

Prince Edward County Comprehensive Plan Update Kickoff Worksession | October 17, 2023



Agenda

- Introductions
- What is a Comprehensive Plan?
- Update Process & Schedule
- Diagnostic Overview
- Issues & Opportunities Exercise
- Next Steps



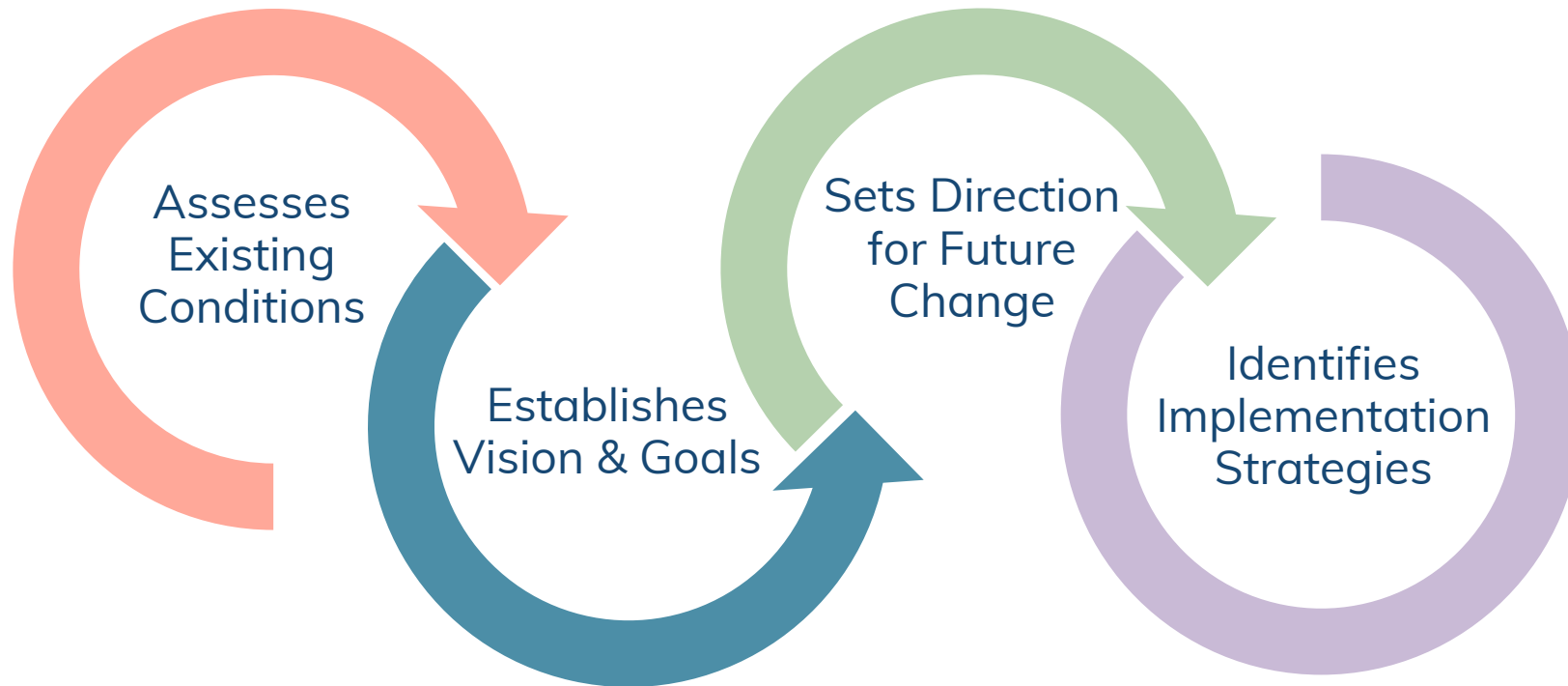
What is a Comprehensive Plan?

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- ❑ A long-range planning document and decision-making guide
- ❑ A community-guided vision for the future
- ❑ A showcase of assets and areas for improvement
- ❑ The guiding framework for the community's planning tools: Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, Capital Improvements Program, and other plans/studies
- ❑ A legally required document by § 15.2-2223 of the Code of VA

**See BG Guide to Comprehensive Planning*

What Does a Comprehensive Plan Do?



What Does a Comprehensive Plan Address?



Land Use

Natural & Cultural Resources

Housing

Economic Development

Community Facilities & Services

Transportation

Why Update a Comprehensive Plan?

