



## **Workshop for Our Future**

#### Slideshow from September 14th, 2015 meeting



# Agenda

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Key Trends and Conditions
- 3. Development Possibilities
- 4. Polling Exercise
- 5. Community Visioning
- 6. Adjourn



# What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- A <u>blueprint</u> for the city's future that is laid out in the form of goals, policies, and action strategies
- A <u>compass</u> that guides direction for local-decision making
- A marketing tool that articulates the community's vision and how the private sector can fit into that vision









# What is in the plan?

- Comprehensive array of policy topics (housing, transportation, economy, design, land use, parks, etc.)
- Policy Framework includes...
  - Conditions and Opportunities
  - Vision and Goals
  - Implementation plan
- Highly illustrative with maps, charts, graphics to illustrate policy concepts







# What is Horizons 2026?

- Update of previous plan
- Umbrella of multiple existing plans
- Updated community vision
- Review of nation's best practices
- Assess city's changing market
- Update goals, policies, & strategies









## Comprehensive Plan Process Roles & Responsibilities

Find yourself in good company

#### **Greenville Citizens**

#### City Stakeholders & Jurisdictional Partners

**ROLE**: Provide a Broad Array of Perspectives and Information on Policy Topics of Interest

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Provide Accurate, Up-To-Date Information to the Project Team
- Represent Interests of Affiliated Organizations and Agencies
- Encourage Others to Participate in Planning Process

#### Comprehensive Plan Committee

ROLE: Leads Development of Plans

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Reviews Community Input
  and Data
- Works with Planning Team to Develop the Policy Framework, Maps for Plans, and Implementation Strategies Based on Community Consensus
- Oversees Development
  of Plans
- Serves as Ambassador to the Planning Processes

#### Planning and Zoning Commission

**ROLE:** Endorses Plan for City Council Approval

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Receives Updates on the Plan Process
- Reviews the Final Plan
- Makes Recommendations to Adjust the Draft Plan
- Recommends the Plan's Adoption by City Council

#### **City Council**

**ROLE:** Final Decision-Maker on Content of Plans

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Supports Development of Plans
- Provides Policy Guidance at Key Points in Process
- Adopts Final Plans
- Oversees Implementation
  of Plans

#### Project Team: City Staff & Consultants

**ROLE:** Facilitator of Process and Technical Advisors

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Facilitates Meetings
- Organizes Information and Data
- Conducts Analysis
- Works with Comprehensive Plan Committee to Develop Work Products
- Develops Project Materials
- Publicizes Events & Conducts Outreach



## The Horizons 2026 Study Area: Accommodating future growth







# What are the trends and conditions that are affecting Greenville today?

# What is great about Greenville...

- Economic hub of Eastern NC
- ECU Growth
- Healthcare
- Uptown Investment
- Sense of community pride
- Natural assets









## 1. Greenville's population is growing and diversifying.



Total Population: 35,740

Total Population: 84,554



## 2. But many young professionals are leaving.





## 3. Over a third of Greenville's land is non-taxable





## 4. Land consumption is outpacing population growth.















## How many new residents can we expect?





# Where will 40,000 new citizens live and work?



## 5. Development patterns have many impacts, including...





## ...Greenville's transportation options...





20-minute walk (Connectivity matters)



82 walk score Uptown Greenville (very walkable)

32 walk score Commercial Corridor (not very walkable)



City	Population	Walk Score
Chattanooga, TN	173,366	27
Greenville, NC	89,130	31
Columbia, SC	133,358	35
Greenville, SC	61,397	41
Norfolk, VA	246,139	44
Manchester, NH	110,378	48
Portland, ME	66,318	57
GREENVILLE'S COMMUNITY PLAN		

### ...costs to individual households...

#### Housing



< 30% 📕 30%+

Households that are housing cost burdened

#### ...because of transportation costs...

#### Housing + Transportation



## ...safety of our streets...

#### Pitt County Ranked Most Dangerous For Collisions Statewide

Updated: Thu 8:47 AM, Aug 08, 2013





#### ...access to opportunities...





Quarter Mile Half Mile Greater than Half Mile







## ...environmental stewardship and hazard safety...



**Environmentally Sensitive Areas** 

**Impervious Surfaces** 



## ...economic and fiscal opportunities.





# New Development Possibilities: A Look at Other NC Communities



# **Topics for Tonight**

- Market Perspectives in Land Use Planning
- Key Illustration: Southern Village, Chapel Hill
- Other NC Examples



# Market Shifts

- Single-family → Multi-family
- Single-use  $\rightarrow$  Mixed-use
- Drivable  $\rightarrow$  Walkable



**Today's Market Wants "Live-Work-Play" Environments** 





• <u>Southern Village</u>: Chapel Hill, NC

- 350 acres
- Mixed use (residential, commercial, office, cinema, school, church)
- 1,100 dwelling units (single-family, townhomes, apartments)
- Village Center as the focus



# **Southern Small Area Plan**


#### **Southern Village**







Single-family Neighborhoods

Village Center

Southern Regional Park and Park & Ride Lot for UNC

Multi-family Housing

Elementary School & Day Care Center

#### **Typical Southern Village Streetscapes**











#### Southern Village Alleys



#### **Condos & Townhouses**





#### Neighborhood Park



#### **Elementary School**



#### Village Core at Southern Village









### Village Green



### **Lessons From the Developer**

- Compact, mixed-use design is not for everybody, but it works and it sells.
- Re-think your street standards, keep streets as narrow as possible.
- Flexibility is key.
- Marketing retail components is tricky.



