

# TOWN OF VIENNA

## Planning & Zoning Department

### Comprehensive Plan Update Introduction

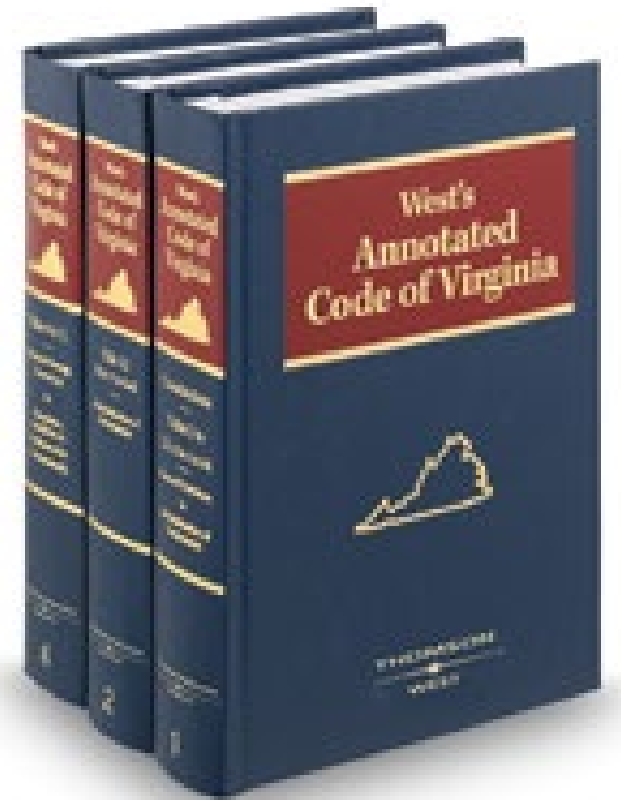
# What is a Comprehensive Plan?

Long-range, high-level planning document that addresses land use, desired development, preservation of the natural environment, transportation, resource utilization, and potentially other topics.



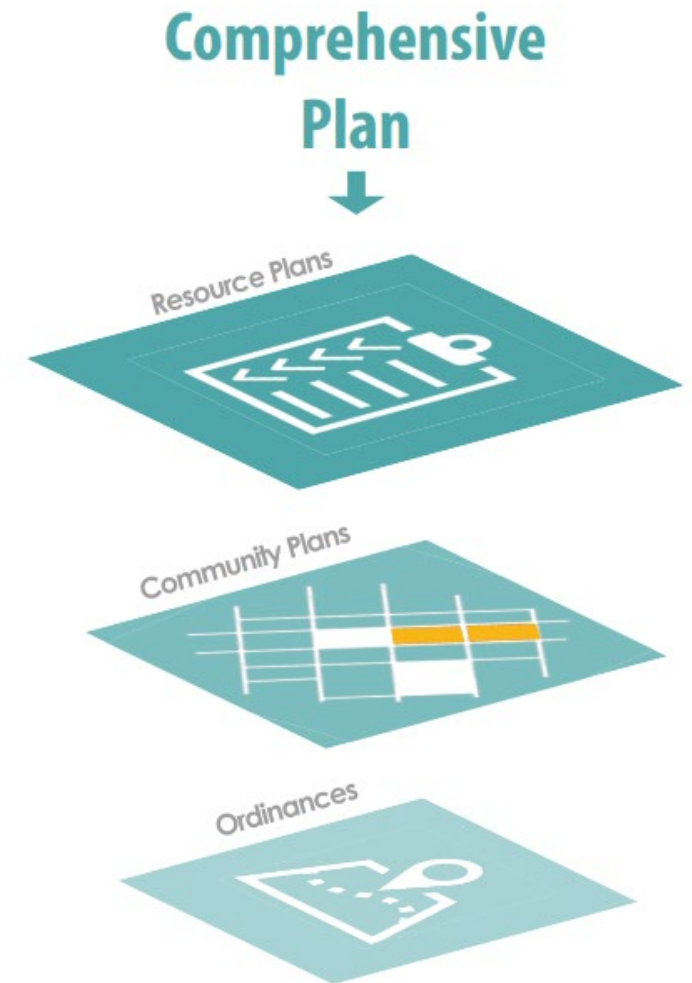
# Why have a Comprehensive Plan?

