§ 15.2-2223. Comprehensive Plan to be prepared and adopted scope and purpose.

- The local Planning Commission shall prepare and recommend a Comprehensive Plan for the physical development of the territory within its jurisdiction and every governing body shall adopt a Comprehensive Plan for the territory under its jurisdiction.
In the preparation of a Comprehensive Plan the commission shall make careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of the existing conditions and trends of growth and of the probable future requirements of its territory and inhabitants.
• The **Comprehensive Plan** shall be made with the purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the territory which will in accordance with **present and probable future needs and resources** to best promote the;

  • Health
  • Safety
  • Morals
  • Order
  • Convenience
  • Prosperity
  • General Welfare of the Inhabitants Including the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities.
The **Comprehensive Plan** shall be general in nature.

It shall 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

It shall indicate where existing lands or facilities are proposed to be extended, widened, removed, relocated, vacated, narrowed, abandoned, or changed in use.
Each locality shall develop a transportation plan as part of the Comprehensive Plan. It designates a system of transportation infrastructure needs and recommendations. It designates new and expanded transportation facilities that support the planned development of the City covered by the plan.
The Transportation Plan Shall include as appropriate but not be limited to:

- Roadways
- Bicycle Accommodations
- Pedestrian Accommodations
- Railways
- Bridges
- Waterways
- Airports
- Ports
- Public Transportation Facilities
Transportation Plan

- The plan shall recognize and differentiate among a hierarchy of roads such as:
  - Expressways
  - Arterials
  - Collectors
Transportation Plan

• In developing the plan the locality shall take into consideration how to align transportation infrastructure and facilities with affordable accessible housing and community services that are located within the territory in order to facilitate community integration of the elderly and persons with disabilities.

• The Virginia Department of Transportation shall upon request provide localities with technical assistance in preparing such transportation plan.
Long-Range Planning

- The Comprehensive Plan with the accompanying maps, plats, charts, and descriptive matter shall show the locality's long-range recommendations for the general development of the territory covered by the plan.
It may include but need not be limited to:

1. The designation of areas for various types of public and private development and use such as different kinds of residential including:
   - Age-restricted Housing
   - Business
   - Industrial
   - Agricultural
   - Mineral Resources
   - Conservation
   - Active And Passive Recreation
   - Public Service
   - Flood Plain And Drainage
   - And Other Areas
It may include but need not be limited to:

2. The 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
It may include but need not be limited to:

3. The designation of historical areas and areas for urban renewal or other treatment

4. The designation of areas for the implementation of reasonable measures to provide for the continued availability quality and sustainability of groundwater and surface water
It may include but need not be limited to:

5. A capital improvements program
6. A subdivision ordinance
7. A zoning ordinance and
8. Zoning district maps
9. Mineral resource district maps
10. Agricultural and forestal district maps where applicable
11. The location of existing or proposed recycling centers
It may include but need not be limited to:

12. The location of military bases, military installations, and military airports and their adjacent safety areas and

13. The designation of corridors or routes for electric transmission lines of 150 kilovolts or more
The Comprehensive Plan shall include:

• The designation of areas and implementation of measures for the construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of affordable housing, which is sufficient to meet the current and future needs of residents of all levels of income in the locality while considering the current and future needs of the planning district within which the locality is situated.
The Comprehensive Plan shall consider:

- Strategies to provide broadband infrastructure that is sufficient to meet the current and future needs of residents and businesses in the locality.
- To this end, local planning commissions may consult with and receive technical assistance from the Center for Innovative Technology, among other resources.