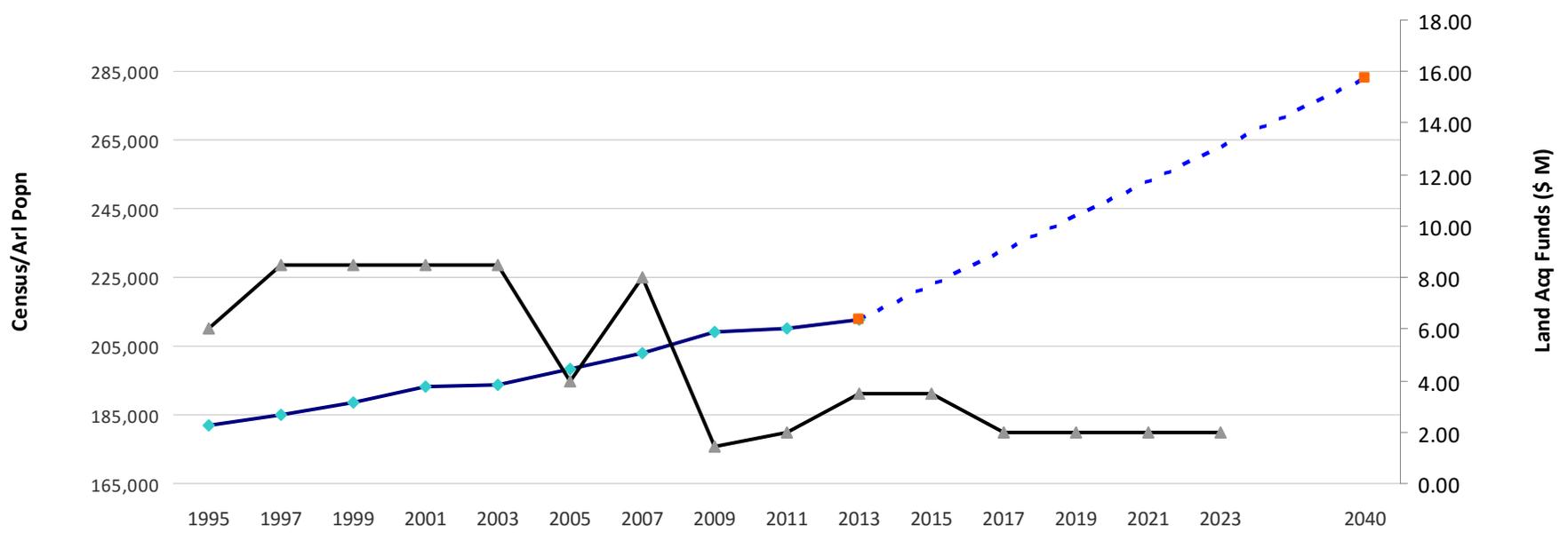


## Preserving and Enhancing Arlington's Remaining Greenspace



**Arlington 1954 – Tree Canopy**

## Land Acquisition Funds plotted against US Census/Arl VA Population, 1995-2040



Population data are US Census for years indicated during 1995-2001, Arlington VA population for years indicated during 2003-2013. 2040 - Estimate - Arlington County. Source of land acquisition funds data 1995 - 2013: C-2 memo, 2015 - 2023: CIP

- ◆— Census/Arl Popn
- - -■- - - Census/Arl Popn (2013-future)
- ▲— Land Acq funds (\$ M)

# Recent CIP History

## Parks Land Acquisition and Open Space (\$ M)

Year	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021	2023	Total
<b>2013-22</b>							
<b>CIP</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>	<b>\$4.44</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>		<b>\$14.44</b>
<b>2015-24</b>							
<b>CIP</b>		<b>\$3.50</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>\$11.50</b>

# Land Acquisition Challenge

- A robust Park Land Acquisition Policy requires a mandate and direction from the County Board to County staff to find ways to acquire park land using a variety of instruments to accomplish the goal.

# Land Acquisition Issues

- Q. Why not ask for bond money only?
- A. More flexibility to consider multiple funding possibilities to more realistically address land deficit issue.

# Land Acquisition Issues

- Q. Why a minimum of 3 acres?
- A. A realistic, doable minimum goal and will help develop a park land acquisition program as recommended in the Public Spaces Master Plan and Community Facility Study.
- A. Although below level of past land acquisition history (3.8 acres per year), above level of 2015 acquisitions (0.63 acres).

# Land Acquisition Issues

- Q. Arlington is built up already, so where are we going to get more park land?
- A. There are several, creative ways that can be considered to obtain land in addition to purchase:
  - Developer contributions and TDRs.
  - County surplus land (yes it exists)
  - Air rights over 66 (but very expensive)
  - Preoffers from developers during site review

# Reasons For Land Acquisition

- Best practices in urban planning includes setting aside park land as population and demand increases.
- Park land acquisition for a local government is like an individual contributing to his 401(k) for retirement. It is a collective investment in the community's future.