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Prince William Board of County Supervisors
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Dear Chairman Wheeler and Honorable Members of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors I write to you regarding your consideration of the “Pathway to 2040” update to the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan. We welcome the opportunity for our two counties to continue to work together on these issues that affect the quality of life for residents of both Prince William and Fairfax Counties.

On February 23, 2022, Fairfax County staff sent to Rebecca Horner their interjurisdictional comments related to the proposed Prince William County Digital Gateway Corridor (Attachment 1). Fairfax County staff have now completed their interjurisdictional comments on the Pathway to 2040 (Attachment 2). The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors appreciates your consideration of the comments contained in those two letters. Of particular concern for us is the protection of the Occoquan Watershed and Reservoir that provide drinking water to residents of both Prince William and Fairfax Counties.

We recognize that this is a substantial undertaking containing many environmental, land use, transportation and economic development issues. We further recognize that this is an amendment to the Prince William Comprehensive Plan that must be followed by rezoning entitlements before any land is developed under the Plan. In conversations with your staff, we understand that it is the County’s intention to conduct robust and thorough studies of the potential impacts that may accrue from any proposed rezoning, including those to the quality of drinking water in the Occoquan Reservoir as well as other potential impacts to the environment, historic/cultural resources and transportation, and to work with rezoning applicants to ameliorate those impacts. We strongly encourage you to undertake those studies prior to the approval of any entitlements. We also encourage you to conduct additional analyses and coordination with Fairfax County prior to any final decisions on the extension of your sewer service area and on final road alignments that affect Fairfax County.

The Honorable Jeffrey C. McKay
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Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. McKay

Attachments:

Attachment 1: February 23, 2022 letter from Barbara Byron to Rebecca Horner

Attachment 2: October 24, 2022, letter from Rachel Flynn to Rebecca Horner