



Louisa County Comprehensive Plan Update 2018/19

Staff Recommended Outline

Chapter I

Introduction

Content Development – This chapter will create focus and purpose for the remainder of the comprehensive plan. Using information provided by the members of the community, the Comprehensive Plan Committee and the currently adopted comprehensive plan a Vision Statement will be created. All other areas of the plan will be supportive of the Vision Statement. The content of the currently adopted Vision Statement align with the information collected as part of this update process. It is unlikely that any material changes are made to the currently adopted Vision Statement.

Plan Outline

Introduction – Statement of the purpose for a Comprehensive Plan and the state requirements for adoption and updating.

Louisa County– A very brief statement about Louisa County, where it is, population, size and what make Louisa County unique.

Vision Statement – Official Vision Statement for Louisa County. What Louisa County is today and what its future will be.



Chapter II

History & Demographic

Content Development – Chapter II will provide relevant historical information about Louisa County and provide relevant historical, current and projected demographics. This information, specifically the current and projected demographics will be a critical point of reference for all future planning efforts. The majority of this information is already included in the currently adopted Louisa County Comprehensive Plan and the drafted updates to chapters 1, 2 & 3 completed in early 2018. This information will need to be reviewed and updated again but likely will not see any material changes.

Plan Outline

Introduction – Identify purpose of the chapter and the methods for and resources used to develop the information.

History of Louisa County – Very brief and general statements providing overview of the History of Louisa County.

Demographics – An overview of the Demographics of Louisa County. Identifying past and present demographics in addition to providing 20 year demographic projections and trends. This should be limited to broad demographic topics that relate directly to the planning efforts of the Comprehensive Plan as later Chapters of this plan may reference this information as a justification of need.

It will be critical to consistently apply source information and cite the source information frequently, whenever possible use US. Census data.



Chapter III

Goals & Objectives

Content Development - The Goals and Objectives, inspired by community input and the Vision Statement will be developed to provide guidance to all elements of the comprehensive plan and ultimately daily decision making for all functions of Louisa County Services. Each goal may have several specific objectives, these will be highlighted in each section of the plan where specific implementation strategies will be identified.

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Introduction – Brief introduction to the Goals and Objective Chapter

Goals and Objectives (repeated for each specific goals)

Identification of the Goal – Including a brief descriptive narrative of the Goal.

Objectives – Listing of any specific objectives or expected outcomes identified as a purpose for this specific goal.

Matrix (appendix) – A matrix will be created as a reference document. Each section of the plan will have recommendations that will be identified as being in support of these overarching goals and objectives. This matrix will be created to track all of the areas where goals are being supported by plan recommendations.



Chapter IV

Land Use

Content Development - Using the community input, known development trends, infrastructure capabilities and demographics; community development staff will recommend updates to the growth area plans, future land use designations and protection measures for the rural areas of the County. Due to the impactful nature of these decisions, staff recommendations will be presented in a public forum so that further community input can be considered. Following the expected three (3) community meetings to review this information; final drafted plans will be created for inclusion, consideration and adoption as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

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Introduction – Discussion relating to the County’s growth management approach, identifying the general desires reported by the community

Goals and Objectives – The overarching goals and objectives the content of this chapter is supporting.

Definitions – Identify and clearly define the future land use categories and other relevant terms of the chapter.

Growth Areas – Each of the recommended growth areas will be identified and discussed separately. Each area will contain at a minimum the information below.

- The existing trends of Residential, Commercial and Industrial development.
- Identification of the existing resources in place that support the growth area.
 - Water/Sewer, Transportation, Utilities and communications
 - Public Facilities and Services
- Recommended improvements to the growth area in support of the future land use designations.
- Additional development requirements recommended in support of the communities vision.
- The Comprehensive Plan Goals the creation of this Growth Area supports.

Rural Areas – A description of activities to occur outside of the recommended Growth Areas. The Rural Areas are any area outside the boundaries of the recommended growth areas, Town of Louisa, Town of Mineral or any other land area outside the jurisdiction of the Counties development review. This section will at a minimum include the information below.

- The existing trends of Residential, Commercial and Industrial development.
- Identification of the existing resources in place.
 - Water/Sewer, Transportation, Utilities and communications
 - Public Facilities and Services
- Identification of the existing and protective historical and agricultural districts.
- Recommended requirements in support of the communities’ vision.
- The Comprehensive Plan Goals supported by the recommended plan for the Rural Areas.



Chapter V

Transportation

Content Development - This plan will outline the Transportation strategies for the next 20 years. Identifying our current conditions, maintenance planning and recommended improvements in support of the identified Growth Areas, economic development, safety and congestion mitigation.

