

FREDERICKSBURG CITY COUNCIL 2036 VISION STATEMENT



Sharing Our Past, Embracing the Future

The people of Fredericksburg are building a 21st century urban center on the foundation of this historic city at the fall line of the Rappahannock River. Fredericksburg is the hub of regional economic activity, a city with a multicultural population and thriving cultural scene, a place that works for everyone, a community where the people are writing the next chapters of Fredericksburg's history.

We assure our future by focusing on the following desired future states....



EMPLOYMENT EPICENTER

Fredericksburg has a research and development, high-tech focused economy delivering solutions in healthcare, national security, and innovative technology. We are an authentic historic experience and a tourist destination with diverse opportunities in eco-tourism, sports, cultural, and entertainment venues of statewide significance. We facilitate the entrepreneurial spirit.



PUBLIC SERVICES—THE BACKBONE OF OUR COMMUNITY

Delivery of core services is of the utmost importance. Fredericksburg maintains and improves its infrastructure to accommodate future growth in the City. Capital improvements are carefully planned and include investments so that our infrastructure is capable of delivering clean water and sanitary services. We provide highly responsive public safety, health, and social services. We apply advances in technology to monitor and improve these services. We collaborate with our regional partners to explore shared service solutions.



DISTINCT AND LINKED NEIGHBORHOODS

Fredericksburg's neighborhoods have their own identities and they are also linked to the whole community by a network of sidewalks and trails. We are a cohesive community of caring, involved, and dedicated residents. Residents value the safe neighborhoods in which they live. They know their neighbors. They encounter neighbors of all ages and backgrounds in the common social areas provided by public pathways and parks.





LEARNING IS A WAY OF LIFE

Our public schools are a great source of pride, bringing together all students and families, linking learning to the needs of the 21st Century. The Council and School Board work closely with each other, regional partners, and higher educational institutions to provide lifelong learning for our residents. The City's unified school structure provides connection throughout the community. We have an educated workforce prepared to meet the needs of modern society.

A PROVEN LEADER IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Recognizing the importance of our historic character, from early Indian settlement through the Industrial Revolution, we are stewards of our nation's treasures. Working with our National Park Service, other preservation partners, and the development community, we continue to tell the story of our nation's history by preserving our historic properties and promoting compatible reuse and redevelopment. With our enhanced focus on archaeology, the City continues to be a leader in historic preservation.

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH CULTURAL VIBRANCY

The City's arts and parks are the pulse of the community and make Fredericksburg a desirable place to live and a destination for businesses and visitors. Cultural and recreational opportunities, along with parks and trails, create vitality and promote healthy living, community connectivity, and creative experiences.



GREEN, CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

We are a responsible, modern city with a quality of life that is guaranteed by thoughtful environmental stewardship. Our location on the Rappahannock River compels us to consider the environmental impact of every decision that we make. Our air and water quality is ensured through careful management. Conservation of our natural resources is encouraged through education and incentives. New homes and commercial buildings are built to LEED standards, and we encourage the use of alternative energy options. Whether we are discussing street sweeping, new development, education, tree-planting, or tax abatements, we promote a clean environment and well planned, sustainable growth.



CUTTING-EDGE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS

We have pedestrian access throughout the City and work to guarantee connectivity. We are a leader in advancing multimodal transportation opportunities within the City and between Washington and Richmond. By identifying new resources, the City seizes emerging advancements in transportation.



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