



Lorton Visioning Plan Amendment Task Force

Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development
Planning Division

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AGENDA

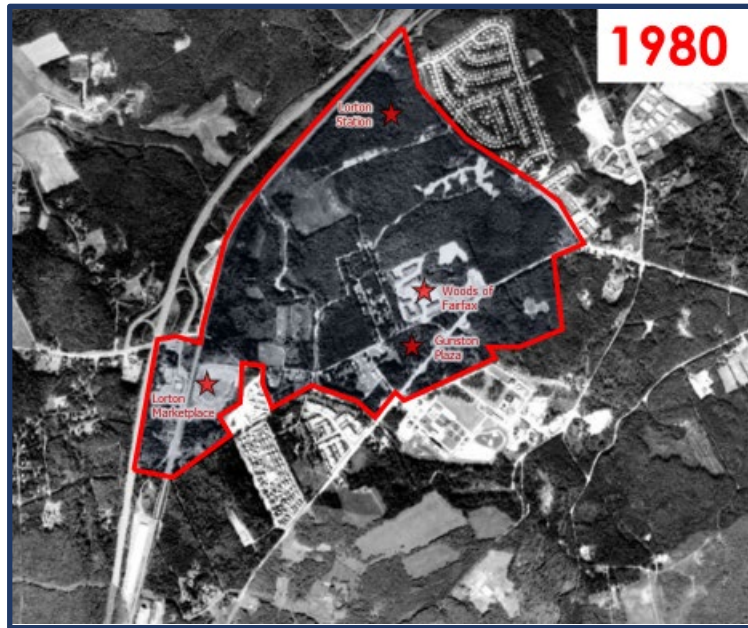
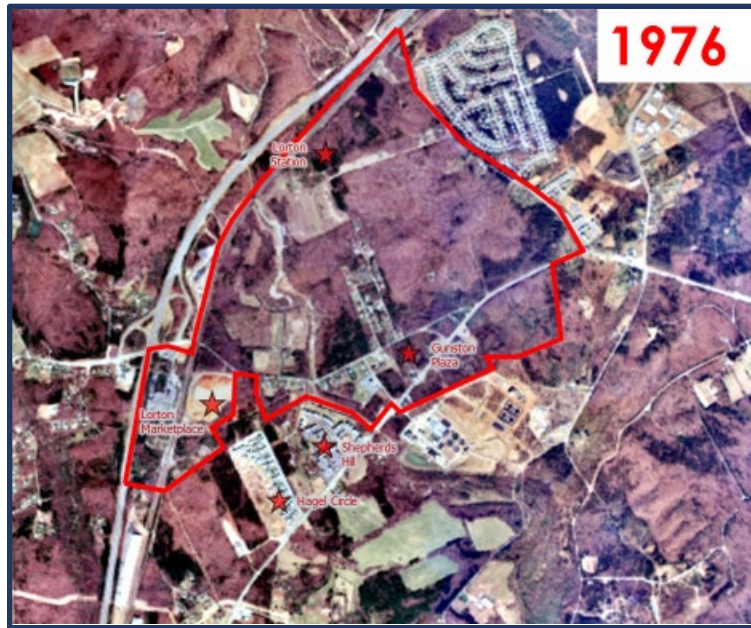
1. Welcome and Announcements

