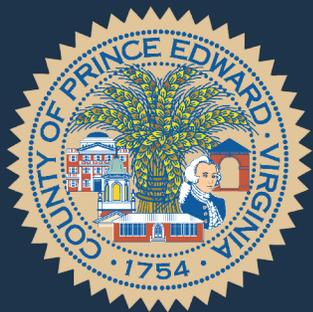


Comprehensive Plan Diagnostic

Prince Edward County, Virginia

October 2023



**THIS PAGE WAS INTENTIONALLY
LEFT BLANK**

Table of Contents

Overview	1
Purpose & Scope	1
Diagnostic Process	2
The Code of Virginia	3
Background	3
Key Findings	4
Best Practices	6
Background	6
Key Findings	7
Next Steps	9
Conclusions	10
Appendices	A-1
Code of Virginia Diagnostic Matrix	A-1
Best Practices Diagnostic Matrix	B-1
Mapping Element Diagnostic Matrix	C-1

Overview

The recommendations included in this diagnostic assess Prince Edward County's 2014 Comprehensive Plan to provide a framework for the plan's update.

Purpose and Scope

A comprehensive plan is a long-range planning document that establishes a vision for the future of a locality. It should be based on a shared community vision and rooted in factual analysis. The plan should be coordinated with other plans and studies, compliant with applicable codes and regulations, and developed using planning best practices. As part of the current comprehensive plan update process, this diagnostic examines the existing plan for compliance with the Code of Virginia and community planning best practices.

The analysis includes the following components:

- Review of the comprehensive plan for conformance with the requirements of the Code of Virginia.
- Review of the comprehensive plan for compatibility with planning best practices.
- Review of existing maps.
- Summary of plan strengths and weaknesses based on code compliance and alignment with planning best practices.
- Assessment of the content, structure, and consistency of the plan for completeness and ease of use.
- Identification of final recommendations for incorporation into the comprehensive plan update.

Diagnostic Process

The planning process began with a kick-off meeting with County staff to discuss the existing 2014 Comprehensive Plan, along with community goals and challenges. This meeting identified progress since the last plan update, additional community resources and initiatives, and key areas of concern.

The diagnostic process included a comprehensive review and evaluation of the existing plan by the County’s consulting staff, the Berkley Group. The consultant team assessed conformance with the Code of Virginia, identifying each code requirement by type (mandatory or optional) and summarizing the plan’s effectiveness in meeting these requirements. The team also assessed the plan’s effectiveness in meeting the standards of the American Planning Association’s (APA) *Best Practices for Comprehensive Plans*. These best practices are the result of a four-year effort by the APA to define the role of comprehensive

plans in addressing the sustainability of human settlements and serve as a resource in the preparation of comprehensive plan updates. Finally, this report summarizes considerations to better comply with the Code of Virginia and strengthen the effectiveness of the plan.

These recommended changes will be discussed with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors as a roadmap for an updated comprehensive plan that improves the ability of public officials, citizens, and stakeholders to build their visioned community. Each diagnostic matrix is located in the appendix of this report for easy reference and examination.

Report Resources

Click the linked pages below to explore the resources used in this report.

- [The Code of Virginia >>](#)
- [APA’s Best Practices for Comprehensive Plans >>](#)
- [Prince Edward County 2014 Comprehensive Plan >>](#)

The Code of Virginia

Prince Edward County's 2014 Comprehensive Plan includes broad coverage of typical planning topics required by the Code of Virginia, as well as detailed planning for topics important to the community, such as agricultural and rural preservation. Improvements to the Plan will build on the aspects that work for the community, clarify those that need refinement, and bring the entire plan into compliance with the Code of Virginia and acknowledged planning best practices.

Background

Under § 15.2-2223 of the Code of Virginia, every locality is required to adopt and maintain a comprehensive plan for the territory that it governs. Once adopted, this plan must be reviewed at least once every five years. This ensures that local governments continue to evaluate changing community needs and actively work to achieve the goals identified in the plan.

The Code of Virginia establishes required and optional elements for adopted comprehensive plans. For example, the Code requires elements such as a description of future community trends, a transportation plan, and recommendations to promote the development and maintenance of affordable housing, including manufactured homes. Some optional elements in the Code include a description of future facilities development,

identification of existing facilities (such as parks, sports fields, hospitals, schools, etc.), and the designation of historical or urban renewal areas. This diagnostic includes a matrix, located in Appendix A, that categorizes each part of the Code by type (mandatory or optional) and includes an analysis with recommendations based on review of the existing plan.

At least once every five years the comprehensive plan shall be reviewed by the local planning commission to determine whether it is advisable to amend the plan.

-Code of Virginia § 15.2-2230

State Code Compliance: Key Findings

Prince Edward County's 2014 Comprehensive Plan includes broad coverage of typical planning topics required by the Code of Virginia, as well as detailed policies for topics important to the community, such as agricultural and rural preservation. Updates to the Plan will build on the aspects that are working for the community, clarify those that need refinement, and bring the entire plan into compliance with the Code of Virginia and acknowledged planning best practices.

Improvements to address Code of Virginia requirements will focus on updating information to reflect current data, incorporating new studies and regional plans, documenting recent and planned capital improvements, conducting a thorough analysis of transportation needs and priorities, reviewing development plans and policy strategies for changes based on public engagement and direction from Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, and developing a targeted implementation plan with clear strategies and priorities. Key recommendations from the Code of Virginia analysis include the following:

- The plan should be updated to show current community conditions and data, using the most recent available information from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Weldon Cooper Center, Virginia Employment Commission, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and other state/federal sources.
- Certain growth areas near the Town of Farmville and/or village centers around the County may be appropriate for Urban Development Area (UDA) designation. If desired, one or multiple UDAs can be designated within this plan update.

Community Data & Analysis:

Data should be updated to reflect a current community profile. Profile elements should include such topics as regional and local population trends, general demographics, income, poverty, unemployment, housing vacancy, age of housing stock, and other applicable demographic, economic, and housing data. Maps and graphics will help in visualizing this information and to help create a more engaging plan.

Code Compliance: Findings (Continued)

- Affordable housing is addressed, but can include additional information on affordable housing alternatives (such as accessory dwelling units), workforce housing, aging in place, and manufactured housing. Resources for housing maintenance and first time homebuyers should also be referenced, such as grants and programs available through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).
- The transportation component of the plan contains a wealth of information and incorporates state and regional transportation considerations. Additional references to connect transportation needs to land use, particularly near growth areas and village centers, should be included to give clear direction for future transportation priorities.
- Community engagement, such as workshops and surveys, should be updated to reflect current community needs and desires. While the current plan references the community engagement process, more discussion of engagement feedback and results should be included, along with how this feedback informs the Plan.



Best Practices

Best practices are the planning action tools used by communities to activate the desired principles, processes, and attributes of their comprehensive plans. They are analogous to the body's muscles and tendons, linking and moving the components of the planning structure. Based on state-of-the-art practices found in leading plans and planning literature, they represent the best thinking of the planning profession on how to carry out the vision and goals of their plan.

