

## HCAN Summer 2023 Work Sessions

### What More Can I Do?

#### **Help HCAN Put Good Ideas Forward and Monitor for Change on the Landscape**

Commit to the kind of necessary ongoing work that makes a difference. Lead or join with others to research and propose sound conservation practices to the county, on priorities such as planning for Better Neighborhoods, Growing Local Agriculture, and setting Sustainability Standards for Data Centers in Eastern Henrico. Perhaps you have another worthwhile idea. Ready to work? Please [email HCAN](#) to connect with others and to pursue your interests.

Identify models of best practice from other localities that may inform planning in Henrico. Where are the best communities, walkable neighborhoods and multi-use trails — and why do you like them? What’s happening “out there” that we can bring here? [Ask us](#) about keywords and other ideas for online searches.

Help us refine and extend the reach of our [Green Development Standards](#) What’s missing? What language needs clarification? Help us improve an item by developing a rationale statement and finding examples of success with that idea from other locales. Help us present these ideas to the county.

Monitor familiar territory and your community for zoning changes. Check the Richmond Times Dispatch for announcements. Investigate any [blue rezoning signs](#) posted along roadways to see what is in the works.

Read and sign the [Henrico Climate Action Petition](#) that asks our locality to do its part.

#### **Study and Contribute Informed Opinion in the Henrico Next Process**

Study your district and neighborhood in the county’s [Current \( 2026\) Land Use Map](#). Write the [Henrico Planning Office](#) and [your supervisor](#) to share conservation ideas for the future land use ( to 2045!). How should the 2026 map be changed? Where should it stay the same? Where should we grow — and not grow? Where do we need better transit? What else?

Study the [Henrico Zoning Map](#) for your district. What is the zoning for your residence? For any large properties nearby? How does it relate to the 2026 Land Use Map above? (For fun, check out the zoomable [ARC GIS mapping site](#).)

Visit the Henrico Next site and add your thoughts to the [Public Comment Map 2045](#). Very few have done this yet. It’s easy! Also it’s zoomable, right to your residence.

Don’t miss out. Sign up [here](#) to receive notices about the 2045 Comprehensive Plan ( Henrico Next). Pass it on!

Get familiar with the county’s [Planning Department Website](#).

To wade deeper, check this out: [Va Land Use Law Primer](#).

Research local conservation tools such as conservation easements, transfer of development rights, and agriculture- forestal zones. How might these help achieve conservation goals in Henrico? Share your ideas in the 2045 process as the county invites further input.

## **Learn from and Support Valued Conservation Allies**

See more of what's possible and how other communities pursued successful ideas. Visit [Strong Towns!](#)

[Partnership for Smarter Growth](#) takes a regional approach and is a great resource for learning how and where to grow.

Learn how [American Battlefield Trust](#) has become an important player in the land preservation arena, in Henrico, statewide and beyond.

If you own large (10 acre+) property or know someone who does, see if a conservation easement might be strategic by contacting your local land trust, [Capital Region Land Conservancy](#).

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Please contact us at <http://www.conservehenrico.org>- to discuss and/or share any of this. Thanks!

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