

Planning Commission Work Session Action Items July 20, 2009

(E) = Add to Errata Sheet;

All other items to be further considered by staff and the PC

NOTE: Please continue to send Planning staff questions about sections in advance of the work session at which they are scheduled for discussion.

Housing

- Page 40- Housing Revitalization Focus Area Map – include both residential and commercial target areas for revitalization efforts.
- Include color-coded maps showing growth trends by percentage of a development that has been built out, spatial relationship between senior housing, transportation options, and other activities. Including this map will help people to visualize developments in the pipeline and help make the spatial link between already approved and newly proposed developments to the cumulative impacts they may have on infrastructure in a given area. Also ties in to action items later in the Comprehensive Plan.
- Look into clarifying the impact on I-64 widening to three lanes on housing and the rate of development.
- Page 38, 2nd paragraph- note of whether high home values are necessarily a bad thing.
- Page 42, Table H-1- determine whether households counted in table are also employed within the County (how many live and work within the County?).

Demographics

- Need to address population projections and whether this large of a population is compatible with the theme of sustainability and the overall way we want the community to develop.
- Consider setting a target population and then designing facilities to serve that target.
- Include a greater discussion of trends and their implications.

Population Needs

- Highlight the resources allocated toward youth since the last Comp Plan (new school construction and recreational facilities, for example). Differentiate between at-risk populations and all youth and all seniors.
- Can we encourage coordinating resources that better integrate the senior and youth populations to improve the quality of life for both marginalized populations?
- Can we partner with private employers to hire and train at-risk youth?

Public Facilities

- Incorporate or highlight the modeling of cumulative impacts
- Page 126, 1.3.3- Increase the discussion regarding the placement of public facilities in the County's rural lands/outside the PSA. Language should reflect "location of public facilities should be discouraged outside the PSA" rather than "location of public facilities inside the PSA should be encouraged." (E)

- Strengthen the priority of aesthetic value with regard to public facilities. Page 120, paragraph 3, “where applicable.” Also 1.4.6. (E)
- Discussion on whether the Government Complex location and/or facilities are appropriate for current or future needs.
- Page 125, 1.1.5.5- needs to be a commitment with follow-through or removed from the plan.
- Consider including the updated map showing independent water systems outside the PSA (see map provided by Larry Foster) into the final text.
- Discussion on whether the County should consider a policy of opposing the issuance of smaller water withdrawal permits for developments outside the PSA.
- Sharing of central well systems among developments and consideration of connection policies when developments outside the PSA are adjacent to extended water lines (to cut back on number of central wells).
- Public Facilities discussion to be extended to a future work session with Mr. Foster and Alan Robertson also in attendance.

Parks and Recreation and Community Character

- Presentation and discussion deferred to future work session.

Vision Statement

- Needs to be more concise and focused and be carried throughout the document cohesively.

Organization

- Italicize or otherwise highlight new initiatives in 2009 GSAs.
- Provide better focus for the Plan by presenting data, trends, and analysis and getting right into actions (see Mr. Peck’s policy plan example from Fairfax County) and creating a “super-priorities” list (reference GSAs by implementation timeframe distributed by Mr. Peck). Include list of topics or sections and detail what the County’s view is and the actions that are being pursued to address them. Put the County in context (pull key drivers/hot topic issues into one section and discuss their implications on growth). Then include a section on how to implement and monitor the plan and develop a schedule for future updates. This could be a replacement/addition to the introduction section.
- Make maps easier to visualize (for example, highlight entire park area rather than using a dot to show actual scale) and use more maps, tables, and charts when applicable.
- Work to better link sections of Comp Plan and show that they do not stand alone. This could be accomplished through a section on sustainability following the Vision Statement.
- Also see handout “Summary of PC Recommendations- Comprehensive Plan Organization and Structure” distributed by Mr. Krapf via e-mail and at the work session.

Attachments:

1. Map of Independent Water Systems Outside the PSA
2. Fairfax County Policy Plan
3. Summary of PC Recommendations – Comprehensive Plan Organization and Structure