Attachment D: Summary of Planning Commission and Board Input (Community Facilities)

The following is a summary of previous Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors input on Community Facilities topics:

Public water and sewer

- February 13, 2024 PC work session: The Commission recommended public water/sewer connections for existing development be focused on the Development Areas or Rural Area locations adjacent to the Development Areas, especially where there is a health/safety/environmental issue. The Commission noted that connections need to address housing affordability and ensure community members can remain in their homes, as upgrades and connections are expensive.
- April 3, 2024 Board work session: The Board supported addressing failing septic systems in or adjacent to the Development Areas, especially for multifamily housing and addressing health/safety/environmental issues. The Board recommended educating property owners about Virginia Department of Health programs and assistance for failing septic. There was general consensus that the current policy per the 2015 Comp Plan for public water/sewer connections was sufficient and that issues should be addressed as they arise.

Community buildings and programs

- February 13, 2024 PC work session: The Commission highlighted the need for more 'third places' (places that are not home (first) or work (second)) for people to gather and socialize, which could include community centers. The Commission noted more childcare options are needed. The Commission also recommended using smaller sites for new public school buildings for a more urban design that uses less land/space.

Environmental stewardship and community/climate resilience

- February 13, 2024 PC work session: The Commission recommended adding objectives and/or actions for nature as infrastructure, such as trees being used for stormwater management. The Commission recommended a greater emphasis on hazard mitigation and community resilience, including a potential fire hazard overlay for areas at greater risk of wildfires.
    - *Note: Fire risks and potential overlays will be addressed in the Resilient Community chapter.*
- April 3, 2024 Board work session: The Board recommended including Comp Plan language to address existing and aging urban stormwater management infrastructure.

Solar energy

- February 13, 2024 PC work session: The Commission was supportive of recommendations to protect important resources/sites (e.g. those identified in the Biodiversity Action Plan) when considering siting for solar energy projects. The Commission also recommended looking at County-owned land for possible solar projects.
- April 3, 2024 Board work session: The Board recommended greater emphasis on rooftop and parking lot solar in the Development Areas and ensuring there are not conflicts with other policies and review (e.g. ARB guidelines).

Wireless and broadband

- February 13, 2024 PC work session: The Commission noted the need to keep up with new and changing technologies for wireless communication facilities. The Commission highlighted wireless service in parks as a potential safety need. The Commission also recommended to consider how to use electric power backups and broadband availability to improve emergency response and community resilience.

Local food system *(note: this topic will be primarily addressed in the upcoming Resilient Community chapter)*

- February 13, 2024 PC work session: The Commission supported affordable and local food systems, noting that affordable food access programs need sustainable resources over time. The Commission recommended adding narrative language regarding local food systems.
- April 3, 2024 Board work session: The Board recommended strengthening the overall vision for local food systems, including for farmers markets and food banks.