

Planning Commission Schools Committee Recommendations

Joint BOS/SB CIP Committee
5.27.21



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Schools Committee Joint Work Program

- Oct 2016** Fairfax BOS and FCPS create Joint Work Program
- Jan 2018** Schools Committee meetings
to Members: PC Schools Committee, two FCPS School Board members
- Jan 2020** Planning Commission supports forwarding recommendations to BOS.
- Apr 2020** Recommendations forwarded to Board
- Jul 2020** Board authorizes update to the Public Facilities Policy Plan
- Jan 2021** Public Facilities Policy Plan Update Kick-off

Topics

Each topic includes Land Use Recommendations, Non-Land Use Recommendations and Proposed Revisions to the Policy Plan

1. Long Range Student Population Forecasting
2. School Proffers
3. CIP Recommendations
4. Co-location of Facilities
5. Use of County Owned Surplus Property for Fairfax County Public School Facilities and Programs
6. Existing Comprehensive Plan Policies
7. Economic Development

1. Long Range Student Population Forecasting

Non-Land Use

The Board of Supervisors and School Board will work together to identify resources to evaluate the potential for long-range student population and housing forecasts and other data appropriate for school facilities planning.

Land Use

Policy h. Fairfax County Public Schools and county staff will review periodically long-term projected growth and development impacts on school capacity.



2. School Proffers

Land Use

Add Plan Language to Objective 3 of the Public Facilities Policy Plan supporting developer commitments for buildings and land as allowed by law

Non-Land Use

The current proffer formula funds only a small portion of the capital improvement needs of schools. Other approaches to increase funding for public school's capital needs in deference to state laws should be considered. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County Public Schools review the methodology for calculating student yields and contributions for the school proffer formula.



3. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Recommendations

Non-Land Use

The Planning Commission's Schools Committee suggests examining a comparable replacement and renovation queue for county and schools to support a sustainable financing plan in order for the Board to address current and future capital requirements.



4. Co-location of Facilities

Land Use

- Consider the co-location of school fields and recreation space on Park
- Encourage collaboration and co-location of FCPS facilities with compatible county facilities.
- When county RECenters or community centers are planned or renovated, coordination with FCPS should be encouraged.



5. Use of County owned surplus property

Non-Land Use

Include FCPS on notice of surplus property memorandum distributed to County agencies by FMD



6. Existing Comprehensive Plan Policies

Land Use

- Add policy regarding the need for flexible education space utilizing creative design.
- Add policy encouraging land use applicants to proffer buildings or land for FCPS facilities.
- Update policy encouraging collaboration between Fairfax County and FCPS to co-locate compatible facilities.



7. Economic Development

Recommend changes to Objective 2 of the Economic Development section of the policy plan in consideration of One Fairfax policy areas of focus related to land use.



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