FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION SCHOOLS COMMITTEE THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

PRESENT: Julie M. Strandlie, Mason District, Chairman

Evelyn S. Spain, Sully District, Vice Chair Peter F. Murphy, Springfield District

Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner, Providence District Timothy J. Sargeant, Commissioner At-Large

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: John C. Ulfelder, Dranesville District

Walter C. Clarke, Mount Vernon District John A. Carter, Hunter Mill District Mary D. Cortina, Braddock District Candice Bennett, Commissioner At-Large

Leanna O'Donnell, Planning Division (PD), Department of Planning and

Development (DPD)

Michelle Stahlhut, Branch Chief, PD, DPD

Karen Keys-Gamarra, Member, Fairfax County School Board (FCSB)

Abrar Omeish, Member, FCSB

Keisha Strand, Planning Commission Senior Deputy Clerk, Department of Clerk

Services

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2232 OUTREACH PROCESS PRESENTATION
- B. MEMORANDUM FROM APRIL 2, 2012, REGARDING EXPANSION AND MODIFICATIONS OF EXISTING SCHOOL FACILITIES
- C. 2232 PUBLIC FACILITIES REVIEW PROCESS FLOWCHART
- D. DRAFT MEMORNADUM FROM JANUARY 20, 2022, REGARDING REVIEW OF FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2232 APPLICATIONS
- E. SCHOOLS FACILITIES PROJECTS AND PUBLIC OUTREACH: BEST PRACTICES FOR INCLUSIVE OUTREACH

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Chairman Strandlie called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. Since the Committee assignments for 2022 had not been finalized prior to this meeting, the Chair and the Committee membership from 2021 remained.

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Chairman Strandlie announced that there were multiple representatives from the Fairfax County School Board present for the meeting, noting that some would attend remotely.

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Schools Committee January 20, 2022

Chairman Strandlie stated that approval of the September 23, 2021 Schools Committee minutes was on the agenda, but requested that additional time be given to allow for further review by Committee members. No objections were expressed.

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Chairman Strandlie announced that the agenda had originally included a presentation by Fairfax County Public Schools on their outreach process for 2232 review applications, but noted that this presentation was not ready and would be heard at a future Committee meeting. However, she indicated that staff from the Department of Planning and Development was prepared to provide updates on the 2012 Memorandum regarding the expansion and modifications of existing school facilities, as shown in Attachment B, and the 2233 public facilities review process flowchart, as shown in Attachment C.

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Leanna O'Donnell, Planning Division (PD), Department of Planning and Development (DPD), reviewed the draft memorandum from January 20, 2022 regarding the review of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) 2232 Applications, a copy of which is included in Attachment D, which covered the following topics:

- The formal request by DPD to FCPS to rescind the existing administrative process that had been utilized to process certain 2232 applications for school facilities in lieu of the traditional 2232 process utilized by other County facilities;
- The existing process for reviewing school facilities compared to the new process; and
- The timeline for the new review process, as outlined in the draft memorandum.

There was a discussion between Ms. O'Donnell and multiple Commissioners regarding the review process for consent agenda items and how that process compared to a traditional 2232 review process.

There was a discussion between Ms. O'Donnell; Michelle Stahlhut, Branch Chief, PD, DPD; Karen Keys-Gamarra, Member, Fairfax County School Board (FCSB); Abrar Omeish, Member, FCSB; and multiple Commissioners on the review existing procedures, timeline, public outreach efforts, public notification policies, and approval process for school facilities and how it compared to traditional 2232 processes.

There was a discussion between Commissioner Niedzielski-Eichner and Chairman Strandlie regarding the recommendations, issues, and purpose of the document entitled Schools Facilities Projects and Public Outreach Best Practices for Inclusive Outreach, a copy of which is included in Attachment E.

