

Environmental Action Plan Implementation

Land Use and Open Space



Chapter 4: Land Use and Open Space: **Targets**

Lead Department/Staff: TES, Parks & Rec

Chapter / Topic	Target
4.1 Tree Canopy	<p>By FY35, average overall tree canopy will be a minimum of 40%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unclear how this is measured• This will be a hard target to hit without aggressive push by the City to have the private sector not only maintain current trees, but also plant new ones.
4.2 Open Space	<p>Maintain the ration of 7.3 acres of publicly accessible open space per 1,000 residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measured through a mix of Small area plans and zoning requirements against census/tax head counts• Believe it is an annual or bi-annual assessment

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2019: Were these completed? If not, why not?
2020: Are these budgeted? Are they in the staff lead's performance objectives? Is this on track to be completed in FY2020?
2021: What needs to be included in the Manager's proposed 2021 budget?

	2019	2020	2021
Tree Canopy	None	None	I would recommend adding to FY21 Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action 4.1.3 "urban forest health index rating" • Action 4.1.1 "updated Urban Forest Master Plan"
Open Space	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-establish the open space steering committee to reassess the methodology, evaluate, and prioritize potential open space sites • FY20-29 CIP provides \$13,175,000 for Open Space acquisition and development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Will need to confirm this made it into the budget</i> • FY20 evaluate and update the requirements of open space on residential, commercial, and mixed-used private development 	None

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Short-term (2022-23) and mid-term: Is there anything that needs to happen in FY2020 or be budgeted in FY2021 to keep these items on track?

	Short-term 2022-2023	Mid-term 2024-2028
Tree Canopy	Update and coordinate the Urban Forestry Master Plan, Environmental & Sustainability Management System, Landscape Guidelines to support tree preservation, expansion, maintenance, native species use, and a revised tree canopy coverage goal - Should be budgeted in earlier years to ensure completion on time - Landscape update already done	By FY28 develop an urban forest health index rating system to determine the current and ongoing health and health needs of the urban forest in Alexandria - This should happen sooner and needs to be budgeted for immediately as it is possible both the rating system and inventory must both be completed which I imagine will be time intensive
	Enlist City partnerships to provide education and outreach to provide technical assistance and opportunities to increase native tree canopy coverage on private property	By FY28, develop a program that supports the planting of trees on private property, commit funding to establish the program and support ongoing implementation

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	Short-term 2022-2023	Mid-term 2024-2028
Open Space	Evaluate increasing the target to 7.5 acres per 1,000 residents	By FY28, identify tools and techniques through stream valley plans to maintain and enhance all the City's stream valleys for ecological and recreational benefits
	By FY23 increase the percentage of acres of public natural lands that are actively managed, by 50% to 450 acres <i>- Says in cost estimate "existing staff resources" but I am assuming the increase in managed lands has to equate to a budget increase somewhere?</i>	By FY28, seek publicly accessible opens pace opportunities in unconventional spaces such as, public alleys, re-purpose rights-of-way, parking lots, easements of trails and/or ecosystem corridors <i>- Cost estimate states \$60,000/year (par t of approved CIP)</i>

Chapter(s): Land Use and Open Space - **Legislative Priorities**

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Which of these need to be emphasized in our legislative package request?

- Advocate for state legislation that would enable the City to expand its capabilities to promote the protection of trees on public, private, and institutional land
- Advocate for state legislation that would enable the City to expand the City's capabilities to preserve and to increase tree canopy requirements on private land.