# **COMMUNITY MEETING**

# Proposed Wireless Infrastructure at Carson Middle School

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May 25, 2010

# Objective

- Provide Background Information
- Review the Proposal
- Review Community Concerns
- Respond to Questions

# **Overall Process**

- Written Request to School
- Submission of Site Plans
- Principal Review and Approval
- PTSA and Faculty Notification
- School Board Member Notification
- Community Outreach and Feedback
- Balloon Fly for Community
- Final Zoning Application
- Planning Commission Hearing
- Board of Supervisor Hearing
- Approval

#### **1. FCPS PROGRAM**

- 2. WIRELESS DEMAND
- 3. PROPOSAL ELEMENTS

### 2003-2010 FCPS Towers Built by Milestone



	School Name	Year
1.	Oakton High School	2005
2.	Edison High School	2005
3.	Annandale High School	2005
4.	Robinson High School	2006
5.	McLean High School	2006
6.	Bryant Alt High School	2006
7.	Hayfield High School	2007
8.	Woodson High School	2007
9.	Centreville High School (2)	2009
10.	Chantilly High School (2)	2009
11.	South County High School	2009
12.	Langley High School (3)	2010
13.	Lee High School	2010
14.	Thomas Jefferson High School (2)	2010
15.	Westfield High School*	

\* Under construction

## FCPS Tower Location Map

Annandale High School **Bryant High School** Centreville High School 1 & 2 Chantilly High School 1& 2 Edison High School Hayfield Secondary School Langley High School 1, 2 & 3 Lee High School Lorton Administrative Center McLean High School Oakton High School **Robinson Secondary School** South County High South Lakes High School 1& 2 T.Jefferson High School 1& 2 Westfield High School Westgate Elementary School Woodson High School



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## **Revenue to FCPS:**

#### Income

•\$25,000 one time tower fee School
•\$5,000 fee for each new carrier School
•\$12,000 annual rent per carrier FCPS → School Share

(40% of total rent revenue)

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**Recipient** 

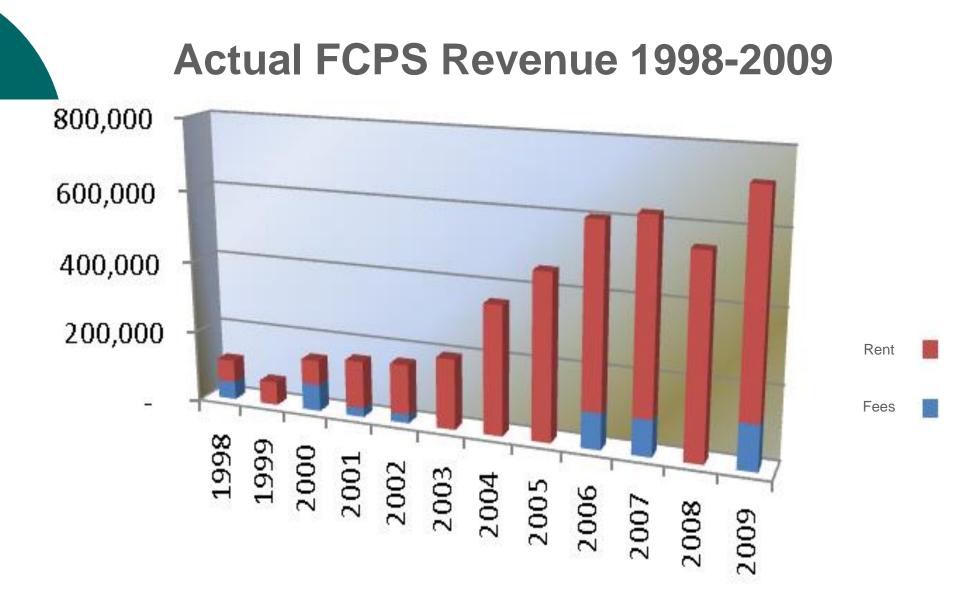
#### Ten Year Total FCPS Income Per Tower: \$400,000+

