

## Invitation to Attend Tysons Corner Public Workshops

All interested stakeholders are invited to participate in one of six identical interactive and hands-on workshops to frame the future of Tysons Corner. This is your opportunity to identify the key planning parameters that the consultant team and Task Force will use to create a preferred alternative for Tysons' future.

Six identical workshops are being held in Tysons Corner to accommodate as many people as possible, individuals may attend **one** and only **one** of the following workshops:

WORKSHOPS
Monday March 19, 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM
Tuesday March 20, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Tuesday March 20, 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday March 20, 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM
Wednesday March 21, 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday March 21, 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM

### Workshop Activities

Four "Alternatives for Growth" will be presented that frame a broad range of possibilities managing growth at Tysons Corner: one that describes the current planning and zoning, one that focuses more on jobs creation, one that focuses more on residential growth, and one on a high-growth mixed use future. During the workshop, you will have an opportunity to tell the consultant team where and how Tysons Corner should grow. Participants will work together in groups of 8 to 10 in a hands-on exercise to identify key landmarks and areas that should or should not change in the future and to allocate land uses in Tysons Corner.

## REGISTER BY MARCH 16, 2007

All individuals **must register for the workshop they plan to attend**. Each of the 3.5 hour workshops will be filled on a first-come first-served basis and walk-ins cannot be guaranteed space. To register, please go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner) or call **703-324-1344** and be prepared to identify your first and second choice of time. Workshop groups will be organized to represent a range of community interests and perspectives. Upon registration, you will be asked to identify the best description of your perspective:

- Tysons Corner resident
- Resident of nearby community
- Own or operate a business in Tysons Corner area
- Work in Tysons Corner area
- Landowner and/or developer in Tysons Corner
- Other

### Workshop Results

On Thursday, March 22, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, a final session will be held to report back to all participants what was heard during the workshops. All participants are invited to this session. Input from these workshops will be used to create a set of detailed alternatives for the future of Tysons Corner which will be presented for public review in the May/June timeframe. These alternatives will in turn lead to the development of a preferred model in the fall.

**More information** about how the workshops will work and a detailed timeline of the planning process and opportunities for public input can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner)

**All workshops will be held at the Capital One Conference Center, 1680 Capital One Drive, McLean, Virginia.**

## Background

In March 2005, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors created the Tysons Land Use Task Force to consider the impacts of four planned Metrorail stations. The mission of the Task Force is to gather community input and recommend updates to the Tysons Comprehensive Plan. The Task Force is a 35-member group representing residents, businesses, major employers, and community and civic organizations. The Task Force and the county are working together with the community to create a collective vision for a positive and exciting future for Tysons Corner.

## Building on Community Values

The Task Force's first task was to study the 1994 Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan and issues related to planning for growth and transit-oriented design. The Task Force then sought extensive public input to identify key values and concerns for the future of Tysons Corner. In January and February 2006, the Task Force talked with 424 people – via 20 dialogues and on-line comments -- who identified a wide variety of important community values, issues and concerns regarding Tysons' future. These values included creating an increased sense of place in Tysons Corner, improving traffic conditions, protecting surrounding communities, increasing residential options, and managing growth, among others. The full report of this initial community outreach can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/)

## Identifying Strong Planning Principles

After considering all of the values and issues raised by the community, the Task Force identified a set of draft guiding planning principles to provide clear and fundamental direction for planning a future model of Tysons. The Task Force obtained significant public comments on the draft principles before finalizing them in October 2006. Themes of the final guiding planning principles include:

- Move Tysons Corner forward within its existing boundaries
- Retain compatible transitions at the edges to adjacent neighborhoods
- Transform Tysons Corner from a suburban office park and activity center into a 24/7 urban center
- Reduce the time, cost, and inconvenience of accessing and moving within Tysons Corner by promoting pedestrian walkways, trails, shuttles, bike routes, a grid of streets, transit connections and standard principles of trip reduction
- Reduce the suburban focus on isolated buildings, surface parking and moving vehicles through Tysons Corner
- Attract mixed-use, transit-oriented development, and private investment to Metrorail station areas, including increased housing
- Engage people, communities, institutions, and the private sector with government to include distinctive architecture and facilities that mark environmentally sound, safe, and inclusive urban communities
- Respect the unique natural features and topography and expand accessible open space.

The complete Guiding Planning Principles can be found on the web at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/)

## Continuing the Dialogue

The Task Force is committed to open communication and ongoing public input to its work and process. The County web site ([www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/)) contains all available information and materials pertaining to the Task Force. The Task Force also maintains an email listserv for interested citizens and a telephone information line. All Task Force meetings are open to the public and the schedule is posted on the web site. A timeline of public outreach opportunities may be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/plprocessinput.pdf>. Interested stakeholders are invited to sign up for email or regular mail updates on the web site or at the contact points identified below. Comments, input, and questions can be provided by phone at 703-324-1344, email at [tysonscornerspecialstudy@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:tysonscornerspecialstudy@fairfaxcounty.gov), or mail to:

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