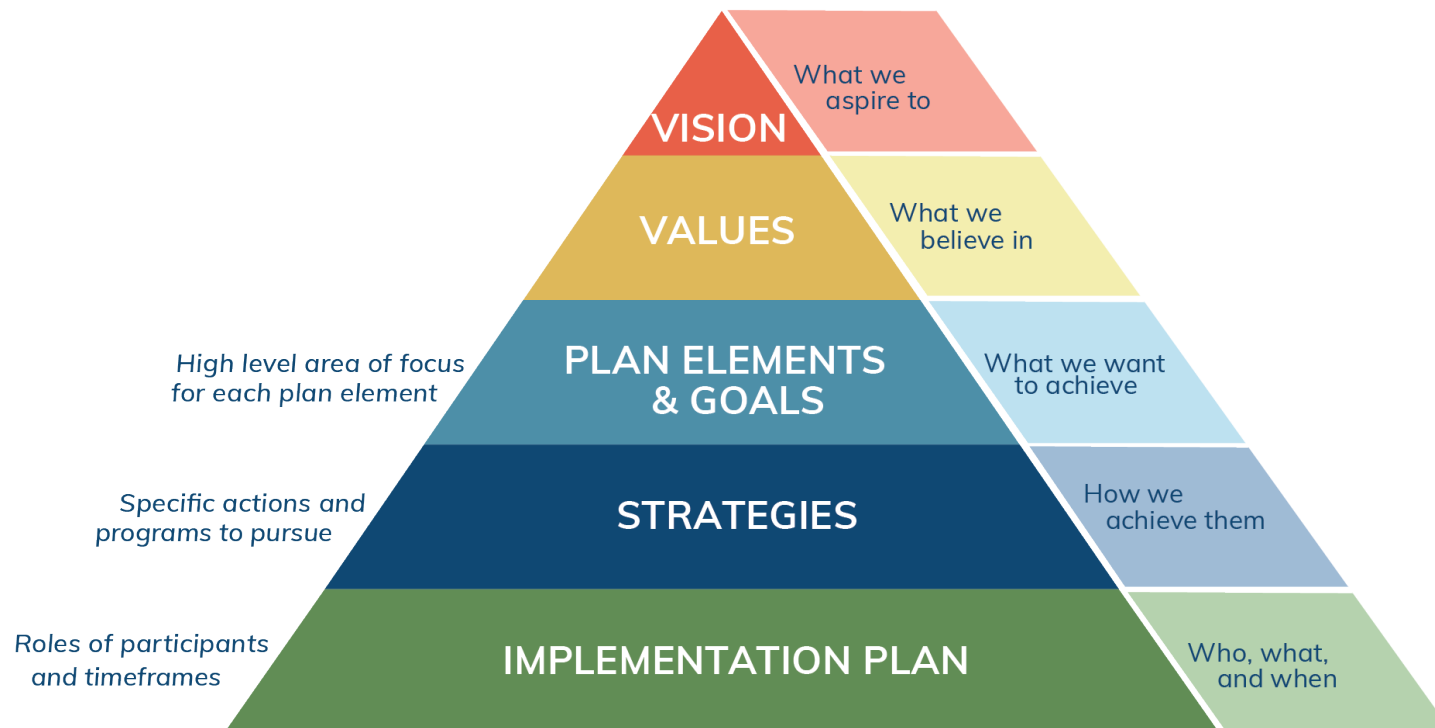




## **CHAPTER 9: Planning and Implementation**

# IMPLEMENTING PEC2045: FORWARD TOGETHER

Implementation is comprised of the foundational actions that will bring the Prince Edward County Comprehensive Plan to fruition. The Implementation Plan prioritizes and provides accountability for the strategies listed in Chapters 3 – 8. Specific guidance for decision making is included along with the ongoing process that will be used to monitor progress towards the community's vision for the future.





## IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS

The tools listed here are the most important and most frequently used for implementing the strategies of the Comprehensive Plan but many more exist beyond these and should be explored as needed.

### ANNUAL

#### *BUDGET*

The Board of Supervisors and staff use the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan to guide preparation of the annual budget. The annual budget is one of the most important tools available for implementing this Plan, as it allocates funding in alignment with the County's priorities.

The budget works in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan to achieve a thriving and more resilient future for the County.

### CAPITAL

#### *IMPROVEMENTS PLAN*

The CIP coordinates capital improvement projects ranked by priority, a year-by-year schedule of project funding, and an estimate of project costs and financing sources. The long-range vision of the Plan is achieved when the priorities of the CIP and ordinance updates align with the Comprehensive Plan.

