Planning Commission Work Session
Agenda Item 3.a.

Agenda Item: **Discussion - Comprehensive Plan**

Meeting Date: June 9, 2025

Category: New Business

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Description:
The intent of this discussion item is to familiarize the Planning Commission with the current status of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan and Market Study and Economic Development Strategy Project. A general description of the anticipated process and timeline will be provided, as well as a brief overview of the topics that will be addressed in the 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

Background:
Section 15.2-2223 of the Code of Virginia requires all jurisdictions to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan. The Code states: *"In the preparation of a comprehensive plan, the [planning] commission shall make careful and comprehensive survey and studies of the existing conditions and trends of growth, and of the probable future requirements of its territory and inhabitants...."*

As we approach its horizon year, the current Town of Herndon 2030 Comprehensive Plan is quickly becoming obsolete as a long-range planning document. Although updates have occurred, including some small area plans, the 2030 Comprehensive Plan is not aligned with current conditions and anticipated and desired future conditions. Comprehensive plans today incorporate a much broader view of needs and conditions, including factors such as fiscal and environmental sustainability, equity, and potential development-based methods for improving public health.

Consultant selection is currently underway and an award of contract is anticipated this summer.

Fiscal Impact:
The combined 2050 Comprehensive Plan and Market Study and Economic Development Strategy is anticipated to cost approximately $1.1 million. In 2023, the Town applied for and received a $720,000 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity [RAISE] grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The additional funds have been identified by the Town's Department of Finance.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
This is a discussion item and no action is anticipated.

Attachments:
None