Analysis of Testimony Received on Draft 2026 Comprehensive Plan Through December 1, 2025

#	Name	Submission Format(s)	Received Date(s)	Comment	Staff Response and Recommendation
1	Bill Comerford	Email	10/7/2025	 Plan lacks specific, time-bound targets. Suggests dedicated key performance indicators section. Suggests adding a dedicated workforce policy or goal that can connect skilled residents to local business needs, internships, and mentorship. Elevate digital infrastructure (broadband reliability, 5G readiness, and cybersecurity) to a formal policy under Economic Development Goal 4. Add an "accountability framework" to implementation that assigns strategies to a particular Town department and report out annually. Discuss Town's charm and small-scale retail offerings more strongly to better differentiate it from other Northern Virginia locales. Recommends strengthening Economic Development Goal 5 to commit to a specific, viable adaptive reuse for 901 Follin Lane SE. 	 Implementation Guide will include timeframes for completion and, depending on the item, actions being taken to achieve the target. Some strategies lend themselves to numeric/quantitative key performance indicators (KPIs) as quantitative goals, though staff will review the plan with the intention of adding such indicators where appropriate to the implementation guide. Some performance tracking, however, may need to be qualitative. Fairfax County offers such programs at a larger and more effective scale than the Town could provide. No change recommended. Infrastructure improvements and reliability, including cell service, are discussed under Community Facilities & Infrastructure Goal 3 ("Ensure that Town residents, businesses, and institutions receive adequate and appropriate utility services that meet current and future needs."). No change recommended unless PC wants to elevate it further and/or crossmention it in the Economic Development chapter. The forthcoming Implementation Guide will include department(s) responsible for executing strategies as well as a timeframe for completion. The PC could consider adding or strengthening language under Economic Development goals 1-3 to achieve this aim. Since the release of the draft plan, the property at 901 Follin Lane SE has been sold to its neighbor, Navy Federal Credit Union. The plan should be edited to capture the sale and its impacts on the plan.
2	Robert McCahill	Online form, email, and public hearing	10/21/2025, 11/12/2025	 Did not see a long-term vision for the Beulah Road leaf collection site. (Clarified at public hearing that he missed this portion of the plan.) Suggests adding language under Community Facilities & Infrastructure Policy 1.2 ("Town facilities provide for residents' needs for decades to come.") stating that the Town will act as a good steward of the Beulah Road property while exploring future uses, including maintaining the site's arboreal integrity. 	 Staff and the community will assist Town Council in determining the best use for the Beulah Road property. The PC could consider adding language that applies to Beulah Road property and other similarly situated sites.
3	Patty Hanley	Online form	10/31/2025	Town should be more specific about cell service infrastructure plan and demand a service coverage analysis for the entirety of the Town.	The Town cannot compel a private entity to perform a cell service coverage analysis. Community Facilities & Infrastructure Strategy 3.3.6 recommends the Town review regulations that may restrict telecommunication providers from deploying facilities that would bring a high-level of service consistently to the Town. No change recommended.
4	Chris Poch	Online form	11/7/2025	Town needs more housing. The Town should allow detached ADUs in all single-family zones, and also allow multifamily in any parcels adjoining commercial or mixed use.	Land Use Strategy 1.1.2 encourages reviewing code language regarding accessory uses that are compatible with the primary residential function. Land Use policies 2.3 through 2.5 encourage the expansion of multi-unit residential developments and rezoning properties to the Neighborhood Mixed Use zone where appropriate.
5	Miguel Ordonez	Email and public hearing	11/8/2025, 11/12/2025, 11/21/2025, 11/22/2025	 Submitted a list of suggested grammatical edits and clarifications. Continue encouraging public-private partnerships and volunteerism for Town cleanups, landscaping events, and participation on boards and commissions. Would like to see the Beulah Road property transition into a natural park, rezoned as parkland, and restored once industrial composting ends. 	 Staff will review list and recommend edits where appropriate. These items are encouraged under Environment & Sustainability policies 4.2 ("Encourage hands-on resident participation in sustainability programs.") and 4.3 ("Recognize and incentivize community sustainability leadership.").

				 4. Would like to see the Robinson property become an educational center focused on native plants and wildlife. 5. Recommends planting as many trees as possible on the Annex. 	 Acknowledged. Staff and the community will assist Town Council in determining the best use for the Beulah Road property. Acknowledged. Staff and the community will assist Town Council in determining the best use for the Robinson property. Landscaping and tree planting will be part of the Town's development of the site, with particular focus on buffers between the development and the neighboring homes.
