#### MIDDLETOWN/LORD FAIRFAX SEWER AND WATER SERVICE AREA

-INCLUDING 2014 SEWER AND WATER SERVICE AREA (SWSA) EXPANSION

# **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

# MIDDLETOWN/LORD FAIRFAX SEWER AND WATER SERVICE AREA

Lord Fairfax Community College (LFCC) is a comprehensive, multi-campus public institution of higher education. Through its three locations — the Fauquier and Middletown Campuses and the Luray-Page County Center — the College serves eight localities in the Shenandoah Valley and Piedmont regions. The localities are the counties of Clarke, Fauquier, Frederick, Page, Rappahannock, Shenandoah and Warren and the city of Winchester.

Frederick County's Middletown Campus is located at 173 Skirmisher Lane, Middletown, Virginia. The Middletown campus has grown since it was founded in 1970 into the campus illustrated in the following site plan.



LFCC is looking to expand its facilities on its current property and on property owned by the LFCC Foundation.

The Middletown Elementary School is located immediately north of Lord Fairfax Community College and is one of eleven elementary schools operated by Frederick County Public Schools serving elementary aged children in Frederick County.

### Middletown/Lord Fairfax SWSA

The Sewer and Water Service Area (SWSA) is an important policy tool used by Frederick County to determine where public water and sewer service may be provided. The Board of Supervisors approves the location of the SWSA boundaries through the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan; the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, and amendments thereto. As a result, properties located within the SWSA may enjoy access to public water and sewer.

The Middletown/Lord Fairfax SWSA has been established to enable the provision of public water and sewer in the area north of the Town of Middletown to current and future institutional land uses, including Lord Fairfax Community College and the Middletown Elementary School. The supporting map identifies the location of the Middletown/Lord Fairfax SWSA boundary.

Future study of the area surrounding the Town of Middletown may identify additional properties that could be added to the Middletown/Lord Fairfax SWSA, if deemed appropriate by the Board of Supervisors.

The Frederick County Sanitation Authority (FCSA) has the primary responsibility to manage the provision of water and sewer in Frederick County, and therefore, within the SWSA. In some cases, other public entities may serve properties within Frederick County, if approved by the Board of Supervisors. Lord Fairfax Community College currently obtains water from the City of Winchester, and the Town of Middletown receives their wastewater.

The Board of Supervisors, in approving this update to the area plan, expressly stated that the Frederick County Sanitation Authority (FCSA) will be the party responsible for providing water and sewer in this area.

The FCSA has expressed that, at this time, they have no desire to serve this area of Frederick County. However, nothing would preclude the FCSA from serving this area in the future if it is deemed necessary and appropriate. The approval of this plan by the Board of Supervisors would allow the City of Winchester and the Town of Middletown to continue to serve the properties with water and sewer, respectively.

It is recognized that properties owned by the State of Virginia are preempted from local control by Frederick County. Frederick County and Lord Fairfax Community College will continue to work collaboratively on issues related to the growth and development in this area of Frederick County.

#### Land Use

Frederick County uses the 2030 Comprehensive Plan to guide the future land uses. The Town of Middletown's Foresight Middletown plan, which was

adopted into the Town's Comprehensive Plan in 2005, guides the future land uses within the Town and was considered when drafting this plan.

The area encompassed by the Middletown/Lord Fairfax SWSA is envisioned to promote the continued growth of institutional land uses that enhance the existing educational institutions; Lord Fairfax Community College and the Middletown Elementary School. To that end, the plan calls for the establishment of approximately 140 acres of institutional land use that will serve the citizens of Frederick County and the broader region.

Institutional land uses are defined as a nonprofit or quasi-public use or institution, such as a church, library, public or private school, hospital or municipally owned or operated building, structure or land used for public purposes. Institutions of higher education are defined as an educational institution whose primary purpose is to provide a collegiate or graduate education.

# **Transportation**

The Middletown/Lord Fairfax SWSA is immediately north of the Town of Middletown and is bounded by Route 11, Valley Pike, to the west, and Interstate 81 to the east. Access to the area is via Route 11, Valley Pike. Route 11, Interstate 81, and Exit 302, are strong assets to the areas' transportation network, and to the success of the institutional uses envisioned for this area. It will be important to ensure the function of this transportation network.

In rapidly growing areas, as noted in the Foresight Middletown plan, controlling and coordinating the number, design and location of new access points to major roadways is critical to maintaining the safety and capacity of the road system as traffic volumes increase. Accordingly, access to Valley Pike, Route 11, should be managed and limited. In the future, internal connections within the institutional land uses should be considered. In addition, the primary route to this area from Interstate 81 should be enhanced to safely and effectively manage the traffic and to reflect the Foresight Middletown plan as a means to create an attractive entrance to the Town and this developing area.

Consistent application of Comprehensive Plan goals to achieve an acceptable level of service on area roads and overall transportation network, level of service C or better, should be promoted. Further, efforts should be made to ensure that additional degradation of the transportation beyond an acceptable level of service shall be avoided. Consideration of future development applications within the study area should only occur when an acceptable level of service has been achieved and key elements and connections identified in this plan have been provided.



	Are	Area Plan			
					linfo.v
	_			n / Lord Fa	
Sewer and Water Servi	ce Area		Sewer and W	later Servi	ce Area
Land Use Legend	_	Urban Center		later Servi	ce Area
	W Heavy Industrial	Vrban Center	Sensitive Natural Areas	Vater Servi	ce Area
Land Use Legend	Heavy Industrial	Neighborhood Village		Vater Servi	ce Area
Land Use Legend Business Mixed-Use	Heavy Industrial Mixed Use Industrial \ Office Extractive Mining	Neighborhood Village	Sensitive Natural Areas	Vater Servi	ce Area
Land Use Legend Business Mixed-Use Mixed Use Commercial \ Office	Heavy Industrial Mixed Use Industrial \ Office Extractive Mining Residential	Neighborhood Village	Sensitive Natural Areas Sensitive Natural Areas Fire & Rescue Institutional School		ce Area
Land Use Legend Business Mixed-Use Mixed Use Commercial \ Office	Heavy Industrial Mixed Use Industrial \ Office Extractive Mining	Neighborhood Village	Sensitive Natural Areas Fire & Rescue Institutional School Rural Community Center	N W S E Comprehensive Po	