



Applicant **City of Virginia Beach**
Public Hearing **July 13, 2016**
The 2016 City of Virginia Beach Outdoors Plan

Agenda Item

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Request

An ordinance of the City of Virginia Beach City Council for the adoption of the City of Virginia Beach Outdoors Plan - a reference document to the Comprehensive Plan, which will supersede the 2008 Outdoors Plan.

Summary of Request

A regular review and update of the Outdoors Plan is essential to manage and maintain the outdoor recreation system in Virginia Beach and to guide the process of adaptive change and decision making based on sustainable principles and practices. The first Outdoors Plan, adopted in 1994, provided a solid foundation on which to begin building the City's system of outdoor recreation resources. An update in 2001 quantified the need for new parkland and established guidelines for identifying and prioritizing lands for acquisition, and established the City's Open Space Acquisition Program. The 2008 update helped shape the Department of Parks & Recreation's first Strategic Plan and became a component of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The 2016 update of the Outdoors Plan addresses the future need for new parks and open spaces and lays out the master plan for a more sustainable parks and recreation system. It includes sustainable practices, policies and practices for the development, management and maintenance of the park system and the planning for the renovation of the City's recreation centers, park buildings and support facilities. This update was developed in coordination with many City adopted documents, including the Comprehensive Plan.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the 2016 Outdoors Plan update. The ordinance for City Council's consideration is found below.

1 AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AND INCORPORATE INTO
2 THE VIRGINIA BEACH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THE
3 CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH OUTDOORS PLAN 2016—A
4 MASTER PLAN FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION
5 SYSTEM, A COMPONENT OF THE VIRGINIA BEACH
6 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN—IT'S OUR FUTURE: A CHOICE
7 CITY, WHICH WILL SUPERSEDE THE VIRGINIA BEACH
8 OUTDOORS PLAN 2008 AND WILL CONTAIN AN
9 ASSESSMENT OF THE RECREATION LAND AND
10 FACILITY ASSETS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
11 SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT AND FUTURE CAPITAL
12 IMPROVEMENTS

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14 WHEREAS, the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning
15 practice so require;

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17 WHEREAS, the Virginia Beach Outdoors Plan 2016 has been developed with
18 extensive input from the community and stakeholders; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Virginia Beach Outdoors Plan 2016 is in conformity with the
21 Comprehensive Plan; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Virginia Beach Outdoors Plan 2016 should be adopted and
24 incorporated as part of the Comprehensive Plan.

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26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
27 VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA:

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29 That the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Virginia Beach be, and hereby is,
30 amended and reordained by:

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32 The adoption by City Council of the City of Virginia Beach of the Virginia Beach
33 Outdoors Plan 2016 and its incorporation into the Comprehensive Plan. Such
34 document is attached hereto and made a part hereof, having been exhibited to the City
35 Council and placed on file in the Department of Planning and Community
36 Development.

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38 COMMENT

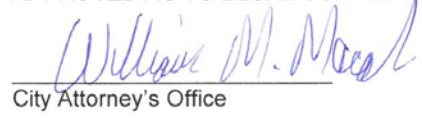
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40 The ordinance amends the Comprehensive Plan by the adoption of the Virginia Beach
41 Outdoors Plan 2016.

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43 Adopted by the Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, on this _____
44 day of _____, 2016.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:


Planning Department

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


City Attorney's Office

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