

An Introduction to NVCT

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Overview

Intro to NVCT

MOU Relationship

Strategic Planning

Conservation Easements

NVCT's work in Alexandria

Questions



Intro to Northern Virginia Conservation Trust

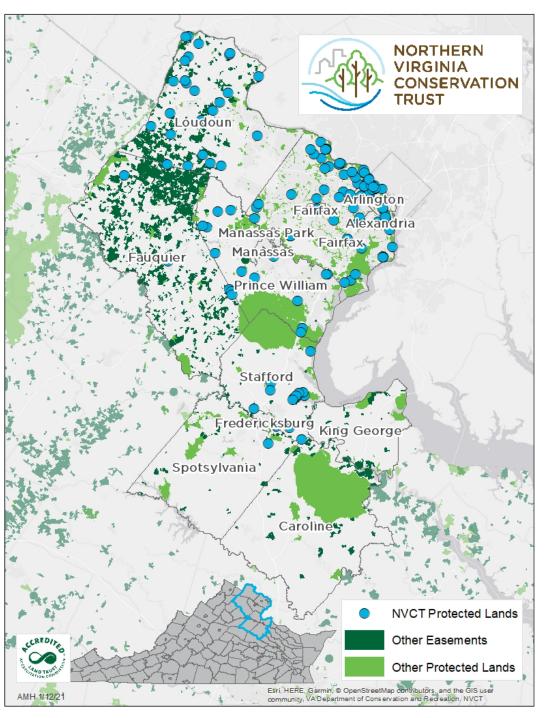
- Regional nonprofit land trust
- Mission: To permanently conserve land for future generations
- Founded in 1994
- 9 full-time staff and a volunteer board
- Nationally accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission







NVCT Service Area





NVCT in the City of Alexandria





MOU Between City of Alexandria and NVCT



- Since 2011
- Cooperate on land conservation efforts
- Support City's Open Space Master Plan
- Conduct outreach and engagement



Strategic Planning





Conservation Easements

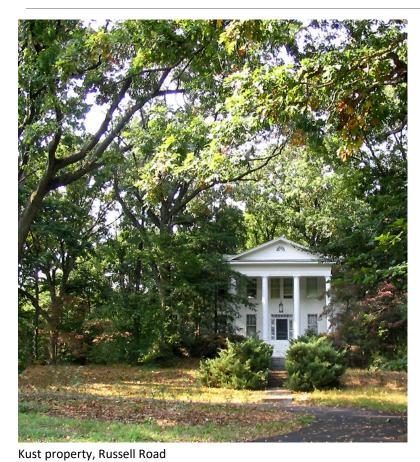


Battery Heights HOA - North Quaker Lane

- Legally binding tool
- Landowner-initiated choice
- Land remains in private ownership
- Permanent
- Tax benefits



Typical Conservation Values



- Open space
- Wildlife habitat
- Watershed protection
- Scenic views
- Working farms
- Historic preservation

- Threatened or endangered species
- Nature-based recreation or education
- Biological diversity



