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The Virginia Beach Comprehensive Plan Wins Statewide Recognition Again

The Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association awarded its highest honor for a planning product to the City of Virginia Beach. The recently adopted 2009 Comprehensive Plan, the city's vision for future growth and development, received the 'Outstanding Plan' award on May 4th at the Association's annual conference held at Norfolk's Sheraton Waterside Hotel. This is the third consecutive win for Virginia Beach's Comprehensive Plans. The two preceding award winning plans were adopted in 2003 and 1997.

The Virginia Beach Comprehensive Plan is celebrated for presenting a clear, thorough and appealing guide for the future and effectively rallying community participation. The plan is a policy guide directing growth in eight carefully defined 'Strategic Growth Areas'. The Comprehensive Plan also establishes how to preserve existing stable neighborhoods, protect natural resources, diversify housing opportunities, improve community appearance, create open spaces and improve mobility by promoting many transportation options, including light rail transit. Open houses, public information meetings and public hearings were held before the Comprehensive Plan was unanimously adopted by the City Council on December 8, 2009.

This award-winning plan affirms that Virginia Beach is truly a 'Community for a Lifetime'. For information, visit www.ourfuturevb.com or www.vbgov.com/compplan .

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