-American Planning Association

Background

These best practices are the result of a four-year effort by the APA to define the role of comprehensive plans in addressing the sustainability of human settlements. Traditionally, comprehensive plans focus on land use and physical development. These best practices are established to respond to modern community needs and societal trends, such as an increased demand for citizen participation, a greater focus on implementation, and a heightened awareness of climate change and its impacts.

These are optional standards, included to assess the County's 2014 Comprehensive Plan against components of the most effective plans across the country. They are added to provide a more complete analysis and facilitate discussion throughout the plan update process. Best practices should not be interpreted as requirements.

APA's Best Practices for Comprehensive Plans:



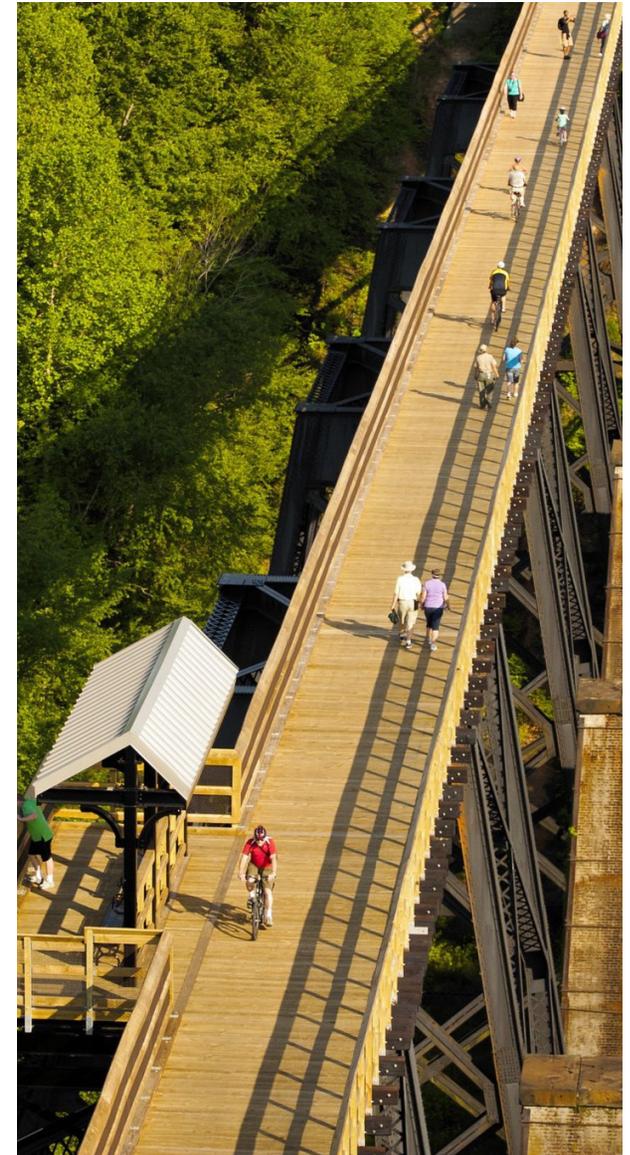
Scan this code with your phone camera to see full PDF of APA's Best Practices for Comprehensive Plans



Best Practices: Key Findings

The current Prince Edward County Comprehensive Plan is most effective in addressing existing conditions, the livable built environment, and consistent content standards:

- According to the APA, a livable built environment ensures that all elements of the built environment, including land use, transportation, housing, energy, and infrastructure, work together to provide sustainable, green places for living, working, and recreation. The County’s commitment to creating a community that lives harmoniously with its natural environment is evident throughout the plan. The plan is strong in the areas of transportation planning, preserving the County’s agricultural and rural landscapes, and protecting natural and historic resources. The Best Practices matrix in Appendix B expands on ways to improve these standards through the update process. Additional connections to modern best practices such as green infrastructure and sustainable low-impact development techniques will strengthen the plan.
- The plan thoroughly discusses transportation and includes multi-modal transportation considerations for transit and biking. The Commonwealth Regional Council (CRC) Bicycle Plan is incorporated, providing a proposed network for bicycle routes. During the update process, the latest regional bicycle networks should be incorporated and shown at a scale that is more legible for the average reader. Additional opportunities for pedestrian routes and recreational trails should be addressed.



Best Practices: Findings (Continued)

- Within the residential future land use designation, additional clarification for low-, medium-, and high-density should be incorporated. Standards for higher density development, such as availability of public water/sewer or proximity to a village center, can be included. Similarly, additional detail for the type of commercial and industrial development desired will help guide future land use decisions.
- The plan contains consistent content with goals and objectives that are based on evidence of community conditions, major issues, and impacts. Policies and strategies included in the current plan reflect clear preferences and vision for the future, but could be compiled and conveyed in a more effective manner.



Best Practices: Findings (Continued)

The current Prince Edward County Comprehensive Plan is least effective at accountable implementation, interwoven equity, and authentic participation.

- While the plan includes a sample implementation matrix, it is unclear if it was ever expanded or finalized. Since the existing plan has several strong policies and strategies in Chapters 6 and 8, an equally strong implementation matrix will bolster their effectiveness and applicability. The implementation element should include prioritization, time frame, and responsible party for completion of strategies.
- The plan includes a robust demographic and baseline analysis of the community as a whole. Further expansion of this analysis to consider minority and at-risk populations will help the County identify the areas of the community that are most in need and plan for equitable distribution of service delivery.
- The plan clearly conveys that community participation was an essential component of the previous update. However, it is unclear what type of feedback was received and how this feedback was incorporated. The updated plan will benefit from a more robust discussion of the public engagement process, key takeaways, and how they inform the plan.



Next Steps

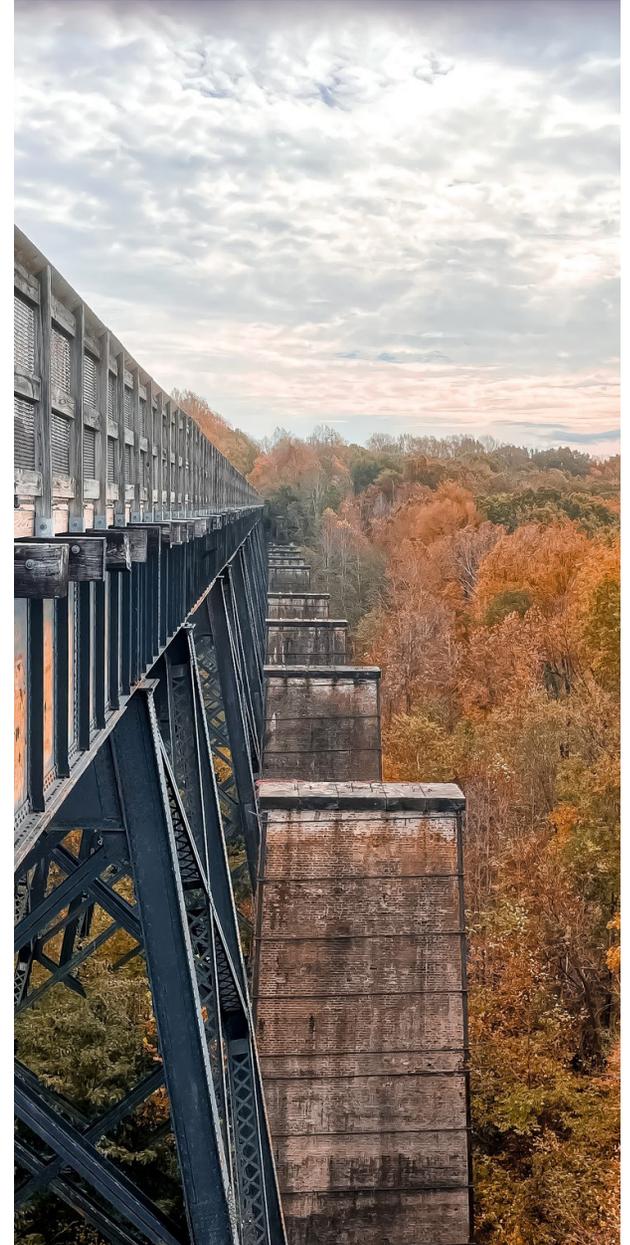
The Berkley Group will present the findings of this diagnostic report to Prince Edward County staff, Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors in October 2023. Reviewing and discussing this diagnostic will help lay the foundation for the comprehensive plan update. Next steps in the comprehensive plan process include:

