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Chapter 5: Municipal Facilities and Services			
<i>Theme: Focused Growth and Development</i>			
<i>Policy 5-1: Relate the availability of municipal services and facilities to the location and pace of growth.</i>			
Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-1A	Ensure that the planning for and installation of public infrastructure services and facilities is coordinated within the focused Growth Areas.		
5-1B	Continue to tie development approval to the adequacy and funding of public facilities.		
<i>Policy 5-2: Assure that quality fire protection, emergency medical services, and emergency management are provided throughout the city.</i>			
Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-2A	Continue to ensure that the response times for fire and medical emergencies established in the Fire Department's Strategic Plan are maintained or exceeded.		
5-2B	Continue to work with the appropriate City departments to assure that fire and medical service response times and resources are not degraded due to increased calls for services resulting from growth or population expansion into uncovered Fire Demand Zones.		
5-2C	Ensure the continued availability of effective and up-to-date training opportunities to fire and rescue and medical personnel in the areas of fire training and emergency management and the general public in the area of fire prevention.		
5-2D	Through the fire prevention program, promote firewise techniques which minimize the conflicts between residential development and the wildland/urban interface.		

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5-2E	Advance the knowledge of firewise techniques to minimize wildfire damage through the distribution of information pamphlets and the amending of the land development regulations to encourage developers to incorporate such techniques into their project design.		
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Policy 5-3: Address the consequences of natural and manmade hazards and disasters through coordination and training in emergency planning, preparedness, and response.

Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-3A	Continue to minimize the impacts of natural and manmade disasters through timely and effective mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery achieved by local training and coordination and communication with local, regional, state, and federal emergency management agencies.		
5-3B	Develop and adopt post-disaster procedures to guide decision-makers in areas such as emergency permitting, rebuilding, citizen outreach, and mitigation opportunities.		
5-3C	Establish, expand, and enhance coordination and cooperative efforts with the general public and private sector in understanding the importance of emergency planning and preparedness.		
5-3D	Develop strategies which decrease the conflict of increased residential development adjacent to the wildland/urban interface.		

Policy 5-4: Develop strategies to ensure that low-lying areas of the City located along the James and Nansemond Rivers and their associated tributaries are not adversely impacted by sea level rise.

Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-4A	Conduct an evaluation of the impacts of sea level		

Policy 5-5: Continue to provide a high level of police protection throughout the City.

Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?
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5-5A	preventing and suppressing criminal activity.		
5-5B	Plan for the expansion of the City's police		
5-5C	established in the Police Department's Strategic Plan		
Policy 5-6: Partner with the community to enhance the quality of life and resolve neighborhood concerns.			
Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-6A	Encourage citizen commitment to partnering with		
5-6B	Expand citizen awareness and familiarity with the		
5-6C	Continue to work with the community, including		
5-6D	Expand opportunities for citizen involvement in		
Policy 5-7: Continue to strive for a reduction in juvenile crime activity.			
Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-7A	Increase the awareness and visibility of programs		
5-7B	Develop a program which educates children, their		
5-7C	Work with the Suffolk Public Schools to stress the		
Policy 5-8: Utilize leading-edge technology and methods to enhance community policing.			
Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-8A	officers.		
5-8B	Maintain an ongoing awareness of and ensure that		
Policy 5-9: Expand efforts to eliminate drug abuse and the sale of illegal drugs in the city.			
Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-9A	Increase drug prevention efforts at every grade level		
5-9B	Continue to bring police officers into schools to		
Policy 5-10: Provide a high quality parks and recreation system for the enjoyment of the citizens of Suffolk and the region.			
Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-10A	Continue to develop and enhance the system of		
5-10B	Continue to evaluate, refine and enhance		
5-10C	Actively pursue the development of a system of		
5-10D	Increase public access to Suffolk's shoreline and		
5-10E	Evaluate opportunities to provide full access to		
5-10F	Maintain development guidelines and policies that		
5-10G	Actively utilize parks and recreation facilities,		
Policy 5-11: Continue to work collaboratively with the School Board to implement smart growth in school planning principles.			
Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?

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5-11A	Through ongoing evaluation, maintain or exceed the current level of service standard for education.	This has happened and will continue to be in progress until we complete the needs of the facility study.	The joint facility study clearly outlined the needs of the school division while detailing future enrollment growth. The study also detailed aging facilities and their respective systems.
5-11B	Establish and maintain a quantitative approach to predicting student generation from new development.	This has happened and will continue to be in progress until we complete the needs of the facility study.	Using Cooperative Strategies and RRMM this has been generated by the Facility study and presented to both the Suffolk School Board and City Council in February of 2021.
5-11C	Ensure opportunities for a high quality education.	This is currently in progress.	This will commence with the design work for the new School Administration Office and John F. Kennedy Middle School in July of 2022. We will need to follow the CIP plan specifically for the next five years in order to reach this goal.
5-11D	Involve broad community involvement in school facility siting and planning.	This has not happened yet as design work on schools will not commence until July 2022.	This has not happened yet as design work on schools will not commence until July 2022.
5-11E	Ensure that school site selection is consistent with this plan.	This has happened and will continue to be in progress until we complete the needs of the facility study.	The joint facility study clearly outlined the needs of the school division while detailing future enrollment growth. The study also detailed aging facilities and their respective systems.

