City Invites the Public to Comprehensive Plan Workshops

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg invites members of the public to the upcoming workshops to discuss the next update to the comprehensive plan.

In the coming weeks, four different workshops will be held for members of the public to participate and comment on the comprehensive plan. While the workshops will be focused on reviewing draft objectives and strategies, full text of all the draft chapters of the comprehensive plan are available online for review and comment. The chapters have been compiled with a combination of input from the 2011 comprehensive plan, Harrisonburg Planning Commission, advisory committees, and city staff. This input has been received throughout the year.

Upcoming Workshops

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<td>Thursday, October 19</td>
<td>6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Lucy F. Simms Center</td>
<td>Education, workforce development, and lifelong learning; arts, culture, and historic resources; and community engagement and collaboration</td>
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<td>Monday, October 23</td>
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<td>Thomas Harrison Middle School</td>
<td>Environmental stewardship and sustainability: parks and recreation; and community infrastructure, services, safety, and health</td>
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<td>Monday, October 30</td>
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<td>Economic development and tourism; and revitalization</td>
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<td>Monday, November 13</td>
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<td>Land use and development quality; neighborhoods and housing; and transportation</td>
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Comments on the draft chapters will be accepted until November 28 and can be submitted in one of the following ways;

1. During the public workshops;
2. By emailing Thanh.Dang@harrisonburgVA.gov;
3. Or by mailing comments to the Department of Planning and Community Development, c/o Thanh Dang, 409 S. Main St. Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

About the Comprehensive Plan

The comprehensive plan presents a vision of Harrisonburg’s future. It identifies steps to move toward that vision by providing information about current conditions, long-term goals and objectives, and recommended implementation strategies. This plan addresses a wide range of issues including land use, housing, education, transportation, recreation, the preservation of historic and natural resources, and economic development. It serves as a guide for the community and helps city and community leaders with setting policies and decision making.

To review additional information on the upcoming workshops or to learn more about the comprehensive plan, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/yourplan.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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