

# Confederate Names Primary Road Recommendations

Board Land Use Policy Committee Meeting May 25, 2021

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# Today's Agenda

- Background
- Changing Neighborhood Streets and Subdivision Names
- Changing Lee Highway and Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway
  - Stakeholder Task Force
  - Facilitator
- Proposed Schedule
- Update on Planning District Names
- Feedback Requested from Board Members



### Background

- On June 23, 2020, the Board requested that History Commission:
  - Create an inventory of Confederate street names, monuments, and public places in Fairfax County;
  - Research legal and financial implications of name changes; and
  - Seek input from other county entities.



- The Board directed staff to:
  - Provide more information on
    - the process to change the names of Lee Highway and Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway
    - the process for changing the name of a secondary road in a neighborhood
    - changing the names of subdivisions
  - Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions
  - Provide a report about the history of the naming and renaming of Magisterial Districts

#### On February 2, 2021, staff

- Presented recommendations for a task force to address Lee Highway and Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway;
- Provided information about how communities and subdivisions can change their street and community names;
- Summarized actions that adjacent jurisdictions regarding Confederate names.

#### • The Board:

- Asked for additional information regarding the process for communities to change their street names
- Provided feedback on the proposed organizations to be represented on the stakeholder task force; and
- Directed staff to proceed with formalizing a recommendation for the Board's consideration



### Changing Neighborhood Street Names

To change a neighborhood street name, the following items should be submitted to Land Development Services:

- Petition signed by at least 51% of the lot owners on the street
- A one-time fee in accordance with the Fairfax County Sign Shop price list for the cost of manufacturing the sign(s).

Street name change requests can be submitted and tracked online.

### Changing Subdivision Names

- There are no statutes or ordinances regulating changing a subdivision's name on an entrance sign.
- If the community would like to legally document the subdivision name change in the land records and erase the current name from its chain of title and history, the property owners' association or authorized entity representing the subdivision must submit a deed of correction, with any properly authorized signature, to Land Development Services to change the name on the original subdivision plat.

Additional information on changing neighborhood street names and subdivision names is available at <a href="https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/landdevelopment/addressing-and-street-names">https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/landdevelopment/addressing-and-street-names</a>

- County staff working group formed
  - Includes representatives from County Executive's Office, Public Affairs, Chief Equity Officer, Planning and Development, Land Development Services and Transportation
  - Worked with Board offices to identify stakeholder groups and individual representatives
  - Developed a scope of work for facilitator to assist the task force
  - Identified potential facilitators and ultimate select the facilitator
  - Formalized a proposal for the role of the task force

#### Potential Task Force Members

- Based on Board input on February 2, staff has polled all Board members for input and broadened the stakeholders list
- Of the organization and individuals identified, approximately 30 have expressed an interest in participating on the task force.
- 14 organizations and individuals declined to participate.
- Community resources have also been identified.
- Staff requests the Board's feedback on the list of organizations and individuals that have expressed an interest in participating by June 4.

- Proposed Task Force Approach
  - Approximately 25 members, appointed by the Board
  - Chairperson appointed by the Board
  - By the end of the year, make a recommendation to the Board on:
    - Whether to changes the names of Lee Highway and Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway
    - What to changes the names for these highway to
  - Working with a facilitator, develop a process for discussing these topics and for securing public input on both topics
  - Chairperson to present recommendation to Board
  - Board to scheduled at least one public hearing on the task force's recommendations
  - Following the public hearing(s), Board decisions on whether to request CTB approval of a change



#### Facilitator

- Staff has identified several potential facilitators and will seek proposals from each
- Staff may interview the facilitators before making a selection

#### Expanding the Staff Task Force

- While six County agencies have been working on the Confederate Names
  effort to date, if name changes are advanced, additional County agencies,
  including Public Works and Environmental Services, the County Attorney's
  Office, Tax Administration and others will need to be included to identify the
  costs and other implications of changing the names for these two highways.
- This additional information can be provided to the Board and the task force.

# Proposed Schedule

Board Land Use Policy Committee:

Board Feedback on Potential Task Force Members:

Board Approval of Task Force Members and Chair:

First Task Force Meeting:

Task Force Recommendations Due:

Board Public Hearing and Decision:

May 25, 2021

June 4, 2021

July 13, 2021

Late July 2021

December 2021

**Early 2022** 



### Planning Sectors with Confederate Associated Names

SECTOR NAME	SECTOR ID	PLAN AREA	PLANNING DISTRICT	SUPERVISOR DISTRICT	NOTES
LEE	V1	II	VIENNA	PROVIDENCE	Lee Hwy runs through this Community Planning Sector
LEE-JACKSON	UP8	Ш	UPPER POTOMAC	SULLY	Lee-Jackson Memorial Hwy is the southern border of this Community Planning Sector
STRINGFELLOW	BR4	III	BULL RUN	SPRINGFIELD AND SULLY	Stringfellow Road runs through this Community Planning Sector
MOSBY WOODS	F3	II	FAIRFAX	PROVIDENCE	
SHREVE WEST	J8	I	JEFFERSON	PROVIDENCE	County family name with Confederate ties; Shreve Road is the northern border of this Community Planning Sector
BALLS HILL	M4	II	MCLEAN	DRANESVILLE	County family name with Confederate ties

## Feedback Requested from Board Members

- Input on proposed process
- Input on proposed timeline
- Input on proposed task force membership
- Any other guidance the Board would like to provide