

SECTION 6. COMMUNITY VISION

A. Description of Process

Arlington's community vision for its open space and recreation resources and the goals described below are derived from those of the 2015-2022 OSRP. The statement has been revised as a result of the values expressed by participants in the public engagement process described in Section 2, including public workshops and surveys. The Open Space Committee also considered broader goals recently articulated in a wide range of planning initiatives that complement open space and recreational planning in Arlington, including but not limited to the following documents:

- Connect Arlington (2021)
- Net Zero Action Plan (2021)
- Hazard Mitigation Plan (2020)
- Arlington Heights Neighborhood Action Plan (2019)
- Mill Brook Corridor Report (2019)
- Historic Preservation Survey Master Plan Final Report (2019)
- Arlington Reservoir Master Plan (2018)
- Arlington Tree Management Plan (2018)
- Arts and Culture Action Plan (2017)

- Community Resiliency Building/Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Workshop (2017)
- Arlington Master Plan (2015)
- Complete Streets Prioritization Plan (2016-2021, with update in process)

B. Statement of Open Space and Recreation Community Goals

Envision Arlington has adopted these Statements of Community Values, which also serve as the Town's overall open space and recreation community goals:

Community: We value Arlington's geographic neighborhoods, common interest groups, and the sense of community in our town. We value active and compassionate volunteers and programs delivering services in our community. We will be known for the vitality of our neighborhoods and as a community of people helping others.

The Environment and Sustainability: We value the physical beauty and natural habitats of our town – parks, ponds and wetlands, dramatic vistas, and tree-lined streets – as they contribute to the well-being of our community. Recognizing the fragility of

our natural resources, we must ensure that Arlington’s residential areas, commercial centers, and infrastructures are developed in harmony with environmental concerns. We will be known for our commitment to the preservation of Arlington’s beauty, limited open space and resources, as well as our place in the regional and global community.

Culture and Recreation: We value the many opportunities to meet, play, and grow in Arlington while treasuring and preserving our unique historical resources. Our social, cultural, artistic, historic, athletic, recreational, and other community groups strengthen town life. We will be known for the breadth and richness of our resources and activities available to Arlington residents.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: We value the diversity of our population. Our town’s mix of ethnic, religious, and cultural backgrounds, as well as economic and personal circumstances, enriches us. We will be known for the warm welcome and respect we extend to all.

The fulfillment of the above community goals will make Arlington a more desirable and pleasant town to live in, work, and visit. Further, by bringing these community goals to fruition, Arlington’s community may acquire a

greater sense of awareness of and appreciation for the Town’s open space and recreational resources.

