

NELSON COUNTY, VA



Comprehensive Plan Update



Joint Kickoff | May 31, 2022



Meeting Objectives

-  What is a Comprehensive Plan?
-  Review Process & Schedule
-  Review Draft Materials
-  Discussion & Questions



What is a Comprehensive Plan?

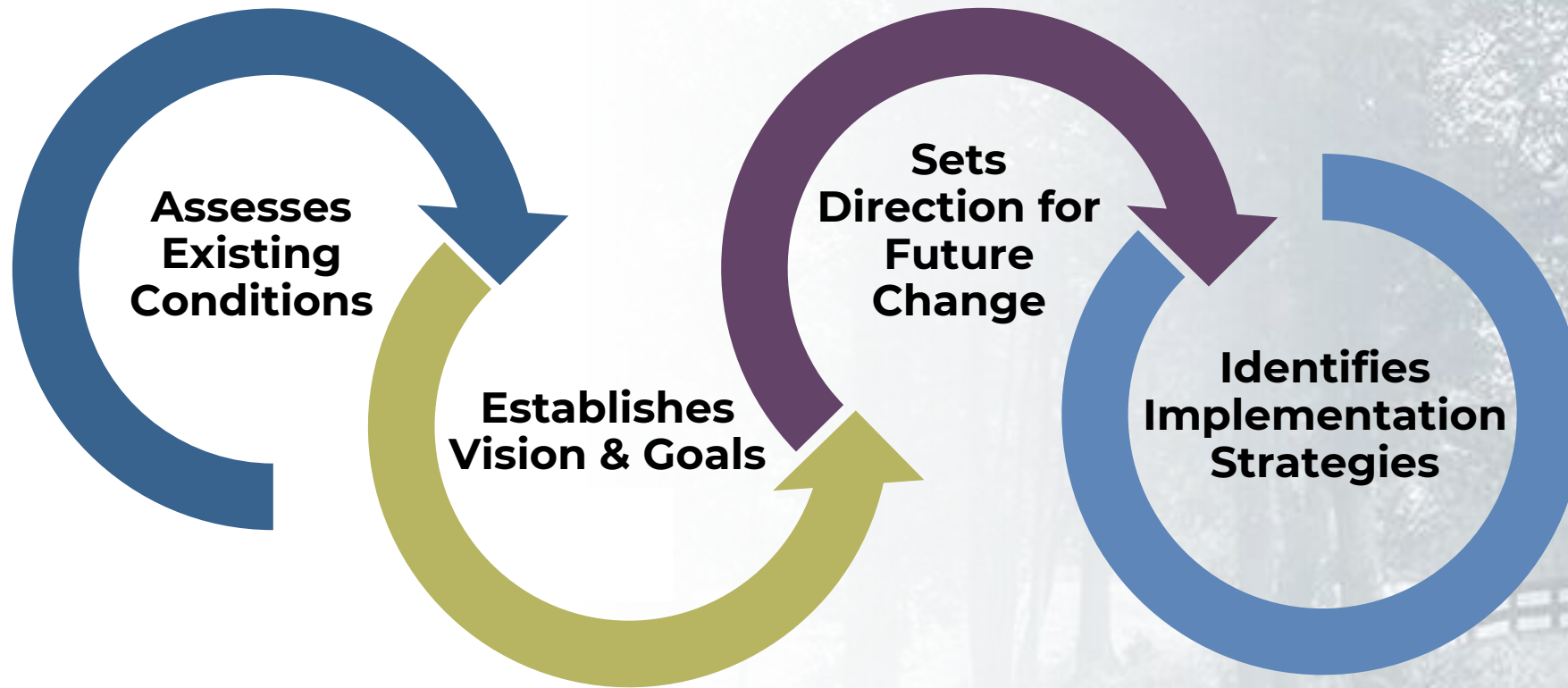


What is a Comprehensive Plan?*

- ❑ 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 Virginia State Code Section § 15.2-2223

**See BG Guide to Comprehensive Planning*

What Does a Comprehensive Plan Do?



What Does a Comprehensive Plan Address?



Transportation

Land Use

**Historic & Natural
Resources**

Local Economy

Housing

**Community Facilities
& Services**

What Does a Comprehensive Plan Address?

