

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 3rd day of September, 2019:

<u>MEMBERS:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
Gary F. Snellings, Chairman	No
L. Mark Dudenhefer, Vice Chairman	Yes
Meg Bohmke	Yes
Jack R. Cavalier	Yes
Thomas C. Coen	Yes
Wendy E. Maurer	Yes
Cindy C. Shelton	Yes

On motion of Mr. Coen, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, which carried by a vote of 6 to 1, the following was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE STAFFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE §15.2-2229, BY ADOPTING A NEW DOCUMENT ENTITLED "BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES PLAN," DATED JUNE 4, 2019, AND BY AMENDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHAPTER 2, "GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES," AND CHAPTER 4.4.7, "BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES" TO INCORPORATE REFERENCES TO SUCH "BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES PLAN"

WHEREAS, the Board adopted the 2016-2036 Comprehensive Plan (Comprehensive Plan) on August 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-2229 authorizes the Board to amend the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-2229, the Planning Commission may prepare and recommend amendments to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission prepared amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, including the document entitled "Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Plan," dated June 4, 2019 and the amendments listed in "Exhibit 'A' Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan – Comprehensive Plan Amendments May 15, 2019;" and

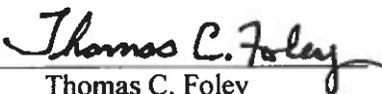
WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on such proposed amendments and provided its recommendations to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board carefully considered the recommendations of the Planning Commission and staff, and the public testimony, if any, received at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that adoption of the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are consistent with good planning practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 3rd day of September, 2019, that it be and hereby does amend the Stafford County 2016-2036 Comprehensive Plan, as last revised, by replacing the current Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities Plan with the document entitled "Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Plan," dated June 4, 2019, and by amending Comprehensive Plan Chapter 2.2, "Goals, Objectives and Policies," and Chapter 4.4.7, "Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities," as shown in "Exhibit 'A' Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan – Comprehensive Plan Amendments May 15, 2019," each which are attached hereto.

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Thomas C. Foley
County Administrator

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Exhibit "A"
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan - Comprehensive Plan Amendments
May 15, 2019

Objective 4.7. Create a diversity of recreational opportunities for Stafford residents of all ages.

Policy 4.7.1. The County will evaluate its future need for public parks, recreational facilities and passive open space on an on-going basis and identify areas for acquisition to fill this need in order to conform to the County's Level of Service Standard incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 4.7.2. Where practical, expansion of existing parks should be considered when a future need is identified. Development proposals should consider donation of land to adjacent parks if a need exists and the need is reasonably related to the development proposal.

Policy 4.7.3. Criteria for parks and recreation will be guided by the Virginia Outdoors Plan and National Recreation and Parks Association standards.

Policy 4.7.4. A Parks and Recreation Master Facilities Plan should be updated and incorporated as an element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 4.7.5. The recommendations of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan should be implemented to increase recreational opportunities, and to enhance non-motorized access to public parks.

4.4.7 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

All new, reconstructed, or expanded roadways should include bicycle and pedestrian routes. Inside the Urban Service Area, subdivisions should accommodate pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Development for bicycles and pedestrians should comply with VDOT standards. Virginia Bike Route 1 traverses Stafford County. Bicycle accommodations along this state designated route should be provided.

Most of the trails in Stafford County are privately owned and constructed as part of individual neighborhoods. Providing a series of connecting trails and sidewalks is a priority for the County. Trails projects include the planned Belmont-Ferry Farm trail and the Warrenton Road Corridor Trail. Where roads cannot be constructed to connect adjacent existing neighborhoods, pedestrian and bicycle trails should be considered to create connectivity.

Stafford County participated in the FAMPO 2040 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The purpose of the Plan was to develop a safe, comprehensive and connected regional network of on-road and off-road bicycle and pedestrian corridors and related facilities. The 2040 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is part of the regional 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

In 2019, Stafford County adopted a new Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan. The Plan provides background information and facility recommendations, and identifies potential

funding sources for facility construction and maintenance. The Plan outlines bicycle and pedestrian facility needs at the neighborhood level, and identifies major routes which support Countywide and regional connectivity. There are numerous considerations which shaped the recommendations of the Plan, including input from key stakeholders and the public.