Ms. Stahlhut reviewed the procedures, timeline, and standards outlined in the 2232 Public Facilities Review Process Flowchart, a copy of which is included in Attachment C. A discussion ensued between Ms. Stahlhut and multiple Commissioners regarding the following:

Schools Committee January 20, 2022

• The difference between the process outlined in the flowchart and the process outlined in the memorandum from April 2, 2012 regarding the expansion and modifications of existing school facilities, a copy of which is included in Attachment B; and

• The potential impact of proposed legislation from the Virginia General Assembly that would potentially require a public hearing for all 2232 applications.

Chairman Strandlie announced that a future Schools Committee meeting would further discuss changes to the review procedures for FCPS facilities.

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At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Strandlie announced that the Schools Committee was adjourned.

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CLOSING January 20, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Julie Strandlie, 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: Jacob Caporaletti Approved: December 14, 2022

Jacob Caporaletti, Clerk

Fairfax County Planning Commission

Jacob Caperialetti

County of Fairfax

Commonwealth of Virginia

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \(\frac{1}{20} \) day of \(\frac{1}{20} \) by

Signature of Notary

Notary registration number:

Commission expiration: 1000004 31, 2024





Public Schools 2232 Process

Planning Commission – Schools Committee September 23, 2022

Agenda



2232 Review – How is it defined by the state code?



Policy Plan – What guidance does it offer for schools?



2232 Process Additions and Renovations
New Schools

What is Section 2232 Review?

State-mandated review that seeks to answer a question: does the proposed public facility meet the general intent of to the Comprehensive Plan?



Location



Character



Extent

2232 Differs from Zoning Review



Unless the PC elects to do so, public hearings are not required.



Board review and approval is not required.



Conditions may not be imposed.



60-day shot clock unless extended by the BOS; if no action is taken by deadline applications are automatically approved.



Decisions may not be appealed, except by the applicant.

Policy Plan Objectives for Schools

Objective 6: Sites should be evaluated on: safe and convenient access, sufficient FAR to accommodate expansion, compatibility with adjoining existing and planned development, proximity to other public facilities.

Objective 9: Consider Co-location of different levels of education and other types of programs.

Objective 10: Consider adaptive reuse of buildings for public schools and educational purposes.

Objective 11: Expansions are considered Feature Showns provided the expansion received prior approval by public bond referendum, including the adopted CIP.

Existing 2232/Feature Shown Schools Process



Additions and Renovations

- 60-day review period.
- Administratively approved,
 PC informed of decision.
- Developed to help ensure that FCPS meets deadlines.
- Process has been in place for 10 years.



New Schools

- Require public hearings.
- Undergo the same process as other new public facilities.

Updated Additions and Renovations Process

Feature Shown

Existing Facilities have already been determined to be in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan and modifications will be processed as "Feature Showns."

Application Review Period

Change and modifications may be extended by the BOS for 60 days (total review period of 120 days).

Public Hearing

Feature Showns do not require a public hearing, however FCPS will conduct outreach prior to filing a 2232 application.

Planning Commission Oversight

DPD and FCPS will report to Schools Committee in one year on the process for changes and modifications

New Schools

Public Hearing

New schools or school facilities will require a public hearing before the Planning Commission.

Advertisement

Must fulfill public notice requirements for public hearings.

Application Review Period

Subject to 60-day deadline unless extended by the Board. Applications review will be extended for a defined period of time.

FCPS - Current Public Outreach

Design committees including community members

PTA/PTO/PTSA meetings at various phases of school projects

School Board member newsletters

School Bond publications

Fairfax County LDS notifications and postings

Board meetings open to the public

Procurement	Architect Services	
	General Contractor	
Capital Improvement Plan	Goes to Planning Commission	
	Public Outreach	