Transportation/Mobility

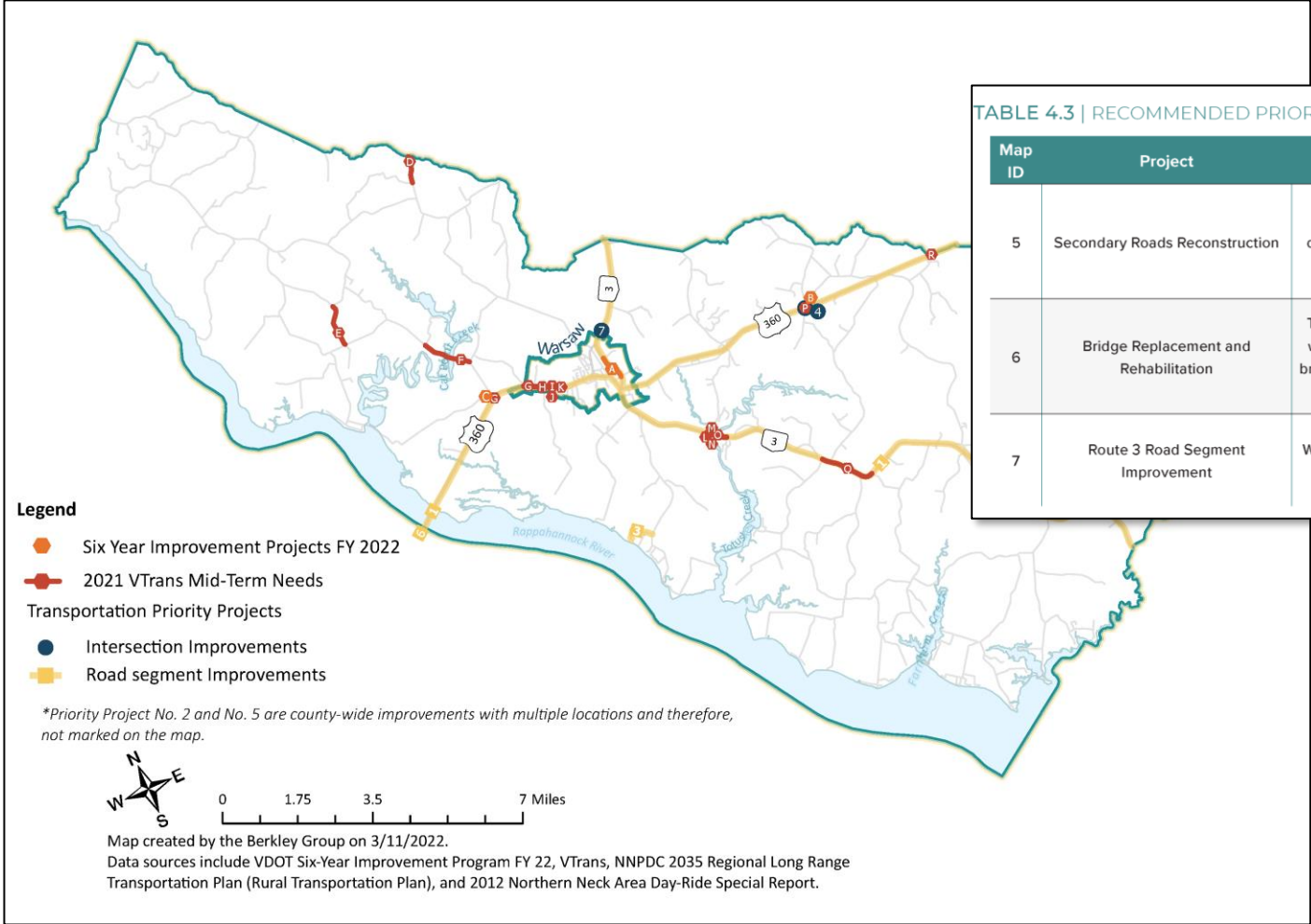