### ANNUAL

#### *REVIEW & UPDATES*

To be successful, Prince Edward County will assess the Plan's progress and effectiveness on a regular basis by reviewing and monitoring implementation of the goals, objectives, and strategies outlined within this Plan. This assessment will be part of the annual operating budget and capital improvements planning processes. When appropriate and necessary, the Plan should be amended.

The Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission will carefully consider whether specific amendments are true to the Plan's overarching vision. Any modifications will be considered with long-term policy implications.

### LAND USE

#### *REGULATIONS*

The Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances, and other land use and development standards and procedures are the primary implementation tools for the Comprehensive Plan. As legal documents, land use regulations outline what uses may occur on the land and how buildings and sites are designed and developed.

Aligning land use regulations with the goals and strategies in this Plan is critical to its implementation. Several objectives throughout the Plan include strategies that suggest revisions to the Zoning Ordinance and other considerations for the County's land use regulations. Ordinance revisions will align regulations with Prince Edward County's vision.

### LAND USE

#### *ACTIONS*

The process for development approval is central to the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. The Plan serves as a guide for decisions on all land use applications.

Land use applications should be scrutinized for alignment with the Comprehensive Plan, including the specific action strategies and the Future Land Use Map, to ensure consistency. In rare cases where unforeseen uses or changes in market conditions may warrant deviation from the adopted Plan, Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors should review and consider amendments to the Comprehensive Plan to ensure that the document remains relevant and responsive to the community's needs.

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL

#### *COOPERATION*

Prince Edward County's success is dependent upon multi-jurisdictional cooperation. Issues with the natural environment, transportation, equity, education, tourism, community facilities, job and workforce development, and many other topics covered in this Comprehensive Plan do not conform to jurisdictional boundaries, and are best solved through cooperation at the regional and state levels.

Successful implementation of the strategies in this Plan will require continued regional cooperation with the Commonwealth Regional Council, Town of Farmville, Town of Pamplin City, and numerous state agencies responsible for various facilities, services, and programs implemented across the state.

# IMPLEMENTING PEC2045: FORWARD TOGETHER

PEC2045: Forward Together is Prince Edward County's guide for growth and development. It is intended to be a dynamic document that will change and evolve to reflect the needs of the community. Accordingly, to ensure that this Comprehensive Plan is properly implemented, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors should refer to the Plan and consider its vision prior to making recommendations and decisions. Effective implementation of the Plan depends on consistent analysis of each land use application and budgetary decision to ensure compatibility with the long-range vision of the Comprehensive Plan.

The implementation matrix serves as our roadmap for meeting the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. The matrix builds on the strategies throughout the Plan by identifying the tools, resources, responsible parties, cost, and anticipated timeframes for completion. The key to the Plan's success is a proactive approach by the Planning Commission in cooperation with the Board of Supervisors, County departments and boards, residents, businesses, and community institutions and organizations. The matrix includes the information below.

## MATRIX ELEMENTS

### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The specific action item.

Type of implementation categories include:

- Capital Projects
- Partnerships
- Community Outreach and Education
- Programs and Services
- Regulation Updates and Enforcement

### RESPONSIBLE PARTY

The organization(s) responsible for partnering, administering, managing, or implementing the specific action item. These organizations include:

- Prince Edward County
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Regional and Institutional Partners
- State and Federal Agencies
- County Residents

### TIMEFRAME

Each strategy is assigned a timeframe for completion, with higher priority items being short term.

- Short - Actions to be completed within **1-3 years** of the Plan's adoption
- Medium - Actions to be completed within **3-5 years** of the Plan's adoption.
- Long - Actions to be completed within **5 years** of the Plan's adoption.
- Ongoing - Actions that should continue for the life of the Plan.

### COST

Identifies a general cost estimate for the implementation of a strategy. These cost estimates are categorized as low-cost (\$), medium-cost (\$\$), or high-cost (\$\$\$). Internal policy and land use reviews are examples of low-cost strategies, while capital improvements are considered high-cost strategies. Additional scoping and analysis will be required to determine specific expenses for the implementation of each strategy.

### RESOURCES

Identifies examples of community partners, state and federal agencies, and resources that will be necessary to facilitate successful implementation. The identified stakeholders, partners, and resources are meant to be a starting point for implementation. Additional partners and organizations can and should be identified over the timeframe of this Plan. Some strategies in this Plan may reflect an internal policy or function, and may not require external assistance.

## IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX ACRONYMS

The following acronyms can be found in the Implementation Matrix:

**AASHTO** American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

**APA** American Planning Association

**CIP** Capital Improvements Plan

**CP** Comprehensive Plan

**CRC** Commonwealth Regional Council

**CTB** Commonwealth Transportation Board

**CVRL** Central Virginia Regional Library

**DCR** Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

**DEQ** Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

**DHCD** Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

**DHR** Virginia Department of Historic Resources

**DRPT** Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

**FAB** Farmville Area Bus

**FEMA** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**HSC** Hampden-Sydney College

**HUD** United States Department of Housing

and Urban Development

**LU** Longwood University

**NPS** National Park Service

**PERT** Prince Edward Rural Transit

**PECPS** Prince Edward County Public Schools

**PSWCD** Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District

**SBA** Small Business Administration

**SBDC** Small Business Development Center

**SEED** SEED Innovation Hub

**SERCAP** Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project

**STEPS** Steps, Inc.

**SVCC** Southside Virginia Community College

**SWVA** Southwest Virginia

**USDA** – United States Department of Agriculture

**USDOT** United States Department of Transportation

**VA** Commonwealth of Virginia

**VATI** Virginia Telecommunication Initiative

**VCE** Virginia Cooperative Extension

**VDACS** Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

**VDOE** Virginia Department of Education

**VDOF** Virginia Department of Forestry

**VDH** Virginia Department of Health

**VDOT** Virginia Department of Transportation

**VEC** Virginia Employment Commission

**VEDP** Virginia Economic Development Partnership

**VMS** Virginia Main Street

**VSMP** Virginia Stormwater Management Program

**VTC** Virginia Tourism Corporation

# CHAPTER 3

## Natural and Historic Resources

Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
3.1 PROTECTING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	3.1.1	Direct development and infrastructure away from ecological cores, migration corridors, and environmentally sensitive areas.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	N/A
	3.1.2	Encourage green infrastructure principles to preserve and connect natural habitats to support native species and wildlife.	Community Outreach and Education	Local Business Partners; Prince Edward County; Regional and Institutional Partners	Ongoing	\$	CIP; CP; DCR; US EPA Green Infrastructure Resources
	3.1.3	Support the use of low impact development and stormwater best management practices to reduce nonpoint source pollution in local waterways.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Local Business Partners; Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	CIP; CP
	3.1.4	Encourage landowners to work with local organizations, such as PSWCD, for cost-share opportunities to install LID and BMPs catered to agricultural, residential, and commercial sites.	Partnerships	Prince Edward County; Regional and Institutional Partners	Ongoing	\$	Chesapeake Bay Foundation; DCR; DEQ; PSWCD; Regional and Institutional Partners
	3.1.5	Continue to participate in Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation plans for impaired waterways.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	Regional and Institutional Partners

Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
3.1 PROTECTING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	3.1.6	Identify and seal or remove abandoned wells, septic tanks, and underground storage tanks for public safety and to prevent contamination of the groundwater supply and ensure public safety.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County; Regional and Institutional Partners; VDH	Ongoing	\$\$	PSWCD; Regional and Institutional Partners; VDH
	3.1.7	Direct development away from slopes in excess of 15%.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	CP
	3.1.8	Avoid locating septic systems on slopes of 20% or greater.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	CP; VDH
	3.1.9	Enforce sediment control measures to the maximum extent possible when land disturbance is necessary on steep slopes.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	CP; DEQ
	3.1.10	Avoid locating conventional septic systems in areas where soil conditions are unsuitable.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	CP; VDH

Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
3.2 PRESERVING RURAL & HISTORIC ASSETS	3.2.1	Direct development away from areas with prime or significant farmland soils.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	CP
	3.2.2	Establish a local Agricultural and Forestal District program to encourage the preservation of valuable agricultural and silvicultural lands.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$\$	N/A
	3.2.3	Maintain use-value taxation criteria and qualifications in the best interest of the County and landowners to ensure long-term viability of agricultural, horticultural, and forestal operations.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	VDOF
	3.2.4	Use the VA Department of Forestry's Forest Sustainability Fund to offset reduced tax revenue due to forestland use taxation.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; State and Federal Agencies	Ongoing	\$	USDA Forest Service; VDOF
	3.2.5	Consider creating a Purchase of Development Rights program to permanently preserve rural lands.	Programs and Services; Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County; Development Partners	Ongoing	\$	VA Land Conservation Assistance Network



Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
3.2 PRESERVING RURAL & HISTORIC ASSETS	3.2.6	Maintain vegetated buffers along major road corridors, both to enhance aesthetic beauty and to provide environmental benefits.	Programs and Services	County Residents; Prince Edward County; VDOT	Ongoing	\$	Master Gardeners; SWVA Native Plants; VDOT
	3.2.7	Strengthen performance standards for ground-mounted solar energy systems to protect existing landscapes, such as limiting clear-cutting on undeveloped parcels, specifying minimum vegetation requirements, and increasing perimeter buffer widths.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	APA
	3.2.8	Create a visual impact overlay district along the High Bridge Trail corridor to protect valuable viewsheds from industrial facilities, including but not limited to solar energy facilities.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	APA
	3.2.9	Carefully consider noise-intensive uses near residential or rural properties and require noise mitigation such as perimeter buffers and sound barriers.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	N/A
	3.2.10	Adopt an outdoor lighting ordinance with design and performance standards that increase safety and protect dark skies, consistent with International Dark Sky Association recommendations.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	APA; International Dark Sky Association
	3.2.11	Encourage assessment of unlisted historic sites for inclusion on the Virginia Landmarks Register and/or National Register of Historic Places.	Community Outreach and Education; Programs and Services	Nonprofit Organizations; Prince Edward County; State and Federal Agencies	Short/Ongoing	\$	DHR; National Park Service; Preservation Virginia

Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
3.3 PLANNING FOR RISK AND RESILIENCY	3.3.1	Continue to work with regional partners to update and implement the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan strategies for Prince Edward County.	Partnerships	Prince Edward County; Regional and Institutional Partners	Ongoing	\$	CRC; DEQ; FEMA
	3.3.2	Continue improving flood resiliency by updating the floodplain management ordinance (County Code Chapter 54) as needed to reflect new flood maps and best practices and participating in FEMA's Community Rating System.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County; State and Federal Agencies	Ongoing	\$	Community Rating System (CRS); DEQ; FEMA
	3.3.3	Consider applying for SolSmart Bronze designation and implementing the required criteria in County regulations and processes.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	SolSmart
	3.3.4	Consider amendments to existing ordinances to encourage installation of solar panels on existing impervious surfaces, such as rooftops and parking lots.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	APA
	3.3.5	Encourage and incentivize green building certifications, energy efficiency, and renewable energy sources for new developments and existing development retrofits.	Community Outreach and Education	Prince Edward County	Medium	\$	US EPA Green Building Resources

# CHAPTER 4

## Housing and Livable Communities

Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
4.1 PROTECT & IMPROVE THE EXISTING HOUSING STOCK	4.1.1	Work with regional and state partners to effectively communicate grant funding and loan assistance programs for accessibility modifications, energy efficiency retrofits, well/septic upgrades, and weatherization to extend the life of existing homes and maintain community character; publish and maintain an easily accessible resource list for community members.	Community Outreach and Education	Prince Edward County; Regional and Institutional Partners	Medium	\$	CRC; Financial Institutions; Habitat for Humanity; VDH
	4.1.2	Proactively enforce property maintenance codes to avoid degradation and blight of residential properties.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$\$	N/A
	4.1.3	Encourage those in mobile homes constructed before 1976 that do not meet current HUD standards, or are otherwise in states of disrepair, to use federal and state rehabilitation grants and homeowner assistance programs.	Community Outreach and Education	Nonprofit Organizations; Prince Edward County; Regional and Institutional Partners	Medium	\$	HUD; VA Housing
	4.1.4	Review and update use and design standards for high quality manufactured home parks in suitable areas.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	APA
	4.1.5	Review use permissions and use performance standards for short-term rentals to best ensure appropriate siting of short-term rentals to protect the existing housing stock from oversaturation.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	APA

Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
4.2 EXPAND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES	4.2.1	Work with regional partners in ongoing efforts to implement the housing strategies of Goal 1 of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2019 to strengthen the region's workforce.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County; CRC	Short	\$	CRC
	4.2.2	Encourage the development of townhomes, garden apartments, and duplexes by amending the Zoning Ordinance to permit such unit types by-right in residential districts.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	Regional Development Partners
	4.2.3	Amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow accessory apartments in the College Residential District.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	N/A
	4.2.4	Encourage progressive housing opportunities ranging from independent living to supportive care facilities for residents over the age of 55; create opportunities for such developments by-right in residential and commercial districts.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	N/A
	4.2.5	Work with community organizations to promote affordable housing for individuals and families with disabilities, living in poverty, and struggling to find secure housing.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; Regional and Institutional Partners	Short	\$	Community Organizations; VDH
	4.2.6	Regularly track data trends for vulnerable populations to inform land use decisions.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	N/A
	4.2.7	Work with regional partners and community service organizations to provide education about local, state, and federal homeownership programs available to County residents.	Community Outreach and Education	Prince Edward County; Regional and Institutional Partners	Medium	\$	CRC; HUD; VA Housing
	4.2.8	Amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow for cottage communities featuring small, detached housing units.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	APA



Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
4.3 CREATE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES	4.3.1	Direct development to targeted growth areas where public utilities are available to support a range of housing types and densities.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	N/A
	4.3.2	Prioritize expansion of public water and sewer infrastructure in the County's targeted growth areas to ensure adequate services to support residential development.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	CRC; DEQ; VDH
	4.3.3	Amend the Zoning Ordinance to include a mixed-use district that facilitates a diversity of unit types and densities in livable, walkable communities.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	APA
	4.3.4	Amend the Zoning Ordinance to incorporate density bonus options to incentivize affordable housing and enhanced site design where higher densities are appropriate in key growth areas.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	APA
	4.3.5	Encourage active adult communities and assisted living facilities to develop close to activity centers, daily needs, public transportation, and healthcare facilities to support a high quality of life.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	N/A
	4.3.6	Prioritize transportation improvements in the County's growth areas to ensure adequate transportation infrastructure to support residential development.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; VDOT	Short	\$	CRC; VDOT
	4.3.7	Amend the Cluster Housing Overlay District to allow appropriately scaled cluster developments in both agricultural and residential districts to achieve desired densities while preserving natural areas and maintaining the surrounding landscape.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	N/A

# CHAPTER 5

## Economic Growth and Development

Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
5.1 PROMOTE THE COUNTY'S NATURAL AND HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS	5.1.1	Work with regional stakeholders to install coordinated, attractive, wayfinding signage between attractions, commercial areas, and civic uses.	Partnerships	Prince Edward County; Regional and Institutional Partners	Medium	\$	CRC; Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce; Farmville Downtown Partnership; Virginia's Heartland Regional Visitor Center
	5.1.2	Work with the State to market the County's agricultural products and agritourism opportunities.	Partnerships	Prince Edward County; State and Federal Agencies	Short	\$	VDOF; VDACS; VA Tourism; VCE; VEDP
	5.1.3	Collaborate with the community to form a group of outdoor tourism and events stakeholders to promote the development and marketing of businesses and assets in the existing private and public lands, parks, farms, etc.	Partnerships	Prince Edward County; Nonprofit Organizations; Regional and Institutional Partners	Short	\$	Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce; Farmville Downtown Partnership; Virginia's Heartland Regional Visitor Center

Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
5.2 FILL GAPS IN RETAIL & OTHER BUSINESS MARKETS	5.2.1	Work with local colleges and universities to co-recruit businesses.	Partnerships	Prince Edward County; Longwood University; Hampden-Sydney College	Ongoing	\$	Hampden-Sydney College; LU SBDC; SEED Innovation Hub
	5.2.2	Work with the Town of Farmville to recruit needed businesses.	Partnerships	Prince Edward County; Town of Farmville	Ongoing	\$	Town of Farmville
	5.2.3	Perform a retail leakage study to determine market demand for additional services like grocery stores.	Plans and Studies	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	N/A
	5.2.4	Determine locations in the County to incentivize grocery stores in order to eliminate food deserts.	Plans and Studies	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	N/A
5.3 GROW ECONOMIC BASE INDUSTRIES	5.3.1	Evaluate the County's Zoning Map to ensure that existing industries have room to grow and that land is appropriately zoned for future prospect locations.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Medium	\$	N/A
	5.3.2	Work with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to support the expansion of existing businesses.	Partnerships	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	VEDP
	5.3.3	Promote state incentive programs to employers for hiring and training.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	VEC
	5.3.4	Consider creating a Technology Overlay District in the vicinity of the Heartland Innovative Technology Park for the purposes of attracting new technology.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	APA

Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
5.4 PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOB SKILLS TRAINING	5.4.1	Promote opportunities for free or low-cost job skills training to residents by collaborating with local educational institutions, such as Southside Virginia Community College, and organizing local events to showcase the available programs.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	SVCC
	5.4.2	Form a roundtable with leaders from industry and education to create a skills pipeline for employers.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	Business & Industry Leaders; Educational Partners; HSC; LU; VEC
	5.4.3	Work with STEPS and local businesses to increase training for employment skills for older workers.	Partnerships	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	Business & Industry Leaders; STEPS
	5.4.4	Work with Southside Virginia Community College to explore holding classes and training programs at a location within the County which is more convenient for residents.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	SVCC



Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
5.5 SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURSHIP	5.5.1	Work with partners such as Southside Virginia Community College to provide business skills training.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	SVCC
	5.5.2	Work with Longwood's Small Business Development Center and local financial institutions to increase available financing for residents who want to start or grow a business.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	Financial Institutions; LU SBDC
	5.5.3	Work with Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College business schools/departments to identify promising business ideas and students who may wish to start a business in the County and connect them with startup resources.	Programs and Services	HSC; LU; Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	Financial Institutions; HSC; LU
	5.5.4	Support projects to extend rural broadband infrastructure to allow residents to work from home and to start home-based online business.	Partnerships	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	Broadband Providers; Developers

Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
5.6 ATTRACT NEW BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES	5.6.1	Improve the readiness of development sites by ensuring they are appropriately zoned and have adequate utilities such as water and sewer.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	N/A
	5.6.2	Ensure that sites are certified and appropriately listed for marketing.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	Landowners; Realtors; VEDP
	5.6.3	Promote skills pipelines and Prince Edward's educational advantages to prospects.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing		N/A
	5.6.4	Market commercial land around "The Manor" development to potential retail and service businesses.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	Businesses; Media
	5.6.5	Complete the Water Infrastructure Extension project for the Heartland Innovative Technology Park.	Capital Projects	Prince Edward County	Medium	\$\$\$	CIP
	5.6.6	Complete Site Certification processes for Heartland Innovative Technology Park and the Prince Edward County Business Park.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	N/A
	5.6.7	Improve access into the Heartland Innovative Technology Park.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Medium	\$\$\$	VDOT

Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
5.7 SUPPORT AGRICULTURAL AND FARMING ACTIVITIES	5.7.1	Work with local landowners to preserve large agricultural properties in conservation easements to ensure farmland remains for future generations.	Partnerships	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	Local Landowners; DCR
	5.7.2	Use the historic Cannery to support small-scale community-based agriculture and self-sufficiency activities.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	N/A
	5.7.3	Evaluate the Zoning Ordinance for opportunities to increase agritourism activities.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	APA
	5.7.4	Connect farmers with businesses that can use state programs to promote the purchase of Virginia agricultural products such as the Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	Local Business Leaders; Regional Farmers; VCE
	5.7.5	Work with partners to form a community agriculture roundtable to discuss issues and opportunities facing farmers within the County.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	4H; Regional Farmers; VCE
	5.7.6	Improve access to local food by promoting farm stands and by connecting farmers to local small retailers within the County.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	Local Business Leaders; Regional Farmers; VCE
	5.7.7	Direct new industries to the Heartland Innovative Technology Park and the Prince Edward County Business Park in order to preserve farmland for agriculture.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	N/A
	5.7.8	Determine a location for a permanent Farmers Market, more conducive to agricultural producers with a shelter structure that can also be used for other events.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	Local Business Leaders; Regional Farmers

# CHAPTER 6

## Community Facilities and Services

Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
6.1 ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF COUNTY GOVERNANCE	6.1.1	Evaluate space needs for the Sherriff's Office and allocate funding for identified improvement projects.	Capital Projects	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	CIP
	6.1.2	Ensure that County employees are trained regularly in information technology and cybersecurity practices.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	N/A
	6.1.3	Create a single Emergency Communications Center by consolidating the existing public safety answering points (PSAPs) into one service through a partnership between Prince Edward County, the Town of Farmville, Longwood University, and Hampden-Sydney College.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; Regional and Institutional Partners	Medium	\$\$	Hampden-Sydney College; Longwood University; Town of Farmville
	6.1.4	Establish a public safety department to enhance fire and emergency medical service response in the County.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; Regional and Institutional Partners	Long	\$\$	Emergency, Fire & Hazard Partners
	6.1.5	Allocate funding in the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) to purchase a backup generator for the Department of Social Services (DSS) building.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$\$	CIP
	6.1.6	Ensure that new development proposals are evaluated for their impact on public safety agencies in the County.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	Fire & EMS Management



Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
6.2 INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE FUTURE	6.2.1	Continue the rehabilitation of the Mary E. Branch School building in partnership with the Town of Farmville.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	Town of Farmville
	6.2.2	Complete the expansion of broadband services to underserved areas of the County through partnerships with businesses such as Kinex Telecom.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; Regional and Institutional Partners	Short	\$	Broadband Providers
	6.2.3	Promote the broadband expansion project with additional public outreach to keep residents informed about the availability of services.	Community Outreach and Education	Prince Edward County Public Information	Short	\$	County website & bulletins; Media
	6.2.4	Educate the community on waste and recycling reduction efforts.	Community Outreach and Education	Prince Edward County Public Information	Short	\$	County website & bulletins; Media
	6.2.5	Continue working with regional partners to plan for and develop necessary infrastructure to meet the County's long-term water supply needs.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; Town of Farmville	Ongoing	\$	Regional partners
	6.2.6	Update the Regional Water Supply Plan to provide an accurate assessment of water supply needs for the Prince Edward and Farmville region.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; Town of Farmville	Short	\$	Town of Farmville
	6.2.7	Implement the Sandy River Reservoir as a water supply source.	Capital Projects; Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; Town of Farmville	Long	\$\$\$	CIP; Town of Farmville
	6.2.8	Upgrade all County convenience sites to provide increased functionality and higher-quality amenities.	Capital Projects; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$\$\$	CIP

Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
6.3 ACHIEVING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE	6.3.1	Prince Edward County and Prince Edward County Public Schools will collaborate to address issues identified in the VDOE accreditation process and achieve full accreditation of all schools.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; PECPS	Short	\$\$	PECPS; VDOE
	6.3.2	Collaborate with Longwood and Prince Edward County Public Schools to establish a student teaching program in the schools, with the goal of retaining teachers after graduation.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; PECPS; Longwood University	Short	\$\$	LU; PECPS
	6.3.3	Work with Prince Edward County Public Schools to promote public awareness of improvements.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; PECPS	Short	\$	PECPS
	6.3.4	Continue growing the Career and Technical Education program based on current workforce trends.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; PECPS	Ongoing	\$	Business & Industry Leaders; SVCC

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6.4 ENHANCING COMMUNITY SERVICES	6.4.1	Work with regional partners to bring additional healthcare and mental health specialists and facilities to the County.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	Regional healthcare and mental healthcare partners
	6.4.2	Continue working with the Town of Farmville to provide community recreation programs through Farmville's Parks and Recreation Department.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	Town of Farmville
	6.4.3	Coordinate with recreation providers such as the Southside Virginia YMCA and the Prince Edward-Farmville Youth Association to offer recreation programs and events.	Partnerships	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	Prince Edward-Farmville Youth Association; Southside VA YMCA
	6.4.4	Pursue opportunities to add community recreation amenities to existing public lands and facilities, including school buildings and grounds, and other County-owned properties.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; Prince Edward County Public Schools	Ongoing	\$	PECPS
	6.4.5	Explore possibilities to grow outdoor recreation and tourism opportunities at Sandy River Reservoir.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	Local Business Leaders

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6.4 ENHANCING COMMUNITY SERVICES	6.4.6	Explore the feasibility of building a County indoor/outdoor fitness and community center.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	CRC; DCR
	6.4.7	Continue to explore opportunities to partner with County businesses that are within the recreation industry.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	Local Business Leaders
	6.4.8	Explore opportunities for recreation facilities in rural areas of the County.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	CRC; DCR
	6.4.9	Explore partnerships with private businesses and non-profits to fill gaps in community recreation and services.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	Local Business Leaders; Prince Edward-Farmville Youth Association; Southside VA YMCA



# CHAPTER 7

## Transportation and Connectivity

Focus Areas	Strategy Number	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
7.1 MAINTAINING THE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK	7.1.1	Pursue VDOT funding for road improvements such as revenue sharing programs, grants, and the State of Good Repair program to improve existing transportation infrastructure.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	CRC; VDOT
	7.1.2	Partner with VDOT and Commonwealth Regional Council to prioritize the improvement or replacement of bridges and culverts classified as being in poor condition by VDOT.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$\$\$	CRC; VDOT
	7.1.3	Work with state and regional partners to secure funding for the construction of a full interchange at East Third (E. 3rd) Street and the US 460 Bypass.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Long	\$\$\$	CRC; VDOT
	7.1.4	Consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to expand the Highway Corridor Overlay Zoning District to include the US 460 and W. 3rd Street corridors.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	CRC; VDOT

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7.2 CREATING A MULTI-MODAL NETWORK	7.2.1	Explore opportunities to accommodate bicycles on County roadways to facilitate safe bicycle travel.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	CRC; VDOT
	7.2.2	Work with state and regional partners to update and expand the CRC's 2010 Regional Bicycle Plan to include pedestrian accommodations in addition to current conditions and goals.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	CRC; VDOT
	7.2.3	Collaborate with relevant transit agencies and regional partners to assess and determine the necessity for implementing new or expanding existing public transportation routes and services.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	CRC; VDOT
	7.2.4	Work with VDOT to ensure ADA accessibility of existing and proposed sidewalk infrastructure.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	CRC; VDOT
	7.2.5	Work with transit agencies and participating localities to expand marketing of transit services and increase County residents' awareness of Farmville Area Bus (FAB), Prince Edward Rural Transit (PERT), Blackstone Area Bus System (BABS), and Piedmont Senior Resources Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (PSR).	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	CRC; FAB; PERT; PSR

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7.2 CREATING A MULTI-MODAL NETWORK	7.2.6	Consider allocating additional funding for FAB to eliminate the 25-cent bus fare on PERT lines and provide free ridership, potentially increasing accessibility and usage.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	CRC; FAB; PERT; PSR
	7.2.7	Improve connectivity of active transportation infrastructure (walking and biking trails, sidewalk infrastructure, and bicycle paths) between recreational, tourism, and residential areas.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$\$\$	CRC; FAB; PERT; PSR
	7.2.8	Expand broadband infrastructure to support remote work, thereby reducing traffic congestion by enabling more individuals to work from home.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	Broadband Providers
	7.2.9	Work with VDOT to obtain grant funding for the construction of a sidewalk along Zion Hill Road to connect the County's schools to the Poplar Forest Apartment Complex.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; State and Federal Agencies	Short	\$\$	VDOT
	7.2.10	Partner with state and regional agencies to secure funding for the construction of a new 25-space park and ride lot along US 15 on County property near Lowe's.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County; State and Federal Agencies	Short	\$\$\$	VDOT

