

**FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020**

PRESENT: Mary D. Cortina, Braddock District, Chairman  
Andres Jimenez, Commissioner At-Large, Vice Chairman  
John A. Carter, Hunter Mill District  
John C. Ulfelder, Dranesville District

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Timothy J. Sargeant, Commissioner At-Large  
John Friedman, Land Development Services  
Joseph Gorney, Department of Planning and Development  
Denise James, Department of Planning and Development  
Hugh Whitehead, Capital Facilities, Stormwater Management  
Brandy Mueller, Land Development Services  
Bill Hicks, Land Development Services  
Jan Leavitt, Land Development Services  
Meghan Fellows, Land Development Services  
Ellie Codding, Land Development Services  
Keisha Strand, Senior Deputy Clerk, Planning Commission

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Research Protection Area – Planting Density Requirements

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Vice Chairman Ulfelder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Conference Room of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

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Vice Chairman Ulfelder indicated that the first order of business was to elect a Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson; therefore, he MOVED TO NOMINATE MARY D. CORTINA AS CHAIRMAN OF THE 2020 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

Vice Chairman Ulfelder FURTHER MOVED TO NOMINATE ANDRES JIMENEZ AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE 2020 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

Commissioner Sargeant seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

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John Friedman, Department of Land Development Services, gave a presentation on the Resource Protection Area (RPA) Planting Density Requirements, a copy of which is included in Attachment A, which covered the following topics:

- The status, background, and goals of the proposed planting density requirements;
- The purpose of locating the planting density requirements within the Public Facilities Manual (PFM);
- The standards and guidelines of the proposed planting density requirements;
- The existing requirements compared to proposed requirements; and
- The coordination that went into finalizing the proposed requirements and the potential impact of these new requirements.

There was a discussion between John Friedman and multiple Committee members on the following issues:

- The involvement of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) in developing the revised planting density requirements;
- Efforts by staff to coordinate with stakeholders and citizen groups;
- Efforts to utilize the language in the PFM as a guideline for the Zoning Ordinance; and
- The impact of tree size on the cost and longevity of maintaining plantings.

There was a discussion between multiple Committee members on the committee's priority issues moving forward, which included the following;

- Updates on Green Initiative (Solar, Electric Car, Geothermal);
- Updates on LEED Certification policies; and
- Updates on Salt Management (Stormwater Best Practices and Watershed Plans).

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At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Cortina MOVED THAT THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE BE ADJOURNED.

Vice Chairman Jimenez seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4-0.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.  
Mary D. Cortina, Chairman

An audio recording of this meeting is available in the Planning Commission Office,  
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 552, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Minutes by: Keisha Strand

Approved: May 20, 2021

*Jacob Caporaletti*

Jacob Caporaletti, Clerk  
Fairfax County Planning Commission

County of Fairfax  
Commonwealth of Virginia

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29 day of March 2022, by  
Jacob Caporaletti.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature of Notary

Notary registration number: 7114113

Commission expiration: January 31, 2024