6	Brian Christopher	Online form	11/12/2025	Suggests strengthening family image by phasing out vape shops and video gambling machines.	Vape shops are considered retail establishments per the Code of Virginia and are thus allowed to be located wherever retail establishments are allowed. Video gambling machines are illegal in Virginia and is a policing issue, rather than one that should be addressed in a comprehensive plan. No change recommended.
7	Penny Oszak	Email and public hearing	11/12/2025	 Appreciates inclusion of additional language in Land Use chapter regarding clear and enforceable conditions regarding conditional use permits. Excited about the implementation guide but would like to see more depth in terms of accountability, such as departments responsible for implementation and key performance indicators. What is the frequency for reviewing and will the public be able to see and monitor this process? Concerned regarding the modification of future land use designations— specifically, the changes of Mixed Use to Mixed Use – Ground Floor Residential and Office to Mixed Use—without the corresponding public input related to the zoning codes that would support such land use. Interested in how Special Planning Areas were determined, including how areas were defined, what criteria the Town considers, and how residents or property owners could apply for their area to be considered. Would like to see the Northwest Nutley corridor designated as a Special Planning Area. Inquired as to whether the Transition zone will be going away. Agrees with rezoning Salsbury Spring Park to Park and Conservation Zone. 	 Acknowledged. The forthcoming Implementation Guide will include department(s) responsible for executing strategies, performance indicators (quantitative or qualitative, where appropriate), as well as a timeframe for completion. The guide will be made public and is intended to be reviewed and updated through public discussions on an annual basis. The Mixed Use – Ground Floor Residential land use is a new designation to identify specific areas in which ground-floor residential may be appropriate (i.e.: locations not fronting Maple Avenue, typically adjacent to existing residential) and was created by the Planning Commission during multiple discussions during work sessions. The large majority of the properties identified with a Mixed Use future land use designation in the current comprehensive plan have maintained that designation, and those areas would not permit residential on the ground floor. If this designation is included in the adopted comprehensive plan, the public will have an opportunity to weigh on the zoning that would enable this land use category to be executed through Land Use Strategy 2.2.2 ("Create zoning criteria that define when ground-floor residential may be appropriate on the rear of commercial lots."). No change recommended. The Office future land use designation was removed because current market conditions do not favor developments solely for office and because the Town has, in recent years, approved rezonings from office to residential in these areas of Town. The Mixed Use designation encourages uses that best provide flexibility and does not prohibit a development that is mainly or entirely dedicated to office uses, should the market conditions support it. The Planning Commission may want to consider renaming the Mixed Use and Mixed Use – Ground Floor Residential future land use categories to clarify that the category allows flexibility in those locations rather than requiring that there be multiple uses on every site. An a

					experiential goals. The Special Planning Areas identified in the plan were designated as such because of their economic, recreational, and/or historic relevance to the Town; recent regional attention; or other similar challenges or opportunities. At this time there is no formal application process, though staff encourages residents and business owners interested in nominating an area to be studied to reach out to staff or the Planning Commission to assess feasibility and practicality. 5. Adoption of an updated Comprehensive Plan is always followed by a discussion of whether there should be updates to zoning. A change in land use designation could be followed by a zoning change, but it could also simply be guidance for how to react to proposals for rezoning from private parties. There is no current proposal to eliminate the Transition Zone. 6. Acknowledged.
8	Art McKay	Public hearing	11/12/2025	Town should take a step back and reconsider some traditions that may not be appropriate today, given the changes between Tysons Corner and Merrifield, and the ways those population and development patterns affect Vienna.	Acknowledged.
9	Matthew Di Fiore	Online form	11/12/2025	 Submitted a list of edits and clarifications. There appears to be duplicative policies in different chapters that will do the same thing. The implementation guide should be visible along with the lead and supporting departments responsible for implementation and the implementation timeline before this goes to Council. Too many policies and strategies. 	 Staff will review list and recommend edits where appropriate. Some goals, policies, and strategies overlap and are important in different comprehensive plan's elements. When sufficiently important, such items are presented in more than one element, sometimes with slightly different emphasis but always consistent in policy. Staff recommends no change. The implementation guide will include lead and supporting documents as well as implementation timelines. This document will be created and made public after the Town Council has adopted the updated Comprehensive Plan. At that point, it will be determined which goals, policies, and strategies should be implemented. As a Comprehensive Plan, the purpose of the document is to establish policies and strategies for the next 10-20 years. They are a result of feedback provided by Town departments, boards and commissions, elected officials, citizens, and business owners, with final decisions by the Planning Commission regarding the contents of this draft. The Planning Commission and Town Council may elect to reduce the number of policies and strategies should they deem it necessary.
