

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AMENDING THE ALBEMARLE
COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (CPA2018-00007)**

WHEREAS, Objective 4 of the Natural Resources Chapter of the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan calls for protecting the biological diversity and ecological integrity of the County; and

WHEREAS, Strategy 4a under Objective 4 calls for developing an Action Plan for Biodiversity to protect significant areas of biological importance in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan states that “When completed, the action plan should be presented to the Board of Supervisors for adoption into the Comprehensive Plan.”; and

WHEREAS, a Biodiversity Action Plan for Albemarle County was completed in June 2018 and endorsed by the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors on July 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2018, the Albemarle County Planning Commission adopted a Resolution of Intent to amend the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate strategies for conserving biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, based on data and analysis in the Biodiversity Action Plan, County staff developed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan to comply with directions and guidance in the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, two work sessions with the Planning Commission were conducted - on November 20, 2018 and February 12, 2019 - to review the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and to solicit public comments on the proposed revisions; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was conducted on November 29, 2018 and an online survey made available to the general public in efforts to solicit public comments on the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, a work session with the Board of Supervisors to review the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan was conducted on April 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, at the April 3, 2019 work session, the Board of Supervisors approved proceeding to a public hearing with the Planning Commission for the purpose of amending the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County Planning Commission has duly advertised and held a public hearing to consider the proposed revisions to the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has carefully considered the proposed revisions to the Natural Resources Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan and other information provided by County staff, information and comments provided by the public, and inclusion of the Biodiversity Action Plan for Albemarle County plus its Executive Summary, Appendices, and maps in the Reference Documents of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission concludes that approval of CPA2018-00007, amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, is appropriate and will promote the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare of all inhabitants of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, upon consideration of the foregoing, and for the purposes articulated in Virginia Code § 15.2-2223, the Albemarle County Planning Commission hereby recommends approval of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment, CPA2018-00007, as recommended by staff.