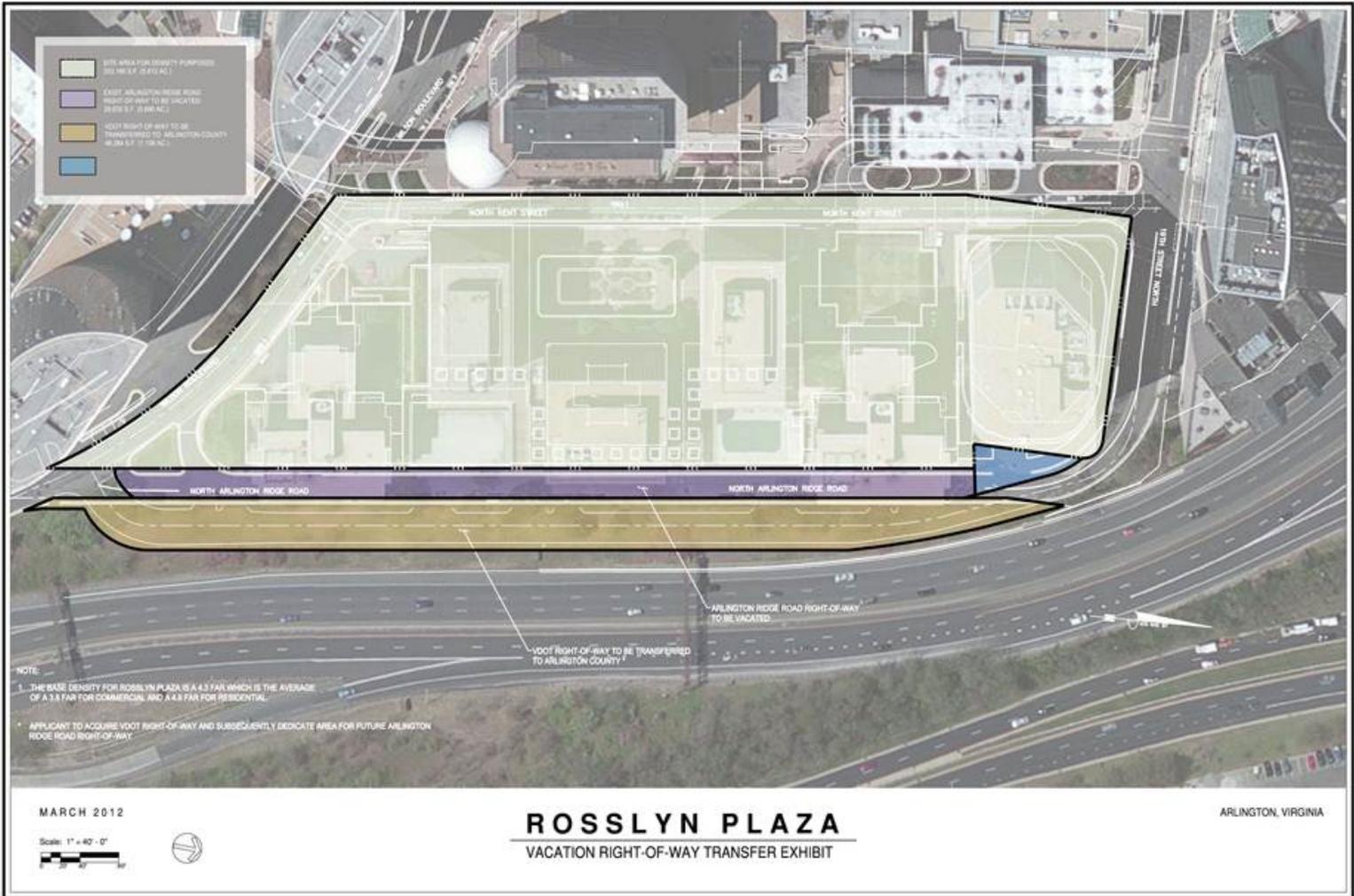


## **Arlington Ridge Road Ownership Summary**

The property on which Arlington Ridge Road sits was originally part of a large track of land owned by John Mason, son of George Mason. In 1801, the area on west side of the Potomac was deemed to be Alexandria County, a part of the District of Columbia by the Organic Act of 1801. Thus, the property owned by John Mason fell under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia. In 1809, Congress authorized the making of a Turnpike Road from Alexandria to Rosslyn, of which Arlington Ridge Road was a part. In 1846, Alexandria County was retroceded to the State of Virginia by the Act of Retrocession of 1846 and all public lands, including the current Arlington Ridge Road, because owned by the State of Virginia. In 1870, the City of Alexandria was formed and separated from Alexandria County. In 1920 the name "Alexandria County" was changed to "Arlington County". The northern portion of Arlington Ridge Road (shaded in blue in Exhibit A) later became incorporated into the new subdivision of "Rosslyn" made by the Rosslyn Development Company in 1902, Exhibit B. This northern portion of the Road was therefore subject to the subdivision statute in effect at the time of the plat, by which ownership of dedicated roads became vested in the owner of each adjoining lot to the centerline of the road, subject to an easement over the streets for public use (see § 2510a, 1904 Code of Virginia). In 1932 the State of Virginia passed the Byrd Road Act which effectively transferred ownership of secondary roads from local Counties to the State, however, Arlington and Henrico Counties opted out of the Act. Ownership of the northern portion of Arlington Ridge Road (shaded in blue in Exhibit A) was never transferred from Arlington County to the State of Virginia and the public easement remains vested in the County. The portion of Arlington Ridge Road (shaded purple in Exhibit A) south of "Rosslyn," as shown in Exhibit B, has remained vested in the State of Virginia in accordance with the Act of Retrocession of 1846.

The area in purple in Exhibit A is under a purchase contract between the applicant and the State of Virginia. The area in blue in Exhibit A is being proposed as a dedication from Arlington County to the applicant. The area in orange in Exhibit A is being proposed as a dedication to Arlington County upon construction of a new Arlington Ridge Road.

# Exhibit A



# Exhibit B