Plan Outline

Introduction – Transportation Strategy of Louisa County

Goals and Objectives – The overarching goals and objectives the content of this chapter is supporting.

Roads

- Growth Areas – Identify the existing road network within the Growth Area
Identify and discuss specific improvement needs (planned and unplanned) inside of the identified Growth Area.
Discuss how the recommended network improvements support the goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan.
- Rural Areas – Identify the existing road network in the rural areas.
Identify specific improvement needs (planned and unplanned) outside of the identified Growth Area.
Discuss how the recommended network improvements support the goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan.
- Design Details - Identify the VDOT and County requirements and recommendations for road design. Including all roadway types, public, private, parking lots, alleys and access ways. The requirements and recommendations in this section should be based around full build out of growth areas.

Airport

- Current Conditions - Identify the existing conditions, capacity and capabilities.
- Future Plans - Identify the future maintenance and expansion plans and how they will affect the capacity and capabilities.
Discuss how the recommended future plans are supported by the goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan.



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Rail -

Current Conditions - Identify the existing conditions, capacities and capabilities.

Future Plans - Identify the future maintenance and expansion plans and how they will affect the capacity and capabilities.

Discuss how the recommended future plans are supported by the goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan.

Alternative Transportation – Provide similar discussion relating to alternative transportation options.

Bike

Pedestrian

Public Transportation

Ride Share Programs



Chapter VI

Water and Sewer

Content Development – Using the demographics, the identified growth areas and the known and contemplated system capabilities; this plan will be developed to ensure the balance of supply and demand, water quality and to protect this limited commodity. Plans should be developed to ensure public investment into infrastructure is needed, required and has a viable future revenue stream to offset investment capital. Additionally plans should reflect the need to drive infrastructure to desirable areas of growth as established in the Growth Area Plans

Plan Outline

Introduction – Water and Sewer strategy statement

Goals and Objectives – The overarching goals and objectives the content of this chapter is supporting.

Existing Conditions – Statements regarding the existing infrastructure in place, conditions, capacities and performance.

Future Plans – The in place water infrastructure does and will expand through several identified growth areas. Identify and discuss the potential future improvements or requirements of these regional systems. Discussed projects may be required by changing regulations, maintenance requirements or elective improvements to expand the systems capabilities. Provide the specific goals or objectives future plans are recommended in support of.

Growth Area Specific Plans (one section for each identified growth area)

- Identify the current conditions, capacities and capabilities of the regional system inside the specific growth area.
- Identify service districts within each growth area. Service districts may include the entire growth area or by be localized to specific areas. The connection to public water and sewer systems will only occur inside the identified service districts.
- Identify potential improvements that may be required to expand the capacities or services of the system.
- Discuss the specific goals and objectives supported by the recommendations of this section.

Non-Growth Area Plans –

- Identify the areas outside the identified growth areas where public water and sewer are available.
- Identify the current conditions, performance and requirement of private water and sewer systems.
- Discuss the specific goals and objectives supported by the recommendations of this section.

Construction Standards and Requirements – A brief discussion regarding general requirements for construction of or connection to the public utility. Refer to the Water Authority manual for specific design requirements.



Chapter VII

Economic Development

Content Development- This chapter will outline the Economic Development strategies for the next 20 years. Identifying our current conditions, potential opportunities and a plan for supporting and growing the economy of Louisa County. The Plan should focus on creating new economic development opportunities and growing existing businesses within the established growth areas; and supporting new and existing business opportunities in the rural areas that conform to land use plans.

Plan Outline

Introduction – Economic Development strategy statement

Goals and Objectives – Provide the implementation strategies used in this chapter to accomplish specific Goals and Objectives in support of the overall plan.

Economic Demographics – Brief Summary of the Economy of Louisa County

Growth Area Specific Plans – (one section for each identified growth area)

- A brief summary of the location and existing economic development trends.
- Recommended development type in support of the future land use designations and the community goals.
- Recommended infrastructure improvements in support economic development and land use goals.
- Identification of the specific goals and objectives these recommendations are made in support of.

Economic Development Outside of the Growth Areas

- A brief summary of existing economic development trends.
- Recommended strategies in support of business in rural areas.
- Identification of the specific goals and objectives these recommendations are made in support of.



Chapter VIII

Public Facilities

Content Development- This chapter will provide information about all publicly owned or supported facilities and lands within the County of Louisa. The purpose is to evaluate and create a plan to ensure County resources are not a limiting factor to accomplishing the community’s vision.

