



NORTHERN
VIRGINIA
CONSERVATION
TRUST

NVCT and City of Alexandria MOU Partnership

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Overview

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Intro to Northern Virginia Conservation Trust

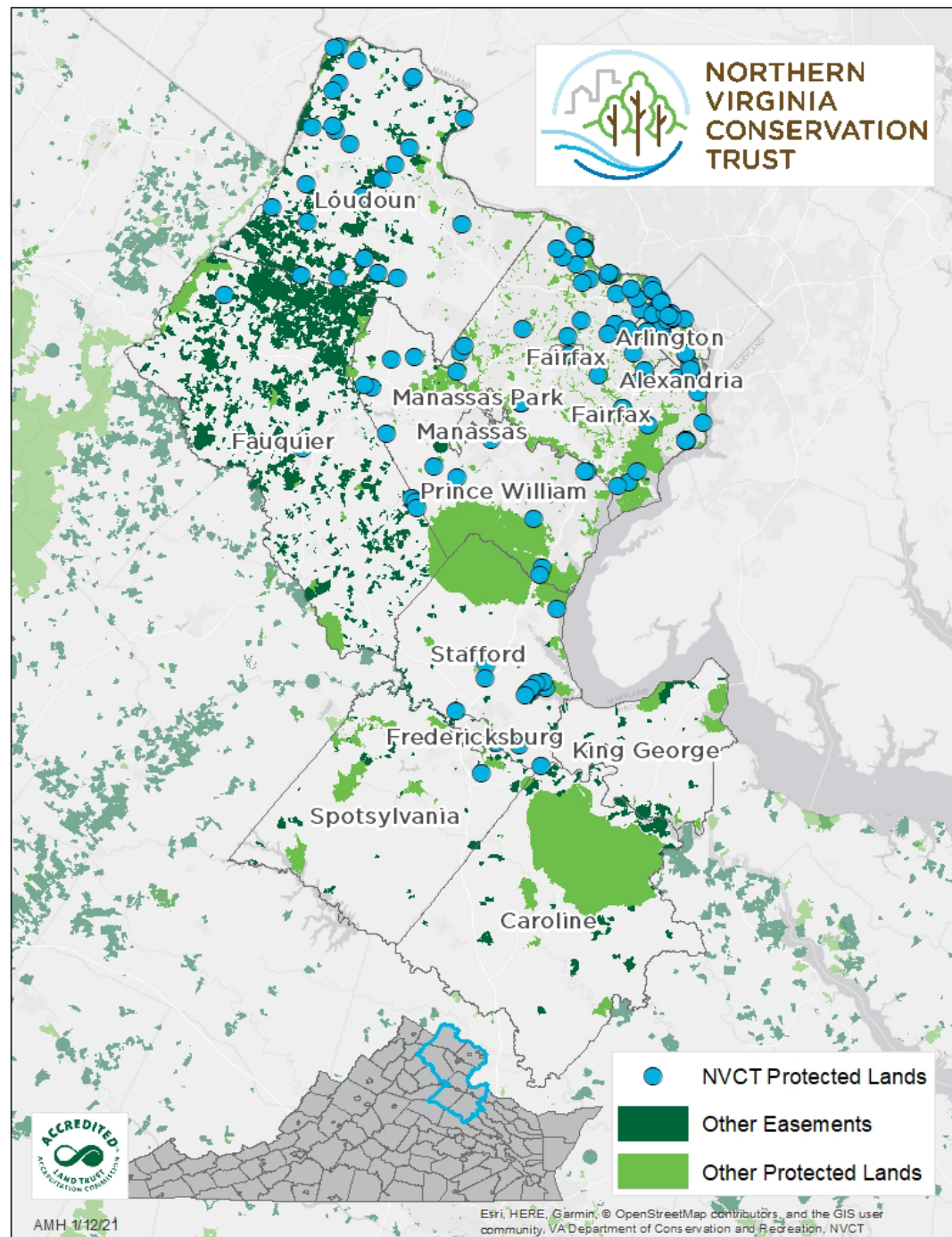
- Regional nonprofit land trust
- Mission: To permanently conserve land for future generations
- Founded in 1994
- 10 full-time staff and a volunteer board
- Nationally accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission



