



VISION FOR SUFFOLK

SUFFOLK CITY COUNCIL

Suffolk is a vibrant and fiscally strong community leading the region in advancements in education, comprehensive transportation, public safety and diverse economic growth while continuing to preserve its rural heritage and enhancing its neighborhoods and urban centers.

Throughout 430 square miles of rich land and pristine waterways, citizens and tourists treasure the beautiful trails, rivers and open spaces. Residents, visitors and merchants delight in the revitalized downtown featuring cultural, educational and recreational opportunities.

Diverse shopping, businesses and entertainment venues abound. A sense of harmony and pride permeates this rare community, where crime is low; where schools are cutting edge; where people and goods move safely and efficiently throughout the city; and where citizens receive valuable services and have opportunities to be engaged.

Suffolk is the desired destination of the Hampton Roads Region. The City achieves this by focusing on the following:



TARGETED AREAS

PUBLIC SAFETY

Preserve, promote, and continue to invest in public safety.

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Continue practices that ensure strong financial management and fiscal responsibility.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Use the Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Ordinance to enable and facilitate private investment in strategic target areas and preserve, conserve, and protect the City's unique natural and agricultural heritage.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND RESPONSIVE CITY SERVICES

Ensure that all citizens have pertinent information in a timely manner and provide convenient and diverse means for citizen input; provide responsive, effective and efficient programs and services to citizens.

EXPANDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Implement strategies that add new businesses and provide jobs for a skilled and diverse workforce, retain and enhance existing businesses, promote entrepreneurship, create a vibrant downtown, and build an economy that expands our tax base.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Create a structure of shared accountability between the City and Schools to build an educational environment known for excellence.

LEISURE, HEALTH, AND WELLNESS

Implement programs and services designed to improve the health, economic and social wellbeing of citizens.

TRANSPORTATION

Increase capacity and connectivity of our roadways and public transportation system.

AAA RATED STANDARD & POOR'S AND FITCH RATINGS.

NERD WALLET - BEST PLACES FOR YOUNG FAMILIES/BEST CITIES FOR VETERANS IN AMERICA - 2015.

9TH BEST COMMUNITY ON BEST PLACES TO LIVE TOP 25 LIST OF "WHERE THE JOBS ARE" - CNN MONEY MAGAZINE - 2012.

ONE OF AMERICA'S BEST SMALL CITIES TO LIVE - CNN MONEY MAGAZINE 2010.

FAST GROWING CITY, HOME TO FAST GROWING COMPANIES.

