

# Fairlington-Shirlington

## Neighborhood Conservation Plan



April 2013





# Conservation Plan Timeline

Effort	Date
Fairlington-Shirlington NC Plan approved	1987
Fairlington-Shirlington NC Plan expanded to include other condos, surveyed residents for new ideas and priorities	2004
Community approval of NC Plan	Summer 2012
Submit NC Plan update to NC Staff	Fall 2012
Present to NC Advisory Committee	February 14, 2013
Present to County Planning Commission	March 4, 2013
<b><u>*Present to County Board</u></b>	<b><u>April 20, 2013</u></b>

# History

- Fairlington:
  - 1942: Defense Homes Corporation breaks ground
  - Largest apartment complex in the country
  - 1970s: Conversion to condominiums
  - 1990s: Final units completed
- Shirlington:
  - 1943: Ground breaking for Shirlington Shopping Center
  - 1990s: Redevelopment







# Demographics

- **Residential** – 6,705 households
  - Fairlington – 3,449
  - Shirlington – 3,256
- **Commercial**
  - Three areas (Village at Shirlington, Corinthian Properties, Fairlington Office Park), with office buildings, restaurants, entertainment, and services
- **15 Condo Associations**
- **5 Apartment Complexes**



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# Institutions

- **Education** – Abingdon Elementary School
- **Culture** – Signature Theater, Shirlington Branch Library
- **Government** – Fairlington Community Center, Firehouse (ACFD Station 7), County Trades Center, Bus Transfer Station
- **Recreation** – Fort Reynolds Park, Utah Park
- **Historic** – National Register of Historic Places, Virginia Landmarks Register
- **Civic** – Fairlington Citizens Association, Fairlington Historical Society