### **Additional Examples**

Birkdale Village, Huntersville

NC "Great Places" to Study:

- Goldsboro
- New Bern
- Belmont
- Apex
- Winston Salem











#### APA-NC Great Places 2015 – 2014 Winners

#### **2015 Great Places**





#### Goldsboro



#### New Bern



### Belmont







#### Winston-Salem





#### Destinations



URO



#### Appearance



**History** 





#### How They Got That Way



#### **Partnerships**

#### How They Got That Way



#### Planning

#### How They Got That Way



#### Programming

# And these trends are playing out in Greenville too...



#### **The Boundary** Uptown Greenville near Reade Circle



### What do you think about Greenville's future?



## 1. Who do you root for?





## 2. How old are you?

<mark>1%</mark>	1. Under 20	
17%	2. 20 – 29	
13%	3. 30 – 39	
10%	<b>4. 40 – 4</b> 9	
28%	5. 50 - 60	
31%	6. Over 60	



#### **3. Do you live or work in Greenville?**





## 4. How long have you lived in or around Greenville?

4%
1. Just moved here
19%
2. 1 - 5 years
3. 6 - 10 years
21%
4. 11 - 20 years
43%
5. More than 20 years



# 5. What do you value most about living/working in Greenville?

- 3% 1. Diverse population
- 9% 2. Educational opportunities
- 5% 3. Access to Tar River and natural environment
- 8% 4. Job opportunities
- 18% 5. Affordable place to live
- 19% 6. Close to family
- 2% 7. Quality of current housing
- 20% 8. Sense of community
- 16% 9. Something else



### 6. Where do you go for recreation?

- 10% 1. Nearby parks
- 28% 2. Walking-biking trails
- 8% 3. Tar River
- 4% 4. Athletic fields
- 19% 5. Somewhere else in Greenville
- 24% 6. Somewhere else outside of Greenville
  - 7. Don't often take time for recreation



# 7. Where do you prefer to shop and dine?



<sup>19%</sup> 2. Shops near my neighborhood in Greenville

<sup>22%</sup> 3. Shops on Greenville Boulevard

<sup>9%</sup> **4. Somewh**ere else in Greenville

<sup>20%</sup> 5. Somewhere else outside of Greenville

3% 6. Don't often take time to shop and dine



# 8. What is most important to you as the community grows and changes?

- 13% 1. Improve transportation options
- 16% 2. Protect environmental and cultural resources
- 5% 3. Support development of industrial / business parks
- 1% 4. Improve educational opportunities
- 23% 5. Attract more high-paying jobs
- 5% 6. Improve/maintain household affordability
- 13% 7. Improve lives of impoverished people
  - 8. Pra%de more housing and neighborhood options
  - 9. Improve visual appeal of development
  - 10. Something else



# 9. What is your second most important issue as the community grows and changes?

- 0% 1. Improve transportation options
- 0% 2. Protect environmental and cultural resources
- 0% 3. Support development of industrial / business parks
- 0% 4. Improve educational opportunities
- 0% 5. Attract more high-paying jobs
- 0% 6. Improve/maintain household affordability
- 0% 7. Improve lives of impoverished people
- 0% 8. Provide more housing and neighborhood options
- 0% 9. Improve visual appeal of development
- **0%** 10. Something else



# 10. What city do you wish Greenville was more like?

19%	1.	Greenville, SC
1%	2.	Wilson, NC
19%	3.	Durham, NC
3%	4.	Chattanooga, TN
10%	5.	Athens, GA
0%	6.	Columbia, SC
26%	7.	Wilmington, NC
4%	8.	I like it just the way it is
18%	9.	Other



# 11. What change would you most like to see in Greenville?

- 9% 1. More parks and recreation facilities
- 9% 2. Homes within walking distance of shopping and recreation
- 23% 3. More transportation options (trails, bike paths, and sidewalks)
- 12% 4. Safer streets
- 32% 5. More interesting shopping and entertainment destinations
- 2% 6. More housing options
- 11% 7. More improvements to Uptown Greenville
- 0% 8. I like Greenville just the way it is
- 2% 9. Something else



## 12. What is the second most important change you would most like to see in Greenville?

- **15% 1. More parks and recreation facilities**
- 18% 2. Homes within walking distance of shopping and recreation
- **16% 3.** More transportation options (trails, bike paths, and sidewalks)
- 8% 4. Safer streets
- 27% 5. More interesting shopping and entertainment destinations
- 3% 6. More housing options
- 13% 7. More improvements to Uptown Greenville
- 0% 8. I like Greenville just the way it is
- 0% 9. Something else



# 13. Do you intend to remain in Greenville?

- 0% 1. Yes, forever
- 0% 2. Until I retire
- 0% 3. Until my children are grown
- 0% 4. Until I have children
- 0% 5. Until I graduate
- 0% 6. Leaving tomorrow
- 0% 7. Not sure



# 14. What do you think is the main reason that residents move away from Greenville?

- 4% 1. Have family elsewhere
- 60% 2. Have job prospects elsewhere
- 3% 3. Want better schools
- <sup>3%</sup> 4. Want different neighborhood / housing options
- <sup>18%</sup> 5. Want more entertainment / shopping amenities
- <sup>4%</sup> 6. Want more recreational amenities
- <sup>6%</sup> 7. Some other reason







#### Thank you! Please see stations for ways to provide more ideas.

