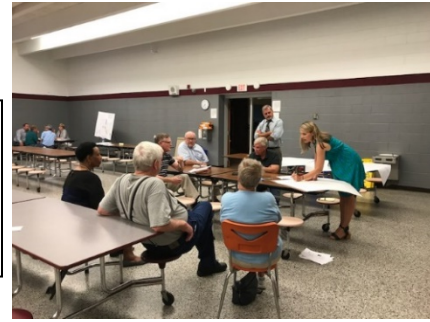


## Comprehensive Plan Update 2017

Citizen Comments, Elmont Elementary School, July 27, 2017



### **COMMENTS FOR THE PLAN IN GENERAL**

Current Comprehensive Plan is too general; it can be used to justify anything

Caution and careful consideration should be taken when considering any land use changes

Land Use designation boundaries need to be more specific

Encourage citizen participation by holding meetings at a variety of venues other than public schools

Encourage people to voice opinions and ensure they are being heard

Hand-out information about the Comprehensive Plan at polling places

Need further study on protecting rural areas

Need to start advertising and have community meetings on the Comp Plan update early in the process

Promote agriculture which will have positive impact on the tax base and not so much on residential development that has a negative impact on the tax base

Need to focus on rural economic development and agricultural support

### **COMMENTS RELATED TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT**

Likes restricting growth where services are provided

Likes that the current Plan keeps agricultural areas rural

Support for focusing growth in the Suburban Service Area

**Concern that Hanover is becoming another Chesterfield: Planning Commission needs to review the Plan and ensure infrastructure is in place for future development**

**Support for the Suburban Service Area boundary**

***COMMENTS RELATED TO LAND USE***

**Keep the County as rural as possible**

**Avoid becoming like West Broad Street**

**Recommendation that the Suburban Service Area be expanded in the Hylas area; good location for a mixed use seniors living facility**

**Need for better development patterns**

**Need for more open greenspace in residential development**

**Need better variety of housing**

**Development standards are not well defined, ordinances and policies need to be enhanced**

**Encourage multi-use projects to retrofit areas like old Mechanicsville**

**COMMENTS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION**

**Development should be scaled back along the Atlee Station Road corridor and the Suburban Service Area in general because there are capacity issues and because there is a large inventory of zoned but unbuilt homes**

**Roads in the County are a problem: concern with future traffic; need additional connections with Henrico; study connections along the County perimeter**

**Need for interconnection between residential developments**

**COMMENTS RELATED TO UTILITIES AND FACILITIES**

**Services should serve residents first and to bail out businesses**

**Need more competent services including Fire/EMS and Sheriff**

**Maintain the high quality of schools**

**Need more parks and recreation facilities**

**Need to strive for equal quality of all the schools**

**Re-evaluate the master public utilities plan (in particular sewer)**

**Park policies need to turn focus from organized youth sports to the public in general**