

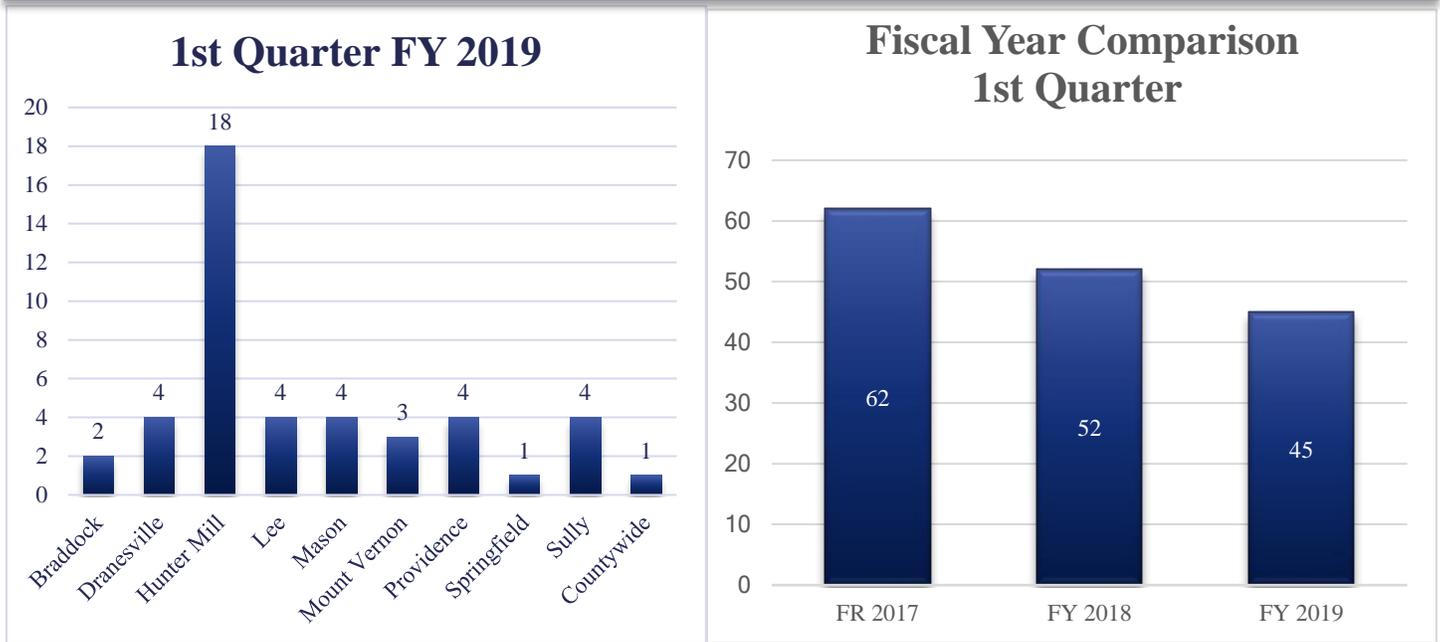
PLANNING COMMUNICATOR

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LAND USE ACTIONS

During the 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2019 the Planning Commission took action on 45 applications; affording 32 citizens an opportunity to speak in person at the 7 public hearings held. The district with the most actions taken during this period was the Hunter Mill District, with 18 actions taken.



COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Land Use Process Review Committee

Met July 18th and September 12th to discuss several upcoming Zoning Ordinance Amendments and Plan Amendments; a detailed discussion during both meetings occurred to include an update on the Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project and the Public Facilities Manual Flexibility project.

Schools Committee

Met on July 18th to discuss the implementation of the Work Program, specifically Economic Development and Equity and Access to School and Facilities in relation to the One Fairfax initiative.

DISTRICT BUZZ – PROVIDENCE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER PHILLIP A. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER

Providence District is centrally located in Fairfax County, with a boundary that extends from Fair Oaks Mall on the west to Seven Corners in the east, Tysons in the north and Mantua in the south. Linda Smyth represents the District on the Board of Supervisors (the Board); Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner represents the District on the Planning Commission.

Its population is estimated to be 132,500 or about 11.6% of the County's overall population. 37% of its population is foreign born, compared to 30% for the County as a whole, with 44% speaking a language other than English.

