

2006 – 2011
CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:
1ST ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW

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Background

Cumberland County revised and adopted its 2006-2011 Comprehensive Plan on September 12, 2006. In June 2007, the county, Cumberland Farm Bureau and the Virginia Cooperative Extension hosted a Smart Growth workshop to discuss new tools and strategies for preserving land, developing vibrant communities, and methods for implementing Cumberland's Comprehensive Plan.

A key component of the workshop was a discussion of transitioning the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan into a clear implementation agenda. Too often in the past, localities have gone to the effort of revising their Comprehensive Plan only to leave it on a shelf for a cursory review every five years. To be effective, the Comprehensive Plan should be frequently reviewed to assess accomplishments, ongoing projects and what needs to be initiated. Frequent review is necessary to ensure accountability and help gauge the effectiveness of the plan. Review also allows action agendas to be established so that there is a clear strategy for implementing the Comprehensive Plan.

Cumberland saw the importance of completing an annual review of the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. This report shall describe what aspects of the plan the county has already completed, what is ongoing and what needs to be initiated. It is hoped that this information will help guide the county in establishing funding priorities in the annual Capital Improvements Program (CIP) as well as providing a method for prioritizing projects. Finally, it will provide the County with an annual "check up" on how far we have come in implementing the policies of our Comprehensive Plan and how far we need to go to begin implementation of policies not yet started. The annual report will continue to improve the County's accountability and transparency to citizens.

Summary

Cumberland's Comprehensive Plan has seven general policy goals: natural resources, agriculture, land use, residential, transportation, community facilities and economic development. These goals are further broken down into objectives. Objectives are broken down into specific strategies (policies) used to achieve the goals and objectives. In 2007, the Planning Commission reviewed and assessed the status of the 141 policies listed in the Comprehensive Plan. Since September 2006 the County has completed 13 policies, have 107 policies that are currently being addressed and 21 policies that have yet to be initiated. These are outlined in the table below.

Current Policy Implementation Status:

# of Policies	Status	Percentage
13	Completed	9%
107	Ongoing	76%
21	Not initiated	15%

Completed Policies

13 policies have been completed as described below:

Policy #	Policy Text	Staff Comments
8	Policy: Identify future water sources, ground and surface, for use by the citizens of Cumberland County.	Complete. The County has designated the Cobbs Creek Reservoir as the County's primary future water source as will be outlined in the County's regional water supply plan due to the DEQ by 2011. The Courthouse area receives water from a public system that uses several wells to a water tower.
9	Policy: Acquire sites for the development of future surface water impoundments.	Complete. The County has designated the Cobbs Creek Reservoir as the County's primary future water source as will be outlined in the County's regional water supply plan due to the DEQ by 2011. The Courthouse area receives water from a public system that uses several wells to a water tower.
14	Policy: Working with individual farmers, the Farm Bureau, the U.S. Farm Service Agency, and other agencies, identify and inventory all prime farmland within Cumberland County.	Completed. Recently completed in the last few years by state agencies.

68	Policy: Establish an existing business and industry appreciation and support program to help address the needs of existing businesses and industries within the County and to encourage them to expand.	Complete. This has been addressed by the County's first business appreciation week in 2007. The county solicited comments from county businesses by way of a survey.
94	Policy: Explore the feasibility of developing rails to trails facilities along the Norfolk and Southern Rail Road line from High Bridge to the Town of Farmville.	Completed. High Bridge Trail State Park is currently under construction.
95	Policy: Explore the feasibility of acquiring High Bridge as a potential link in a future rails to trails development.	Completed. High Bridge Trail State Park is currently under construction.
110	Policy: Adopt and maintain a capital improvements program for all public school facilities within Cumberland County to ensure that all school facilities are well maintained and meet all applicable standards; that facilities are efficient and functionally appropriate to meet current and foreseen instructional requirements at all grade levels; and that school facilities can accommodate appropriate technology advances in computers, telecommunications and the sciences.	Complete.
111	Policy: Develop middle and high school facilities for Cumberland County.	Complete.
112	Policy: Develop the Luther P. Jackson Vocational /Technology Addition at the County Schools Complex.	Complete.
119	Policy: Adopt and maintain a capital improvements program for all local government facilities to ensure that local government facilities are well maintained, efficient and functionally appropriate to meet all the local government program requirements in Cumberland County.	Complete. 2008 established a staff CIP committee to review and rank requests prior to review by Planning Commission.
121	Policy: Adopt and maintain a capital improvements program for all emergency services facilities to ensure that those facilities are well maintained, efficient and functionally appropriate to meet current and foreseen needs of the citizens.	Complete. 2008 established a staff CIP committee to review and rank requests prior to review by Planning Commission.

