

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TOPIC: Agriculture and Rural Area**

<b># OF TIMES MENTIONED</b>	<b>COMMENT SUMMARY</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
18	Protect farming and rural character	
9	Develop Pungo Villlage	
8	Support Agricultural Reserve Program	
5	Support Green Line keep in place	
4	Do not develop Pungo	
3	Support Strawberry Festival	One says to expand festival
2	Do not develop southern rural area	
2	Put farmers market in Pungo	Retail and/or wholesale market
2	Do not extend public water/sewer south of Indian River Road	
1	Have a City Council and Planning Commission that understands farm issues	
1	Pungo Airfield is a good land use opportunity	
1	Need way to dispose of large dead animals	
1	Need to educate public on importance of agriculture and rural environment	
1	Respect farmers and what they contribute to the city.	Need more farmers
1	Residential and Agriculture can mix	
1	Diversify rural economic opportunities for farmers	
1	Cluster village development ok if it helps preserve agriculture	
1	Decrease the number of houses in the rural area	
1	Restrict development in the Back Bay area	
1	Move Green Line farther north	
1	Open Agricultural Reserve Program to areas farther north	
1	Need multi-purpose trails in Pungo area	
<b>Total Number of Agriculture and Rural Area Items Mentioned: 66</b>		

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TOPIC: Community Appearance and Historic Preservation**

# OF TIMES MENTIONED	COMMENT SUMMARY	NOTES
16	Keep the City aesthetically pleasing and protect the environmental beauty, natural resources and conservation of trees.	Improved landscaping and aesthetics in the right-of-ways for the Shore Drive area from the Norfolk Line to Independence Blvd and Diamond Springs Road area north of Northampton Blvd.
11	Keep or improve the existing characteristics and architectural style of the current neighborhoods and commercial areas to maintain a sense of community.	No more condos on Shore Drive. Improve/modernize signage on entry to subdivisions. Improve civic league involvement.
5	Bury utility lines for aesthetic reasons and to protect from storms	
5	Use incentives to encourage the upkeep of historic buildings and landmark trees	
3	Removed or find new uses for blighted and underused buildings.	Could turn underused shopping centers back into parks, more trees.
3	City to work in conjunction with neighborhoods to make communities safer.	More police presence on foot or bicycle.
2	Improve or make stricter the City ordinance regarding neighborhood maintenance, Increase City Ordinance	I.e. not parking on lawns, stop allowing double curb parking in residential developments.
2	Improve maintenance in city right-of-way areas in subdivisions. Increase productive family activity. Enforce curfew.	City to work in conjunction with neighborhoods to make communities safer. More police presence on foot or bicycle.
2	Remove privacy fences along streets.	Need bushes instead.
2	Better maintenance of sidewalks, roads and parking areas so they are more aesthetically pleasing	(As in painting, gum removal, etc.) particularly along the Oceanfront
2	Continue with the homeowner associations in the residential development areas and give more authority to civic leagues	
2	Better enforcement of the zoning ordinances that affect the residential areas	Mowing, maintenance of sidewalks, parking on sidewalks)
2	Safety of the neighborhoods and road safety	
2	Make sure Shore Drive doesn't look like it does around Lesner Bridge;	Don't bring condos over here. Increase sense of place Shore Drive
1	Little areas are decided upon and changes made instead of looking at the entire area by Council	Follow ULI guidelines and Comprehensive Plan

1	Likes the military area, but need more parks and need to continue improvement of the layout of the Oceanfront.	(More athletic areas similar to the Sportsplex),
1	Need to establish a unique architecture and landscape style for the City of Virginia Beach.	I.e. Southwest style in Phoenix.
1	Promote the city gateways – Oceanfront, Princess Anne, Town Center, etc.	
1	Pedestrian over-walk designed by artists; incorporating artists into capital outlay projects	
1	Encourage/require businesses/developer to add some type of artwork to their buildings	
1	Keep the traditions – all the festivals and recreational events as they are good for both the citizens and the tourists.	
1	Like that Virginia Beach has a small town feeling within a big City	See the marinas, boats, open spaces, and farm land but still have downtown to go to
1	We want to still be able to drive over bridge and still feel like it's home	
1	The quality of housing is decreasing in some areas – maintain single family areas	Due to renters living in former homes owned by individuals,
<b>Total Number of Community Appearance and Historic Preservation Items Mentioned: 69</b>		

