



Arlington County Trades Center Optimization Study

What is the Trades Center?

The Trades Center is a 38-acre site located in Shirlington, owned and operated by Arlington County and Arlington Public Schools. The site provides critical support services and emergency services to our community.

- [Department of Parks and Recreation](#) (DPR) – Maintains parks, other open spaces and community centers.
 - [Department of Environmental Services, Equipment Bureau](#) (DES) – Repairs/maintenance of all County vehicles, motorized equipment and buses
 - DES - [Water Sewer, Streets Bureau](#) – Operates and maintains water distribution system, storm sewer system and County streets; snow removal operations.
 - DES - [Solid Waste Bureau](#) – Manages collection and processing of refuse, recycling, organic materials and debris.
- DES – [Transportation, Engineering and Operations](#) – Street light and traffic light maintenance; sign design, fabrication and installation.
- APS – [Facilities & Operations](#) – Facilities planning, design, construction and maintenance; school transportation functions.
- [Arlington County Police Department \(ACPD\)](#),
Police Impound Lot
- Arlington County Fire Department (ACFD), Fire Training Academy

Goals of Trades Center Optimization Study

The study will:

- produce preferred plan & provide estimates that may be included in upcoming Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- engage internal & external stakeholders
- utilize feedback from stakeholders to inform recommendations

The study is not:

- a construction project
- a master planning effort
- an implementation plan
- currently funded in the Capital Improvement Plan

Scope of Work

- **Phase I**

- Benchmarking and best practice study based on similar municipalities
- Programmatic needs and analysis
- Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) pricing report

- **Phase II**

- Development of a concept plan to optimize business function & operations
- Presentation of 3 concept site plans
- Cost estimate on selected concept plan with phasing of identified priorities over a 5 to 15-year period

Project Timeline and Engagement - Phase I

Timeframe	Project Milestone/Deliverable	Engagement
Fall 2018 – Spring 2019	Benchmarking, Facilities Review & Best Practices	Project Memo Kickoff
	Space Needs Review & Program	Civic Association Briefings (by invitation)
		Online Feedback Form
		Pop-ups: Monthly Shredding Services (EPRY)
Winter 2019 – Spring 2019	Presentation of Phase I Findings to County/APS	Findings to be posted on project webpage & community informed via listserv, NextDoor, Inside Arlington

Project Timeline and Engagement - Phase II

Timeframe	Project Milestone/ Deliverable	Engagement
Spring 2019 – Summer 2019	Site Optimization Planning	Pop up: Monthly Shredding Services (ECARE)
		Pop-up: EPRY Day – June 8
Summer 2019 – Fall 2019	Presentation of Concept Scenarios to County, APS & Public	Civic Association Briefings (by invitation)
		Walking Tour of Trades/Review of Scenarios (online & in-person)
Fall 2019 – Fall 2019	Development of Final Scenario/Approval to include phasing implementation plan	
Fall 2019 – Winter 2020	Final Presentation to County, APS & Public	Findings to be posted and community informed via listserv, NextDoor, Inside Arlington

Questions?

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