



# Albemarle County

## Legislation Text

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**AGENDA DATE:** 10/6/2021

**TITLE:**

Comprehensive Plan Update - Phasing Plan

**SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:** To receive board feedback and affirmation on the Comprehensive Plan Update Phasing Plan and the initial project goals.

**ITEM TYPE:** Regular Action Item

**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Richardson, Walker, Filardo, McCulley, Rapp, Falkenstein

**PRESENTER (S):** Rachel Falkenstein, Planning Manager

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Not Required

**REVIEWED BY:** Jeffrey B. Richardson

**BACKGROUND:** At Board work sessions on February 3, 2021 and March 17, 2021, staff presented a draft Phasing Plan and budget estimate for the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) Update project. The Comp Plan Update, along with an update to the County's Zoning Ordinance, was also discussed by the Board during work sessions on the Community Development (CDD) Work Program on March 4, 2020 and May 5, 2021.

Two themes emerged from the Board's previous discussions of the Comp Plan Update: 1) a desire for a more streamlined process that would allow concurrent work on the Comp Plan and other high-priority projects (especially the Zoning Ordinance Update) and 2) a request for more information about community and stakeholder engagement. Staff has prepared additional information to address each of these topics.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Mission: To enhance the well-being and quality of life of all community members through the provision of the highest level of public service consistent with the prudent use of public funds.

**DISCUSSION:** This work session is designed to be the first part of a two-part discussion on the Comp Plan Update. The October 6 work session will focus on the topic of the Comp Plan Phasing Plan for Board feedback and review. During the November 3 work session, staff will share an engagement plan for the first phase of the project and the Board will be asked to consider the adoption of a Resolution of Intent (ROI) to update the Comp Plan.

Attachment A shows a project Phasing Plan that has been revised based on the Board's feedback. Previously, the Board expressed a desire to continue work on the Zoning Ordinance Update alongside the Comp Plan Update. The updated Phasing Plan proposes concurrent updates to the Comp Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The Phasing Plan proposes four-phases of work for each project and will allow for portions of the Zoning Ordinance to be updated as the Comp Plan Update process is underway. Additional details about the Zoning Ordinance Update will be forthcoming as that project is further scoped.

The revised Comp Plan Phasing Plan is designed to produce a focused update to the 2015 Comprehensive

Plan, accomplishing the project goals listed below:

1. Update plan content to reflect recent County-wide strategic initiatives including climate action planning, economic development, and multi-modal transportation planning.
2. Ensure that equity is integrated into the engagement process and the updated plan content, consistent with the County's recently added "Community" organizational value (*Community: We expect diversity, equity, and inclusion to be integrated into how we live our mission.*).
3. Improve Plan usability by articulating clearly prioritized goals, incorporating metrics for tracking progress, and applying a modern, streamlined document design.

Additional project goals may be added as community and stakeholder engagement is implemented.

At this work session, staff is looking for Board feedback on the revised Phasing Plan. Based on Board feedback, staff will come forward with a final Phasing Plan, Phase 1 Engagement Plan, and an ROI for the November 3 work session.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** The FY2022 budget identified \$665,000 from the Board of Supervisors Strategic Priority reserve to fund work associated with the Comprehensive Plan Update and Zoning Ordinance Update.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board affirm or recommend revisions to the updated Comp Plan Phasing Plan (Attachment A) and the draft project goals (listed above).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

A - Comprehensive Plan Update Phasing Plan