Proposed Additional Public Outreach



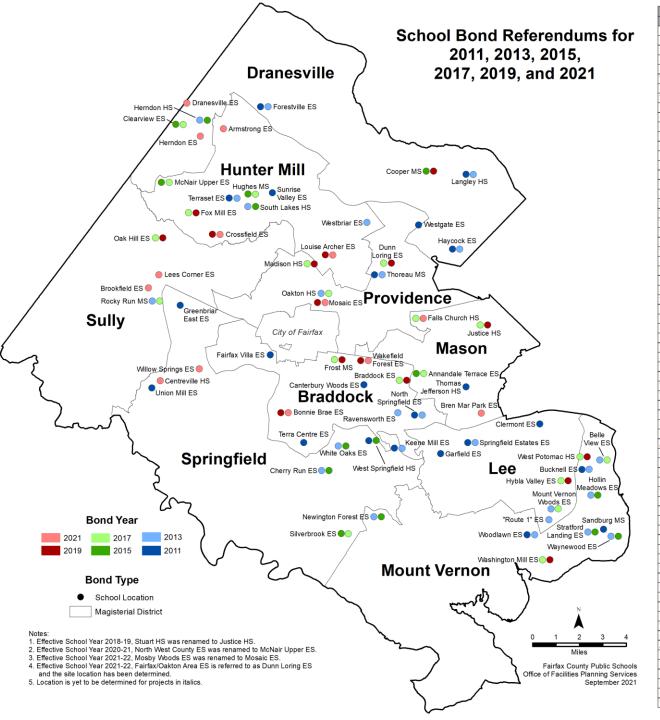
Emails to School Board members, Supervisors, and Planning Commissioners