- Determining which components of this report will be prioritized for incorporation into the draft plan.
- Identifying additional projects and priorities recommended by Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for inclusion in the update.
- Conducting public engagement with the community to determine community goals and priorities.
- Updating the comprehensive plan to address the findings of this report, public engagement, and policy direction from the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors during drafting work sessions.
- Providing the updated plan to the public and local and regional stakeholders for review and comment.
- Providing the updated plan to Virginia Department of Transportation for consistency review at least 90 days prior to adoption.
- Advertising public hearings in accordance with Code of Virginia § 15.2-2204.
- Conducting public hearings before Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in accordance with Code of Virginia § 15.2-2225 and § 15.2-2226.
- Implementing the comprehensive plan recommendations.

Conclusion

Prince Edward County is to be commended for undertaking a major update of its comprehensive plan, which articulates the community's core vision for the future. This vision should be rooted in community values and developed through community engagement. In addition to incorporating community engagement, the comprehensive plan update will consider revisions to comply with the Code of Virginia. If desired, the community also has the opportunity to not only comply with minimum standards, but to restructure the plan as an engaging, easy to use document and include APA best practices to work toward a more resilient, balanced, and healthy community.

The recommendations outlined in this report establish a detailed analysis of the 2014 Comprehensive Plan and its alignment with the Code of Virginia and APA Standards for Sustaining Places. The Berkley Group looks forward to integrating these recommendations into the planning process and identifying innovative approaches to support Prince Edward County's long-range planning goals.



**THIS PAGE WAS INTENTIONALLY
LEFT BLANK**

Appendix A:

The Code of Virginia Diagnostic Matrix

#	VA Code Section	Intent	Status	Comp. Plan Reference	Analysis / Recommendation
1.	2222.1	Transportation plan coordination with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	Mandatory	Chapter 2 p. 5-6 Chapter 5 p. 39-68	<p>The Prince Edward County 2014 Comprehensive Plan includes a specific reference to compliance with Chapter 729 requirements, along with a robust section on transportation that incorporates studies and policies from VDOT and Commonwealth Regional Council.</p> <p>A comprehensive plan update will require a 90-day VDOT review period as outlined in this section of the Code of Virginia. Prior to VDOT review, recommend updating the plan to reflect current transportation projects and plan(s) and to include content as required per state code. See additional comments for Chapter 729 review, lines 7-15.</p>
2.	2223(A)	Comp. Plan scope, purpose, adoption	Best Practice	Chapter 1 p. 1-5 Chapter 2 p. 5-6	<p>The plan provides the legal basis, purpose, and process of preparing and adopting the comprehensive plan.</p> <p>Recommend noting relationship to other plans and policies, as well as incorporating a more robust summary of the public engagement process and key takeaways from the feedback received.</p>

#	VA Code Section	Intent	Status	Comp. Plan Reference	Analysis / Recommendation
3.	2223(A)	Existing conditions	Mandatory	Chapter 3 p. 7-13 Chapter 4 p. 14-18, 20-37 Chapter 5 p. 38-42, 46-48, 59-66, 68-73 Chapter 7 p. 85-87 Appendix A	The plan establishes existing conditions for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural and historic resources • Population and demographics • Housing characteristics • Employment and employers • Taxable sales • Tourism • Education • Transportation • Community facilities • Land use • Soils Recommend updating demographics data to the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates or 2020 Census, as data is available. Increase the use of graphics, tables, and maps, while decreasing the amount of text for visual appeal and understanding.
4.	2223(A)	Future trends of growth	Mandatory	Chapter 4 p. 19 Chapter 7 p. 88-90	The plan includes total population projections through 2040 and a future land use framework. Recommend updating demographics data to the 2020 Census, and updating population projections from the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

#	VA Code Section	Intent	Status	Comp. Plan Reference	Analysis / Recommendation
5.	2223(A)	Designate the general or approximate location, character, and extent of each feature, including any road improvement and any transportation improvement, shown on the plan and shall indicate where existing lands or facilities are proposed to be extended, widened, removed, relocated, vacated, narrowed, abandoned, or changed in use	Mandatory	Chapter 5 p. 38-73 Chapter 6 p.74-84 Chapter 7 p. 88-90	The plan discusses transportation improvements, public facilities, future land use policy areas, and future land use framework. Recommend reviewing transportation plans and data to present updated information reflecting current conditions in a clear, streamlined format. Clarify public facility needs and potential changes. Consider an appendix to provide extensive data, if needed.
6.	2223(B)	<u>Chapter 729 Regulations</u>	<i>(See line items 7 – 15)</i>		
7.	2223(B)(1)	Contains inventory of existing transportation facilities	Mandatory	Chapter 5 p. 39-42, 59, 64-68	Chapter 5 includes inventory of primary highways, public transportation, and existing bicycle facilities, as well as discussion of transportation by air and rail. Recommend organizing transportation content into dedicated chapter with updated maps and inventory of existing transportation facilities for all modes of transportation.
8.	2223(B)(1)	Contains transportation needs assessment (current and future performance and conditions, future required improvements)	Mandatory	Chapter 5 p. 43-68	The Transportation section in Chapter 5 includes Virginia’s Transportation Plan’s (VTRANS) 2035 goals, Six-Year Improvement Program, traffic volumes and levels of service, safety considerations, 2035 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, a summary of bridge and culvert repair priorities, and regional bicycle plan. Recommend updating needs assessments and project lists based on recent transportation plans and studies.

