

HERE ARE SOME FACTS:

- The Rural Crescent was adopted in 1998 by the majority of Supervisors in the East in a bipartisan vote.
- A1 zoning is a long range land use tool to control the taxpayer burden of suburban sprawl, promote agriculture, and protect clean water.
- There is no expiration date on any land use designation in the comprehensive plan.
- According to the EPA, this is what smart growth is and should be: *Determine which areas are both well-connected to existing development and less vulnerable to current and projected climate change impacts ... and encourage growth in these areas.* <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/about-smart-growth>
- In the 2021 county-wide survey administered by the PWC Planning Office, 71% of citizens who participated chose as their highest priority protecting the natural resources in the county.
- The process during this county's comprehensive plan update is chaotic with little transparency. Citizens are asked to show up to listening sessions with few, if any, presentations to help educate them on significant proposals that will completely change the quality of life for thousands of residents county-wide.
- The urbanization of the entire county is not only creating dreadful choices - it is removing the predictability of why people chose to move to Prince William County.
- Multiple road widenings are being added with each new mobility "draft" map. Is the confusion intentional?
- Industrial data center development is taking the place of good mixed use development in areas closer to employment, and taking away realistic and economically walkable living opportunities.
- National Parks in the East and West of PW County are threatened by data center development, risking the integrity of the parks and surrounding hallowed grounds, and threatening tourism dollars which benefit all County residents and surrounding jurisdictions.
- PWC is unique in the region with much of its cultural and natural resources still intact.
- We have the largest footprint of the Occoquan Reservoir Watershed that supplies clean drinking water to 800 thousand people in the region.
- Fairfax County Water Authority is warning PWC leaders that if this comprehensive plan is adopted, without first understanding the impacts on the reservoir, we will risk impairing this critical drinking water supply.
- Data center proliferation everywhere, high density residential sprawl, and road widenings in rural areas will mean we will not meet our carbon reduction goals.
- Citizens county wide are feeling ignored by their elected leaders.
- Real sustainability begins locally.

YOU WILL MAKE A COUNTY-WIDE DIFFERENCE IF YOU ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

- Sign up for email alerts: www.protectpwc.org
- Check out all the content on the Coalition's website – Go to the blue banner at the top and hit the drop down menus. Lots of stuff is accessible there that is missing from County websites and portals.
- Grab a friend or loved one and speak before the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission.
- Reach out to your next door neighbors in Prince William County, and next door in Fairfax County, at Ft. Belvoir, in the City of Alexandria. Share with all of them the impacts of industrial blight and high-density residential sprawl in the Rural Crescent, which supplies drinking water to the Occoquan Reservoir Watershed.
- Write the PWC Planning Office with questions and concerns. Creating a record of opposition is important: Pathwayto2040@pwcva.gov.
- GET EDUCATED! Learn about smart growth and sustainability.
- We are one Prince William, we rise to together.
- Write letters to the editor – Prince William Times, InsideNoVa, Washington Post or more.
- Be creative in your outreach! If you know someone in the conservation community, make them aware of what is happening right here where you live.
- Visit [Grow Smart Prince William \(growsmartpw.org\)](http://Grow Smart Prince William (growsmartpw.org)).
- Stay tuned for more upcoming community events and involvement opportunities. Make sure you are getting the Coalition alert emails.

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