125	Policy: Establish and maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring jurisdictions and procedures for effective response and coordination of services in times of emergency.	Completed.
137	Policy: Develop new public water service in the Cumberland Courthouse area.	Completed in 2007.

Policies to be Initiated

Of the 21 policies that to be initiated, 14 require additional direction from the Board of Supervisors. These are listed below.

Policies Requiring Addition Direction from the Board:

Policy #	Policy Text	Staff Comments
38	Policy: Establish Housing Code Maintenance.	To be initiated. Will require input from Health dept., building department and other agencies.
41	Policy: Identify and utilize all state and federal programs to help low and moderate income citizens gain access to affordable new housing opportunities, including multi-family.	To be initiated. HOPE program.
80	Policy: Pursue the extension of four-lane divided highway facilities from Powhatan County to Cumberland Courthouse.	To be initiated. This policy can be accomplished through VDOT's 6 - year plan and can be supported by the 2004 Rt. 60 corridor study.
81	Policy: Pursue a corridor study for Virginia Route 45 from Farmville to Cumberland Courthouse to identify specific needs for upgrade improvements.	To be initiated. Can be accomplished through a county thoroughfare plan - also corresponds with # 85 and 89.
85	Policy: Identify and maintain existing and predicted community routes.	To be initiated. Can be accomplished through a county thoroughfare plan - also corresponds with # 81 and 89.
89	Policy: Identify roads appropriate for the Rural Rustic Roads program or programs with similar objectives.	To be initiated. Can be accomplished through a county thoroughfare plan - also corresponds with # 81 and 85.
92	Policy: Adopt by reference as a part of this Comprehensive Plan the Piedmont Regional Bicycle Plan (adopted January 2001), specifically those portions that relate to bicycle routes and facilities within Cumberland County.	To be initiated. Implementation can occur when development requests are received.
93	Policy: Pursue the implementation of bicycle facilities along the routes defined in the Piedmont Regional Bicycle Plan.	To be initiated. Implementation can occur when development requests are received.

96	Policy: Explore the feasibility of linking Cumberland Courthouse with Bear Creek Lake State Park by bicycle, pedestrian and/or equestrian trails.	To be initiated. Can be accomplished through development requests, but also a can be accomplished through county wide a parks and recreation master plan.
99	Policy: Partner with Farmville, Prince Edward County and Buckingham County to explore the feasibility of establishing a regional airport board charged with the responsibility of more fully developing the airports economic development potential.	To be initiated. Current multi-modal transportation study with CRC and VDOT is expected to also have this recommendation
128	Policy: Develop and maintain parks, recreation and open space facilities distributed geographically throughout the County so that all citizens may have reasonably comparable and fair access to those facilities (some in the north, some in the central and some in the south).	To be initiated. Will also be included in clustered development with open space. Staff is applying for grant to prepare countywide open space plan in 2009.
129	Policy: Develop and maintain parks, recreation and open space facilities that capitalize on and enhance the County's unique natural and manmade environmental features including rivers (the James, Willis and Appomattox), lakes, historic sites and buildings.	To be initiated. Will also be included in clustered development with open space. Staff is applying for grant to prepare countywide open space plan in 2009.
131	Policy: Develop and maintain parks, recreation and open space facilities that provide balanced opportunities for citizens of all age groups and social and economic backgrounds.	To be initiated. See policies 128 and 129.
133	Policy: Explore feasibility of establishing public/private partnerships, special authorities, boards or committees to help develop, maintain and operate parks, recreation and open space facilities within Cumberland County.	To be initiated.

The remaining 7 policies require action from other groups such as the Planning Commission and School Board among others.

Policies Requiring Addition Direction from Other Groups:

Policy #	Policy Text	Staff Comments
10	Policy: Implement low impact development practices.	Planning Commission. To be initiated. As the zoning ordinance is revised in 2008, requirements for LID will be included in the site plan requirements.
69	Policy: Establish a business/industry retention program to provide technical assistance to threatened businesses or industries.	Director of Community Development. To be initiated.

104	Policy: Pursue the development of emergency generators to serve the airport in times of power outage.	Farmville Airport/ Town of Farmville To be initiated.
113	Policy: Develop the Cumberland Elementary School Addition at the County School Complex.	School Board. To be initiated.
114	Policy: Improve Administrative Facilities at the County School Complex.	School Board. To be initiated.
120	Policy: Develop a long-term master plan for local government facilities to accommodate foreseen program requirements for a twenty-year period.	County Administration To be initiated.
127	Policy: Develop appropriate "Homeland Security" measures to afford protection against intentional acts of terror or civil disruption.	LEPC Committee. To be initiated.

Policies Being Implemented Currently

Board of Supervisors

Of the currently ongoing policies, 18 are being directly implemented by the Board of Supervisors (17% of the total 107 ongoing policies). These ongoing policies are listed below.