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TOPIC: Housing and Neighborhood Preservation

# OF TIMES MENTIONED	COMMENT SUMMARY	NOTES
17	Important to have good maintenance of housing (condominiums included) and yards since it relates to neighborhood value and preservation	Concerned about maintaining the quality of homes as relates to preservation of good neighborhoods.
15	Encourage workforce housing	Need to provide housing for people who work in the City so they can live in the city
14	Have more affordable housing options	Housing should be affordable and aesthetically pleasing for those with regular jobs.
8	Neighborhoods need to be revitalized	Housing stock is aging in some neighborhoods and needs improvement
4	Keep the density the same for single family housing and higher density in strategic growth areas	
3	People need to pick up trash and general upkeep on property.	
2	Address homeless issue. A place for them to go.	Summer issue with homeless. The impact that it has. Occupancy issues. Foreign coming in three times a year. Year round issue.
2	More housing styles needed to provide transition options for the neighborhoods.	Diversity of housing needed so that people can work and live close to each other.
2	Improve access to neighborhoods with more than only one way in and one way out, but discourage through traffic.	Balance the preservation of neighborhoods with preserving transportation access.
1	No low cost housing	
1	Ensure that community design incorporates commercial development that is compatible with the neighborhoods and rural area	Compatibility with non-residential uses
1	Hard to keep the neighborhood the same due to the population turnover	
1	Promote neighborhoods; one way would be with neighborhood signs.	
1	New neighborhoods should have double driveways to accommodate more cars owned by homeowners	
1	Don't allow houses to be built right on the beach. We need to preserve our beaches.	
1	Need clean access into Croatan – Rudee Loop development.	
1	Marshview Park will be a huge addition to our quality of life.	
1	There should be a variety of stores, day cares, etc. with have a neighborhood scale close to neighborhoods	

1	Encourage front porches on houses to promote friendly neighborhoods	
1	No mini mansions	
1	Neighborhood connectivity with other neighborhoods should be encouraged	
<b>Total Number of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Items Mentioned: 79</b>		

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TOPIC: Land Use, Infrastructure, and Economic Vitality Strategies

# OF TIMES MENTIONED	COMMENT SUMMARY	NOTES
20	Support strategic growth areas, smart growth, new urbanism, transit-oriented development	Others cited comments about preventing urban sprawl
9	Hold Green Line	
6	Save NAS Oceana	
6	Prevent additional condos along Shore Drive	Want smaller buildings, less mass
5	Diversify our Economy	Also expand economic growth
5	Enforce zoning laws	Especially building setbacks
5	Redevelop commercial areas with higher density	
4	Do not diverge from Comp Plan policies	
4	Focus density only in Town Center and Resort Area	
4	Problems occur when development precedes infrastructure	
3	Do not overdevelop	Preserve land and environment
3	Need more stormwater management	
3	Remove NAS Oceana	
3	Mix retail with pedestrian/neighborhood access	
2	Retain existing zoning mix of residential and non-residential	
2	There is lack of detailed citywide planning	Would provide consistency
2	Prevent further zoning that increases density	
2	Do not allow more big businesses	Need more small businesses; provide incentives
2	Build less density	Do not add zoning that increases density
2	Redevelop 'gray fields'	
2	Build higher quality hotels	Build hotels only if needed
2	Increase pedestrian accessibility to retail centers and institutions (i.e. places of worship)	
1	Complete Princess Anne Commons projects	I.e. Hospital, commercial around Sportsplex
1	Increase family areas around city	
1	Fear too much population growth, sprawl to North Carolina	
1	Need more 'Green' companies in Virginia Beach	
1	Need more retirement communities	
1	Develop Dome Site like Town Center	
1	No commercial uses in residential areas	
1	Need airport hub	
1	Limit housing to 3 stories	
1	No more development in Three Oaks area	
1	Be prepared for NAS Oceana closing	
1	NAS Ocean should be more citizen friendly	
1	No more encroachment near NAS Oceana	
1	Discourage high rise generally	
1	Keep overall zoning pattern	There is a good residential to non-residential zoning mix



