

MEMORIAL PLAQUE REQUEST FOR MR LARRY FINCH

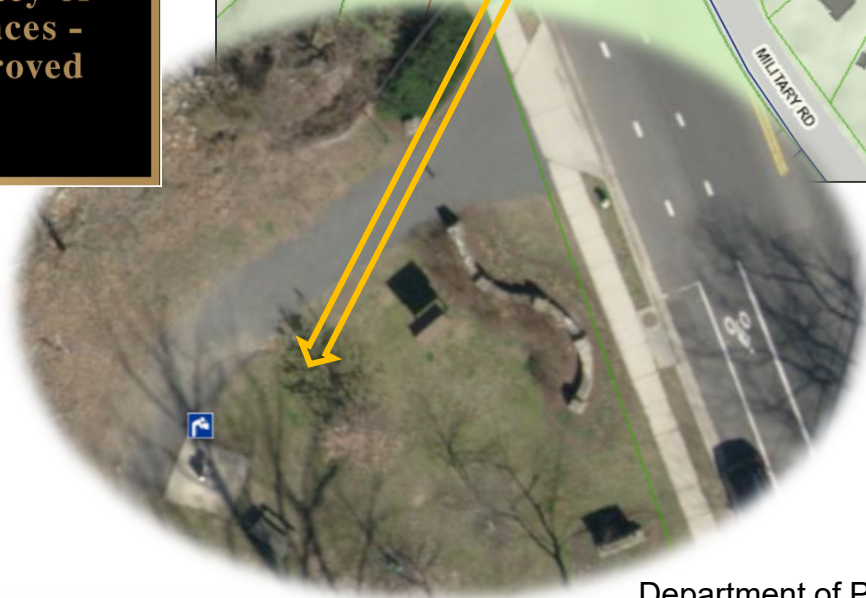


1933 - 2020

**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 Volunteer 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 (DRCA) Board (2004 – 2014). His contributions to the community through DRCA include:
 - Coordinated with the county 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; and
 - Instrumental in coordinating the restoration of Donaldson Run Tributary A.
3. Sponsored several Park Enhancement Grant projects and was granted funds to use towards improvements to Zachary Taylor Park and Lee Heights Park.
4. Helped to raise funds for the continued operation of the Gulf Branch Nature Center.

Larry Finch at 2012 Civic Federation Banquet receiving Sun Gazette Cup



"... he [Larry Finch] has for decades fought against green house gases, stream pollution, and any threat to Arlington's tree canopy." [Arlington Civic Federation \(civfed.org\)](http://ArlingtonCivicFederation.org)



Larry Finch teaching children about nature - 2011 Taylor Elementary School Fair

5. Served on the Friends of Arlington's Parks (FOAP) Board for many years. His contributions to the organization include:
 - Representing FOAP at public events and information tables, including designing educational materials for children;
 - Attending Countywide events on many topics related to green space and reporting back to FOAP Board;
 - Preparing position statements and composing letters on behalf of the Board; and
 - Writing and editing articles for the Friends of Arlington Parks newsletter.
6. Served as the Civic Federation Environmental Committee Chair for multiple years.
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:
 - Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE)
 - Northern Virginia Conservation Trust
 - Potomac Overlook Park
 - Friends of the Donaldson Run Watershed
 - Arlington Community Energy and Sustainability Task Force.
 - 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." [Bill Thomas Outstanding Park Service Volunteer Award Winners \(arlingtonva.us\)](http://arlingtonva.us)