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This document contains the Policy Plan, adopted August 6, 1990, as amended through October 30, 2000.

The Policy Plan contains goals, objectives and policies relating to Land Use, Economic Development, Transportation, Housing, the Environment, Heritage Resources, Public Facilities, Human Services, and Parks and Recreation.

The Policy Plan contains guidance for a variety of County decision-making processes, such as the review of: land development proposals and ordinances; transportation issues; and public facilities programming. The Policy Plan is also to be used in considering changes to the Area Plans (text and map).

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- A 2-inch binder for each of the four Area Plans.

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If you wish to obtain information about the most recent supplements and how to get them, please go to the Department of Planning and Zoning Web site at www.co.fairfax.va.us/dpz. Supplements will be available at the Maps and Publications Sales desk in the County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA. For further information, please call the Department of Planning and Zoning/Planning Division at 703/324-1380.

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The Comprehensive Plan

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Goals for Fairfax County establish community aspirations



Countywide Planning Objectives and Policies

Provide general guidance for the implementation of the Goals for the following functional areas:

Land Use Environment Parks and Recreation

Transportation
Human Services
Economic Development

Housing Public Facilities Heritage Resources



Area Plans

Text and Map containing more detailed planning guidance for:

Planning Areas

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Planning Districts

Community Planning Sectors

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