

What's an SSP? And why should it matter to me?

The SSP is the County's Subdivision Staging Plan. Specifically, it seeks to ensure that the County's schools (among other things) **keep pace** with new development.

So, it includes a **school test** to see whether schools are so crowded that developers should pay more school fees or halt development. And, it includes policies that determine what **school payments** developers make.

Why's that matter to you? Well – because **it involves 10s of millions of school construction dollars**. And:

(1) If your school is in a cluster with a lot of development – for example, near Metro: You're likely getting students from turnover in our old neighborhoods, plus more from development! Suggestion: Make sure the SSP results in money for needed capacity – and even school sites.

(2) If your cluster has an old school that has capacity but needs modernization: Odds are, your school's rev/ex has been postponed over and over again, since when money is limited our County funds capacity projects. Suggestion: Make sure the SSP results in money for rev/exes and capacity projects.

(3) If there's a very overcrowded elementary or middle school in your cluster: Since there's a crowded school, but others are less crowded, your cluster probably isn't getting facilities payments or a moratorium due to that overcrowded school. Suggestion: Make sure the SSP includes an individual school test.

(4) Parents in your school may feel that developers as well as homeowners should contribute to school costs. Due to the County's desperate need for school construction, the County Council raised the recordation tax last year. Homeowners are doing their share, but the need for more school construction dollars is still great. Suggestion: Make sure developers pay fees and taxes that cover school construction and school sites.

To help get better development and school construction policies: Please show up at the County Council building, **Tues Sept 13, at 7:30 pm**. Stand up for PTA speakers. Hold signs asking the Council to Make Sure Schools Keep Pace.

Tue Sept 13, 7:30 PM, 100 Maryland Ave, Rockville

Because our Schools Need to Keep Pace