



**Planning Commission Agenda  
Monday, July 14, 2025  
Town of Orange Community Meeting Room**

**6:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to order.**

**Roll Call:**

Chairman Benjamin Sherman  
Vice-Chair Page Sullenberger  
Commissioner Rita Carroll

Commissioner Jeffrey Crane  
*Vacant*  
Mayor J. Harrison Cluff, *Ex-Officio*

- 2. Public Comment** – *The Commission receives public input from residents and taxpayers of the Town. Citizens are encouraged to sign up prior to the beginning of the meeting and turn in a/their slip to the Deputy Town Clerk. Please note that Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes per individual.*
- 3. Consideration of the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2025.**
- 4. Consideration of FY2026-FY2031 Capital Improvements Plan.**
- 5. Discussion regarding Zoning of Portion of Tax Map #T43-47.**
- 6. Discussion of Comprehensive Plan Survey and Community Meeting Notice.**
- 7. Next Meeting** – Monday, July 28, 2025, at 6 p.m. – Regular Meeting.
- 8. Adjournment.**

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The Town of Orange Planning Commission held a work session meeting at 6:00 p.m., in the Town of Orange Community Meeting Room. Planning Commission members present were: Chairman Benjamin Sherman, Vice-Chair Page Sullenberger, Commissioners Rita Carroll, and Jeffrey Crane. Staff members present were Director of Community Development Deborah Sturm, ICMA-CM, AICP and Deputy Town Clerk Kimberly Strawser, CZA, CMC. Mayor J. Harrison Cluff was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sherman called the meeting to order. The Deputy Town Clerk called roll and noted that there was a quorum present.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2025

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Sullenberger, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve the meeting minutes of April 14, 2025, as presented. On vote, Chairman Sherman – aye, Vice-Chair Sullenberger – aye, Commissioner Carroll – aye, and Commissioner Crane – aye. Motion carried.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE MAIN STREET CONCEPT PLAN

Mr. Bill Mechnick from Kimley Horn appeared before the Commission to review and answer questions regarding the Main Street Concept Plan. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission for the Director of Community Development to forward the Main Street Concept Plan to the Town Manager for Town Council review and comments.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Director of Community Development stated that staff would compile various demographic aspects for the town and develop a brief analysis of trends to help inform the development and review of the comprehensive plan goals and objectives. The Director of Community Development stated that the estimated completion of this information would be ready for review at the August 11<sup>th</sup> work session.

The Director of Community Development reported that staff would prepare a community survey to be used to solicit citizen input on the plan in conjunction with community meetings to be held in the late summer/early fall. The Director of Community Development provided information from the Town of Gordonsville and Warren County's community survey as examples. The Director of Community Development stated that staff had been in touch with the Town's website manager and we have the ability to create an online survey on the Town's website.

The Director of Community Development stated that using the other community's surveys as a guide for general format and staff suggested that questions be divided into two sections – general respondent demographic information and community perceptions and visions categorized by

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plan themes. The Director of Community Development estimated the completion by June 30<sup>th</sup> and ready for review at the July 14<sup>th</sup> work session.

The Director of Community Development stated that community meetings would be important to seek citizen input. The Director of Community Development stated further that the last public meeting held last September was a great start and follow-up meetings in other areas of town would hopefully encourage more citizen participation. The Director of Community Development suggested that community meetings be held in the late summer/early fall in conjunction with the release of the citizen survey.

After discussion it was the consensus of the Commission to send out a community survey that is targeted to the Themes of the plan and to hold community meetings in late summer/early fall.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 6 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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Kimberly Strawser, CZA, CMC  
Deputy Town Clerk

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Chairman Benjamin Sherman



## **AGENDA SUMMARY**

**July 14, 2025**

***Agenda Item #4***

### ***Consideration of FY2026-FY2031 Capital Improvements Plan***

#### **SUMMARY**

The Director of Community Development will review the items that have been added/updated to create the FY2026-FY2031 Capital Improvements Plan. This update of the Capital Improvements Plan adds street reconstruction projects that will be included in the FY29-FY30 VDOT revenue sharing funding cycle, applications for which were due at the end of May 2025. A more comprehensive CIP review process will begin later in the summer.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the draft revised CIP as presented.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE/ MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:**

"I move that the Town of Orange Planning Commission approve the draft revised FY2026-FY2031 Capital Improvements Plan as presented."

