Access to Arlington County Feature Services

These instructions are for accessing Arlington County GIS data within the ArcMap software from ESRI for downloading purposes. It requires ESRI's ArcGIS Desktop suite.

Start in either ArcCatalog or the ArcCatalog window in ArcMap a connection to our ArcGIS Server that hosts the data. You'll find this under "GIS Servers" → Add ArcGIS Server

Next you'll get a window that prompts you for the type of user (select "User")… then you'll get the window shown below where you can type in the address of our server. As a public user you don't need an account or password. Click finish when done. (See Figure 1)
(Address: https://gis.arlingtonva.us/arlgis/rest/services or
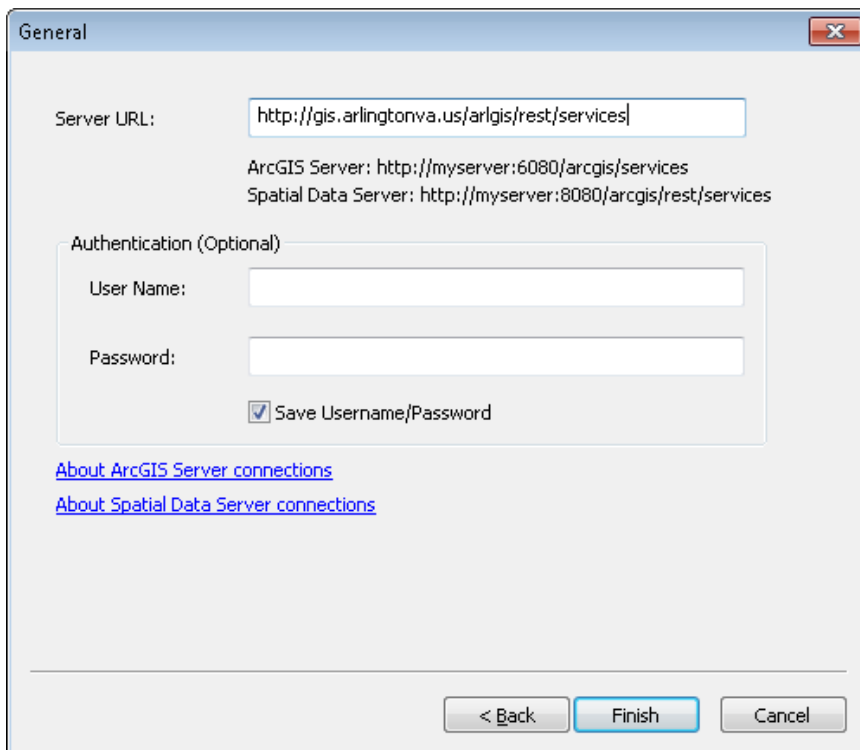https://gis2.arlingtonva.us/arlgis/rest/services)

Figure 1

Now you should be able to explore the services available. All of the feature services for the public will be found in the folder "public_fs". The folder "public" just has map services that are used for viewing only. There will be two services listed with the same name, one is a map service (⬛) and the other is a feature service (⬛). You want the feature service to be able to download.

To export/download the data you need to load it into ArcMap, then you can export it by right clicking on the layer name and choosing "Export" under the data submenu… (see figure 2)
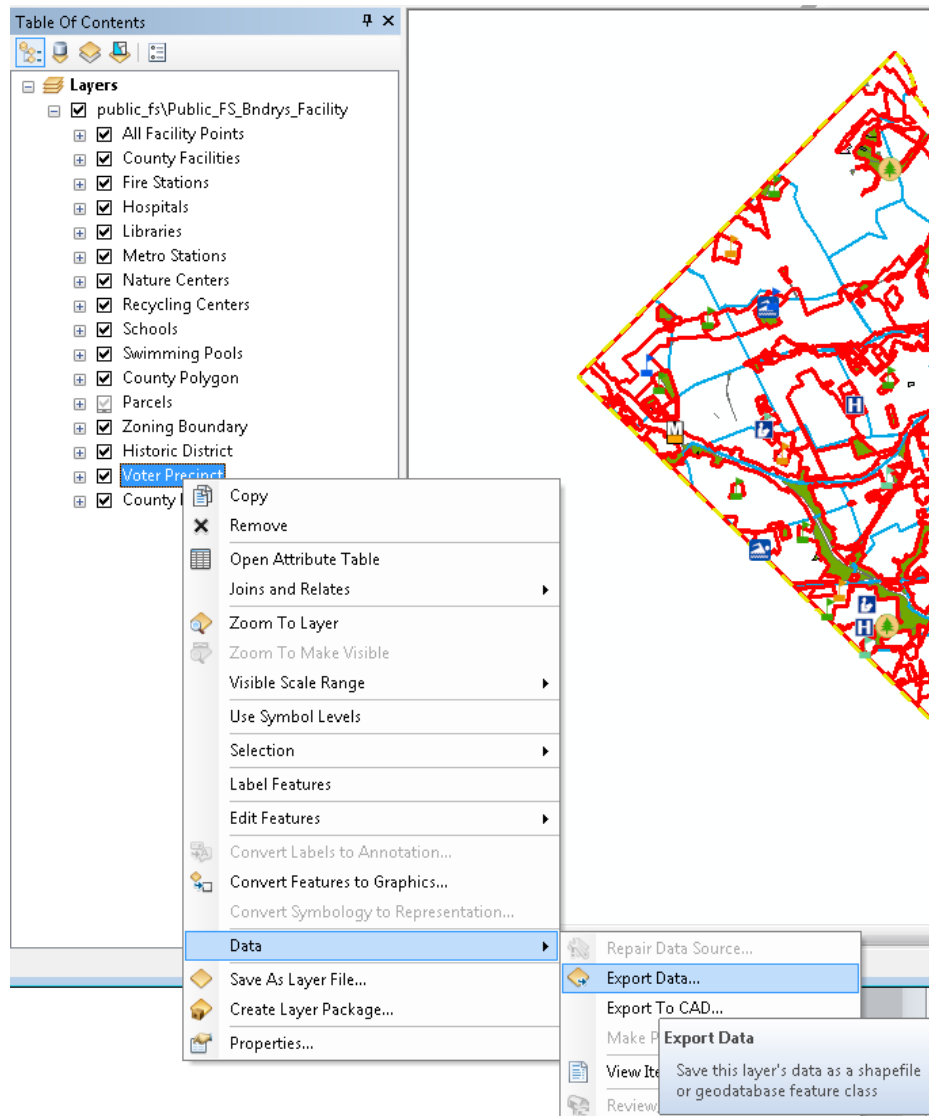
Figure 2