

3.14 SOCIOECONOMICS - DEMOGRAPHICS COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Comment 3.14-1 (Letter 1, Yorktown Planning Department, June 13, 2005): The DEIS assumes the proposed project will add 30 school age children to the School system. The DEIS does not state what this assumption is based upon. The DEIS assumes proposed project house 123 people. Assuming two adults per household, or 68 adults and 30 schoolchildren, what is assumed for the remaining 25? If it is likely or possible that these may be schoolchildren as well, there should be an analysis of the school tax implications of those higher numbers of schoolchildren. The DEIS does not specify explicitly the spending/per child of the Lakeland District and should verify those numbers.

Response 3.14-1: See Response 3.11-1.

Comment 3.14-2 (David Kiely, Public Hearing, May 9, 2005; Letter 18, Marie and Richard Panella, May 22, 2005): Data used in the DEIS that relies on assumptions of the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) *Development Impact Assessment Handbook* is not up-to-date. This publication is from 1994. Updated rates should be applied for the calculation of community facility and other project-related impacts. It is ridiculous to see a claim in the DEIS that there would be less than one school aged child per home. The proposed homes have four bedrooms. You couldn't possibly believe that people will buy a four bedroom house because they have small families.

Response 3.14-2: See Response 3.11-1.

Comment 3.14-3 (Letter 15, Ann B. De Felice, May 22, 2005): With a plan for 34 houses, going to the national average of children per household at 1.3 that would mean a minimum of 44 children. This would entail at least 2 more teachers at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School since most of the homeowners will probably have small children. With salary and benefits, the minimum impact on the Lake land School District for these two teachers would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$110,000. With 44 children you would need another bus on the route with the cost of driver and fuel and possibly a new bus.

Response 3.14-3: See Response 3.11-1.