

Parks & Open Space

2018

The Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital
Federal Elements

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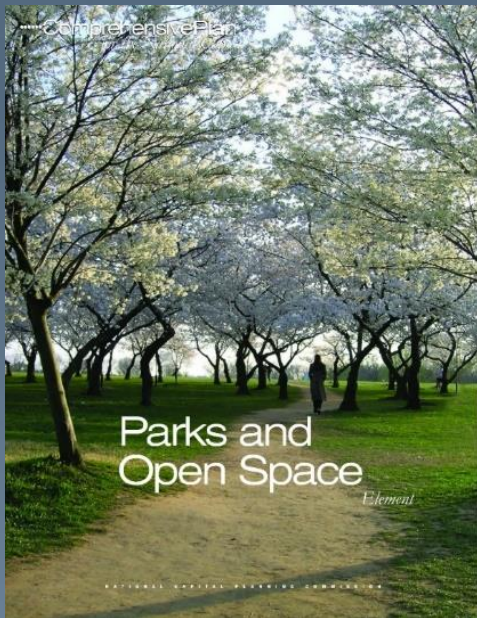


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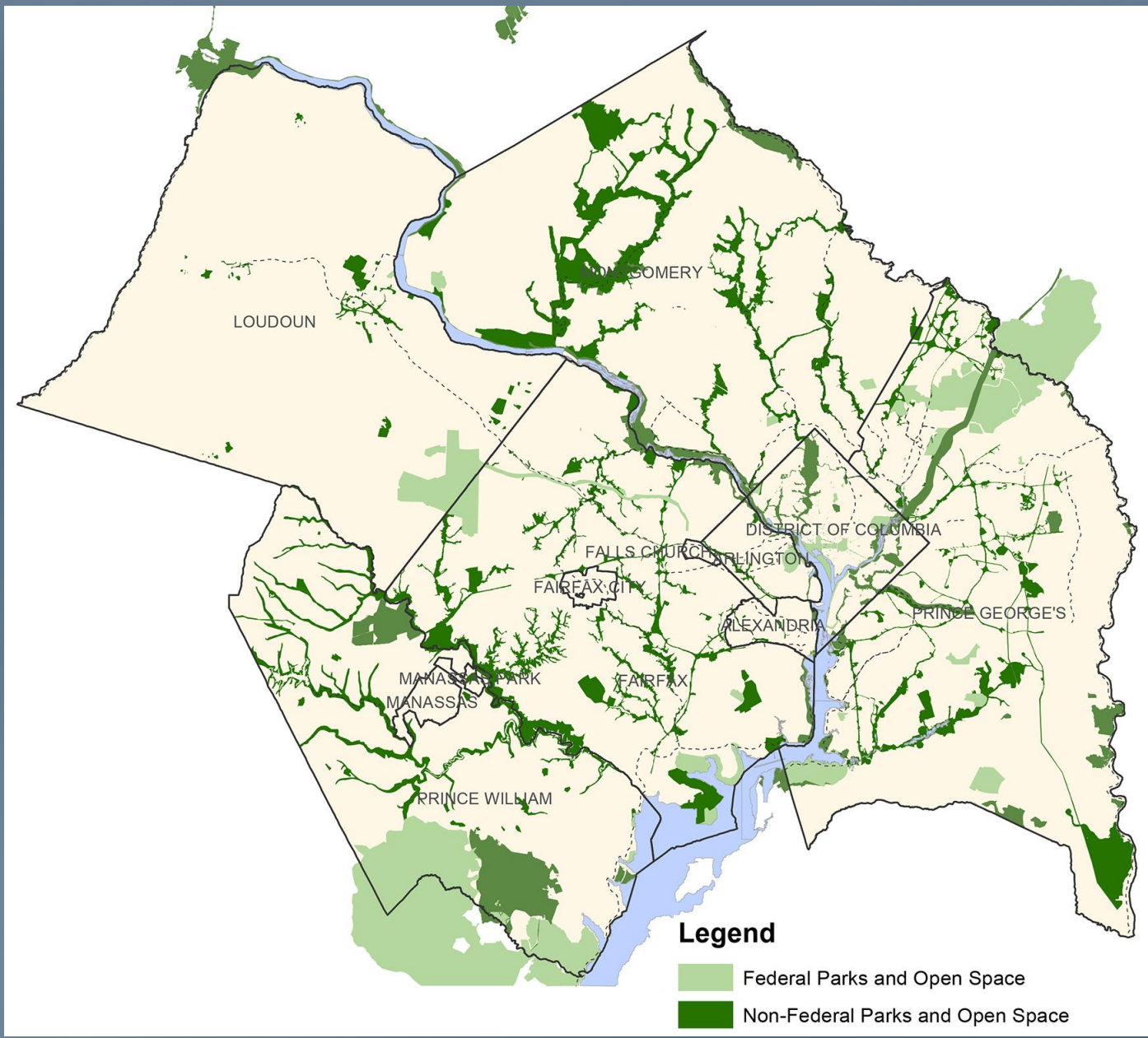




Parks and Open Space Element (2004)



Parks & Open Space Element Update (2018)



➤ Goal Statement

The federal government's goal is to protect and enhance the National Capital Region's parks and open space system while providing recreational, ecological, social, and educational benefits for visitors, residents, workers, and future generations.

