

## **Introduction**

### **Purpose**

The overall purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to guide the future social, economic and physical development of Accomack County so as to ensure the provision of adequate, quality, community facilities and services and the maintenance of a healthy, safe, orderly, and harmonious environment.

### **Preface**

The Accomack County Comprehensive Plan was rewritten in 1997. This document is an update of the 1997 Plan. Like the earlier Plan, it contains information, policies, and programs for the county to implement in order to manage development and resources in a manner most beneficial to the citizenry.

This document is the result of significant effort on the part of the Accomack County Planning Commission, Accomack County Board of Supervisors, the staff of the Accomack County Department of Planning and Department of Building and Zoning, and the citizens of Accomack County.

The preparation of this document drew upon the efforts and information from many agencies and organizations including the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program and the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department.

The Accomack County Comprehensive Plan is divided into several chapters. The first chapter is an overview of the plan revision process and the legislative authority that enables Accomack County to plan for the future development of the county. The second and third chapters inventory existing conditions. The fourth chapter includes a discussion of issues and concerns facing Accomack County. The fifth chapter presents the county's goals for the future and outlines objectives, policies, and recommended actions designed to achieve those goals. The sixth chapter contains the future land use plan which includes the future land use map and proposed land use categories to be considered in the development of future revisions to the county's zoning and subdivision ordinances.

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