# TOWN OF ORANGE, VIRGINIA



FY 2026 - FY 2031  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

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PRESENTED TO THE TOWN OF ORANGE PLANNING COMMISSION  
Date: June 23, 2025

## 1. Introduction: Town of Orange CIP: FY 2026 – FY 2031

Communities develop a comprehensive plan that outlines the future they desire for themselves through goals, objectives and implementation strategies contained in the plan. Capital improvement planning is one of several tools communities use to implement that plan. ***The purpose of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is to allow a locality to examine its current resources and to determine what future resources it needs. This is helpful for determining not only how much funding is needed to satisfy public facility needs but also when such funding is needed.***

Typically, the CIP covers a five-year period, with the first year adopted as the capital budget. Funding shown in subsequent years is not immediately committed but instead reflects an estimate of funding levels needed in the future for various projects, facilities, equipment, etc.

## 2. Planning Commission CIP Preparation

State statute designates the Planning Commission as the body generally responsible for the preparation and annual update of a locality's CIP. Section 15.2-2239 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, states the following:

*A local planning commission may, and at the direction of the governing body shall, prepare and revise annually a capital improvement program based on the comprehensive plan of the locality for a period not to exceed the ensuing five years. The commission shall submit the program annually to the governing body, or to the chief administrative officer or other official charged with preparation of the budget for the locality, at such time as it or he shall direct. The capital improvement program shall include the commission's recommendation and estimates of cost of the facilities and the means of financing them, to be undertaken in the ensuing fiscal year and in a period not to exceed the next four years, as the basis of the capital budget for the locality. In the preparation of its capital budget recommendations, the commission shall consult with the chief administrative officer or other executive head of the government of the locality, the heads of departments and interested citizens and organizations and shall hold such public hearings as it deems necessary.*

The Town of Orange Planning Commission has prepared this Capital Improvement Program with assistance from Town of Orange staff. The Commission members for the preparation of this CIP were:

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Benjamin Sherman      | Chairman      |
| Page Sullenberger     | Vice Chairman |
| Rita Carroll          | Commissioner  |
| Jeff Crane            | Commissioner  |
| Harrison Cluff, Mayor | Ex-Officio    |

Staff Support was provided by:

|                      |                                   |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Greg Woods           | Town Manager                      |
| Dwight Baker         | Chief Water Plant Operator        |
| Wendy J. Chewning    | Town Clerk                        |
| Deborah C. Sturm     | Director of Community Development |
| Larry Bond           | Director of Public Works          |
| Kiline Madison       | Chief of Police                   |
| Dianna Gomez         | Director of Finance               |
| Michelle Steinberger | Chief Wastewater Plant Operator   |
| Kimberly A. Strawser | Deputy Town Clerk                 |

### **3. Definition of a Capital Project**

A **Capital Improvement Project** is defined as “a major, non-recurring annual expenditure of at least \$25,000 for the payment of a capital improvement asset which has a useful life of at least five (5) years including any such planning, feasibility, engineering, or design study related to such project. These projects are included in the CIP and do not necessarily include all capital assets of the Town”.

*(Definition approved by the Town of Orange Planning Commission on October 27, 2014)*

### **4. The CIP Process**

The CIP development process takes approximately 4-6 months beginning in the mid- to late-summer. It includes consultation with the Town Manager, department heads and interested citizens, and may include a public hearing before adoption and submission to the Town Manager for budget consideration in December.

### **5. FY 2026-FY 2031 Requests**

This CIP includes projects that will be funded with Town resources, grant sources and VDOT funding. Because road projects funded with revenue sharing funds from VDOT must be included in the CIP, this revision adds street reconstruction projects that will be included in the FY29-FY30 funding cycle, applications for which were due at the end of May 2025. A more comprehensive CIP review process will begin in the summer of 2025.

### **6. Funding Recommendations**

It is recommended that street construction projects planned for FY29-30 be included in the CIP as that is a requirement for receiving revenue sharing funding for these projects from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

## **7. Priority Recommendations**

The priority order for the projects submitted during the CIP process will be determined by the Planning Commission with recommendations provided by staff.

### **Projects Deleted from the Draft CIP:**

- Public Works Vehicles – Vehicles already purchased and ordered: New Trash Truck
- Marshall Heights Standpipe Replacement/Repair – this project is complete.

