What is a Comprehensive Plan?

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A Comprehensive Plan guides the growth and development of a community. It articulates the goals and policies that the Board of County Supervisors relies on to make informed land use development decisions and investments in public infrastructure. It also presents a blueprint for creating a great quality of place, quality of community and quality of life based on the County’s vision for its future.

The Prince William County Comprehensive Plan follows the County’s vision, Prince William 2030 and Region Forward, a regional planning effort. It provides a critical link between the vision and the many implementing plans and policies of the County. The Comprehensive Plan is based on an analysis of current land use and future growth and the facilities needed to serve existing and future residents – such as roads, parks, water and sewer systems, schools, fire stations, police facilities, and libraries.
Organization of the Plan

The goals, policies and action strategies of the Comprehensive Plan are organized in the chapter or plans dealing with a specific issue related to the physical development of the County.

These chapters are grouped into four main categories:

- Long-Range Land Use
  - Community Design
  - Infrastructure and Facilities
  - Preservation & Conservation

This general framework for the development of the County is supported by detailed sector plans and small area plans that provide goals, policies, and action strategies for small geographic areas throughout the County.

Land Use

- Small Area Plans
- Sector Plans
- Special Study Areas
Organization of the Plan

Land Use

Small Area Plans ♦ Sector Plans ♦ Special Study Areas

Community Design

Infrastructure and Facilities

Preservation & Conservation

Design Goals
Potomac Communities
Gateways
Office Design
Community Education
Mobility
Parks, Recreation, & Tourism
Safe and Secure Community
Technology & Connectivity
Utilities
Cultural Resources
Environment
Open Space