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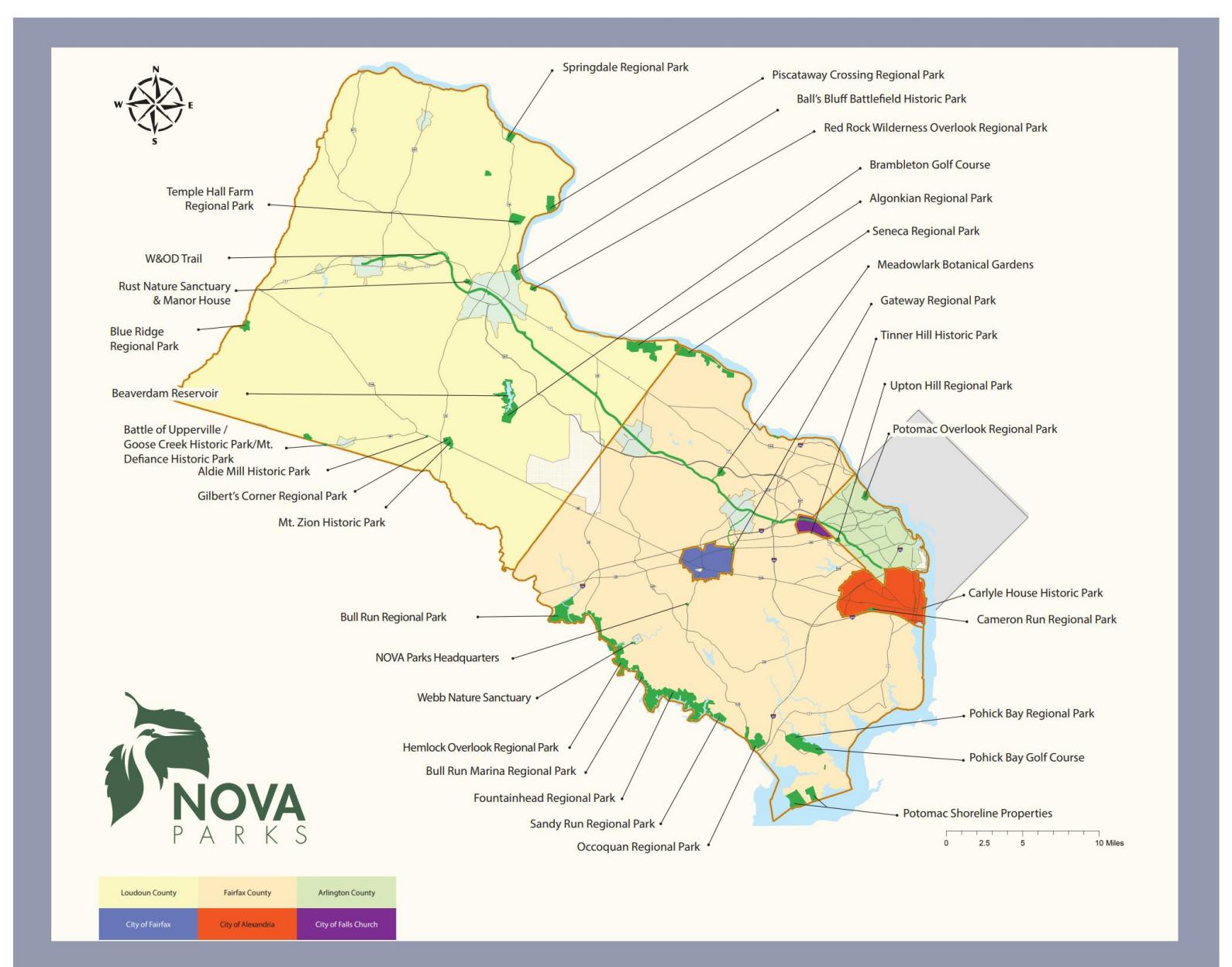
Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority



ARLINGTON
VIRGINIA

December 2022

35 parks & 12,385 acres

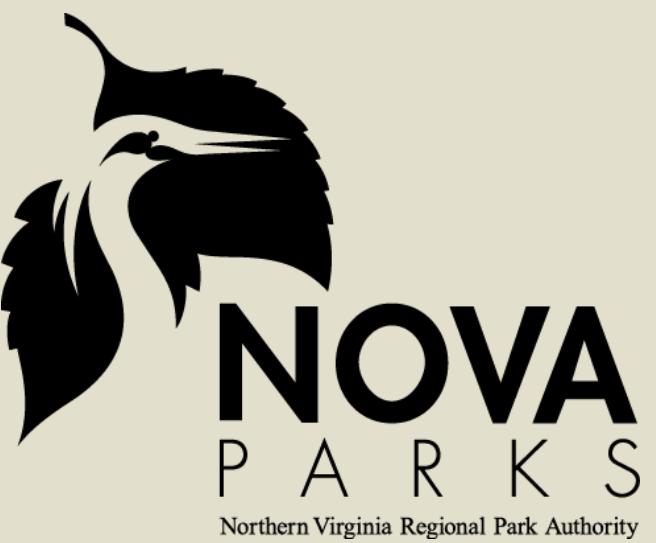




100+ miles of trails = 2-3 million



3 light shows = 400,000 users



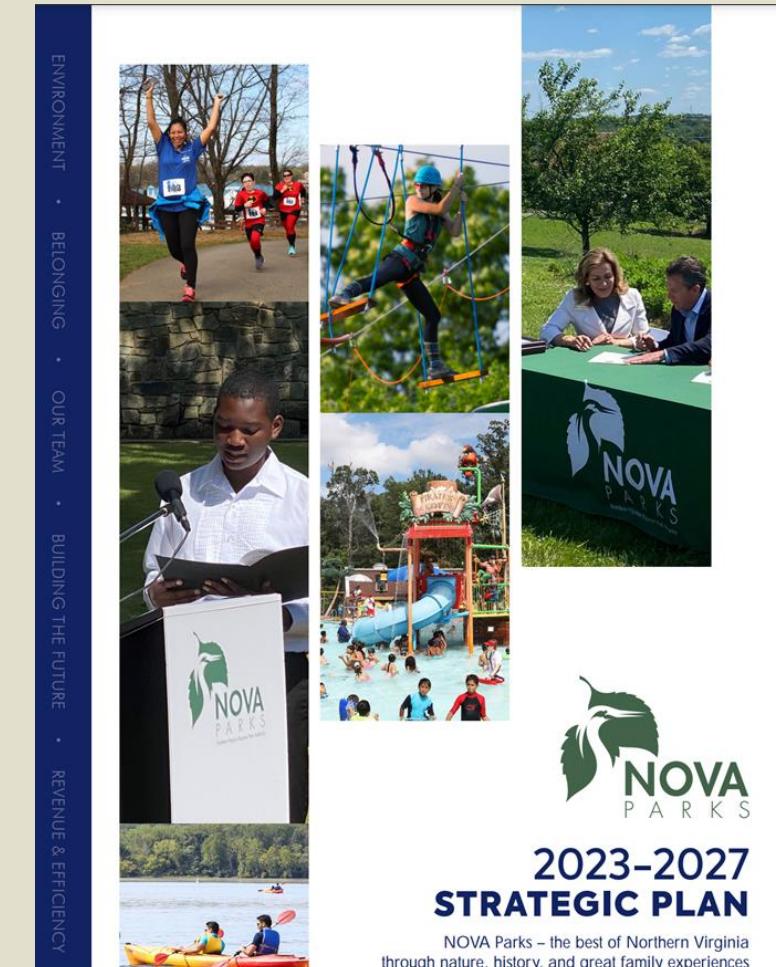
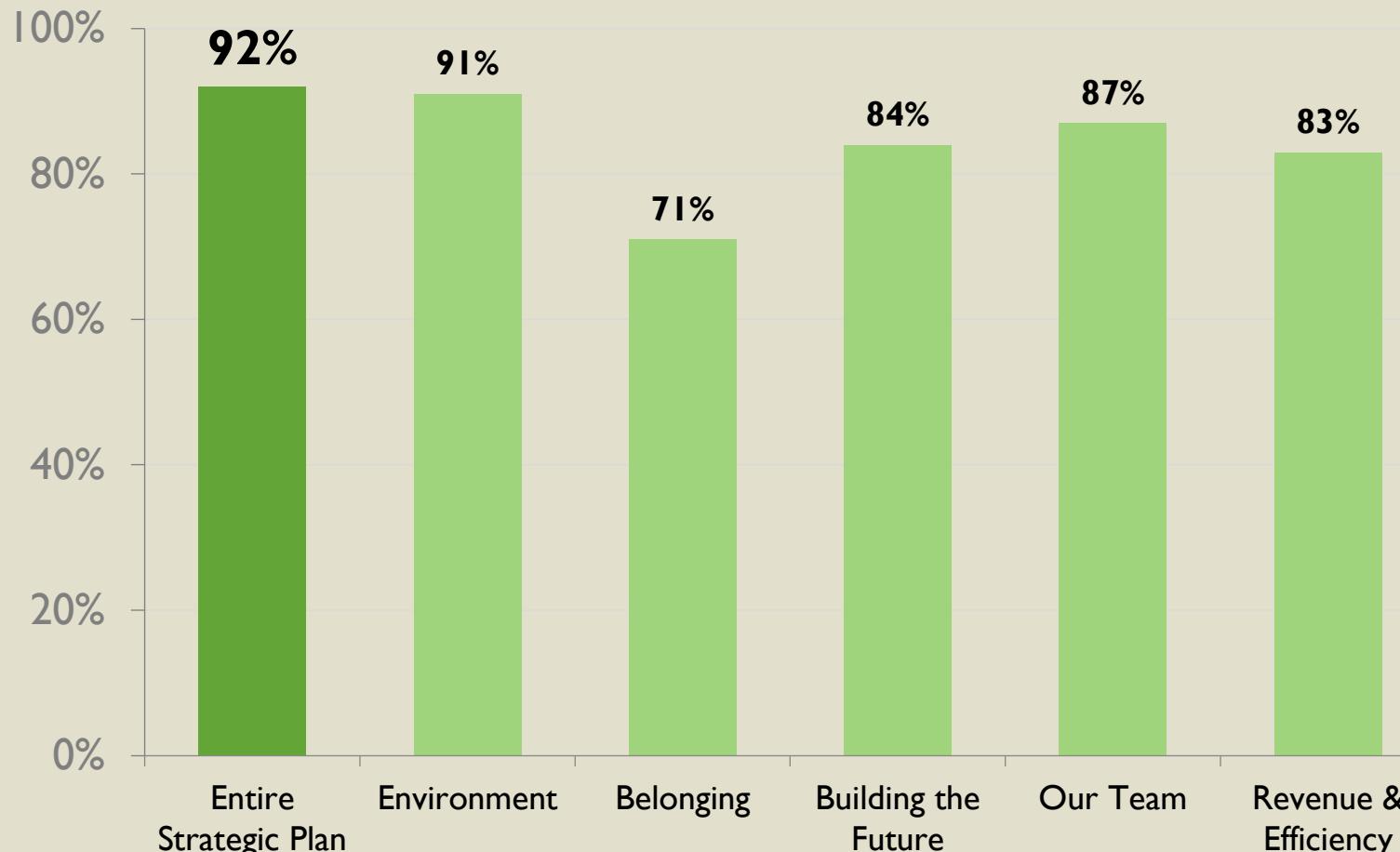
5 waterparks = 300,000 users



3 golf courses = 100,000 rounds

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPORTANCE

PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS WHO INDICATED EXTREMELY IMPORTANT OR IMPORTANT



2023-2027
STRATEGIC PLAN

NOVA Parks – the best of Northern Virginia
through nature, history, and great family experiences

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

PAGE VIEWS**4,124****VISITORS****3,765****IMPRESSIONS****86,152****ENGAGEMENTS****378****CLICKS****1,680****MEDIA ARTICLES****5 LOCAL NEWSPAPER ARTICLES****STAKEHOLDER SHARES & RESPONSES**