## Revenue Sharing

### Description:

The Town of Orange Public Works Department, in its role of maintaining the public roads within the Town, has plans to re-construct the following roads (listed in order of priority):

| Revenue Sharing Projects FY27 through FY30 |                                                           |                |              |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| FY                                         | Road                                                      | Total Funding  | Town Portion |
| 27                                         | Porterfield Drive (from Montevista Ave to end)            | \$523,194.28   | \$261,597.14 |
| 28                                         | Rapidan Road (from Selma Rd to Town limits)               | \$252,926.06   | \$126,463.03 |
| 29                                         | E. Main Street (from Selma Rd to May Fray Ave/Byrd Street | \$353,601.00   | \$176,800.50 |
| 30                                         | Byrd Street (from E. Main St to E. Church Street          | \$80,832.00    | \$40,416.00  |
| 30                                         | Monrovia Road (from Route 20 to Town limits)              | \$122,978.00   | \$61,489.00  |
|                                            |                                                           | \$1,333,531.34 | \$666,765.67 |

### Relationship to Comprehensive Plan:

**Goal PS16:** Ensure that public facilities are constructed and maintained to meet Levels of Service standards for different Planning Sectors in Town as articulated through specific Planning Sector plans.

**Action PS16.5:** Adequately fund Water Plant, Wastewater Plant, Public Works, Police, and Administrative Capital Needs to maintain Levels of Service Standards

Total Cost: \$1,333,531.34 (Town portion \$666,765.67)

Funding Source: 50% Local funds/50% Revenue Sharing Funds

Department Requesting: Public Works

Ranking:

## Sidewalk Construction

### Description

This project encompasses new infill construction of sidewalks providing pedestrians safe access to developed areas within the Town.

### Relationship to Comprehensive Plan

**Goal T2:** Improve existing roads and transportation systems in a manner consistent with the Transportation Vision.

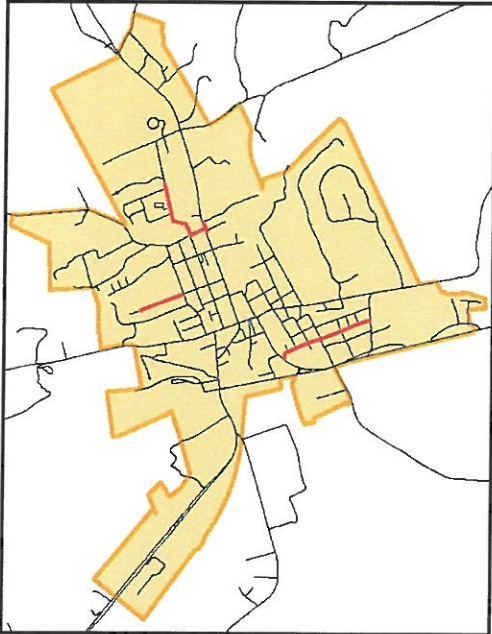
**Action T4.2:** Construct biking and pedestrian infrastructure in existing (already developed) parts of Town.

Total Cost: \$100,000.00 yearly

Funding Source: General Fund, VDOT grants, private funds

Department Requesting: Public Works

Ranking:



### Potential Sidewalk Projects:

- North Street from Spicers Mill Road to the North Street Connector
- N. Madison Road from Dogwood Lane north to existing sidewalk, approximately 1600 feet
- Jefferson Street from Byrd Street to Selma Road

## Taylor Park Brick Paver Rehabilitation

### Description:

This project would fix the brick pavers in Taylor Park which are being dislodged by the roots of adjacent trees and are becoming a "tripping" and safety issue.

### Relationship to Comprehensive Plan:

**Action T4.2:** Construct biking and pedestrian infrastructure in existing (already developed) parts of Town.

Total Cost: \$50,000

Funding Sources: General Fund, Taylor Park Fund, Private Grants, Donations

Department Requesting: Public Works

### Ranking:



## **"Hilltop Drive" Sewer Line Connection**

Description: To connect Harper Drive/Berry Street and Porterfield Drive sewer lines.

Relationship to Comprehensive Plan:

**Goal PS16:** Ensure that public facilities are constructed and maintained to meet Levels of Service standards for different Planning Sectors in Town as articulated through specific Planning Sector plans.