Policies Currently Being Addressed by the Board of Supervisors:

Policy #	Policies	Implementation Status
19	Policy: Explore the development of new agricultural product opportunities.	Ongoing. Bioenergy - grant received for poultry litter digester and opportunities for new facilities at the proposed landfill and reservoir areas are possibilities.

33	Policy: Encourage the rehabilitation where feasible of existing deficient housing.	Ongoing. HOPE program. Code enforcement addresses complaints as they are received. Zoning ordinance revisions in 2008 will consider allowances for renovations of pre-existing non-conforming dwellings to encourage renovations.
35	Policy: Establish public and private partnerships to develop programs to help preserve existing housing stock.	Ongoing. HOPE program. Code enforcement addresses complaints as they are received. Zoning ordinance revisions in 2008 will consider allowances for renovations of pre-existing non-conforming dwellings to encourage renovations.
47	Policy: Develop necessary infrastructure to support the development and sustainability of service and retail businesses.	Ongoing. Priorities 44-47 are intertwined. County staff continues to provide avenues for helping existing businesses to continue to thrive and grow in the county. The county is beginning a comprehensive review of its zoning ordinance to ensure existing and future businesses have and can continue to have appropriate zoning districts to accommodate appropriate commercial and industrial businesses. The County has received grant funding for expansion of its public water line in the courthouse area and continues to pursue other opportunities to expand public infrastructure such as rural broadband access and wastewater treatment in designated growth areas. The county now offers community college courses in trade classes such as plumbing, heating and air, and electrical based on feedback received from citizens.
63	Policy: Provide appropriate infrastructure (water, sewer, telecommunications, and electrical power) to support basic industry in the Cumberland Courthouse area and other areas where infrastructure can be feasibly extended. This would include the extension of the runway at the Farmville Regional Airport.	Ongoing.
64	Policy: Encourage the development of appropriate multi-modal transportation systems to serve the needs of industry.	Ongoing. Multimodal grant from VDOT concerning the Farmville Airport in Cumberland and its accessibility.

79	Policy: Encourage the appropriate upgrade and development of the key arterial highways passing through Cumberland County including U.S. Route 60 and Virginia Routes 45 and 13.	Ongoing. This policy can be supported by the 2004 Rt. 60 corridor study as well as the historic design guidelines being developed for the courthouse historic district and the Rt. 60 entrance corridor. A county thoroughfare plan would also help implement this policy.
82	Policy: Explore the feasibility of developing a second bridge across the Appomattox River from Cumberland to the Town of Farmville.	Ongoing. Current multi-modal transportation study with CRC and VDOT is expected to also have this recommendation. See #108
87	Policy: Encourage, where traffic demands warrant, the appropriate upgrade of existing unimproved, graded and drained, gravel and soil surfaced roads within Cumberland County.	Ongoing. This policy can be accomplished through VDOT's 6 - year plan.
106	Policy: Encourage the development of public infrastructure (water, sewer, telecommunications, electrical power) serving the Airport and surrounding lands.	Ongoing. Current multi-modal transportation study with CRC and VDOT is expected to also have this recommendation.
107	Policy: Encourage the improvement of road facilities from major points of origin to the Airport (Farmville, Cumberland Courthouse area, Virginia Route 45, and points beyond).	Ongoing. Current multi-modal transportation study with CRC and VDOT is expected to also have this recommendation.
108	Policy: Explore the feasibility of developing a new bridge across the Appomattox to improve vehicular access from Farmville to the Airport.	Ongoing. Current multi-modal transportation study with CRC and VDOT is expected to also have this recommendation. See # 82
123	Policy: Support Southside Community Hospital to help to develop the best possible emergency medical (and long term) services for the citizens of Cumberland County and the surrounding region.	Ongoing.
124	Policy: Support the development of other basic healthcare services within Cumberland County including medical, optical, dental, elderly care, pediatrics, and pharmacies.	Ongoing - as zoning ordinance are amended staff will ensure these options are available in the appropriate commercial zoning districts.
136	Policy: Maximize the utilization of existing utility systems (sewer) in the Cumberland Courthouse area by hooking up new users.	Ongoing.
138	Policy: Explore the feasibility of extending public water and sewer services to the Farmville Regional Airport area.	Ongoing. CRC received a grant from VDOT to study the Farmville Airport and its access and other items restricting its use.
140	Policy: Encourage the improvement of voice, data, etc. communications services.	Ongoing. Rt. 60 Broadband installation from Buckingham to Powhatan. Recent installation of several telecommunication towers and county has created a Wireless Authority.

141	Policy: Develop and maintain appropriate and cost effective solid waste management facilities, services and programs to serve the needs of citizens, businesses, industries and the environment.	Ongoing. New county landfill on rt. 60 - Part A permit approved waiting on Part B - Host agreement requires improvements to transfer stations.
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Planning Commission

36 (34% of the total 107 ongoing policies) are being implemented by the Planning Commission with the majority being addressed in the revisions to the County's subdivision and zoning ordinances which is currently underway.

