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The Northwest Arkansas Open Space Plan is a coordinated, voluntary program to protect and promote the region's most valued natural landscapes and open spaces. Open space includes the lands and waters where people hunt and fish, play with their children, hike through the woods, observe wildlife in their natural habitat, and, in some cases, where they farm and grow food. The goal is to preserve these assets, thereby maintaining our high quality of life as the region continues to grow and prosper.





Mapping Analysis and Prioritization

Thirty-six sets of open space data were organized into the 5 main subject areas below. Those data sets were then ranked by the steering committee according to their importance for each of the subject areas. Areas of land that have more of these features, and those having higher-value features, are shown in darker shades of green (scores 3-5). Areas of land with fewer of these features, or that lack these features, are shown in lighter shades of green (scores 1-3).

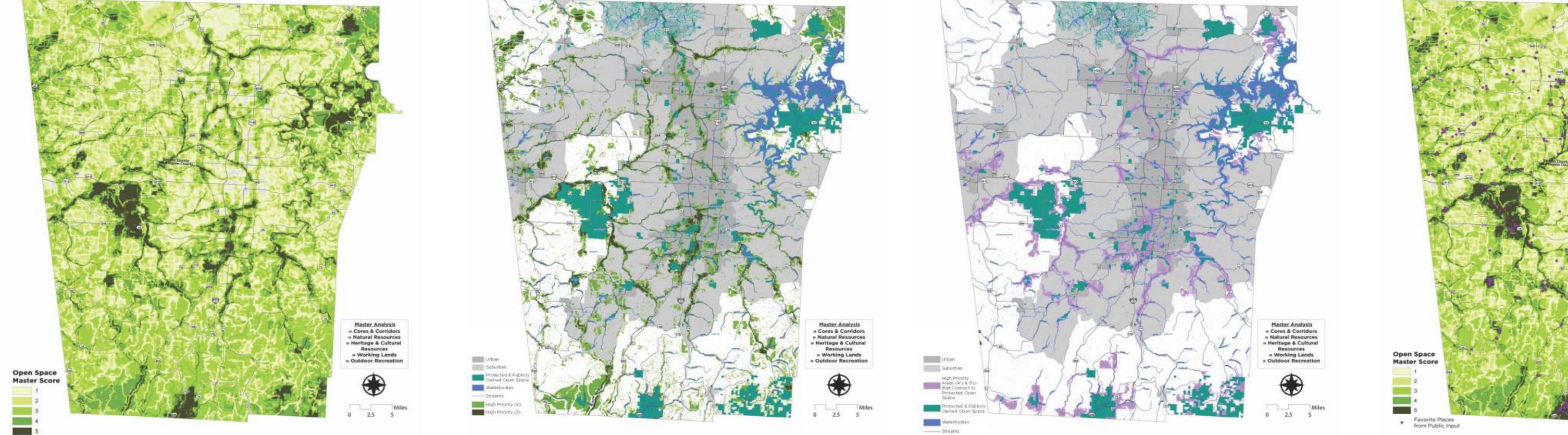
NATURAL RESOURCES





OVERALL PRIORITY MAP

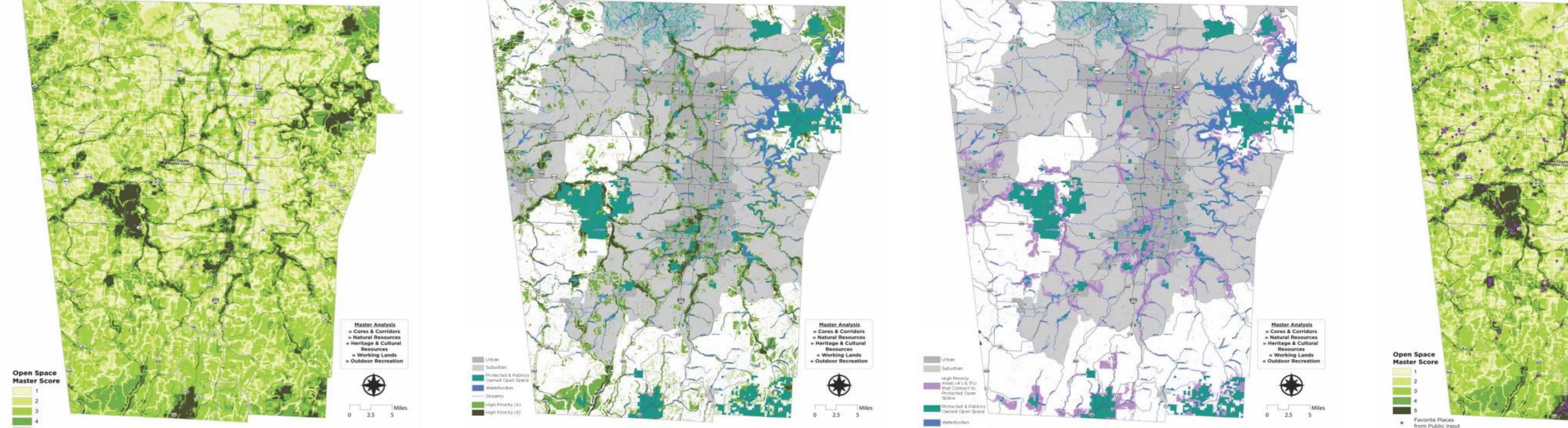