Inclusion in Supervisor newsletters



One informational presentation to land use committee



Bond Projects					
School Name	Project Type	Bond Year			
Fairfax Villa ES	Capacity Enhancement	2011 (Construction)			
Greenbriar East ES	Capacity Enhancement	2011 (Construction)			
Union Mill ES	Capacity Enhancement	2011 (Construction)			
Modular Relocations	Capacity Enhancement	2011, 2015, 2017, 2019			
Langley HS Thomas Jefferson HS	Renovation Renovation	2011 (Planning/Design), 2013 (Construction) 2011 (Construction)			
Sandburg MS	Renovation	2011 (Construction)			
Thoreau MS	Renovation	2011 (Planning/Design), 2013 (Construction)			
Bucknell ES	Renovation	2011 (Planning/Design), 2013 (Construction)			
Canterbury Woods ES	Renovation	2011 (Construction)			
Clermont ES	Renovation	2011 (Planning/Design & Construction)			
Forestville ES	Renovation	2011 (Planning/Design), 2013 (Construction)			
Garfield ES	Renovation Renovation	2011 (Construction)			
Haycock ES Keene Mill ES	Renovation	2011 (Planning/Design), 2013 (Construction) 2011 (Planning/Design), 2013 (Construction)			
North Springfield ES	Renovation	2011 (Planning/Design), 2013 (Construction)			
Springfield Estates ES	Renovation	2011 (Planning/Design), 2013 (Construction)			
Sunrise Valley ES	Renovation	2011 (Planning/Design & Construction)			
Terra Centre ES	Renovation	2011 (Planning/Design & Construction)			
Terraset ES	Renovation	2011 (Planning/Design), 2013 (Construction)			
Westgate ES	Renovation	2011 (Planning/Design & Construction)			
Woodlawn ES	Renovation	2011 (Planning/Design), 2013 (Construction)			
South Lakes HS Westbriar ES	Capacity Enhancement Capacity Enhancement	2013 (Planning/Design), 2015 (Construction) 2013 (Construction)			
"Eastern Fairfax" ES	New Construction	2013			
"Route 1" ES	New Construction	2013			
Herndon HS	Renovation	2013 (Planning/Design), 2015 (Construction)			
Oakton HS	Renovation	2013 (Planning/Design), 2017 (Construction)			
West Springfield HS	Renovation	2013 (Planning/Design), 2015 (Construction)			
Rocky Run MS	Renovation	2013 (Planning/Design), 2017 (Construction)			
Belle View ES	Renovation	2013 (Planning/Design), 2017 (Construction)			
Cherry Run ES	Renovation Renovation	2013 (Planning/Design), 2015 (Construction)			
Hollin Meadows ES Mount Vernon Woods ES	Renovation	2013 (Planning/Design), 2015 (Construction) 2013 (Planning/Design), 2017 (Construction)			
Newington Forest ES	Renovation	2013 (Planning/Design), 2017 (Construction)			
Ravensworth ES	Renovation	2013 (Construction)			
Stratford Landing ES	Renovation	2013 (Planning/Design), 2015 (Construction)			
Waynewood ES	Renovation	2013 (Planning/Design), 2015 (Construction)			
White Oaks ES	Renovation	2013 (Planning/Design), 2015 (Construction)			
"Western" HS	Site Acquisition	2013, 2021			
McNair Upper ES Cooper MS	New School Renovation	2015 (Construction), 2017 (Construction) 2015 (Planning/Design), 2019 (Construction)			
Hughes MS	Renovation	2015 (Planning/Design), 2017 (Construction)			
Annandale Terrace ES	Renovation	2015 (Planning/Design), 2017 (Construction)			
Clearview ES	Renovation	2015 (Planning/Design), 2017 (Construction)			
Silverbrook ES	Renovation	2015 (Planning/Design), 2017 (Construction)			
Justice HS	Capacity Enhancement	2017 (Planning/Design), 2019 (Construction)			
Madison HS	Capacity Enhancement	2017 (Planning/Design), 2019 (Construction)			
West Potomac HS	Capacity Enhancement	2017 (Planning/Design), 2019 (Construction)			
Dunn Loring ES Falls Church HS	New School Renovation	2017 (Planning/Design), 2019 (Construction)			
Frost MS	Renovation	2017 (Planning/Design), 2021 (Construction) 2017 (Planning/Design), 2019 (Construction)			
Braddock ES	Renovation	2017 (Planning/Design), 2019 (Construction)			
Fox Mill ES	Renovation	2017 (Planning/Design), 2019 (Construction)			
Hybla Valley ES	Renovation	2017 (Planning/Design), 2019 (Construction)			
Oak Hill ES	Renovation	2017 (Planning/Design), 2019 (Construction)			
Washington Mill ES	Renovation	2017 (Planning/Design), 2019 (Construction)			
"Silver Line" ES	New Construction	2019 (Planning/Design)			
Bonnie Brae ES Crossfield ES	Renovation	2019 (Planning/Design), 2021 (Construction) 2019 (Planning/Design), 2021 (Construction)			
Louise Archer ES	Renovation Renovation	2019 (Planning/Design), 2021 (Construction)			
Mosaic ES	Renovation	2019 (Planning/Design), 2021 (Construction)			
Wakefield Forest ES	Renovation	2019 (Planning/Design), 2021 (Construction)			
Centreville HS	Renovation	2021 (Planning/Design)			
Armstrong ES	Renovation	2021 (Planning/Design)			
Bren Mar Park ES	Renovation	2021 (Planning/Design)			
Brookfield ES	Renovation	2021 (Planning/Design)			
Dranesville ES Herndon ES	Renovation	2021 (Planning/Design)			
Lees Corner ES	Renovation Renovation	2021 (Planning/Design) 2021 (Planning/Design)			
Willow Springs ES	Renovation	2021 (Planning/Design)			
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Public Schools 2232 Review

Planning Commission – Schools Committee
September 23, 2021

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April 2, 2012

Mr. Chris Caperton
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Re: Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) – Expansion and Modifications of Existing School Facilities

Dear Chris:

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To confirm that a proposed school expansion or modification is in accord with the Comprehensive Plan, FCPS and your office will use the following process:

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Mr. Chris Caperton Page 2 April 2, 2012

6. Concurrent with sending its response to FCPS, the DPZ, Facilities Planning Branch will deliver a copy of its conclusions to the Planning Commissioner for the Magisterial District in which the school expansion project is located.

Let this letter establish the process going forward between the FCPS's Office of Design and Construction and the DPZ, Facilities Planning Branch of Fairfax County with respect to these projects. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the process outlined above.

Sincerely,

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Feel free to call this office with any questions or concerns regarding this Project. Thank you for your timely consideration.