Policies Currently Being Addressed by the Planning Commission:

Policy #	Policy Text	Staff Comments
1	Policy: Amend county ordinances, regulations and policies to assure they are aligned with this objective (maintain rural character).	Ongoing. The Planning Commission has started a comprehensive review of the County's subdivision and zoning ordinances. In late 2007 the County adopted its first cluster development provisions for A-2 zoning property. Part of the 2008 review will include the development of a residential cluster option.
2	Policy: Restrict development to designated growth areas.	Ongoing. Implementation includes ensuring major rezoning and subdivisions occur in growth areas where infrastructure can support them as well as limiting infrastructure expansions to designated growth areas.
4	Policy: Review the placement of high-rise communication towers for co-location of use.	Ongoing. Co-location is encouraged in the zoning ordinance Sec. 74-732.(a)(2).
11	Policy: Develop overlay districts pertaining to roads and or rivers to maintain the natural character that exist in the county today.	Ongoing. An historical overlay district was established in 2007 for the courthouse historic district centered at the courthouse on Rt. 60. Additional overlays will be reviewed in 2008 as the zoning ordinance is reviewed.
13	Policy: Require existing and future industries to minimize or eliminate any air, water, dust, odor or noise pollution that may be detrimental to other nearby land uses.	Ongoing. This policy is currently addressed by the county's zoning requirements both specific to the industrial zoning districts, but also by the site plan requirements. Impacts will be further minimized by additional zoning requirements as the zoning ordinance is updated in 2008.

15	Policy: Explore the feasibility of, and interest in, establishing agricultural and forest districts, conservation easements and such other tools within Cumberland County to conserve and protect prime farm and forestlands.	Ongoing. Recently established PDR program in 2007 and development of TDR program in 2008.
16	Policy: Explore the feasibility and interest in amending the Cumberland County Zoning ordinance to establish higher standards such as several zoning districts to be applied specifically to prime farm land and other farmlands of significance. One example of this might be; 1 dwelling unit per 20 acres or 5 dwelling units on 10 acres and the remainder open space.	Ongoing. The Planning Commission will give consideration to these as they review the zoning ordinance in 2008.
17	Policy: Strengthen the County's zoning ordinance to more effectively regulate and limit development in agricultural areas that are incompatible with agricultural interests.	Ongoing. The Planning Commission will give consideration to these as they review the zoning ordinance in 2008.
18	Policy: County ordinances, regulations & policies will be aligned with this goal. [protect & develop ag.]	Ongoing. Keep development in growth areas as well as infrastructure. Have options for land preservation (PDR, TDR, etc.)
23	Policy: Provide adequate transition zones between developments of higher intensity and developments of lower intensity so that developments of lower intensity are not unduly harmed.	Ongoing. Growth areas designated in Comp. Plan begin this; revisions to the zoning ordinance in 2008 will implement this. Additional revisions to Comp. Plan will be needed to address UDA requirements by 2011.
24	Policy: Provide appropriate buffer areas between dissimilar and incompatible land uses to minimize unwanted adverse impacts on either use.	Ongoing. Proffers, performance standards and site plan requirements can address this policy. Revisions to zoning ordinance can further address any deficiencies.
25	Policy: Provide adequate zoning setbacks. [for future development & protecting existing land uses]	Ongoing. Proffers, performance standards and site plan requirements can address this policy. Revisions to zoning ordinance can further address any deficiencies.
26	Policy: Enact zoning/land use regulations to restrict development in environmentally sensitive areas, including sensitive areas along the James River and Appomattox River.	Ongoing. To be reviewed in zoning ordinance revisions in 2008. Also relates to creating overlay district for preservation of natural resources.
27	Policy: Set aside appropriate lands in the County's zoning ordinance for commercial and industrial development, with the balance being reserved for residential and agricultural (including forestry).	Ongoing. To be reviewed in zoning ordinance revisions in 2008.

