

# Henrico 2010: Comprehensive Plan Update Questionnaire

Please take a minute or two to answer the following questions the best you can. Your thoughts and feelings will help make the best possible plans for growth and development in Henrico County over the next 20 years or so.

1. Please rate the examples below that the Henrico County Government could stress in the future to enhance quality of life. Use the following scale:

PLEASE CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER

1 = Very important      2 = Somewhat important      3 = Not very important

## LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | Preserve/manage scenic vistas                     |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Provide more public transportation                |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Preserve small town character                     |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Preserve rural character                          |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Provide more sidewalks                            |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Improve appearance along major roads              |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Encourage more neighborhood retail centers        |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Limit growth in the number of housing units       |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Acquire additional access to the river            |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Preserve suburban character                       |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Require more landscaping with development of land |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Encourage growth in the number of housing units   |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Provide more bikeways                             |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Concentrate retail use along major roads          |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Encourage higher-density compact development      |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Encourage low-density spread-out development      |

A number of key issues emerged from the input of all the participants who completed the Henrico 2010 questionnaire. These key issues are summarized below:

In the area of **LAND USE**, the participants identified key issues as:

- ◆ New development should be planned for appropriate locations. The design for new development will be a significant challenge, especially in the large, diverse eastern portion of the County.
- ◆ Unique development patterns will require specialized planning approaches in the future.
- ◆ High development standards and the compatibility among adjacent land uses should be maintained and enhanced.
- ◆ The existing built environment will continue to age and, in some cases, may become outdated.
- ◆ Stable older neighborhoods should be protected. The coordination of new and existing development is very important.
- ◆ Regional cooperation and competition for limited resources is increasingly important as the region becomes more urbanized.
- ◆ Good planning is increasingly important. Special attention should be paid to the continuation of desirable patterns of development, the establishment of appropriate development densities, the planning for infill development, the redevelopment of under utilized areas, the reuse of existing built space, maintenance of our aging infrastructure and minimizing the deterioration of older areas of the County.

In the area of **TRANSPORTATION**, the participants identified key issues as:

- ◆ The need for transportation improvements should be balanced against their possible negative impacts.
- ◆ Critical road projects should continued to be pursued in the County.
- ◆ Transportation alternatives should be evaluated such as the airport expansion, public transportation and non-motorized transportation.
- ◆ Transportation objectives should be coordinated with the Virginia Department of Transportation and regional entities such as the Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- ◆ New Federal and State legislation and funding for transportation improvements should be utilized.

In the area of **Economic Development**, the participants identified key issues as:

- ◆ **Balancing growth in a way that does not produce a financial burden on the County and its residents should be a top priority.**
- ◆ **Quality of life should be maintained and enhanced because a good quality of life will help to attract new clean industries in the future.**
- ◆ **National and regional trends, as well as local influences, will affect economic development in the County.**
- ◆ **Maintaining and attracting businesses will be challenging with variable market conditions, but should be a priority.**

In the area of **Environmental Protection**, the participants identified key issues as:

- ◆ **Balancing new growth with protection of the most critical agricultural, rural, scenic and historic areas in the County is important.**
- ◆ **Federal and State environmental regulations should be monitored to help insure that they are in the best interest of the County.**

In the area of **Public Facilities**, the participants identified key issues as:

- ◆ **Demand for new facilities and services will continue to increase, but revenues may not keep pace due to variations in the local economy. The County may face the challenge of providing more with less in the future.**
- ◆ **Existing public facilities will need to be maintained and improved as they age.**

For additional information on the 2010 Plan Update process please see the Technical Appendix.