**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TOPIC: Natural Resources, Parks and Open Spaces**

# OF TIMES MENTIONED	COMMENT SUMMARY	NOTES
38	Cleanup, maintain and protect the water quality of all waterways and watercourses (bays, rivers, lakes, streams, etc.)	Ches. Bay; Back Bay; Broad Bay, Lynnhaven River; North Landing River; etc.; Stronger Ordinances; litter control; prioritize actions to accomplish
34	Preserve, protect and increase the number of wetland areas; greater protection of environmental and natural resources	
33	Maintain, protect, update and provide additional parks and recreational areas and facilities as appropriate	Provide more skate parks
27	Maintain the number and quality of the city's recreation centers; the need exists for additional ones	Citizens are proud of the recreation centers; more sidewalks needed for children to walk and ride bikes on to recreation centers
24	Preserve and provide more open space and green space	Including ARP properties
15	Preserve existing trees to reduce large canopy tree loss; increase tree planting on public land	
11	Maintain investments in the city's beaches and waterways; cleanliness and beach access	Stormwater management; Croatan; Chesapeake Beach; Rudee Loop
11	Provide additional bike paths and pedestrian access	
3	Greater use of the waterways for recreational activities	
2	Provide "greenways" to connect natural areas	
2	Reduce development infringement on parks and open space areas	
2	Federal, state and local parks are beautiful and well-appreciated	Citizens want to provide input on improvements
2	Improve drainage in older neighborhoods	
2	Increase public safety/greater police presence	More foot patrol on bike paths
1	Identify wildlife pathways	Corridor protection
1	Acquisition of Marshview is a huge addition to the open space system	
1	Build the needed recreation center in the Lake Edward neighborhood	Public input process is underway on proposed facility
1	Offer incentives to citizens who are willing to help restore vegetative buffers along waterways	I.e., property tax relief; communication and technical assistance; etc.
1	Provide additional playfields for nighttime use; more playgrounds; better field lighting; and additional facilities for regional tournaments	

1	Establish additional partnerships between the Parks Dept. and the communities. Citizens are willing to assist in the upkeep and maintenance of their neighborhood parks and playground facilities	Includes tree planting
1	Greater coordination of youth activities is needed between the libraries and the recreation centers	Structured "After-School" activities and programs
1	Investigate the reuse of vacant commercial strip centers for additional neighborhood recreation centers	Investigate Public-private partnerships
1	Consider a partnership between the recreation centers and YMCAs	Flexible fees could be offered to citizens least able to pay
1	Greater recycling is needed at city facilities; better solid waste management	City needs to set a better example
1	Provide safer bike access in the southern part of city	Bicyclists not comfortable sharing the rural roads with motorist
1	Develop the "Bird-Watching" industry for Back Bay and Stumpy Lake	
1	Allocate more funding to purchase open space	
1	City needs to improve its model for prioritizing and providing open space	Draft 2008 Outdoors Plan outlines this process
1	The Comprehensive Plan needs to address global warming and its impacts on the city	
1	Better litter control is needed around the city, particularly along rural road ditches	Disgusting!
1	Pipe large rural road ditches for improved stormwater management and additional area for bike access	Extremely costly!
1	Incorporate the "Go Green" concept in more public facilities	
1	Establish a "Sea Level" monitoring program around the city	
1	Improve access to Stumpy Lake and its recreational amenities: the golf course; fishing; bird watching; etc.	
1	Discourage off-shore drilling; consider alternative energy sources	Environmental impacts
1	Police illegal crabbing	
1	More edible oysters	
1	Establish a better policy on sand replacement	Some areas pay a special tax and others do not
<b>Total Number of Natural Resources, Parks and Open Spaces Items Mentioned: 240</b>		

