

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – UPDATE

TOPICS COVERED

1. **What's a Comprehensive Plan?**
2. **Davidson Precedent**
3. **Current Status**
4. **Benchmark Communities' Strategies**
5. **Options (Pros/Cons)**



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What is a Comprehensive Plan?

Definition: A Comprehensive Plan describes a vision for the long-term future of a town considering regional context and current growth trends.

Purpose: Guide decision-makers on a wide range of issues, in particular for land use policy, conditional development review, long-term planning initiatives, and capital investment decisions.

Authority: Under NC Law, comprehensive plans are not required, and they are not regulatory.



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Davidson's Comprehensive Plan (2010)

Vision Statement:

Davidson is a creative, safe, scholarly and healthy community that enjoys high quality public services and unique cultural and natural assets. We manage change based upon our long-term vision, as defined by the Comprehensive Plan, that promotes livable and vibrant neighborhoods, businesses, landscapes, public spaces, relationships, and public-private partnerships. (p. 12)



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Livability Themes (p. 13)

- *Create Diverse Business and Job Opportunities*
- *Support Safe & Vibrant Public Spaces and Neighborhoods*
- *Promote Cultural, Socioeconomic, and Age Diversity*
- *Encourage Committed Civic Involvement & Responsibility*
- *Provide Sustainable & Healthy Choices for Transportation, Food, & Energy Use*
- *Enable Faithful Stewardship of Natural & Historic Resources*
- *Continue to Provide Effective & Efficient Public Services*
- *Maintain Quality Design and Sound Planning Principles*



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Update:

“The Comprehensive Plan should be updated at least once every ten years. This update will require new statistics such as socioeconomic and business trends and land use data...While the vision of the comprehensive plan (described by vision statement and livability themes) should not change substantially, specific goals and recommendations may be revised to reflect more current realities.”

Past Process (2010)

2007: Comp Plan Technical Committee

2008: Budget request FY09; Vision Committee, RFQ and RFP

2009: Study Groups, Public Forums, Mini-Retreats, Draft Plan

2010: Review Drafts, Adoption (August)



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Current Status & Benchmark Communities

Funding: Unfunded in FY18; Seeking funding in FY19 (July 2018)

Estimated Costs:

Kannapolis: \$135k (2016; divided between two budget cycles)

Mooreville: \$200k (2018; divided between two budget cycles)

**Both Kannapolis and Mooreville staffs developed respective RFPs in-house.*



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Options to Develop an RFP

1. Engage Planning Board Sub-Committee
2. Create a New Citizen Committee
3. Staff
4. Other?



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Options: Pros/Cons of RFP Development Strategies

	PROS	CONS
PB Sub-Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Engages advisory board already familiar with planning issues.2. Sub-committees already working (DPO, Mobility)3. Representative public engagement	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Limited number of citizens involved.2. Additional time required (3-4 mos.)
Citizen Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cross-section of citizens involved2. Direct public engagement	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Who to select?2. Additional time required (6 mos.)
Staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reduced time required (2-3 mos.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. No public input
Other?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. TBD	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. TBD



DISCUSSION/NEXT STEPS



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