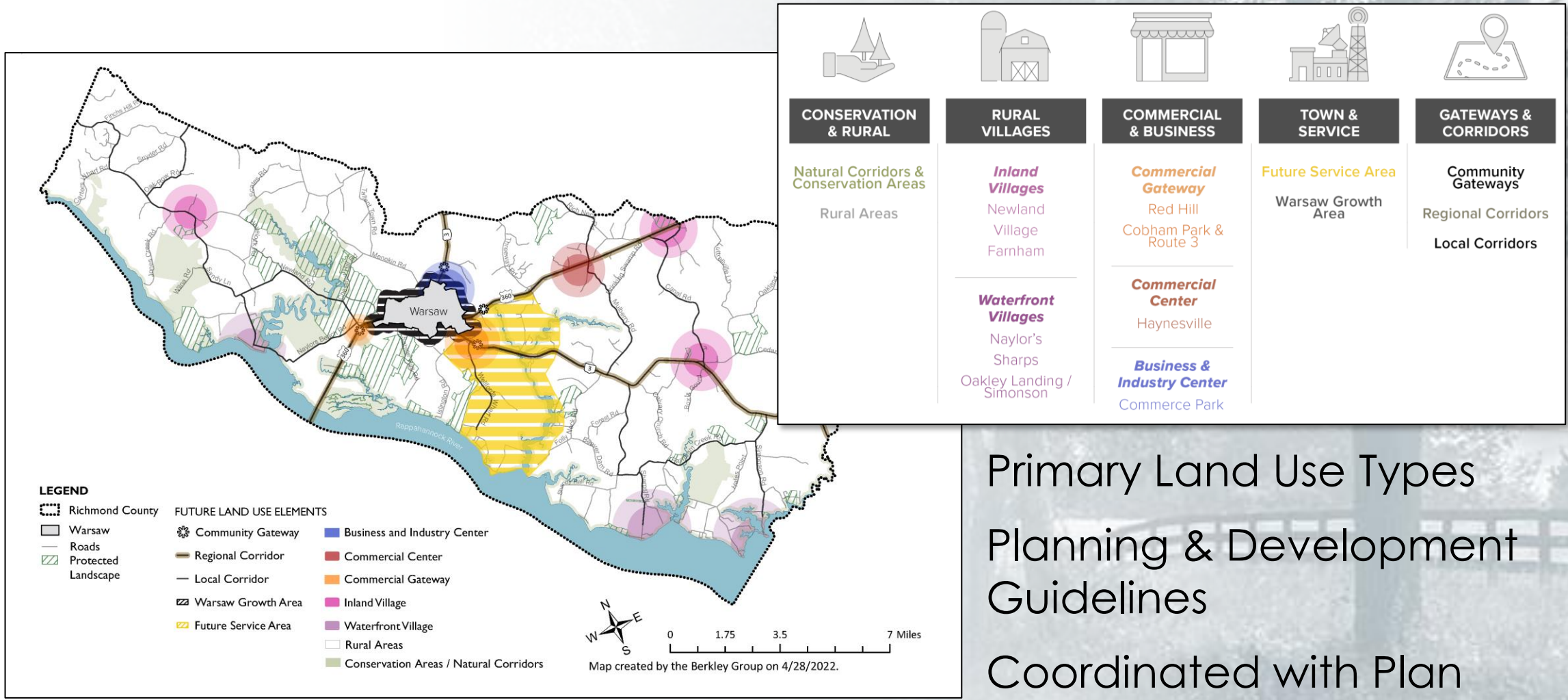