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2232 Public Facilities Review Process

PRE-APPLICATION MEETING AS NEEDED

2232 APPLICATION SUBMISSION (60 DAY SHOT CLOCK BEGINS)

ACCEPTANCE REVIEW

COORDINATION WITH PLANNING COMMISSION

EXTENSION REQUEST TO BOARD (90 DAYS)

STAFF REVIEW OF LOCATION, CHARACTER, AND EXTENT FOR SUBSTANTIAL ACCORD

REVISION AND RESUBMISSION
AS NEEDED

FEATURE SHOWN
STAFF MEMORANDUM

2232 STAFF REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATION

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING FOR CONCURRENCE

PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING FOR PUBLIC
HEARING & ACTION

PLANNING COMMISSION DOES NOT CONCUR AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING BOS MOTION TO CONSIDER PC DECISION / APPLICANT APPEAL - BOS HEARING



County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

January 20, 2022

TO: Jeff Platenberg, Assistant Superintendent

Department of Facilities and Transportation Services

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS)

Jessica Gillis, Director

Design and Construction, FCPS

FROM: Leanna O'Donnell, Director

Planning Division

Department of Planning and Development (DPD)

SUBJECT: Virginia Code Section 15.2-2232

Review of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) 2232 applications

This memorandum formally rescinds the attached letter dated April 2, 2012, from Kevin Sneed on behalf of the FCPS to Chris Caperton, Department of Planning and Zoning (currently Department of Planning and Development) regarding the administrative process by which certain FCPS projects were to be reviewed under Va. Code Section 15.2-2232.

As we have discussed, we are restoring the existing 2232 Review process to all FCPS applications. These applications will now follow the same 2232 Review process as all other public facility projects. Feature Shown determinations will appear on the Planning Commission agenda for action and a public hearing will be required for all other applications. As I understand it, the Planning Commission may discuss future changes to the 2232 Review process with all relevant agencies as a part of the update to the Public Facilities Element of the Policy Plan.

cc: Fairfax County Planning Commission Barbara Byron, Director, DPD

Michelle Stahlhut, Branch Chief, Public Facilities, DPD

Attachment: April 2, 2012, letter to Chris Caperton from Kevin Sneed



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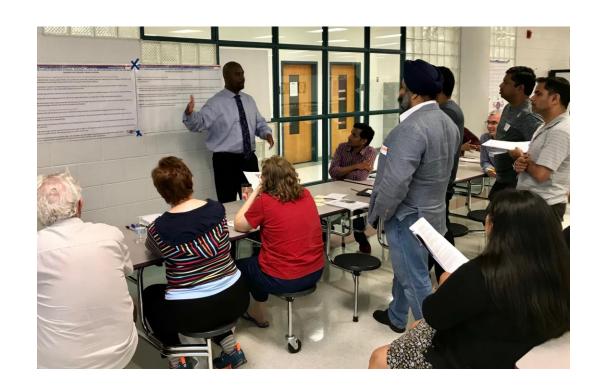
Attachment E

A Framework for Inclusive Community Engagement in Fairfax County



Engagement in Fairfax County





Community engagement has always been an important hallmark and experience in Fairfax County.

Key Reasons to Enhance Engagement Efforts



Provide
historically
overlooked
voices a seat at
the table.

Amid a pandemic, government requires new engagement approaches.

Engagement is more than a survey; requires building long-term relationships.

Better outcomes for residents and stakeholders.

Greater ownership in community decisions.

What is Inclusive Community Engagement?

From One Fairfax Policy:

"To foster civil discourse and dialogue, community engagement shall ensure that the breadth of interests, ideas, and values of all people are heard and considered. Outreach and public participation processes will be inclusive of diverse races, cultures, ages and other social statuses.

Effective listening, transparency, flexibility and adaptability will be utilized to overcome barriers that prevent or limit participation in public processes."

Engage Fairfax

Engage Fairfax is the reimagined look at community engagement. Inclusive, equitable and authentic engagement align with and support One Fairfax and the Strategic Plan.

