



Public Facilities Manual Flexibility Project

Update to the Development Process Committee

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Today's Presentation

- Actions to Date
- Project Highlights
- Phased Implementation
- Projected Schedule



Actions to Date

- ✓ Completed phase 1 edits.
- ✓ ESRC recommended approval for 9 of 12 chapters.
- ✓ Developed the [PFM Project](#) Website.
- ✓ Re-established the PFM as guidelines – adopted May 1, 2018.



Highlights: Phase 1



Geotechnical

- Streamlined certification of in-ground pools.
- Updated exploration requirements for buildings less than 5,000 sq. ft.
- Clarified factor of safety for slope stability.



Fire & Safety

- Accommodated emergency access for rooftop and courtyard pools.
- Defined aerial access requirement for high rise buildings.
- Clarified hydrant requirement for 4-story townhouses.



Urban Trees

- Introduced soil volume guidelines.
- Added guidance on tree condition assessments.
- Increased flexibility for counting tree canopy.

Highlights: Phase 1



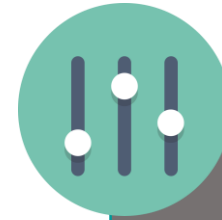
Clear

- Removed outdated text.
- Updated plates.
- Updated acronyms.



Interactive

- Added hyperlinks to directly access references.
- Referenced federal, state & county codes.
- Re-structured for easier navigation.



Adaptable

- Re-established PFM as guidelines.
- Changed “shall” to either “must” or “should” for added flexibility, where possible.

Highlights: Phase 2

Future revisions: Technical items that require additional research and vetting.

For example:

- Update chapter 10 to incorporate new design techniques for sewer & solid waste disposal.
- Restructure chapters 7 & 8 to facilitate design and review of streets, sidewalks, trails and recreation.
- Update PFM definitions.



Projected Schedule

- **Phase 1:** Public hearings by December 2018.
- **Phase 2:** Workplan under development to address Phase 2 items:
 - PFM amendments
 - Outreach and Training
 - Letters to Industry



Questions?

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Access the PFM Project Website:
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/landdevelopment/public-facilities-manual-flexibility-project>

Supplemental Information

- The following slides are included as supplemental information to this presentation.

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PFM Project Website Excerpt:

The Fairfax County Public Facilities Manual (PFM) Flexibility team is working with a consultant to perform a gap analysis and create a roadmap to incorporate clarity and flexibility into the PFM. The scope of work includes minimizing the use of mandatory requirements, expanding the use of urban and innovative designs, updating tables and plates, eliminating outdated criteria, and linking to other approved sources to remain relevant. The roadmap recommendations for updating the PFM are expected in early Jan. 2018. The roadmap will be used to draft proposed amendments to the PFM before going through the public hearing process.



Who is on each committee?



- [Proposed Amendment to the Introduction of the Fairfax County Public Facilities Manual](#)
- [PFM Committee List](#)
- [Existing State of the PFM Technical Memo from Consultant](#)

ENGINEERING STANDARDS REVIEW COMMITTEE (ESRC)

- Amendments to the PFM must be approved by this committee before presenting to the Board

SCHEDULE OF PFM CHAPTERS PRESENTED AND VOTED ON BY ESRC

Where can I find draft chapters?



PFM Chapters	ESRC Chapter Presentation	ESRC Chapter Vote
1, 4 & 12	February 1	March 1
3, 5 & 11	March 1	April 5
9 & 10	April 5	May 3
2, 8	May 3	June 7
6, 7	June 7	July 11

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/landdevelopment/public-facilities-manual-flexibility-project>

PFM Project Website Excerpt:

What about PowerPoint presentations?



PRESENTATIONS

- Update to the Providence District Council - May 9, 2018
- Re-establishing the PFM as Guidelines: Update to the Land Use Aides
- Adding Flexibility to the PFM: Update to the Development Process Committee
- An Update on Adding Flexibility to the PFM
- Adding Clarity and Interactivity to the PFM
- An Introduction to the PFM Flexibility Project

MEETING MINUTES

- April 2018
- March 2018
- Feb. 2018
- Dec. 2017
- Second PFM Stakeholder Meeting (Oct. 2017)
- First PFM Stakeholder Meeting (May 2017)
- Notes from Various Presentations (Sept. & Oct. 2017)



And Meeting Minutes?

How can I get involved?



HAVE PFM SUGGESTIONS?

Public Facilities Manual (PFM) Feedback Form
Or email LDSFlexiblePFM@fairfaxcounty.gov

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