(assuming three carriers)



## Schools' Use Of Additional Revenue:

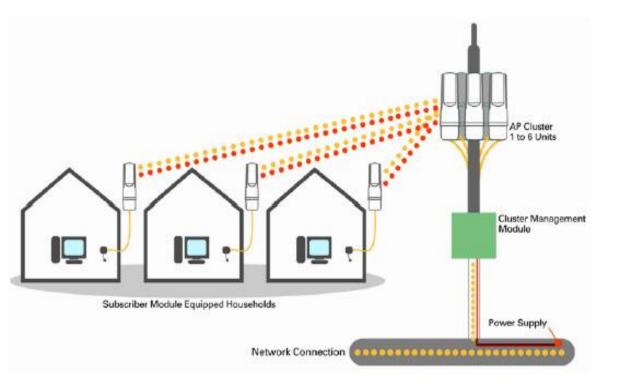
- •Mobile Computer Labs
- Smartboards
- Technology Devices
- •Staff Training
- Educational Equipment



Over <u>\$4.1</u> Million Total Revenue

## School Tower Can Broadcast Internet for 2 Miles

- 1. Broadcast FILTERED Broadband directly to Economically Disadvantaged Students
- 2. Wireless Tower has an Educational Purpose
- 3. Tower can distribute WiFi signal







Actual Antennae Mounted on Robinson Tower

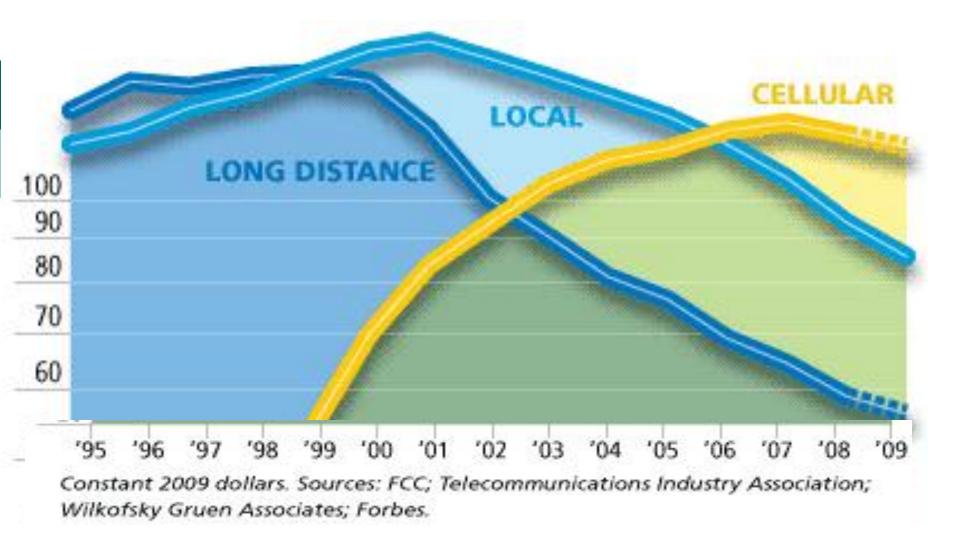


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## First Time in Wireless History... Consumers are Talking Less



## **Mobile Devices are Driving Demand**







Counter clockwise: Amazon Kindle Barnes & Noble "Nook", Garmin GPS, Garmin Phone, Google Phone, iPhone, iPad Blackberry, Wireless USB, Notebook.