28	Policy: Locate commercially and industrially zoned lands based on appropriate planning criteria including availability of utilities, vehicular accessibility, traffic volume counts, adjacent land uses, likely impacts on adjacent land uses and other environmental factors.	Ongoing. To be reviewed in zoning ordinance revisions in 2008.
29	Policy: Explore the appropriateness and sustainability for the creation of Service Districts within identified growth/development areas.	Ongoing. Staff is reviewing options for service districts such as for transportation impacts, given the possibility the GA substantially limits localities to accept proffers beginning in 2008.
30	Policy: Develop overlay zones to protect low-density areas and develop policies designed to direct random, decentralized development into designated core areas, such as the village area, thus relieving pressure on targeted low density areas. These designated areas shall have a development policy that encompasses both high-density residential development and high-density commercial development with certain areas having both, such as a multi-use planned unit development (PUD) that has access to both public water and public sewer. One such PUD would be a retirement facility/nursing home complex.	Ongoing. To be reviewed in zoning ordinance revisions in 2008. Clustering options developed in 2007 and 2008 will also help.
31	Policy: Develop strategies of housing development that encourage compact, centralized housing which utilizes efficient use of existing infrastructure (utilities, transportation, fire and police services, etc.), and that encourage viable economic units (i.e. retail, services, businesses serving a concentrated local population).	Ongoing. To be reviewed in zoning ordinance revisions in 2008. Also correlates to new UDA requirements from state must address in Comp. plan by 2011, hopefully before.
36	Policy: Protect existing housing stock from the development of incompatible land uses through careful zoning regulations.	Ongoing. HOPE program. Code enforcement addresses complaints as they are received. Zoning ordinance revisions in 2008 will consider allowances for renovations of pre-existing non-conforming dwellings to encourage renovations.
37	Policy: Identify and appropriately zone areas suitable for future residential development.	Ongoing. To be conducted as zoning ordinance is revised in 2008. Will also require revision to Comprehensive Plan to address UDA requirements by 2011.
39	Policy: Encourage the development of an appropriate mix of affordable owner and rental housing opportunities to accommodate economic growth and to provide housing opportunities for all citizens.	Ongoing. To be addressed in rezoning and also through density incentives to be reviewed in the zoning ordinance revisions in 2008 (such as in cluster developments).

40	Policy: Encourage the development of housing types to accommodate various personal preferences including single-family detached, duplex housing.	Ongoing. To be addressed in rezoning and also through density incentives to be reviewed in the zoning ordinance revisions in 2008 (such as in cluster developments).
42	Policy: Propose specific areas for residential growth, development.	Ongoing. To be reviewed in zoning ordinance revisions in 2008. Implementation includes ensuring major rezoning and subdivisions occur in growth areas where infrastructure can support them as well as limiting infrastructure expansions to designated growth areas.
43	Policy: Develop strategies of housing development that encourage compact, centralized housing which utilizes efficient use of existing infrastructure (utilities, transportation, fire and police services, etc.), and that encourage viable economic units (i.e. retail, services, businesses serving a concentrated local population).	Ongoing. To be reviewed in zoning ordinance revisions in 2008. Will include discussion of planned unit developments (PUD) and form-based zoning.
46	Policy: Areas that are appropriate locations for highway-oriented services should be appropriately zoned to accommodate those uses.	Ongoing. Priorities 44-47 are intertwined. County staff continues to provide avenues for helping existing businesses to continue to thrive and grow in the county. The county is beginning a comprehensive review of its zoning ordinance to ensure existing and future businesses have and can continue to have appropriate zoning districts to accommodate appropriate commercial and industrial businesses. The County has received grant funding for expansion of its public water line in the courthouse area and continues to pursue other opportunities to expand public infrastructure such as rural broadband access and wastewater treatment in designated growth areas.
49	Policy: Develop performance standards for businesses comparable to that codified for industry.	Ongoing. This policy will ensure that businesses will not detract from their community or area but enhance the area. This would include providing more detailed standards for parking, outdoor lighting, and landscaping/screening. This will be addressed as the Planning Commission begins its comprehensive review of the zoning ordinance in 2008.

53	Policy: Encourage the development of nature-based recreation including hunting, fishing, birding, hiking, biking, and equestrian activities.	Ongoing. The county is fortunate to have the Bear Creek Lake State Park and well as the Cumberland State Forest within its boundaries where nature-based recreation can be pursued in addition to the newly created and funded High Bridge State Park a rails to trails project. Privately, the County encourages nature-based recreation by requiring open space in cluster developments in rural areas. The open space is prohibited from further development.
54	Policy: Encourage the development of the economic development potential of water-based recreation on the Appomattox River, the James River and Bear Creek Lake, including fishing, canoeing and swimming.	Ongoing. The county is fortunate to have the Bear Creek Lake State Park and well as the Cumberland State Forest within its boundaries where nature-based recreation can be pursued. Privately, the County encourages nature-based recreation by requiring open space in cluster developments in rural areas. The open space is prohibited from further development.
65	Policy: Zone sites appropriate for the development of industry to accommodate those uses.	Ongoing.
66	Policy: Objectively consider, evaluate, and recommend appropriate development standards to ensure harmonious integration of industrial development into the community as a whole.	Ongoing. This will be addressed as the Planning Commission begins its comprehensive review of the zoning ordinance in 2008.
83	Policy: Develop overlay district to create a scenic highway (i.e. Rt. 13 and possible other secondary roads.) Develop standards that would enhance the natural beauty along these county roads and limit growth.	Ongoing. To be reviewed in zoning ordinance revisions in 2008. Will also be reviewed part of the design guidelines being developed for the Courthouse entrance corridor from Powhatan to the Courthouse along Rt. 60.
84	Policy: Maintain visual experience along highways.	Ongoing. As above, will be reviewed in the zoning and subdivision ordinance revisions in 2008. Can be accomplished through public road setbacks, limited entrances onto public roads, retention of existing vegetation and limitations on signage (height and type) and cluster zoning.

