

City of Petersburg  
 Comprehensive Plan Update  
**Community Comments to Date**  
**July 25, 2023**



Below are all community comments received as of July 12, 2023.

Chapter	Comment
Chapter 2 - Identity	<p>Concerns about the Waterfront Investment section of the Planning Factors. Specifically, "Undeveloped parcels along the Appomattox River present opportunities for development that has benefits for both residents and visitors alike such as vertical mixed-use..." I cannot think of any parcels along the Appomattox River that can be used for vertical mixed use, except for the Roper Site, which I would consider the "old channel" or "harbor" and not the Appomattox River. If this is the only site being recommended for vertical mixed use, then I would not say the entire Appomattox River has parcels available for mixed use development. All of the parcels to the west of Old Town are really too narrow to develop, constrained by railroad/canal and/or have a conservation easement protecting them. The parcels to the east are industrial in nature and on the old channel, but I suppose could redevelop someday. I agree with the rest of the section and was pleased to see waterfront investment being called out as a planning factor!</p>
Chapter 3 - Economic Development	<p>Page 47 - Do not agree that there is opportunity for housing development along the riverfront. Is there a specific location I can see mapped for this? Much of the land is constrained and/or permanently protected. Page 51 - where is the tourism zone? Don't see it on map. Like the idea of Appomattox River being included in an incentive zone. Page 58. 3.2.6 Any "development" of the Appomattox River should include public access, even if private housing, retail or industry Page 60, 3.5.6 the Appomattox River Trail has branding and should be included in the wayfinding strategy Page, 60, 3.5.9 As an FYI - FOLAR plans to partner with Scenic Virginia in 2024 to gather and map scenic river views (to/from the river) and this data will be available to the city</p>
Chapter 4 - Housing and Neighborhoods	Do they plan to revitalize the area near highway 95 by Taylor Street
	<p>What they plan doing taylor st. Off 95</p> <p>Page 81 - investment without displacement - we know from other projects around the nation (Beltline in Atlanta comes to mind) that trails can cause displacement. FOLAR wants to be part of any efforts that encourage the investments and improvements not resulting in displacement</p>