

Comprehensive Planning

- Required by Code of Virginia
 - Minimum it must do
 - Ideal that it could do
- Where do we want to go? (and/or maintain)
- How do we do that starting now together?

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PC shall make careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of:

- the existing conditions and trends of growth, and
- the probable future requirements of its territory and inhabitants.

With the purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development to . . . best promote the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity and general welfare of the inhabitants, including the elderly and persons with disabilities.

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Required by Code of Virginia to study and survey:

- Use of land
- Preservation of agricultural and forestal land
- Production of food and fiber
- Characteristics and conditions of existing development,
- Trends of growth or changes,
- Natural resources, historic areas, ground water, surface water, geologic factors, population factors, employment, environmental and economic factors, existing public facilities, drainage, flood control and flood damage prevention measures, dam break inundation zones, the transmission of electricity, road improvements, and any estimated cost thereof, transportation facilities, transportation improvements, and any cost thereof, the need for affordable housing

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 - It shall designate existing or proposed **Public Facilities**
 - It shall include a **Transportation Plan** which may include roadways, bicycle accommodations, pedestrian accommodations, bridges, and public transportation facilities.
 - It shall include: an **Affordable Housing Plan** with areas and measures for the construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of affordable housing, which is sufficient to meet the current and future needs of residents of all levels of

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 - It shall further incorporate principles of . . . traditional neighborhood development, which may include
 - (i) pedestrian-friendly road design,
 - (ii) interconnection of new local streets with existing local streets and roads,
 - (iii) connectivity of road and pedestrian networks,
 - (iv) preservation of natural areas,
 - (v) satisfaction of requirements for stormwater management,
 - (vi) mixed-use neighborhoods, including mixed housing types,
 - (vii) reduction of front and side yard building setbacks, and
 - (viii) reduction of subdivision street widths and turning radii at subdivision street intersections.

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The comprehensive plan shall recommend methods of implementation and shall include a current map of the area covered by the comprehensive plan. Unless otherwise required by this chapter, the methods of implementation may include but need not be limited to:

- 1. An official map;
- 2. A capital improvements program;
- 3. A subdivision ordinance;
- 4. A zoning ordinance and zoning district maps;
- 5. A mineral resource map;
- 6. A recreation and sports resource map; and
- 7. A map of dam break inundation zones.

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- Allowed by Code of Virginia
 - Designating “Growth Areas” (or Urban Development Area) where want most new growth to be.
 - To the extent possible, state and local transportation, housing, and economic development funding shall be directed to the urban development area.

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- Ideal that it COULD do:
 - Chart course for a sustainable future in terms of natural resources, economy, health/social, transportation, food, energy
 - Coordinate Town and County planning
 - Be a grassroots strategic plan that coordinates among various public and private groups to avoid duplication of effort and maximize participation and effectiveness

Sample

Goal: Maintain Healthy Forests for Ecological and Commercial Benefit

Objective: Keep remaining large forests tracts in at least 40-acre tracts to maintain viability of forest

Strategy: Enable and encourage conservation-development (cluster)

Actions by Whom by When