



**Meeting Summary: Lincolnia Planning District Study, Phase I,
Community Meeting #1**

*Monday, March 16, 2015 || 7:30 – 9:00 PM || Holmes Middle
School*



1.) Staff Presentation

Jennifer Garcia, Planner III with the Fairfax County Planning Division, welcomed meeting attendees. In addition to members of the community, attendees included Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross and staff from the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, the Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax County Public Schools, and additional staff from the Planning Division. Mrs. Garcia gave a presentation on the study area location and boundaries, the purpose of the study, an introduction to the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan, an overview of the existing conditions analysis, the process for Phase I of the study, and next steps. The PowerPoint presentation can be viewed [here](#).

1a.) Questions

The following questions were raised during the presentation.

- *How closely is the Comprehensive Plan followed?* Supervisor Gross explained that proposed development needs to align with recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan provides the framework for the types of land uses recommended, and may include general guidance about urban design, transportation, and other considerations. During the rezoning process, specific details about development projects are brought forward.
- *What is the Policy Plan?* Mrs. Garcia explained the Policy Plan is a component of the Comprehensive Plan that includes the Board of Supervisor's endorsed goals regarding land use, the environment, housing, parks and recreation, transportation, and other components. The policies describe how to address the objectives and goals contained in the Policy Plan. The Policy Plan can be viewed [here](#).

2.) Poster Session and Dot Exercise

Following the staff presentation, attendees viewed posters about the topic areas covered the [Lincolnia Planning District Existing Conditions Report](#), talked with staff, and participated in a dot exercise. An image of the dot exercise results can be found [here](#).

The dot exercise asked attendees to identify the following on a map of the study area:

- Where is your home? 
- Where is your favorite place to walk? 
- Where do you take out of town guests? 
- Where is the most beautiful building? 
- Where do you feel unsafe? 
- Where is the quietest place? 
- Where do urban and suburban blend? 
- Where is your favorite place to shop? 

3.) Additional Feedback

Staff will consider the suggestions related to public outreach efforts and determine the feasibility of each, including cost, resources needed, and appropriate timing for implementation based on the study schedule.

- There are several townhouse and apartment complexes in the study area, perhaps hold a meeting there or do other outreach in these areas?
- Host a meeting or event at the Lincolnia Senior Center.
- A weekend meeting might also work.
- Communicate with the other land use committees in the Mason District to increase participation, especially early on.
- Start at 7:00 PM during non-winter months.
- The yellow signs are a good way to get the word out – people always stop and read them. (note: yellow signs are typically used to advertise public hearings; staff will look into whether yellow signs can be used for other meeting advertisements and other options for signs/postings.)
- Distribute flyers to pedestrians as they are commuting to work.
- Add flyers to bus stops, include the QR code for the study website so people can instantly look up information.
- Hand out materials or host a table at a nearby farmers markets (Mason District Park, Wakefield Park are closest to the study area).