



NORTHERN
VIRGINIA
CONSERVATION
TRUST

An Introduction to NVCT

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ZOOM MEETING FORMAT

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Overview

Intro to NVCT

Intro to Conservation Easements

Questions

MOU Relationship

NVCT's work in Alexandria

Questions



Intro to Northern Virginia Conservation Trust

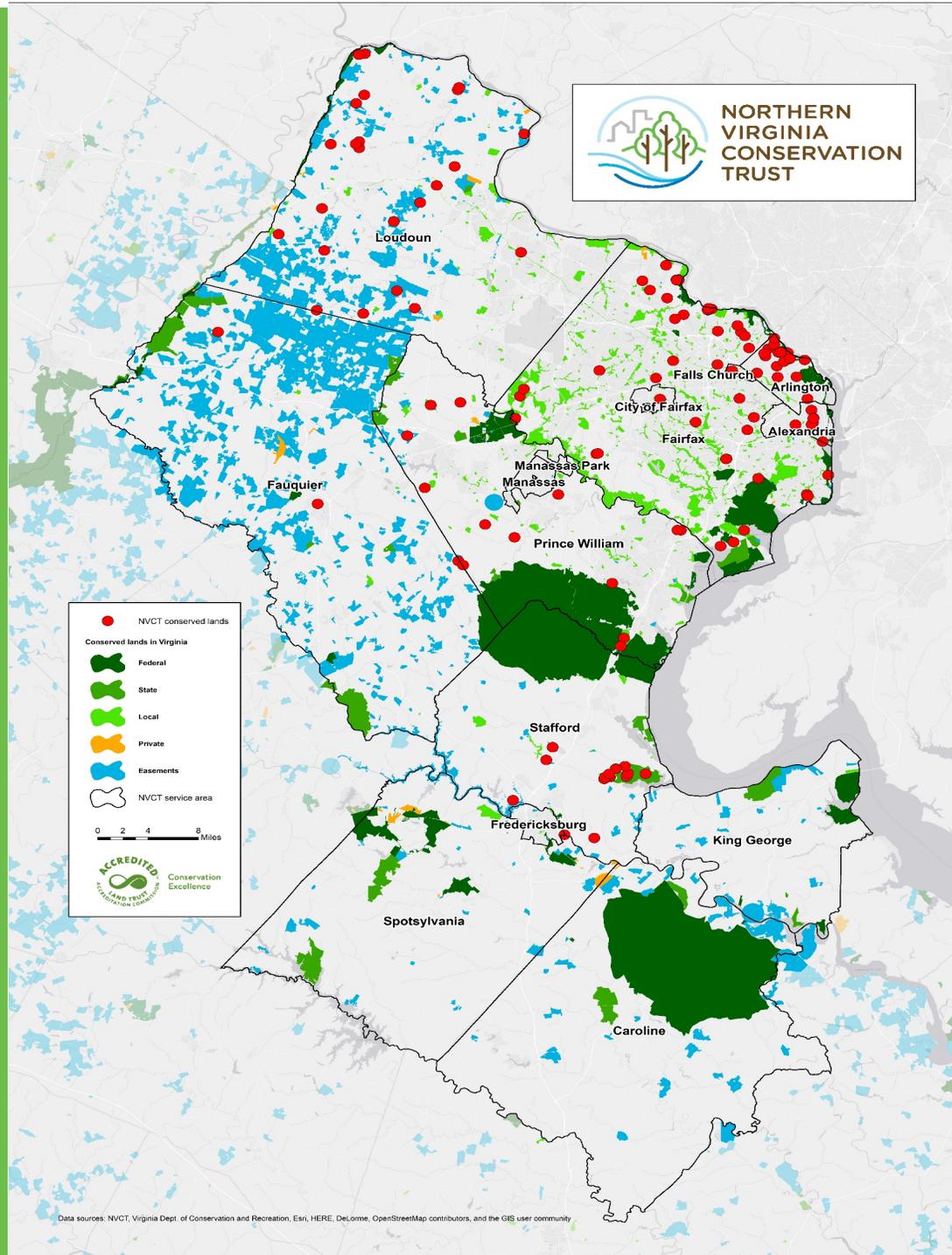
- Regional nonprofit land trust
- Mission: To permanently conserve land for future generations
- Founded in 1994
- 8 full time staff and a volunteer board
- Nationally accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission



Conservation
Excellence



NVCT Service Area



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 species
- Wildlife habitat
- Watershed protection
- Scenic views
- Working farms
- Historic preservation
- Threatened or endangered
- Nature-based recreation or education
- Biological diversity