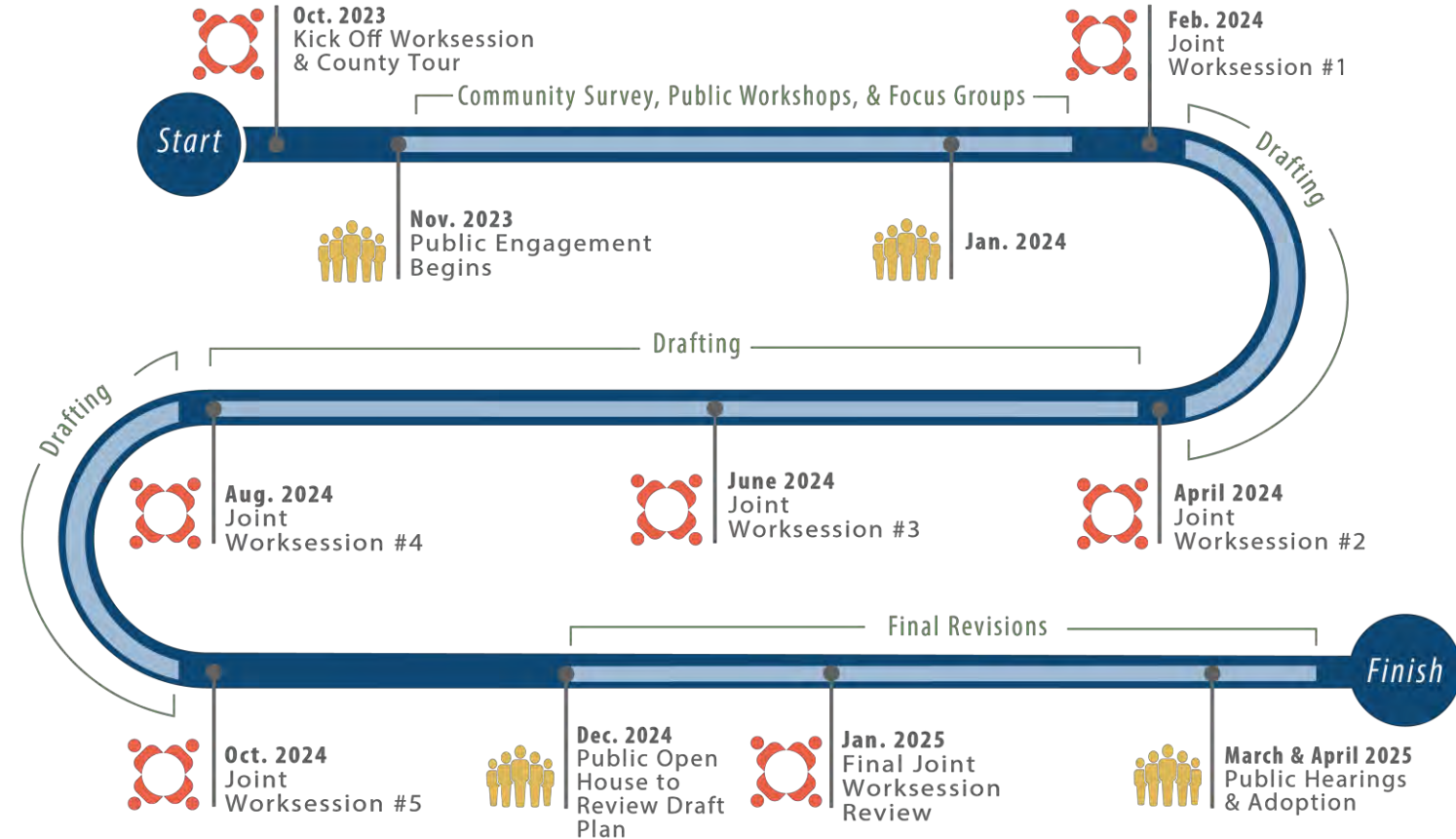
- ❑ Local priorities & vision change with time
- ❑ The natural & built environment change with time
- ❑ Strategies to achieve the plan's vision & goals must be updated & adjusted
- ❑ Five-year review **legally required** by § 15.2-2223 of the Code of VA