Total Cost To be determined during engineering phase

Funding Source: American Rescue Plan Act

Department Requesting: Public Works

Ranking:



## Hilltop Drive Connector

### Description:

To connect Harper Drive to Berry Street and connect Porterfield Drive to Hilltop Drive, this would improve and give alternate routes to Route 20.

### Relationship to Comprehensive Plan:

**Goal PS16:** Ensure that public facilities are constructed and maintained to meet Levels of Service standards for different Planning Sectors in Town as articulated through specific Planning Sector plans.

**Goal T2:** Improve existing roads and transportation systems in a manner consistent with the Transportation Vision.

Total Cost To be determine during engineering phase

Funding Source: VDOT Urban Funds, Revenue Sharing, Town Matching Funds, American Rescue Plan Act

Department Requesting: Public Works

### Ranking:



## Orange Village Shopping Center Traffic Circle

### Description:

As traffic counts increase on Route 15 through Town, and as the Orange Village Shopping Center continues to grow, traffic conflicts at the entrances are increasing. Working with the VDOT, a proposed traffic circle was designed to help mitigate the traffic conflicts at the northern entrance to the shopping center.

### Relationship to Comprehensive Plan:

**Goal PS16:** Ensure that public facilities are constructed and maintained to meet Levels of Service standards for different Planning Sectors in Town as articulated through specific Planning Sector plans.

**Goal T2:** Improve existing roads and transportation systems in a manner consistent with the Transportation Vision.

Total Cost \$2,000,000.00

Funding Source: VDOT Urban Funds, Revenue Sharing, Highway Safety Improvement (HSIP) Funds, Town Matching Funds

Department Requesting: Community Development

### Ranking:



## **Madison Road Utility Rehabilitation and Road Reconstruction**

### Description:

The underground utility infrastructure beneath Madison Road/Route 15, in many cases, is so old there is no documentation as to when it was constructed. Recently, storm sewer lines in front of 135 N. Madison Road (Domino's Pizza) collapsed, requiring emergency work by the Town's Public Works department. The Town has experienced other utility failures along N. Madison Road and this project would address the rehabilitation of the underground utilities while reconstructing N. Madison Road including updated streetscapes with wider sidewalks, street trees, benches, and street lights.

### Relationship to Comprehensive Plan:

**Goal T2:** Improve existing roads and transportation systems in a manner consistent with the Transportation Vision.

**Goal T4:** Encourage alternatives to vehicular use to increase pedestrian-friendliness of Orange

**Goal PS16:** Ensure that public facilities are constructed and maintained to meet Levels of Service standards for different Planning Sectors in Town as articulated through specific Planning Sector plans.

Total Cost \$10,000,000 plus

Funding Source: VDOT: Revenue Sharing, Six Year Improvement or Smart Scale, Highway Safety Improvement Funding, Town Matching Funds

Department Requesting: Public Works

Ranking:

## Spicer's Mill Road Culvert and Bridge Replacement

### Description

Replacement of the culvert crossing at Baylor Creek. This project includes replacing the two existing culverts north of the box culvert and restoration work on the unnamed tributary of Baylor Creek.

### Relationship to Comprehensive Plan

**Action I11.4:** Reconstruct Spicer's Mill Culvert.

Total Cost: \$3,000,000.00

Funding Source: VDOT and Town funding

Department Requesting: Public Works and Community Development

Ranking:

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## Orange Transportation Center Streetscape Enhancement Project

### Description

This project covers sidewalks, lighting and utility improvements in the vicinity of the Orange Train Depot within the Orange Commercial Historic District.

### Relationship to Comprehensive Plan

T4.2

T4.2.3

T5

### Total Cost:

|                                              |              |               |                |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Section A: RR Tracks to Madison Road:        |              |               |                |
| Engineering:                                 | \$150,000.00 | Construction: | \$800,000.00   |
| Section B: Madison Road to Belleview Ave     |              |               |                |
| Engineering                                  | \$225,000.00 | Construction  | \$1,400,000.00 |
| Section C: Belleview Ave to Caroline Street: |              |               |                |
| Engineering:                                 | \$100,000.00 | Construction  | \$500,000.00   |
| Totals:                                      | \$475,000.00 |               | \$2,700,000.00 |

Funding Source: VDOT, ToO General Fund

Department Requesting: Community Development

Ranking:



