



Fairfax Campus and Community Advisory Board
City of Fairfax Five-Year Comprehensive Plan Review
October 19, 2023

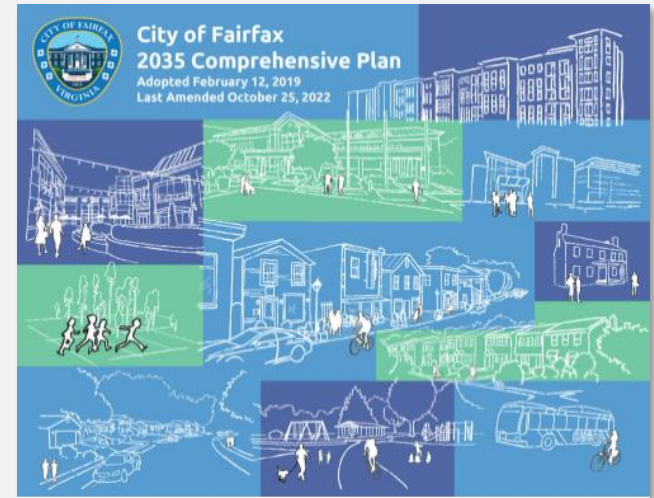
What is the Comprehensive Plan?

- **Plan for “Physical Development”**

- Land use on private property
- Public investment needs (transportation, parks, schools, etc.)
- Actions to advocate recommendations

- **Required by Code of Virginia**

- Guidance, not code
- Prepared by Planning Commission
- Reviewed every five years

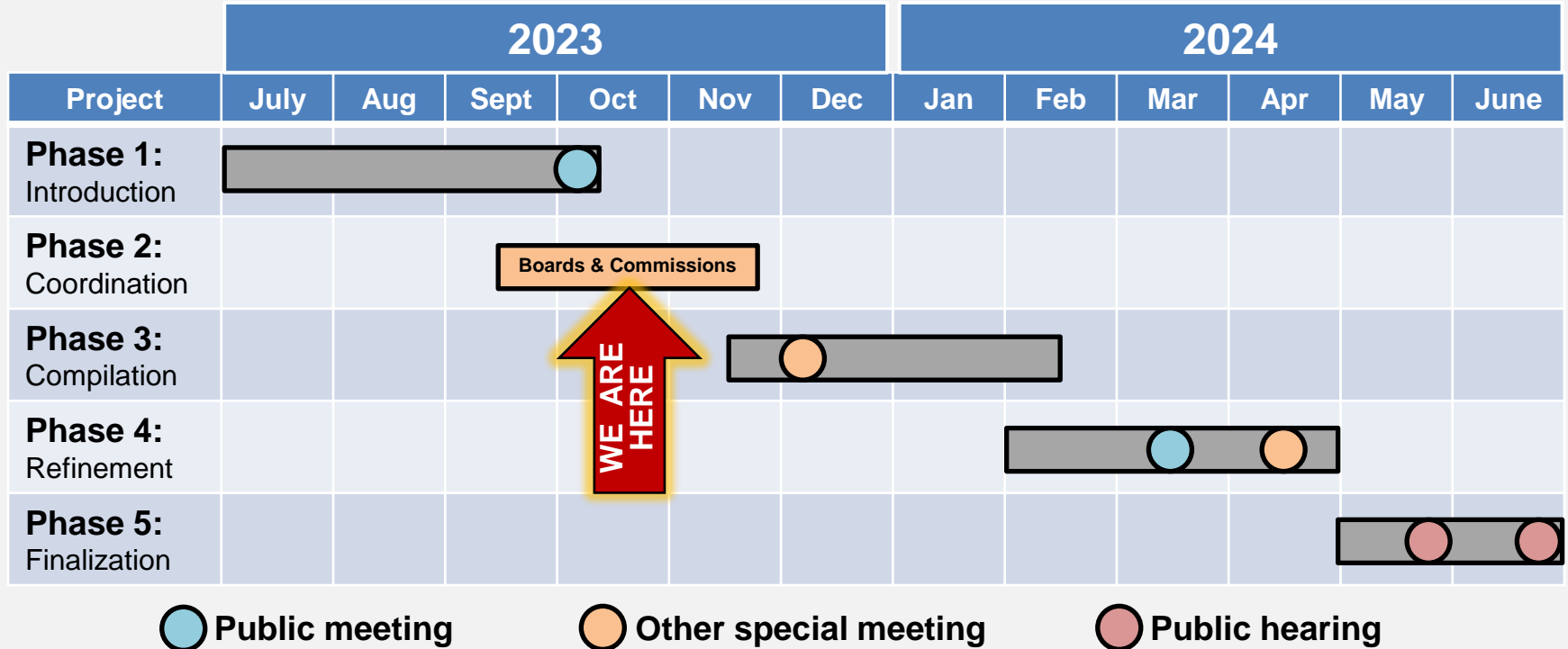


Five-Year Review

- Implementation status
- New plans and studies
- Administrative amendment tracking
- City Council goals
- State Code and guidelines
- National and regional trends



Process Schedule



Guiding Principles

...a close-knit community and a population that is diverse in its culture, demographics, and lifestyles, that capitalizes on its location in the center of the growing region and with easy access to the nation's capital.



