



# Albemarle County

## Legislation Text

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**AGENDA DATE:** 10/19/2022

**TITLE:**

AC44: Draft Framework for an Equitable and Resilient Community

**SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:** Present the draft Framework for an Equitable and Resilient Community, share a summary of Planning commission feedback for the draft Framework, and ask for Board feedback on the draft Framework

**ITEM TYPE:** Regular Information Item

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

**PRESENTER (S):** Tori Kanellopoulos, Senior Planner II

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Not Required

**REVIEWED BY:** Jeffrey B. Richardson

**BACKGROUND:** At its Work Session on September 27, 2022, the Planning Commission received an update of the AC44 Comprehensive Plan project. The project is in the final step of Phase 1, which is focused on a review of the growth management policy and building a Comprehensive Plan framework to guide upcoming phases.

At the Planning Commission Work Session, staff presented a draft Framework for an Equitable and Resilient Community (Attachment A). The Framework was developed based on input from community members through Phase 1 engagement opportunities, guiding lenses of equity and climate action, Planning Commission input, a review of goals in the current Comprehensive Plan, and research of best practices. The Commission reviewed the draft Framework and provided feedback to staff. A summary of Planning Commission feedback may be found in Attachment D.

**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:** The draft Framework for an Equitable and Resilient Community is intended to serve as a guide for future AC44 Phases that will focus on the development and/or refinement of policies as well as action steps for more specific plan topics such as land use, housing, transportation and resource protection. More information about the purpose, future application of the Framework, and how it relates to the 2015 Comp Plan topics can be found in Attachment A.

Phase 1 of the AC44 Comprehensive Plan update included three steps of community engagement, each one building on feedback received from the prior step. The first step requested input on the current growth management policy. Step two asked for input on potential growth management options to consider when reviewing the current policy. Using community input from the first two steps, along with equity and climate action considerations, the project team developed four 'Big Ideas' for an equitable and resilient future

(Attachment B). These Big Ideas were the focus of several community roundtable events and a summary of feedback received is included in Attachment C. The Framework for an Equitable and Resilient Community incorporates the four 'Big Ideas' and community input during Phase 1.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** There is no budget impact associated with this agenda item. The Fiscal Year 2022 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 the Board review and provide feedback on the draft Framework, and consider the following questions: Does the Framework for an Equitable and Resilient Community provide guidance to support drafting policies and action steps in upcoming AC44 phases? If not, what's missing?

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A - Draft Framework for an Equitable and Resilient Community
- B - Big Ideas for an Equitable and Resilient Community
- C - Feedback Compilation for Phase 1, Step 3 'Big Ideas'
- D - Summary of Planning Commission Work Session Feedback
- E - Memo to the Planning Commission
- F - Planning Commission Minutes, September 27, 2022 Work Session