



Buckingham County Planning Commission

Work Session Agenda

Monday, August 21, 2023 6:00PM

Buckingham County Administration Building

Peter Francisco Meeting Room

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1. Call to Order by Planning Commission Chairman
 - Invocation
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Establishment of Quorums
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Discussion Topic
 - a. Comprehensive Plan Update
4. Commission Matters and Concerns
5. Adjournment

**Buckingham County
Comprehensive Plan Opinion Questionnaire**

The Buckingham County Planning Commission is currently in the process of updating the County's Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission is seeking input regarding short- and long- term goals for community development within the County. Your input is needed and will remain confidential. Please *do not state your name or give any personal identifying information.* Your completed questionnaire can be dropped off in a drop box (if one is provided), returned to the Buckingham County Administration Office, or mailed to the Commonwealth Regional Council, 200 Heartland Road, Keysville, VA 23947. A copy of the survey can also be e-mailed to TFortune@virginiasheartland.org. Please return your completed questionnaire no later than **October 31, 2023.**

1. Do you:
- | | | |
|---|-----|----|
| A. Live in Buckingham County? | YES | NO |
| B. Work in Buckingham County? | YES | NO |
| C. Own a business in Buckingham County? | YES | NO |
| D. Own property in Buckingham County? | YES | NO |

2. Please select your age group.

Under 18 18 to 34 35 to 49 50 to 64 65 or over

3. How many years have you lived in Buckingham County?

Under 5 years 5 to 10 years 11 to 20 years Over 20 years

4. If applicable, where did you live before you moved to Buckingham County?

5. How many individuals live in your household?

1 2-4 5-6 7-8 9+

6. What kind of housing do you live in?

Single Family Dwelling Apartment Duplex Mobile Home

Other (Explain) _____

7. Do you rent or own?

Rent Own Other (Explain) _____

8. What are the **three (3) best things** about living in Buckingham County?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

9. Are you employed? (check all that apply)

Full-Time Part-Time Retired Not Employed Student

If employed, where is the location of your employment?

_____ County, City or Town _____ State

10. If not employed, are you actively looking for employment?

Yes No

11. What percentage of your weekly retail spending is done in Buckingham County?

1-25% 26-50% 51-75% 76-100%

12. What road improvements would you like to see in the County? Please be specific.

13. Does the County need to add trails or pedestrian/bike paths? Yes No

If yes, where? Please be specific. _____

14. What types of residential development does Buckingham County need in the future? (check all that apply)

None Apartments/condos Housing for senior/elderly
 Single family Duplexes/townhouses Affordable housing

Other (please specify): _____

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE DESIGNED BASED ON INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY MEETING

15. What types of commercial development does Buckingham County need in the future? (check all that apply)

None Grocery store
 Boutique shops (arts, unique items) Physicians/dentists
 Retail (clothes, gifts, etc.) Specialty shops (coffee, ice cream, yogurt)
 Restaurants Repair shops (lawn mower, small engine)
 Fast food Professional services (accountants, attorneys, surveyors, etc.)
 Health Care and Social Assistance

Other (please specify): _____

16. What types of industrial development does Buckingham County need in the future? (check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Call center/business process outsourcing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing – wood products | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing – train, rail car | <input type="checkbox"/> Food and beverage processing center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing – packaging supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility-scale solar | <input type="checkbox"/> Metallic Mining |
- Other (please specify): _____

17. What should the County’s priorities be for improving quality of life. Rank in order from **1 (most important) to 8 (least important)**.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care/Hospitals/Urgent Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Reliable Broadband |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Development (more retail) | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire and Rescue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town-County Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> County-state/federal Communication |

18. Please rate Buckingham County on each of the following community aspects **by circling your response**:

A. Law Enforcement	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION
B. Fire Protection	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION
C. Rescue Services	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION
D. Local Government Representation	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION
E. Trash Collection/Disposal	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION
F. Playgrounds/Parks/Recreation	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION
G. Preservation of Historic Structures/Areas	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION
H. Tourism	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION
I. Medical Facilities and Services	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION
J. Affordable Housing Options	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION
K. Overall Services provided by the County	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION

19. Name three (3) changes you would like to see in Buckingham County to make it a more livable and enjoyable place for you:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

20. With respect to the future growth and development of the County, how important to you are the following issues? (circle the number that corresponds to the level of importance to each listed)

