



# Hanover County Planning Commission

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*Hanover: People, Tradition & Spirit*



# Comprehensive Plan Update 2017 Workshop

- Staff is seeking direction for a general timeframe to prepare a draft Comprehensive Plan 2017
- Scheduling should allow for:
  - Citizen work sessions
  - Staff to prepare recommendations to amend the Plan based on information gathered at the work sessions
  - Opportunities for the citizens and Commission to consider draft changes to the Plan
  - A Planning Commission public hearing



# **Comprehensive Plan Citizen Engagement Advisory Committee Recommendations for Enhanced Public Participation for the Comprehensive Plan Update for 2017**

- 1. Expand Citizen Notification of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update**
  - Multiple modes of communication, County webpage and social media
  - Low-tech means such as a brochure with fundamental information
- 2. Include Education as an element of the Comprehensive Plan update process**
  - Consider the use of short videos
  - Reach out to neighborhoods and engage citizens
- 3. Conduct Meetings that Encourage Community Participation**
  - Consider hosting at least 2 community work sessions per magisterial district
    - Before recommendations are made
    - Following the Planning Commission's consideration of alternatives
- 4. Ensure Citizen Input is Processed and Considered**
  - Consider establishing citizen focus groups for monitoring social media and assist with community work sessions etc.
  - Consider using citizen surveys
  - Ensure that the process is interactive with citizens, post comments and proposals
  - Consider establishing a Citizen Advisory Committee earlier in the process for future updates

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- Potential timeframe:
  - Mid July – August
    - ✓ Community work sessions
    - ✓ Planning Commission workshop(s)
  - September
    - ✓ Prepare a drafts
    - ✓ Planning Commission workshop(s)
  - October
    - ✓ Community work sessions
    - ✓ Planning Commission workshop(s)
  - November
    - ✓ Planning Commission Public hearing
  - December
    - ✓ Planning Commission recommendation



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- Staff will use the Commission's guidance to coordinate schedules with meeting locations and facilities
- Staff has prepared a web page and a Facebook page dedicated specifically for the Comprehensive Plan Update 2017, to keep citizens informed

<https://www.hanovercounty.gov/704/Comprehensive-Plan-Update-2017>

- A citizen's guide brochure is being drafted to disseminate information about the update to the public