## Madison Road Stormwater Drainage Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Project

### Description

Due to excessive flooding on Madison Road between Nelson Street and Spicers Mill Road, Town staff worked with VDOT on a drainage improvement project

### Relationship to Comprehensive Plan

Goal I11

Goal I12

Action I 2.3 – Build Town Wide Stormwater Facilities

### Total Cost:

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Engineering Design | \$200,000.00   |
| Right of Way       | \$100,000.00   |
| Construction       | \$1,000,000.00 |

### Phasing:

- Newton Street to Woodmark Drive
- Washington Street to Newton Street
- Main Street to Newton Street

Funding Source: VDOT, General Fund,

Department Requesting: Community Development

### Ranking:





## AGENDA SUMMARY

July 14, 2025

### *Agenda Item #5*

#### *Discussion regarding zoning of portion of TM# T43-47*

#### SUMMARY

In 2002, a 6.207-acre portion of Orange County TM#43-47 was annexed into the Town of Orange. When the annexation process was completed, the 6.207-acre portion should have been assigned a zoning classification by the Town per Section 4-20.30 of the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

*All territory, which may be hereafter annexed into the Town or brought into Town by Boundary Adjustment, shall be temporarily classified in a Town zoning district which, in the opinion of the Town Council and upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, most closely approximates the County zoning district in which the property was designated at the time of annexation. Within six (6) months after the effective date of the final court order of annexation or legislative incorporation of the boundary adjustment in the Town's charter, such district shall become permanent unless a new one is established by amendment in accordance with Section 3-40.*

It has recently come to light that this did not occur, and the property has remained unzoned and untaxed by the Town since it was annexed. It is the Town's desire to now assign a zoning classification to the property.

The Director sent a letter to the property owners to offer them an opportunity to provide input on the zoning of the property and avoid the possibility of engaging in a zoning process twice (once as the result of the annexation, and another should the property owner desire a different zoning for the property than what is chosen by the Town). The property owner desires the property to be zoned Traditional Residential - High (TR-H).

Attached for the Commission's consideration and discussion are maps that show the location of the property, as well as the zoning classification of adjoining properties within the town limits. The zoning of the portion of this property that is in Orange County has a zoning classification of Agricultural.

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Staff is seeking input from the Commission as to how the property should be zoned, and requests the Commission schedule a hearing to receive public comment on the property zoning once a preferred zoning classification is chosen.

**PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE/ MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Should the Commission wish to act in this regard, the following motion is offered for consideration:

"I move that the Town of Orange Planning Commission schedule a public hearing for Monday, July 28, 2025, to receive public comment on the proposed zoning of the 6.207-acre portion of Orange County TM#43-47 to the Town of Orange \_\_\_\_\_ (proposed classification) zoning classification."



## Higginbotham-Hemp Property

- Address
- Subdivision Boundary
- Tax Parcel
- Town Boundary
- World Imagery
- Low Resolution 15m Imagery

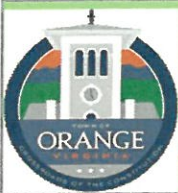
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High Resolution 30cm Imagery

