

*City of Poquoson*  
*Comprehensive Plan*  
*2008-2028*



**“BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE  
COMMUNITY”**

# CITY OF POQUOSON, VIRGINIA

## 2008-2028 Comprehensive Plan

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# FOREWORD



The Comprehensive Plan serves as a planning tool to address the myriad of social, economic, regulatory and environmental issues the City of Poquoson must face as a local government agency. The Comprehensive Plan is categorical analysis of these issues and a series of goals, objectives and strategies adopted to address them. The strategies were developed with consideration of the past, an evaluation of the present, and most importantly a vision for the future as offered by its citizens and their elected officials.

The challenge found in Poquoson, as with most localities, is to balance the divergent convictions on how to address the critical issues prevalent in our community and concluding the most advantageous option. Issues that garnered considerable attention in the last Comp Plan and that are carried over with this plan are:

- Preserving private property rights and developing needed community land use policies
- Providing excellent government services and facilities while maintaining low taxes
- Encouraging economic development that is attractively designed and will provide the products and services desired by our community
- Extending sewer service throughout the city and making it affordable and equitable
- Continuing to improve connectivity by providing a network of safe and efficient roadways, pedestrian travelways and bikeways while minimizing disruption in neighborhoods
- Promoting smart-growth practices for our community in order to maintain its small community atmosphere and appropriately manage change

The comp plan represents the collaborative efforts of this community and its leaders to build “a livable and sustainable community”. The Comprehensive Plan embodies the community’s “vision” to manage and overcome the obstacles presented to achieve the desired goals. The community expects to achieve this vision by utilizing the strategies prepared in this document to accomplish the established goals. The Comprehensive Plan should be viewed as a “strategy guide” to help ensure Poquoson remains and progresses as a sustainable community. As with the past Comp plan; unforeseeable circumstances and issues will arise. This document has been revised in an attempt to address the current issues, as well as potential foreseen issues. Hopefully, the level of preparation outlined in this document provides guidance for alternative outcomes.

Thank you to the dozens of city staff members, elected and appointed officials, and most of all the citizens who volunteered their time and effort toward this considerable planning challenge. Together **WE** are “building a livable and sustainable community.”

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\*Please note that all figures, tables, and maps reflect U.S. census information for the years 1970 – 2000 as well as data from Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC).

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