TABLE 4.3 RECOMMENDED PRIORITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (CONTINUED)					
Map ID	Project	Description	Cost	Improvement Type	Source
5	Secondary Roads Reconstruction	Reconstruct secondary roads in the county to address geometric deficiencies as identified in the NNPDC 2035 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan.	TBD	Road Improvement	NNPDC 2035 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (Rural Transportation Plan)
6	Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation	This includes bridge replacement and widening to urban four lanes with a median for Route 360 from Essex CL to Downing Bridge and bridge rehabilitation and widening to urban four lanes VA- 3 from VA- 601 to Lancaster CL.	TBD	Bridge Replacement	NNPDC 2035 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (Rural Transportation Plan)
7	Route 3 Road Segment Improvement	This includes improving driveway access on Route 360 in front of Wood Preservers with turning lanes, and work with Wood Preservers to cross-road access to and from parcels on both sides of the highway.	TBD	Road Improvement	2012 Northern Neck Area Day-Ride Special Report

Priority Projects for Nelson
Coordinated with VDOT
Plans and Requirements
729 Review

What Does a Comprehensive Plan Address?

Future Land Use Framework



Primary Land Use Types
Planning & Development
Guidelines
Coordinated with Plan
Elements & Strategies

Why Update a Comprehensive Plan?

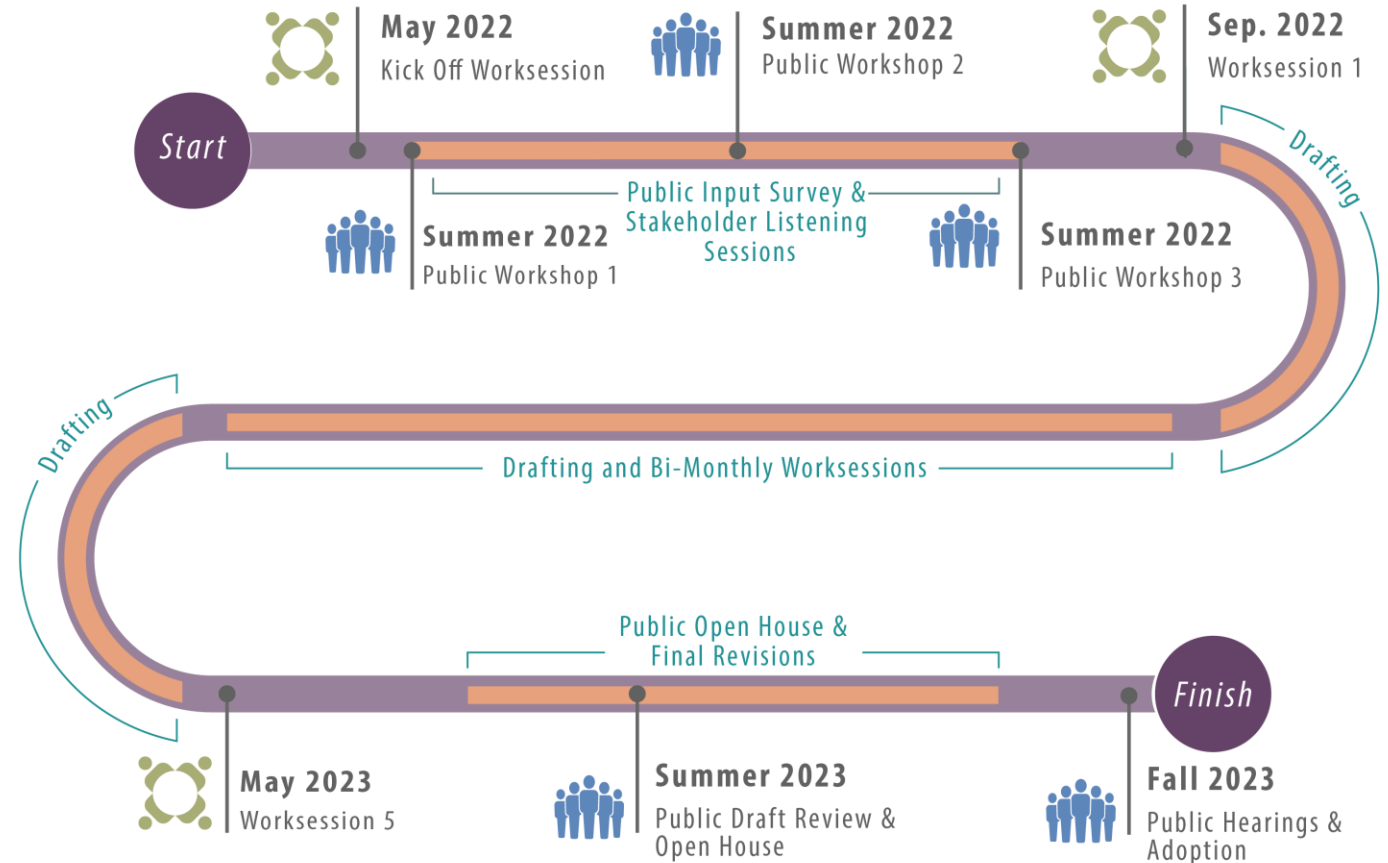
- ☐ Local priorities & vision change with time
- ☐ The natural & built environment change with time
- ☐ Strategies to achieve the plan's vision & goals must be updated & adjusted
- ☐ Five-year review legally required by Virginia State Code §15.2-2223