- Required by Virginia State Code
- Community's vision for how it wants to evolve in the following 20+ years, with strategies to achieve that vision.
- Give successive public bodies a common framework for addressing land-use issues.
- Provide justification for decisions by providing a factual and objective basis to support zoning decisions.



# How is the Plan Implemented?

- Update regulations (e.g., zoning)
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and operational budget.
- Town Policies
- Community plans and programs that deal with specific subjects; i.e. Housing Studies, Parks & Recreation Master Plans, and Small Area Plans



# Comprehensive Plan

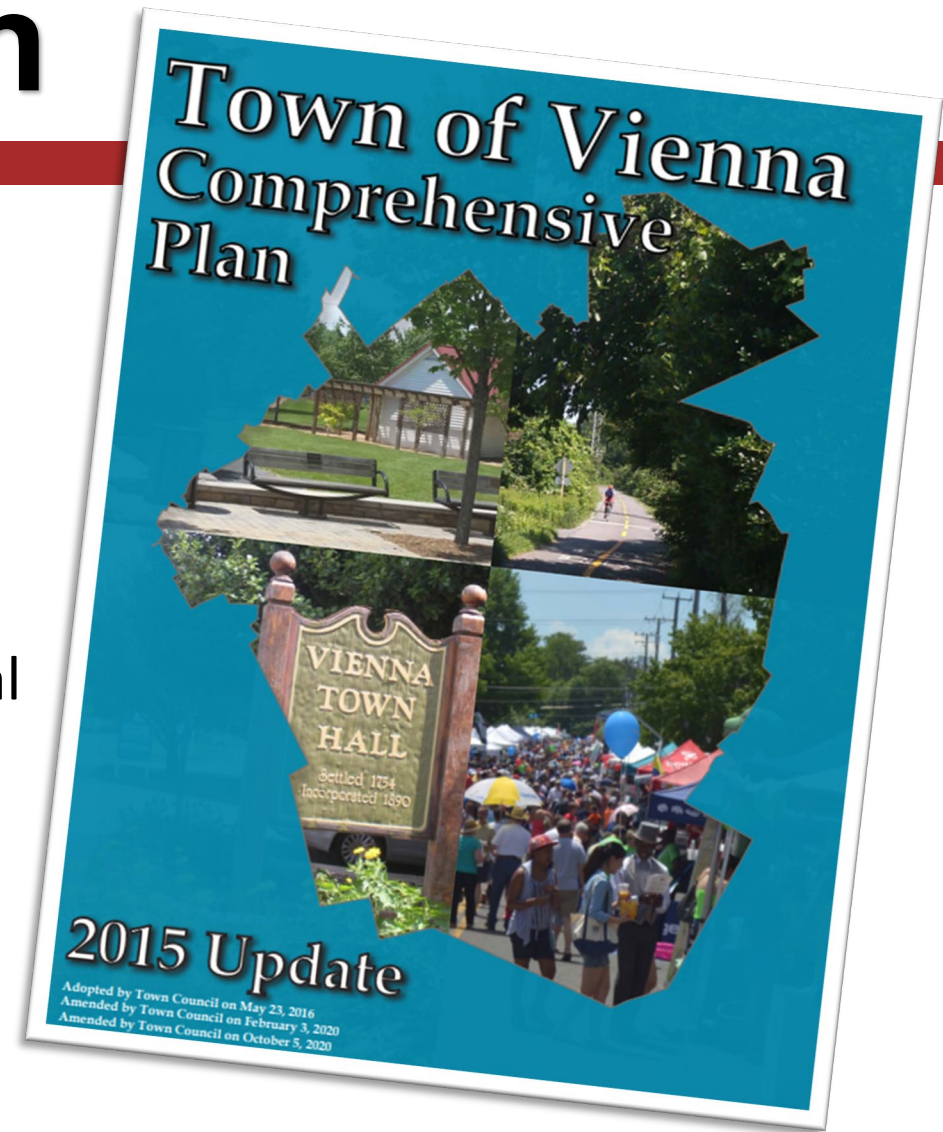
❑ May 2016 - Plan adopted

❑ February 2020 – Amendment

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❑ October 2020 – Amendment

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<https://www.viennava.gov/your-government/town-departments-at-your-service/planning-and-zoning/comprehensive-and-long-range-planning>

# Goals

Meant to be general and describe a desired future condition for each chapter.

