

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	February 7, 2022
Action Required:	Resolution
Presenter:	Missy Creasy, NDS Deputy Director Sandy Shackelford, Transportation Manager, Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission
Staff Contacts:	Missy Creasy, NDS Deputy Director
Title:	Urban Rivanna River Corridor Plan – Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Background:

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission was tasked with the second phase of a joint Charlottesville and Albemarle Rivanna River Corridor planning process. Phase I involved an inventory of existing conditions and was completed in 2018. This current phase involves the development of a joint area plan to guide the future development and environmental preservation of the urban portion of the Rivanna River.

Discussion:

The Planning Commission held a virtual joint Public Hearing with City Council on January 11, 2022 on this matter. During the discussion, the Planning Commission provided a favorable impression of the document, and noted the following edits:

- Spelling error bloat to boat (2 locations) page 52/58,
- typo on Monacan page 78/82,
- homelessness to encampments 2.3 (on page 68 of the plan),
- edit header on page 68.

After the Public Hearing, the consultant incorporated the Planning Commission's changes as outlined above and they are reflected in the document before you tonight.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan:

Approval of this item aligns with the City Council Vision Statements of: A great Place to Live for All of Our Citizens, A Connected Community, and A Green City. The Plan also supports goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan: Goal 3: A Beautiful and Sustainable Natural and Built Environment,

Community Engagement:

In addition to the community engagement the consultant and City did during the planning process (see Public hearing Staff Report), Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on January 11, 2022. There were no speakers at the public hearing.

Budgetary Impact:

This has no impact on the General Fund.

Recommendation:

The Planning Commission took the following action:

Mr. Stolzenberg moved to approve the attached resolution, with the following revisions, to amend the City's 2021 Comprehensive Plan to include the Urban Rivanna River Corridor Plan, dated December 2021.

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Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion

Mr. Lahendro, Yes
Mr. Mitchell, Yes
Ms. Dowell, Yes
Mr. Habbab, Yes
Mr. Stolzenberg, Yes
Ms. Russell, Yes
Mr. Solla-Yates, Yes

The motion passed 7 – 0 to recommend to amend the City's 2021 Comprehensive Plan to include the Urban Rivanna River Corridor Plan dated December 2021 with edits.

Alternatives:

The City Council has the following alternative actions:

1. by motion, vote to approve the attached resolution;
2. by motion, request changes to the attached resolution, and then approve it in accordance with the amended resolution;
3. by motion, defer action, or
4. by motion, deny the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

Attachments:

1. City Council Resolution
2. Certified Planning Commission Resolution

3. Link to Planning Commission/Council Public Hearing Documents:
<https://charlottesvilleva.civicclerk.com/Web/Player.aspx?id=1338&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0>
4. Direct Link to the Project Website: <https://tjpd.org/our-work/area-plans/urban-rivanna-river-corridor-plan/>

RESOLUTION
APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY
INCORPORATION -THE URBAN RIVANNA RIVER CORRIDOR PLAN

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2022, after notice was given as required by law, the Charlottesville Planning Commission and Charlottesville City Council conducted a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the 2021 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Charlottesville, to include the contents of the proposed Urban Rivanna River Corridor Plan; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2022, the Planning Commission adopted a resolution recommending approval by the City Council of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment, and certifying a copy of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Council for its consideration; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon consideration of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment, the City Council hereby adopts the Urban Rivanna River Corridor Plan, dated December 2021 as an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Neighborhood Development Services staff shall post on the City's website notice of Council's adoption of this Update, along with a copy of the approval.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE URBAN RIVANNA RIVER
AREA PLAN**

WHEREAS, this Planning Commission and City Council jointly held a public hearing on the proposed Urban Rivanna River Area Plan, after notice given as required by law,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Planning Commission hereby recommends to the City Council the approval of the Urban Rivanna River Area Plan dated December 2021 as an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan. A copy of this update is attached to this Resolution and is hereby certified to the City Council for its consideration in accordance with City Code Section 34-27 (b).

Adopted by the Charlottesville Planning Commission, the 11th day of January 2022.

Attest:


Secretary, Charlottesville Planning Commission

Attachment: Urban Rivanna River Area Plan (Link: <https://tjpc.org/our-work/area-plans/urban-rivanna-river-corridor-plan/>).