One Fairfax

One Fairfax racial and social equity policy commits the county to intentionally consider equity when making policies or delivering programs and services. Engagement is at the heart of achieving that vision.



Strategic Plan

The Countywide Strategic Plan will guide Fairfax County over the next decade and more. The choices and decisions made need to be infused with equitable community engagement practices.

Benefits of a Consistent Approach to Engagement



Framework provides a direction for improving our current community engagement practices. It enables departments to continue effective strategies while integrating inclusive community engagement concepts to expand and deepen participation.

Ensures stakeholders have fair and equal access regardless of the host department.

Raises awareness and collaboration among departments so we avoid duplicative or dueling engagement – more coordination.

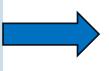
Supports engagement through countywide, centralized functions to provide guidance, tools, networks, data analysis and more capacity.



6 Themes From Root Cause Analysis



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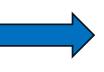


- 1.) Longstanding cultures within agencies where community engagement efforts are designed to benefit the government and not the community.
- 2.) Structured in a way that makes it difficult for agencies to share engagement resources.
- 3.) There is sometimes fear and distrust in the community due to historical, structural, and institutional racism. Some people in our communities are dealing with past traumas that make them distrustful of government or are hesitant to engage with government.

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- 4.) There is no standardized countywide training for employees on community engagement: its importance, best practices, the diverse communities we serve, etc.
- 5.) As a government, we sometimes do not collect or use data about our communities effectively and we sometimes do not share our data with other county agencies or with the community.
- 6.) We do not have a clear vision or consistent process for equitable community outreach and engagement.

DRAFT Core Principles of Fairfax County Engagement



- **1. PRIORITIZE EQUITY** In prioritizing equity, it is critical that we acknowledge intentional and unintentional inequities as we move toward a more inclusive engagement process.
- **2. ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN TRUST** Work with communities in an honest and transparent manner, considering and respecting history, culture and trauma.
- **3. DEVELOP DATA-DRIVEN PROCESSES** Equip staff and residents to utilize data to inform all aspects of the engagement process.
- **4. ESTABLISH CLEAR EXPECTATIONS** Develop clear and transparent processes to achieve expected outcomes for the community. Identify appropriate roles and responsibilities.
- **5. ENABLE ENGAGED COMMUNICATIONS** Communicate clearly and openly for meaningful public input, broad community participation, and engagement in the decision-making process.
- **6. PROMOTE AND CREATE ACCESSIBLE GOVERNMENT** Collaborate with the community to ensure public engagement processes are broadly accessible to all members of the public to promote meaningful participation.



Fairfax County Community Engagement Spectrum

CORE PRINCIPLES:

Equitable

Trusted

Data-Driven

Meaningful

Transparent

Accessible

Engage

The county's commitment to the community is to be clear about the level of engagement expected for decisions.

Various relationships, capacity building, community outreach, communications and marketing happen constantly and concurrently to support the engagement levels noted to the right.

Engagement Level

Understand

Contribute

Collaborate

Decide

Community Role

Listen and ask questions to comprehend and grasp significance.

Share concerns and aspirations, and consider the concerns and aspirations expressed by others.

Partner with the county in the development of alternatives and the identification of preferred solutions.

Accept trust of county and community to respect and represent their interests in the decision-making process.