#	VA Code Section	Intent	Status	Comp. Plan Reference	Analysis / Recommendation
9.	2223(B)(1)	Contains recommendations	Mandatory	Chapter 5 p. 43, 49-57 Chapter 6 p. 82-83 Chapter 8 p. 101-103	The plan incorporates recommendations from regional/state transportation plans (VTRANS, SYIP, LRTP), and provides additional recommendations and strategies for transportation in Chapters 6 and 8. Recommend updating recommendations, maps, and project lists to reflect changes in facility needs and completion of recent projects. Recommendations from VTRANS and other local transportation studies must also be incorporated, as appropriate.
10.	2223(B)(1)	Recognizes hierarchy of roads	Mandatory	Chapter 5 p. 39-42	Chapter 5 discusses hierarchy of roads and functional classifications based on character of service, which are also shown on Maps IV and V. Recommend updating maps and information to reflect the most up-to-date data, include any new roads, projects, or changes to VDOT classifications.
11.	2223(B)(1)	Align transportation improvements with planning assumptions that will influence the transportation network (population growth, employment growth, location of critical infrastructure)	Mandatory	Chapter 5 p. 39-68	The transportation section of Chapter 5 takes into account the aspects of growth that will influence the transportation network. Recommend confirming planning assumptions and updating as needed. Note any additional transportation infrastructure needs to support anticipated growth trends.

#	VA Code Section	Intent	Status	Comp. Plan Reference	Analysis / Recommendation
12.	2223(B)(1)	Comparison of existing facilities with the community's plan for its future land use pattern	Mandatory	Chapter 5 p. 39-68 Chapter 6 p. 82-83 Chapter 7 p. 88-90 Chapter 8 p. 101-103	In addition to Chapter 5's robust transportation section, Chapters 6, 7, and 8 integrate future land use goals and strategies with transportation considerations. Recommend updating as needed based on current data.
13.	2223(B)(2)	Contains map of recommended transportation improvements	Mandatory	Chapter 5 p. 44 (Map VI) p. 49 (Map X) p. 67 (Map XII)	The plan includes maps of the SYIP, LRTP 2035 priority projects, and proposed bicycle routes. Recommend updating maps to reflect the most up-to-date improvement recommendations, and to clearly convey all recommended transportation improvements.
14.	2223(B)(2)	Contains VDOT cost estimates for recommended improvements	Mandatory	Chapter 5 p. 45	Cost estimates are included for FY 13-18 SYIP projects. Recommend including cost estimates (as available) for any new identified projects from VTRANS, SYIP, and other identified transportation studies, with links to current information as available from VDOT.

#	VA Code Section	Intent	Status	Comp. Plan Reference	Analysis / Recommendation
15.	2223(B)(3)	Consistent with Statewide Transportation Plan, Six-Year Improvement Plan, and location of routes to be followed by roads comprising systems of state highways set by the Commonwealth Transportation Board	Mandatory	Chapter 5 p. 43-45, 49-57	Chapter 5 references VTRANS 2035, SYIP, and LRTP 2035. The plan must be updated to ensure consistency per VDOT requirements. This includes incorporating the most recent VTRANS recommendations; indicating significant new, expanded, or relocated roadway projects under VDOT control from the Six-year Improvement Program; and showing Commonwealth Transportation Board route locations.
16.	2223(C)	<u>Future Requirements of Territory</u>	<i>(See line items 17 - 25)</i>		
17.	2223(C)	Long-range recommendations for the general development of the locality	Mandatory	Chapter 6 p. 74-84 Chapter 7 p. 88-90 Chapter 8 p. 91-108	The plan includes future land use policy areas, map, designations, and recommendations/strategies. Recommend updating goals and strategies based on current data and public feedback. Add time frames (short-, medium-, and long-term) to clarify overall implementation priorities to achieve long-range goals.

#	VA Code Section	Intent	Status	Comp. Plan Reference	Analysis / Recommendation
18.	2223(C)(1)	Designation of areas for public and private development and use; residential; housing; business; industrial; agricultural; mineral resources; conservation; recreation; public service; floodplain and drainage; etc.	Best Practice	Chapter 3 p. 7-11 Chapter 6 p. 74-84 Chapter 7 p. 88-90 Appendix A	<p>The plan includes a discussion of special policy areas with guidance for preservation of agricultural land and open space, protection of water resources, and the development of corridors and village centers. Environmental features such as floodplains and soils are discussed, but only surface water features are shown on a map. The future land use map provided in Chapter 7 designates future land uses, but does not appear to differ significantly from the existing land use map. Within the “Development” future land use designation, future residential development should specify low, medium, or high density housing. Clarify the extent of village centers through text descriptions or map insets.</p> <p>Recommend creating new land use designations for low-, medium-, and high-density residential development and revising future land use map accordingly, with input from community engagement, staff, and other information gathered during the update process. Incorporate considerations for development constraints such as floodplains, soils/slopes, etc.</p>

#	VA Code Section	Intent	Status	Comp. Plan Reference	Analysis / Recommendation
19.	2223(C)(2)	Designation of a system of community service facilities such as parks, sports playing fields, forests, schools, playgrounds, public buildings and institutions, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, community centers, waterworks, sewage disposal or waste disposal areas	Best Practice	Chapter 5 p. 38, 69-73	<p>The plan identifies existing community facilities (administrative facilities, schools, water/wastewater, solid waste, public safety, library, and parks/recreation). Water/sewer service areas are shown on Maps XIII and XIV.</p> <p>Recommend a chapter dedicated to community facilities and services, including maps showing facilities. Discussion of available medical and social services could be more robust. Update community facility and infrastructure information based on existing conditions and available studies, as well as staff and community-identified needs.</p>
20.	2223(C)(3)	The designation of historical areas and areas for urban renewal or other treatment	Optional	Chapter 3 p. 11-13 Chapter 7 p. 88 Chapter 8 p. 105-106	<p>Chapter 3 discusses historic resources, including those listed on the Virginia Register of Historic Places. Development areas and conservation easements are shown on the future land use map in Chapter 7. Specific goals and strategies to recognize and preserve historic resources are discussed in Chapter 8.</p> <p>Recommend updating historic register designations and adding an accompanying map, as data is available. Incorporate historic resource considerations into preservation-related policy areas.</p>

#	VA Code Section	Intent	Status	Comp. Plan Reference	Analysis / Recommendation
21.	2223(C)(4)	Designation of areas for the implementation of reasonable measures to provide for the continued availability, quality, and sustainability of groundwater and surface water	Optional	Chapter 3 p. 7-11 Chapter 6 p. 79-80 Chapter 8 p. 97-98	Surface and groundwater resources are identified in Chapter 3. Chapters 6 and 8 further discuss specific recommendations and strategies for the protection of water resources. Recommend including maps showing environmental feature such as wetlands and clarifying water protection areas around important watersheds and/or drinking water sources. Best management practices (BMPs) and low impact development (LID) are addressed in strategies, but additional discussion and clarification of BMPs and LID for water quality protection should be included with core chapter text.
22.	2223(C)(5)	A capital improvements program, a subdivision ordinance, a zoning ordinance and zoning district maps, mineral resource district maps and agricultural and forestal district maps, where applicable	Best Practice	Chapter 6 p. 80-81 Chapter 8 various	These tools are referenced, but not directly incorporated into the plan. Chapters 6 and 8 include recommendations/strategies for updating the zoning and subdivision ordinances to help achieve land use goals. There are no known adopted agricultural and forestal districts in the County (as defined in Title 15.2, Chapter 43 of state code). These tools will be referenced, as appropriate, but not directly incorporated in the plan, as is common best practice.
23.	2223(C)(6)	The location of existing or proposed recycling centers	Best Practice	Chapter 5 p. 71	Chapter 5 discusses convenience centers that accept recyclables. Recommend showing convenience/recycling centers on a map, along with other community facilities.
24.	2223(C)(7)	The location of military bases, military installations, and military airports and their adjacent safety areas	Optional	N/A	N/A