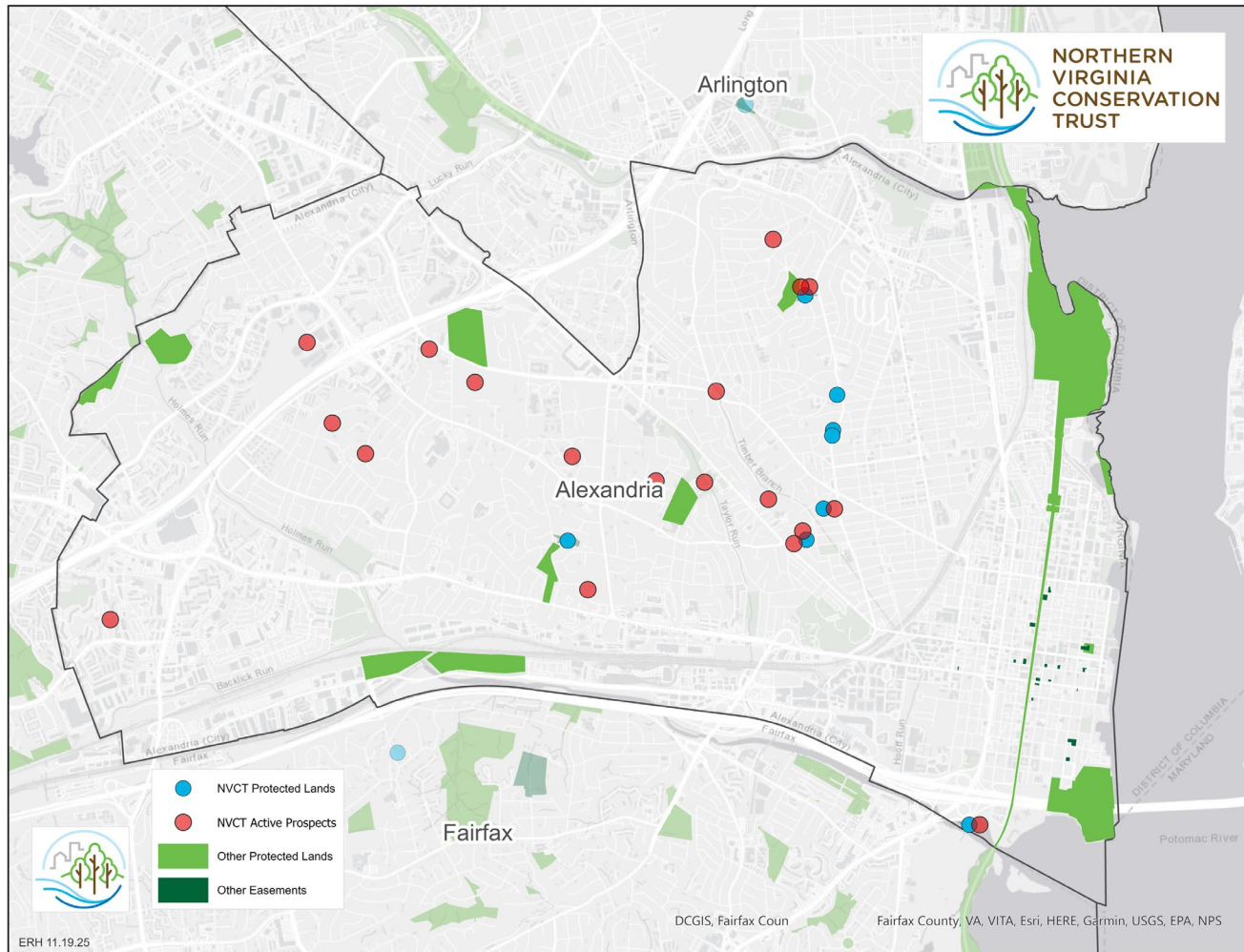
Conservation
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NVCT Service Area



NVCT in the City of Alexandria



MOU Relationship



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



Partnering with the City



- Conservation Easements
- Assistance in acquisitions, land assessments, due diligence
- Follow planning efforts (Alex West and Duke St.)
- Our role is unique and depends on the project



Policy Work



Battery Heights HOA - North Quaker Lane

- Expanded funding
- New conservation programs
- Tree canopy legislation
- Historic resources
- Tax incentives





