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# POLICY MAP MANUAL



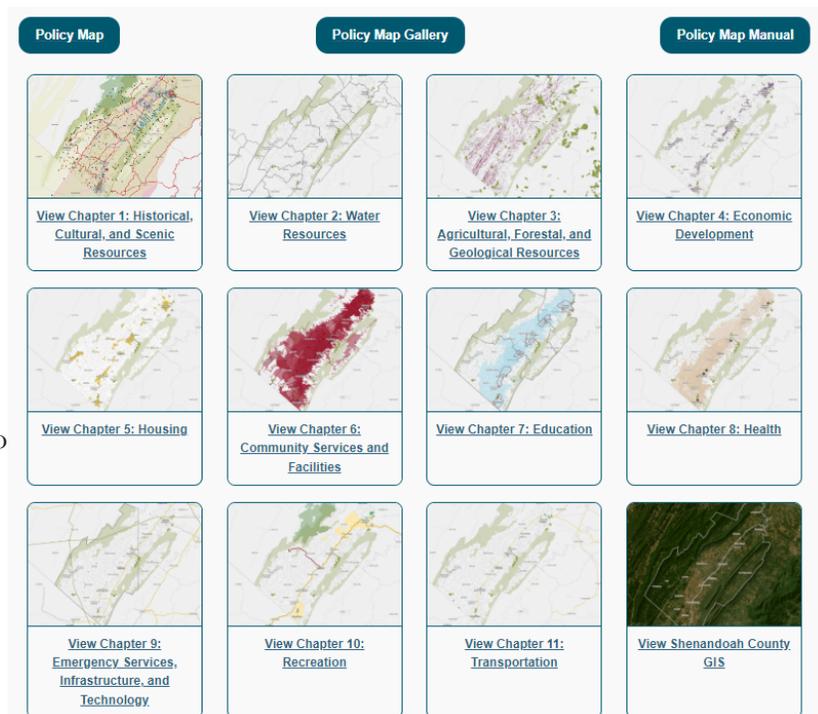
A Time To Plan, A Time To Act



You can access the policy map from the website ([shenandoahcountyva.us/future](http://shenandoahcountyva.us/future)) by scrolling down to, “A Time To Plan, A Time To Act” and clicking on the first tab labeled, “Policy Map.”

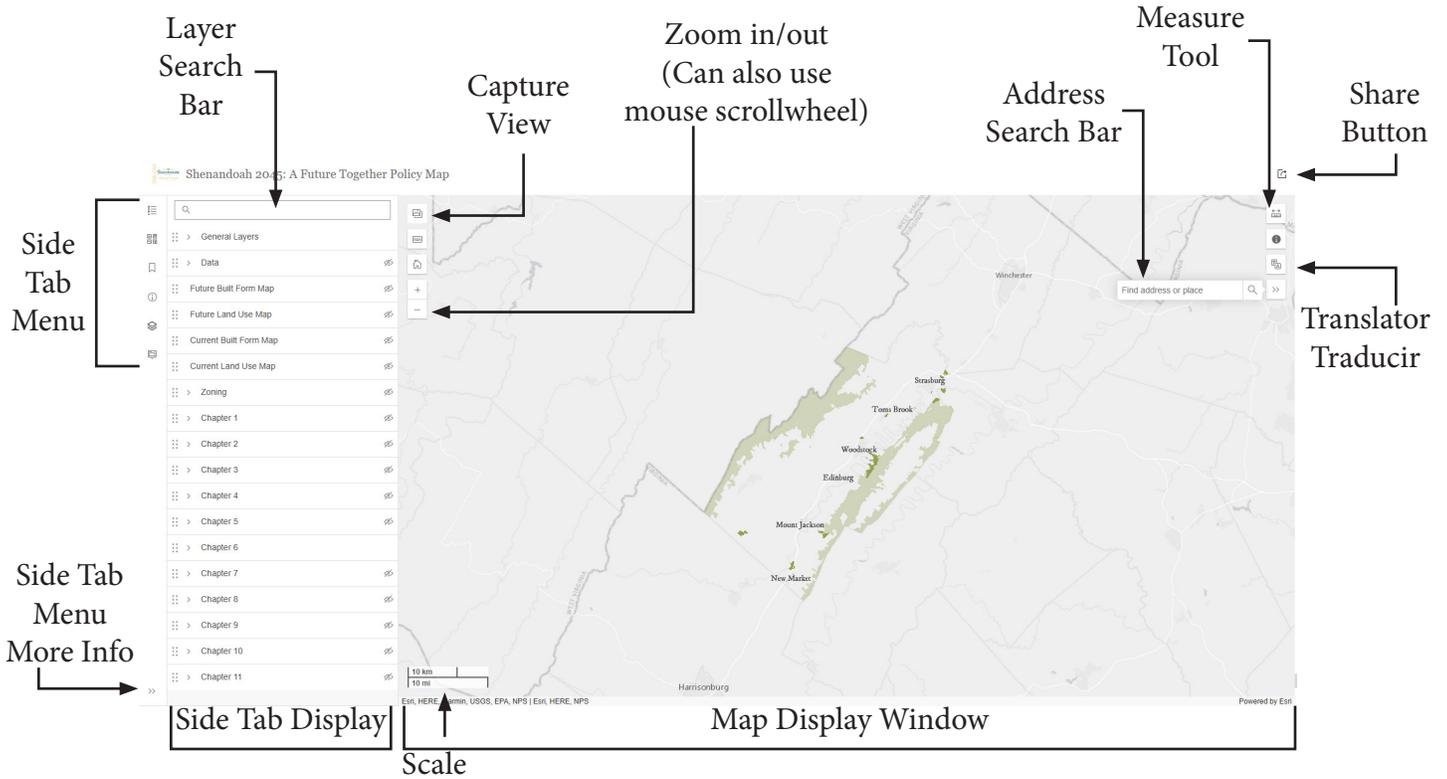
The policy map takes all of the maps from The Report and The Action Plan and puts them in one accessible and interactive space. It also provides each chapter’s maps and information in individual formats with extra data that did not fit into the Comprehensive Plan such as dynamic data updated regularly from the Census Bureau so its easier to base decisions on adopted maps and updated data.