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TOPIC: Resort Area**

# OF TIMES MENTIONED	COMMENT SUMMARY	NOTES
21	Establish a Resort Master Plan and Implement Resort Area Improvements	Establish a Comprehensive Plan for the oceanfront, Implement the Sasaki Plan, Strengthen the oceanfront corridors (especially the 19 <sup>th</sup> St. corridor), Good strategic growth planning – move forward with the resort study, Growth at the oceanfront is the most important land use issue, Need a master plan for the “strip” areas of the oceanfront, Revitalize entire oceanfront (especially west of Pacific Ave.), 19 <sup>th</sup> St. pedestrian area for shopping and restaurants, Reface/Revitalize Va. Beach Blvd. it’s a gateway, Consider mixed-use development along Atlantic Ave. and Pacific Ave. to allow residential above retail, Encourage high density development – transportation will be a major issue, Urban redevelopment in resort area, Improve 17 <sup>th</sup> St. & 19 <sup>th</sup> St. corridors, Look at mixed use high-rise with lower level retail with residential above (17 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> St.), Don’t increase density on Laskin Rd., Update Laskin Rd., Would like to see the oceanfront to continue to be upgraded, Rudee Loop development changed, Concerns with Rudee Loop high density, Continue improvements at the oceanfront
11	Improve Oceanfront Parking and Access	Improve Oceanfront parking and access, Oceanfront parking is awful, Parking at the beach shouldn’t have to pay, More parking decks along the oceanfront around 9 <sup>th</sup> St., Would like to see free parking garages and no metered and on street parking, Need parking for residents, Keep parking available to the beach and maintain access, Need better parking along Atlantic Ave., Keep 19 <sup>th</sup> St. parking lot as is, Need better parking for special events, Improve parking along beach access areas
11	Oceanfront Maintenance and Cleanliness	Keep the oceanfront maintained and family friendly, Clean up Laskin Rd., Keep oceanfront clean and safe, Maintain our clean beaches, Continue maintenance of the environment (beaches), Continue to maintain the beaches, Keep and maintain our attractive beaches, Keep the oceanfront area family and tourist friendly, Maintain the boardwalk and beach, Keep the cleanliness of the oceanfront and boardwalk, Atlantic Ave., Boardwalk and strip keep under control and maintained

11	Add and Improve Bike and Pedestrian Facilities	Need bike paths to the beach, Improve pedestrian and bicycling accessibility and paths, Provide more opportunities for bikes to travel along the oceanfront, Need bike trails to the oceanfront and Bayfront, Bike path to the oceanfront, connectivity to open space, Lake Smith. Oceanfront, to Sandbridge, to Stumpy Lake etc., Make General Booth Blvd. safer – install bike paths, Design the Laskin Rd. corridor to accommodate bike paths, Consider changing Laskin Rd design to include bike paths, sidewalks need to be improved, Better maintenance of sidewalks
8	Continue Free Entertainment and Special Activities	Like beach activities and entertainment, Keep the beach festivals, Keep the free entertainment at the oceanfront, Maintain the entertainment, Maintain oceanfront activities, Keep the oceanfront area the same – like all the activities, Keep oceanfront recreational as free resource, More attractions for tourists bring in professional sports
8	Transportation Issues and Concerns	One way pair Atlantic – Pacific Ave., One way Atlantic and Pacific Ave., 30 <sup>th</sup> St. no more traffic lights, Laskin Rd. needs to be 6 lanes, Laskin Rd. should not be 6 lanes, traffic is really bad in several areas of the city – First Colonial Rd. and Laskin Rd. Need to do something to alleviate the traffic, Holy Rd. should remain two lanes, Slow down traffic on Atlantic Avenue
5	Promote Economic Growth	Resort trade activity benefits homeowners, Better resort bring in more revenue through more resort and year round conferences, Instead of building hotels bring in more business to provide economic growth, Need a successful oceanfront, Maintain the resort vitality
5	Preserve the Original Resort Area Quality and Charm	Design covenants for some areas of the oceanfront, Keep the historic character of the city intact – EMS office, preserve the old cottages, Don't build up the resort area where it takes out stable neighborhoods, Keep the single family homes
4	Transit Issues and Concerns	Stop trolley lane service on Atlantic Ave., Need shelters at the bus stops, Increase hybrid buses at the oceanfront, Resolve the issue of bikes in the trolley lane – Are they allowed?
4	Preserve the Views - Stop Building on the Beach	Don't allow homes to be built right on the beach, We need to preserve our views, Keep people from building houses on the waterfront, Would like to see hotels on the west side of Atlantic, High rise hotels at the oceanfront keep residents from being able to see the ocean, They keep getting taller and taller
4	Underground Utilities	Underground power lines upgrade the oceanfront, Underground utilities at the oceanfront, Utilities Underground – beautification, Underground utilities in the resort
3	Improve Drainage	Improve drainage, resolve flooding along Laskin Rd. during heavy rain, Storm water – improve Atlantic Ave.

