

CHAPTER 3: PLAN GOALS

Overview

Goals are the framework for guiding county growth and development. The guidelines of each chapter are based upon the principles of these goals. Achieving these goals will ensure Chesterfield County continues to be a healthy, thriving community providing residents with a high quality of life; employers with a supportive business climate; and visitors with positive historical, cultural, recreational and shopping experiences.

Goals are achieved through the measures outlined in the Implementation chapter.

Where the goals refer to public facilities and infrastructure, they include schools, parks, libraries, fire and emergency medical services stations, transportation, public water and wastewater, communication technology and other public infrastructure and services.

Plan Goals

USING THE PLAN

- The Comprehensive Plan offers general guidance to the growth, redevelopment, revitalization and infrastructure provision of the county.
- Programs, strategies, policies, ordinances, projects and development incentives should, where appropriate, align with the Comprehensive Plan.
- The Comprehensive Plan should be a useful tool in guiding long-term decision making and resource allocation, including the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- The Comprehensive Plan helps the county be proactive in preparing for change.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- The Comprehensive Plan promotes orderly and fiscally responsible growth through adequate public facilities and infrastructure provision.
- The Comprehensive Plan supports the public sector's role for ensuring long-term stability and supporting a high quality of life is by providing equitable distribution and efficient allocation of public resources. Provision of equitable public services will promote investment and reinvestment in aging and maturing areas.

ECONOMY

- The Comprehensive Plan promotes a high quality of life supported by an expanding and diverse economy that generates well-paying jobs and contributes significantly to the tax base.

- The Comprehensive Plan supports an atmosphere conducive to fostering new and unique business opportunities, especially small business through land use recommendations and support for incentives.
- The Comprehensive Plan strives to achieve an appropriate balance between residential and business growth.

COMMUNITY

- The Comprehensive Plan strives to protect the health and wellbeing of all citizens of Chesterfield County in support of the mission and vision of the Virginia Department of Health.
- The Comprehensive Plan supports a mix of living, shopping, entertainment, recreation, employment and natural areas that are balanced and integrated to ensure a high quality of life and fiscal health.
- The Comprehensive Plan promotes strong and sustainable neighborhoods and business areas that are well planned, of high quality, visually attractive and well maintained.
- The Comprehensive Plan promotes redevelopment and revitalization opportunities to take advantage of existing or planned public facilities and infrastructure.
- The Comprehensive Plan calls for our communities to be connected, both physically and socially, to their surroundings and nearby destinations, and easily accessible by pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.
- The Comprehensive Plan supports unique and attractive social places that are the cornerstone of our thriving communities.

ENVIRONMENT

- The Comprehensive Plan recommends the protection of valued environmental resources through fair regulatory practices while accommodating growth and development consistent with the Plan.
- The Comprehensive Plan supports the integration of vital environmental resources and features into development designs for enjoyment by the community, where appropriate.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL

- The Comprehensive Plan supports preservation of unique historical and cultural resources that are incorporated into the community fabric where appropriate.
- The Comprehensive Plan supports tourism and educational opportunities that are provided to promote unique historical and cultural resources.