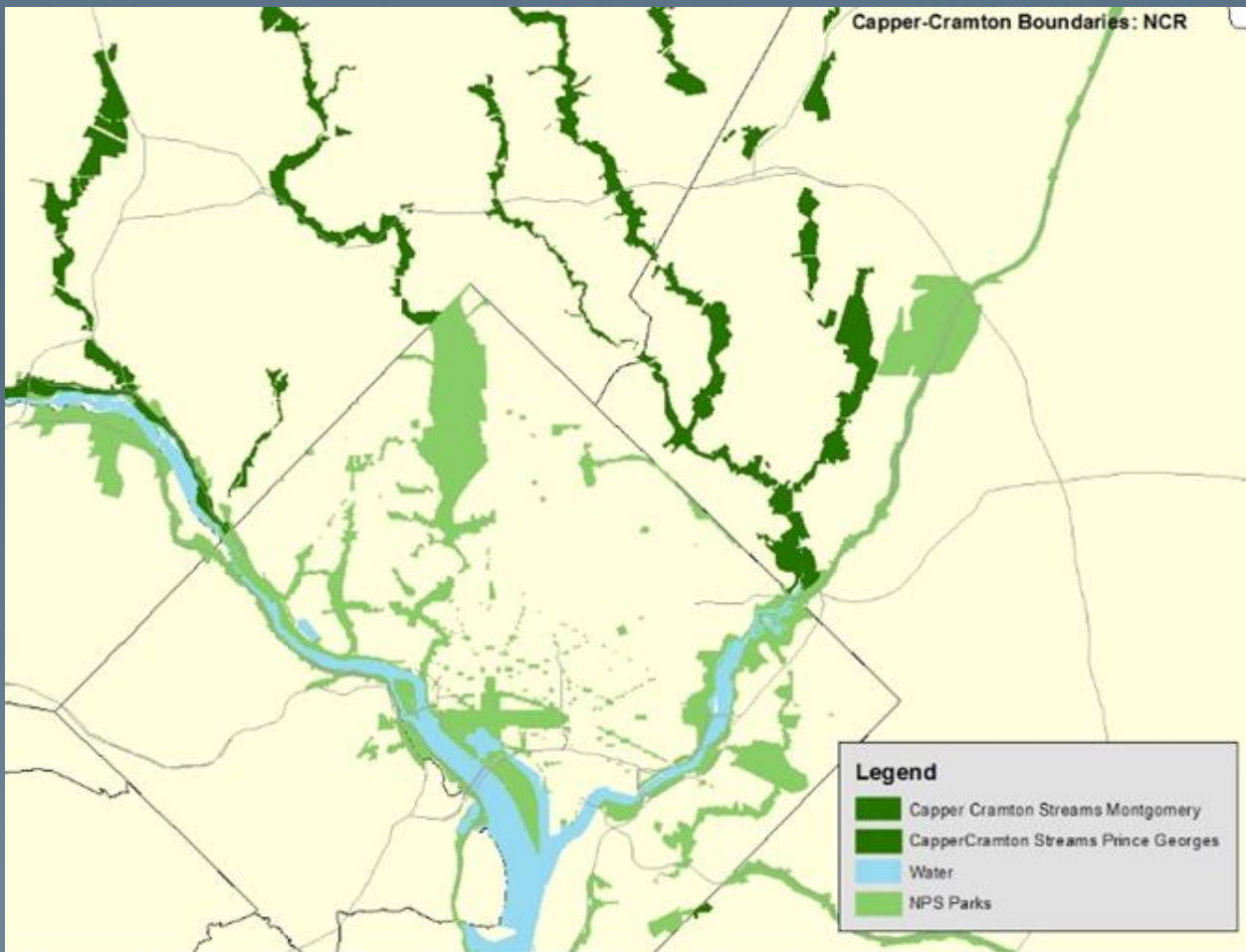
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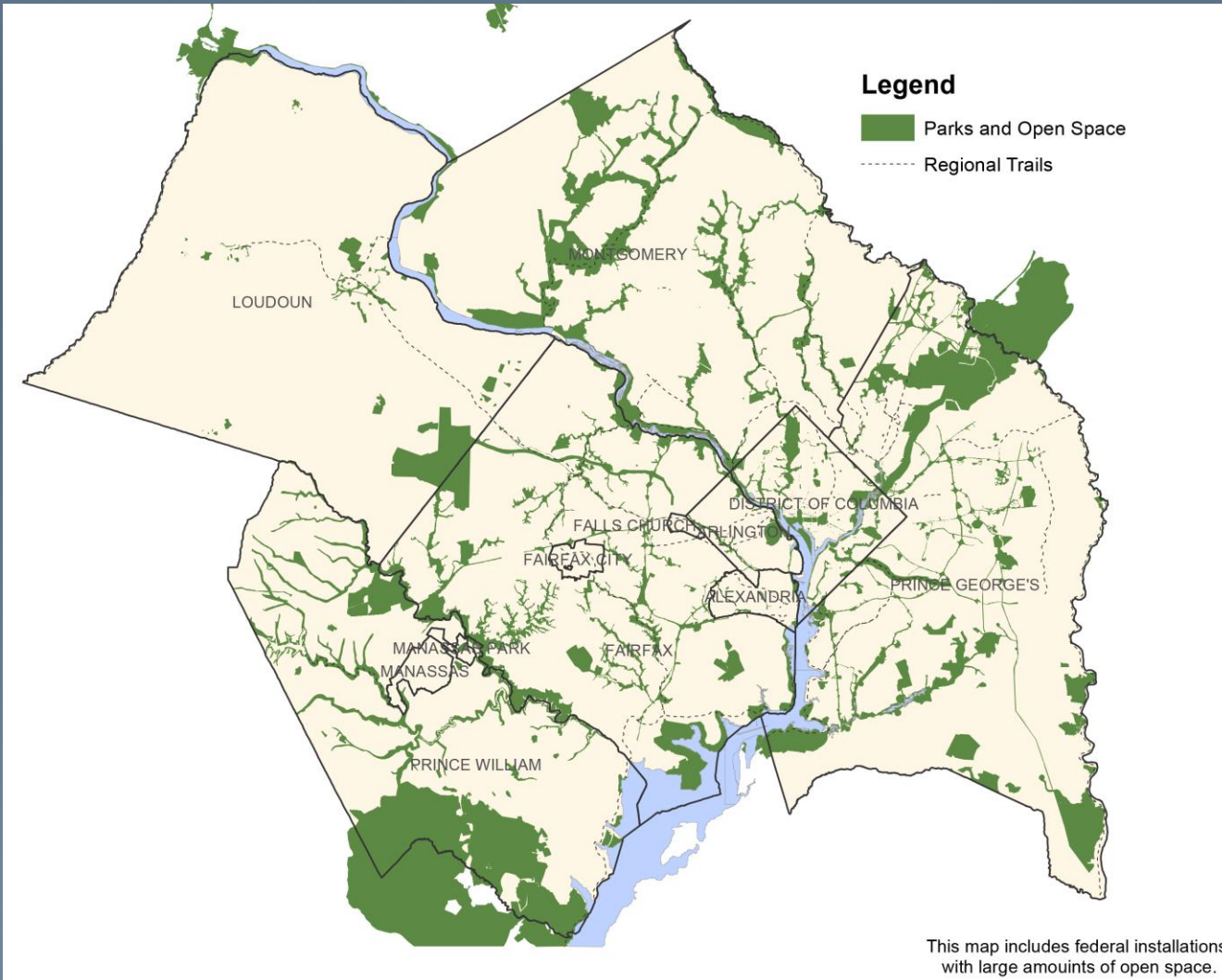
➤ Protect Capper-Cramton Parks



