

Livable Fairfax

Preparing the City's 2035 Comprehensive Plan



April 11, 2016 Planning Commission Work Session

Comprehensive Plan Process

- Initial Community Input (Winter 2016)
 - Develop and distribute community survey
 - Survey results to be used to formulate the vision, goals and objectives
- Plan Development (Spring 2016-Winter 2017)
 - Determine content areas/table of contents
 - Develop detailed schedule and workplan
 - Collect and analyze data
 - Share analysis and develop alternatives w/community input
 - Solicit feedback w/community input and develop plan recommendations
- Draft Plan (Spring/Summer 2017)
 - Solicit comments from community on draft plan and revise accordingly
- Final Plan (Summer/Fall 2017)
 - Hold public hearing and recommend revised final plan

Community Survey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xY-qxeKX3k&feature=youtu.be>



Community Survey

Help us shape the future of the City of Fairfax!

10 minutes of your time
will help shape the next
20 years of our community!



Kids!

We want to hear
from you too!

Ask your parents to help you answer
ten short questions online at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ffxkidssurvey>



Share your thoughts with us at:
<http://cssr.gmu.edu>



Use the registration number
from your postcard to log in
and complete the survey
before April 18.



Kid's Survey



City of Fairfax Kid's Survey

We want to know what you think about the City of Fairfax. Help us develop the plan for how our city will grow and develop over the next 20 years.

1. How old are you?

8 years old

2. Where do you live?

Cambridge Station

3. Does your family recycle?

yes

4. Where do you go to school?

St. Leo's

5. Do you walk or bike to school?

NO

6. Is there a park near your house?

yes

7. Do you walk or bike to the park?

yes

8. Where is your favorite place to visit in the City?

Vandijke park

9. What do wish we had in the City that's not here now?

Mini Golf

10. If you were Mayor for the day, what would you do?

Tell all the teachers
to give the student
no homework.

Thanks for taking the survey!!!!

<http://tinyurl.com/ffxkidssurvey>

Project Management

- Process being led by Planning Commission and Planning Division staff
- Planning staff
 - In-house “consultant”
 - Different staff teams to lead content areas
- Multi-modal transportation plan (9-12 month process)
 - Led by Consultant (anticipated May 2016 start)
 - Coordinated with overall Plan development

Plan Development

- Place-based plan (recommended during 2011-12 process)
 - Provides context to topic/content areas
- Use of maps and other imagery to tell the Fairfax story
- Collect and analyze data that answers the key questions
- Solicit input through mix of traditional and non-traditional engagement strategies
- Written in an easy-to-understand style
- Linkages amongst various content areas

Proposed Table of Contents

1. Introduction
2. Land Use
3. Neighborhoods
4. Economic Development Areas
5. Transportation
6. Housing
7. Environmental Sustainability
8. Community Facilities
9. Implementation
 - Appendix A – Fact Book

Revised Chapter & Subchapter Outline

1. Introduction
 - Vision and Goals
 - Planning Process
 - Statutory Requirements
 2. Land Use Strategies
 - Land Use
 - Neighborhoods
 - Redevelopment Areas
 - Housing
 - Community Design and Historic Preservation
 3. Transportation, Mobility and Connectivity
 4. Environmental Sustainability
 - Natural Environment
 - Sustainability Initiatives
 5. Economic Vitality
 - Business Retention and Promotion
 6. Community Services
 - Education
 - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts
 - Public Safety
 - Infrastructure and Utilities
 7. Implementation
 - Strategies, Priorities and Performance Metrics
- Appendices: Fact Book, Community Survey, Community Outreach

1. Introduction

- Vision and Goals
 - Results of community survey used to define major themes, goals and objectives of the Plan
- Planning Process
 - Description of steps taken to develop the Plan
- Statutory Requirements
 - Code of Virginia - Sections 15.2-2223 and 15.2-2224
 - Required vs optional elements

2. Land Use Strategies

- Land Use
 - Future land use map and land use categories (req.)
- Neighborhoods
 - Descriptions/character
 - Stabilizing force in City
 - Infill housing, connectivity
- Redevelopment Areas
 - Centers/nodes and corridors
 - Urban Development Areas (optional) HB2 eligibility
- Housing
 - Existing housing stock
 - Designate areas for construction, rehab and maintenance of affordable housing (required)
 - Senior and student housing
- Community Design and Historic Preservation
 - Placemaking opportunities
 - Historic & cultural resources

3. Transportation, Mobility & Connectivity

- Multi-modal transportation plan that designates a system of transportation infrastructure needs
- Required elements:
 - Consider roadways, pedestrian & bicycle accommodations and public transportation facilities
 - Show hierarchy of roads (arterials, collectors, and local)
 - Prepare map of improvements with cost estimates
 - VDOT review prior to final consideration and adoption

4. Environmental Sustainability

- Natural Environment
 - Location and features of natural elements
- Sustainability Initiatives
 - Meeting needs of present without compromising ability of future generations to meet their needs
 - Identify specific practices/programs to reduce overall impact of built environment on natural environment
 - Sustainability as a concept considered throughout Plan

5. Economic Vitality

- Business Retention and Promotion
 - Strategies for retention and promotion for both bricks and mortar investments and policies that provide assistance or opportunities to local businesses
 - Linkage between neighborhood centers and access to goods and services as measurement of quality of life

6. Community Services

- Education
 - Public facilities and services; future needs
 - FCPS and George Mason University
- Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts
 - Incorporate 2014 Strategic Master Plan
 - Trails may be updated as part of multi-modal plan
- Public Safety
 - Police and Fire facilities and services; future needs
- Infrastructure and Utilities
 - Public facilities and services; future needs

7. Implementation

- Strategies, Priorities and Performance Metrics
 - Provide direction on how to achieve vision for the City
 - Identify and prioritize specific strategies to advance goals and objectives
 - Identify responsible party for strategies
 - Establish process for ongoing monitoring of progress toward goals

Plan Development – Key Coordination

Key Content Areas	City Staff and Others	Boards/Commissions
Land Use Strategies	CD&P, Historic Resources Director	BAR, CAC, FRHC, Historic Fairfax City Inc., PC
Transportation, Mobility and Connectivity	Public Works, VDOT, WMATA, GMU, Fairfax County, NVTC, MWCOG	PC
Environmental Sustainability	Sustainability Coordinator, Public Works, Parks & Recreation	ESC, PC
Economic Vitality	Economic Dev. Director, City Manager, MWCOG	EDA, PC
Community Services	FCPS, GMU, Parks & Recreation, Police, Fire, Public Works, Fairfax Water, Fairfax County	School Board, PRAB, PC

Schedule

	Spring 2016	Summer 2016	Fall 2016	Winter 2017	Spring 2017	Summer 2017
Initial Input (Community Survey)		*				
Plan Development		^	* ^	* ^		
Draft Plan					*	
Final Plan						*

* Milestone Public Activity (Survey Results, Data Analysis, Development Scenarios, Plan Recommendations, Public Hearings)

^ Key Coordination with City Boards and Commissions

Note: Coordination with City Council to occur throughout the planning process

Comments/Questions
