

Public Lands for Public Good (PL4PG) Resolution

Proposed by the ACCF Public Services and Planning & Zoning Committees

WHEREAS the Arlington County Board is considering a process for using public lands to site new public schools and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS the Draft Guidelines for PL4PG indicate that the process of identifying public needs and priorities for land use is not included in the Guidelines but could be done through a separate needs assessment process; and

WHEREAS Arlington has multiple current and future public service needs that may require land and facilities including parks, recreation, public safety, human service delivery, community/senior centers, schools, housing, transportation, infrastructure and other public needs; and

WHEREAS Arlington's demographics are projected to change substantially in future years, which will affect Arlington's land use needs for a range of public services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Arlington County Civic Federation asks the County Board and School Board to undertake a study– **with community input and review at each step** – to develop a comprehensive public land and facilities plan that will:

1. Describe and analyze potential future public service and related land use needs based on several demographic, economic and technological models with varying assumptions.
2. Provide a list of Arlington's current and projected land use needs based on analysis of these planning assumptions.
3. Provide an inventory of all county owned or controlled lands including any conditions restricting use, and make public the legal implications of using various types of Arlington public lands for public/private purposes.
4. Describe methods Arlington currently uses to meet our land use needs (such as capital spending/bond funding on public property and giving additional density on private property in exchange for community benefits such as affordable housing and space).
5. Evaluate current and alternative strategies and criteria to meet future land use needs through maximizing land use (such as use of multi-service facilities, co-location or substations) and through leveraging public benefits on private land such as through the site plan process.
6. Consider the context of existing planning documents and studies such as the General Land Use Plan, the Capital Improvement Plan/s, the Public Spaces Master Plan, the Transportation Master Plan, the Tri-data Study, the Housing Study and others.
7. Produce (1) a list of priority land use needs and requirements; (2) recommendations for potential priority projects; (3) recommendations for site use including alternative strategies; (4) a list of unmet priority land/facility needs with an analysis of the criticality of the unmet needs, and (5) recommendations for a land acquisition plan.