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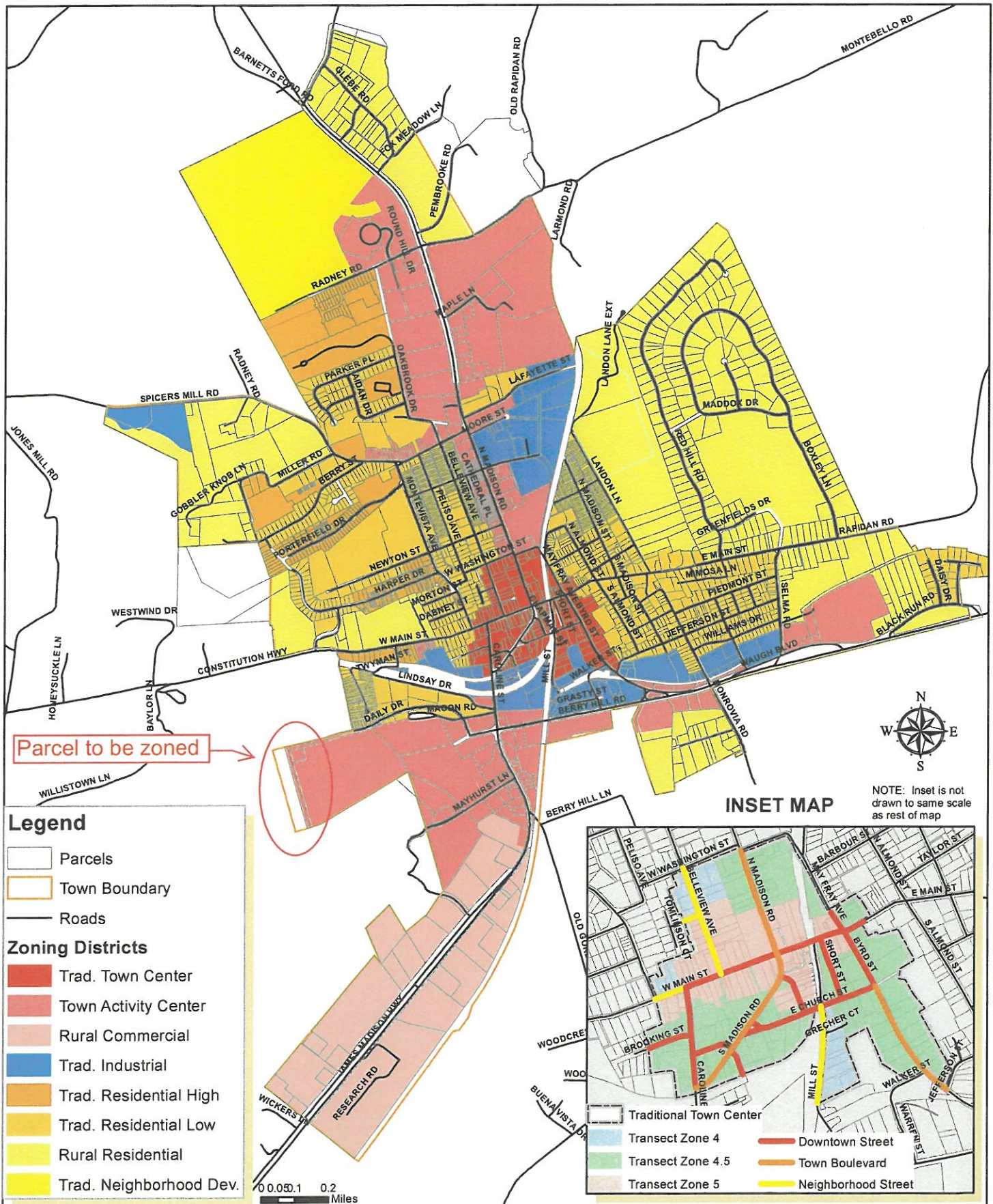
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# Zoning Map

ADOPTED: March 7, 2011





Town of Orange, Virginia

Planning Commission

## **AGENDA SUMMARY**

**July 14, 2025**

***Agenda Item #6***

### ***Discussion of Comprehensive Plan Survey and Community Meeting Notice***

#### **SUMMARY**

Attached for the Commission's consideration and discussion are a draft community survey and community meeting notice for the comprehensive plan update.

Staff is seeking input from the Commission on the questions noted in the survey, as well as the meeting dates and theme combinations suggested for the community meetings.



## Community Survey 2025

The Town of Orange is updating its Comprehensive Plan, which describes the desired future of the Town and how to achieve it. This survey is being conducted as part of the plan update to give all Town residents an opportunity to provide input on the future of their community. Every household in the Town is being given the opportunity to respond. **Please let us know what you think by taking a few minutes to answer the following questions and dropping the completed survey in collection boxes provided around town (see end of survey for locations) You can also complete the survey online by going to this link. Please respond NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>. All responses will remain confidential.**

