

2015 Comprehensive Plan: Goals and Objectives

Goals and Objectives by Comp Plan Chapter (partial)

Growth Management

GOAL: Albemarle County's Development Areas will be attractive, vibrant, areas for residents and businesses, supported by services, facilities, and infrastructure. Growth will be directed to the Development Areas and the County's Rural Area with its agricultural, forestal, historic, cultural, scenic, and natural resources will be preserved for future generations.

Objective 1: Continue to consistently use the Growth Management Policy as the basis on which to guide decisions on land use, capital expenditures, and service provision.

Historic, Cultural, and Scenic Resources

GOAL: Albemarle's historic, cultural, and scenic resources will be preserved. Attractive entrance corridors will welcome visitors and residents to and within the County.

Objective 1: Continue to identify and recognize the value of buildings, structures, landscapes, sites and districts that have historical, architectural, archaeological, or cultural significance.

Objective 2: Pursue additional protection measures and incentives to preserve Albemarle's historic and archaeological resources in order to foster pride in the County and maintain the County's character.

Objective 3: Provide educational programs in the community about historic resources and preservation.

Objective 4: Promote regional cooperation in preservation and conservation efforts, including the promotion of heritage tourism.

Objective 5: Help protect Monticello's Viewshed.

Objective 6: Continue to protect and enhance scenic resources for residents and tourists.

Objective 7: Maintain or improve the visual quality of all of Albemarle's roadways.

Objective 8: Maintain the visual integrity of Albemarle's Entrance Corridors.

Objective 9: Protect the scenic quality of Albemarle's streams.

Objective 10: Preserve important views as they relate to tourism and recreational assets.

Objective 11: Protect the dark sky of Albemarle County as one of the many natural, scenic, scientific, and cultural resources, for the benefit of residents, visitors, and the larger scientific community.

Rural Area

GOAL: Albemarle's Rural Area will have thriving farms and forests, traditional crossroads communities, protected scenic areas, historic sites, and preserved natural resources.

Objective 1: Support a strong agricultural and forestal economy.

Objective 2: Protect and preserve natural resources, which include mountains, hills, valleys, rivers, streams, groundwater, and continuous and unfragmented land for agriculture, forestry, biodiversity and natural resource protection.

Objective 3: Protect the County's historic, archeological, and cultural resources.

Objective 4: Promote rural and historic landscapes that enhance visitors' experience and give historic sites as authentic a setting as possible.

Objective 5: Recognize and support crossroads communities, which serve as rural-scale community meeting places and provide opportunities for residents to take part in community life.

Objective 6: Provide distinct boundaries between the Rural Area and Development Areas.

Objective 7: Provide information to citizens so they are well-informed and understand the cultural, economic, and ecological aspects of the Rural Area.

Objective 8: Retain the character of Rural Area land located in Area B.

Development Areas

GOAL: Albemarle's Development Areas will be vibrant active places with attractive neighborhoods, high quality, mixed-use areas, thriving business and industry, all supported by services, infrastructure, and multimodal transportation networks.

Objective 1: Use Master Plans to guide development and investment in each Development Area.

Objective 2: Create a physical environment that supports healthy lifestyles through application of the Neighborhood Model Principles.

Objective 3: Promote Livability in Existing Residential Neighborhoods.

Objective 4: Use Development Area land efficiently to prevent premature expansion of the Development Areas.

Objective 5: Promote density within the Development Areas to help create new compact urban places.

Objective 6: Promote infill and redevelopment that is compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and uses.

Objective 7: Create thriving, active employment and commercial areas.

Objective 8: Preserve natural systems which are shown for preservation on Master Plan Land Use Plans.

Objective 9: Match infrastructure availability and capacity with new development, especially in Priority Areas.

Objective 10: Continue to work with the City of Charlottesville, the University of Virginia, and the Town of Scottsville on issues of joint interest to the community.

Objective 11: Consider allowing for urban agriculture practices to increase access to healthy, local, and affordable foods and encourage the productive use of vacant land.