As seen on the screenshot to the right, you are able to select a specific chapter map from the gallery or at the top you can select the “Policy Map” button which takes you to a map with all of the data from all the chapters on it. The button “Policy Map Gallery” is another version



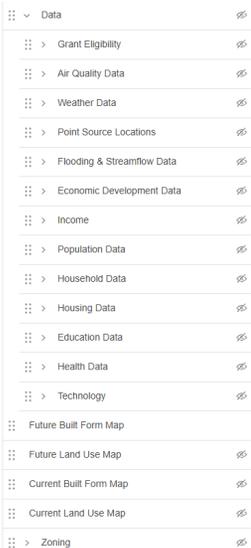
of the gallery with some more interactive features. The final button, “Policy Map Manual” is this guide you are viewing currently. In the gallery of chapter maps there is also the option to be able to go directly to the County GIS map to view the most recent and up to date parcel data. Moving to the back of this guide, go ahead and select a map to test out. For our example purposes we will be showing the composite Policy Map.

After clicking, “Ok” on the popup screen, you should have a map screen like this below:



Once you are familiar with all of the tools on the map, try clicking on the side tab menu options to see these:

- Legend: This shows which layers are currently being displayed on the map as well as a key as to what they look like on the map.
- Basemap Gallery: This is a wide selection of different base maps you can choose from. A base map is the background map which all of the layers sit on top of, and the default one is the white map.
- Bookmarks: You can add bookmarks to places that you are viewing or frequently look at so you can return to them at any point.
- Details: This provides some background on the map as well as all of the maps that are available for viewing.
- Layers: This allows you to go through and turn on and off items on the map. We have all of the layers categorized in folders to make it easier to look at all of one chapter or one chapter’s goals all at once. We recommend turning off layers you are not using as your device may only be able to handle so many layers before the website crashes on your end.
- Info: This will showcase information from a layer as you click on individual objects on the map.



You may spend the most of your time peeling back all of the layers of the map. As mentioned earlier most are associated with individual chapters of the plan but there are some that are additional and available just in this online version. This includes a data dropdown with information that is updated automatically from sources such as the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. There are also copies of the Future Built Form Map, Future Land Use Map, Current Built Form Map, Current Land Use Map, and the Zoning Map available to be viewed and zoomed in and out.

The ability to turn layers on and off will allow you to compare chapters but also compare chapters or other information back to current conditions and what the plan calls for in the future. The possibilities are endless.

Thank you for taking the time to use and learn about our policy map. If you have any feedback on the map or website, please call 540-459-6185.