1. With respect to the future growth and development of the Town, how important to you are the following issues? (circle the number that corresponds to the level of importance for each issue listed, and then briefly explain why you feel that way on the line below each item—feel free to attach an additional sheet if necessary)

|                                                | Very Important | Moderately Important | Important | Minimally Important | Unimportant | No opinion |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>Plan Theme: Economy</b>                     |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| Improving employment opportunities             | 5              | 4                    | 3         | 2                   | 1           | 0          |
| Reason for choice:                             |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| Keeping taxes affordable                       | 5              | 4                    | 3         | 2                   | 1           | 0          |
| Reason for choice:                             |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| Working in the community in which you live     | 5              | 4                    | 3         | 2                   | 1           | 0          |
| Reason for choice:                             |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| Encouraging new and existing business growth   | 5              | 4                    | 3         | 2                   | 1           | 0          |
| Reason for choice:                             |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| Promoting the Town as a tourist destination    | 5              | 4                    | 3         | 2                   | 1           | 0          |
| Reason for choice:                             |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| Creating an incubator for small businesses     | 5              | 4                    | 3         | 2                   | 1           | 0          |
| Reason for choice:                             |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| <b>Plan Theme: Population and Housing</b>      |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| Improving housing availability & affordability | 5              | 4                    | 3         | 2                   | 1           | 0          |
| Reason for choice:                             |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| Providing for workforce housing                | 5              | 4                    | 3         | 2                   | 1           | 0          |
| Reason for choice:                             |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| Increasing housing availability downtown       | 5              | 4                    | 3         | 2                   | 1           | 0          |
| Reason for choice:                             |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| <b>Plan Theme: Infrastructure</b>              |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| Improving streets in Town                      | 5              | 4                    | 3         | 2                   | 1           | 0          |
| Reason for choice:                             |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| Improving sidewalks in Town                    | 5              | 4                    | 3         | 2                   | 1           | 0          |
| Reason for choice:                             |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| <b>Plan Theme: Education</b>                   |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| Improving the quality of education             | 5              | 4                    | 3         | 2                   | 1           | 0          |
| Reason for choice:                             |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| Providing opportunities for adult-learning     | 5              | 4                    | 3         | 2                   | 1           | 0          |
| Reason for choice:                             |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| <b>Plan Theme: Recreation</b>                  |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| Supporting recreation programs for youth       | 5              | 4                    | 3         | 2                   | 1           | 0          |
| Reason for choice:                             |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |
| Providing more public playgrounds and parks    | 5              | 4                    | 3         | 2                   | 1           | 0          |
| Reason for choice:                             |                |                      |           |                     |             |            |

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey--please return it by Friday, August 29, 2025**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Creating a dog park in Chatter Island                             | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reason for choice:                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Plan Theme: Public Safety, Community Health and Government</b> |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Improving crosswalk visibility throughout town                    | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reason for choice:                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Creating opportunities to promote healthy living                  | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reason for choice:                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Creating a community-wide clean-up day                            | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reason for choice:                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Plan Theme: The Arts</b>                                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Increasing programming to celebrate local culture                 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reason for choice:                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Promoting the town as a cultural hub of the region                | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reason for choice:                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Plan Theme: Architectural Assets and Aesthetics</b>            |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Preserving historic sites and structures                          | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reason for choice:                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Protecting scenic views and vistas                                | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reason for choice:                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Plan Theme: Environmental Assets</b>                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Adding trees and landscaping to parking areas                     | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reason for choice:                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Minimizing land clearing during development                       | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reason for choice:                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Implementing town-wide recycling                                  | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reason for choice:                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Plan Theme: Transportation</b>                                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Improving bicycle use on main town streets                        | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reason for choice:                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Using roundabouts at major street intersections                   | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reason for choice:                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Adding crosswalks at key street locations                         | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reason for choice:                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |

2. On what street do you live? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How long have you lived on that street? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What do you like most about living in the Town of Orange?
5. Please circle one:      I own my home      I rent a house or apartment      Neither of these
6. What type of housing do you think is needed in Town? (circle all that apply)
 

|                            |                                        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| a. Single-family homes     | d. A mix of single-family, townhouses/ |
| b. Townhouses/Condominiums | condominiums & apartments              |
| c. Apartments              | e. senior living                       |
|                            | f. none                                |
7. My work status is:      \_\_\_\_\_ Employed      \_\_\_\_\_ Unemployed      \_\_\_\_\_ Retired
8. If you are employed, in what locality do you work? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What type of employment opportunities would you like to see created in or around the Town? (please circle all that apply)

- |                                            |                 |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| a. Commercial/Retail/Wholesale             | e. Construction |
| b. Manufacturing, Processing, Distributing | f. Technical    |
| c. Farm related/Agri-business              | g. None         |
| d. Other (please specify _____)            |                 |