	Very Important	Moderately Important	Important	Minimally Important	Unimportant	No Opinion
Improving employment opportunities	5	4	3	2	1	0
Keeping taxes affordable	5	4	3	2	1	0
Working in the community in which you live	5	4	3	2	1	0
Encouraging business growth	5	4	3	2	1	0
Promoting the County as a tourist destination	5	4	3	2	1	0
Improving housing availability/affordability	5	4	3	2	1	0
Providing more public playgrounds/parks	5	4	3	2	1	0
Providing public safety	5	4	3	2	1	0
Preserving historic sites and structures	5	4	3	2	1	0
Protecting scenic views and vistas	5	4	3	2	1	0
Implementing a County wide recycling program	5	4	3	2	1	0
Addressing vacant/blighted structures	5	4	3	2	1	0
The availability of more retail choices, including grocery stores	5	4	3	2	1	0
The availability of more services, including medical facilities	5	4	3	2	1	0
Broadband	5	4	3	2	1	0
Cell phone service	5	4	3	2	1	0

21. What would likely cause you to leave Buckingham County? (Choose Up to 3)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of recreational opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of job opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of broadband/internet/cell service | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax rates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate public services (incl. emer. services) | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate access to medical care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of educational opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving closer to family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of businesses (retail, grocery, etc.) to support my needs | |

Other (specify): _____

22. How do you view Rescue Squad response times in the County?

- Excellent Good Adequate Fair Poor

23. How do you feel that solar development should be restricted in Buckingham County?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restrict where it can be located | <input type="checkbox"/> Restrict how much land can be used for solar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restrict both | <input type="checkbox"/> Limited or no restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure/no opinion |

Other (please specify): _____

24. How do you feel that Metallic Mining development should be restricted in Buckingham County?

Restrict where it can be located Restrict how much land can be used for Metallic Mining

Restrict both Limited or no restrictions Unsure/no opinion

Other (please specify): _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!

Code of Virginia

Elements of a Comprehensive Plan

- § 15.2-2223. Comprehensive plan to be prepared and adopted; scope and purpose. The local planning commission shall prepare and recommend a comprehensive plan for the physical development of the territory within its jurisdiction and shall adopt a comprehensive plan for the territory under its jurisdiction.
- The Comprehensive Plan shall be general in nature.
- As part of the Comprehensive Plan, each locality shall develop a transportation plan that designates a system of transportation infrastructure needs and recommendations.
- The Comprehensive Plan, with accompanying maps, plats, charts and descriptive matter, shall show the locality's long-range recommendations for the general development of the territory covered by the Plan.
- The Comprehensive Plan shall include designation of areas and implementation of measures for the construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of affordable housing.
- Any locality may incorporate one or more Urban Development Areas into their Comprehensive Plan.
- In preparation of a Comprehensive Plan, the local planning commission shall survey and study such matters as: use of land and probable future economic and population growth.
- The comprehensive plan shall consider strategies to provide broadband infrastructure that is sufficient to meet the current and future needs of residents and businesses in the locality.
- The Comprehensive Plan shall recommend methods of implementation and shall include a current map of the area covered by the Plan.
- The Plan shall be reviewed at least every 5 years to determine whether it is advisable to amend the Plan.

Buckingham County Comprehensive Plan Update

Process for Plan Update and Adoption

Through assistance provided by the Commonwealth Regional Council (CRC), the Buckingham County Comprehensive Plan will be updated/adopted in seven (7) phases. These phases are as follows:

Phase I - (Collecting/Updating/Analyzing)

Introduction:

- Purpose and Legal Basis of a Comprehensive Plan
- Developing a New Comprehensive Plan for Buckingham County
- Process for Plan Development and Adoption
- Overview of Methods for Identifying Issues

Inventory and Analysis: Demographics

- Regional Setting & History

- Population

- Education

- Income

- Introduction
- Per Capita Income
- Poverty/Low-To-Moderate Income
- Median Family Income
- Median Household Income
- Wages
- Median Adjusted Gross Income for Married Couple Tax Returns

- Commutation Patterns

- Employment/Unemployment

- Occupations
- Major Employers
- Unemployment

- Economic Activity

- Manufacturing
- Retail and Wholesale Trade
- Service Industry

Phase II (Collecting/Updating/Analyzing)

Inventory and Analysis: Community Resources

- Housing

- Introduction
- Housing Units
- Housing Growth (Building Permits Issued)
- Housing Quality
 - Rental Characteristics

Owner Occupied Housing Values
Housing Deficiency Characteristics
Governmental Policies
Future Housing Needs

