

Pause the Plan



Suffolk 2045
Connecting Our City, Inspiring Our Future

A Comprehensive Plan is the document that guides growth and development in a city. Suffolk's 2045 Comprehensive Plan (suffolk2045.org) will soon be voted on by Planning Commission and City Council. If approved, it will have a major impact on future land use decisions.

Problems with the 2045 Comprehensive Plan

- **No Fiscal Impact Analysis Was Done:**

- The City failed to use this essential tool as prescribed in the original contract and against the recommendations of the consulting firm.
- The fiscal analysis was supposed to have been done BEFORE the draft was written.
- Without the fiscal analysis, the City doesn't know how much its desired development will cost taxpayers.

- **Huge Growth Area Expansion:**

- A Growth Area is where a city encourages development.
- The 2045 Comprehensive Plan will increase the Growth Area by **almost 25%** (adding 17 square miles).
- Previous comprehensive plans, from 1998 to 2015, added only 12 square miles total.
- New Growth Area will destroy farmland and open space adjacent to our reservoirs.
- Suffolk's farms are an economic powerhouse that should NOT be sacrificed in favor of warehouses and suburban sprawl.
- Suffolk already struggles with traffic congestion, unsafe roads, over-crowded schools, and over-extended emergency services.

The City wants to expand the growth area, allow more warehouses and suburban sprawl, yet chose NOT to do the fiscal analysis, so we have no idea what this will cost taxpayers.

Contact City Council (council@suffolkva.us): share your concerns and let them know that you want them to **'Pause the Plan'** until a fiscal analysis has been completed.