- ARLINGTON COUNTY
- AUDOBON SOCIETY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA
- CAPITAL TRAILS COALITION
- CITY OF FAIRFAX
- CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

RESPONSES**210**

Complete the prescribed invasive species management plan at Upton Hill and Occoquan by 2023



- 2 years ago, this photo would have been full of invasives. Now, the native species can compete.
- Keys to success:
 - Partnership with ARMN
 - NOVA Parks staff & equipment
 - Contract support from Invasive Plant Control

Additional invasive species work

Renewed efforts at Potomac Overlook with ARMN

Ongoing work on the W&OD

Collectively NOVA Parks has \$170K in the FY'2023 budget for invasive and habitat restoration

Where we cannot acquire more parkland invasive removal and habitat restoration provides a way to reclaim parkland and expand ecological areas.



Environmental Outreach



- **Expand Black & Hispanic birding program by hosting program at a minimum of 3 parks.**
- **Identify and perform outreach to Title I School and economically disadvantaged populations to improve quality of life through parks, programs and resource conservation in areas near regional parks.**

Trees and Resource Banking

- Bold plan to plant 50,000 trees.
This will take nearly 200 acres of parkland outside of Arlington.
- Natural Resource Banking includes:
 - Carbon Credits
 - Nutrient Credits
 - Wetland Credits

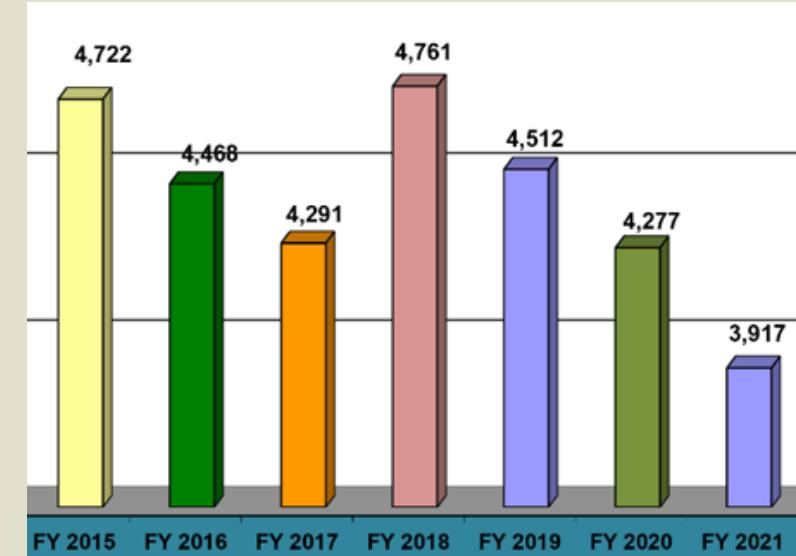
All of these systems result in expanded forest areas and increased habitat



New Forest at Upton Hill

Reducing Carbon Footprint

- NOVA Parks has been measuring its total carbon footprint for year and awarding the facility that reduces by the greatest percentage.
- New Initiatives:
 - Adoption of electric vehicles
 - Adoption of electric mowers
 - EV charging stations in at least 5 parks by 2027
 - Solar energy in at least 3 additional parks by 2027