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Introduction – Public Facilities strategic statement

Goals and Objectives – Provide the implementation strategies used in this chapter to accomplish specific Goals and Objectives in support of the overall plan.

General Government – Statement regarding current conditions (facility specific)

- Provide overview of each facility, year constructed, value, occupants and capacity.
- Identify capital maintenance needs.
- Recommendations for each building
- Utility information, energy audit or at least cost per sq ft
- Statement of the goals or objectives being accomplished by the existence of this facility or any recommended action.

Public Schools -

Statement regarding current conditions (facility specific)

- Provide overview of each facility, year constructed, value, occupants and capacity.
- Identify capital maintenance needs.
- Recommendations for each building
- Utility information, energy audit or at least cost per sq ft
- Statement of the goals or objectives being accomplished by the existence of this facility or any recommended action.

LCSO & Courts-

Statement regarding current conditions (facility specific)

- Provide overview of each facility, year constructed, value, occupants and capacity.
- Identify capital maintenance needs.
- Recommendations for each building
- Utility information, energy audit or at least cost per sq ft
- Statement of the goals or objectives being accomplished by the existence of this facility or any recommended action.

Parks & Recreation -

Statement regarding current conditions (facility specific)

- Provide overview of each facility, year constructed, value, occupants and capacity.
- Identify capital maintenance needs.
- Recommendations for each building
- Utility information, energy audit or at least cost per sq ft
- Statement of the goals or objectives being accomplished by the existence of this facility or any recommended action.



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- LCWA - Statement regarding current conditions (facility specific)
- Provide overview of each facility, year constructed, value, occupants and capacity.
 - Identify capital maintenance needs.
 - Recommendations for each building
 - Utility information, energy audit or at least cost per sq ft
 - Statement of the goals or objectives being accomplished by the existence of this facility or any recommended action.
- Vol. Fire & EMS- Statement regarding current conditions (facility specific)
- Provide overview of each facility, year constructed, value, occupants and capacity.
 - Identify capital maintenance needs.
 - Recommendations for each building
 - Utility information, energy audit or at least cost per sq ft
 - Statement of the goals or objectives being accomplished by the existence of this facility or any recommended action.
- Land Holdings - Identify parcels Existing Conditions and Value
Potential uses, possibly tied to a growth need from above
Recommendation for each parcel
***this may be more appropriate as an appendix or in table format due to volume of parcels*



Chapter IX

Infrastructure

Content Development- This plans will require an audit of all public and private utilities with the purpose of providing accurate locations and capabilities of in place infrastructure.

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Introduction – Brief statement regarding the purpose of the chapter.

Goals and Objectives – Provide the implementation strategies used in this chapter to accomplish specific Goals and Objectives in support of the overall plan.

Electric Service – Identify the service providers in the area, service areas (map) and capabilities.

Commercial Gas Service – Identify the industrial, commercial and residential service providers and the locations and capabilities of the service lines.

Communications – One section for each method of communications infrastructure (wired and wireless phone and data service)

- Identify the delivery method
- Provide existing conditions and capabilities
- Identify planned infrastructure improvements and expected capabilities
- Identify underserved areas and make recommendations for improvement

Communications Improvement Plan – Identify the means and methods the county supports to improve the infrastructure in place or expand into new systems and technology. Specifically what are the requirements for third party companies when expanding their network into Louisa County.



Chapter X

Historical and Natural Resources

Content Development – Identification of the historical and natural resources located within the County of Louisa are well documented in the currently adopted Comprehensive Plan. This chapter will develop additional objectives and strategies recommended to preserve and promote resources in support of the community’s goals.

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Introduction – A brief statement regarding the importance of Louisa County’s historical and natural resources.

Goals and Objectives – The overarching goals and objectives the content of this chapter is supporting.

Historical Resources – (one section for each identified resource)

- Identify the resource, location and discuss historical significance.
- Identify the resources protective designations assigned by any federal, state or local body.

Historical Resource Preservation

- Brief discussion regarding the importance of preserving historical resources.
- Identify the programs resources in place or available to assist property owners.
- Recommend additional measures in support of historical preservation.
- Identify specific goals and objectives recommendations act in support of.

Natural Resources – (one section for each identified resource)

- Identify the resource, location and discuss historical significance.
- Identify the resources protective designations assigned by any federal, state or local body.

Natural Resource Preservation

- Brief discussion regarding the importance of preserving natural resources.
- Identify the programs resources in place or available to assist property owners.
- Recommend additional measures in support of natural resource preservation.
- Identify specific goals and objectives recommendations act in support of.