BIG IDEA / A GREEN & RESILIENT COMMUNITY

WHAT IS IT?

- Healthy and whole ecosystems with protected and intact waterways, water supply resources, forests, and other natural resources
- A Rural Area with protected farms and natural areas
- Sustainable and livable Development Areas with mixed use neighborhoods
- Preserved and valued historic, scenic, cultural, and archaeological resources
- A carbon-neutral community that is resilient against impacts of climate change

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

- Protect and enhance natural resources, especially tree canopies as natural carbon sinks and water supply watersheds
- Encourage regenerative and sustainable agriculture practices
- Continue identifying, interpreting, and protecting cultural and historic resources
- Promote sustainable land use and development practices such as compact, mixed-use development, and energy-efficient design

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?







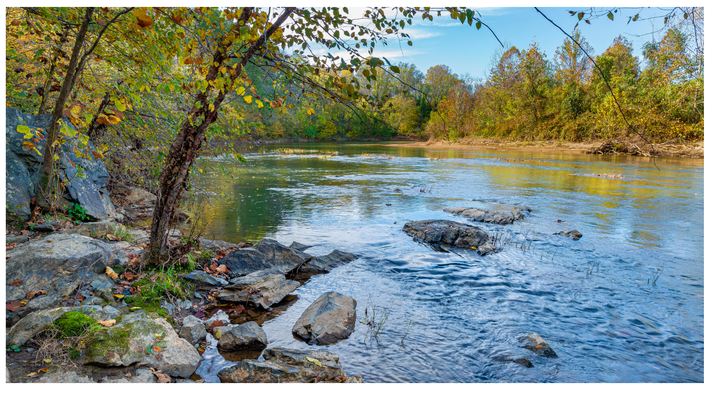








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BIG IDEA / A WELCOMING & EQUITABLE COMMUNITY

WHAT IS IT?

- Equal opportunity for current and future community members to reach their potential for wellbeing and quality of life
- Housing that is accessible and affordable to all income levels
- Inclusive neighborhoods with mixed uses and a variety of housing types
- A range of services, including schools, recreation, health care and other needs for daily life, that is equitably distributed to all communities and income groups
- An informed and engaged community with a variety of opportunities to participate in civic life

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

- Encouraging an increased variety of housing types that are affordable and are equitably distributed with access to transportation and community facilities
- Ensuring that new housing, especially infill development, is appropriately scaled to surrounding neighborhoods
- Locating higher density development strategically where access and services are already located or planned, including encouraging redevelopment over new “greenfield” development
- Ensuring an equitable distribution of services, resources, and amenities
- Continuing to improve accessibility and transparency of local government process, information, and community engagement opportunities

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?







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BIG IDEA / A CONNECTED & ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY

WHAT IS IT?

- A community with safe, affordable and multimodal transportation options for all
- A network of trails and parks, along with connected wildlife corridors and stream networks
- Transportation and land use patterns that are resource-efficient, and reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

- Promote the development of integrated and cohesive neighborhoods with easy and safe access to jobs, services and recreation
- Increase bicycle, pedestrian and transit options in both Development Areas and Rural Area
- Ensure connectivity of natural corridors in the Rural Area and connected green spaces and parks in existing and new neighborhoods
- Coordinate with adjacent and nearby localities for regional transportation opportunities

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?












BIG IDEA / A THRIVING & PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

WHAT IS IT?

- Ample job opportunities and potential to achieve economic success for all community members
- A thriving economy with opportunities for new industries and expanding local businesses
- Robust educational and job training opportunities for all community members

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

- Ensuring that we have appropriate and available land and infrastructure to support job and industry growth
- Supporting an educated and ready workforce for emerging industries
- Capitalizing on the County's legacy of historic and natural resources to leverage tourism opportunities
- Incorporating data and measures to track economic opportunity and plan for economic development needs as growth occurs

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?







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