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**Community Facilities Study**

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September 9, 2015  
**Study Committee Meeting #12– Opening Remarks**



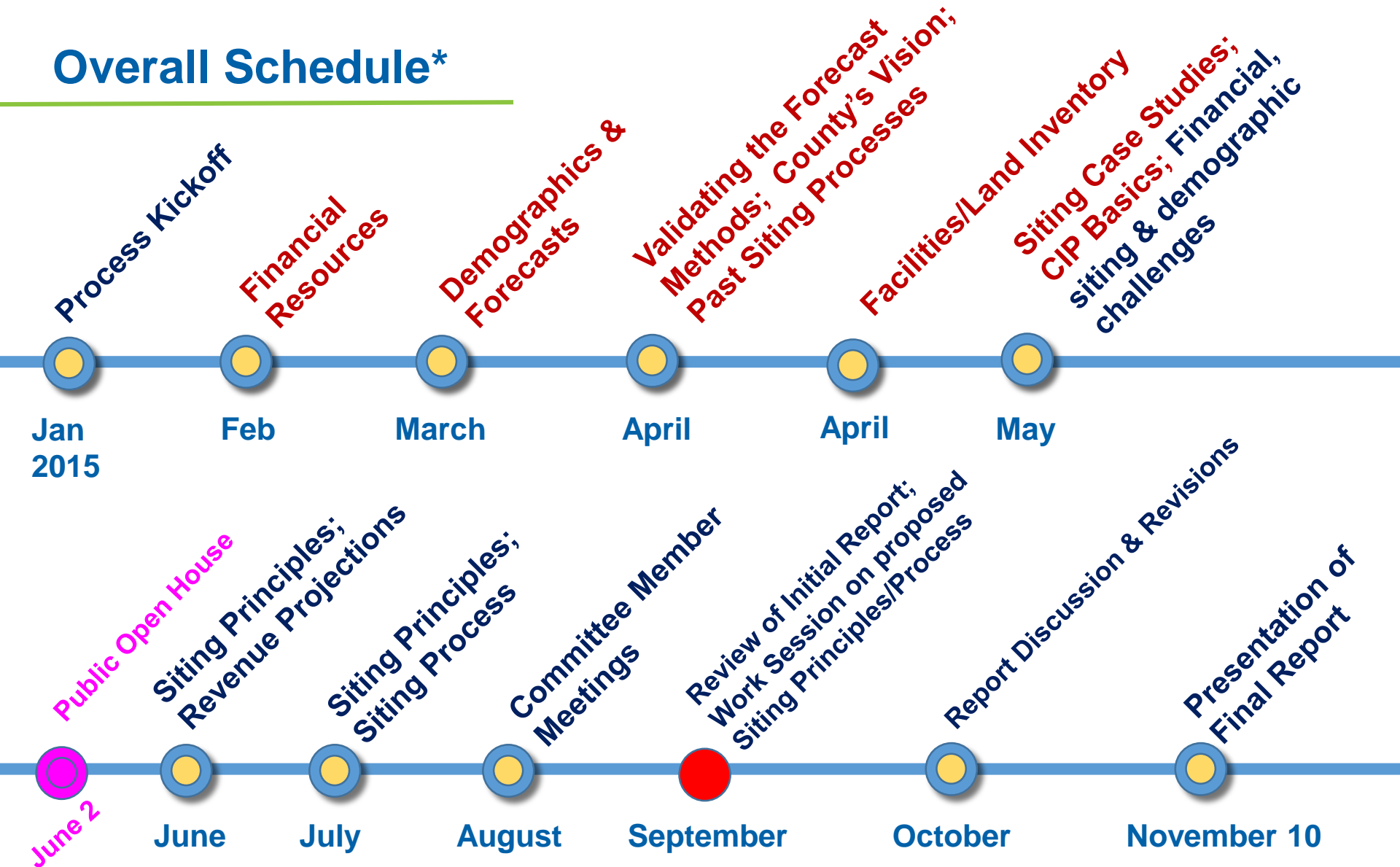
# September 9, 2015

## Agenda

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- 1. Opening Remarks (John Milliken)**
  - **Tonight's Agenda**
  - **Schedule**
  - **Outreach**
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- 3. Draft Siting Principles and Process (Ginger Brown)**
- 4. Final Report Executive Summary & Committee Discussions (John Milliken)**
- 5. Wrap Up/Next Steps (John Milliken)**

# Overall Schedule\*



# Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- **\*Thursday\*, Sept 24: Committee Meeting** (7-10 PM, Location: Wakefield HS)
- **Sept 29: Joint CB/SB Work Session** (7-9 PM; County Board Room)  
**Presentation of Siting Principles & Process Framework**
- **Oct 14: Committee Meeting w/ Resident Forum** (7-10 PM, Location: Wakefield HS)
- **Oct 28: Committee Meeting** (7-10 PM, Location: Wakefield HS)
- **November 10: Joint CB/SB Work Session** (time/location TBD)  
**Presentation of Final Report**

# Civic Engagement/Outreach

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- **Have you shared information about the Study at any meetings recently?**
- **What have you heard?**
- **What meetings do you have scheduled?**
  - ✓ Kiwanis Meeting – September 23
  - ✓ Lecky Forum – September 30
  - ✓ Rock Spring Civic Association – October 22
- **Reminder to use the Civic Engagement Toolkit:** It contains information for ....
  - ✓ Elevator speech
  - ✓ Coffee chat (*& short visual presentation coming soon*)
  - ✓ 17-slide PowerPoint presentation (*to be refined soon*)

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**Siting Principles & Process Framework**



# Siting Principles

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## Principles that will guide the siting process

- Be as transparent as possible: share information broadly and communicate regularly.
- Time and funding are limited: undertake siting processes in a timely and cost-conscious manner.
- Use resources efficiently: explore multiple-use facilities and designs that could be adaptable over time.
- Balance County-wide and local needs.
- Guide discussions and decisions with established plans, policies and goals.
- Distribute facilities equitably across the County as much as possible.