**New Mobile** 

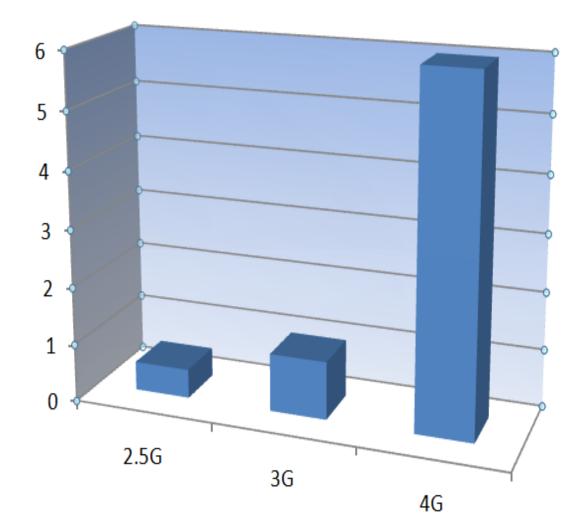
Web Devices

Google

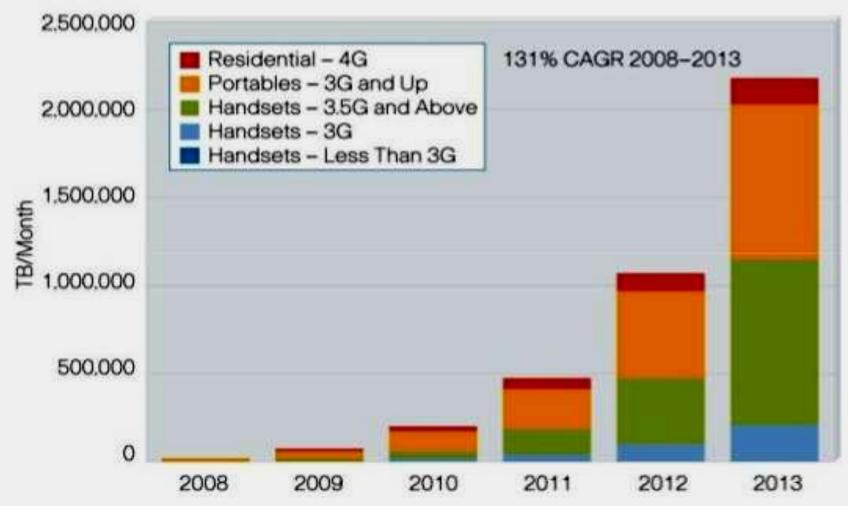
#### **Networks are Getting Faster**







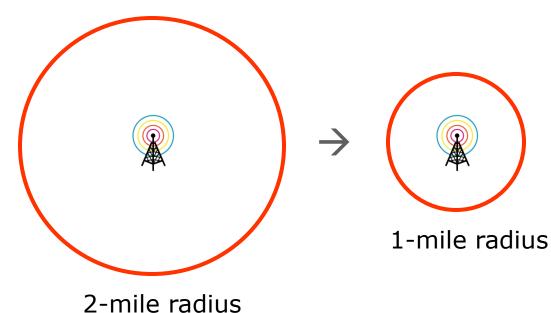
# Mobile Web will Double Data Traffic ANNUALLY



Source: Cisco, 2009

# <u>Summary</u>

- Voice → Data
- Along Roads  $\rightarrow$  In Neighborhoods
- Coverage → Capacity and Speed
- Search Rings Getting Smaller