The overall map combines the five maps above, with the greatest emphasis on the 'Natural Resource' features, as directed by the Steering Committee, and as supported by input from the public comment form.



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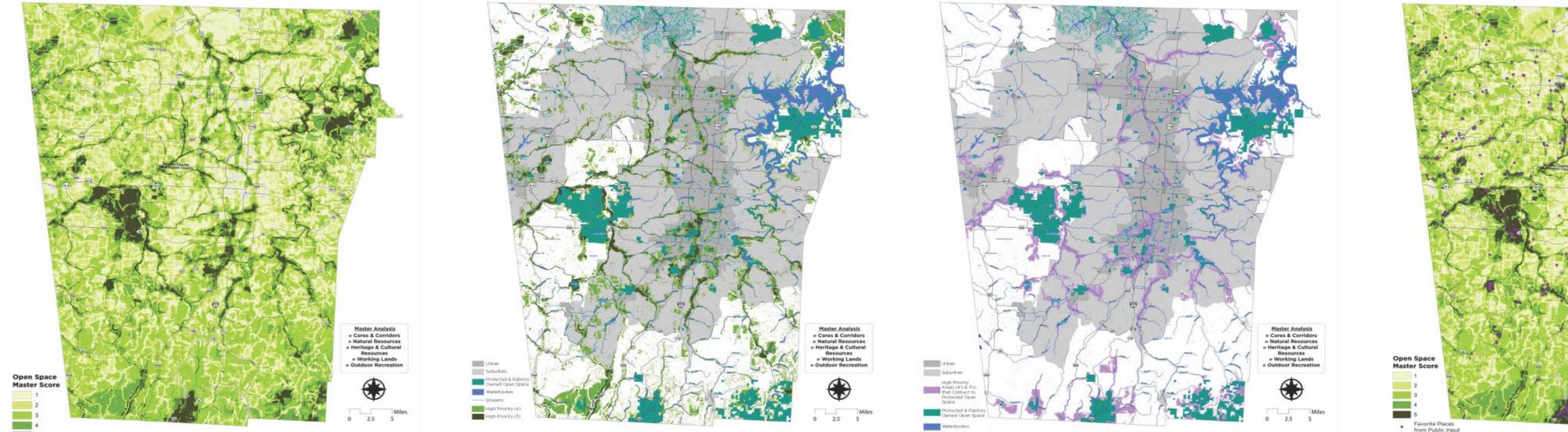
HIGH PRIORITY AREAS & DEVELOPMENT PRESSURE

This map shows the higher priority areas (levels 4 & 5 from the Overall Priority Map), and existing open spaces (blue-green). The urban areas (dark grey) and suburban areas (light grey) may indicate higher levels of development pressure.



HIGH PRIORITY AREAS THAT CONNECT TO EXISTING OPEN SPACES

This map shows where higher priority areas (pink) align with existing protected and publicly owned open spaces (blue-green). Large, connected open spaces are key to supporting biodiversity and other benefits of open space.



PRIORITY AREAS IN RELATION TO PUBLIC INPUT

This map shows public input for 'Community Favorite Places' that was collected in 2015 during seven public workshops and through the online public input map. See specific comments at www.nwaopenspace.com/participate.



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