



## 2019 Northampton County Community Survey

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### I. Introduction

This survey is an opportunity for residents of Northampton County to share their thoughts and opinions on the future growth and development of the County. Your feedback will be used to update the County's Comprehensive Plan.

#### *What is a Comprehensive Plan?*

The Comprehensive Plan is Northampton County's most important document regarding future growth, development, and change. It establishes government policy to help guide public and private activities as they relate to land use and resource utilization. The Comprehensive Plan is the basis for land development regulations (Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances) and decisions (rezonings, conditional use permits), capital improvements (schools, parks, libraries), transportation, environmental and historic resource protection initiatives. All Virginia towns, cities, and counties are required to adopt a Comprehensive Plan, and to review the plan for necessary updates every five years.

### II. Survey Information

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey. Completing the survey should take about 15 minutes. **The survey will close on November 8, 2019.** Return the completed survey to the Northampton County Offices at 16404 Courthouse Rd, Eastville, VA 23347 before the deadline.

For any questions contact Darren Coffey: [darren@bgllc.net](mailto:darren@bgllc.net).

You can also take the survey online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthamptonCo>

### III. Survey Questions:

1. What are the things you like best about living in Northampton? (check the three that are the most important to you)

- Rural character and open space
- Low population
- Sense of community
- Low crime rate
- Clean air and water
- Water access
- Agriculture and Aquaculture industries
- Proximity to larger town and cities
- Low taxes
- Other:

2. What concerns you the most about Northampton's future? (check the three that are the most important to you)

- Traffic and road maintenance
- Quality of public schools
- Keeping taxes low
- Lack of job opportunities
- High cost of housing
- Conflicts between farms and development
- Conflicts between natural resources and development
- Lack of close emergency healthcare
- Other:

3. What should Northampton focus on as it plans for the future? (check three that are most important to you)

- Promoting affordable housing opportunities
- Managing development
- Environmental preservation
- Encouraging economic development and job growth
- Improving the public schools and education opportunities
- Providing recreation for youth and young families
- Preserving historical and natural resources
- Providing emergency medical care

4. If the number of jobs in the County increases, what kind of jobs would be desirable? (check as many as apply)

- Heavy manufacturing
- Light manufacturing and warehousing
- Agriculture and Aquaculture industries
- Commercial business – retail, wholesale, shopping center
- Offices and high-tech services
- Other:

5. What types of residential development would be desirable? (check as many as apply)

- No residential growth
- Single family homes
- Duplexes or townhouses
- Apartments or condos
- Housing for seniors or elderly
- Affordable housing
- Other:

6. What types of commercial development would be desirable? (check as many as apply)

- No commercial growth
- Specialty retail (clothing, art, gifts, etc.)
- General retail (grocery, pharmacy, hardware, etc.)
- Restaurants
- Healthcare (doctors, dentists, etc.)
- Professional services (banking, legal, business)
- Other:

7. What should Northampton’s priorities be for improving public facilities and services? (rank these in order of priority from 1-6 with 1 being your top priority and 6 being your lowest priority)

- Streets and Roads
- Fire, rescue and police
- Parks and recreation
- Public water and sewer
- Public schools
- Social services

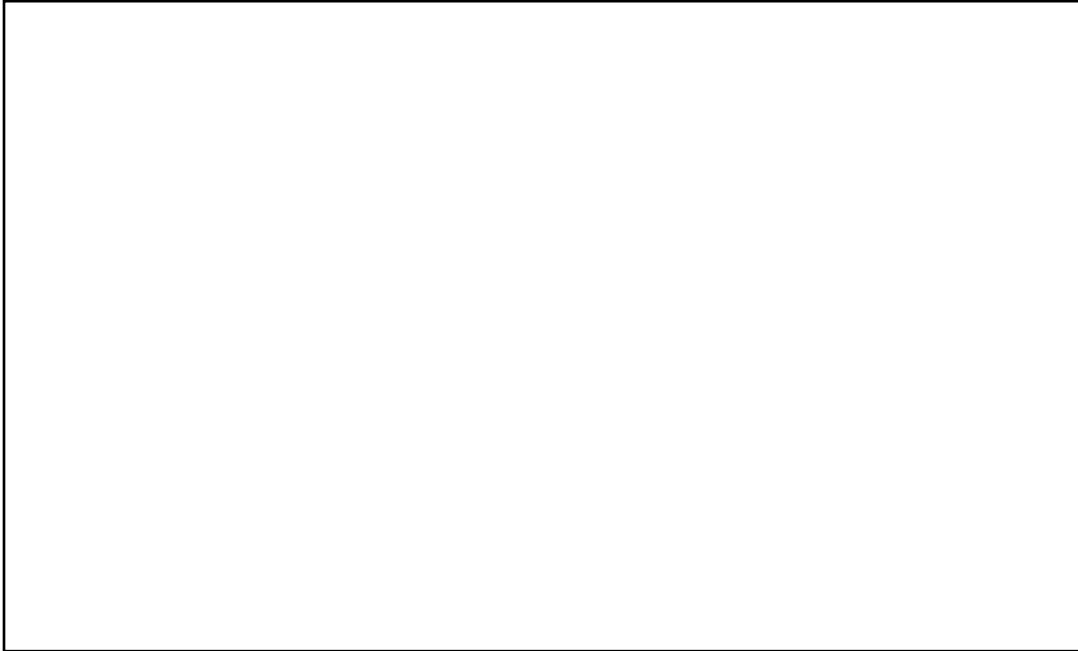
8. What is your age?
- Under 20 years
  - 20 to 29 years
  - 30 to 39 years
  - 40 to 49 years
  - 50 to 59 years
  - 60 to 69 years
  - 70 to 79 years
  - 80 years or over
9. If you are a resident of Northampton, how long have you lived in the County?
- Under 5 years
  - 5 to 9 years
  - 10 to 19 years
  - 20 to 29 years
  - 30 to 39 years
  - 40 or more years
10. Which best identifies the geographical area in which you live?
- In or around Exmore
  - In or around Nassawadox
  - In or around Eastville
  - In or around Cheriton
  - In or around Cape Charles
  - Other:
11. Which best describes your location of employment?
- At your home in Northampton
  - In Northampton
  - In Accomack
  - Another Virginia area
  - Outside of Virginia
  - Retired
  - Student
  - Unemployed and over 18 years old
  - None of the above
12. Is the internet available at your residence?
- Yes
  - No
13. If internet service is available at your residence is it sufficient for your daily needs?
- Yes
  - No

14. Is reliable cell phone service available at your residence?

Yes

No

15. Please use the space below for other comments, thoughts, and recommendations:



**Thank you for your consideration and responses.**