

TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION

JANUARY 28, 2020

Resolution— Five Year Review of the Town of Herndon 2030 Comprehensive Plan and its associated supplements, as required by the Code of Virginia, Section 15.2-2230 (1950), as amended.

WHEREAS, the Town of Herndon, Virginia 2030 Comprehensive Plan was adopted August 12, 2008; the Planning Commission completed an initial review of the plan in 2013 and has continued to recommend amendments to the plan; and

WHEREAS, at this time the Planning Commission has completed a review of the comprehensive plan as required by the Code of Virginia, to determine if it is advisable to amend the plan; and

WHEREAS, as part of this review the Planning Commission has completed a process of community outreach on the comprehensive plan and a wide variety of issues associated with the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the Town of Herndon, Virginia finds that the comprehensive plan as amended to date contains the desired and appropriate plans and policies, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, in their resolution of December 16, 2019, confirmed existing policy and provided additional priorities for future amendments to the comprehensive plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia affirms the policies and findings of the Planning Commission as included in the commission's resolution of December 16, 2019, and the Town Council affirms the priorities for future plan amendments as recommended by the commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Herndon provides the following guidance for future amendments to the comprehensive plan:

The Town of Herndon will continue to support the arts through art related activities and facilities within future amendments of the comprehensive plan, and

Work force and affordable housing serve distinct groups of individuals within the Herndon community and the region, and the Town of Herndon endorses the inclusion of housing for both populations within the town and its surrounding area, and

Renewable energy infrastructure, such as electrical vehicle charging stations, is important to the health of the community and the inclusion of such resources shall be considered in future amendments of the comprehensive plan, and

The Town of Herndon recognizes the need to update the chapter on Heritage Resources found in the comprehensive plan, and will update the town's comprehensive plan policies to reflect the updated guidelines and policy guidance that is currently being formulated by the town, and

Future amendments to the comprehensive plan will incorporate the awareness and need for the town to take a proactive role in support of small businesses through policies that ease the processes associated with opening and operating a business within the town, and

The need for a proactive mindset towards attracting, retaining and fostering the success of all businesses, but especially small business, will be included in the future comprehensive plan Economic Development chapter, and

Future comprehensive plan amendments will promote policies that ensure that transportation solutions be multimodal and address the needs of individuals of varying sensory, communication and activity abilities, and

The town's multimodal transportation initiatives will emphasize both walkability as well as bikeability, to capitalize on the presence of the Washington and Old Dominion Trail, the mix of uses inherent within the town's arrangement of land uses and the future opening of the Herndon Metrorail Station, and

As growth and redevelopment continue, the town will continue to create, preserve and enhance its unique sense of place through thoughtfully designed public and private architecture, landscape architecture, streetscapes and public spaces, the design of which will reflect and celebrate the community in its entirety, and preserve and highlight the town's standing as a unique presence along the Silver Line corridor due to a legacy of its own independent identity and a built environment spanning over 150 years, and

The comprehensive plan's future land use map will be amended to include the designation of "Redevelopment Area" along with the term "Adaptive," and to highlight areas designated by small area plans as appropriate for redevelopment with an expanded legend to describe the intent of the words, and

When, in the future the 2030 Comprehensive Plan is rewritten the term "Adaptive" will be replaced by "Redevelopment Area" and the mapping and text will provide enhanced explanation of those small area plans that have been adopted and additional small area plans that will be adopted prior to the rewrite of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

This is certified to be a true and accurate copy of Resolution 20-G-01 adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Herndon on January 28, 2020.



Jessica Sizemore, Legislative Assistant



Attached for reference is the Planning Commission's resolution dated December 16, 2019.

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PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION

DECEMBER 16, 2019

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WHEREAS, at this time the Planning Commission has completed a review of the comprehensive plan as required by the Code of Virginia, to determine if it is advisable to amend the plan; and

WHEREAS, several amendments to the comprehensive plan have addressed major goals and objectives of the original plan through intensive planning processes driven by community input; specifically, the plan was amended by Town Council after Planning Commission recommendation, as follows:

CPA 10-01, Downtown Master Plan, adopted February 22, 2011;

CPA 11-01, Downtown Streetscape Map, a residential streetscape map designation along Center and Vine streets, adopted September 27, 2011;

CPA 11-02, Herndon Metro Station Area Plan, adopted February 28, 2012;

CPA 15-01, Fairbrook Drive Extension, a change to the Major Street Network Map adopted January 13, 2015;

CPA 17-02, Cycle Track on Herndon Parkway, to establish a cycle track along Herndon Parkway approximately 2,000 feet south of the W & OD Trail property at the eastern side of the town, adopted September 27, 2017.

