



Seeking Blue Ridge District Applicants for County's Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee (Application Deadline: May 27, 2016)

Dear Blue Ridge District Residents,

On April 21st, the Board of Supervisors endorsed a process for developing a new Comprehensive Plan for Loudoun County. As part of this process, each Supervisor appoints one citizen as their district representative on the Stakeholders Steering Committee.

I am seeking applications from Blue Ridge District residents to appoint to this position. This position is part of an overall committee that is made up of Planning Commissioners, Board-appointed citizens, and interest-specific members.

Stakeholders Committee

This committee's primary purpose is to assist staff in developing a draft comprehensive plan for the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors' consideration. The Committee's role is to help shape policy discussions based on Board direction and provide feedback to County Staff, who in turn report back to the Board.

The Blue Ridge appointee will be one of 26 members of the Stakeholders Committee who represent a wide variety of interests throughout the County. The Board wants a balanced approach to developing a plan for Loudoun's future so the makeup of this committee is done in a way to represent a variety of views.

The committee will focus on providing input to the planning process, assisting with logistical planning for community outreach activities, and broad policy discussions. Applicants should possess the following characteristics and qualifications:

1. Strong interest in preserving the rural, historic, and scenic character of western Loudoun County;
2. Strong interest in and understanding of public involvement processes;
3. Strong interest in the successful future of Loudoun County;
4. Ability to work collaboratively with people of diverse perspectives and experiences;
5. Willingness to contribute to successful group work;
6. Ability to commit time to monthly/bimonthly evening meetings, plus meeting preparation time, and public involvement events.

If you would like to apply to be the Blue Ridge District Representative to the Stakeholders Committee, please fill out an application [here](#).

Public Input

In addition to the Stakeholder Steering Committee, County staff will be seeking input from the general public. In order to achieve successful outcomes, the county has selected a balanced Community Outreach and Engagement Strategy which includes sets of three community meetings at different stages of the project.

1. First Set of Meetings - New Comprehensive Plan Introduction and Community Issues:

These meetings will kick-off the process and focus on educating and orienting community members and citizens on the topics of comprehensive plans, Loudoun County's Comprehensive Plan, and identifying community issues related to the topical areas generally covered by the Plan Charter.

2. Second Set of Meetings - Plan Policy Discussion:

These meetings focus on providing opportunities for input on policy areas to be written into the Comprehensive Plan based on issues identified in Meeting One.

3. Third Set of Meetings - Open House:

These meetings will be to present a draft of the New Comprehensive Plan to the community, prior to proceeding to presenting to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, with new policy development through collaborative and collective input; and offering citizens an opportunity to comment on the draft plan results.

I strongly encourage you to participate in the public outreach sessions as I greatly value all input from Blue Ridge District residents.

Comprehensive Plan Charter

The [New Comprehensive Plan Charter](#), our roadmap for success, outlines the process, timeline, roles and responsibilities of the various groups involved in the comprehensive plan update process, and the topics that the Board of Supervisors has determined to be addressed in this long range planning process.

All my best,



Tony

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