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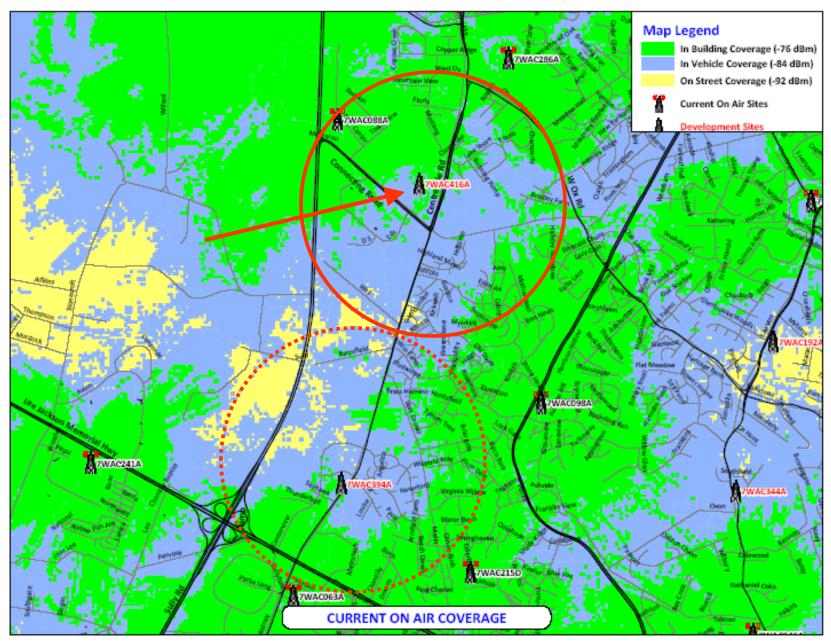
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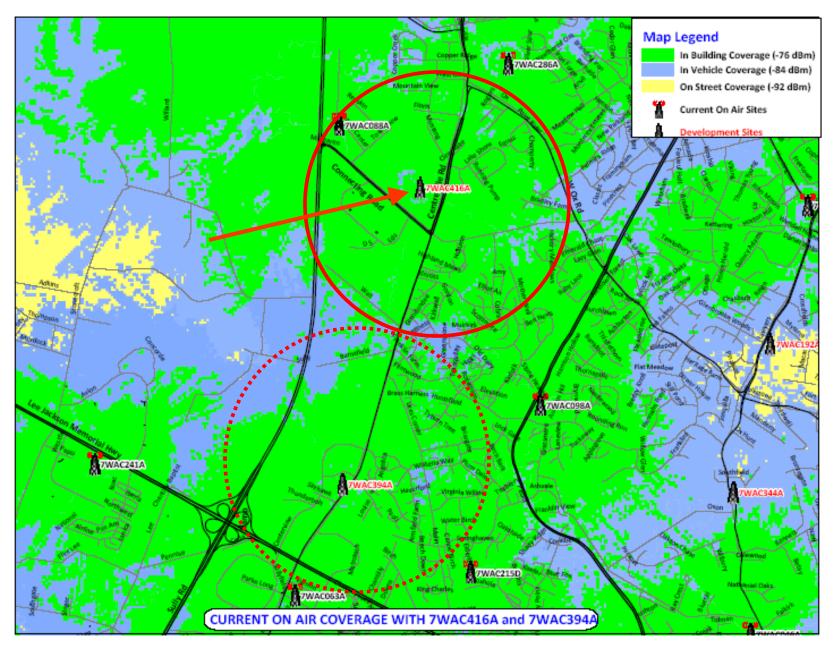
#### **Proposed Location and Search Ring**