Update Process & Schedule

What are the Steps to Update the Plan?*

- ✓ Diagnostic of Current Plan
- 1 ▶ Plan Branding & Community Engagement
- ▼ Update Existing Conditions Data
- ▼ Develop Vision & Goals
- 2 ▼ Draft Plan Content
- ▼ Craft Strategies & Implementation Steps
- 3 ▼ Plan Review & Edits
- ▼ Plan Adoption
- 4 ▼ Diagnostic of Ordinances



**See Meeting Schedule*

Meetings & Events*

☒ **Kickoff with Staff**

☒ **Kickoff Worksession**

☐ **Youth Art Challenge**
(Summer 2022)

☐ **Online Public Input Survey**
(July 1- August 15)

☐ **3 Public Workshops**
(Summer 2022)

☐ **4 Listening Sessions**
(Summer 2022)

☐ **5 Joint Worksessions**
(September – May)

☐ **Final Review Worksession**
(Summer 2023)

☐ **Review by VDOT**
(Summer 2023)

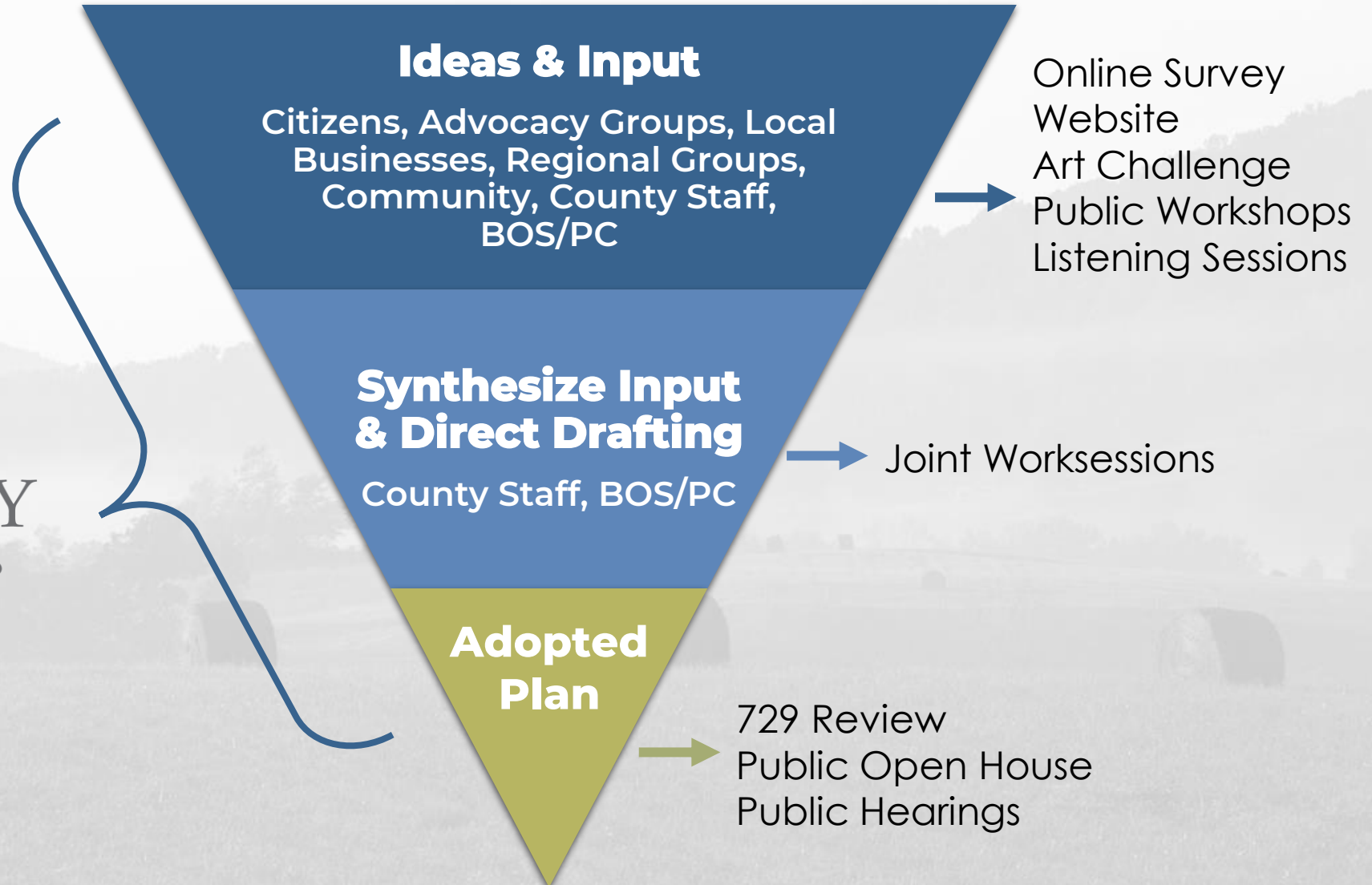
☐ **Public Open House**
(Summer 2023)