# Family Focused Activities



**Fourth of July Parade**



**Home and Garden Tour**



**Fairlington Day**

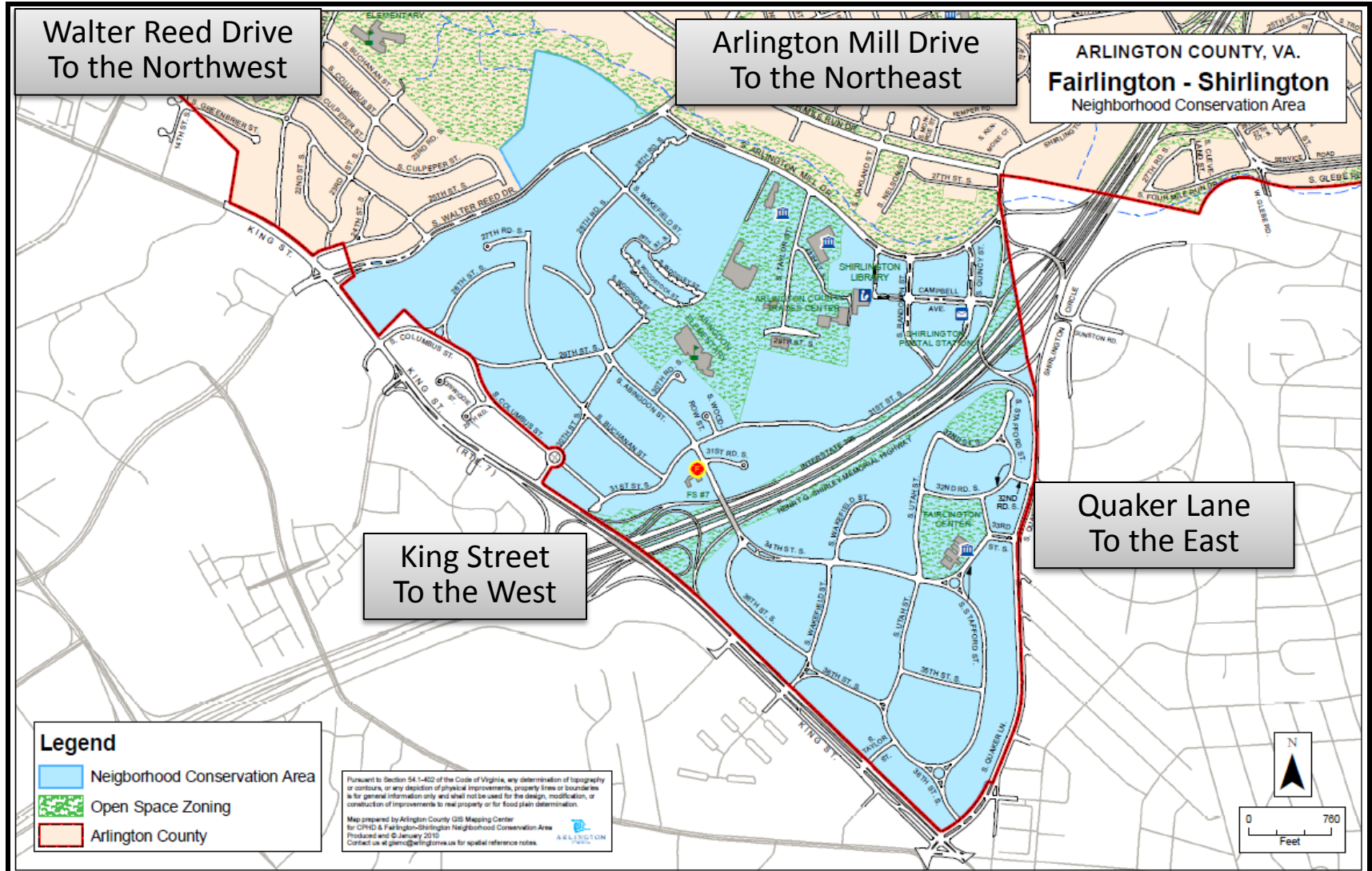


**Firehouse Santa Ride**





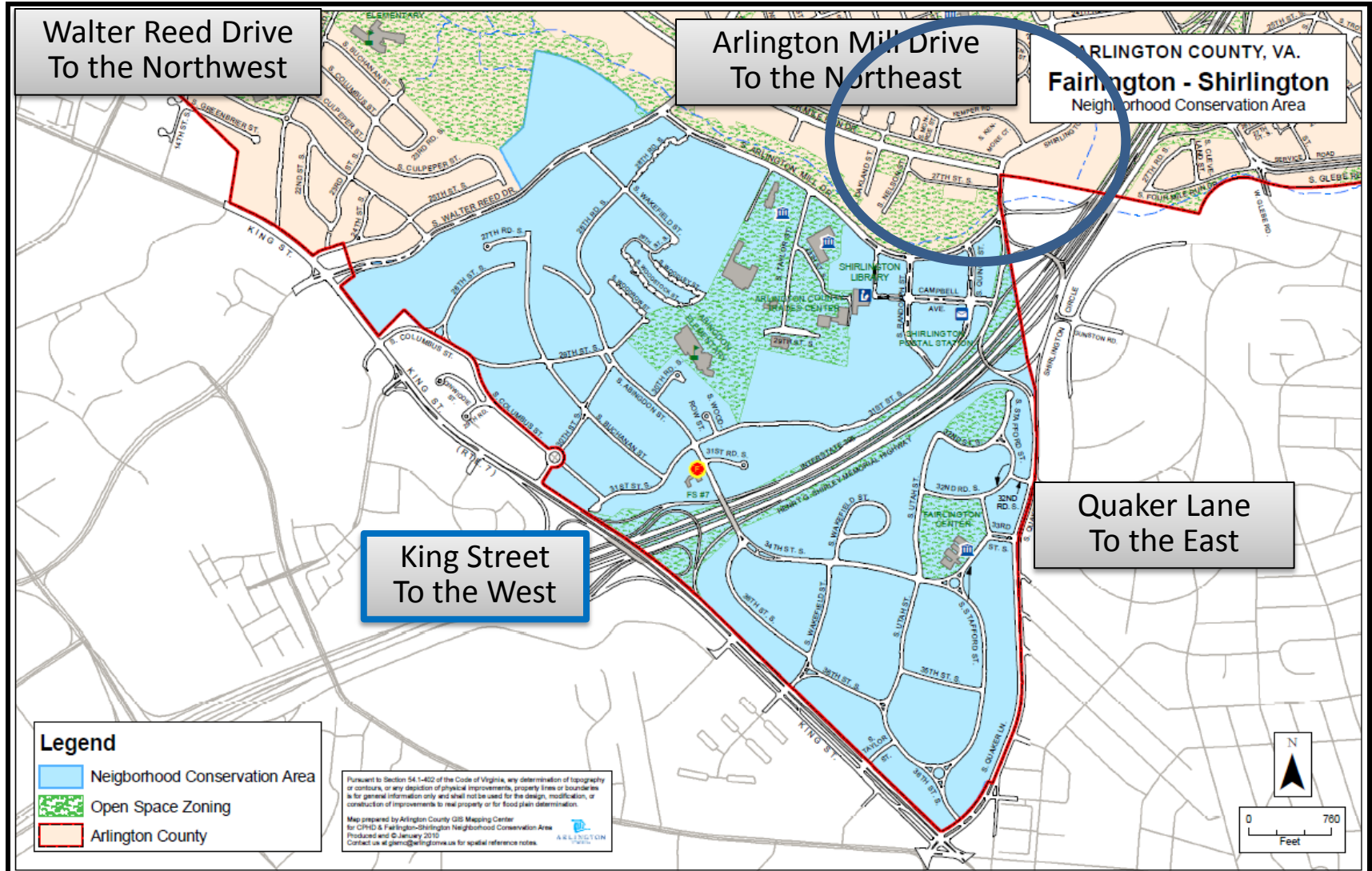
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## Goals

