



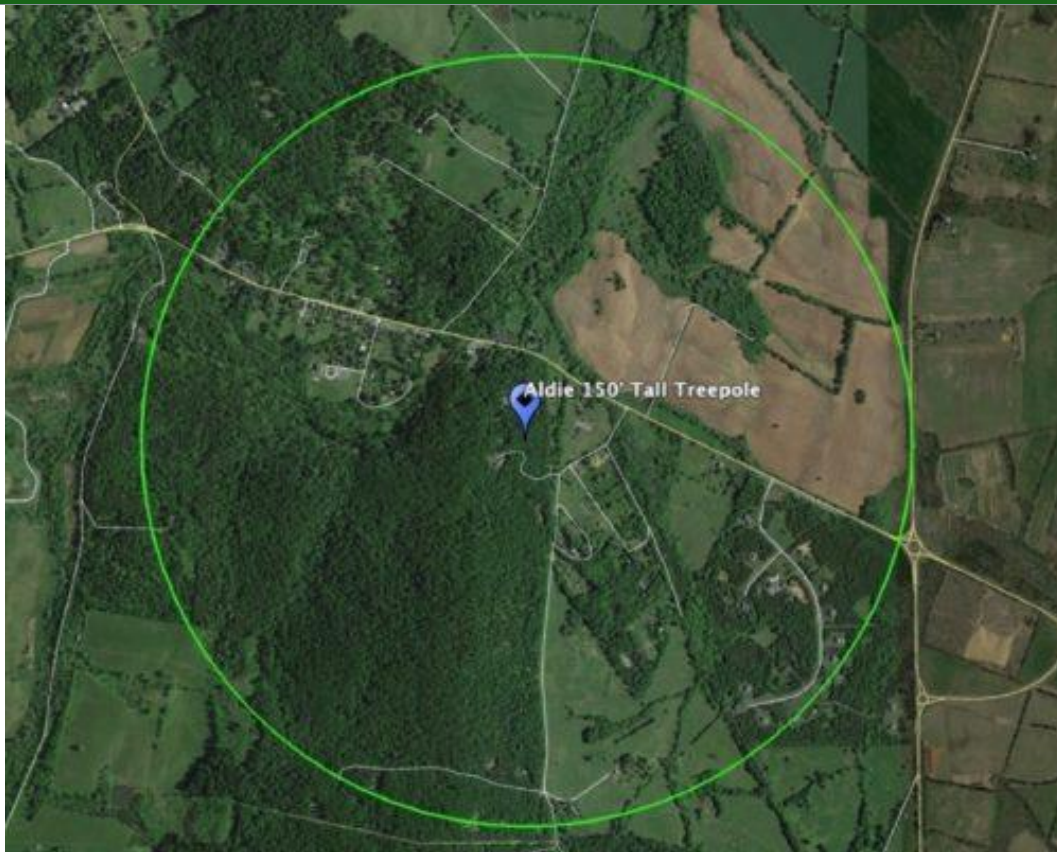
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NewsFlash



"Invisible Towers" to Host Open House Meeting in Village of Aldie Tomorrow for Possible Cell Tower Application

Residents are encouraged to attend to learn more about the company's plan:

**Tuesday, February 5th
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Aldie United Methodist Church
39325 John Mosby Hwy
Aldie, VA 20105**



In 2012 - in response to resident concerns regarding a lack of broadband and cellular coverage - the Communications Commission identified under/un-served areas of rural Loudoun. The Village of Aldie and surrounding area was identified as an under/un-served area and subsequently given a Proposed Communications Tower Development Area 4 ("PCTDA 4") designation.

Though Verizon FiOS has since extended service to homes and businesses within the Village of Aldie, that service has not addressed the need for improved cellular coverage in and outside of the Village, or for improved broadband service outside of the Village.

The company "Invisible Towers", believes it has identified a location that would materially improve broadband and cellular services in and around the Village, while balancing the visual impact to the areas rural, historic and scenic assets. The company's proposed cell tower location is a 10.6 acre parcel covered by an 80 to 90 foot tall mature tree canopy. The company proposes to install a 148' tall cell tower disguised as a pine tree. The company believes this broadband and cellular tower would accommodate four wireless and broadband service providers.

Click [here](#) to view the company's webpage regarding this possible project.

I want to be clear that county has not yet received a formal application from Invisible Towers requesting permission to move forward with this plan. Should the company decide to move forward with this plan, it will need to apply for Board of Supervisor consideration of Special Exception (SPEX) and a Commission Permit applications. Should the company submit the required applications and supporting documents, the following process will occur:

- County staff will complete an administrative review of the submitted application. Once County staff has confirmed that all required paperwork has been submitted in proper form, it will officially "accept" the application.
- County staff "acceptance" of the properly submitted application will begin a timeline; whereby, the Board of Supervisors must make a final approval or denial decision of the Special Exception and Commission Permit applications within 120 days of "acceptance".
- A Public Hearing before the Planning Commission will be held; whereby, the Planning Commission will approve or deny the Commission Permit request, and make an approval or denial recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Special Exception application.
- A Public Hearing before the Board of Supervisors will be held.
- A Board of Supervisors Business Meeting will be held; whereby, the Board will ratify or overturn the Commission Permit (supposing it was previously approved by the Planning Commission), and approve or deny the Special Exception application.

Note: This project is within the County's Limestone Overlay District; therefore, the company will be required to conduct specialized geological work in order to ensure structural safety and compliance with all applicable county, environmental, and construction standards.

All my best,



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