☐ **Joint Public Hearing &
Adoption**

☐ (Fall 2023)

**See Meeting Schedule*

Who is Involved?



How Can CITIZENS Be Involved?

- ✓ **Participate in Youth Art Challenge | NOW!**
- ✓ **Complete the Online Survey | July 1 – August 15**
- ✓ **Attend Public Workshop #1 | July 2022**
- ✓ **Attend Public Workshop #2 | July 2022**
- ✓ **Attend Public Workshop #3 | August 2022**

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What is YOUR Role?

- ✓ **Encourage Community Participation**
- ✓ **Attend Joint Worksessions**
- ✓ **Provide Input & Ideas**
- ✓ **Review Drafts & Provide Feedback**

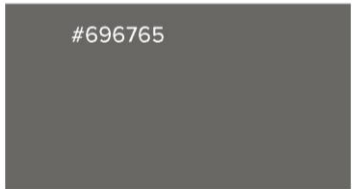
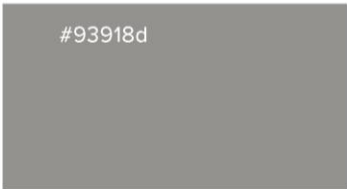
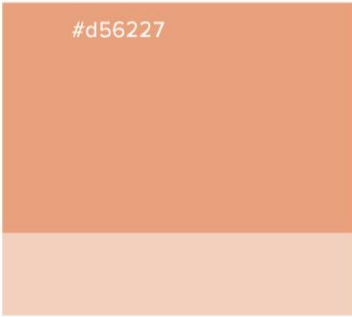
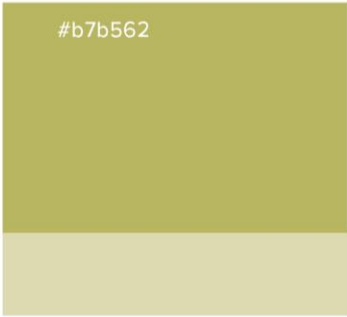
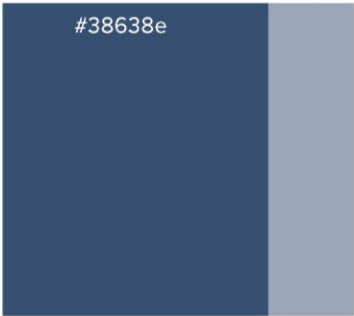
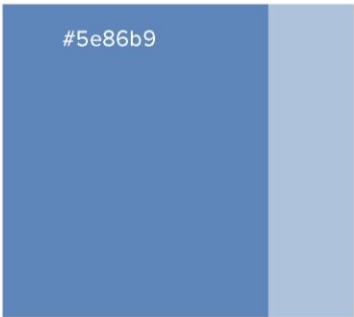


Plan Branding & Engagement Review

Plan Branding




True North | Our Guide | Navigating
Direction | Trail Blazing | Pathways



Draft Survey Review

The Joint Committee's first task is to review the survey and provide us with any feedback.



