Herndon 2050 Comprehensive Plan

Overview - Planning Process and Outcomes

July 8, 2025

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What is the Comprehensive Plan ?

- ✓ **Definition**: Long-range policy. Sets vision, goals, and strategies.
- ✓ **Purpose**: Roadmap to guide decisions on transportation, land use, housing, economic development, environment, etc.
- ✓ **Impact**: Determines future capital improvement programs and land use decisions. Guides private development.

Comprehensive Plan Contents :



At It's Core

- Inclusive
- Equitable
- Fiscally Sustainable
- Environmentally Sustainable
- Addressing Needs
- Championing the Community
- Defining the Future
- Leading Future Decisions
- Forming Future CIPs
- Directing the Budget

Where It Fits in the Process

Comprehensive Plan

Vision-Goals and Policy Guidelines (20-25 years)

Strategic Plan

4-6 years

- Capital Improvement Programs
- Program and Services
- Infrastructure and Facilities Master Plans
- Annual Budget

Small Area Plans

- Rezonings and Development Plans

Comprehensive Plan – Mandated by the Code of Virginia

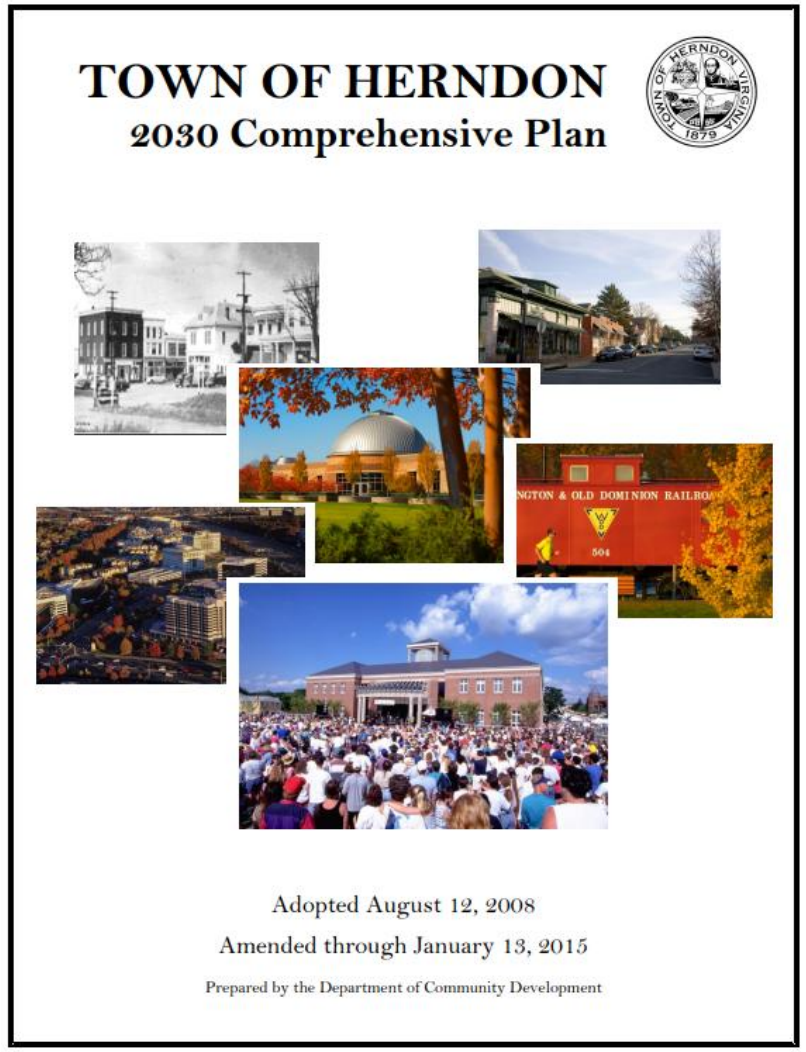
Section 15.2-2223.

- **Process**: Local Planning Commission prepares and recommends a comprehensive plan, and the governing body adopts.
- **Preparation**: Commissions required to conduct comprehensive surveys and studies of existing conditions, growth trends, and future requirements.
- **Nature**: The plan should be general, designating the approximate location, character, and extent of each feature

Why a New Comprehensive Plan?

2030 Comprehensive Plan's Limitations:

- Horizon year 2030 – No longer long range
- Doesn't reflect current conditions:
  - Community
  - Region
  - World



Process Overview in Brief

- ✓ **RFP Issued:** 3/6/2025
- ✓ **Proposal Deadline:** 5/5/2025
- ✓ **Current Stage:** Proposals under review
- ✓ **Next Steps:** Consultant selection and kickoff expected summer 2025
- ✓ **Completion:** 2 to 2.5 years
- ✓ **Steering Committee:** The Herndon Planning Commission (Section 15.2223)
- ✓ **Engagement:** Extensive public outreach and technical resources
- ✓ **Final Draft:** Commission reviews and recommends to Council
- ✓ **Adoption:** Town Council reviews and adopts
- ✓ **End Product:** An adopted, community based and vetted comprehensive plan

Town Council's Role

INITIATION

Council initiates the process, tasks the Planning Commission and allocates resources.

GUIDANCE

Council provides input and receives updates. Provides guidance at pivotal points in the process.

REVIEW & ADOPTION

Council reviews, remands if needed, and officially adopts the new plan.

IMPLEMENTATION & MONITORING

Council guides implementation through strategic plans, development decisions, CIPs and budgets.

Planning Commission's Role

STEERING COMMITTEE

Provides strategic guidance and oversight of process.
Seeks input and guidance from Council at critical points.

OVERSIGHT

Holds work sessions, receives debriefings, discusses progress, and provides direction.
Delegates to individual members to attend outreach events.

REVIEW & RECOMMENDATION

Performs thorough review of early and final drafts. Provides comments, votes to recommend to the Council.

IMPLEMENTATION & MONITORING

Commission guides implementation through development and CIP recommendations to Council.

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