#	VA Code Section	Intent	Status	Comp. Plan Reference	Analysis / Recommendation
25.	2223(C)(8)	The designation of corridors or routes for electric transmission lines of 150 kilovolts or more	Optional	N/A	N/A Recommend including transmission corridors on a development constraints map, if applicable and as map data is available.
26.	2223(D)	Current and future considerations for affordable housing - area designation, implementation measures for construction, maintenance, and rehab	Mandatory	Chapter 4 p. 25-29 Chapter 6 p. 83-84 Chapter 8 p. 99-101	Chapter 4 includes data and trends discussing housing stock, tenure and occupancy, new housing starts, median values and rents, and units lacking adequate plumbing. Chapter 6 contains policy recommendations for affordable housing. Chapter 8 includes objectives and strategies to meet affordable housing goals. Recommend a dedicated chapter to updating existing affordable housing conditions and future considerations based on community engagement and updated data, such as population and employment. Include additional discussion of resources and programs available for maintenance/repair of substandard housing, first time homebuyers, etc. Also include additional discussion of affordable senior housing and aging in place.
27.	2223(E)	Consider strategies to provide broadband sufficient to meet the current and future needs of residents and businesses	Mandatory	Chapter 8 p. 93	Chapter 8 includes a strategy related to broadband technology to attract small high technology businesses. Recommend identifying and discussing existing broadband service and potential future needs/considerations within the community facilities chapter.

#	VA Code Section	Intent	Status	Comp. Plan Reference	Analysis / Recommendation
28.	2223(F)	Consider strategies to address resilience, as defined.	Best Practice	N/A	N/A Recommend discussing resilience considerations in the environment chapter and adding related strategies.
29.	2223.1	Comprehensive plan to include urban development areas (UDA)	Optional	N/A	Although the plan discusses appropriate areas for urban development, it does not formally designate a UDA. If UDA designation is desired by PC/BOS/staff/public, it can be included as part of the plan update. This may be appropriate for certain village centers or growth areas around Farmville. Benefits of UDAs include opportunities for state planning assistance and project funding for transportation improvements.
30.	2223.2	Comprehensive plan to include coastal resource management	N/A	N/A	N/A. This requirement applies to localities designated “Tidewater Virginia” per § 62.1-44.15:68.
31.	2223.3	Strategies to combat sea-level rise and recurrent flooding	N/A	N/A	N/A. This requirement applies to localities in the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.
32.	2223.4	Strategies to promote transit-oriented development	N/A	N/A	N/A. This requirement applies to counties with a population greater than 100,000.

#	VA Code Section	Intent	Status	Comp. Plan Reference	Analysis / Recommendation
33.	2223.5	Manufactured housing as a source of affordable housing	Mandatory	Chapter 4 p. 25-27 Chapter 8 p. 101	Chapter 4 includes data on existing manufactured housing units. Chapter 8 includes one strategy related to manufactured housing. Recommend adding a definition of manufactured housing and including a specific discussion on it as an affordable housing option in a dedicated Housing chapter. Integrate strategies such as the preservation of existing manufactured housing communities and the creation of new manufactured home units/communities.
34.	2224(A)(1)	Surveys and studies shall be made in preparation of the comprehensive plan on topics such as: land use, ag/forestal preservation, production of food and fiber, development and population trends, historic areas, water quality and availability, employment and economic factors, environmental resources, existing public facilities, flood control, dam break inundation zones, utilities and broadband, transportation, affordable housing, etc. (See full list in 15.2-2224)	Varies	Throughout	The plan includes a comprehensive assessment of community conditions. These conditions and measures are explored through the various chapters of the plan. Recommend maintaining and updating existing data, as appropriate.

#	VA Code Section	Intent	Status	Comp. Plan Reference	Analysis / Recommendation
35.	2224(A)(2)	Probable future economic growth	Mandatory	Chapter 4 p. 30-34 Chapter 8 p. 91-94	Existing economic factors and trends are discussed in Chapter 4. Chapter 8 includes strategies to support economic development. Recommend updating recent economic data and incorporating industry/occupational projections from Virginia Employment Commission, as available. Restructure economic development into a dedicated chapter.
36.	2224(A)(2)	Probable future population growth	Mandatory	Chapter 4 p. 19	The plan includes population projections up to 2040. Recommend updating population with the most recent U.S. Census or ACS data and including updated population projections from Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.
37.	2224(B)	Contains current official map of locality	Mandatory	Chapter 7 p. 86, 88 Various throughout	Various maps are included throughout the plan, including the existing and future land use maps. Recommend that all maps be updated based on available data.
38.	2224(B)	Contains implementation methods, which may include but need not be limited to official map, CIP, subdivision ordinance, zoning ordinance and zoning map, mineral resource map, recreation and sports resources map, and dam break inundation zones map	Mandatory	Chapter 6 p. 74-84 Chapter 8 p. 91-108	Chapters 6 and 8 discuss policy areas, goals, objectives, and strategies. The implementation matrix included on page 109 is blank. Recommend including a chapter dedicated to implementation, with all goals, objectives, and strategies prioritized (short-, medium-, long-term) and assigned to responsible parties. Revise related maps as needed.

#	VA Code Section	Intent	Status	Comp. Plan Reference	Analysis / Recommendation
39.	2225	Notice and hearing on plan; recommendation by local planning commission to governing body; posting of plan on website	Process – Information Only	Chapter 1 p. 1-4 Chapter 2 p. 5-6	Chapters 1 and 2 discuss the planning process, including the dates of public hearings and adoption. Prior to adoption of this amendment, the plan should follow public notification and hearing procedures outlined in state code.
40.	2226	Adoption or disapproval by governing body	Process – Information Only	Chapter 1 p. 1-4 Chapter 2 p. 5-6	Chapters 1 and 2 discuss the planning process, including the dates of public hearings and adoption. Disapproval was not discussed as the plan was not disapproved. Prior to adoption of this amendment, the plan should follow public notification and hearing procedures outlined in state code. Recommend adding a copy of the adoption resolution to the final published plan. If the governing body disapproves the plan, then it shall be returned to the local planning commission for its reconsideration, with a written statement of the reasons for its disapproval. The commission shall have sixty days in which to reconsider the plan and resubmit it, with any changes, to the governing body.
41.	2227	Return of plan to local planning commission; resubmission	Process – Information Only	N/A	N/A If applicable, the commission shall have sixty days in which to reconsider the plan and resubmit it, with any changes, to the governing body. Should this occur, it should be noted in the process summary.