Nelson County Comprehensive Plan Update 2022
Community Survey

Introduction

This survey is an opportunity for residents and neighbors of Nelson County to share their thoughts and opinions on the future growth and development of the County. Your feedback will be used by the County's staff and Planning Commission as we work to update the County's Comprehensive Plan.

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is Nelson County's most important document regarding growth and development. It establishes government policy to guide public and private activities as they relate to land use and community facilities. The Plan is the basis for land development regulations; capital improvements for schools, parks, and public uses; transportation investments; and environmental and historic resource protection. All Virginia local governments are required to adopt a Comprehensive Plan, and review the plan for necessary updates every five years.

Survey Information

→ **Return completed surveys by July 31, 2022,** to Nelson County Planning & Zoning, 80 Front Street, Lovingston, VA 22949

→ You can also take the survey online at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/Nelson_Comp_Plan

→ Questions? Contact **Dylan Bishop, Planning & Zoning Director**, at (434)263-7091 or dbishop@nelsoncountynv.gov

Survey Questions

1. What do you value most about Nelson County? (Choose up to three):

<input type="checkbox"/> Rural character and open space	<input type="checkbox"/> Community safety
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and forestry industries	<input type="checkbox"/> Agritourism (such as wineries, breweries, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Education system
<input type="checkbox"/> Sense of community	<input type="checkbox"/> Quality housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Community facilities and services	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost of living
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/> Local history and culture
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

2. What concerns you the most about Nelson County's future? (choose up to three):

3. What should Nelson County focus on as it plans for the future? (choose up to three):

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improving quality of life | <input type="checkbox"/> Improving public schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promoting quality development | <input type="checkbox"/> Improving utilities and infrastructure, including broadband |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promoting affordable / quality housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Providing social services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preserving environmental resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Preserving historic, cultural, and/or archaeological resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improving the economy | <input type="checkbox"/> Improving roads and transportation options |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhancing public safety (police / fire, rescue, and emergency services) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creating parks and recreation opportunities | |

4. Would you agree or disagree with the following statements? (check one for each):

	Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
There are plenty of good job opportunities in Nelson County.			
Nelson County offers affordable housing that meets the needs of residents of all incomes.			
There is sufficient variety in housing types to meet resident needs.			
There are plenty of outdoor recreation opportunities in Nelson County.			



The Nelson County
2024 Comprehensive
Plan has a website!

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Comprehensive Plan Update

The Comprehensive Plan is our community's *guide* for the future of the Nelson County. The Plan establishes a shared vision and provides the *direction* to achieve that vision. It is the County's most important document for *navigating* growth, development, and change.





Plan Diagnostic Review

Comprehensive Plan Diagnostic*

Assessed the 2014 Comprehensive Plan for Compliance with Virginia State Code: Title 15.2, Chapter 22, Article 3

Assessed the 2014 Comprehensive Plan for Best Practices, Clarity, and Readability

**See Comprehensive Plan Diagnostic*

Code of Virginia Compliance Key Findings

1

Update data to reflect current community conditions & population projections

2

Update Transportation section to meet VDOT requirements, including VTrans & other studies

3

Address Code required topics such as affordable housing, manufactured housing

4

Review and update the Designated Development Areas, and incorporate into FLUM, as needed

Best Practices Key Findings

1

Encourage and document authentic participation by a diverse cross section of the community

2

Expand discussion of housing, housing types, equity, and affordability; plan for the needs of disadvantaged populations

3

Include an Implementation Matrix in the implementation section with actions & accountability for each strategy

4

Update plan structure for readability & use; draw connections between issues, opportunities and strategies

2014 Plan Structure

1. Portrait of Nelson County

2. Purpose of the Plan

3. Goals & Principles

- a) Economic Development
- b) Transportation
- c) Education
- d) Public & Human Services
- e) Natural, Scenic, & Historic Resources
- f) Recreation
- g) Development Areas
- h) Rural Conservation