NVCT Lands Team

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



Kust property, Russell Road

- 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



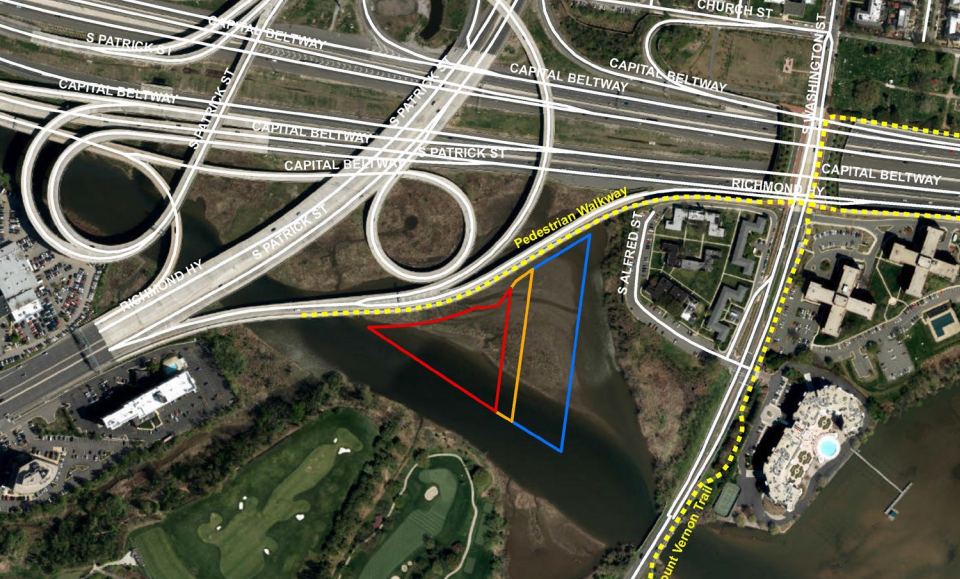
NVCT's Hunting Creek property







2206 Russell Rd.

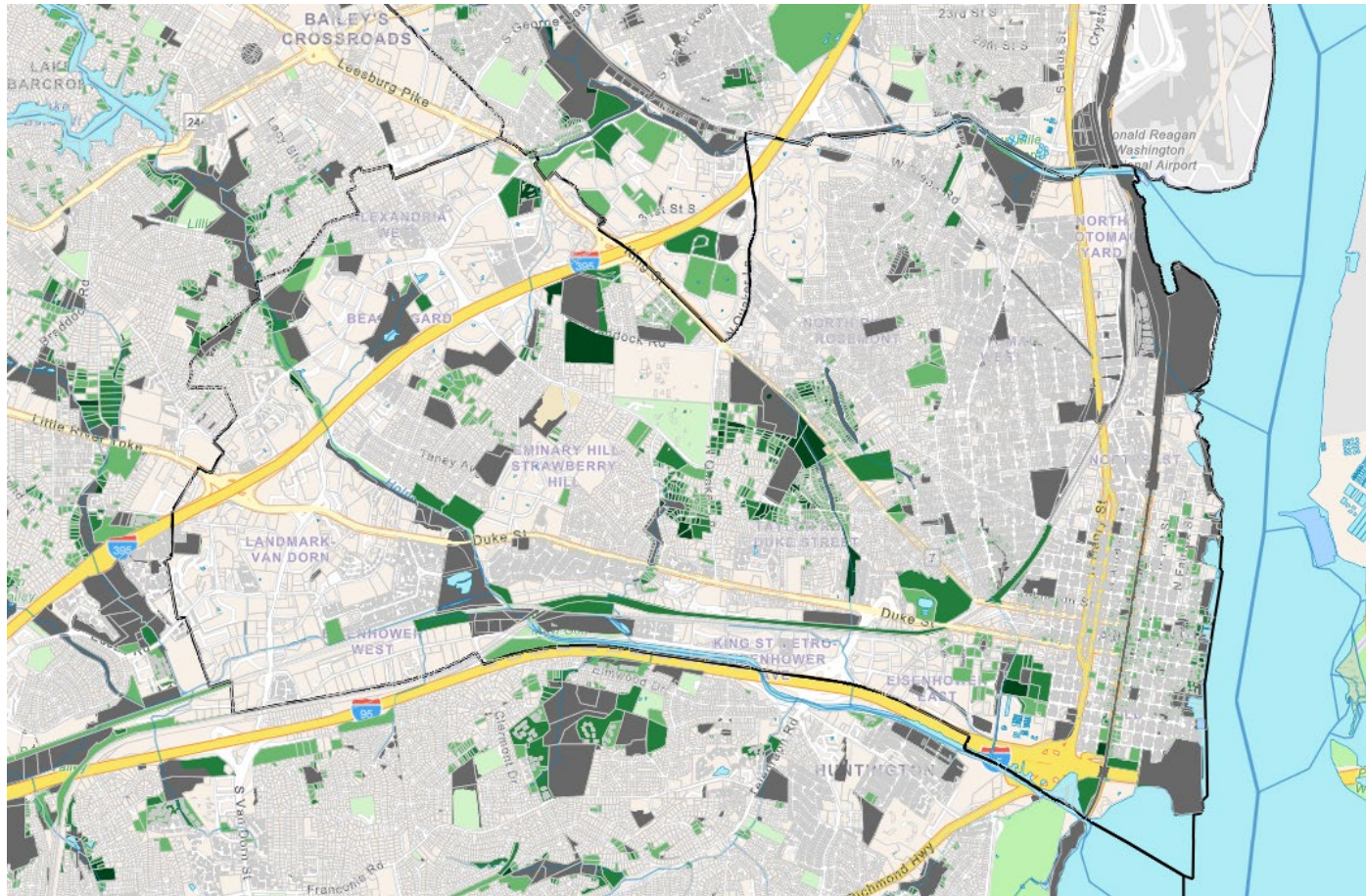