2. Update on Task Force Progress

3. Introduction to Study Consultants

4. Discussion Q&A

5. Next Steps

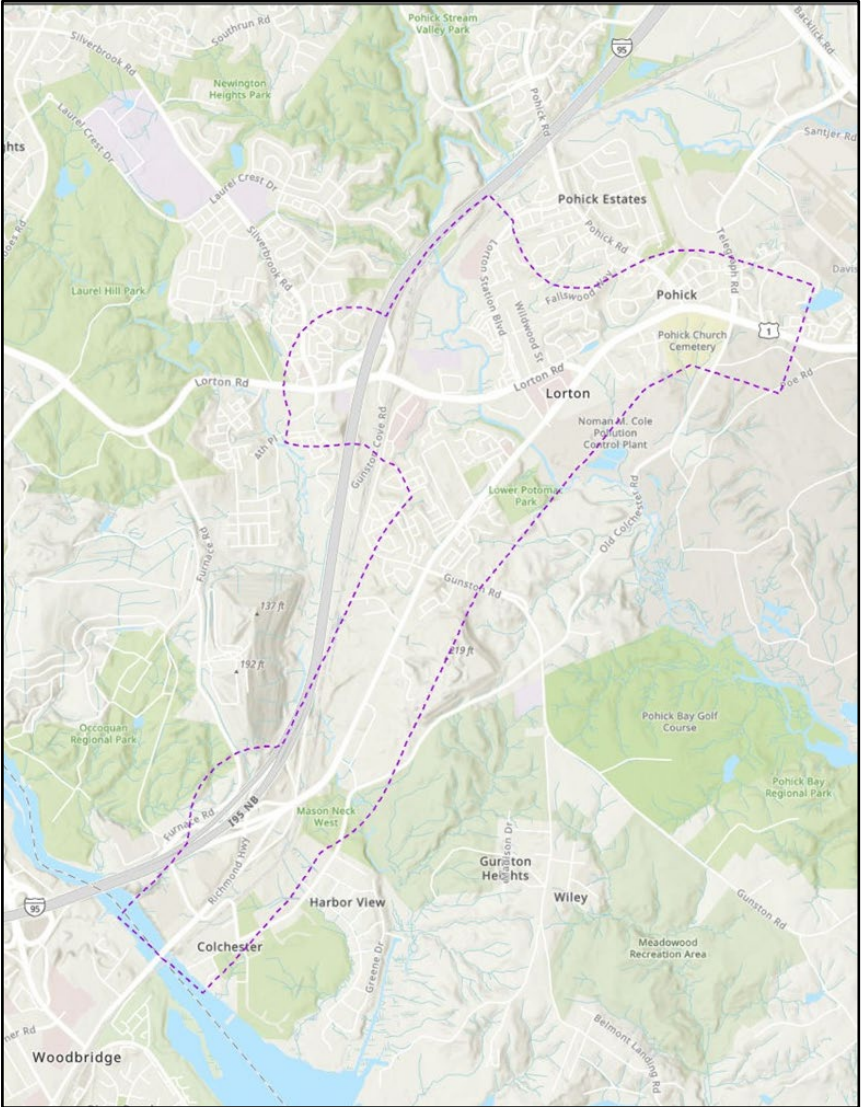
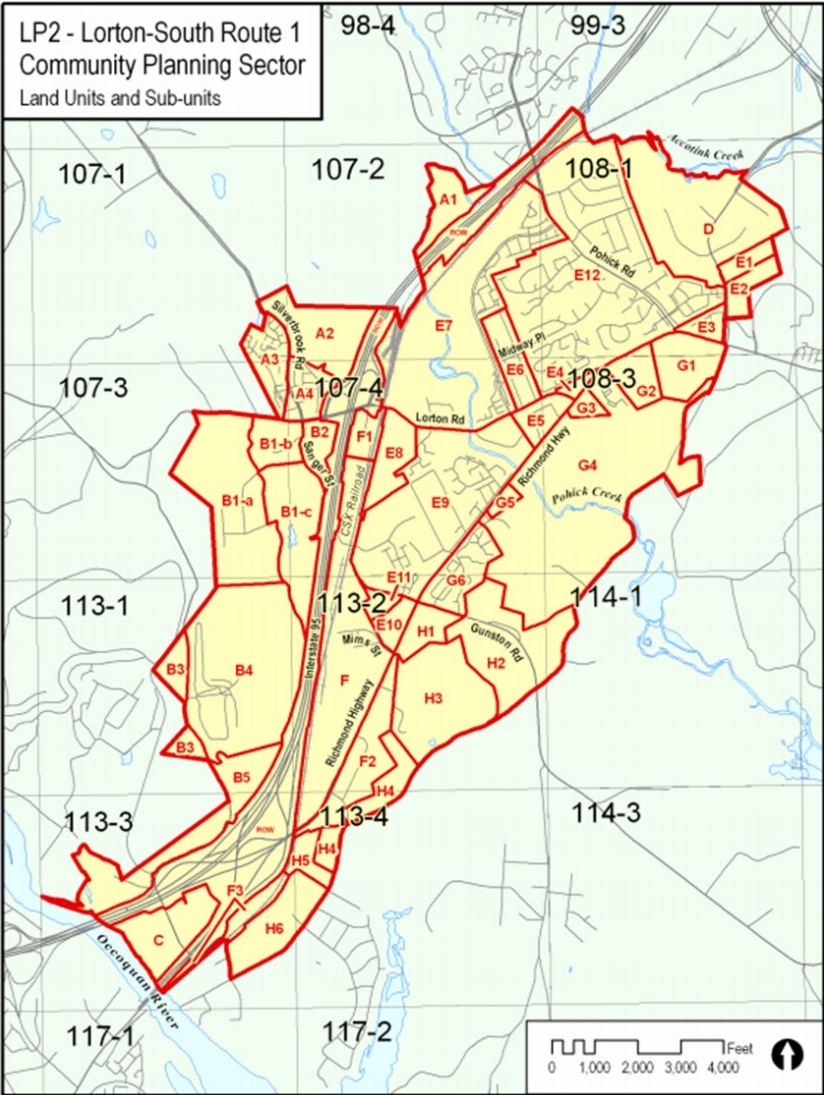


Lorton Visioning Task Force Guiding Principles

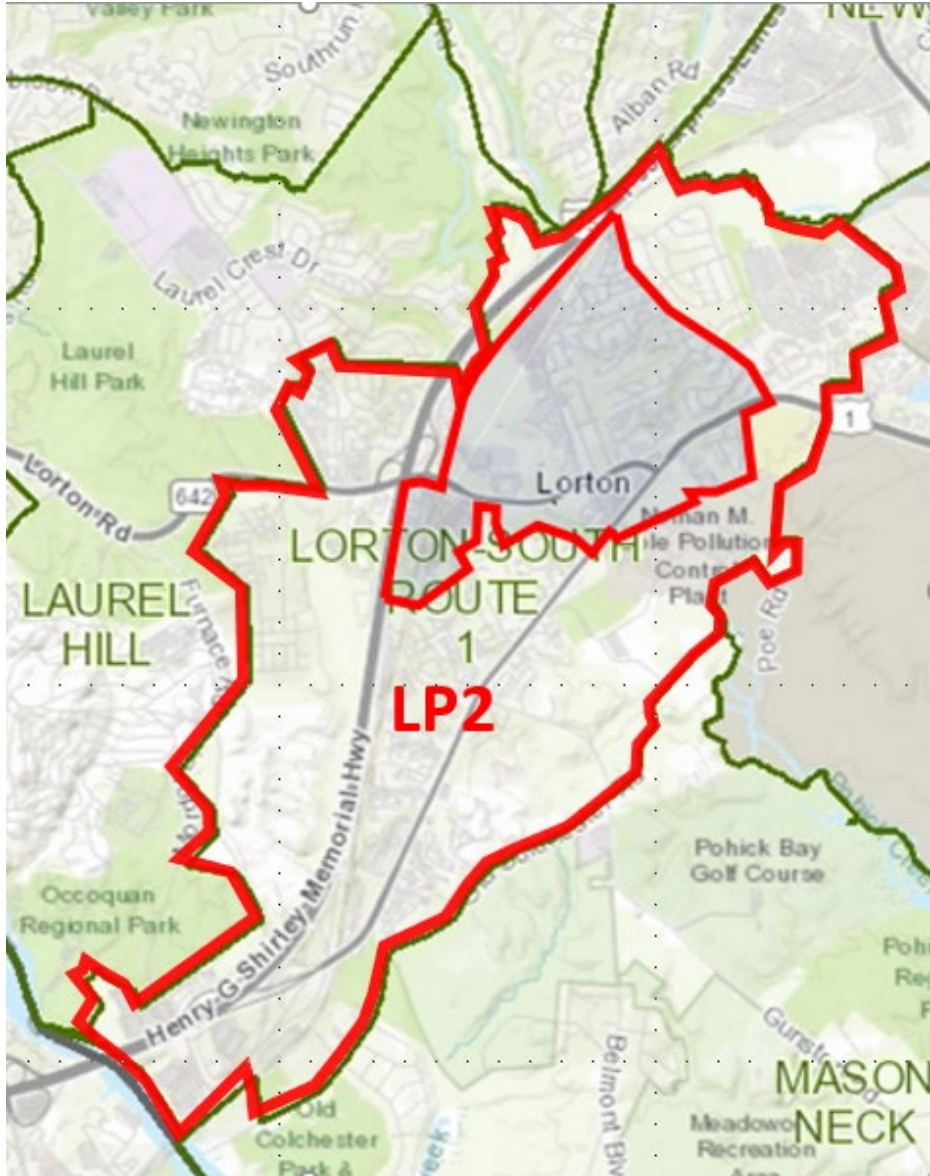
To begin a community dialogue on Lorton's vision for the future, an online community survey and a community meeting were utilized to collect ideas and opinions from Lorton area residents and visitors. These ideas were summarized into **themes** describing the desirable features of Lorton today and in the future. The Visioning Guiding Principles were drafted as a final product to be shared with and solicit further feedback from the community.



