

**02.27.2024**

**LRPC Hybrid Meeting**

**Preliminary 2024-2025 DCPHD Planning Division Work Program**

**Public Comments Received Prior to Meeting (02.28.2024)**

1. **Comment #1** – As in prior years, I assume this discussion will include the Planning Director's preliminary list of zoning studies for the next two years. The subject of reform of the lot coverage (and height and setback) provisions of the Zoning Ordinance is one that I have previously spoken to the County Manager and Planning Director about, and that a number of civic associations (and others) have been meeting with County Board members about -- long before the Forestry and Natural Resources Plan adopted in December called for a study of lot coverage. To inform the LRPC members about the now long overdue need to include such a study in the budget work plan for this year, I would appreciate if you would forward to them and to the Planning Director this recent note some of these civic associations sent to the Board on the matter. Also attached for their review is a short summary of the history and urgency of the problem and a proposed outline of topics for the study that a group of civic associations sent to the Board last year, together with a list we provided Board Members of some of the more egregious examples of the application of the current lot coverage, height, and setback provisions of the ordinance.
2. **Comment #2** - Request to share February 2024 letter from the Arlington Tree Action Group (ATAG) expressing their support for designating funding in the upcoming March 14th work session for staff to complete a thorough study on lot coverage in Arlington. Additional request to share ATAG's comments on climate change, which were presented to the Board at the January 2024 meeting by former Forestry and Natural Resources commissioner Kit Norland.