

Legislative Update



HANOVER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2013 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

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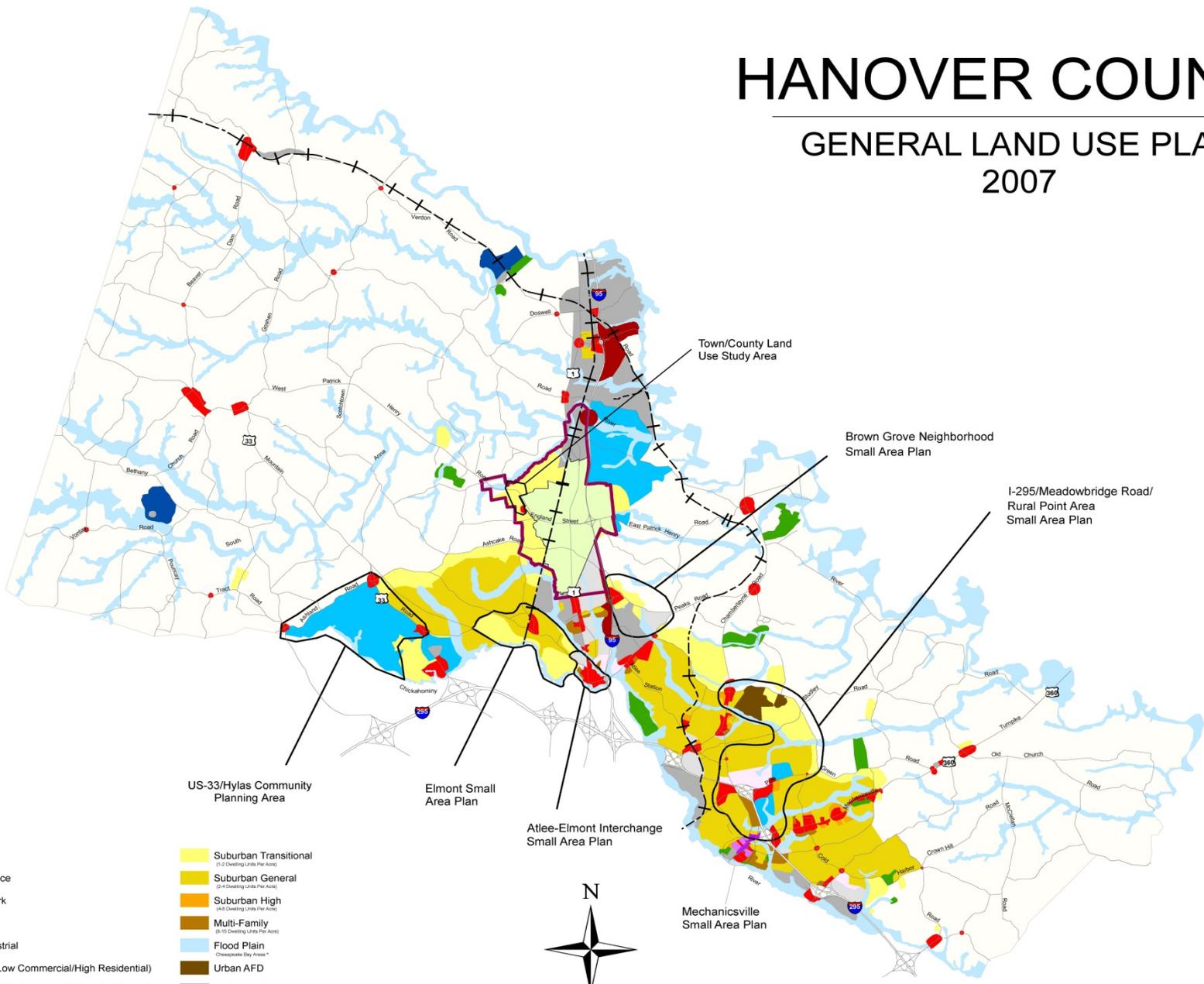
2013 Legislative Agenda Action Items



- Request a budget amendment to eliminate the \$12090 million biennial reduction in State Aid to Localities.
- Request legislation to permit counties that have implemented land use assessment to designate specific areas within which land use assessment will not be applicable.
- Request an amendment to Va. Code § 33.1-1 to add a third urban at-large seat to the Commonwealth Transportation Board to be filled by a resident of the Richmond-Petersburg Metropolitan Statistical Area. Historically, the two urban at-large seats have been filled with citizens residing in the Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads areas.

HANOVER COUNTY

GENERAL LAND USE PLAN 2007



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| Commercial | Suburban Transitional
(1-2 Dwelling Units Per Acre) |
| Office - Service | Suburban General
(2-4 Dwelling Units Per Acre) |
| Business Park | Suburban High
(4-8 Dwelling Units Per Acre) |
| Industrial | Multi-Family
(6-10 Dwelling Units Per Acre) |
| Limited Industrial | Flood Plain
(Channelized By Area*) |
| Mixed-Use (Low Commercial/High Residential) | Urban AFD |
| Mixed-Use (High Commercial/Low Residential) | Agricultural |
| Destination Commerce | Park |
| Extractive | |



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INSPIRED BY ITS PEOPLE, TRADITIONS, SPIRIT,
AND HISTORY, IS THE FOUNDATION FOR ITS FUTURE.

2013 Legislative Agenda Action Items



- Request an amendment to Va. Code § 62.1-44.15:1.2 to clarify that any impoundment release reductions shall not adversely affect the permit limits for downstream activities permitted by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.
- Because the state has assigned to local governments primary responsibility for the stormwater quality programs and facilities necessary to achieve the Chesapeake Bay Total Daily Maximum Load requirements, request legislation (1) to require that the state provide a substantial and fair share of the funding required to implement these programs and (2) provide localities with appropriate tools for raising the additional revenue required to comply with the mandate.

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- Request an amendment to Va. Code § 33.1-23.03:10 to require that prior approval of the General Assembly shall be obtained prior to the imposition and collection of tolls on any interstate highway in Virginia.
- Request an amendment to Article 1.1 of Title 33.1 of the Code of Virginia to require that the Department of Transportation confer with local representatives regarding the priority of projects involving substantial expenditure of maintenance funds within each locality.

Positions on Legislation Anticipated to Come before the 2013 Session



- Support legislation that would provide counties with the same local taxing authority as cities in order that counties might reduce their dependence on real estate and personal property taxes.
- Support maintaining current authority for machinery and tools taxes and business professional occupation license taxes unless alternative and equivalent additional revenue sources are made available to localities.
- Support current provisions in state laws that limit the categories of students whose parents do not reside in Hanover for whom Hanover is mandated to provide free public education.

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- Support legislation that would assure local government authority to apply zoning laws and comprehensive plans to all private businesses, including liquor stores and assisted living facilities.
- Support maintenance of the existing provisions of Va. Code § 22.1-79.1 governing the date for the opening of the school year.
- Support legislation that would prohibit private ownership of dangerous, wild animals, except for licensed zoos, research facilities and animal sanctuaries.

Legislative Policy Statements



- Support protection of existing authority regarding local budget decisions and oppose any shifting of funding responsibility from the state to localities for new or existing programs.
- Support the protection of existing local government authority in all areas including revenue and land use.
- Support only environmental regulations and programs that are scientifically valid and reasonably cost effective and that will result in substantial and demonstrable improvements to the environment.

Legislative Policy Statements



- Support equitable reallocation of revenue and service responsibilities between the state and localities to provide for ongoing stability in taxation and the delivery of government services.
- Support the development of alternative funding sources, in lieu of cash proffers, for capital improvements required to serve new residential development.