

CITIZENS Should Come FIRST

As Fairfax County
Citizens, we are:

- Dedicated to
Empowerment &
Inclusion
- Demanding
Accountability
- Deserving of
Recognition As
Stakeholders

HOW CAN I HELP?

- » Write letters to the editor.
- » Contact - and urge friends to contact -
the County Board of Supervisors
(clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov)
and tell them that you WILL be heard.
- » Join or start a local neighborhood
association.
- » Participate in the groups that
sponsored this Citizens' Forum:

*Fairfax Citizens for Responsible Growth,
Inc. (www.FairGrowth.org)*

*Providence District Council
(providencedistrictcouncil@yahoo.com)*

*Hunter Mill Defense League
(www.HMDL.org)*


*The Sierra Club (virginia.sierraclub.org);
Southwest Vienna Citizens' Association; and
Options for Oakton*

*A new citizen's resource for information on land use
and transportation issues and procedures in
Fairfax County is available
by email at jodyg40@cox.net.*

For details, see www.FairGrowth.org

DEVELOPMENT IN FAIRFAX: ARE WE HEADING FOR A BREAKDOWN?

How Will
Development Affect:

-  The Environment
-  Roads & Transit
-  Schools
-  Parks & Recreation

*Citizens Must Be
Involved & Informed*

CITIZENS ARE DEDICATED TO EMPOWERMENT & INCLUSION

- ♦ Citizens should be heard regarding whether, how, and where Fairfax County undergoes urbanization.
- ♦ Fairfax County land use decisions should be made under open and consistent procedures that encourage inclusive debate - more so for large proposals. The public should have full access to relevant data.
- ♦ The Comprehensive Plan should become truly comprehensive in nature.
- ♦ Citizens raising legitimate concerns should not be dismissed as NIMBYs.

CITIZENS DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY

- ♦ Promises made by officials and developers must be kept.
- ♦ Timely access to relevant data should be granted to the public in a consistent manner. Last-minute changes to plans or proffers without standard prior notice should be prohibited.
- ♦ Chesapeake Bay and storm water management waivers should be extremely rare.
- ♦ Appearances of conflicts of interest must be avoided. Facts should be obtained and assessed by neutral third parties.
- ♦ Financial interests should be disclosed.

CITIZENS DESERVE RECOGNITION AS STAKEHOLDERS

- ♦ The rights of large landowners and developers will continue to be respected.
- ♦ These rights must always be balanced with the rights of ordinary homeowners and residents.
- ♦ The rights of school-children and commuters must be considered.
- ♦ The rights of park and trail users must also be protected.