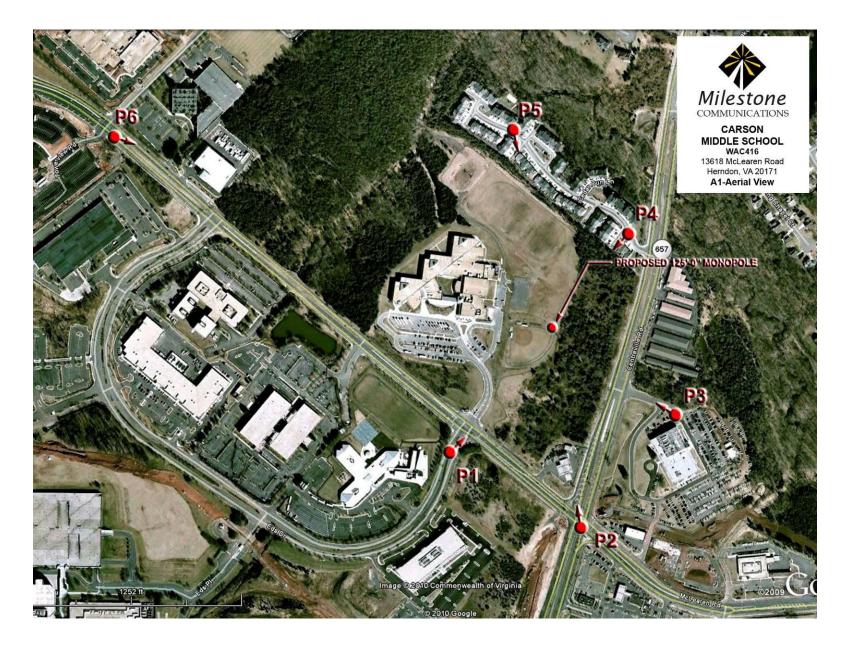
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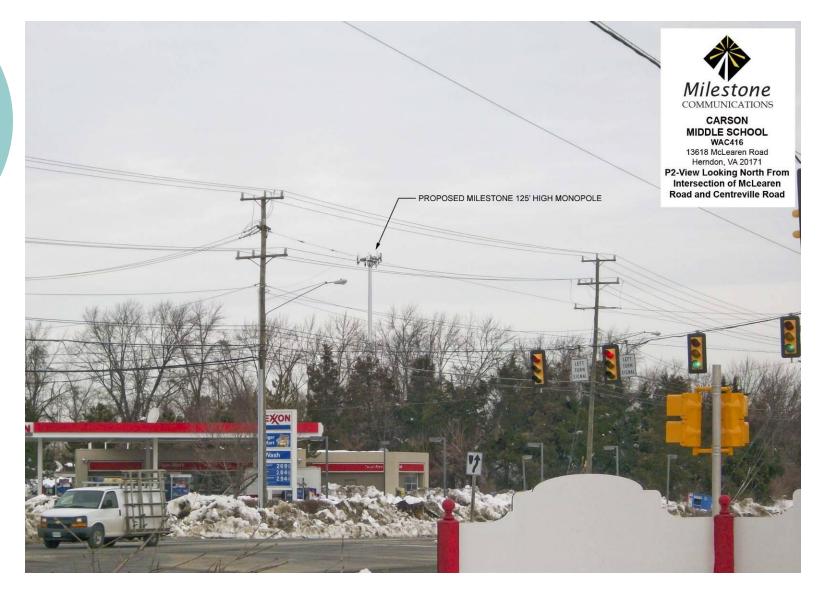
#### **Tower Location Exhibit**



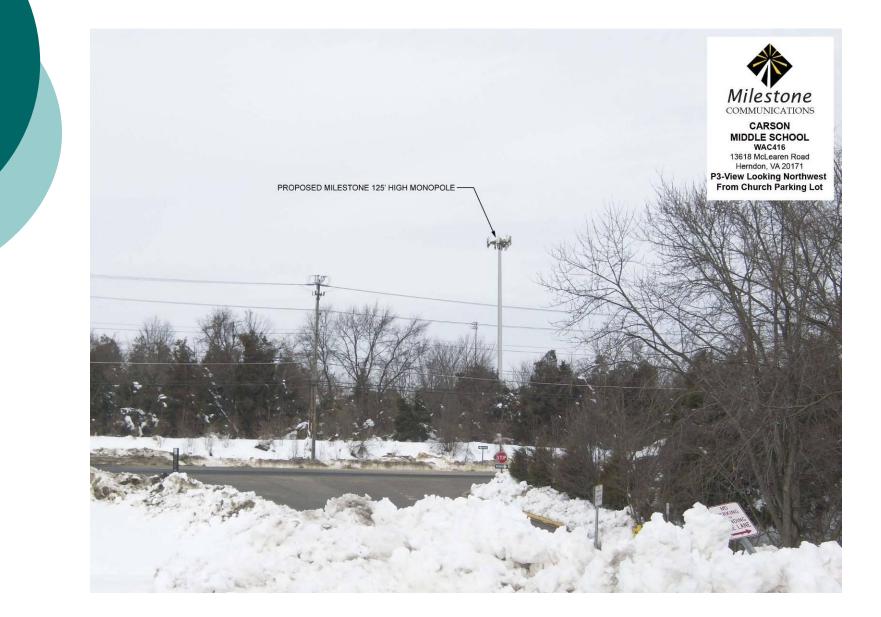
## **P-1 Looking Northeast from Eds Drive**



