Prince William County Data Center Overlay Comprehensive Review Summary of General Questionnaire
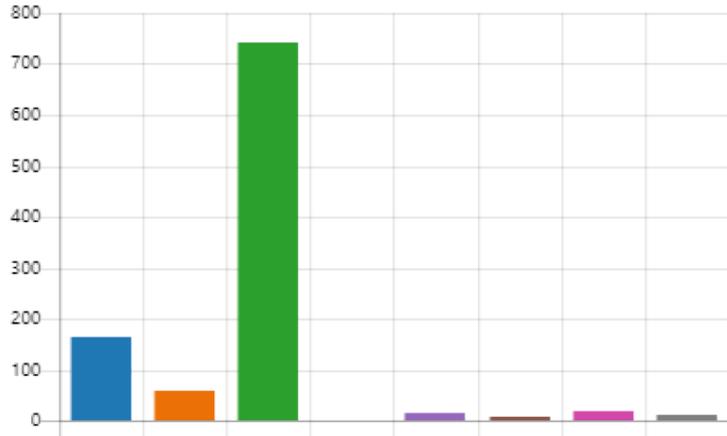
Total Respondents: **1021** | Questionnaire duration: **10/27/2021 - 11/31/2021**

<u>Location of Respondents</u>

Where do you live in the County?

🔵	Brentsville	162
🟠	Coles	58
🟢	Gainesville	743
🔴	Neabsco	1
🟣	Occoquan	15
🟤	Potomac	6
🟣	Woodbridge	18
⚫	Not a County Resident	10

The three top represented district are Gainesville (72.7%), Brentsville (15.8%), and Coles (5.6%).

<u>Internet Connected Devices</u>

How many internet connected devices do you own?

🔵	1-4	446
🟠	5-8	298
🟢	9-12	107
🔴	12+	129
🟣	I do not know.	33

<u>Business in Prince WIlliam?</u>

Do you operate a business in the County

🔵	Yes	105
🟠	No	912

If so, is the business affected by data centers?

🔵	Yes	49
🟠	No	108
🟢	N/A	697

10.3% of respondents operate a business in the County. Of those respondents 46.7% of them identified that their business is affected by data centers.
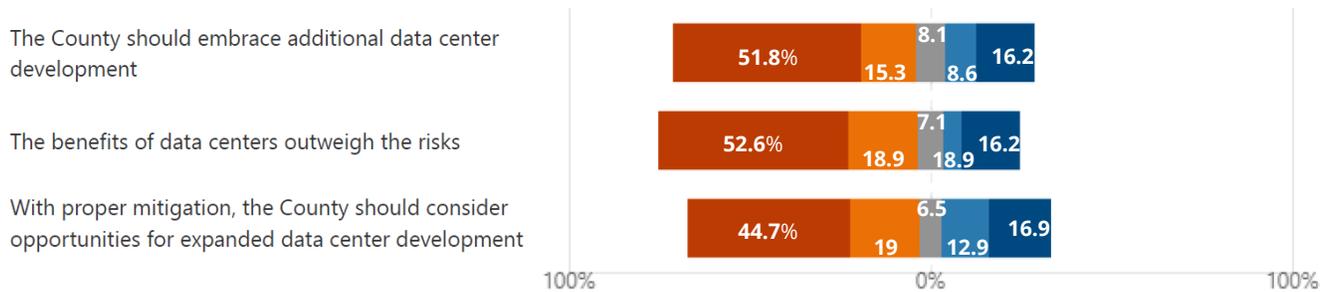
The Board of County Supervisors asked staff to work on the items listed below as part of this Comprehensive Review. Please rank them (top to bottom) in order of importance to you.