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5-11F	Ensure that new education facilities are smaller in size and fit well within context of the community in which they are located.	No, this has not happened and is no longer the plan of Suffolk Public Schools.	With the enrollment of the school division being projected to increase by 642 students, there is no longer a need to design smaller educational facilities.
5-11G	Ensure the ease of accessibility to all education facilities.	This has happened and will continue to be in progress until we complete the needs of the facility study.	This has happened and will continue to be in progress until we complete the needs of the facility study.
5-11H	Continue to ensure that public education facilities function as centers and anchors of the community.	This has happened and will continue to be in progress until we complete the needs of the facility study.	This has happened and will continue to be in progress until we complete the needs of the facility study.
5-11I	Continue to support community uses after hours.	This has happened and will continue to happen with our current facility agreements and joint-use facilities.	We will need to use caution for facility use due to the current covid spread and we have also developed a formula so that Suffolk students and residents have priority for facility use agreements.

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5-11J	Maximize the mixture of new construction and renovation programs.	Renovation will only occur when an expansion is necessary. Traditional school buildings have a facility usage life of 50 years with proper maintenance. The goal of Suffolk Public Schools is to rebuild buildings and not to renovate them.	Preventative maintenance costs have increased tremendously and the school division has used both end of the year funds and the increasing allotment from the city to complete needed maintenance. However, there is a growing need to replace HVAC systems and the roofs of many schools over the next five years. There is also a need to replace and or repair playgrounds, and parking lots.
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Policy 5-12: Provide an improved library system that supports the needs of the citizens of Suffolk.

Actions	Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-12A Continue to support the funding and construction of		
5-12B Continue efforts to increase the overall library		
5-12C Actively explore the implementation of actions and		

Policy 5-13: Develop strategies and programs which enhance drinking water availability.

Actions	Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-13A Continue to develop appropriate schedules for the		
5-13B Continue to work closely with state agencies in the		
5-13C plans to maintain water supply in case of an		
5-13D Continue to develop and implement projects within		
5-13E Ensure that the extension of the City's water		
5-13F Identify new sources of potable water to meet		
5-13G to meet additional water needs other than potable		

Policy 5-14: Promote programs and projects that promote water conservation.

Actions	Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-14A Roads Planning District Commission's HRWET		

Policy 5-15: Enhance the wastewater collection system.

Actions	Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-15A Continue to support the Hampton Roads Sanitation		

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5-15B	Continue to ensure the City's wastewater collection		
5-15C	Continue to develop and implement projects within		
5-15D	Ensure that the extension of wastewater collection		
5-15E	Investigate the feasibility of establishing an inflow		
5-15F	Maximize the use of capital improvement funds to		
Policy 5-16: Promote the maintenance and safety of the stormwater system.			
Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-16A	stormwater system maintenance to improve water		
5-16B	relationship of litter control and stormwater system		
5-16C	the use of higher technological machinery to		
5-16D	quality construction of new stormwater		
Policy 5-17: Ensure the continuation of an environmentally sound and efficient solid waste management system.			
Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-17A	Continue to work within the regional framework for		
5-17B	Continue to cooperate with the Southeast Public		
5-17C	Continue to study and implement long-term		
5-17D	Educate the public on the identification and proper		
Policy 5-18: Promote the use of recycled and recyclable products.			
Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-18A	residents and businesses to purchase, sell, and use		
5-18B	Develop a program to encourage City departments		
Policy 5-19: Develop strategies and programs which protect drinking water quality.			
Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-19A	actions which ensure reservoir protection and		
5-19B	Continue to identify projects and promote land use		
Policy 5-20: Develop strategies and programs to meet the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Implementation Plans for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL).			
Actions		Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-20A	Continue to develop a Chesapeake Bay TMDL Action		
5-20B	Identify and incorporate additional best		
5-20C	Provide educational opportunities and materials to		
5-20D	Implement the Runoff Reduction Method for all new		
5-20E	Administer and enforce the Virginia Stormwater		

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<i>Policy 5-21: Update the City of Suffolk MS4 Program Plan.</i>		
<i>Actions</i>	Has this happened?	Why or why not?
5-21A	Continue to enforce regulations and develop	