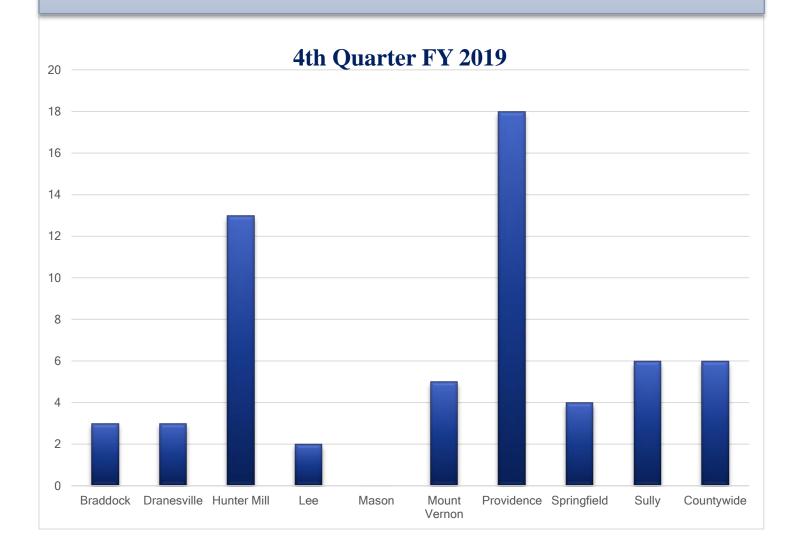
# PLANNING COMMUNICATOR

#### **July 2019**

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## LAND USE ACTIONS

In the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2019, the Planning Commission took action on **60** applications during its **10** public hearings. The Planning Commission heard verbal testimony from **89** speakers during this quarter. The district with the highest number of applications considered was the Providence District, with **18** applications acted upon.



## **COMMITTEE ACTIVITY**

### **Environment** Committee

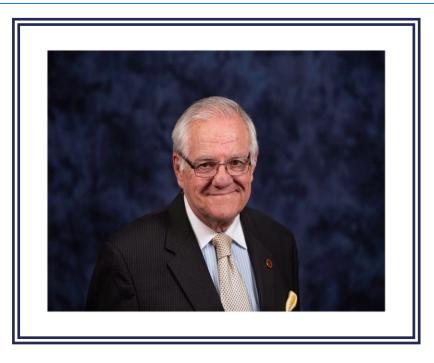
Met on **April 25<sup>th</sup>** with staff from the Fairfax County Planning Division and the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services to discuss the comments from the April 8, 2019, stakeholders meeting regarding the proposed Policy Plan amendment for natural landscaping at County facilities. The Committee requested that staff schedule a tour of County sites that showcased natural landscaping, which was subsequently scheduled for June 22, 2019. A committee meeting would follow on June 27, 2019.

## Land Use Process Review Committee

Met on May 15<sup>th</sup> with Clarion Associates for a Zoning Ordinance Modernization presentation on progress regarding the modernization of the Zoning Ordinance by updating the County's list of permitted land uses and related regulations, to make the use regulations easier for the public, stakeholders, and property owners to understand, as well as to remove inconsistencies, gaps, and ambiguities within the use regulations. Clarion discussed with Commission members the four new categorizations of the land uses, along with a summary of the changes that were a result of ongoing public and stakeholder review.

Met on **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** with Fairfax County Planning Division staff for a briefing on the South County Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) cycle. Based on staff's recommendations, the Committee voted to endorse to the full Planning Commission the parameters and schedule of the South County SSPA process, as well as the recommendation to rescind two inactive plan amendments from the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program. On that same night, the Committee met with the Zoning Administrator to review and discuss the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Work Program that was approved by the Board of Supervisors in July 2018 for a two-year cycle, through June 2020 A status update would be provided in June 2019. In addition, the Committee voted to endorse to the full Commission, as recommended by staff, the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Work Program 2019 Status Update that would be presented at the Board's Development Process Committee on June 18, 2019.

## PC ROUNDTABLE WITH CHAIRMAN PETER F. MURPHY



The Planning Commission Roundtable is a 30-minute panel discussion broadcast every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. on Channel 16. Episodes can also be viewed through Video on Demand at the Fairfax County website:

#### http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/pc\_roundtable.htm

#### **Office of Emergency Management (OME) – Broadcast April 2019**

Chairman Peter F. Murphy speaks with Seamus J. Mooney, OME, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Sulayman Brown, OME, Emergency Operations Center Manager, about the Office of Emergency Management and how it relates to land use issues.

#### James M. Scott Exceptional Design Awards – Broadcast May/June 2019

Join Peter Murphy F. Murphy, Chairman of the Planning Commission, for a conversation on the James M. Scott Exceptional Design Awards with Awards Coordinator Marsha Collins.

#### Celebrate Fairfax! - Broadcast May/June 2019

Join host Peter F. Murphy, Chairman of the Planning Commission, for a conversation with Ashley Morris, CEO of Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. and Andrew Painter, Chairman of the Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. Board of Directors, about Celebrate Fairfax, the County's annual signature event, It's much for than a County fair, it's Celebrate Fairfax!

**TESTIFYING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION**. No public speaking experience required! The following is a link to a video on how to testify at a Planning Commission hearing. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (703) 324-2865.