

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD ON THE FUTURE OF LOUDOUN

Participate in the second round “Envision Loudoun” public input for the New Comprehensive Plan.

Envision Loudoun’s Future

Here’s what YOU said at the Envision Loudoun first round of public input.

Loudoun County is engaged in a major planning effort to define its development future for the next 25 years.

Our Board of Supervisors has provided a series of public input sessions to allow the citizen’s views to be heard and recorded, but it is up to us to take full advantage of this opportunity.

If we do not define Loudoun’s future, other interests will.

Hundreds of County residents turned out for the first round of public input sessions in 2016. From the 4,800 comments from the public, here are the major opinions:

1. ***Slow the rate of development*** and improve design quality overwhelmingly requested, to keep Loudoun from turning into “Anyplace USA.”
2. ***Address traffic congestion; add transportation options:*** Better roads, improved bus service, more bike paths and trails.
3. ***Support high-density residential and mixed-use projects along Loudoun’s Silver Line Metro corridor,*** creating an urban environment with entertainment and cultural options.
4. ***Revitalize neighborhoods*** in the eastern Suburban Policy Area.
5. ***Keep the Transition Area*** (between suburban east and rural west) a lower-density residential area, retain open space, add public recreation areas for suburban residents, and preserve environmental resources.
6. ***Make the Rural Policy Area permanent:*** No new residential development, preservation of land and opportunities for growth of the rural economy.
7. ***Add more parkland, trails, and green space,*** requested by both eastern and western Loudoun residents. Westerners advocated for the rural landscape, historic villages, roads, and sites that make the area special.

If you agree with these comments be sure to support them at the next round of Envision Loudoun public input.

What to expect at the Envision Loudoun second round of public input.

You will be asked to comment on the *Vision Statement, Goals, and Objectives* that the planners have prepared to frame our future.

These are important because they set the framework for the County Plan recommendations.

Vague goals and objectives may

³⁵₁₇ lead to a Plan so general it will not provide the policy framework in the public interest as defined by the County residents.

³⁵₁₇ provide no future basis for evaluating development proposals by the County Staff, Board of Supervisors, and the citizens.

Take a hard look at the recently defined “Goals and Objectives” and decide for yourself.

1. Do they reflect the *values, needs, and specific character* of Loudoun County?
2. Are they *clear enough to guide decisions* about projects and programs in the future?
3. *Can they be used to measure* future achievement?
4. Do they allow the *County be able to implement* them?
5. Are the current Vision Statement, Goals and Objectives *specific to Loudoun County? Or are they too vague?*
6. Do they *reflect the objectives and priorities voiced by our citizens?*
7. Do they accurately *reflect YOUR views about Loudoun’s future?*

To make your opinions matter,

- 1) Attend one or more of the Envision Loudoun workshops;
- 2) Write letters to the editor; and
- 3) Make your views known to your District Supervisors.

Attend the Envision Loudoun Workshop sessions most convenient to you:

Monday, June 5, 7 p.m.: Harper Park MS at 701 Potomac Station Drive, Leesburg
Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m.: Cascades Senior Center, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling
Monday, June 12, 7 p.m.: Broad Run HS, 21670 Ashburn Road, Ashburn
Tuesday, June 13, 7:30 p.m.: Harmony MS, 38174 W. Colonial Highway, Hamilton
Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m.: Mercer HS, 42149 Greenstone Drive, Aldie

Registration opens at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts at 7 p.m., except at the June 13 session at Harmony MS which begins at 7:30 p.m.

County resources

- *Envision Loudoun website:* www.envision_Loudoun.org
- *Vision Statement & Goals:* <http://bit.ly/2rt0GE7>
- *Receive updates:* <http://envision-loudoun.org/contact>

Coalition resources

- *Citizen Input* (4,800 comments): <http://bit.ly/2raya9D>
- *Comp Plan Facebook page:* Steer Loudoun’s Future: Citizen Stakeholders Group

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