

NELSON COUNTY, VA

Comprehensive Plan Update



Joint Worksession #4 | May 16, 2023



Meeting Objectives

1. Schedule & Progress Update
2. Chapter 5 Outstanding Comments
3. Chapter 3: Shaping Character & Development(Content Review)
4. Chapter 4: Connecting People & Places(Content Review)
5. Next Steps



Schedule & Progress Update

Project Schedule



Meetings & Events

4 Joint Worksessions

October – Chapter 1 & 2

January – Natural & Cultural Resources;
Community Facilities

March – Housing; Economy

May – Transportation; Land Use

County-Led Focus Groups

(December, February, April)

Final Review Worksession

(Summer 2023)

Review by VDOT

(Summer 2023)

Public Open House

(Summer 2023)

Joint Public Hearing &

Adoption (Fall 2023)



Chapter 5 and 7 Policy Comments

- Ch.5 New Strategy:
 - “Pursue the creation of low-cost or sliding scale cost home maintenance services.”
- Ch.5, Strategy 2 clarification: “Consider allowing accessory dwelling units by right through zoning changes that can allow affordable rental options that benefit renters and homeowners.”
 - Policy for accessory dwelling units as rental options in the County; short-term and long-term?



Chapter 3

Shaping Character & Development

Chapter Goal

Nelson County will preserve and enhance its rural character and natural resources by creating opportunities for strategic growth to create a stronger, more vibrant, and prosperous community.

Focus Areas

1. Create a Coordinated Framework for Growth

- a) Existing Land Use Tools & Development Patterns
- b) Development Constraints
- c) Land Use & Infrastructure
- d) Regional Planning & Coordination

2. Protect Rural Character & the Environment

- a) Rural Character
- b) Sustainable Design & Development





Chapter 4

Connecting People & Places

Chapter Goal

Nelson County maintains a transportation system that provides a safe and efficient multimodal network to connect residents and visitors to places they live, work, recreate, and access services throughout the County and region.

Focus Areas

- 1. Maintain & Improve the Existing Road Network**
 - a) Road Network
 - b) Road Safety
- 2. Invest in Alternative Transportation**
 - a) Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure
 - b) Electric Vehicle Accessibility
 - c) Shared Transportation
- 3. Coordinate Land Use and Transportation**
 - a) Urban Development Areas
 - b) Small Area Plans
- 4. Priority Transportation Improvement Projects**
 1. Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP)
 2. Vtrans
 3. Priority Transportation Projects

Next Steps



Edits for Ch. 3, Ch. 4 & Ch. 9, comments by 5/26/2023



Incorporate Edits & Compile Entire Document. Send to Board/PC for individual review and strategy prioritization. – June/July



VDOT 729 Review (90-day review)



Community Open House – July/August



Final Worksession (Open House Feedback & Final Edits)
– August/September



Public Hearings and Adoption – September/October