3	More Development Like the Hilton/Ocean 31	Good job with the Hilton/31 <sup>st</sup> St. development in the resort area, Clean up other areas using the same example, More hotel development like the Hilton/Ocean 31, Continue projects like the Resort 31 <sup>st</sup> St.
3	Don't Change the Boardwalk	Keep the boardwalk the same, Boardwalk is positive, Boardwalk should stay the same
3	Maintain Beach Access	Maintain and improve public beach access, Enjoy access to the beach – do not over build, Keep our beaches accessible to residents
3	Waterways and Water Quality	Beach/Bay life – like the recreational usage of the waterways, No more beach closures, Maintain our beach and waterways,
3	Preserve Open Space	Keep the open vistas at the oceanfront, Keep the open space at the oceanfront, More open space at the oceanfront
3	Protect North Beach Character	Protect the character of North Beach – we don't want to give the character for year round parking, North Beach – density, zoning, special overlay, parking and access for visitors, Need restroom facilities at the North End
1	Limit height of buildings it takes away from the Aesthetics	
1	Address the Issue of Aging Infrastructure	
1	Affordable Housing	Old Beach housing needs to stay affordable
1	Incorporate Art	Incorporate art into our gateways
1	Jet Noise is an Issue at the Oceanfront	People and business can not function with such loud noise
1	The Oceanfront is First Class in Terms of Landscaping	
1	Sand Replenishment	Sand from Croatan is given to main beach. Make an investment to the citizens and the oceanfront.
1	Create areas at the oceanfront for skateboarders	
<b>Total Number of Resort Items Mentioned: 121</b>		

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TOPIC: Transportation

# OF TIMES MENTIONED	COMMENT SUMMARY	NOTES
65	General bike and pedestrian access and facility improvement	Neighborhood connectivity, Town Center, transit, restroom facilities (Pungo area), Birdneck Rd, Princess Anne Rd south of Dam Neck, Laskin Road, Buckner @ Rosemont, Oceanfront, Shore Dr., Virginia Beach Blvd, 264 crossings, Norfolk-Southern ROW, fill in gaps, path from First Court to Lesner Bridge and Oceanfront, Lake Smith, Thaila Creek, Bayside Recreation Center, Greenwell, Linkhorn Cove, remove rumble strips on Shore
40	Supports Light Rail	Several want only in conjunction of improved bus network. "Spoke-Hub" system cited, in conjunction with electric bus
38	Improved transit network	Retirement areas, general accessibility, Shore Drive, hours of operation, Handi-ride, one wants better buses and no LRT
22	Generally supports alternative transportation modes	Schools specifically noted
22	Improved general infrastructure maintenance	VB Blvd and Shore Drive, streetlights on Old Donation
12	Combination of bike paths and on-road facilities/lanes for commuters	One noted specifically transition area
9	Increased maintenance/removal of south side ditches	
8	Fewer traffic lights and timing coordination	Tallwood area, Shore Dr., N. Independence Blvd.
8	Widen Indian River Road	Add left turn lane and signal going west on Indian River Road @ West Neck Road
6	Finish last leg of Princess Anne road widening	
6	General congestion concerns	One supporter of transit only after roads improved
6	General connectivity concerns	Specifically to hospital from Independence
5	Improve Shore Drive amenities	Reduce speed, add sidewalk, no new lanes
4	More neighborhood-scale traffic calming	Specifically called out on Dillion Drive
4	Complete Southeastern Parkway	
4	Economic development/transportation connection	
3	Bike facilities included in LRT development	Bike lockers, racks on vehicles
3	More than one access point for neighborhoods	Fairfield Elementary, Stumpy Lake Lane to Indian River
3	Kempsville improvements	Widen, Princess Anne, Witchduck
3	Complete Nimmo Parkway	
3	More park and ride options	During subdivision approvals
3	Safe routes to schools	

