

Introduction

The Comprehensive Plan provides a guiding vision for the physical development of a locality. All Virginia localities are required to adopt a Comprehensive Plan and to review the plan for necessary updates every five years. For more about the process, visit the project website at: <https://www.dinwiddieva.us/1323/Comprehensive-Land-Use-Plan-Update-2021>

Agenda

1. Progress Update
2. Draft Review
 - a. Chapter 4: Housing and Communities
 - b. Chapter 5: Transportation
 - c. Chapter 6: Economic Development
3. Next Steps
 - a. Planning Commission Strategy Review

Draft Chapter Summary

1. Housing and Communities

Chapter 4 provides an overview of existing conditions of Dinwiddie County's housing stock and residential communities and identifies important trends that the County will need to be mindful of in future years. A new goal statement was created – blending themes from community engagement and the previous and drafted Comprehensive Plan – to include affordability as a necessary characteristic of housing in the County. Strategies in this chapter focus on diversifying the County's housing stock, increasing affordability, maintaining quality of existing homes, and creating livable communities throughout the County.

2. Transportation

Chapter 5 highlights the existing conditions of Dinwiddie County's transportation network, highlighting safety, traffic, and crash data. The chapter also integrates information from existing transportation plans to recommend priority projects for the future. The strategies for this section focus on improving safety for vehicles and pedestrians alike, investing in a multi-modal network, and prioritizing needed transportation projects and improvements. Note that VDOT is required to conduct a Chapter 729 review of the Plan and will do so in late summer / early fall 2022.

3. Economic Development

Chapter 6 highlights the current state of Dinwiddie County's economy, explores current economic drivers, and provides insight as to how the County can continue to build on its current economic assets and opportunities. The text updates and expands on the information from the previous Comprehensive Plan with new information on workforce characteristics and business incentives added. The text also includes a new goal statement and strategies to establish a further priority for workforce development, building the County's brand, and developing industry, tourism, retail/hospitality, and medical services.

Dinwiddie County Comprehensive Plan Update
 Planning Commission Worksession #2
 June 8, 2022



Schedule

The following tentative schedule is planned for the Dinwiddie County Comprehensive Plan Update.

2021	Date	Topics/Actions
October	5	Joint Kickoff with Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission
	27	Public Workshop #1
November	10/16-12/19	Community Survey (paper and online) –
	9	Public Workshop #2 & Stakeholder Meetings
December	16	Public Workshop #3 & Stakeholder Meetings
2022		
February	9	Worksession #2 – Engagement & Diagnostic Review
March	-	Drafting of Plan
April	13	Worksession #3 – About the Plan; About the Community; Natural Environment
May	-	Drafting of Plan
June	8	Worksession #4 – Housing and Communities, Transportation, Economic Development
July	-	Drafting of Plan
August	10	Worksession #5 – Parks, Rec, & Culture, Community Facilities, Land Use
September	-	Drafting of Plan
October	12	Worksession #6 – Final Review & Wrap Up
November	*	Public Open House #1
December	*	Public Open House #2
2022		
January	*	Worksession #7 – Final Review & Revisions
February	*	Final Revisions
March	*	Planning Commission Public Hearing
April		Board of Supervisors Public Hearing

*Dates to be determined