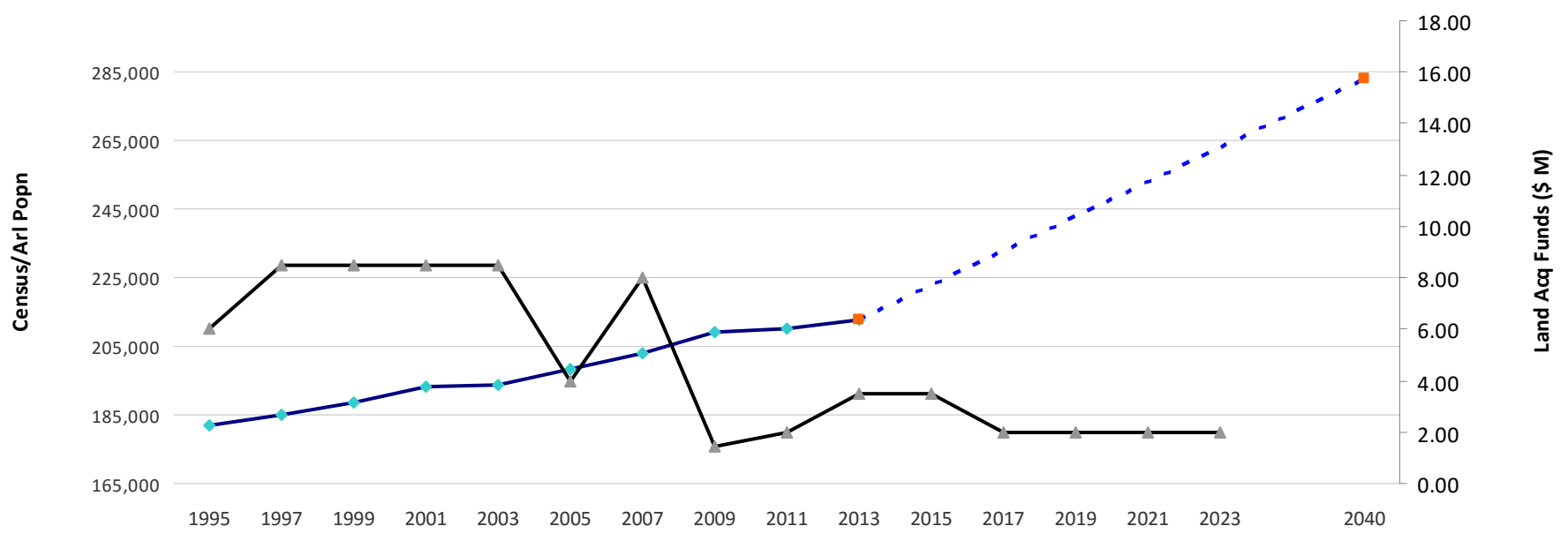


Preserving and Enhancing Arlington's Remaining Greenspace



Arlington 1954 – Tree Canopy

Land Acquisition Funds plotted against US Census/Arl VA Population, 1995-2040



Population data are US Census for years indicated during 1995-2001, Arlington VA population for years indicated during 2003-2013. 2040 - Estimate - Arlington County. Source of land acquisition funds data 1995 - 2013: C-2 memo, 2015 - 2023: CIP

- ◆— Census/Arl Popn
- - -■- - - Census/Arl Popn (2013-future)
- ▲— Land Acq funds (\$ M)

Recent CIP History

Parks Land Acquisition and Open Space (\$ M)

| Year | 2013 | 2015 | 2017 | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | Total |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2013-22 | | | | | | | |
| CIP | \$1.00 | \$3.00 | \$4.44 | \$3.00 | \$3.00 | | \$14.44 |
| 2015-24 | | | | | | | |
| CIP | | \$3.50 | \$2.00 | \$2.00 | \$2.00 | \$2.00 | \$11.50 |

Land Acquisition Challenge

- A robust Park Land Acquisition Policy requires a mandate and direction from the County Board to County staff to find ways to acquire park land using a variety of instruments to accomplish the goal.

Land Acquisition Issues

- Q. Why not ask for bond money only?
- A. More flexibility to consider multiple funding possibilities to more realistically address land deficit issue.

Land Acquisition Issues

- Q. Why a minimum of 3 acres?
- A. A realistic, doable minimum goal and will help develop a park land acquisition program as recommended in the Public Spaces Master Plan and Community Facility Study.
- A. Although below level of past land acquisition history (3.8 acres per year), above level of 2015 acquisitions (0.63 acres).

Land Acquisition Issues

- Q. Arlington is built up already, so where are we going to get more park land?
- A. There are several, creative ways that can be considered to obtain land in addition to purchase:
 - Developer contributions and TDRs.
 - County surplus land (yes it exists)
 - Air rights over 66 (but very expensive)
 - Preoffers from developers during site review

Reasons For Land Acquisition

- Best practices in urban planning includes setting aside park land as population and demand increases.
- Park land acquisition for a local government is like an individual contributing to his 401(k) for retirement. It is a collective investment in the community's future.