

# Fairfax County Vision Elements

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods and diverse communities of Fairfax County by:

## **Maintaining Safe and Caring Communities -**

The needs of a diverse and growing community are met through innovative public and private services, community partnerships and volunteer opportunities. As a result, residents feel safe and secure, capable of accessing the range of services and opportunities they need, and are willing and able to give back to their community.

## **Building Livable Spaces -**

Together, we encourage distinctive “built environments” that create a sense of place, reflect the character, history and natural environment of the community, and take a variety of forms – from identifiable neighborhoods, to main streets, to town centers. As a result, people throughout the community feel they have unique and desirable places to live, work, shop, play and connect with others.

## **Connecting People and Places -**

Transportation, technology and information effectively and efficiently connect people and ideas. As a result, people feel a part of their community and have the ability to access places and resources in a timely, safe and convenient manner.

## **Maintaining Healthy Economies -**

Investments in the workforce, jobs, and community infrastructure and institutions support a diverse and thriving economy. As a result, individuals are able to meet their needs and have the opportunity to grow and develop their talent and income according to their potential.

## **Practicing Environmental Stewardship -**

Local government, industry and residents seek ways to use all resources wisely and to protect and enhance the County’s natural environment and open space. As a result, residents feel good about their quality of life and embrace environmental stewardship as a personal and shared responsibility.

## **Creating a Culture of Engagement -**

Individuals enhance community life by participating in and supporting civic groups, discussion groups, public-private partnerships and other activities that seek to understand and address community needs and opportunities. As a result, residents feel that they can make a difference and work in partnership with others to understand and address pressing public issues.

## **Exercising Corporate Stewardship -**

Fairfax County government is accessible, responsible and accountable. As a result, actions are responsive, providing superior customer service and reflecting sound management of County resources and assets.