What is a Comprehensive Plan

A comprehensive plan is an official public document adopted by a local government as a policy guide to decisions about the physical development of the community. It indicates in a general way how the community to develop in the next 20 - 30 years.

The comprehensive plan process is an on-going process. A plan should be reevaluated no longer than five years after its adoption. In some cases, a plan should be updated only a few years after adoption to ensure it remains current and relevant.

Why is this important?

The comprehensive plan will be used to identify general infrastructure and facility needs throughout the County, understand and anticipate changing demographics and economic conditions, as well as qualify for grant funding (the state recommends that a Comp Plan be updated every 5 years).

The Valencia County Comprehensive Plan Will:

- Act as a policy guide that informs decisions about capital investments and land use over a 20-plus year period.
- Provide opportunity to create a vision for the future of Valencia County through a community-driven process
- Outline existing conditions, challenges, and opportunities available to the community.
- Create the strategies required to achieve County goals.

A Comprehensive Plan is not in itself an implementation or regulatory document, such as the zoning code or the infrastructure capital improvement program. Instead, the Comp Plan sets priorities for the community at large. These priorities may then be integrated into the zoning code or CIP to achieve the goals and priorities established in the Comp Plan.