Transportation

Introduction
Highways and Roadways
Maintenance
Highway Functional Classification Plan
Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation Plans for Road Improvements
Traffic Volumes
Future Traffic Projections
Capacity Analysis (Levels of Service)
Safety
Transportation Issues
Bridges and Large Culvert Conditions
Public Transportation
Rail Service
Motor Freight Carriers
Airports
Other (Bike, Waterways, Pedestrian)

Community Facilities and Services

Introduction
Administrative Facilities
Education Facilities
Industrial Park
Healthcare Facilities
Nursing Homes
Libraries
Museums
Religious Facilities
Water Service
Sewer Service
Natural Gas/Fuel Sources
Solid Waste Collection/Landfill
Law Enforcement and Public Safety
Social Services
Fire Department
Rescue Squad
Communications
Electric Services
Broadband
Recreation
Civic Organizations
Festivals/Community Events
Commerce

Historical Sites

Introduction
Local Historical Sites
Regional Historic Initiatives

Natural Resources
Land Surface
Climate
Drainage
Rivers
Watershed Dams
Soils
Ground Water
Mineral Resources
Forests

Phase III (Updating Future Land Use Map – from Community Meetings/Surveys)

Land Use (Current and Future)

Land Use Plan
Introduction
Current Land Use
Current Land Use Categories

Future Land Use
Future Land Use Categories

Phase IV (Updating/Identifying Issues and Goal Setting – from Community Meetings/Survey)

Special Policy Areas

Areas to be covered in this section may include, but will not necessarily be limited to:
Loss of Agricultural Land and Open Space
Protection of Water Resources
General Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Revisions
Corridor Development
Village Center Areas
Affordable Housing
Solar Facilities

Goals, Objectives and Strategies

Implementation Plan

Phase V

Executive Summary

Phase VI

Public Hearing – Planning Commission (Recommendation for Adoption to Buckingham County Board of Supervisors)

Phase VII

Public Hearing – Buckingham County Board of Supervisors (Adoption)

Buckingham County Comprehensive Plan Update

Tentative Schedule of Meetings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
April 10, 2023	Planning Commission/ Working Committee	Kick-Off Meeting - Review of Local Planning Legislation per the <u>Code of Virginia</u> , Comprehensive Planning Process, Phases of Update, Tentative Schedule, and questions/input from Committee Members.
May 2023	Planning Commission/ Working Committee	Discuss Community Meeting. (Location, Agenda, Ad, etc.)
June 2023	Community Meeting	Community Meeting. (Issues, Land Use)
July 2023	Planning Commission/ Working Committee	Present Community Meeting Summary; Discussions on Survey Instrument, methods of distribution, and timetable. <i>(Note: CRC will assist in the development of the survey instrument)</i>
August 2023	Planning Commission/ Working Committee	Finalize Survey Instrument and methods of distribution/timetable; Begin Phase I and Phase II
September 2023	Planning Commission/ Working Committee	Present DRAFT Phase I and Phase II Update; Discuss draft and make recommendations. Status Report on Surveys.
October 2023	Planning Commission/ Working Committee	Follow-up per recommendations of Draft Phase I and Phase II; Present results of Citizen Surveys; Begin discussions on Draft Phase III (Land Use).
November 2023	Planning Commission/ Working Committee	Present Draft Phase III Update. Discuss draft and make recommendations.

December 2023	Planning Commission/ Working Committee	Follow-up per recommendation of Draft Phase III. Begin discussions on DRAFT Phase IV
January 2024	Planning Commission Work Session I	Overview of Phase I, II, and III Drafts.
February 2024	Planning Commission/ Working Committee	Present Draft Phase IV (Special Policy Areas; Goals, Objectives, and Strategies; and Implementation Plan). Discuss draft and make recommendations.
March 2024	Planning Commission Work Session II	Overview of Draft Phase IV
April 2024	Planning Commission/ Working Committee	Present Draft Phase V (Executive Summary). Discuss Draft and make recommendations.
May 2024	Planning Commission Work Session III	Overview of Draft Phase V and entire draft document.
June 2024	Planning Commission	Overview of Draft Plan (entirety) and schedule Public Hearing.
July 2024	Planning Commission	Public Hearing on DRAFT Plan (entirety) and make recommendation by way of Resolution to Board of Supervisors (BOS).
August 2024	Board of Supervisors	Present DRAFT Plan (entirety) and schedule Public Hearing.
September 2024	Board of Supervisors	Public Hearing on DRAFT Plan (entirety); Adoption by BOS; Delivery of Final Plan (copies to County).

**Timeline is subject to change.