Kust property, Russell Road

Typical Restrictions



Limits on
subdivision



Limits on
development



No mineral
extraction



Riparian buffers



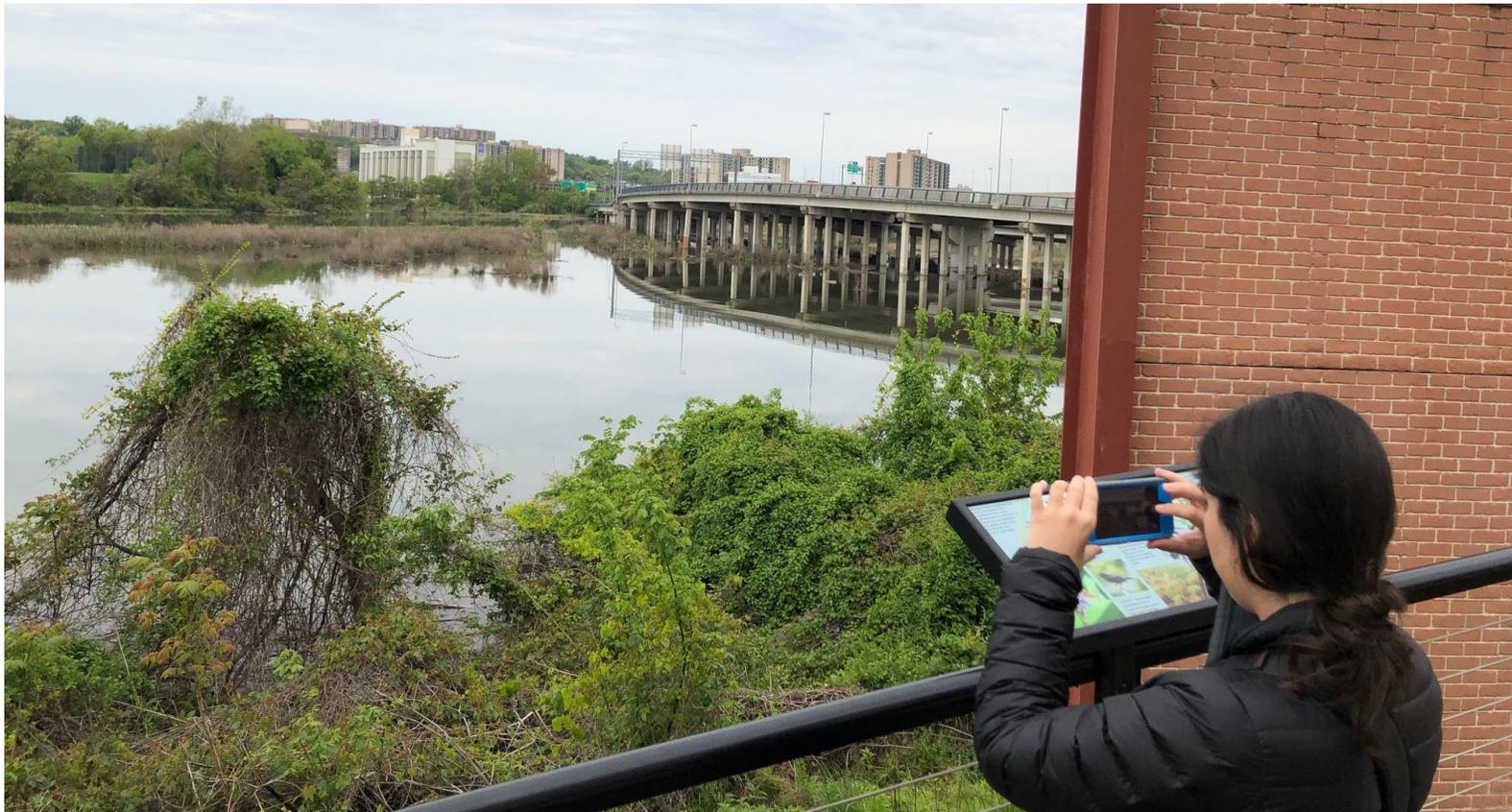
Scenic setbacks



No-build areas



Stewardship



Hunting Creek property, 2020 monitoring visit



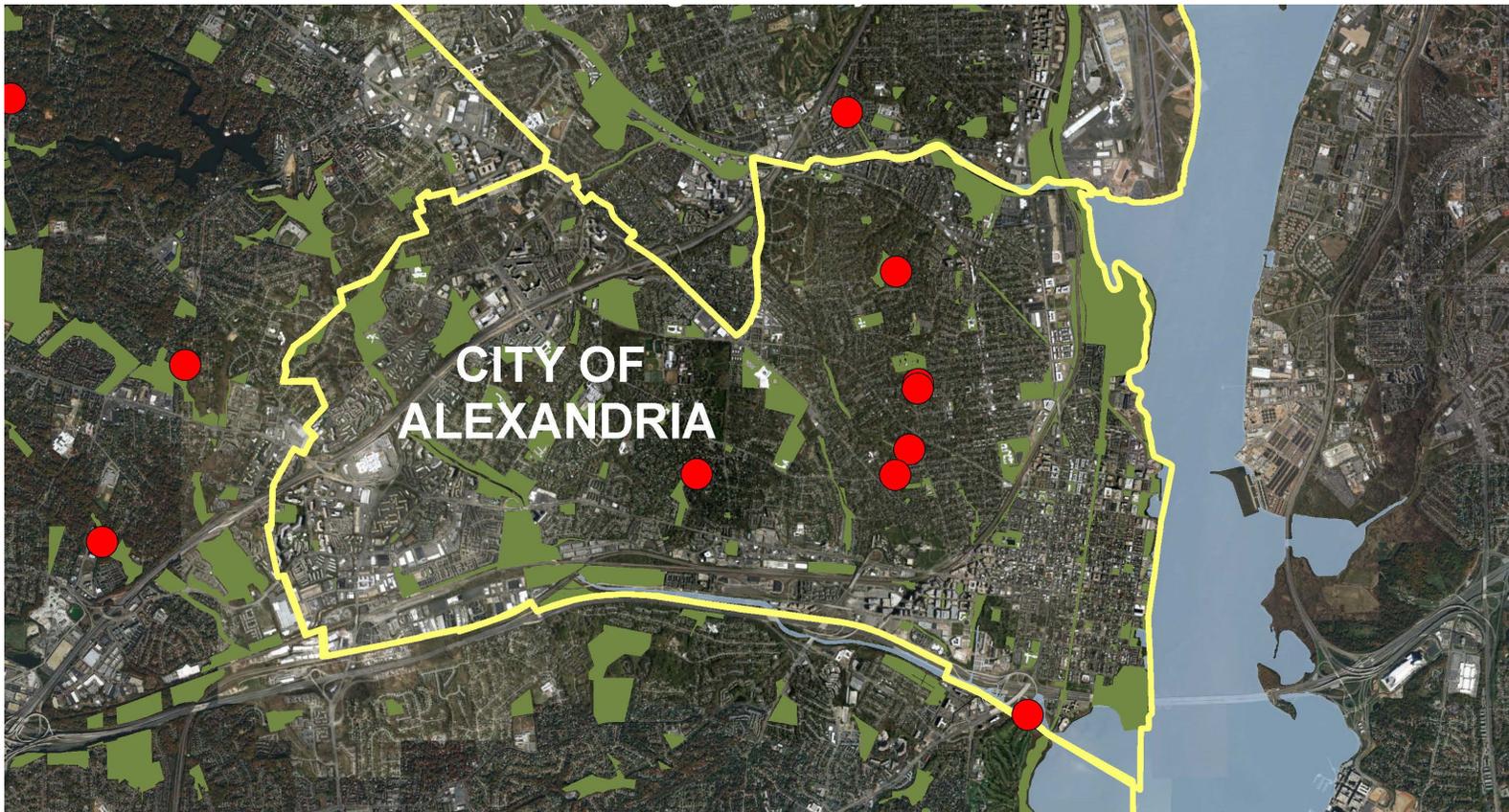
MOU Between City of Alexandria and NVCT

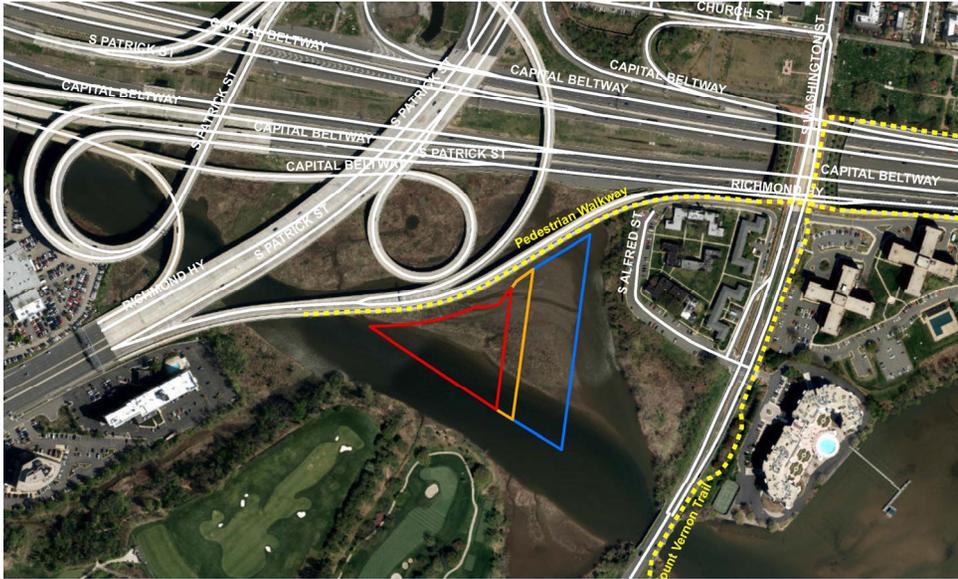


- Cooperate on land conservation efforts
- Support City's Open Space Master Plan
- Conduct outreach and engagement



NVCT in the City of Alexandria







Murray-Dick-Fawcett House
517 Prince St.

Challenges



Russell Road and Lloyds Lane

- Urban setting
- Property values
- Landowner education
- Timing of involvement
- Definition of Open Space





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