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7.3 COORDINATING TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE	7.3.1	Encourage new development within UDAs to incorporate multi-modal transportation features, such as sidewalks, bike lanes, or shared use paths, crosswalks and stop bars, and bicycle storage facilities.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	N/A
	7.3.2	Consider installing EV charging stations at County-owned properties such as administrative offices, schools, and libraries.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	CRC; PECPS
	7.3.3	Consider a membership in the Charging Smart program to help increase access to charging stations and other essential components of EV infrastructure in the County.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	Charging Smart Program; CRC
	7.3.4	Consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to require that developments with greater than 50 parking spaces include EV charging infrastructure.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	APA

# CHAPTER 8

## Community Character and Development

Focus Areas	#	Implementation Strategy	Implementation Type	Responsible Party	Timeframe	Cost	Resources
8.1 STRATEGIES TO PROTECT RURAL CHARACTER	8.1.1	Continue to monitor new legislation for solar energy facilities to ensure that the Zoning Ordinance remains compliant with the Code of Virginia.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	Code of Virginia; Renewable Energy Organizations
	8.1.2	Encourage Low Impact Development practices and alternative wastewater systems in environmentally sensitive areas to ensure the preservation of water quality in the County.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	APA
	8.1.3	Explore changes to zoning and development provisions to encourage permeable paving and other materials that promote infiltration of stormwater.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	APA
	8.1.4	Ensure that new development complements and enhances its surroundings through proper land use, design, landscaping, and transitional buffers.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	Regional Development Partners



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8.1 STRATEGIES TO PROTECT RURAL CHARACTER	8.1.5	Amend the Zoning Ordinance to include provisions and use standards for wind energy facilities.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	DEQ; VA Department of Energy; Renewable Energy Organizations
	8.1.6	Encourage developers to incorporate renewable energy sources in new developments and redevelopment projects.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	DEQ; Regional Development Partners; Renewable Energy Organizations; VA Department of Energy
	8.1.7	Ensure that alternative energy facilities utilize best practices for siting, design, regulation, and decommissioning and are not detrimental to surrounding land.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	APA; Code of VA; DEQ; VA Department of Energy; Renewable Energy Organizations

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8.2 STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT	8.2.1	Evaluate land use applications for rezonings and special use permits for consistency with the criteria within this Plan.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	CP
	8.2.2	Evaluate and amend the Zoning Ordinance as needed to require that new commercial and residential developments and redevelopments include alternative transportation infrastructure.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	APA; Regional Development Partners
	8.2.3	Identify opportunities to connect existing neighborhoods and development through sidewalks, shared use paths, and trails.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	Regional Development Partners
	8.2.4	Amend the development and use standards for data centers in the Zoning Ordinance based on related emerging issues and technological advances.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	APA
	8.2.5	Continuously monitor new and evolving land uses that may affect the County, focusing on potential environmental impacts, zoning changes, and infrastructure development.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	APA

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8.2 STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT	8.2.6	Amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide for Mixed Use development.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	Regional Development Partners
	8.2.7	Evaluate the Zoning Ordinance and Map and amend as needed to ensure compliance with the goals of this Plan.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	CP
	8.2.8	Evaluate the Subdivision Ordinance and amend as necessary to ensure compliance with the goals of this Plan.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	CP
	8.2.9	Explore options to provide for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure such as sidewalks, shared use paths, and signalized crosswalks within Urban Development Areas.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$\$\$	Regional Development Partners
	8.2.10	Consider establishing one or more corridor overlay districts in the Zoning Ordinance with signage, setback, landscaping, and buffering standards.	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	APA
	8.2.11	Amend the Zoning Ordinance to establish at least one Technology Overlay District (TOD).	Regulation Updates and Enforcement	Prince Edward County	Short	\$	APA

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8.3 REGIONAL COLLABORATION	8.3.1	Continue collaborative regional planning with the Commonwealth Regional Council and regional localities, institutions, organizations, and business and industry partners.	Partnerships; Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	CRC
	8.3.2	Continue collaborative planning between the County, Town of Farmville, Longwood University, and Hampden-Sydney College to ensure cohesive development within the County.	Programs and Services	Prince Edward County	Ongoing	\$	Town of Farmville; LU; HSC