POS.B.7 Protect the character and setting of all parks acquired as Capper-Cramton lands as critical elements of the region's park and open space system.

POS.B.8 Improve Capper-Cramton lands to be compatible with their existing park use. Projects that provide public benefits such as improving the water quality of streams, promoting park access, and protecting park resources are encouraged.

➤ Enhance the existing Trail Network



POS.C.7 Develop, improve, and maintain a regional trail system that serves recreational and commuter needs by closing gaps and connecting parks and open space, natural areas, and destinations. Ensure that regional trails connect with the national trail network.

POS.C.8 Consider opportunities to develop trails or connect trail systems when planning and designing projects throughout the region. Ensure that new development do not preclude future improvements to trail connections.

➤ Balance Management of Federal Parkland with Local Community Needs

➤ Coordinate Federal and Local Development Review Processes



POS.F.5 Encourage the use of a variety of management and maintenance strategies including partnerships, cooperative management agreements, or when appropriate within the District of Columbia, transfer of administrative jurisdiction to the District government to improve parks and create a unified open space network.



POS.F.6 Develop federal and local collaborative relationships to maximize the functionality of small parks as local neighborhood amenities.



- The Parks & Open Space Element will be available online:
<https://www.ncpc.gov/initiatives/openspace>
- Open House
April 11th 6pm to 7:30pm
April 12th 10:30am to 12:00pm
- Public Comment Period ends
May 7th, 2018