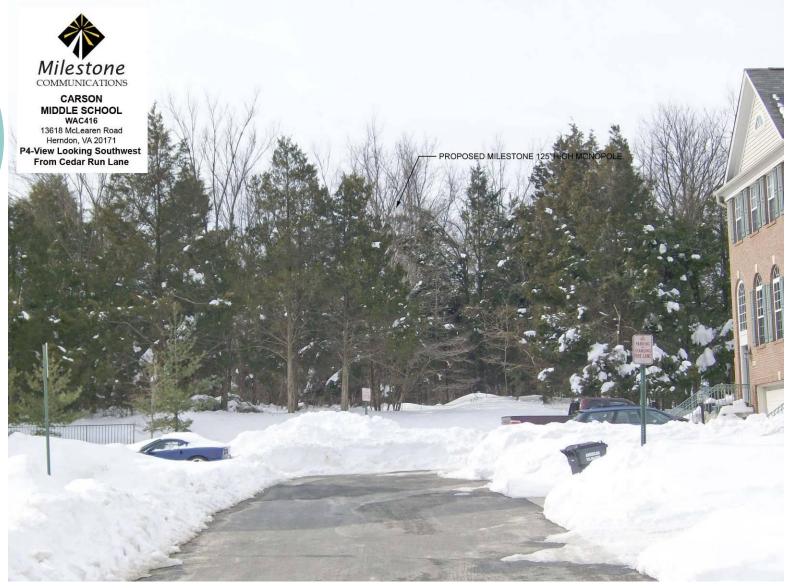
## P-2 Looking North from Intersection of McLearen Road and Centreville Road



## P-3 Looking NW from Church Parking Lot



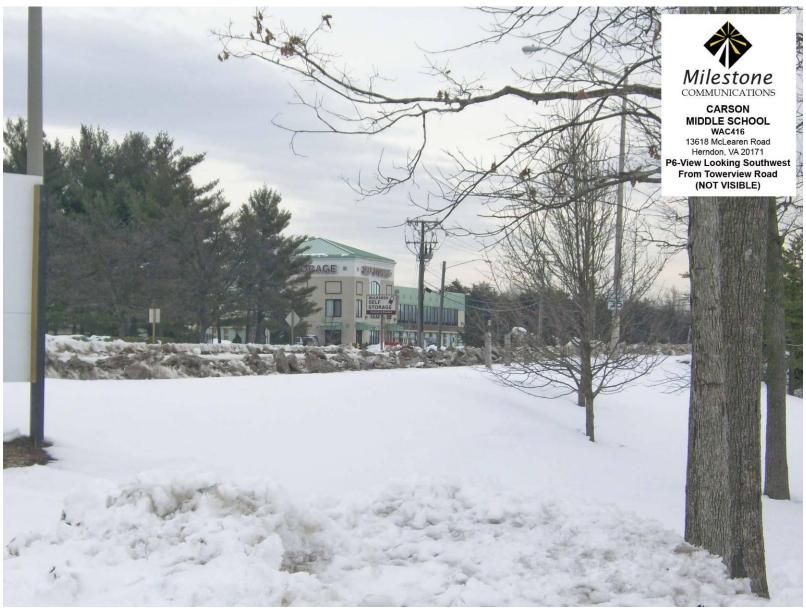
## P-4 Looking SW from Cedar Run Lane



### P-5 Looking South from Cedar Run Lane



## P-6 Looking SW from Towerview Road



#### Community Concerns (HOA Meeting 5/20)

#### Radiofrequency Safety

 $\rightarrow$  RF emanates horizontally from antennas; measured radiation on ground level is 0.1% of FCC limit; equivalent to wireless router, lower than cell phones. Referred to WHO, American Cancer Society reports.

