

# MEMORIAL PLAQUE REQUEST FOR MR LARRY FINCH

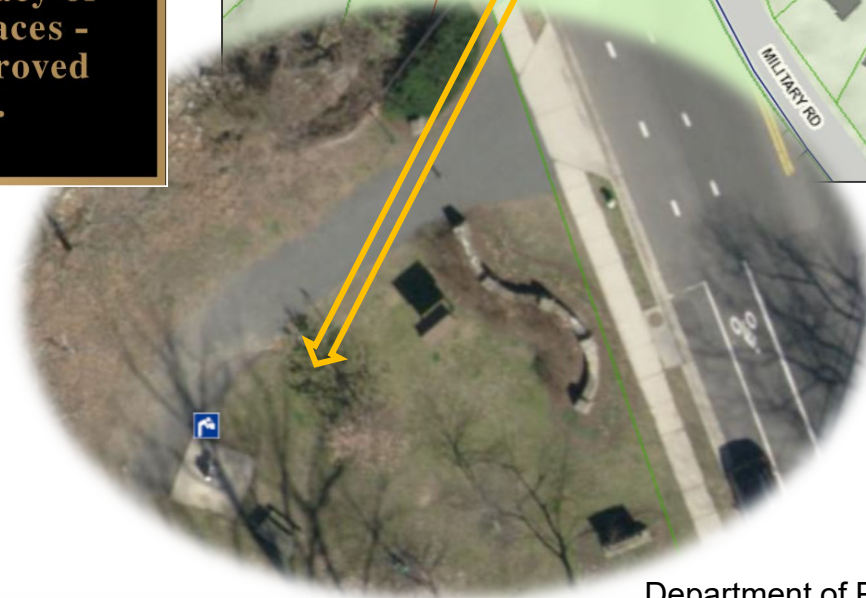


1933 - 2020

**In Memory of Larry Finch  
Good Friend and Neighbor**

**With appreciation for his advocacy of  
Arlington's parks and green spaces -  
His sustained commitment improved  
these areas for all to enjoy.**

**Plaque dedicated in 2022**



## Highlights of Larry Finch's Service:

1. Served on the Urban Forestry Commission from 2003 – 2013 (chaired the commission during part of his tenure)
2. Director to the Donaldson Run Civic Association Board (2004 – 2014)
  - Worked with the County program each year to deliver free trees to families throughout the neighborhood.
  - Led an effort to reforest an area along Donaldson Run where mature trees had been lost.
  - Educated children about the wildlife in the parks at volunteer events.
  - Organized invasive plant removal sessions in the park.
3. Served as the chair of the Civic Federation Environmental Committee for a number of years.



Larry Finch receiving Sun Gazette Cup in 2012 at the Civic Federation Banquet – *“he [Larry Finch] has for decades fought against green house gases, stream pollution, and any threat to Arlington’s tree canopy.”*



Larry Finch teaching children about nature at the Taylor Elementary School Fair in 2011

4. He successfully sponsored and was granted funds towards several Park Enhancement Grant projects for improvements to Zachary Taylor Park and Lee Heights Park.
5. Served on the Arlington Community Energy and Sustainability Task Force.
6. Helped raise funds for the continued operation of the Gulf Branch Nature Center.
7. Played a key role in the development of the Natural Heritage Resource Inventory
8. Active participant in multiple environmental groups and organizations such as:
  - Friends of Arlington's Parks
  - Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE)
  - Northern Virginia Conservation Trust
  - Potomac Overlook Park
  - Friends of the Donaldson Run Watershed
  - Northern Virginia Urban Forestry Roundtable



*Larry Finch was awarded the Bill Thomas Award in 2006 – “He walks the walk and talks the talk whether it’s raising money, planting a tree or lobbying a politician.”*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST