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LRPC Hybrid Meeting

Preliminary 2024-2025 DCPHD Planning Division Work Program

Public Comments Received After Meeting (02.28.2024)

- 1. Comment #1** – I am representing the Arlington Tree Action Group (ATAG). Our mission is the support the county’s goal of achieving at 40% tree canopy across Arlington.

In order to achieve this goal, as stated in the recently approved Forestry and Natural Resources Plan, Section 1.2.3 (p. 57) the county should “Enhance development standards to optimize retention or replacement of tree canopy, natural vegetation, permeable surfaces and biophilic elements.”

This is especially true on by-right development projects.

The newly approved FNRP goes on to recommend that the county consider:

- “Whether to set a square footage cap on lot coverage in addition to the percentage cap.”
- “Whether to tie lot coverage regulations to a lot size rather than its zoning district.”

ATAG strongly urges this commission and the county to study possible changes we could make to our current lot coverage and set back rules to see if we can better protect and preserve our trees.