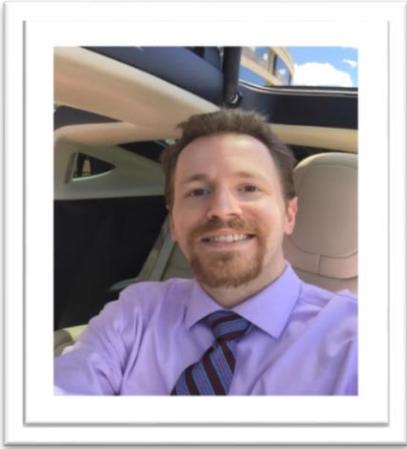
51% of the Providence population identifies as White, 24% as Asian, 15% as Hispanic and 6% as Black, with 5% as "all other." The age of its population generally mirrors that of the County, with 12% 65 years or older, 68% ages 18-65, 15% ages 5-17 and 6% under age 6. The median family income of \$121,661 is about \$11,000 less than the County. The 6% of the Providence population that lives in poverty is the same level as the County and 11% of the District does not have health insurance. The unemployment rate for people 16 years and older is 4%, while that of the population 65 years and older is 15%, more than twice as high as the County overall.

Providence has a diversified housing stock, consisting of 34% multi-family low-rise, 28% single family homes, 12% multifamily high-rise and 6% mid-rise. This compares to 22%, 47%, 5% and 2%, respectively, for the County. Of all housing in Providence, 55% are homeowners, as compared to 68% of the County. 46% of Providence housing is rentals and, at \$1,975 per month, the District has the highest average monthly rental rate of all supervisory districts. Of the County's total residential development in 2017, 50% occurred in Providence.

Providence is home to Tysons and Merrifield/Mosaic, two key economic centers whose impact extends by the District to the County at-large. The nexus of the Board-approved 2010 Comprehensive Plan for Tysons with the 2014 opening of four Metrorail Stations has jump-started significant new investment, including -- as reported in the recent Tysons Annual Report -- 52.2 million square feet of newly constructed mixed-use development, with another 55.5 million approved and proposed for construction by 2020.

The Mosaic-Merrifield Town Center development was approved in 2007 and is now nearly built out to its original plan of 1000 dwelling units, a multiplex theater, a 150 room hotel, 125,000 square feet of office space and 500,000 square feet of other non-residential and retail uses. A new Merrifield Comprehensive Plan Study is underway, in conjunction with a citizen task force, to consider mixed-use office, hotel, residential, and other uses to support the Inova Center for Personalized Health, located at the former Exxon-Mobile site at Gallows Road and Arlington Blvd and across the Beltway at Fairview Park. Innovation in transportation and public facility design may well be major drivers in evaluating options for amending the Merrifield Comprehensive Plan.

STAFF UPDATES



Jacob Caporaletti, was promoted to the Clerk of the Planning Commission. He was born in Washington, DC and has lived in Northern Virginia for most of his life. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Virginia Tech University in 2008 with a Bachelors Degree in Communications and has worked in a diverse range of fields that include planning, IT, and web development. He is also an avid writer, having published two novels, and a passionate fan of superhero comics and DC sports. He started working at the Planning Commission in June 2011 as an associate clerk. He has since taken on greater roles and responsibilities, working with staff and Commissioners to refine his skills and serve the County.



Teresa Wang-Senior Deputy Clerk, started her career with the Fairfax County Government in 1988 at the Public Safety Communications Center as a 911 operator and police dispatcher. She also worked at the Franconia Police Station administratively supporting a squad of officers and with the Board of Zoning Appeals as a Deputy Clerk. After many years, she decided to work part-time in the private sector to allow more time with her children. In 2010, Teresa returned to the County working in a variety of administrative assistant roles within the Planning Division, Police Department, and Planning Commission. She has two boys in college, NVCC and Northeastern University.



Keisha Strand-Deputy Clerk, started her career with Fairfax County in 2014 as an Administrative Assistant II, E-Status employee, with the Cross-Division Services at the Department of Family Services where she worked in the call center to assist clients by directing calls to the appropriate division. The position was re-classed as an Administrative Assistant III, with the added responsibility of accessing clients' records to inform them of updates on their cases. In 2015, Keisha accepted a promotion within Cross Division Services as an Administrative Assistant IV, E-Status position, that served as the agency Vehicle Coordinator. There she managed the entire DFS fleet of vehicles, ensuring that all vehicles were up to date on routine maintenance and met the county mileage requirements. Keisha was hired by the Fairfax County Public Library system as an Administrative Assistant III, Merit Employee, for the Administrative Services Division in 2016. Her responsibilities were in the areas of facilities, programing and outreach, statistics, and circulation services. Keisha also serves as a core member of the Administrative Resources Team, a volunteer for the batterer intervention program under the Department of Family Services, Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, and as a member of the Fairfax County Young Professionals team.