10. Please rate the following public services provided by the Town or the County (circle a rating for each):

|                           | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Are you willing to pay increased taxes to improve or expand services? (circle one) | If yes, what % tax increase are you willing to pay? (5%, 10%, etc.) |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Police Protection         | 4         | 3    | 2    | 1    | Y                                                                                  | N                                                                   |
| Fire Protection           | 4         | 3    | 2    | 1    | Y                                                                                  | N                                                                   |
| Rescue Service            | 4         | 3    | 2    | 1    | Y                                                                                  | N                                                                   |
| Health & Social Services  | 4         | 3    | 2    | 1    | Y                                                                                  | N                                                                   |
| Recreation                | 4         | 3    | 2    | 1    | Y                                                                                  | N                                                                   |
| Schools                   | 4         | 3    | 2    | 1    | Y                                                                                  | N                                                                   |
| Local Government          | 4         | 3    | 2    | 1    | Y                                                                                  | N                                                                   |
| Trash Collection/Disposal | 4         | 3    | 2    | 1    | Y                                                                                  | N                                                                   |
| Library                   | 4         | 3    | 2    | 1    | Y                                                                                  | N                                                                   |
| Streets and Sidewalks     | 4         | 3    | 2    | 1    | Y                                                                                  | N                                                                   |
| Town Website              | 4         | 3    | 2    | 1    | Y                                                                                  | N                                                                   |

11. What do you see is the greatest problem for the Town, now or in the future?

## We want your input!

The Town of Orange will conduct community meetings in late September and early October to get public input on the update of the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

### Date

September 25, 2025  
Location TBD

### Plan Theme

Population and Housing, Economy

October 2, 2025  
Location TBD

Architectural Assets & Aesthetics, Environmental Assets

October 9, 2025  
Location TBD

Infrastructure, Transportation

October 16, 2025  
Location TBD

Education, The Arts, Recreation

October 23, 2025  
Location TBD

Town & County Partnerships; Public Safety, Community Health, & Government

All meetings will be held from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. You can come to any or all the meetings, the choice is yours. Grab your neighbor and join us for refreshments, door prizes, and more!

## ***Town of Orange Community Survey inside!***

***Please take a few moments to fill it out and then  
turn it in at one of the following convenient locations:***

- ***Orange Town Hall (in the lobby during business hours and  
any time in the payment drop box)***
- ***Orange Post Office***
- ***Orange Food Lion***
- ***Orange Pharmacy***
- ***Orange Library***
- ***Orange Visitor's Center***
- ***At the Community meetings (see reverse)***

Or you can complete the survey online at this link.

Please return only the survey; the community meeting announcement is yours to keep!  
If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Sturm, Director of Community Development,  
at (540) 672-6917 or by email to [townplanner@townoforangeva.gov](mailto:townplanner@townoforangeva.gov)

Thank you for your participation!

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# Town of Orange

## Comprehensive Plan 2045

### Community Meeting Series

The Town of Orange is updating its Comprehensive Plan, and we want your input!

### So, what is the Comprehensive Plan Update?

The Comprehensive Plan Update is the process of reviewing and improving the Town of Orange's long-term plan for its sustainable growth and development. The process involves gathering information, listening to the community's input, identifying issues and opportunities, setting goals, and creating strategies to achieve them. The updated plan reflects the community's vision for the future, addressing things like land use, transportation, environment, and community health. It guides decision-making on how the community will evolve and improve over time, making it a better place to live, work, and enjoy for everyone.

### Why Should You Get Involved?

Your participation in the comprehensive plan update process is crucial as it ensures that the vision and goals of our community are accurately reflected in the planning and development of Orange. Your input brings perspectives, local knowledge, and a sense of ownership to the planning process, and creates a sense of shared responsibility among community members to create a more sustainable, equitable, and livable community for all. **Simply stated, this is your opportunity to shape the future of Orange!**

### How to Be Involved

Town residents are encouraged to attend community meetings being held this fall to provide input, offer expertise and insights, and collaborate with planning professionals as you discuss the future of our town! Community meetings focused on the different themes of the current plan will be held on Thursdays this fall as follows. Grab your neighbor and join us for refreshments, door prizes, and more!

| Date               | Location | Plan Theme                                                                |
|--------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| September 25, 2025 | TBD      | Population and Housing, Economy                                           |
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| October 9, 2025    | TBD      | Infrastructure, Transportation                                            |
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