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DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AT COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

PORTSMOUTH, VA (MARCH 1, 2018) – After extensive public input, Portsmouth planning officials and their consultant team will be hosting two Open Houses for the public to review and comment on the city’s draft comprehensive plan. The open houses will be on Monday, March 19, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Churchland Public Library, 4934 High Street West, and Tuesday, March 20, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., in the Forum Room in Building A of Tidewater Community College – Portsmouth campus at 120 Campus Drive.

Those unable to attend the open house can still weigh in online at the project website -- BuildOnePortsmouth.org, on Twitter (@cityofPortsVA), or on Facebook (facebook.com/portsmouth.virginia). For those without Internet access, each public library has online information at its computer stations.

The period for public input will close March 29. After that, the draft plan will go to the Planning Commission and City Council for review. There will be a public hearing at the Planning Commission and again at City Council, though specific dates for those public hearings have not been scheduled yet.

The last comprehensive plan, *Destination 2025: Setting A Bold New Course*, was adopted by the City Council in 2005. This update, titled *Build One Portsmouth: Working Together, Shaping Our Future*, builds upon the 2005 plan, previously adopted neighborhood plans, and extensive public input.

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