Parking Reimagined

Environmental Quality Advisory Council
February 8, 2023

Environmental Benefits

- Decreased impervious surface in parking areas

- Reduced fluid pollutants

- Reduced heat island effect

- Improved storm water management and mitigation

- Reduced vehicle emissions

Draft Ordinance Examples

- Parking adjustments to conserve or enhance existing trees or greenspace (Draft Subsection 6100.1.A.(6) & 6100.6.G);

- Counting of EVC spaces towards required parking (Draft Subsection 6100.3.E);

- Permitting alternative surfaces such as semi-porous grid paving systems in parking areas (Draft Subsection 6100.2.C(3))

- Parking redesignation plans no longer required for installation of EVC, solar canopies or bicycle parking infrastructure (Draft Subsection 6100.2.C(4))
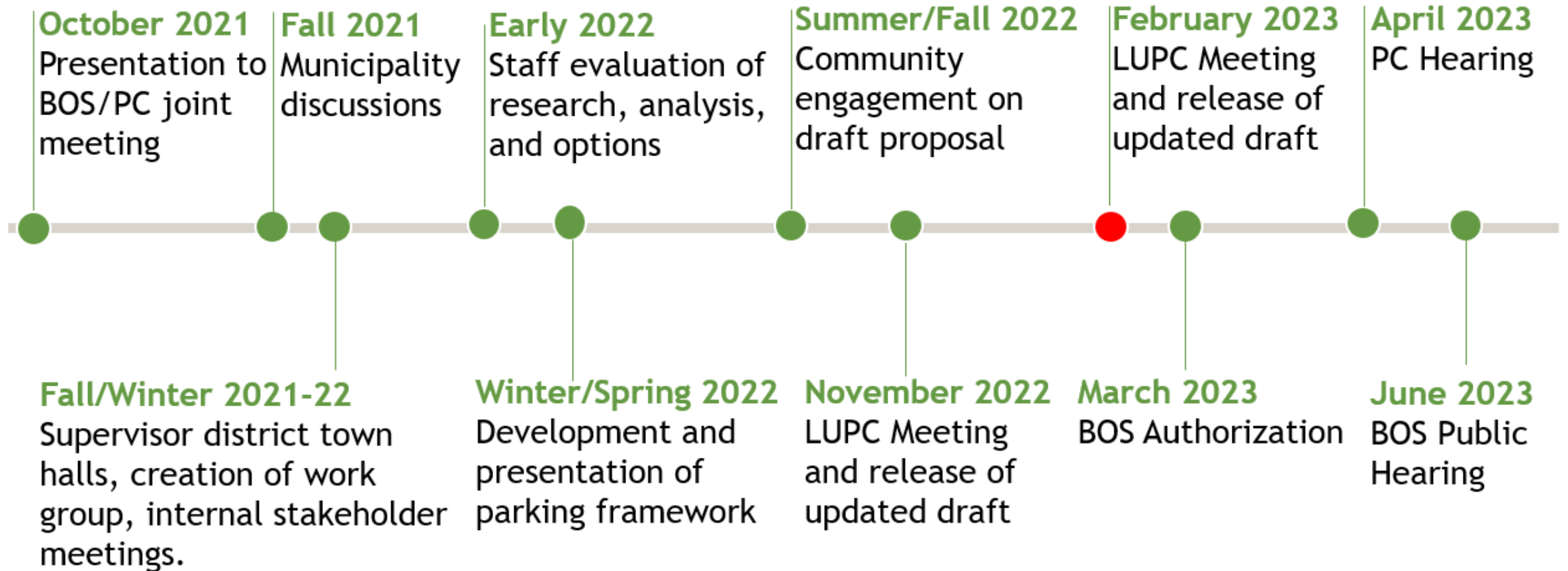
How does Parking Reimagined support CECAP

- Streamlining of processes related to EVC and solar canopy installation (Supports CECAP Strategies 5 & 7)

- Implementation of bicycle parking minimum requirements (Supports CECAP Strategy 8a)

- Tiered framework which reduces parking rates in densely populated areas with better access to public transit (Supports CECAP Strategies 8b & 8c)

- Implementation of pedestrian route standards (Supports CECAP Strategy 8)

How does Parking Reimagined support Resilient Fairfax and One Fairfax

- Reduced parking requirements reduce required parking infrastructure. This reduces heat-generating land development activities (Supports Resilient Fairfax Strategy CRC. 3)

- Decreasing of impervious surface requirements (Supports Resilient Fairfax Strategy CRC.3b)

- Adjustment of parking requirements to conserve or enhance greenspace and tree canopy (Supports Resilient Fairfax Goals AE.1 & AE.2)

- Promotes in part a quality-built environment that accommodates anticipated growth and promotes housing and services for all people (Aligns with One Fairfax Area of Focus #11)

Project Timeline

October 2021
Presentation to BOS/PC joint meeting

Fall 2021
Municipality discussions

Early 2022
Staff evaluation of research, analysis, and options

Summer/Fall 2022
Community engagement on draft proposal

February 2023
LUPC Meeting and release of updated draft

April 2023
PC Hearing

Fall/Winter 2021-22
Supervisor district town halls, creation of work group, internal stakeholder meetings.

Winter/Spring 2022
Development and presentation of parking framework

November 2022
LUPC Meeting and release of updated draft

March 2023
BOS Authorization

June 2023
BOS Public Hearing

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Project website:

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/zoning-ordinance/parking-reimagined

Website has:

- White paper with project details
- FAQs
- Presentation materials
- List of upcoming meetings
- Other background information