4. Land Use Plan

5. Transportation

6. Greenway Plan

7. Plan Implementation

8. Appendices

- a) Profile of Nelson County
- b) Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

Sample Plan Structure

1. About the Plan

1. Plan Purpose & Authority, Planning Process

2. About Nelson County

1. Nelson Today (Demographic Analysis/Existing Conditions)
2. Nelson Tomorrow (Vision & Goals)

3. Plan Elements

1. Future Land Use/Development & Character
2. Transportation/Mobility & Connectivity
3. Housing/Community Development
4. Natural & Historic Resources
5. Local Economy/Economic Development
6. Community Facilities & Infrastructure

1. Analysis of Existing Conditions/Community Issues & Opportunities
2. Maps & Diagrams
3. Goal & Supporting Strategies

4. Plan Implementation (Tools & Strategy Matrix)

5. Appendix (Glossary & Resources)

Sample Implementation Matrix

Chapter	Focus Area	Value	ID #	Strategy	Implementation Type	Priority	Responsible Parties	Resources
Chapter 5 Creating Livable Communities	Livable Communities	L	5.1	Plan and zone for a sufficient supply of developable land near Warsaw and/or where public utilities are available with a range of housing types and densities	Regulatory Tools	High	Richmond County Staff/BOS	Richmond County (Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan)
		L	5.2	Support neighborhood investments (lighting, sidewalks, crosswalks, roads), where appropriate, that allow Richmond County residents to improve neighborhood safety and walkability and promote aging in place	Capital Projects; Regulatory Tools	High	County Staff, VDOT, Neighboring Localities; State and Federal Partners	Richmond County (Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan)
		L	5.3	Ensure that any new housing development is strategically placed to complement the rural landscape and avoid burden to the existing public services	Regulatory Tools	Ongoing	Richmond County Staff/BOS; Local Business Partners	Richmond County (Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan)
	Housing Quality & Maintenance	L	5.4	Connect homeowners and renters with resources and programs for rehabilitation and repair of existing and aging homes (for example septic pump-outs, weatherization, energy efficiency, drinking water testing)	Community Outreach and Education	Ongoing	State and Federal Partners; Regional and Institutional Partners	Virginia Housing, Virginia DHCD, USDA Rural Housing Service; HUD; SERCAP
		L	5.5	Partner with non-profit organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity, to provide access to housing improvement projects for vulnerable populations	Capital Projects	Ongoing	Richmond County Staff/BOS; Regional and Institutional Partners	Habitat for Humanity
		P	5.6	Promote grant programs and partner with local organizations and businesses to educate homeowners about building systems, maintenance, and energy-saving features suitable for existing buildings	Community Outreach and Education	Medium	Richmond County Staff/BOS; Regional and Institutional Partners	NNPDC; Virginia Housing; Virginia DHCD; Bay Aging; SERCAP; DARS
		P	5.7	Take maximum advantage of federal, state, and private funding for aiding county homeowners in repairing housing structures	Programs and Services	High	Richmond County Staff/BOS; Regional and Institutional Partners; State and Federal Partners	NNPDC; Virginia DHCD; Bay Aging; USDA Rural Housing Service
		L	5.8	Consider the need for code amendments for increased enforcement, such as the Virginia Maintenance Code and Virginia Spot Blight Abatement (Code of Virginia Sec. 36-49.1:1), to address severe cases of dilapidated and blighted property	Regulatory Tools	High	Richmond County Staff/BOS	Code of Virginia; Richmond County (Code of Ordinances)



What is Your Perspective?

Questions & Discussion

- What has changed since the last comprehensive plan?
- Were the goals and objectives of the plan met?
- What other goals and objectives would you like to see the County focus on?
- Are there projects you would like to see come to fruition?
- What are the key issues facing the County today?
- What opportunities should the County take advantage of?

Next Steps



- ☐ **Finalize the Website**

- ☐ **Finalize & Publish Public Input Survey**



- ☐ **Finalize Stakeholder Listening Session Participants**

- ☐ **Advertise the Youth Art Challenge, Public Workshops, & Public Input Survey**