

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 24, 2007

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO #64: UPDATE ON THE ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE

This is in response to Councilman Smedberg's and Councilwoman Pepper's request for information regarding the City's acquisition of open space since the inception of the Open Space Plan.

A total of 64 acres out of the 100 acre goal has been acquired, approved for acquisition, dedicated, or put in conservation easements since the Open Space Master Plan's inception in 2003. Of that total, 21.855 acres have been protected through acquisition using the Open Space Fund.

Since the inception of the plan, City staff have continued to work with the Open Space Steering Committee and public to achieve the goals set out in the plan. The City has met a number of the goals, with significant achievements that include:

- Acquired nine parcels, including key Waterfront and Four Mile Run properties and the first Pocket Park;
- Received open space acreage through the development process that includes the voluntary dedication of properties and public access/preservation easements on development sites; and
- Recorded three voluntary conservation easements in partnership with the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust.

Open Space Preservation - 100 Acre Goal