First choice ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Last choice

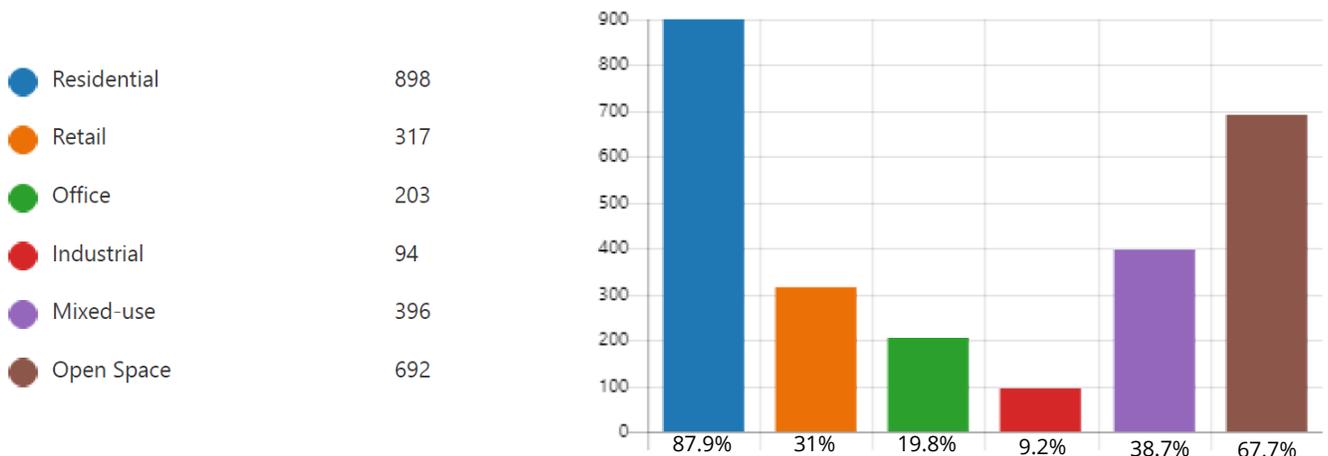| Rank	Options					
1	Infrastructure Impacts (Water, Sewer, Power, and Fiber)	24.8%	39.4%	22.2%	10.9%	2.7%
2	Land Use Impacts including Environmental and Cultural Resources	39.4%	26.9%	12.7%	5.2	15.9%
3	Overlay District Boundary Changes	31.1%	12.7%	20%	21.1%	15.1%
4	Sustainability Guidelines	3.3%	10.6%	28.9%	31.2%	26%
5	Design Guidelines Update	1.3%	10.4%	16.3%	31.5%	40.4%
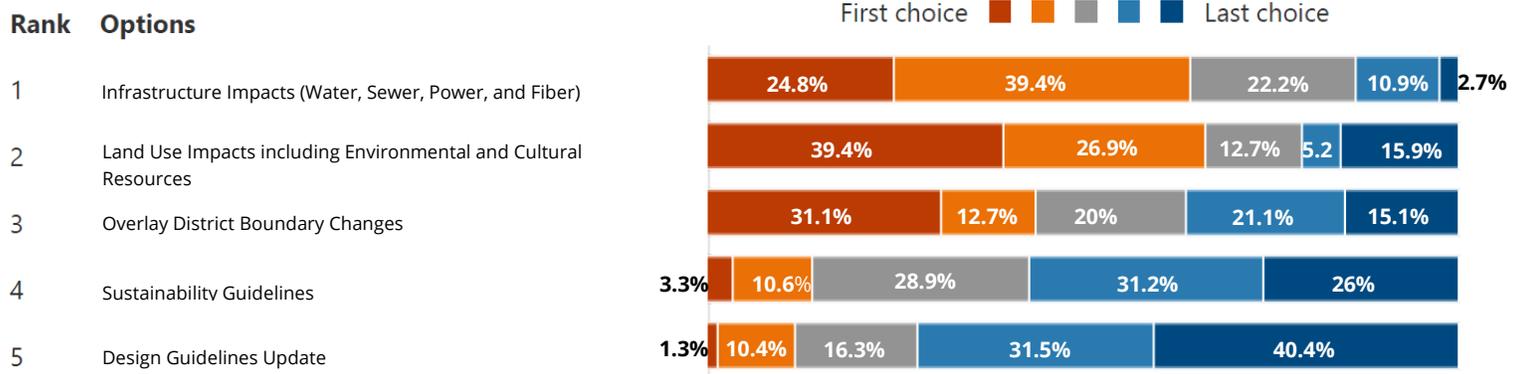
The order above is based on rank choice voting. The order by the top priority of the respondents would be:
(Land Use Impacts; Overlay District Boundary; Infrastructure Impacts; Sustainability Guidelines; Design Guidelines)

