground

Why do we need an OSRP?

- Maintain and enhance benefits of resources
- Guide policy decisions for open space, natural resources, and recreational issues
- Support efforts to acquire funding





What's in the OSRP?

11 Required Sections

→ Community Snapshot

→ Resource Inventory

→ Needs

*Natural Resource
Protection*

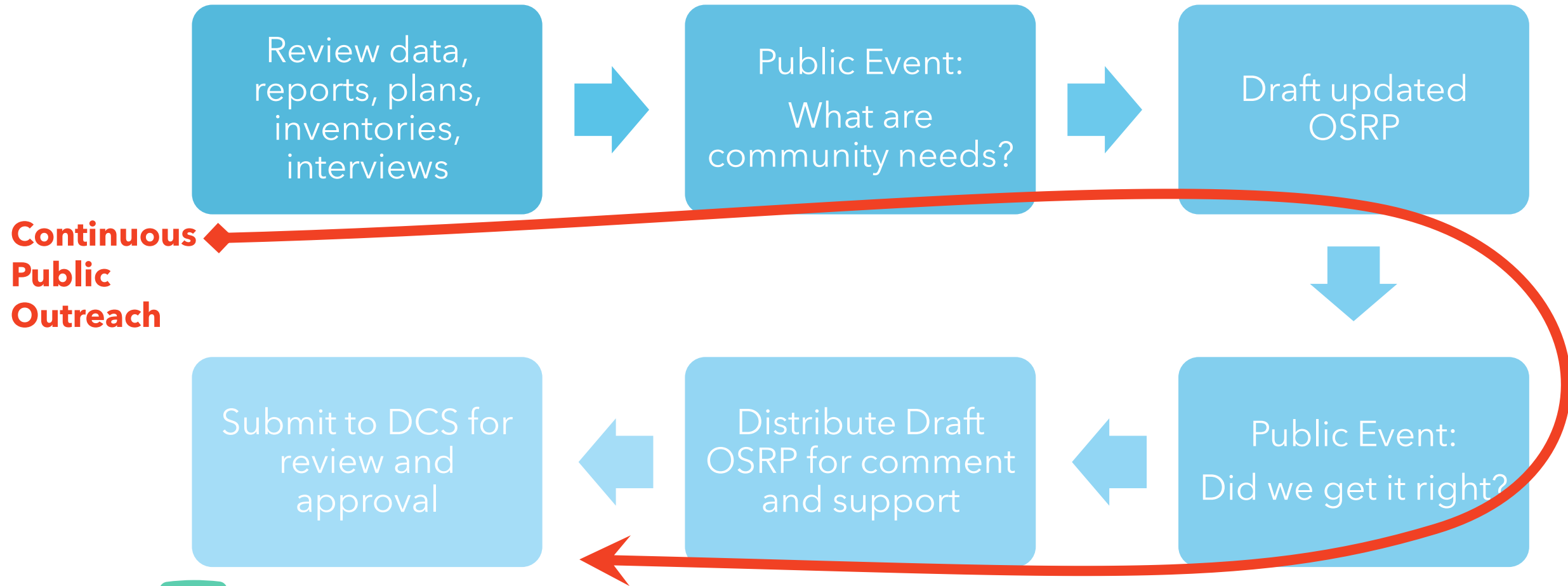
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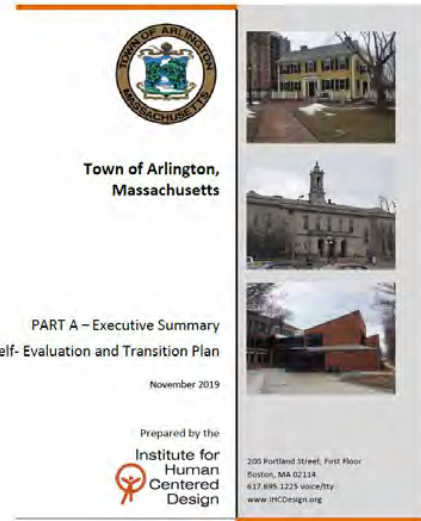
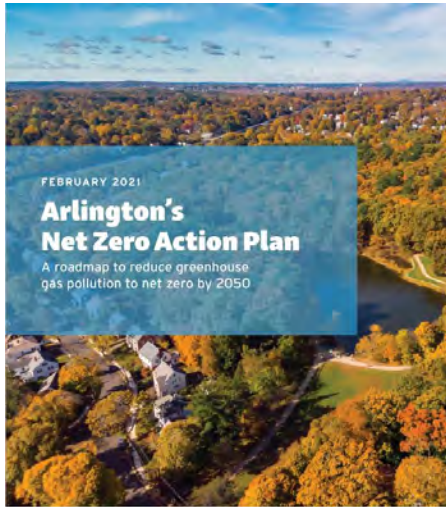
→ Goals and Objectives

→ Action Plan

Update Process & Milestones



Plans, Reports & Studies Informing the Update



TOWN OF ARLINGTON HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2020 UPDATE



Final Plan
Adopted by the Town
May 18, 2020



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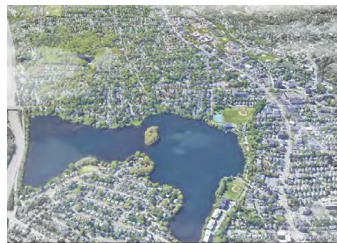
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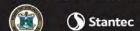
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Mill Brook Corridor Report