Current Plan and Study Area Maps



Lorton Visioning Study Focus Area



Primary Opportunity Sites

Gunston Plaza
Lorton Station
Lorton Market Place

Supporting Facilities and Amenities

Public Parks and Trails (existing and future)
Lorton Community Center and Library

Transportation and Connections

Lorton Road
Lorton Station Boulevard
Lorton VRE Station
Amtrak Auto Train Station
Possible Route 1 Bus Rapid Transit Route

Secondary Opportunity Sites

To be identified



Connections, Gateways, Landmarks and Placemaking

IDENTITY

**Visioning Lorton
Road as the
Primary Corridor**



Lorton Road

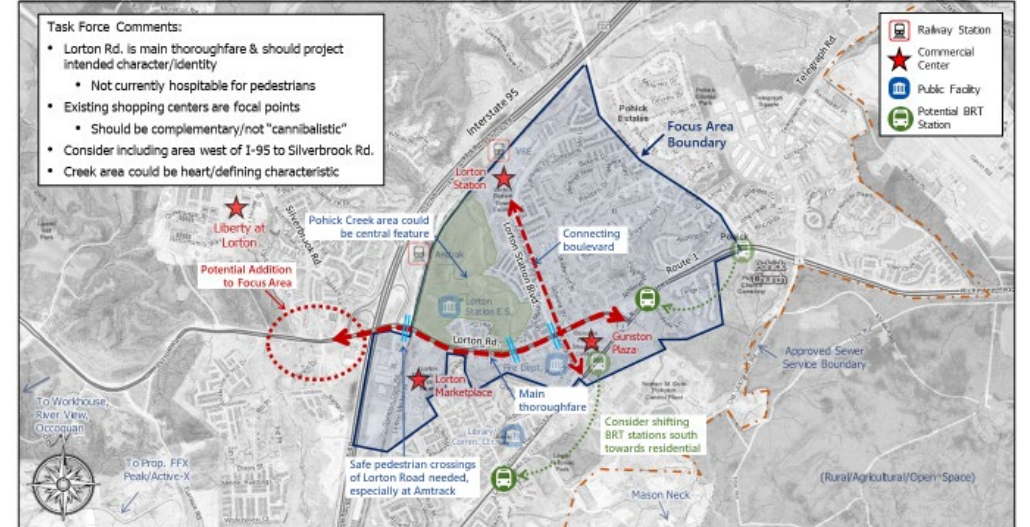
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BRT Station

Lorton Visioning Framework Maps

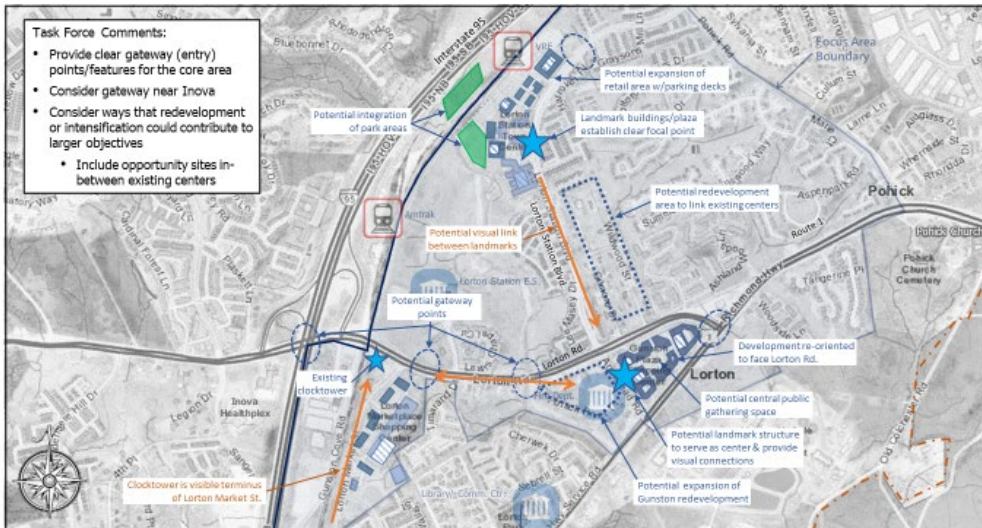
Lorton Visioning – Local Network of Businesses and Amenities