Fairfax County Role

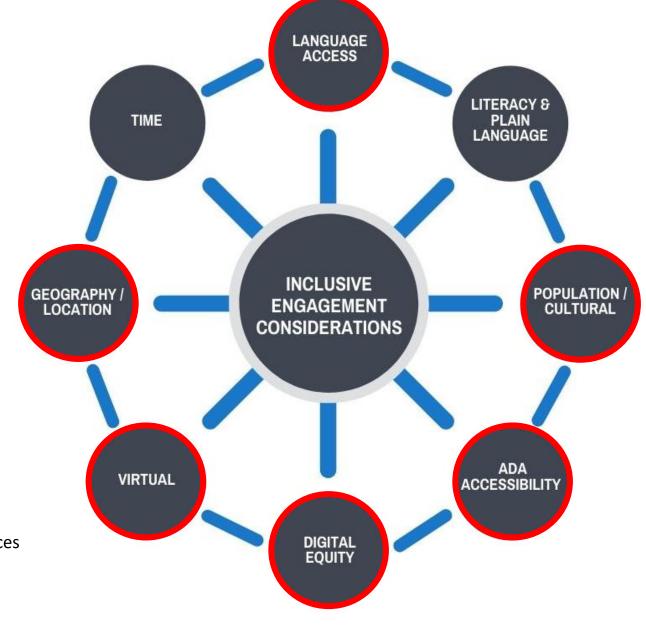
Provide the community with balanced, objective information.

Listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations expressed by community and ensure they are considered.

Look to the community in the formulation of solutions and incorporate into decision making to the maximum extent possible.

Strategically delegate decision-making as appropriate, such as with the BACs.

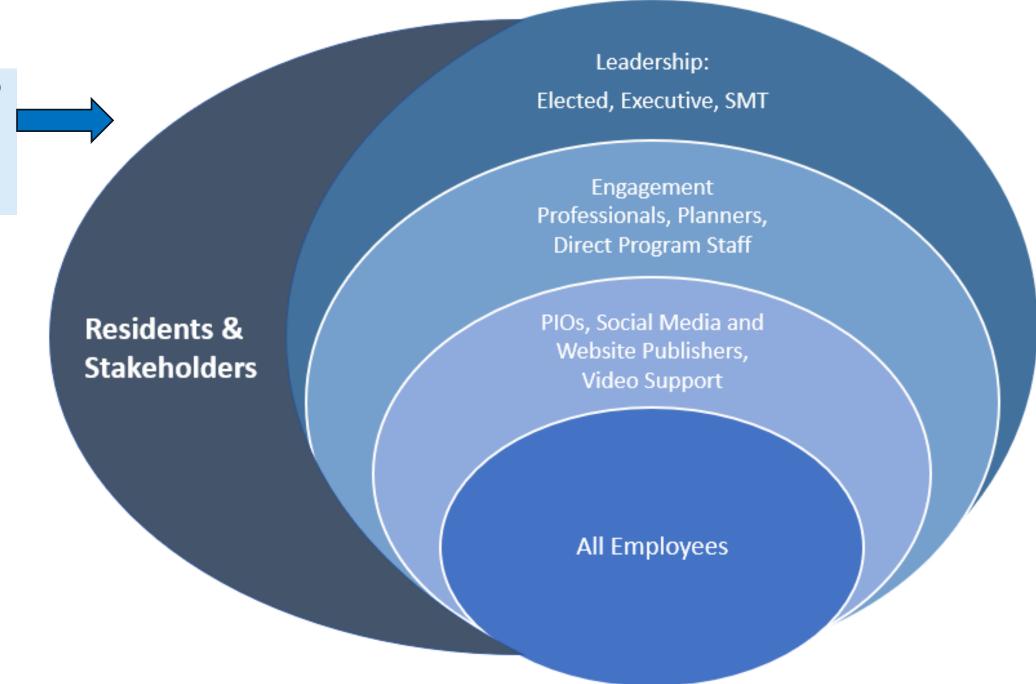
What Makes Engagement "Inclusive"





= Will require additional infrastructure and resources

We all have a role to play in promoting more inclusive community engagement.



Next Steps



- ✓ Seeking feedback, including yours.
 - Capacity and Needs Survey will be conducted
- ✓ Developing implementation plan, including measuring impact.
- ✓ Developing resource plan and prioritizing specific budget requests to support centralized engagement infrastructure.
 - Countywide training
- ✓ Continuing to build engagement culture, including by:
 - Piloting framework for the Strategic Plan, Mount Vernon Athletic Club, etc.
 - Including engagement goals/strategies into Department Equity Impact Plans
 - Leveraging GIS and other tools
- ✓ Continuing to listen, refine and adapt framework and approach.