#### Impact on Home Values

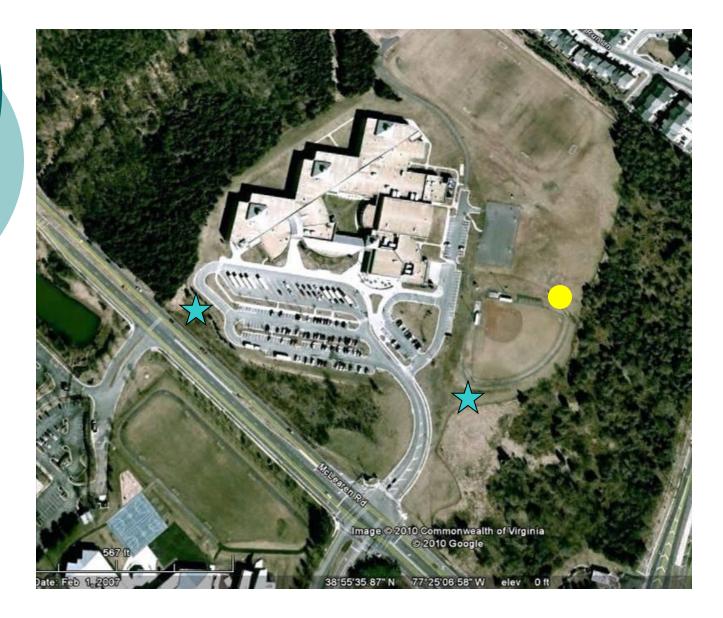
 $\rightarrow$  2010 analysis by Thorne Consultants found no negative impact on home values resulting from monopole views.

- <u>Alternative Sites Considered</u>
- Alternative Location on School Property
- Mitigation of Visual Impact

#### **Alternative Sites Considered by T-Mobile**



#### **Alternative Locations Considered**



#### **Proposed Conditions to Mitigate Visual Impact**



#### LEGEND:



DENOTES AREAS TO BE SUPPLEMENTED WITH ADDITIONAL EVERGREEN SCREENING OF 10'-12' HT.

# Please contact us with questions and concerns.

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## What is Wireless?

- Radio Frequency (RF) Energy Used to Exchange Information
- Similar to Radio and Television: Higher in Frequency but Lower in Power

	Frequency	Power
FM Radio	~100 MHz	Up to 50,000 W
ТV	50-700 MHz	Up to 1 Million W+
Wireless	850-2100 MHz	500-1,000 W

- Broadcast Radius of Wireless is Much Smaller
- Has Been Commercially Used Around Communities for Almost 100 Years

## FCPS RF Health Safety Study

- Wireless Base Station send most of their energy toward the horizon
- Jan 2005: FCPS tested 7 existing tower locations + 7 random locations. Results = all sites tested at <0.1% of FCC limit</li>
- Dec 2009: 2005 Study replicated by Site Safe, RF consulting group. Results confirm safety of 2005 data
- The maximum levels measured from cell towers are similar to the exposure close to a wireless home WiFi access point