90	Policy: Define policy of subdivision and zoning on various categories of roads including dead-end roads (including possible transportation overlay zones). Discourage changes, which would impede smooth, efficient & rapid transportation on these routes.	Ongoing. To be reviewed in zoning ordinance revisions in 2008.
91	Policy: Establish development standards for transportation overlay zones to implement.	Ongoing. To be reviewed in zoning ordinance revisions in 2008.
130	Policy: Maintain scenic and natural buffer areas along and adjacent to the James, Willis and Appomattox rivers.	Ongoing. To be reviewed in zoning ordinance revisions in 2008. Also relates to creating overlay district for preservation of natural resources.
134	Policy: Identify and preserve scenic open spaces of significance within the county.	Ongoing. Staff is applying for EPA grant to prepare countywide open space plan in 2009.

Director of Community Development

Of the currently ongoing policies, 28 are being implemented by the Dept. of Community Development (26% of the total 107 ongoing policies). These ongoing policies are listed below.

Policies Currently Being Addressed by Dept. of Community Development:

Policy #	Policy Text	Staff Comments
12	Policy: Promote the County to environmentally friendly industries.	Ongoing.
44	Policy: Recognize that service and retail businesses provide important employment opportunities for citizens of Cumberland County and encourage the expansion of this sector of the economy through favorable public policy.	Ongoing. Priorities 44-47 are intertwined. County staff continues to provide avenues for helping existing businesses to continue to thrive and grow in the county. The county is beginning a comprehensive review of its zoning ordinance to ensure existing and future businesses have and can continue to have appropriate zoning districts to accommodate appropriate commercial and industrial businesses. The County has received grant funding for expansion of its public water line in the courthouse area and continues to pursue other opportunities to expand public infrastructure such as rural broadband access and wastewater treatment in designated growth areas.

45	Policy: Encourage the development of retail and services businesses to efficiently serve the needs of citizens and to harmoniously integrate with the community.	Ongoing. Priorities 44-47 are intertwined. County staff continues to provide avenues for helping existing businesses to continue to thrive and grow in the county. The county is beginning a comprehensive review of its zoning ordinance to ensure existing and future businesses have and can continue to have appropriate zoning districts to accommodate appropriate commercial and industrial businesses. The County has received grant funding for expansion of its public water line in the courthouse area and continues to pursue other opportunities to expand public infrastructure such as rural broadband access and wastewater treatment in designated growth areas.
48	Policy: Where it is appropriate, highway oriented businesses should be encouraged to locate along major transportation routes in clusters or designated areas so that the impacts on the community as a whole, the transportation systems and the surrounding land uses can be effectively regulated.	Ongoing. This policy can be accomplished by directing businesses to the county's designated growth areas around the Courthouse, Farmville and Cartersville areas. These areas either have existing public infrastructure or are planned for such infrastructure in the future.
50	Policy: Encourage the development of the tourism industry potential of Cumberland County.	Ongoing. The county is actively pursuing and has received grants to renovate the old jail building adjacent to the county courthouse into a museum/visitors center for the county. In addition, the Cumberland Courthouse Historic District was registered on the state and federal historic registers in 2007. The High Bridge State Park also can provide options for an "outdoor drama" ties the Civil War events that occurred there.
51	Policy: Encourage the revitalization of the Historic Cumberland Courthouse village area to develop its full potential as a tourism stop or destination.	Ongoing. The county is actively pursuing and has received grants to renovate the old jail building adjacent to the county courthouse into a museum/visitors center for the county. In addition, the Cumberland Courthouse Historic District was registered on the state and federal historic registers in 2007.

