

SHENANDOAH



DON'T BE LEFT OUT, HELP MAKE

A FUTURE TOGETHER



**GUIDE TO THE
COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN**

What's A Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is the north star for a community, the document that guides everyone forward into the future. The Plan is an overarching road-map to describe where a community plans to go for the next 20 years. The comprehensive plan represents the citizen's future vision for the County.

Comprehensive Plans Cover:



Public Education



Internet Service



Public Safety



Housing



The Economy



Much More

Why Have A Comprehensive Plan?

All municipal governments must develop a comprehensive plan every 20 years in order to be in accordance with VA § 15.2-2223. In addition to developing new comprehensive plans every 20 years, municipal governments must update their comprehensive plans every five years, with more comprehensive updates at the ten year mark.

We rely on our comprehensive plan in order to garner funds to repair roads, bridges, and sidewalks and in order to justify grants for improvements to major public services be them personnel or buildings like:



Schools



Internet



Public Safety



Housing



Businesses



Streets



Parks



River Access



Much More

Who's The CAC?



The Citizen's Advisory Committee, or more commonly known as the CAC, was first formed in 2005. They are comprised of 12 citizen members with two representatives from each of the six Electoral Districts of the County and are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The CAC also has a representative from the Planning Commission and is staffed by the County Planner.

The following is a list of the members of the CAC organized by their District and beside their name is the chapter of the Comprehensive Plan they have chosen to take the lead on.

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| District 1 | Vito Gentile, Chair | Chapter VI |
| District 1 | Seth Coffman | Chapter I |
| District 2 | Mike Liskey | Chapter II |
| District 2 | Jacob Bowman | Chapter II |
| District 3 | Jon Bennett | Chapter VIII |
| District 3 | Brad Swank | TBD |
| District 4 | Jessica MacDonald | Chapter VI |
| District 4 | Laura Bennett | Chapter VII |
| District 5 | Rochelle Dornatt | Chapter VII |
| District 5 | Joseph Bayless | TBD |
| District 6 | John Adamson | Chapter IV |
| District 6 | Scott Terndrup | Chapter IV |
| Planning Commissioner | Todd Steiner | Chapter VIII |

Community Collaboration

If this Comprehensive Plan is going to be a community built plan for our County and all those who have a connection to it, we need your help. Here's how you can:

Community Survey

This survey allows everyone to share their voice on the future of Shenandoah County on all aspects including Internet speed, medical services, restaurants, future public buildings, where to hike or hunt or fish, or what views you want your grandkids to be able to see in the future.

Map The Future

Tell everyone what your favorite place is in the County, where you have an idea for how things could be different, and where problems exist on our interactive map.

District Information Sessions

Discussions just like the one you are at are occurring across the County right now. If you have a friend or someone who missed this one, make sure they know.

Community Collaboration Sessions

These are community discussions at the Towns, Neighborhoods, Villages, Hamlets, and other settlement communities across the County. These discussions are meant to help address improvements, concerns, and ideas on the future on the local level as well as County.

Comprehensive Review Sessions

Once a draft Comprehensive Plan for 2045 has been written, the CAC intends to host discussions throughout the County in order to make sure that the vision of the community has been appropriately captured and planned to be implemented.

Timeline For Completion

Preparation

2021

- Studies and reports are prepared.
- CAC members meet with community organizations.
- District Information Sessions are held.

Collaboration

2022

- Community Collaboration Sessions are held.
- CAC closes the community survey.
- Writing begins on a draft Comprehensive Plan.

Review

2023

- CAC members finish /refine draft Plan.
- Community Review Sessions are held for input on the draft Comprehensive Plan.
- CAC members amend and finalize the draft Comprehensive Plan based on public comment.

Refinement

2024

- CAC presents the draft Comprehensive Plan to the Planning Commission and Board.
- CAC amends draft Comprehensive plan and finalizes final Comprehensive Plan.
- CAC presents to Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for final approval.

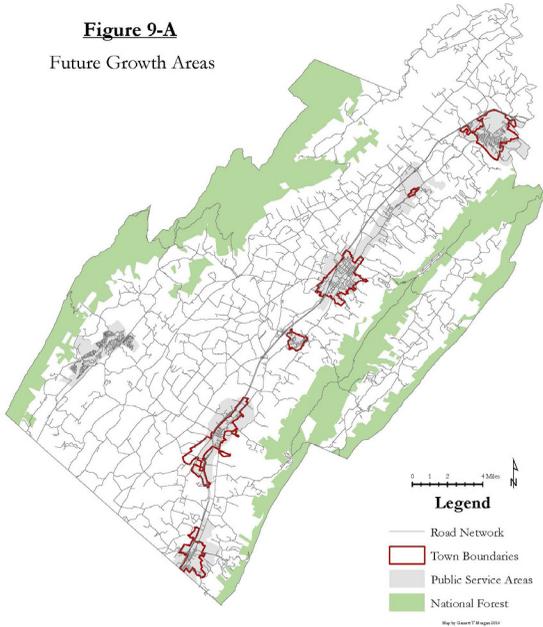
Adoption

2025

- Adoption of the County's fourth comprehensive plan, Shenandoah 2045: A Future Together.
- CAC members begin work on the first five year review to ensure the Plan continues to represent the desires of the citizens in the County.

Current Vision For 2025

Figure 9-A
Future Growth Areas



The following Vision Statement describes in a broad sense what we as a county wanted to be by the year 2025 when the plan was adopted in 2005. In the year 2025, Shenandoah County is and will be a primarily rural community that:

- Protects its natural resources
- Directs its growth to the towns ensuring its open, agricultural character
- Provides a variety of jobs in business, light industry, tourism, and sustainable agriculture
- Maintains moderate growth of a demographically varied population
- Supports safe and efficient interstate transportation and maintains the rural character of its primary and secondary roads
- Affords its students excellent and appropriate education
- Serves its citizens with public facilities and services that enhance their quality of life
- Ensures preservation of its natural beauty and unique, historical character by strictly adhering to the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan.

Chapters Of The Current Plan

Chapter I: Regional Context And History



Historic Homes



Archeology



Historic Sites

Chapter II: Natural Resources



Soil



Geology



Water

Chapter III: Land Use

Provides an overview of the current use of land in the County and projected future use.

Chapter IV: Economy



Industry



Tourism



Small Business

Chapter V: Population

Details the status of the population from age, sex, location, and a potential future population.

Chapter VI: Housing



Quality



Stock



Need

Chapter VII: Community Facilities



Schools



Internet



Public Safety

Chapter VIII: Transportation



Roads



Sidewalks



Public Transit

Chapter IX: Growth Management

Expresses methods of how the community can direct growth and preservation. This Chapter also includes the Future Land Use Map, which informs land use decisions.

Chapter X: Implementation

Gives a list of measurable tasks to be completed in order to address the ideas and vision set forth.

What Can I Do To Help Shape The Future?

- Take the Survey and share on Facebook.
- Take the Map Survey and share on Facebook.
- Sign up for our email newsletter.
- Talk to your Supervisor.
- Share our events on social media.
- Help others attend a meeting.
- Ask your neighbors what could be done to improve the quality of life where you live.
- Stay involved and attend future meetings.

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To access the survey, use your phone camera to scan the QR code below or go to the website link below.

You can also find a copy of the current Comprehensive Plan, the Map Survey, and other materials on the 2045 efforts at the link and QR code below.



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or visit shenandoahcountyva.us/future