

Blacksburg^{1996 - 2046} COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Administrative Manual

Blacksburg 2046: Administrative Manual

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Introduction

The Town's Comprehensive Plan, *Blacksburg 2046*, is an official document that outlines the Town's visions for the future and includes specific implementation policies. Since the Comprehensive Plan is an official public document, any change, addition, or deletion must be approved by Blacksburg's Town Council. For Town Council to amend the Comprehensive Plan, the due legislative process must be followed, involving the Town Council, Planning Commission, staff, and the general public in a series of work sessions and public hearings over a course of several months.

Decisions to amend the Town's Comprehensive Plan are seriously considered and take time to approve. However, *Blacksburg 2046* exists in today's world with an ever evolving economy, technology, and society. On a daily basis, development plans are approved, buildings are constructed, and citizens are moving into new houses or opening a new business. Facts and figures listed in *Blacksburg 2046* are just a snapshot of life in Blacksburg at the time of the adoption.

To help bridge the gap between *Blacksburg 2046*, a more static document and the dynamic world it functions in today, the Blacksburg Administrative Manual was established. The 2006 Comprehensive Plan Task Force created the Blacksburg Administrative Manual during the Town's review of the Comprehensive Plan every five years as mandated by Virginia State Code.

The Blacksburg Administrative Manual is a complementary extension of the Comprehensive Plan containing demographics, land use statistics, supplemental maps, survey results, and Objective and Policy implementation updates. The information contained within the Blacksburg Administrative Manual supports the policies found within *Blacksburg 2046*, and provides additional information for administering those policies.

The Blacksburg Administrative Manual has been designed to be updated on a continual basis by Town Staff. Changes to the Blacksburg Administrative Manual will be reviewed annually by the Planning Commission in conjunction with any annual amendments of *Blacksburg 2046*.

Neighborhood Plans

Two Neighborhood Plans were completed. The McBryde Neighborhood Master Plan was accepted by the Planning Commission on May 13, 2003. The Miller-Southside Neighborhood Master Plan was accepted by the Planning Commission on April 5, 2005. Both of these plans are available for review at the Planning Department. The plans were developed as a previous neighborhood master planning initiative. In the 1996 Comprehensive Plan, the Town was divided into twenty-four smaller "Neighborhood Planning Areas" with the anticipation of creating additional neighborhood focused plans. With the 2012 update to the Comprehensive Plan, the geographically defined planning sectors which contained the 24 neighborhoods has been reoriented to group neighborhoods with similar issues together. The purpose of the Neighborhood, Service and Employment Areas described in the Land Use Chapter is to coordinate Town efforts in these areas and to encourage to with similar issues to work together.