# Objectives

More detailed and describe specific future conditions to be attained.

# Implementation Strategies

Detailed statements that describe methods, usually through Town or department policies, to implement objectives.

# Indicators

Statements describing how the Town should measure whether goals, objectives, and implementation strategies are successful.

## Vision Statement

The Town of Vienna will be a safe, vibrant, and environmentally conscious community with small town character, strong single-family neighborhoods, and distinguished businesses and services.

## Goals

- Create an attractive, walkable community
- Diversify the economy in the Central Business District
- Build an equitable community
- Improve government regulations and processes
- Promote tourism

Objective 1 - Facilitate redevelopment in the long term in Vienna.

### Implementation Strategies

- Strengthen inter-agency cooperation and coordination with economic development partners at the state and local levels, including the Fairfax County Office of Community Revitalization, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, and the Vienna Business Association.

## Indicators

- Decrease in number of vacancies and business closings
- Increase in total gross commercial land use tax and meals tax
- Growth in business licenses, including home businesses
- Total growth in commercial building permits
- Increase in new, pedestrian oriented commercial construction
- Increase in number of federal and state funding applications
- Increase in attendance at special events
- Increase of shopping in the commercial corridors

# CHAPTER 8

## ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Introduction
- General Characteristics
- Water Pollution Control Efforts
- Stormwater
- Trees and Landscaping
- Air Quality
- Energy
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**WHY SOLAR?**  
A 7kW Array over 25 Years:

- Cuts 330,500 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Equals taking 1.75 cars off the road
- Equals planting 2.9 Acres of trees

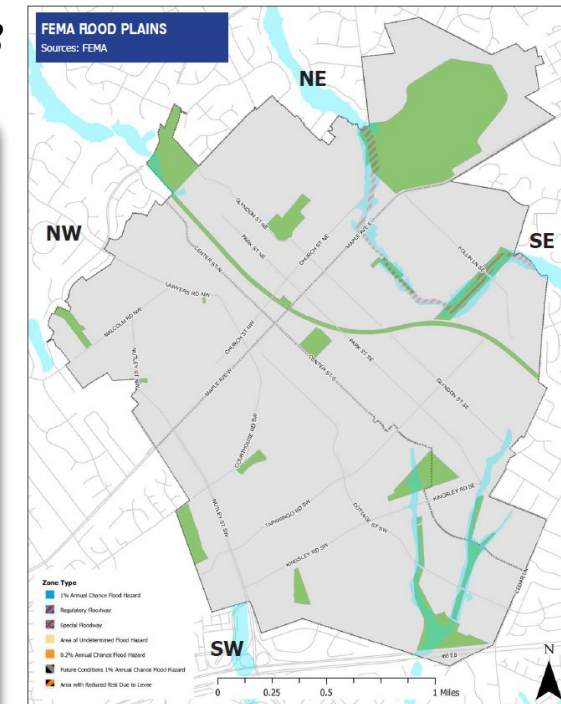
**On top of ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS, a solar system produces strong INVESTMENT RETURNS.**

When the solar panels produce more energy than the household is using, your power meter will begin to SPIN BACKWARDS, building you credited power.