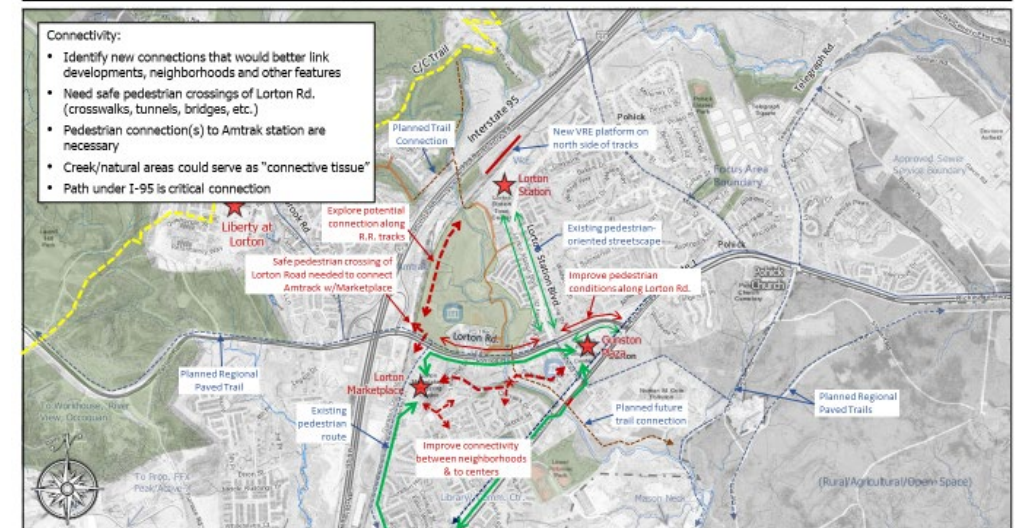
Lorton Visioning – Focus Area and Primary Connections



Lorton Visioning – Gateways, Landmarks and Placemaking



Lorton Visioning – Secondary Corridors & Connections



Board Authorization for Lorton Visioning

Create an updated vision for the Lorton area.

Identify and evaluate potential changes to the Comprehensive Plan regarding:

- **Land uses**
- **Intensities**
- **Multi-modal transportation infrastructure**
- **Parks, recreational areas, environmental corridors**
- **Other supporting infrastructure, amenities, and public facilities**

Specific focus should be placed on:

- **The Lorton Road area east of Silverbrook Road including the Lorton Town Center, and the Route 1 corridor from Fort Belvoir to the Occoquan River.**

Board Authorization for Lorton Visioning continued

The work should:

- **Establish a context for future potential land use changes, including linkages with those areas;**
- **Help strengthen a distinct identity for Lorton;**
- **Examine ways for existing and potential future assets to complement one another to build community identity and an improved sense of place;**
- **Consider new or improved placemaking and connectivity opportunities in the context of the immediate area's many unique historic, cultural, natural, recreational and transportation assets;**
- **Ensure a comprehensive evaluation of additional ways to embrace and link to these distinct places.**

Task Force Visioning Post-Authorization

March - Plan Amendment Kick-off

- Briefing on the Board's authorization
- Plan amendment process and timeline

April - Transportation Overview

- Existing conditions of transportation, bike/ped and transit systems in the study area
- Comprehensive Plan recommendations for improvements
- ActiveFairfax Plan = Bicycle Master Plan + Trails Plan

May - Transportation / Trails, Recreation & Environment

- Follow-up response to task force questions and discussion on information to be considered in the transportation study
- Task Force visioning for the Pohick Creek natural area
- Environmental Quality Corridor, RPA and Natural Habitats

Task Force Visioning Post-Authorization

June - Environment / Current Plan & Development

- Update on the natural area surrounding Pohick Creek
- Adopted Plan guidance, County-wide policies, and current development patterns in the study area
- Planning goals and future improvements

July - Planning For Healthy Communities

- Health-related statistics of the Lorton area
- Relationships between the conditions of the built environment and impacts to health

September - Plan History / Community Profile and Equity

- Historical land use planning policy and demographics of the study area
- Community profile for the Lorton Visioning study area
- One Fairfax Policy: Ensuring equity in the process and outcomes



Welcome

TO

**LORTON
VISIONING**