1. Protect the community from the **impacts of traffic**
2. Support **cooperation and coordination** between Arlington County and the City of Alexandria on issues affecting the quality of life (traffic, transportation, development)
3. Foster and maintain our sense of a **cohesive, sustainable community**
4. Maintain reputation as a **pedestrian-friendly and bike-able** neighborhood
5. Maintain **street trees and open spaces** and add to them where possible
6. Maintain **public infrastructure**



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- Street Conditions
- Transportation and Traffic Management
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## Recommendations

- Recommendations in the following areas:
  - Traffic and Parking
  - Sidewalks and Lighting
  - Community Activities and Quality of Life
  - Community Engagement and Collaboration
  - Environment and Landscaping





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## *Service Recommendations*

- **Traffic and Parking**
  - Enforce speed limits, parking restrictions, stop signs, pedestrian safety
  - Implement permit parking
  - Implement traffic calming
  - Monitor cut-through traffic
  - Improve traffic and pedestrian safety at Bradlee Shopping Center
  - Coordinate changes at King and Beauregard/Walter Reed
  - Monitor traffic related to BRAC
  - Fix inconsistent parking signage in Shirlington garages
  - Overnight parking on Walter Reed
  - Timing of traffic signals at Arlington Mill Drive and Shirlington Road
  - Repaint bike lanes and install signs
- **Sidewalks and Lighting**
  - Replace sidewalks on Walter Reed between King and Wakefield
- **Community Activities and Quality of Life**
  - Increase children's activities at FCC
  - Restore hours at FCC
  - Monitor helicopter traffic
  - Promptly address graffiti, vandalism, noise, inappropriate behavior
- **Community Engagement and Collaboration**
  - Notify FSNC Rep when zoning changes are filed
  - Involve neighborhood reps when assessing development proposals
  - Work with Alexandria on 4600 King St.
- **Environment and Landscaping**
  - Develop 5-year pruning cycle for street trees
  - Improve storm water management





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## Capital Improvement Recommendations

- Traffic and Parking
  - Eliminate slip lane at Arlington Mill and Walter Reed
- Sidewalks and Lighting
  - Install sidewalk along 31st Street.
  - Install curb, gutter, sidewalk, retaining wall on Abingdon St.
  - Install additional bus shelters along Arlington Mill
  - Replace Cobra street lights with Carlyle lights at various locations
  - Replace Colonial lights with Carlyle lights
  - Install pole lights along Trades Center driveway



- Community Activities and Quality of Life
  - Upgrade exercise stations and install drinking fountains
  - Acquire Dominion substation and convert to park
- Environment and Landscaping
  - Plant replacement trees, remove invasive species and install landscaping on 32nd Road site to reduce erosion
  - Remove invasive species and implement erosion control measures along Lucky Run





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