52	Policy: Encourage the preservation and development of historic resources within Cumberland County, including historic sites, churches, cemeteries, homes, and community facilities.	Ongoing. The county is actively pursuing and has received grants to renovate the old jail building adjacent to the county courthouse into a museum/visitors center for the county. In addition, the Cumberland Courthouse Historic District was registered on the state and federal historic registers in 2007.
55	Policy: Encourage the development of hospitality services in Cumberland County including restaurants, motels, recreation oriented businesses and bed and breakfast accommodations.	Ongoing. These services are encouraged by staff during requests for land use changes. In addition, the County will be beginning the public process for determining the land uses in the vicinity of the proposed reservoir near Cartersville in 2008.
56	Policy: Encourage the development of basic light industry (manufacturing, processing, transportation) within Cumberland County.	Ongoing. The County is in the process of building a shell building at the industrial park on Plank Rd., near Farmville for future industrial users and as the landfill is developed on Rt. 60, there will be land reserved for industrial uses along the industrial access road into the facility.
57	Policy: Encourage the development of the full potential of the local labor force through the public schools and through other local and regional workforce development programs.	Ongoing. The county has partnered with Southside Virginia Community College and opened a satellite campus in the renovated former Cumberland Elementary School building on Rt. 60. The middle college program is aimed at young adults who do not have a high school diploma. Additional work force development programs will be held at the facility for those interested in learning workforce skills relating to trades. There are also opportunities for high school students to gain vocational training off-campus.
58	Policy: Identify and provide appropriate infrastructure to sites appropriate for the development of basic industry.	Ongoing. Sites such as the Riverside Industrial Park and the property located at the proposed landfill have been identified.
59	Policy: Encourage the development of industry within Cumberland County that is appropriate and compatible with the surrounding land uses, transportation systems, support services, and community aspirations.	Ongoing.

60	Policy: Encourage the development of the full economic potential of existing areas of economic clusters such as the Riverside Industrial Park, Cumberland Courthouse area, Cartersville and the Farmville Regional Airport.	Ongoing.
61	Policy: Identify potential sites for future industrial/business development within Cumberland County.	Ongoing. Industrial sites have been identified at the proposed landfill on Rt. 60 and business sites are encouraged in the designated growth areas.
62	Policy: Encourage the development of employment opportunities within Cumberland County that will offer competitive wages and fringe benefits.	Ongoing.
67	Policy: Encourage public and private sector collaboration in marketing Cumberland County's assets to prospective industrial businesses.	Ongoing
70	Policy: Consider the pursuit of an enterprise zone to encourage business investments in Cumberland County.	Ongoing.
71	Policy: Pursue the expansion of the Riverside Industrial Park by the addition of land for new sites.	Ongoing.
72	Policy: Undertake site improvements for the Riverside Industrial Park.	Ongoing - the County plans to construct a shell building in the park to attract new businesses in 2008.
73	Policy: Identify and consider acquiring additional industrial sites for future development.	Ongoing.
74	Policy: Encourage the adaptive reuse for business purposes existing vacant buildings within the County.	Ongoing. dialogue with business owners and those looking for space for new businesses. The reuse of the old county elementary school on Rt. 60 into the new county educational advancement center is a clear example.
75	Policy: Establish citizens economic revitalization committee comprised of existing business people in the county.	Ongoing. IDA with staff assistance from the Director of Community Development.
76	Policy: Coordinate local economic development efforts with regional and state economic development efforts.	Ongoing.
77	Policy: Coordinate local economic development capacity and resources with those available through other organizations including neighboring jurisdictions, the regional organizations, state agencies, federal agencies and the planning district commission.	Ongoing.
78	Policy: Coordinate local economic development within Cumberland County.	Ongoing.

97	Policy: Improve pedestrian accommodations within the Cumberland Courthouse community.	Ongoing. County staff is currently studying the feasibility of implementing the 2004 Rt. 60 corridor study recommendations and have established a staff workgroup that meets frequently. Staff has also recently met with VDOT to review the feasibility of implementing the study recommendations relates to # 86
132	Policy: Work with state agencies to develop and promote Bear Creek Lake State Park.	Ongoing.
139	Policy: Explore the feasibility of extending public water and sewer services to other high growth areas within Cumberland County (near Farmville).	Ongoing. County is studying extending infrastructure to southern end of the county.

Other Groups

Of the currently ongoing policies, 25 are being implemented by other groups (23% of the total 107 ongoing policies). Other groups include the Planning & Zoning Department, Cooperative Extension, Building Inspector, County Administration, Grant Writer, School Board, Farmville Airport and State Forester. These ongoing policies are listed below.

Policies Currently Being Addressed by Other Groups:

Policy #	Policy Text	Staff Comments
3	Policy: Preserve open space through the use of federal, state and local programs.	Planning & Zoning. Ongoing. In 2007 a County Purchase of Development Rights Program (PDR) was established to help preserve open space and farm lands. A transfer of development rights program is to be developed in 2008.
5	Policy: Enforce soil sediment and erosion control regulations to protect surface waters.	Building Inspections. Ongoing. Currently this program is managed by the building inspector and PFSWCD. As more plans are submitted, additional staffing will be necessary to properly enforce regulations.
6	Policy: Encourage the wise use of fertilizers to protect ground and surface waters.	Cooperative Extension Ongoing.
7	Policy: Encourage other appropriate nutrient management measures to protect ground and surface waters.	Cooperative Extension Ongoing. All poultry facilities require plans approved by the DEQ.

