

Arlington
Community Facilities Study

A resource and facilities plan for our future

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Who Took Part in this Report?

- **Committee:** 23 dedicated and strong-willed members
- **Resident Forum:** 250+ knowledgeable participants, full of good ideas
- **County & APS Staff:** hard working, cooperative with us and with each other
- **Public:** open houses, County Fair, Twitter, commenters, civic associations, business groups and civic clubs – inquisitive and willing to listen and comment



What is in the Final Report?

1. Executive Summary

2. Background

3. Specific Deliverables

- Current Inventory of Public Facilities
- Demographic Forecasts and Projections
- Projected Facility Needs (*current thinking*)
- Revenue Overview
- Best Practices in Fiscal Management
- Proposed Siting Process for future public facilities (*Appendix 6*)

4. Strategic Community Challenges

5. Next Steps and Recommended Follow Up Studies



The Study Committee is Charged With...

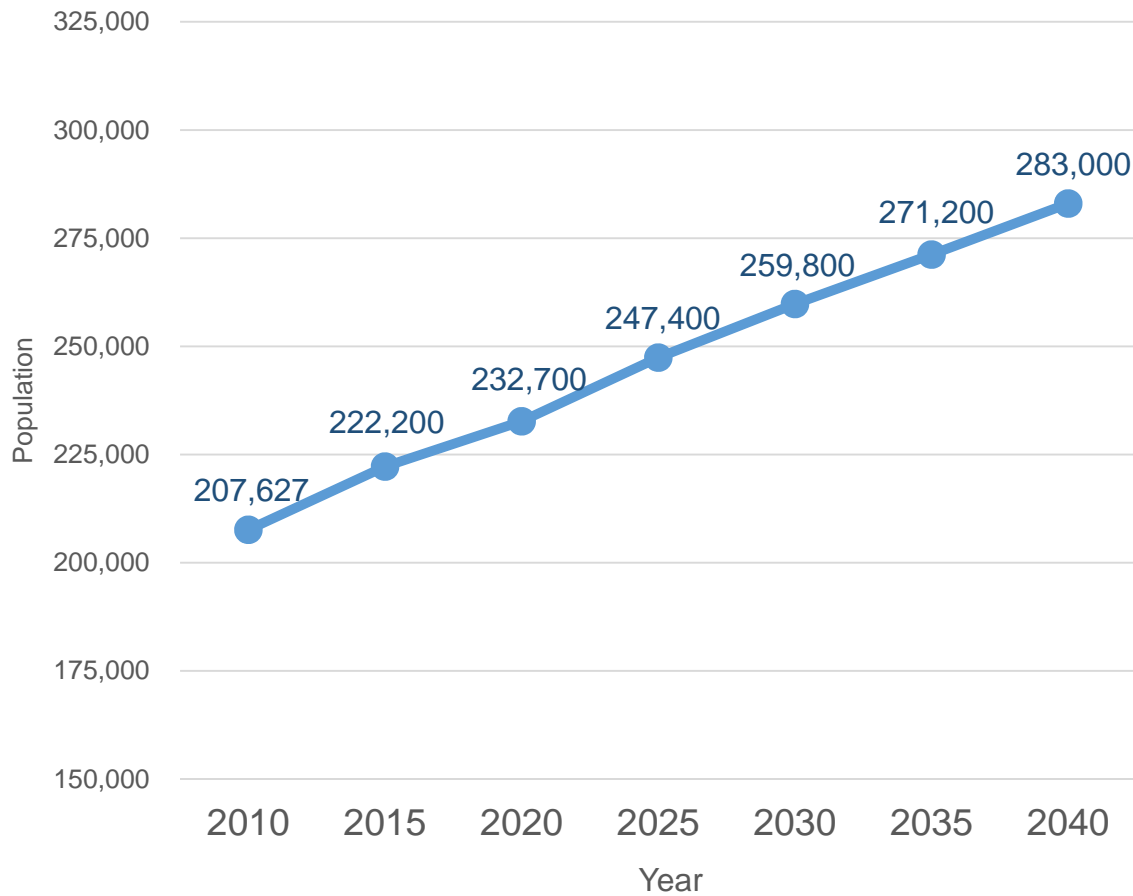
“Identifying strategic community challenges that, if unaddressed, could threaten Arlington’s overall sustainability...

- **A scarcity of land for public facilities**
- **Dealing with changing demographics**
- **A threatened commercial tax base**
- **Strategic facility planning and priority setting**
- **The need to revamp the community dialogue**

Challenge #1

A scarcity of land for public facilities

Arlington's Population Forecast to 2040



Source: MWCOG Round 8.4 Forecast

Change from
2010 - 2040:

**Increase of
Approximately
75,400 people
(+36%)**

Challenge #1 Recommendations

- Make maximum use (and reuse) of the facilities we have
- Encourage joint or shared use of facilities
- Build up, under and over rather than out
- Create “new” land
- Collaborate with other jurisdictions for shared uses
- Establish a land acquisition fund

Challenge #4

A need for strategic planning & priority setting

- What are long term demographic trends?
- What does that mean for future services and facilities?
- How do we plan for that?
- Are we structured to make the hard choices?

Challenge #4 Recommendations

- Create a formal, integrated strategic needs assessment and priority setting process for APS and the County with these three elements:
 - ✓ A Facilities Strategic Planning Committee consisting of two County Board and two School Board members
 - ✓ An integrated staff team including APS and all relevant County departments, and
 - ✓ A Joint Facilities Advisory Commission
- Implement the proposed Public Facility Siting Process

Facility Siting Principles and Process

- **Four phase process:** project management tool to make siting decisions efficiently, effectively, and with ample community input
- Designed to be flexible and can be easily adapted to different situations
 - Finding a site for a known facility need
 - Determining the best use(s) for a known site
- Common set of principles and a process for both County and Schools
- Strong emphasis on civic engagement and communication, especially in the early stages of process