

## Top Ten Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is Moving York Forward Together?

Moving York Forward Together is the County's planning effort to update the current Comprehensive Plan.

### 2. What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is best described as a guide to the County's future. The Comprehensive Plan looks at the County from many angles from roads to cultural resources, to the natural environment to economic development. The Comprehensive Plan will inform current and future decision makers where we are now, where we want to go, how we intend to get there, and who will help us along the way.

More specifically:

- It will define the County's biggest assets and challenges
- It will make recommendations about the type and character of development appropriate in different parts of the County
- It will recommend and prioritize policies, key projects, and resources and identify implementation partners
- It will provide guidance to the County in developing and directing future capital budgets
- It will serve as the basis for zoning recommendations throughout the County

### 3. Why does York County need a Comprehensive Plan?

The County needs an updated Comprehensive Plan because York is growing and changing. York County enjoys the economic benefits of growth. Proximity to Charlotte, excellent schools and a high quality of life attracts employers and residents alike. Growth continues to increase demand for services and infrastructure. Keeping pace with that demand is paramount to maintaining the quality of life for which the area is known. In addition, local leaders recognized that for York to capitalize on market opportunities an update to the Comprehensive Plan was needed.

While an update to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan at this time is in response to a requirement set forth in the State of South Carolina's Code of Laws, the update is timely for York County at this stage of its evolution. It presents an opportunity to address the specific needs of the community and continue on the path of positive growth.

This effort will result in a plan that is strategic in nature, identifies key strategies to be implemented by the County and its partners in both the public and private sectors to facilitate growth management initiatives that are critical to future economic stability.

#### 4. Don't we have one already?

The County last completed a major update to the Comprehensive Plan in 2004. Since 2004 York has experienced a period of unprecedented growth followed by an economic recession. The County is again in a growth period and desires to update the Comprehensive Plan to ensure that new development is consistent with the community's vision.

#### 5. Who is guiding this effort?

The process to develop the Comprehensive Plan is guided by a 15-person Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee appointed by County Council. The following individuals make up the Advisory Committee:

District	Name	City
1	Brynne Fisher	Fort Mill-Tega Cay Area
1	Michael Kazak	Fort Mill-Tega Cay Area
2	Allison Love	Lake Wylie
2	Bob Dulin	Bowling Green/Clover Area
3	Beth Falkner	York Area
3	Steve Love	York Area
4	Robby Moody	Rock Hill Area
5	Ragin Craig	Rock Hill Area
5	Gary Partlow	Catawba Area
6	Bryan Tuttle	Rock Hill Area
6	Scott Childers	Rock Hill Area
7	Jeremy Dreier	Rock Hill Area
7	Ben Johnson	Rock Hill Area
PC	Carmen Miller	Fort Mill-Tega Cay Area

In addition, the County hired LandDesign to provide a range of consulting, planning and technical services to provide support to the County's planning staff to update the County's Comprehensive Plan. LandDesign is an award-winning land planning and design firm that specializes in innovative solutions to complex development challenges, and complements those ideas with policies, implementation strategies and tools that build community support.

#### 6. How is the comprehensive plan funded?

This project is funded through the County's General Fund.

#### 7. How can I get involved?

There are numerous ways to participate in Moving York Forward Together:

- Visit the project's website at [yorkforward.com](http://yorkforward.com)
- Participate in community workshops
  - Lake Wylie Area Meeting- Thursday, March 19
  - Fort Mill Area Meeting- Wednesday, March 25
  - York Area Meeting- Thursday, March 26

### **8. Why should I participate?**

The purpose of planning is to ensure that York's excellent quality of life will continue. Through the planning process, residents, business owners and community organizations help shape York's future land use and development pattern. A well-planned community provides economic development opportunities, compatible land uses, as well as transportation networks, public facilities and parks. In addition, a well-planned community protects its environmental and heritage resources. Planning helps to ensure that the York County community continues to be attractive, safe, and prosperous.

### **9. Where can I find more information?**

The best resource for additional information is the project website: [www.yorkforward.com](http://www.yorkforward.com)

### **10. Who should I contact if I have additional questions?**

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