...inviting neighborhoods, each with its own unique character.



...flourishing centers of commercial and mixed-use activity that include an assortment of grocery stores, restaurants, cafes, entertainment venues, retail stores, offices, and housing.



...a thriving cultural arts program that supports a variety of special events, art spaces and performance venues.



...a choice of housing types that meet the needs of our community.

...an economy that cultivates and promotes business success and entrepreneurial opportunities for large, small, and independent businesses and capitalizes on national, regional and intellectual partnerships.



...a healthy ecosystem of naturally flowing streams, native plants, wildlife, contiguous natural habitat areas, and a healthy tree population.



...exceptional governmental, police and fire safety services.



...safe, well-maintained infrastructure and use of advanced technology.



...architecture that contributes to a vibrant, creative place and complements our historic character.



...options for residents to easily, safely, and efficiently move within and between neighborhoods either by walking, bicycling, taking public transportation or driving.



...inviting, well-maintained parks, trails, open spaces and multi-generational community centers.



...world-class community schools and a best-in-class education from pre-school to post-high school that prepares students to be productive, responsible members of society, capable of competing in the global economy and motivated to pursue life-long learning.

...sustainable practices that preserve, conserve, reuse and recycle resources.



George Mason References in the Comprehensive Plan

Commercial Corridors & Activity Centers



Emphasize Old Town as a desirable place for students and faculty to shop, dine, and live.

Multimodal Transportation



Collaborate with the University to enhance bicycle service between campus and metro station.

Conduct and implement a bike share feasibility study, preferably in partnership with George Mason University.

Establish a transportation demand management (TDM) program in collaboration with multiple partners, including Mason.

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Leverage proximity to the University to attract spin-outs and startups.
Utilize the Mason Enterprise Center (MEC) to strengthen new businesses.
Establish a local development corporation.



Continue to foster life-long learning relationships with nearby education providers.



Establish partnerships to help meet programing needs.



Establish partnerships for funding and facility usage.

Other City Considerations

- Completed Bicycle Masterplan
- Economic Development Workplan
- Performing Arts Feasibility Study
- Parks and Recreation Strategic Masterplan Update
- Pedestrian Masterplan and Safe Streets for All Application

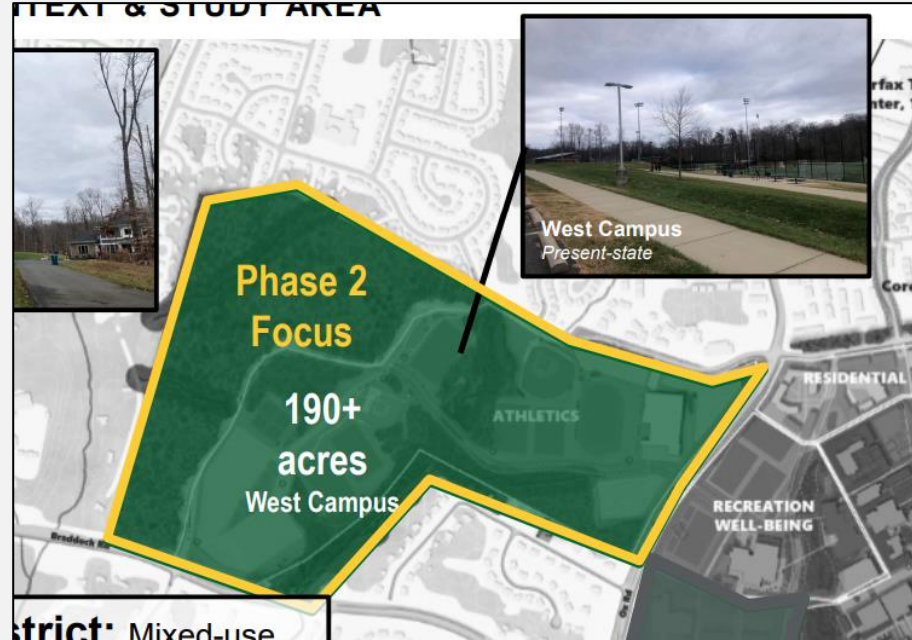


Other Mason Considerations

Mason Masterplan



Mason Town Center / WC



How do I provide feedback?

Visit the Comprehensive Plan Review Engage Page to leave comments. There are forums for each Guiding Principle.

<https://engage.fairfaxva.gov/comp-plan-review>

...or contact me directly

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Next Steps

- **November 2023:** Complete Coordination Phase meetings with boards and commissions.
- **December 2023:** Planning Commission begins Consolidation Phase.
- **Spring 2024:** Boards & Commissions will have opportunity review draft sections.
- **Summer 2024:** Consideration for adoption.



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