CPA 18-01, South Elden Area Plan, adopted February 12, 2019; and

CPA 18-02, South Elden Street Design Concept, adopted February 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and staff have completed an outreach process during 2019 on the Five Year Review of the comprehensive plan, which has included a public input meeting on September 25, 2019, preceded by staff outreach at the Herndon Farmers Market, as well as presentations and discussion at several community group meetings including, the Herndon Youth Advisory Committee, the Herndon Committee of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Herndon Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Pedestrian, Bicycle Advisory Committee and through a variety of media channels; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the Town of Herndon, Virginia finds that the comprehensive plan as amended to date contains the plans and policies that the commission supports.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission of the Town of Herndon recommends to the Town Council that the following priorities for the development of potential future amendments to the plan and for the implementation of the comprehensive plan be adopted:

1. Continue a cooperative relationship with Fairfax County and regional entities regarding major public services such as human services, public transportation, and fire and rescue, while remaining vigilant to ensure that the town receives adequate and equitable services.
2. Ensure that the town's public facilities serve the needs of all ages and abilities.
3. Continue to assess indoor and outdoor recreational facilities and seek needed additional facilities through the land development entitlement process to ensure that increase service demand is met.
4. Continue to advance the comprehensive plan goal as adopted in the Metrorail Station Area Plan to provide housing choices for those attracted to compact, mixed use, walkable neighborhoods with nearby transit availability. Explore opportunities to achieve a greater range of housing choices through redevelopment in areas of the town where the comprehensive plan supports redevelopment. For example, the areas designated Adaptive Area or Adaptive Area-Residential on the comprehensive plan land use map.
5. Continue to advance major pedestrian and multimodal facilities in the Capital Improvement Program such as the Van Buren Street Improvements, the W & OD Trail Lighting and other pedestrian and bicycle connections to enhance access to Metrorail as well as other

connections and linkages throughout the town and connecting to areas in Fairfax County or Loudoun County striving to ensure a walkable and multimodal community.

6. Ensure that while every town resident lives within ½ mile of a park, those parks are accessible by all forms of transportation and for all residents regardless of their varying sensory, communication and activity abilities.
7. Undertake a minor plan amendment to add references within the comprehensive plan to the Sustainability Plan adopted December 12, 2017, the Streetscape Manual adopted October 2018, the Bicycle Network Master Plan adopted August 13, 2019, and the Pedestrian Plan adopted October 29, 2019. This amendment should also address outdated references or instances where an older planning document has been superceded by more recent Town Council action.
8. Support the environmental goals of the plan including compliance with Virginia Chesapeake Bay Act requirements and the implementation of water quality improvement projects within the town through a cooperative agreement with Fairfax County and funded by the countywide stormwater service district tax. Depending on Virginia Department of Environmental Quality direction and guidance, develop an updated plan chapter on the environment including Chesapeake Bay policy specific to water quality and watershed improvements.
9. Amend the Heritage Preservation chapter of the comprehensive plan to provide desired changes to preservation policy, using the term “historic” rather than the term “heritage.”
10. Consider the regional planning efforts related to resilience, including the Northern Virginia Regional Commission’s “Resilient Critical Infrastructure, A Roadmap for Northern Virginia,” February 2018, which contains a goal to identify appropriate policy frameworks to respond to climate change planning and adaptation.
11. Continue to support cooperation with Fairfax and Loudoun with regard to new development and public facilities planning within areas that are close to the town/county boundaries, especially the coordination of all modes of transportation improvements with regard to major transit-oriented development areas.
12. Incorporate a plan chapter on economic development.

13. Ensure that future comprehensive plan amendments promote universal design and opportunities for individuals with varying sensory, communication and activity abilities.
14. Complete infrastructure impact analysis in the near term to inform planning efforts and to allow for full consideration of a potential plan amendment process relative to the Transit Related Growth area or designated portions (subareas) thereof.
15. In general, consider the 2040 and 2045 time horizons and beyond throughout the comprehensive plan document as these horizons have been part of the more recent plan amendment efforts adopted by the town. Further, these horizons have become part of the town's participation in regional planning and funding efforts.
16. Downtown Master Plan: The commission acknowledges that there will be a significantly changed environment in place by the next five-year comprehensive plan review, as there are major projects currently in the development pipeline. Leading up to year 2024, reconsider the plan relative to the land use and density for non-redeveloped properties and other areas within the context and the experience of the build-out that has occurred by that point in time.
17. Continue to engage in regional planning efforts related to the Innovation Metrorail Station and surrounding areas within Loudoun County and Fairfax County.