Please tell us how strongly you agree/disagree with the following statements:
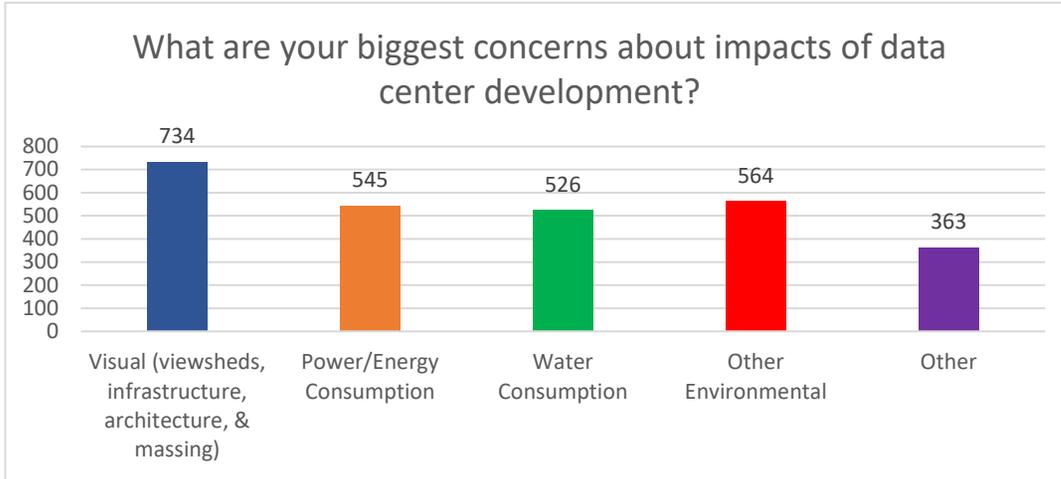
■ Strongly Disagee ■ Disagree ■ Neutral or No Opinion ■ Agree ■ Strongly Agree

Statement	Strongly Disagee	Disagree	Neutral or No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
The County should embrace additional data center development	51.8%	15.3	8.1	8.6	16.2
The benefits of data centers outweigh the risks	52.6%	18.9	7.1	18.9	16.2
With proper mitigation, the County should consider opportunities for expanded data center development	44.7%	19	6.5	12.9	16.9

100%   0%   100%

What land uses do you feel are not compatible with data centers? (Check all that apply)

● Residential	898	
● Retail	317	
● Office	203	
● Industrial	94	
● Mixed-use	396	
● Open Space	692	

87.9%   31%   19.8%   9.2%   38.7%   67.7%

Impacts and Mitigation

What are your biggest concerns about impacts of data center development?

Category	Value
Visual (viewsheds, infrastructure, architecture, & massing)	734
Power/Energy Consumption	545
Water Consumption	526
Other Environmental	564
Other	363

Summary of Other

Rural Area/Agriculture	47	5%
Environmental/Open Space (including Climate Change)	45	4%
Locate on/near existing infrastructure	40	4%
Traffic	36	4%
Property Values	33	3%
No Concerns	32	3%
Land use compatibility	31	3%
Historical/Cultural/Tourism	19	2%
Sound	18	2%
Obsolescence	14	1%

Which of the following elements do you believe could help mitigate impacts of data centers?

Category	Value
Architectural design guidelines	383
Sustainability design guidelines	368
Site design guidelines	415
Transitions (buffers/berms)	444
Height restrictions	413
Other	369
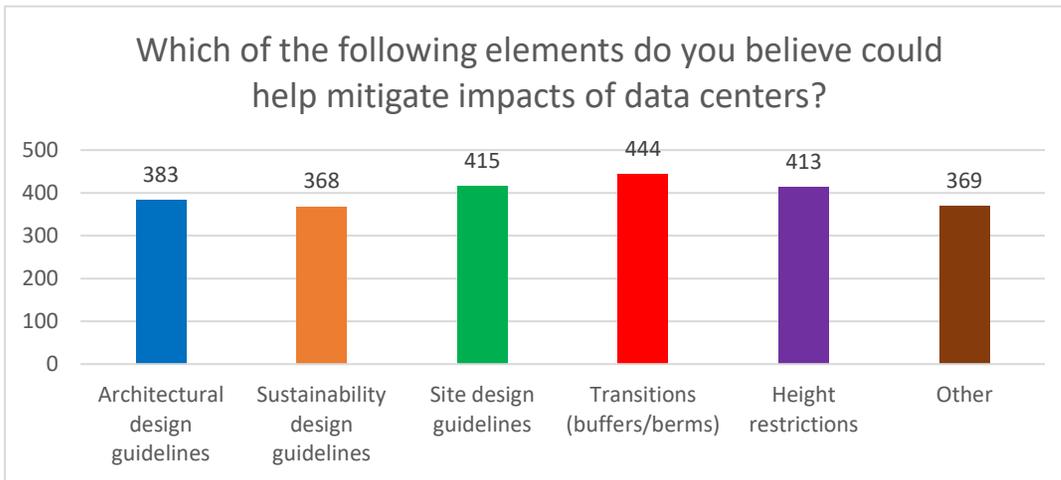
Summary of Other

Location Restrictions*	184	18%
Nothing/do not build	110	11%
General Statement	13	1%
Green energy standards/green building/recycled water	8	1%
Environmental Standards	7	1%
Buffers/Berms	7	1%
Build Underground (Building or power)	7	1%

*Includes limiting data centers to industrial areas

Note: 611 general comments were received in the responses to the questionnaire. These can be found on the project page: www.pwcva.gov/department/planning-office/data-center-overlay-district-comprehensive-review