#	VA Code Section	Intent	Status	Comp. Plan Reference	Analysis / Recommendation
42.	2228	Adoption of parts of plan	Process – Information Only	N/A	Does not discuss adoption of parts of the plan. Recommend including discussion of adoption of parts of the plan in the introductory chapter, as needed. Sections or Divisions may be adopted as work progresses.
43.	2229	Amendments process	Process – Information Only	N/A	The plan does not include the amendments process. Recommend including the amendments process in the plan. Amendments shall be properly advertised; recommendation and action shall be subject to timeframes set in state code.
44.	2230	Five-year review	Mandatory	Chapter 1 p. 2-3	The plan states the five-year review requirement. Continue to state this requirement.
45.	2230.1	Public facilities study and requirements of study	Optional	N/A	The plan does not include optional public facilities study. Consider incorporating a public facilities study as a plan strategy.
46.	2231	Incorporated towns and adjacent unincorporated territory may be included	Optional	N/A	The plan references the incorporated Town of Farmville on multiple maps but it does not apply directly to Farmville, which has its own adopted comprehensive plan.
47.	2232	Legal status of plan	Mandatory	Chapter 1 p. 2	The plan includes the legal basis and reference to state code.

General Comments	
General Clarification and Streamlining of Plan Content	Chapters should be restructured to give topical elements dedicated chapters (e.g., housing, transportation, economic development). Existing conditions should be updated and restructured for clarity, ease of use, and to reflect current issues and conditions. Photos and graphics will be incorporated to convey the material in a user-friendly format.
Public Input and Engagement	While the current plan references the public engagement process, more discussion of engagement feedback and results should be included, along with how this feedback informs the plan.
Policies, Objectives, and Strategies	Rather than have separate chapters for policy areas and goals/objectives/strategies, incorporate key policies and strategies in each chapter.
Implementation of Strategies	Include strategy implementation as a dedicated chapter of the updated plan, using a matrix format that assigns timeframes for completion (short-, medium-, and long-term) and responsible parties.
Mapping	See map diagnostic (Appendix C) for specific mapping recommendations.
Development Concepts and Recommendations	Incorporate/clarify all development concepts and policy areas into the future land use map. Check for coordination with future land use designations of the Town of Farmville. Update conditions and recommendations for development areas with public engagement findings, new data, etc. as needed. Check for updated regional plans and studies to help inform future land use recommendations.

Source: [Code of Virginia – Title 15.2, Chapter 22, Article 3](#)

Appendix B:

Best Practices Diagnostic Matrix

(Based on APA's Best Practices
for Comprehensive Plans)

Principle		Description
1. Livable Built Environment		Ensure that all elements of the built environment, including land use, transportation, housing, energy, and infrastructure, work together to provide sustainable places for living, working, and recreation.
Included	Best Practices	Analysis / Recommendation
Partial	1.1 Plan for multi-modal transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plan would benefit from a more robust discussion of existing multi-modal and transit options, and opportunities for improvements or expansion in a rural context. Clarify service areas within the County covered by the Farmville Area Bus. Incorporate additional discussion of core concepts and best practices for regional coordination and land use patterns. As data is available, the bike route map can be clarified to show proposed and existing segments. Standards for residential development should include considerations for access to multi-modal transportation options. The plan provides a clear preference for rural preservation and the protection of natural and historic resources. Discussion of rural preservation tools is thorough, but could include more specific discussion of the benefits of historic preservation. Discussion of missing or partial land use best practices should be added or strengthened. Existing conditions are well-documented throughout the plan, but the future land use element could include more detail. For example, guidance for village centers is given, but could be more specific to clarify boundaries, recommended densities, and related development standards as targeted growth areas. There could also be a stronger discussion of development constraints such as floodplains and wetlands, both as a natural resource and as a land use impact. Related objectives and strategies should reflect the plan’s intent to guide development appropriately.
No	1.2 Plan for transit-oriented development	
No	1.3 Coordinate regional transportation investments with job clusters	
No	1.4 Provide complete streets serving multiple functions	
No	1.5 Plan for mixed land-use patterns that are walkable and bikeable	
No	1.6 Plan for infill development	
Partial	1.7 Encourage design standards appropriate to the community context	
Partial	1.8 Provide accessible public facilities and spaces	
Yes	1.9 Conserve and reuse historic resources	
No	1.10 Implement green building design and energy conservation	
No	1.11 Discourage development in hazard zones	

Principle		Description
2. Harmony with Nature		Ensure that the connection between natural resources and human well-being are explicitly recognized and that maintaining the health and viability of natural resources is a primary objective.
Included	Best Practices	Analysis / Recommendation
Partial	2.1 Restore, connect, and protect natural habitats and sensitive lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation and protection of natural resources is a clear goal of the County’s, particularly as described in Chapter 3 and in the first policy area of Chapter 6. There are opportunities to include additional habitat data from Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation’s (DCR) Conserve Virginia models. The plan should also incorporate additional discussion of objectives and strategies for green infrastructure, natural development constraints, energy alternatives, and resilience. • Solid waste is addressed, but there could be more discussion about opportunities for reducing waste to prolong the life of existing convenience center facilities. Data from annual waste management reports should be incorporated, as available. • Chapter 6 offers a clear policy area for protecting water resources, including natural resources and the drinking water supply, but could include more discussion on long-term plans for the water supply. Regional water supply plans should be incorporated, if available. Include updated references to the adopted Sandy River Reservoir overlay district and strategies to support its continued protection. Updated best practices for water resource protection (best management practices, development impacts, low impact development, wetlands protections, etc.) should also be incorporated.
No	2.2 Plan for the provision and protection of green infrastructure	
No	2.3 Encourage development that respects natural topography	
No	2.4 Enact policies to reduce carbon footprints	
No	2.5 Comply with state and local air quality standards	
No	2.6 Encourage climate change adaptation	
No	2.7 Provide for renewable energy use	
Partial	2.8 Provide for solid waste reduction	
Partial	2.9 Encourage water conservation and plan for a lasting water supply	
Partial	2.10 Protect and manage streams, watersheds, and floodplains	

Principle		Description
3. Resilient Economy		Ensure that the community is prepared to deal with both positive and negative changes in its economic health and to initiate sustainable urban development and redevelopment strategies that foster business growth and build reliance on local assets.
Included	Best Practices	Analysis / Recommendation
Yes	3.1 Provide the physical capacity for economic growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 7 and the future land use map account for a variety of development areas and agricultural/forestral areas to support a balanced mix of land uses. The plan describes available water and sewer lines along Routes 15 and 460. Chapter 8, Economic Development section includes goals, objectives, and strategies including proper zoning, public water/sewer, industrial park availability, and the enterprise zone. Additional clarification for types of commercial/industrial development that is desired can be incorporated. The plan covers transportation infrastructure for motorized vehicles well, but does not fully account for multimodal options or specifically discuss access to employment centers. Chapter 4 discusses the existing economic and employment landscape and Chapter 8 includes specific strategies for economic development, but a more thorough discussion of key industries and infrastructure to support local economic growth could be included. Hazard mitigation planning, including post-disaster economic recovery, should be incorporated into discussions on resilience.
Yes	3.2 Plan for a balanced land-use mix for fiscal sustainability	
Partial	3.3 Plan for transportation access to employment centers	
No	3.4 Promote green businesses and jobs	
Partial	3.5 Encourage community-based economic development and revitalization	
Partial	3.6 Provide and maintain infrastructure capacity in line with growth or decline demands	
No	3.7 Plan for post-disaster economic recovery	