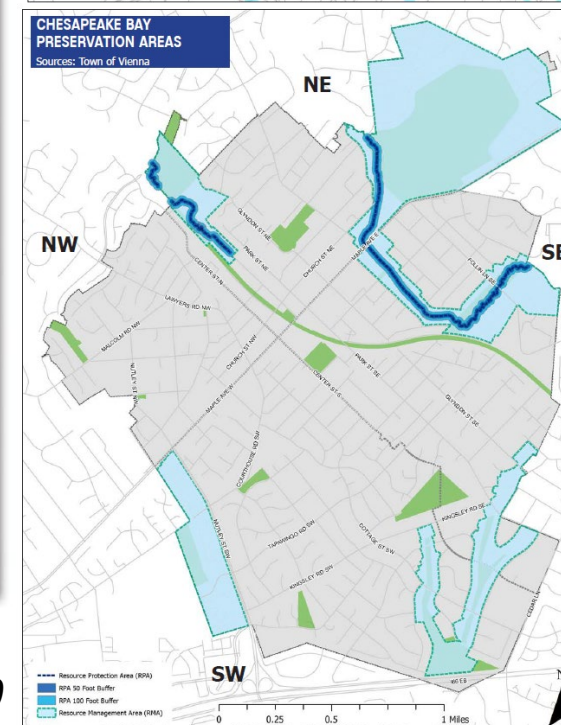


At the Green Expo, vendors presented information about the advantages of solar panels for home owners

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### **Goals**

- Increase the use of sustainable practices by residents, the business community and the Town
- Protect and enhance the existing tree canopy in residential neighborhoods and commercial zones
- Protect, restore, and enhance the Town's watersheds
- Reduce the amount of solid waste produced by residents and increase the amount of recycling in the Town
- Encourage LEED building practices for construction of new facilities

### **Indicators**

- Increase in the Town's tree canopy
- Decrease in emissions produced by Town-owned vehicles
- Increase in number of LEED certified buildings
- Decrease in trash produced per capita by Town residents
- Increase in the number of solar panels installed by residents and businesses
- Increase in the amount of recycled materials collected by the Town
- Increase in the percentage of streams restored

**Objective 1 - Promote a positive visual experience.**

**Objective 2 - Protect the natural environment and the natural beauty of the Town's environmental setting.**

**Objective 3 - Promote sustainable living and governance through initiatives and investments that reduce energy costs and reduce or eliminate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.**

**Objective 4 - Decrease GHG emissions produced by vehicles in the Town.**

**Objective 5 - Adopt effective stormwater management practices.**

# Questions for CSC

- What are your thoughts on the current plan objectives and implementation strategies related to the environment and sustainability?
- What advancements in the environment and sustainability in Town have occurred since the current plan was adopted that the Planning Commission should know about?
- What are your long-term visions and policies regarding the environment and sustainability in the town?
- What would you like to see added to the comprehensive plan related to the environment and sustainability?

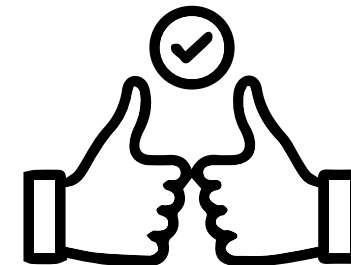
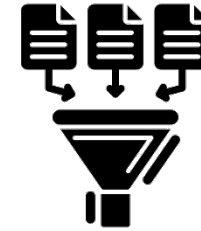
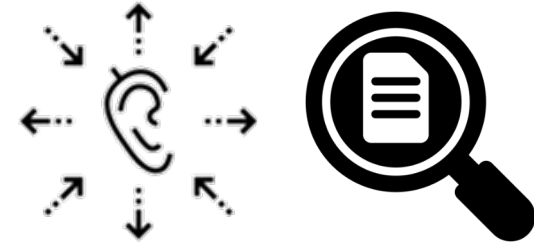
# Plan Update Process

**Phase 1: Information Gathering**

**Phase 2: Compilation & Draft Development**

**Phase 3: Refine the Draft**

**Phase 4: Finalize the plan**



# Plan Update Schedule

	2024												2025								
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul		
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Public Engagement



Public Hearing



Adoption

# PANCAKES WITH PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

**10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Vienna Volunteer  
Fire Department  
400 Center St S

**[WWW.VIENNAVA.GOV/COMP-PLAN](http://WWW.VIENNAVA.GOV/COMP-PLAN)**



What will Vienna look like in the next 5, 10, 15, and 20 years?

Enjoy free pancakes while you share your thoughts with us!

Short presentation at 10:30 am