



What is Envision Hampton Roads?

Hampton Roads' first Community-based Regional Strategic Plan

What is the history behind Envision Hampton Roads?

On February 21, 2013 during the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission's (HRPDC) Annual Retreat the Commission authorized the HRPDC Staff to create a process for developing a Regional Strategic Plan. Envision Hampton Roads is modeled after Envision Utah and builds on the Urban Land Institute's Reality Check Hampton Roads and several other past and current conversations regarding regional planning in our area.

What is the Goal of Envision Hampton Roads?

To follow a Community-based planning approach that engages the residents of Hampton Roads to participate in creating a blueprint for the Region's future that leads to Hampton Roads being a great place to live, work, play, learn, and visit.

What is the Envision Hampton Roads Process?

6-Step Community based Planning Approach

Step 1: Identify Shared Regional Values

- Hampton Roads Values & Aspirations Report ~ Completed June 2014

Step 2: Define the Region's Shared Vision

- Draft a Set of Regional Guiding Vision Principles
- Develop a Regional Vision Statement

Step 3: Regional Strategies

- Formulate Regional Strategies around each Regional Guiding Vision Principle

Step 4: Plan

- Develop Detailed Action Plans Around Each Strategy

Step 5: Fund

- Identify and Align Needed Funding for Each Strategy

Step 6: Build

- Moving the Region forward by bring the Vision to Reality

What's been accomplished?

In June 2014 the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission released the Hampton Roads Values & Aspirations final report. This report's findings were developed from a series of Community Values Listening Sessions that took place between January 2014 – April 2014 and gathered responses from over 450 participants as well as a Region-Wide Statistically Valid Community Survey which was executed between April 4-17, 2014 and gathered responses from over 1200 participants.

What are the findings of the Hampton Roads Values & Aspirations Final Report?

As a region we value:

- What and who we are.
- Comfortable place to live; strong communities.
- Diversity of people.
- Diversity of landscape and localities.
- Water & natural environment.
- The Military.
- The Region's History.

As a region we aspire to:

- Work to make the region better.
- Be bold and forward-thinking.
- Be proactive in addressing challenges and opportunities.
- Show greater willingness to embrace change.
- Think more regionally.
- Be conscientious stewards of the region's natural assets.

As a region we want our leaders to:

- Address the region's transportation challenges.
- Create the very best public education resources.
- Bring jobs to the region...creative economy.
- Replace brain "drain" with brain "gain."

Where are we now in the Envision Hampton Roads Process?

We are currently working with the Envision Hampton Roads Stakeholders to develop the Regional Guiding Vision Principles and developing the Regional Vision Statement. HRPDC staff is also researching innovative ways to move the Region's Values & Aspirations into a workable Reality.