April 5, 2019

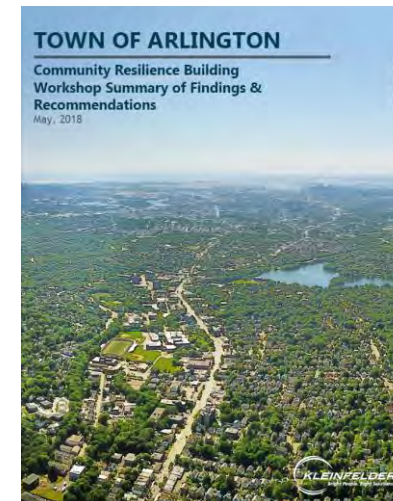
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Community Resilience Building Workshop Summary of Findings & Recommendations

May, 2018



Arlington Tree Management Plan



Based on August 2017 Town Tree Inventory

June 2018

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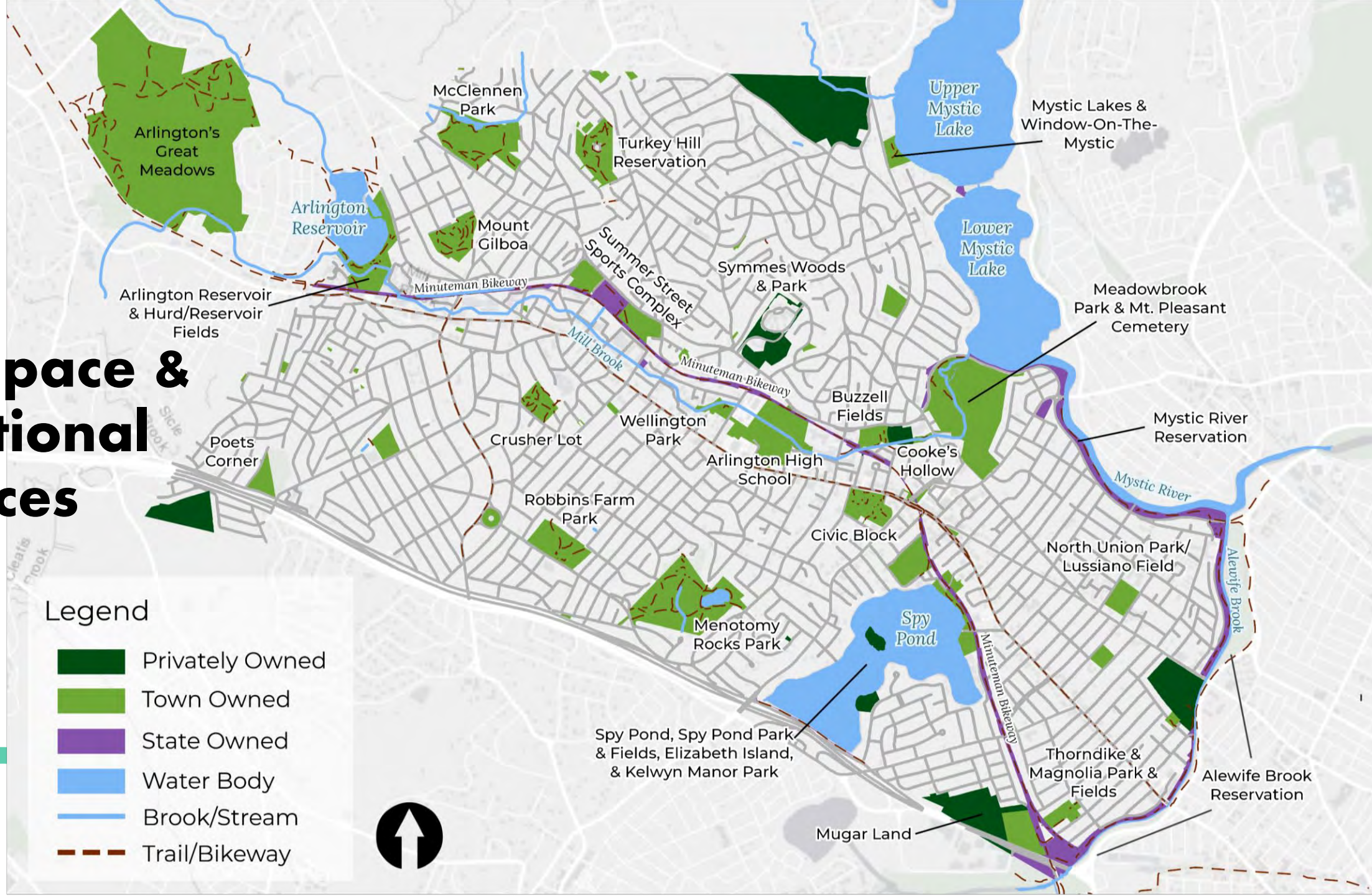
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Open Space & Recreational Resources





Tonight's Discussion

Some logistics

Virtual Breakout Rooms

1. What is the Town doing well to meet community needs?
2. What could the Town do better and how?
3. What more can the Town do?
What opportunities are missed?

Ground Rules

- Be kind and respectful
- Be concise
- Be open to new ideas
- Be patient with technology
- Avoid side conversations in the Chat
- Have fun!





Thank you!

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