

Envision Hampton Roads

Listening and Input Sessions Overview

Community Values are the basis for a set of common regional goals and strategies, the building blocks for **Envision Hampton Roads**. Establishing Hampton Roads' values provides an opportunity to reflect on the past and determine how our present and future can best support sustainable and cooperative growth in our region.

The following pages set forth the optimal format for the the **Listening and Input Sessions** – types of organizations to include, questions to ask each organization, straw man community values to offer as a “conversation starter,” and the reporting process everyone should follow to ensure all input is properly inventoried.

Types of Organizations To Include

City and County Governments

Arts Councils

Neighborhood Associations

Environmental Groups

Recreational Groups

Senior Services

Industry Groups

Local Chambers of Commerce

Business Organizations

Churches and Places of Worship

Key Input Questions

- What values do you think currently best define our Hampton Roads region?
- Do any of the values or characteristics you listed above set Hampton Roads apart from other communities – other parts of the country?
- What values would you like to add to this list – values you would like Hampton Roads to be more associated with?
- Of all the values listed today, what are most worth protecting in Hampton Roads – the values that demonstrate or could demonstrate our “best self” as a region?
- Do you have any questions or input (advice) about the Envision Hampton Roads planning process?

Straw Man Values

Examples of Possible Community Values

Health and wellness

Educational access for all

Environmental sustainability

Transportation access and mobility

Outdoor recreational access and activities

Great place to age in place

Compassion and care for less fortunate

Civic engagement where everyone shares in the activities, duties, responsibilities and benefits of the region

Reporting Process

Input Back to *Envision Hampton Roads*

- Envision Hampton Roads representative schedules and conducts the assigned listening session. Optimally, two people go to each session.
- A *PowerPoint* deck, similar to this document, will be prepared for interviewers to send in advance to their target organizations - used as a general background information piece.
- The sessions can be 15, 30 or 45 minutes long – whatever time the target organization can afford.
- The interviewer should simply go through the provided *PowerPoint* deck with the questions embedded.
- All input should be written down under each question.
- Immediately following the meeting, by 2 business days, the interviewer should provide the HRPDC and the target organization a copy of the interview notes.

Interview Reporting Form*

- Name of Organization: _____
- Listening Session Place: _____
- Approximate number of people in attendance: ____
- Listening Session Date: _____
- Interviewer(s): _____
- Recorded Answers to the 5 Key Questions