Typical Restrictions







Limits on subdivision

Limits on development

No mineral extraction







Riparian buffers

Scenic setbacks

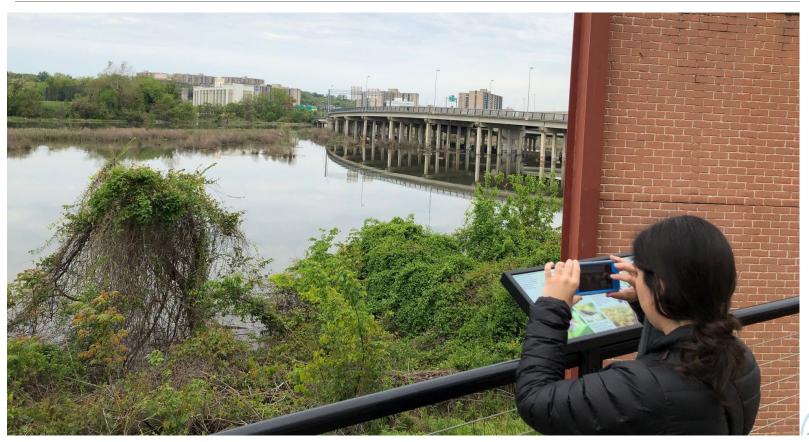
No-build areas



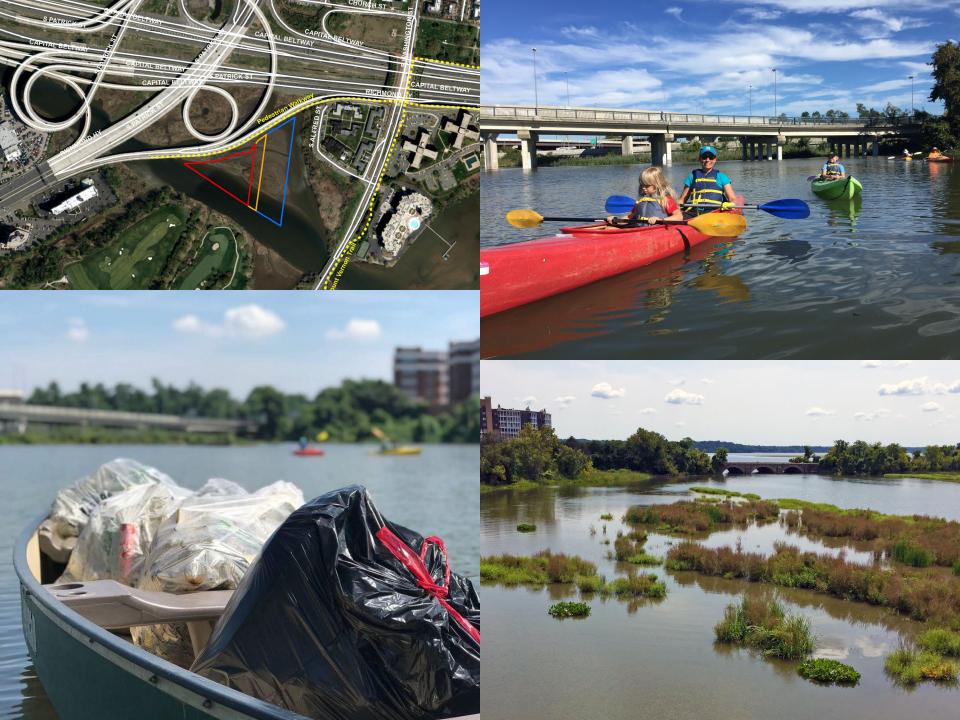




Stewardship



Hunting Creek property, 2020 monitoring visit

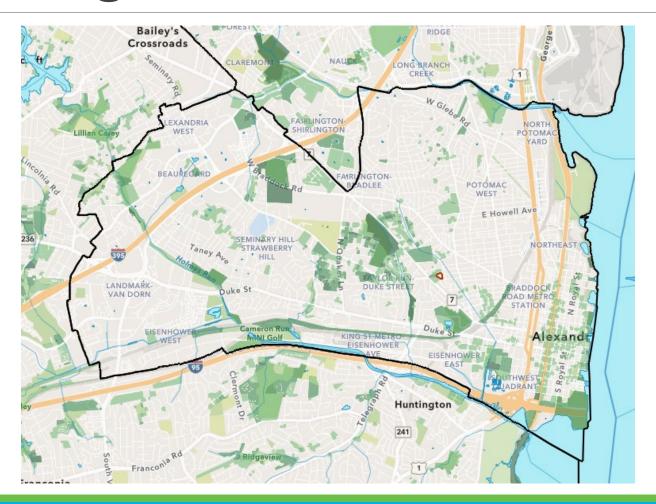






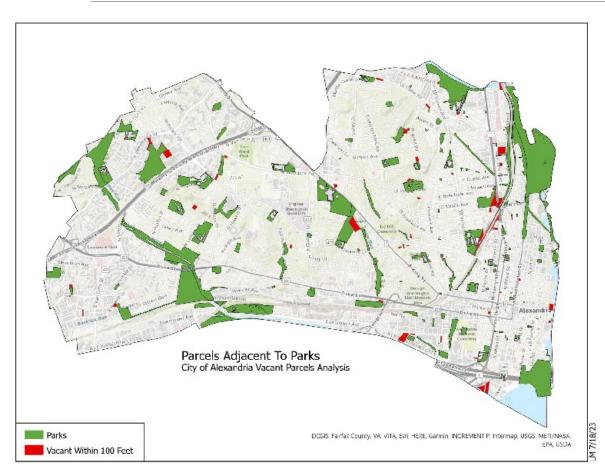
Murray-Dick-Fawcett House 517 Prince St.

Strategic Conservation Plan





Vacant Parcels Project







Alex West Planning



Winkler Preserve

AN EVENING AT RIVER FARM

RISE TO THE OCCASION: THE NEXT 30 YEARS OF NVCT





Years of Conservation
@ 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM



THE HISTORIC RIVER FARM
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