20	Policy: Explore the development of new agricultural industries supporting local farming including those relating to processing of agricultural produce, packaging, marketing and transportation.	Cooperative Extension Ongoing. Bioenergy - grant received for poultry litter digester and opportunities for new facilities at the proposed landfill and reservoir areas are possibilities.
21	Policy: Encourage the use of best management practices in the conduct of all farming activities.	Cooperative Extension and Cumberland Farm Bureau Ongoing.
22	Policy: Encourage and/or strengthen agricultural education in the public schools.	School Board, Cooperative Extension and Cumberland Farm Bureau Ongoing.
32	Policy: Eliminate substandard housing through code enforcement.	Planning & Zoning. Ongoing. HOPE program. Code enforcement addresses complaints as they are received. Zoning ordinance revisions in 2008 will consider allowances for renovations of pre-existing non-conforming dwellings to encourage renovations.
34	Policy: Identify and utilize all state and federal funding sources to help low and moderate income citizens to gain access to decent and standard housing opportunities.	Grant Writer. Ongoing. HOPE program. Code enforcement addresses complaints as they are received. Zoning ordinance revisions in 2008 will consider allowances for renovations of pre-existing non-conforming dwellings to encourage renovations.
86	Policy: Explore feasibility of implementing recommendations of the U.S. Route 60 Corridor Study.	Planning & Zoning. Ongoing. County staff is currently studying the feasibility of implementing these recommendations and have established a staff workgroup that meets frequently. Staff has also recently met with VDOT to review the feasibility of implementing the study recommendations.
88	Policy: Seek grant funding for the implementation of special transportation enhancement projects.	Grant Writer. Ongoing. Currently part of a multi-modal VDOT grant to study accessibility improvements needed for access to the Farmville Airport.
98	Policy: Seek grant funds for special enhancement projects involving bicycle, pedestrian and equestrian facilities.	Grant Writer. Ongoing.
100	Policy: Pursue the extension of runways 4,400 to 5,000 feet in length to accommodate larger aircraft.	Farmville Airport/Town of Farmville Ongoing. Airport is in progress of preparing to expand runway.
101	Policy: Pursue the construction of parallel taxiways to runways.	Farmville Airport/Town of Farmville Ongoing. Airport is in progress of preparing to expand runway.

102	Policy: Pursue improvements to apron to accommodate heavier aircraft.	Farmville Airport/Town of Farmville Ongoing. Airport is in progress of preparing to expand runway.
103	Policy: Pursue the addition of more hanger space to accommodate more aircraft.	Farmville Airport/Town of Farmville Ongoing. Airport is in progress of preparing to expand runway.
105	Policy: Seek grant funding from the Virginia Department of Aviation and the Federal Aviation Administration for needed airport improvements.	Farmville Airport/Town of Farmville Ongoing.
109	Policy: Develop a policy that promotes the delivery of quality education including the attraction and retention of quality educators.	School Board. Ongoing.
115	Policy: Explore cooperative relationships with neighboring school divisions to share facilities and to improve overall cost effectiveness of school investments.	School Board and County Administration. Ongoing.
116	Policy: Establish Human Resources to develop a policy to attract and maintain qualified staff in the County Government.	County Administration. Ongoing.
117	Policy: Preserve the historic Cumberland Courthouse Square along with all of the historic buildings.	Planning & Zoning. Ongoing. 2007 courthouse historic district placed on Nat'l register of historic places, 2008 developing historic design guidelines for courthouse district and entrance corridor.
118	Policy: Explore the feasibility of developing a Cumberland Courthouse Square Historic District and the establishment of design guidelines so that the surrounding environment is developed in a style sympathetic and supportive of the historic character of the public buildings.	Planning & Zoning. Ongoing. 2007 courthouse historic district placed on Nat'l register of historic places, 2008 developing historic design guidelines for courthouse district and entrance corridor.
122	Policy: Develop a long-term master plan for the County's emergency services facilities to accommodate the foreseen emergency requirements for all areas of the County for a twenty-year period. This would include the provision of appropriate and interoperable communication systems and technology for E-911 and other emergency services.	LEPC & ESC Committees. Last phase of interoperability currently being implemented. The new schools have been designated emergency shelters and designed as such.
126	Policy: Develop appropriate hazard mitigation measures to afford protection against the impacts of the full range of natural hazards (including floods, winds, and drought) and man-made hazards (such as hazardous materials and biosolids).	LEPC Committee & Biosolids Monitor. Ongoing. Have a county disaster plan and emergency personal trained to handle hazardous material and have access to state resources. Have county biosolids monitor, will be getting new floodplain maps in 2008 and will be revising flood plain zoning as well as airport safety zoning.

135	Policy: Encourage best management practices for Cumberland State Forest to preserve the asset and develop its full economic potential.	Cumberland State Forest. Ongoing.
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