

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. Background and Purpose (10 min)
2. Progress and Schedule Update (5 min)
3. Chapter Overviews and Discussion (90 min)
4. Questions and Next Steps (5 min)

Attachments

- Draft Comprehensive Plan - *Dinwiddie Forward*
- Dinwiddie County Draft Future Land Use Map

Chapter Summaries

1. About the Plan

Chapter 1 provides an overview of the Comprehensive Plan and public input process. The chapter outlines the legal basis of the Comprehensive Plan, discusses the purpose and context of the Plan, and provides a summary of the public input collected through the public workshops, stakeholder listening sessions, and the community survey.

2. About the County

Chapter 2 provides a community overview of the County's history, geography, and demographics. The demographics information serves an important role in informing the needs and policy recommendations that will follow in the remaining sections of the Plan. This chapter also identifies key areas of focus and a vision statement for the future.

3. Natural Environment

Chapter 3 highlights the features of the natural environment that are essential to the health and quality of life of residents, such as climate, topography, sensitive landscapes, and water resources. The strategies for this section address protection of valuable environmental resources, sustainable development, and planning for natural hazards. The text updates and expands on the information from the previous Comprehensive Plan, and the chapter includes a new goal statement and strategies to ensure harmony with nature.

4. 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 blends 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.

5. 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, which will commence following the release of the public review draft.

6. 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.

7. Land Use

Chapter 7 provides an overview of existing land use patterns in Dinwiddie County, with an emphasis on residential growth throughout the County over time and the importance of zoning regulations in impacting density. The chapter also highlights important considerations for the County moving forward such as regional land use patterns and the relationship between smart land use policies and community health. The bulk of the Land Use chapter focuses on the Future Land Use Framework and Future Land Use Map, which provide direction for growth and development in the County over the next twenty years.

8. Community Facilities

Chapter 8 provides an overview of existing conditions of Dinwiddie County's community facilities and identifies important investment priorities for the County to continue providing superior community services and quality of life. Strategies in this chapter focus on enhancing existing community facilities, future investment in Dinwiddie County Public Schools, planning for future public safety needs, continued improvement and development of water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, and responsible planning through local partnerships.

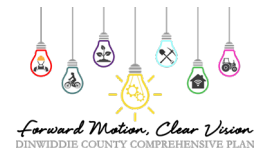
9. Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources

Chapter 9 is a new addition to the County's Comprehensive Plan, highlighting Dinwiddie County's parks and recreation facilities and historic and cultural resources. Complete inventories and maps are provided for both types of assets. Priorities and needs from community engagement are integrated throughout the chapter, as are proposed projects and plans such as the East Coast Greenway, the Appomattox River Park and Trail Master Plan, and the Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan. The strategies for this chapter focus on improvements at existing facilities, continued protection and preservation of historic and cultural resources, advertising and promotions, and future planning, operations, and maintenance.

Dinwiddie County Comprehensive Plan Update

Worksession #5 – Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission

January 11, 2023



Schedule

The remaining schedule is planned for the Dinwiddie County Comprehensive Plan Update. Dates are subject to change.

2023

January

- 11 Worksession #5 – Final Review & Revisions
Board of Supervisors to attend

March

- * Public Review Draft Release; Community Forums (2); VDOT Review

April

- * Final Review Joint Worksession

May

- Plan Refinement

June

- * Planning Commission Public Hearing

July

- * Board of Supervisors Public Hearing

*Dates to be determined