Process & Schedule

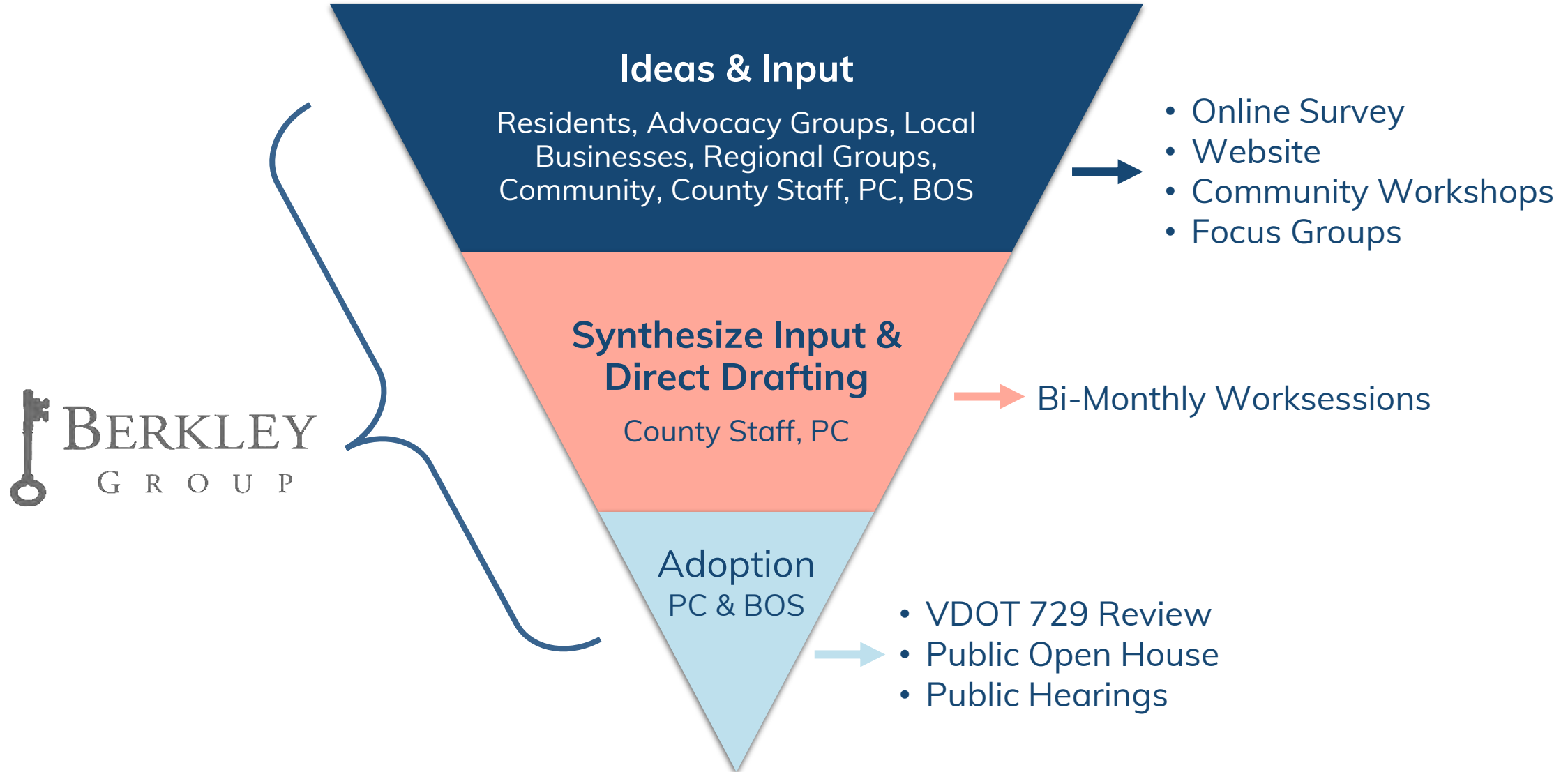
What are the Steps to Update the Plan?*

- ✓ Diagnostic of Current Plan
- ▶ Community Engagement
- ▶ Update Existing Conditions Data
- ▶ Develop Vision & Goals
- ▶ Draft Plan Content
- ▶ Craft Strategies & Implementation Steps
- ▶ Plan Review & Edits
- ▶ Plan Adoption



*Schedule subject to change.

Who is Involved?



Keys to Success

- ✓ Encourage Community Participation
- ✓ Attend All Worksessions
- ✓ Provide Input & Ideas
- ✓ Review Drafts in Advance & Provide Feedback
- ✓ Engage with Staff

Community Engagement



Proposed Focus Groups

1. Land Use, Housing & Transportation
2. Community Facilities & Services
3. Education & Workforce Development
4. Economic Development
5. Parks, Recreation, Environment & Culture



Community Workshops

In-Person Workshops

November 2023

December 2023

January 2024 (if needed)



Survey

Community Survey

November thru
December 2023

Online and paper
versions available

*Draft is included in
meeting packet*

Comprehensive Plan Diagnostic

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Prince Edward County, Virginia

October 2023



Assessed the 2014 Comprehensive Plan for compliance with the Code of Virginia and general best practices

Comprehensive Plan Diagnostic

Code of Virginia Compliance Findings

1

The current plan thoroughly establishes existing conditions. Update data to reflect current community conditions and population projections.

2

Bolster discussion of:

- Economic factors and trends
- Affordable, workforce, and manufactured housing options
- Broadband access

3

Update transportation section to continue meeting VDOT requirements and address regional land use considerations; break out into dedicated chapter.

4

Clarify plan structure, future land use map, and designations to address community needs; consider additional standards to guide desired growth patterns around village centers.

Comprehensive Plan Diagnostic

Best Practices

1

The current plan is strong in the areas of transportation planning, preserving the County's agricultural and rural landscapes, and protecting natural and historic resources.

2

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.

3

The comprehensive plan will benefit from a more robust discussion of the public engagement process, key takeaways, and how they inform the plan.

4

Implementation should be more thoroughly addressed, with strategies assigned a priority timeframe and responsible party for completion.



Issues & Opportunities

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1. Has the current Comprehensive Plan worked for Prince Edward County? Why or why not?
2. What are the most pressing challenges facing the County today?
3. What goals and objectives should the County focus on for the future?
4. What existing opportunities should the County take advantage of?

Visioning Exercise

5. Share one to two words you hope will describe the County in twenty years.
6. Are there any key words or phrases that reflect the County's future?

Next Steps

- Provide survey feedback to County staff**
By Tuesday, October 24
- Provide additional feedback on issues/opportunities & visioning to County staff (if needed)**
By Tuesday, October 24
- Focus Groups, Public Workshops, and Community Survey**
November and December 2023
- Next Worksession**
February 2024

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