3	Improve major arterials, regional roads, and add flyovers	
3	Improve Kempsville traffic issues	
2	Allow for skateboarding as a legal mode of transportation and design appropriately for this mode	
2	Centerville traffic congestion issues	
2	Encourage higher density mixed use TOD (Transit Oriented Design) in appropriate areas	
2	Light Rail Transit parking and congestion concerns	Town Center
2	Bike rentals at transit	
2	Oceanfront parking and access	
2	Opposes Light Rail	
2	One-way pair Atlantic/Pacific	
2	Keep roads up with development	Town Center, Transition area
2	Widen I-264	
2	Improve General Booth Blvd.	
2	Improve Laskin Rd/21 <sup>st</sup> St	
2	Reduce speeding on Holly Road and keep 2 lanes	
2	Town Center transportation concerns	
2	Improve Princess Anne/Witchduck Roads	
2	Keep through traffic out of neighborhoods	
2	Complete streets	
2	New Lesner Bridge (and new name)	Keep 4 lanes
2	Yield to pedestrian signs	Great Neck
1	Southeastern Parkway environmental concerns. Increased density	
1	Transit in Norfolk-Southern ROW	
1	Widening of Kempsville Rd to Chesapeake	
1	Expand Light Rail to Naval Base-Norfolk	
1	Concerns with current terminus of Light Rail Transit (crime, parking, etc)	
1	Improved reflective road striping	
1	Get our fair share of funding from DC/Richmond/region	
1	Complete Lynnhaven project ASAP	
1	Reduce speed at Town Center instead of building bridge	
1	Street lights-Courthouse to General Booth Blvd	
1	Wheelchair accessibility-both sidewalks and buildings	
1	Shared use of commercial/military air at Oceana	
1	Special event parking improvements	Specifically Neptune festival
1	Don't widen Princess Anne Rd	
1	Widen roads in rural areas	
1	Don't widen roads in rural area	

1	Pungo pedestrian access	
1	Lower speed limit in Princess Anne/General Booth area to Mt. Zion church to 25 mph	
1	Stop signs on South Blvd in Windsor Forest subdivision	
1	Use school buses for public transit	
1	Signal at Landstown Meadows at Winterberry Lane	
1	Improve North Independence Blvd. congestion	
1	Increased hybrid buses at Oceanfront	
1	Add small neighborhood buses on top of existing system	
1	Third crossing support	
1	Alternative funding for CIP projects	
1	Address Providence Road bottleneck before Witchduck Road improvements	
1	Remove ditch at 90 degree turn on Providence	
1	Improve interstate interchanges	
1	Rosemont/Bancroft intersection improvements	
1	Improved bus stops	
1	Improved transportation to theaters	
1	Improve 30 <sup>th</sup> Street/Laskin area. Fewer lights, better safety for ped/bike	
1	Allow bikes in trolley lanes in Oceanfront	
1	No curbs/gutters on rural roads	
1	Keep feeder road (Laskin Road)?	
1	Wrong road widening choices such as London Bridge	
1	Make Laskin Road 6 lanes	
1	Don't make Laskin Road 6 lanes	
1	Traffic calming on Atlantic Ave.	
1	Improve weekend traffic	
1	Preserve Kemps Lake with interstate improvements	
1	Neighborhood access at Centerville area	
1	Lessen time of road construction projects	
1	High speed rail to Richmond/DC	
1	Size of interior streets (no sidewalks) in Ocean Park	
1	I-264 pedestrian crossing @ Trashmore	
1	Connectivity of Independence and Shore Drive	
1	Beautification from Bay Bridge Tunnel down Northampton	
1	Improve Northampton Blvd./Greenwell intersection	
1	Make Shore Drive 8 lanes	

1	Realign First Court with Indian Hill	
1	Safety on rural roads	
1	More parking garages and free garage/street parking	
1	New east-west road between Shore Drive/Virginia Beach Blvd	
1	Bus parking at schools	
1	Improve traffic at First Colonial and Laskin Road	
1	Amtrak from Hampton to Virginia Beach	
1	Don't add more parking at Chick's Beach to keep numbers down	
1	No on-street parking at Newtown by Daniel Smith Road and Baker Road	
1	Add signal at Great Neck and River	
1	Send kids to schools in neighborhoods	
1	Bikes on sidewalks, not road	
1	Fix power lines on Baker Road by widening road	
<b>Total Number of Transportation Items Mentioned: 385</b>		