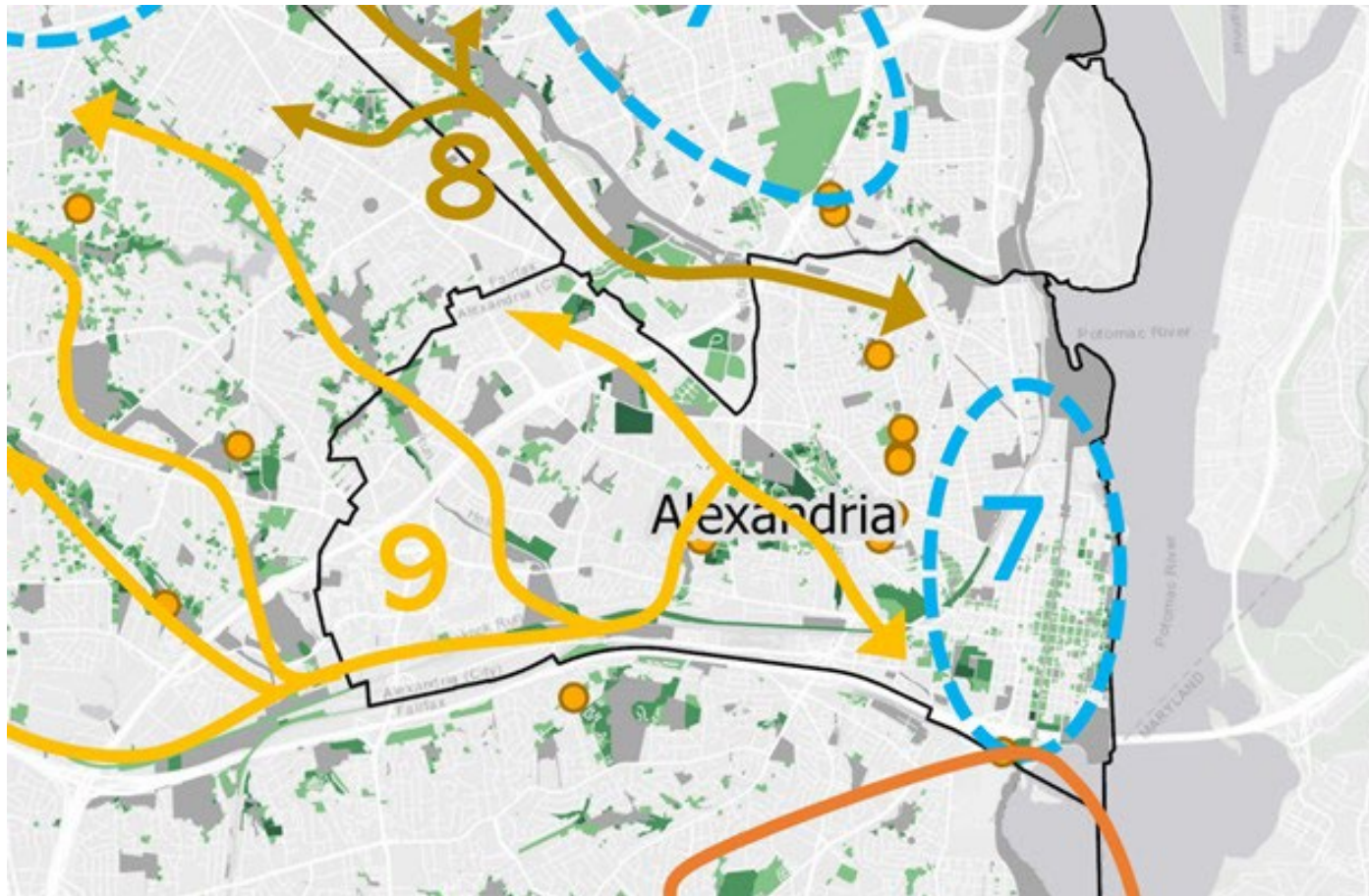
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Strategic Conservation Plan



Focal Areas





Heart of the Potomac Campaign

Conservation in the Central Potomac region



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