## **Are Wireless Towers Safe?**











U.S. Food and Drug Administration Protecting and Promoting Your Health



#### **Examples of Stealth Tree Poles**



## Dozens of New Towers Proposed Proximate to Fairfax County Schools



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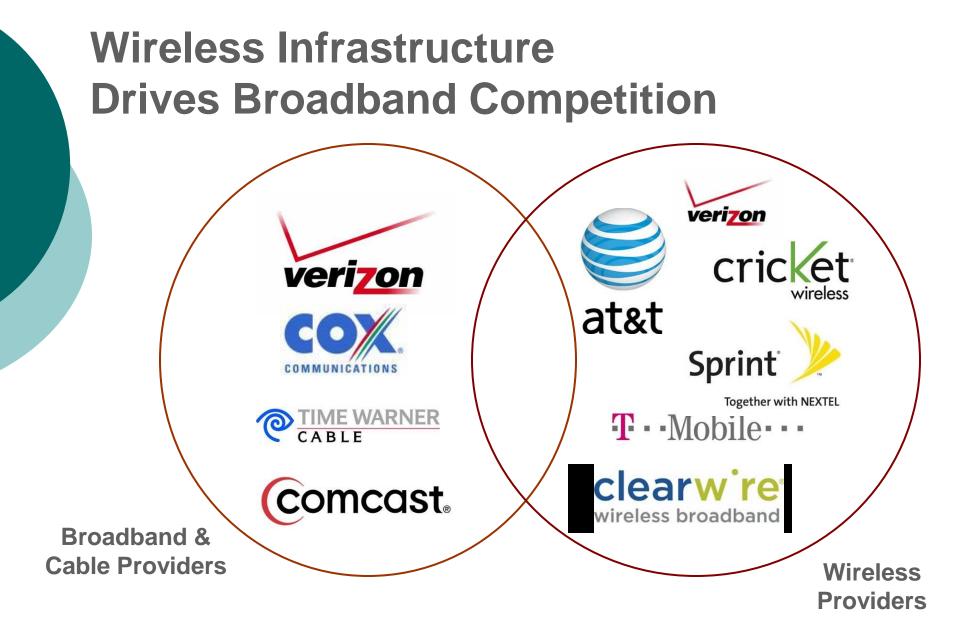
### **Examples of Equipment Compounds**











**Competition = Lower Cost = Digital Divide Narrows** 44

#### FCC plans massive broadband expansion

Proposal would close digital gap between rural and urban areas

#### BY CECILIA KANG

The Federal Communications Commission announced on Monday its long-swaited plan to bring broadband internet connections to every home and business in the United States, part of an ambitious, multibillion-dollar attempt to create a new digit infrastructure for the nation's economy.

The national broadband blan outlines dozens of policy rocommendations aimed at raising the portion of people with highspeed Internet connections to 90 percent, from the current 65 percent, over the next decade and significantly increasing the connection speeds of homes with such service.

Mandated by last year's stimulus legislation, the plan will be presented to Congress on Tuesday and is widely expected to set the FCC's annual for years to come. It would move the commission squarely into the age of the Internet, creating a federal mandate it installing thousands of miles in new fiber-optic cable and erecting many cellphone towers.

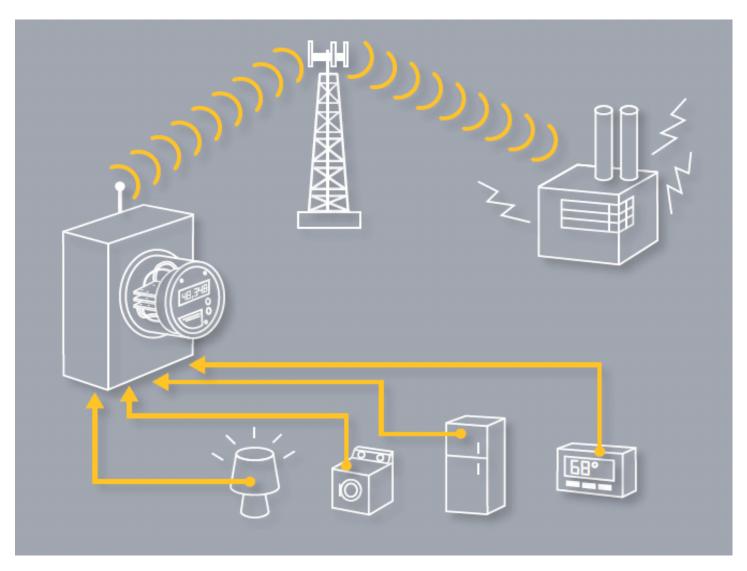
### **FCC Policy Announcement**

"creating a federal mandate for...erecting many cell phone towers".. and "operate a dedicated network for public safety responders" Washington Post 3-17-2010





### Wireless Infrastructure Enables SmartGrid



# **Summary of Benefits**

- Additional School Revenue
- Educational Technology
- Improved Wireless Coverage and Capacity
- More Competition  $\rightarrow$  Lower Prices
- First Responder Network
- Conservation Technology