Winkler Botanical Preserve



In the News Last 14 Months

- 2 land donations
- 10 diverse history signs
- 2 new innovative facilities

Dedicated ten new interpretive signs about diverse history



Donation of two new properties

- Springdale 128 acres
- Winkler Preserve 45 acres



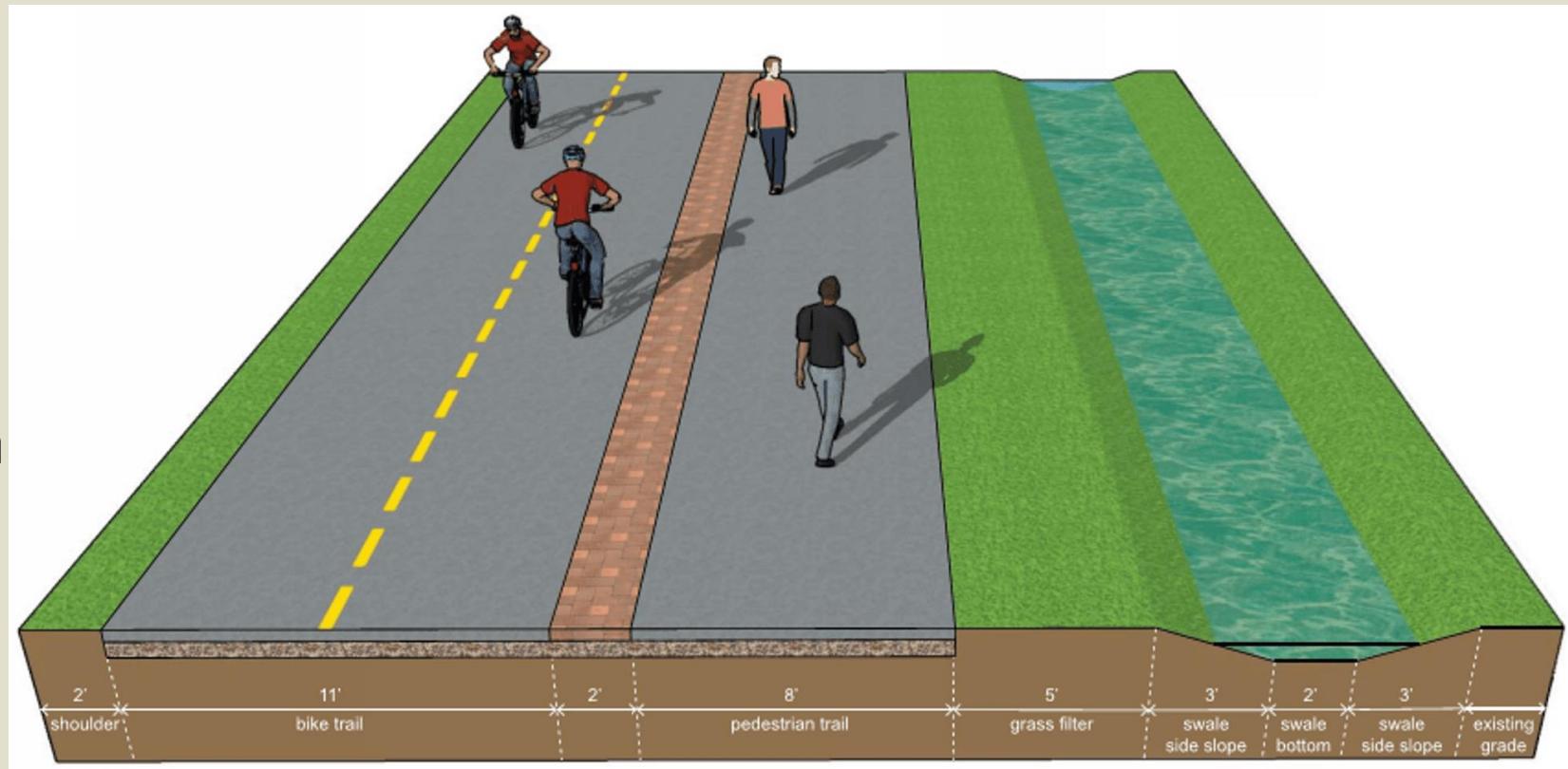
Opening of Climb Upton

Opening of the first section of
Dual Trails on the W&OD



Dual Trail Environmental Design Features

- **Stormwater retention and treatment**
- **Swales**
- **French Drains**
- **Permeable Pavement**
- **Modular Wetlands**
- **Meadow Grasses**



Dual Trails on the W&OD

- First section opened in Falls Church in the fall of 2021
- It improve safety and promote carbon-free travel, this is the model
- \$165K grant from NVTA to design a section for Arlington
- Civic engagement will follow initial design work



A Very Special Thanks to our Partners with ARMN!
With their help and expertise our parks in Arlington are
better than ever!



Thank You - Questions

