

## PLANNING COMMISSION SCHOOLS COMMITTEE - POLICY RESEARCH

**Topic:** Co-location of Facilities

### Summary of Planning Commission Schools Committee Discussion

- Existing Comprehensive Plan policies resulting from the 2016 School Policy Plan Amendment support the co-location of County and FCPS facilities.
- The adopted FY 2019 – FY 2023 Adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes list of County and FCPS properties for potential co-location.
- FCPS and the Park Authority currently work together. High Schools use Park Authority facilities and the community uses FCPS recreation facilities as there is a shortage of park space.
- Schools must be within close proximity to Park Authority facilities in order to utilize them, as the costs and time associated with transporting students to Park Authority facilities further away is prohibitive.

### Suggested Planning Commission Recommendation

- Consider the co-location of school fields and recreation space on Park Authority owned facilities.
- ~~Consider policies supporting FCPS facilities on Park Authority land.~~
- When County RECenters are renovated, coordination with FCPS should be considered.
- Encourage collaboration and co-location of FCPS facilities with compatible County facilities. \*

\*(Policy h of Objective 8 in the Policy Plan supports the co-location of FCPS and County facilities: FAIRFAX COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 2017 Edition, Public Facilities, Amended through 7-25-2017, page 8

Policy h. Consider co-location of schools with other public uses such as a library or a recreational center.)