

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 4, 2013 (PC Mtg. 6/12/13)

TO: York County Planning Commission

FROM: Timothy C. Cross, AICP, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: York County Comprehensive Plan Update – *Charting the Course to 2035*

BACKGROUND

For the past sixteen months, the Commission has been working on the review and update of the York County Comprehensive Plan, which was last updated in 2005. Kicking off on February 2, 2012 with a community forum at Magruder Elementary School conducted jointly with James City County and the City of Williamsburg, this effort has involved a total of six public information and input sessions and ten Planning Commission work sessions (including a joint work session with the James City County and Williamsburg Planning Commissions), all of which were open to the public. The first draft of the updated Comprehensive Plan was distributed to the Commission and posted on the Planning Division web site last December, and the Commission conducted a public hearing on the draft Plan on February 13, 2013. Advertisement and notification of the public hearing were in accordance with the requirements set forth in the *Code of Virginia*. A total of 15 County residents and non-resident property owners spoke at the public hearing, after which the Commission held a work session on February 27 to review and consider the citizen comments from the public hearing and those that were received via email, mail, and telephone. The Commission's revisions were incorporated into the second draft of the Plan, which was distributed and posted March 13.

On April 24, the Commission held another work session to discuss the second draft. Based on the Commission's direction at that work session, staff has made the following revisions:

- Figure 11 in the Community Facilities element, which depicts current and projected future York County government employee levels has been modified for clarity.
- Library Implementation Strategy #2 in the Community Facilities element has been revised to properly reference the memorandum of agreement between the County and the Williamsburg Regional Library system.
- School Implementation Strategy #15 in the Community Facilities element has been modified to refer specifically to *internet-ready* devices.
- Water Implementation Strategy #23 is included in the Environment element: "*Continue to review and evaluate drainage systems, both VDOT and County-*

maintained, identify deficiencies and maintenance needs, and develop priorities for funding and implementation.”

- A typographical error in the 2035 *Land Use Summary* (Table 2) of the Land Use element has been corrected.
- The Skimino sub-area description and map in the Land Use element has been revised by extending the Mixed Use overlay designation across Newman Road to include the two parcels on the north side, as requested by the owner of those two parcels and as agreed to by the Commission.
- The Lightfoot sub-area description and map in the Land Use element has been revised by redesignating the strip of residential properties along Old Mooretown Road from Low Density Residential to Economic Opportunity for consistency with the current zoning.
- For each implementation strategy, the estimated time-frame for action or completion is indicated with either an “S” for short-term (0 to 5 years), an “M” for medium-term (between 5 and 15 years), or an “L” for long-term (more than 15 years). In addition, the Introduction section has been revised to explain this.

In addition, the Historic Resources element has been revised to include a reference to the historical marker that was installed on Memorial Day at the intersection of Water Street and Read Street in Yorktown to honor the 2,000,000 Africans who died in the Middle Passage as part of the transatlantic slave trade and the 500,000 enslaved survivors and their descendants.

Staff expects to have the third draft, incorporating all of these changes, emailed to the Commission and posted on the web site by Friday, June 7.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission certify the draft plan dated June 7, 2013 – either as is or as it might be amended by the Commission at the June 12 meeting with regard to the proposed Mixed Use overlay designation at the I-64/Route 199/Marquis interchange – and forward it to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of adoption. This can be accomplished through the adoption of proposed Resolution No. PC13-14.

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Attachments:

- Proposed Resolution No. PC13-14

PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF YORK
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the York County Planning Commission held in the Board Room, York Hall, Yorktown, Virginia, on the ____ day of _____, 2013:

Present

Vote

Richard M. Myer, Jr., Chair
Mark B. Suiter, Vice Chair
Alexander T. Hamilton
Christopher A. Abel
Timothy D. McCulloch
Todd H. Mathes
Melissa S. Magowan

On motion of _____, which carried ____, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY AND TRANSMIT TO THE YORK
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS A PROPOSED UPDATED
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, requires the adoption of a comprehensive plan by all Virginia localities; and

WHEREAS, §15.2-2225 of the Code of Virginia requires certification of the Comprehensive Plan based on the Planning Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 1991, the York County Board of Supervisors adopted the County's Comprehensive Plan titled *Charting the Course to 2010*; and

WHEREAS, §15.2-2230 of the Code of Virginia requires the local Planning Commission to review the Comprehensive Plan at least once every five years and determine whether it is advisable to amend the plan; and

WHEREAS, the last comprehensive review and update of the plan was completed in December 2005; and

WHEREAS, in December 2010 the Planning Commission reviewed and considered a summary listing of all land use decisions (rezonings and Special Use Permits) rendered since the Plan's adoption as well as a summary report concerning the status of accomplishments and actions on the various Implementation Strategies established by the Plan and, based on that review, determined that it was not necessary or advisable to consider amendments to the York County Comprehensive Plan in advance of the 2012 review cycle established by the Board of Supervisors through the adoption of Resolution No. R08-93; and

WHEREAS, the York County Planning Commission has conducted a complete and thorough review of the Comprehensive Plan from February 2012 through June 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has conducted a duly advertised public hearing on the draft updated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has thoroughly reviewed the draft updated Plan and has carefully considered the public comments with respect to the draft Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Planning Commission this the ____ day of _____, 2013, that the proposed updated Comprehensive Plan, entitled *Charting the Course to 2035*, dated June 7, 2013, is hereby certified and transmitted to the York County Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of adoption.