Principle		Description
4. Interwoven Equity		Ensure fairness and equity in providing for the housing, services, health, safety, and livelihood needs of all citizens and groups.
Included	Best Practices	Analysis / Recommendation
Yes	4.1 Provide a range of housing types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 4 includes ample data for existing housing and employment trends. Additional insights from public engagement should be included. Chapters 6 and 8 provide policy areas and strategies for economic growth, affordable housing, and protection of existing residential neighborhoods. Discussion of how housing and jobs impact each other could be more thorough, and should include additional clarification for affordable housing and workforce housing. Identifying commuter traffic trends would also help the County focus its infrastructure goals. While affordable housing considerations are included in the plan, additional discussion of disadvantaged and at-risk communities should be incorporated. This includes access to housing options, public services and facilities, and any opportunities to expand access. State and federal grant programs for housing maintenance should be included. The impact of newer trends such as short-term rentals and accessory dwelling units should also be discussed. Though the plan does include demographic tables and charts, mapping population demographics would strengthen it. Modern planning practices also promote discussion of equitable service delivery and environmental justice in comprehensive plans.
No	4.2 Plan for jobs/housing balance	
Partial	4.3 Plan for the physical, environmental, and economic improvement of at-risk, distressed, and disadvantaged neighborhoods	
No	4.4 Plan for improved health and safety of at-risk populations	
No	4.5 Provide accessible and quality public services, facilities, and health care to minority and low-income neighborhoods	
No	4.6 Upgrade infrastructure and facilities in older and substandard areas	
Partial	4.7 Plan for workforce diversity and development	
No	4.8 Protect vulnerable populations from natural hazards	
No	4.9 Promote environmental justice	

Principle		Description
5. Healthy Community		Ensure that public health needs are recognized and addressed through provisions for access to healthy foods, physical activity, recreation, health care, environmental justice, and safe neighborhoods.
Included	Best Practices	Analysis / Recommendation
No	5.1 Reduce exposure to toxins and pollutants in the natural and built environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prince Edward County understands that its agricultural and rural environment is one of its most important aspects; the plan emphasizes preservation and conservation of the natural landscape. The plan addresses public health indirectly. There are opportunities for a more thorough discussion of community wellness as it relates to environmental health and public health. More direct links could be provided with the inclusion of health and safety reports, as available, and availability of local food access and medical facilities. Elements of community wellness and how it relates to each key topic/chapter can be woven throughout the plan (for example, correlations between healthy food access and positive health outcomes). Brownfield redevelopment and mitigation of hazardous sites is not addressed in the current plan, though this may be due to the absence of typical industrial polluters found in more industrialized localities. Should known or potential hazardous sites exist, opportunities for remediation should be discussed. While Prince Edward County does not have a parks and recreation department, the plan can include additional discussion of the benefits of outdoor recreation, access to nearby state parks/forests, and any plans for expanding park/recreation access.
No	5.2 Plan for increased public safety through reduction of crime and injuries	
No	5.3 Plan for the mitigation and redevelopment of brownfields for productive uses	
No	5.4 Plan for physical activity and healthy lifestyles	
Partial	5.5 Provide accessible parks, recreation facilities, greenways, and open space near all neighborhoods	
No	5.6 Plan for access to healthy, locally grown foods for all neighborhoods	
No	5.7 Plan for equitable access to health care providers, schools, public safety facilities, and arts and cultural facilities	

Principle		Description
6. Responsible Regionalism		Ensure that all local proposals account for, connect with, and support the plans of adjacent jurisdictions and the surrounding region.
Included	Best Practices	Analysis / Recommendation
Partial	6.1 Coordinate local land use plans with regional transportation investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plan acknowledges the importance of planning and coordinating within the regional transportation framework, as reflected in the inclusion of VTRANS 2035 goals, LRTP 2035 recommendations, and regional bike plan. The future land use map could better delineate targeted growth areas that are informed by regional transportation investments and local transit potential, particularly around incorporated towns. Outside of transportation, coordination with regional stakeholders is mentioned in various strategies, but not well-addressed in the content chapters. Regional plans developed in coordination with Commonwealth Regional Council (or other regional organizations) should be incorporated, such as the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Hazard Mitigation Plan. Coordination with regional jurisdictions beyond Farmville should also be addressed, particularly if there are existing or potential opportunities for shared resources. Coordination of the County’s capital improvements program with regional infrastructure priorities is lightly addressed in Chapter 8’s strategies, but only as it relates to public facilities and water/sewer services.
No	6.2 Coordinate local and regional housing plan goals	
No	6.3 Coordinate local open space plans with regional green infrastructure plans	
No	6.4 Delineate designated growth areas that are served by transit	
Partial	6.5 Promote regional cooperation and sharing of resources	
Partial	6.6 Enhance connections between local activity centers and regional destinations	
No	6.7 Coordinate local and regional population and economic projections	
No	6.8 Include regional development visions and plans in local planning scenarios	
Partial	6.9 Encourage consistency between local capital improvement programs and regional infrastructure priorities	

Principle		Description
7. Authentic Participation		Ensure that the planning process actively involves all segments of the community in analyzing issues, generating visions, developing plans, and monitoring outcomes.
Included	Best Practices	Analysis / Recommendation
Yes	7.1 Engage stakeholders at all stages of the planning process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plan acknowledges community involvement as a guiding principle of its development. Public input was received through a citizen’s planning academy, stakeholder interviews, community meetings, Planning Commission worksessions, and public hearings. The plan would benefit from a more robust discussion of the community engagement process and summary of the feedback received. While there were many public engagement opportunities, it is unclear how they were advertised to the community, how many people participated, or what the key takeaways were. Using modern methods to obtain public input through a variety of communication channels will help involve the whole community. In addition to traditional group facilitation exercises, tools such as community surveys and live polling will provide multiple options for engaging the public. Community engagement should continue after the updated plan is adopted to provide updates on strategy implementation, give feedback on minor interim amendments, etc. While the plan does not clearly articulate alternative scenarios for the future, scenario planning is more common for high growth localities anticipating major land use policy changes. Scenario planning may not be appropriate for Prince Edward County at this time.
No	7.2 Seek diverse participation in the plan development process	
No	7.3 Promote leadership development in disadvantaged communities during the planning process	
No	7.4 Develop alternative scenarios of the future	
No	7.5 Provide ongoing and understandable information for all participants	
No	7.6 Use a variety of communications channels to inform and involve the community	
No	7.7 Continue to engage the public after the comprehensive plan is adopted	