# Siting Process Overview

Phases

## 1 Scope identified use and process

Determine siting requirements, additional siting considerations, and evaluation framework for Phases 2 and 3. Identify and communicate civic engagement process.

## 2 Identify potential sites

Develop a list of potential sites that meet siting requirements. Evaluate sites at a high level with considerations developed in Phase 1. Refine list to 2-3 sites for further evaluation in Phase 3.

## 3 Evaluate short list of sites

Develop design studies/analyses for 2-3 sites selected in Phase 2. Evaluate sites at a greater level of detail with the considerations developed in Phase 1. Recommend preferred site and any complementary uses.

## 4 Decision

County Board and/or School Board consider recommendations from Phase 3 and confirm a final approach for a site and use(s).



# Siting Principles and Process – Key Concepts

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- ***Identifying and Prioritizing Facility Needs (“Phase 0”)*** – Determines range of County and School facility needs; separate from and prior to siting process
- ***Evaluation Framework*** – Determines siting requirements and considerations and how they will be evaluated
- ***Identified Use*** – Facility that is most critical or has most stringent siting requirements; could be multiple facilities identified for co-location in Phase 0
- ***Complementary Uses*** – Uses that could be co-located with an identified use
- ***Use Determination Process*** – Adaptation of siting process for situations when new use(s) are needed for a known site

# Siting Subcommittee Review

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## Siting Subcommittee met on September 2 to review and revise draft siting document

- Refined recommendations for situations when siting process should apply
- **Primary Use** changed to **Identified Use**; **Secondary Uses** changed to **Complementary Uses**
- Added recommendations related to existing uses:
  - Consider cost of relocating or disrupting existing uses
  - More detail on assessing baseline conditions
  - Final recommendations should include guidance on minimizing impacts on existing resources and uses

# Siting Subcommittee Review

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- Clarified how and when nearby neighbors would participate in siting process
- Added public input step prior to final County/School Board decision (e.g., public hearing)
- ***Community*** and ***Public*** defined as broadly as possible

# Siting Principles and Process – Schedule

- **Tonight: Study Committee discussion of draft document**
- **Sep 15: Deadline for written comments on draft document**
  - Testing new tool for collecting comments from Study Committee: <https://arlingtonva.opencomment.us/node/26>
  - Comments can also be sent to [ACGFacStudy@arlingtonva.us](mailto:ACGFacStudy@arlingtonva.us)
- **Sept 29: Joint CB/SB Work Session (7-9 PM; County Board Room)**  
Presentation of Siting Principles & Process Framework
- **November: Siting Principles and Process Document included in final Community Facilities Study Report**

# Siting Principles and Process – Open Comment Tool

- Allows Committee members to comment on specific text and to see and reply to comments from others
- <https://arlingtonva.opencomment.us/node/26>

## Siting Principles and Process

Draft – September 4, 2015

### Background

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When the County Board and School Board established the Community Facilities Study in January 2015, they tasked the Study Committee to propose “criteria and a process for siting any new County or School facilities or adding new or expanded uses to existing facilities or sites.” While many facility siting decisions made in Arlington over the last twenty years have led to successful outcomes, public facility projects are becoming more complex as the County’s population grows and available land and resources become more limited. Previous siting processes from the 1990s that guided decisions on County government facilities have become less relevant and are no longer applied consistently. There is also growing recognition of the need for creative designs and collaborative approaches to accommodate new facilities in harmony with existing programs, public spaces and natural resources.

To address these issues, the Study Committee, with input from the Resident Forum, has developed siting principles and a siting process that improves upon current practices. The siting process is intended to function as a project management tool to make siting decisions efficiently, effectively, and with ample community input.

### When to use the siting process

The siting process is intended to be used for County and School facility projects that require a physical location, either due to relocation or the construction of a new facility. The process could also be adapted to determine the preferred use or uses for a known site that is available for development (referred to as the *use determination process*).

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**Final Report Update**



# Reminder: Development Forum

- **Tomorrow, Thursday, Sept 10**
  - Courthouse Plaza, County Board Room
- **Agenda**
  - 8:30 - 9am Coffee
  - 9-11am Presentations/Q&A
- **Hear more about current efforts to improve the business process for planning and permitting**

## Arlington County Development Forum Sept 10, 2015

Opening Remarks  
9-9:10 a.m.

Site Plan Review Process Changes  
9:10-9:50 a.m.

Housing Updates  
9:50-10 a.m.

Neighborhood Services Updates  
10-10:10 a.m.

Permitting and Zoning Changes  
10:10-10:50 a.m.

Close and Wrap Up  
10:50-11 a.m.



Location: Courthouse Plaza, County Board Room, 2100 Clarendon Blvd.

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## Featured Speakers



Mark Schwartz  
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County Manager



Steve Cover  
Director  
Department of  
Community Planning,  
Housing & Development



Bob Duffy  
Planning Director



David Cristeal  
Housing Director



Chikwe Njoku  
Neighborhood Services  
Director



Shahriar Amiri  
Chief Building Official



Norma Cozart  
Zoning Administrator

event website: [bit.ly/ardevforum](http://bit.ly/ardevforum); RSVP now: [bit.ly/forum-eb](http://bit.ly/forum-eb)