

VISION STATEMENT

Louisa County citizens envision a future where residents of Louisa County experience a quality of life which includes maintaining our rural heritage, educating our citizens, managing growth to concentrate activity for the best efficiencies of scale, diversifying our tax base, and working with neighboring localities to protect and preserve our natural resources. We will strengthen our sense of community linking environmental stewardship, resources for citizens, revenue generation, promotion of agriculture and forestry, and maintaining our rural character and villages. We should remember why we came here or, having roots here, why we stayed.

The strategies contained in this section of the plan are advisory only and in no way shall they affect the right and obligation of the Board of Supervisors as the governing body to implement this plan.

We should work to assure that growth occurs in areas appropriate for higher densities and commercial development and where infrastructure may be more efficiently provided. We should work to preserve the rural nature of Louisa, perceived as open spaces such as agricultural and forestry lands, through designation of such areas and initiating conservation design development standards for new development. We should support the rural character with vibrant villages, where housing is more concentrated, where commercial and industrial uses are located.

It is a vision of the citizens of Louisa County to preserve, protect and encourage the development and improvement of its agricultural and forestal land for the production of food and other agricultural and forestal products. In addition, land in agricultural and forestal production provides for open spaces and is the basis for the rural atmosphere and scenic beauty of Louisa County.

By exercising fiscal responsibility and seeking to diversify the local tax base, we will seek to improve the local job opportunities, in turn improving the quality of life for Louisa County residents. We will support an increasingly high quality educational system to enable residents to improve their job skills.

Understanding the importance of water resources for human and economic use, Louisa County should work locally and regionally to protect and maximize water resources and institute water conservation planning to insure efficient use of our natural resource.

We should work together to reach community consensus in public decision-making and use common sense land use policies to build a better future, while retaining our rural heritage, sense of community, and an improved quality of life for all our citizens.