Principle		Description
8. Accountable Implementation		Ensure that responsibilities for carrying out the plan are clearly stated, along with metrics for evaluating progress in achieving desired outcomes.
Included	Best Practices	Analysis / Recommendation
Partial	8.1 Indicate specific actions for implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 8 provides goals, objectives, and strategies for major plan elements, but implementation is not fully addressed. An implementation section, including a matrix of recommended policies, goals, priority timeframes (short-, medium-, or long-term), and possible funding sources should be incorporated into the plan. The capital improvements program is addressed for public facilities in Chapter 8’s strategies, but the plan could benefit from additional discussion of the annual budget process and how it relates to goals and strategies.
Partial	8.2 Connect plan implementation to the capital planning process	
No	8.3 Connect plan implementation to the annual budgeting process	
No	8.4 Establish interagency and organizational cooperation	
No	8.5 Identify funding sources for plan implementation	
No	8.6 Establish indicators, benchmarks, and targets	
No	8.7 Regularly evaluate and report on implementation progress	
No	8.8 Adjust the plan as necessary based on evaluation	

Principle		Description
9. Consistent Content		Ensure that the plan contains a consistent set of visions, goals, policies, objectives, and actions that are based on evidence about community conditions, major issues, and impacts.
Included	Best Practices	Analysis / Recommendation
Partial	9.1 Assess strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing conditions are well documented. Additional discussion of opportunities and threats could be incorporated to help validate goals and strategies. Policy areas and strategies established in Chapters 6 and 8 provide a vision for the future, but it is unclear how they should be implemented. In addition to an implementation section, the plan will benefit from a clear vision statement encompassing the whole plan, with supporting goal statements established in each chapter. While the plan utilizes maps throughout, there is an opportunity to make the plan more visually engaging and to highlight important factors within the plan through tables, graphics, and summaries.
Yes	9.2 Establish a fact base	
Yes	9.3 Develop a vision of the future	
Yes	9.4 Set goals in support of the vision	
Yes	9.5 Set objectives in support of the goals	
Yes	9.6 Set policies to guide decision making	
No	9.7 Define actions to carry out the plan	
Partial	9.8 Use clear and compelling features to present the plan	

Principle		Description
10. Coordinated Characteristics		Ensure that the plan includes creative and innovative strategies and recommendations and coordinates them internally with each other, vertically with federal and state requirements, and horizontally with plans of adjacent jurisdictions.
Included	Best Practices	Analysis / Recommendation
Partial	10.1 Be comprehensive in the plan’s coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plan addresses pertinent topics such as land use, natural resources, economy, transportation, housing, and public facilities. Information and policies addressing contemporary issues, such as food access, sustainable development, green infrastructure, climate change, and hazard mitigation will enhance the plan. As discussed previously, regional transportation plans and programs are well-integrated into the current plan. Beyond transportation, the plan will benefit from incorporating additional local plans concerning economic development, housing, public safety, etc., as available. If such plans do not exist, strategies can be established to create them. Chapters should contain thematic and structural elements that allow for consistent discussion of major topics. Both narrative and visual consistency will be considered as the plan is drafted. The plan appears to be in compliance with applicable laws and mandates enacted at the time of adoption; the updated plan will incorporate requirements passed since the last adoption. Upon completion, the plan should be available online and the future land use map provided in an interactive mapping software for residents and stakeholders.
Partial	10.2 Integrate the plan with other local plans and programs	
No	10.3 Be innovative in the plan’s approach	
Partial	10.4 Be persuasive in communicating the plan	
Partial	10.5 Be consistent across plan components	
Partial	10.6 Coordinate with the plans of other jurisdictions and levels of government	
Partial	10.7 Comply with applicable laws and mandates	
Partial	10.8 Be transparent in the plan’s substance	
Partial	10.9 Use formats that go beyond paper	

Appendix C:

Mapping Elements Diagnostic Matrix

VA Code Section	Type of Content	Status	Map Currently Included in Comprehensive Plan	Potential Data Sources
§ 15.2	Overall Requirements			
§ 15.2 - 2223 (B) (1)	Roads	Optional	p. 40, Map IV	Local, VDOT, VGIN
	Bicycle accommodations	Optional	p. 67, Map XII	Local, CRC, VDOT
	Pedestrian accommodations	Optional	-	Local, CRC, VDOT
	Railways	Optional	-	Local, CRC, VGIN
	Bridges	Optional	-	Local, VDOT
	Waterways	Optional	p. 8, Map I	Local, DEQ
	Airports	Optional	-	FAA
	Ports	Optional	N/A	N/A
	Public transportation facilities	Optional	-	Local
	Functional classes	Optional	p. 42, Map V	VDOT
	Crash data	Optional	p. 48, Map IX	VDOT
	Annual average daily traffic (AADT)	Optional	p. 46, Map VII	VDOT
	Level of service (LOS)	Optional	p. 47, Map VIII	VDOT
Road and transportation improvements/projects	Mandatory	p. 44, Map VI p. 49, Map X	CRC, VDOT	
§ 15.2 - 2223 (C)*	Future Land Use	Mandatory	p. 88, Map XVI	Local
	Community facilities – services, public buildings, recycling centers, electric transmission corridors	Optional	-	Local
	Community facilities – recreation	Optional	-	Local, DCR, DOF, DWR
	Community facilities – location of water and sewer areas	Optional	p. 70, Maps XIII & XIV	Local
	Wetlands	Optional	-	NWI
	Watersheds	Optional	-	DEQ
	Floodplains	Optional	-	Local, FEMA
	Conservation areas	Optional	-	Local, DCR
	Mineral resources	Optional	-	VA Energy
	Historical areas	Optional	-	DHR

VA Code Section	Type of Content	Status	Map Currently Included in Comprehensive Plan	Potential Data Sources
	Military designated areas	Optional	N/A	N/A
	Agricultural and forestal areas	Optional	p. 86, Map XV	Local
	Economic incentives (tourism zones, enterprise zones, etc.)	Optional	p. 86, Map XV p. 88, Map XVI	Local, VEDP, VGIN
	Housing	Optional	-	Local, VA Housing
	Communications facilities	Optional	-	Local
	Groundwater & surface water protection	Optional	-	Local, DEQ
§ 15.2 - 2223.1 (B) (4)	Urban Development Areas (UDA)	Optional	N/A	Local
§ 15.2 - 2224 (B)	Area covered by plan	Mandatory	Multiple	Local, Various
	Dam break inundation zones	Optional	-	DCR
Other Maps Included in Existing Plan				
-	Census Tracts 2000-2010	-	p. 16, Map II	U.S. Census Bureau
-	Census Tracts 2010	-	p. 17, Map III	U.S. Census Bureau
-	Corridors of Statewide Significance	-	p. 58, Map XI	VDOT

**Code of Virginia requires items in this section to be included in the plan through maps, plats, charts, and/or descriptive matter. Maps are an optional feature.*

Abbreviations

- | | |
|--|--|
| CRC – Commonwealth Regional Council | FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency |
| DCR – Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation | NWI – National Wetlands Inventory |
| DEQ – Virginia Department of Environmental Quality | VA Energy – Virginia Department of Energy |
| DHR – Virginia Department of Historic Resources | VA Housing – (Formerly) Virginia Housing Development Authority |
| DOF – Virginia Department of Forestry | VDOT – Virginia Department of Transportation |
| DWR – Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources | VEDP – Virginia Economic Development Partnership |
| FAA – Federal Aviation Administration | VGIN – Virginia Geographic Information Network |

**THIS PAGE WAS INTENTIONALLY
LEFT BLANK**