
ACTION AGENDA FOR CHAPTER TWO

ALBEMARLE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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This Plan has identified a number of necessary activities that should be incorporated into the comprehensive planning process. They are identified below as a five-year action agenda. Multiple strategies are in priority order. Recommendations resulting from the completion of each item should be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan by amendment. Below is a listing of the top priority projects for Chapter Two.

Sustainability

1. Review and support as appropriate the Sustainability Council's Statements of Accord.

Water Resources

1. **Groundwater Data Base** Provide cost-share and staff assistance to Division of Mineral Resources to complete the Albemarle County pilot groundwater data base. Coordinate with the Health Department and Division of Mineral Resources to develop a useable and continuously maintained groundwater database.
2. **Design Manual** Produce the Design Manual with criteria for complying with all regulations. Incorporate guidelines (or standards) for activities in stream buffer areas.
3. **Groundwater Protection Recommendations** Create a Groundwater Subcommittee of the Water Resources Committee to develop an action plan to implement the recommendations of the Groundwater Protection Study, including: hydrogeological testing, water quality testing for private wells, wellhead protection, and the central well policy.
4. **Watershed Studies** Implement the recommendations of the Moores Creek and South Fork Watershed Studies. Initiate additional watersheds studies based on a prioritization plan.
5. **Best Management Practices Projects** Investigate available sources and provide complete funding to implement high priority BMP projects in water supply watersheds.
6. **Recreational Use of Reservoirs** Develop a recreation and water supply protection plan for each reservoir to address incidental recreational uses of drinking water reservoirs and adjacent public land.
7. **Water Conservation** Support the Albemarle County Service Authority, City of Charlottesville, and Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority to develop a water conservation program. Promote water conservation as a community-wide issue. Implement water conservation at existing and new County-owned buildings and facilities.

8. **Stormwater Facilities Maintenance** Investigate and pursue the creation of a stormwater utility or other funding mechanism to provide for the long-term maintenance of stormwater facilities and drainage systems.
9. **Moorman's River Instream Flow** Work with the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority and appropriate state agencies to balance water supply needs with minimal stream flow requirements for the Moorman's River in Sugar Hollow.

Biological Resources and Biodiversity

1. Establish an advisory committee to assist the County in overseeing the development of a Biological Resources Inventory and the integration of such an inventory into the planning process.

Agricultural and Forestry Resources

1. Actively promote and support voluntary measures to protect agricultural and forestry resources.

Mountains

1. Develop a mountain protection district to protect and promote mountain resources and to protect public safety in mountain areas.

The Dark Sky

1. Establish an advisory committee to evaluate the current lighting ordinance, and to study and recommend as necessary additional lighting provisions.

Scenic Resources

1. Adopt a comprehensive wireless communication facility policy.
2. Pursue wider enabling legislation for regulating aesthetics in specified areas of importance.

Historic Resources

1. Adopt a Historic Overlay District ordinance to recognize and protect historic and archeological resources, including individual sites and districts, on the local level.
2. Compile and maintain a current and comprehensive information base for Albemarle County's historic resources.

3. Create a notification program to educate owners of historic properties about the significance of their property, and to suggest ways they might protect those resources.

Critical Resources Inventory

1. Implement a geographic information system (GIS) to facilitate identification of significant resources on a county-wide basis, and to generate overlay maps which would allow a more accurate assessment of these resources.

Greenways

1. Establish a Greenway Advisory Committee to assist the County in designing, implementing, promoting, and maintaining a greenway system.