10	Desiree Di Mauro	Online form	11/17/2025	 Supports many of the proposals for land use, including rezoning, mixed use, and more dense housing options like duplexes and townhouses on current single-family lots. Area off SW Vienna off Glen Avenue is mis-zoned. Town should look at this area because the mis-zoning prohibits current owners from remodeling existing homes and encourages teardowns. Likes added information about Solarize Nova and recycling. Consider using "established" in place of "settled" in the Town history section in recognition of the Tauxenent tribe that settled the area before the Town was established. 	 Acknowledged. The comprehensive plan does not prescribe zoning, only future land uses. However, staff, the Planning Commission, and/or Town Council may opt to review the zoning along Glen Avenue per Land Use Strategy 1.1.1 ("Monitor development activity to ensure neighborhood integrity is maintained and that rezoning proposals are consistent with adopted land use policies."). Acknowledged. Staff recommends making change to first sentence on page 10, rewording it to "Originally inhabited by the Algonquian-speaking Tauxenent tribe, the Vienna area was initially established by Europeans as large farming estates."
11	Andrew Hoag	Online form	11/18/2025	Park Street should be designated as a bikeable route given its connectivity to Town facilities; its near-total residential zoning; its current role as a primary bicycle corridor; and its future location as a Capital Bikeshare station at the Community Center.	The bikeable routes were established in coordination with the Bicycle Advisory Committee; however, staff recommends adding language around evaluating other opportunities to improve the bikeability of key roadways within the Town, including Park Street.

12	Heather Bodell	Online form	11/19/2025	Suggests proposing a campus of the Northern Virginia Community College or other postsecondary institution within the Employment Center.	Colleges and technical schools are a conditional use in the Corporate Park zone, so adding a campus would be allowed if the landowner(s) chose to do so. The Planning Commission could consider whether attracting a college campus to Vienna should be a Town goal, either in Employment Center or elsewhere.
13	Sandy Shinn	Email	11/25/2025	 Would like to see Beulah Road property designated as a park. Area where leaves are collected could be repurposed for mini golf. Recommends retaining as many existing mature trees as possible and planting as many trees as possible on the Annex. Would like to see the Maud Robinson property become a demonstration park for native plants, shrubs, and trees. Adult exercise stations could be installed in the park. Update page 162 to reflect composting station is open and add goals to advertise the site and its usage as well as tracking the usage of the site. Add a new strategy under Environment & Sustainability Policy 1.3 ("Maintain and enhance the Town's tree canopy.") specifically to address street trees. Add a new strategy under Environment & Sustainability Policy 3.1 ("Invest in environmentally friendly, resilient, and sustainable upgrades within the Town's facilities and utilities.") that phases out the use of gas-powered leaf blowers with electric versions. The plan doesn't mention deer and the threat of deer overpopulation to native plants and public safety. 	 Acknowledged. Staff and community will assist Town Council in determining the best use for the Beulah Road property. The Town, as owner of the property, will seek to preserve and ensure as much tree canopy as possible, for both tree canopy goals and to provide a buffer for neighbors. The Planning Commission could consider adding language to the discussion of 301 Center Street South (p. 120 in Community Facilities) making this point. Staff and the community will assist Town Council in determining the best use for the Robinson property. Staff recommends updating info on the new composting station accordingly. DPW staff to determine whether or not tracking usage is feasible given staffing and financial capacity. Environment & Sustainability Strategy 1.3.1 ("Maintain, protect, and extend the mature tree canopy and green spaces by ensuring adequate funding in the Town budget to plant; maintain, and, as necessary, remove or replace trees in parks and public spaces.") includes street trees by nature of being located in public spaces. No change recommended. This is addressed under Environment & Sustainability Strategy 3.1.3 ("Require the adoption and implementation of cutting-edge green building practices for design, construction and operations of new and renovated Town facilities, and revise Town procurement policies to require purchase of Energy Star or other energy-efficient products and equipment."). No change recommended. Deer management is not an element that is normally addressed by a comprehensive plan. As such, no change is recommended. However, the Town Council, in coordination with Fairfax County, is taking action on this this challenge.
14	Miguel Ordonez for the Conservation & Sustainability Commission	Email	11/25/2025	Would like to see the Robinson property become an educational center focused on native plants and wildlife and provided more specific recommendations	Acknowledged. Staff and the community will assist Town Council in determining the best use for the Robinson property.
15	Maryam Dadkhah	Online form, email	11/26/2025	 Change current code to encourage and permit native landscaping instead of lawn. Add free electric car charging station at Vienna Community Center/Town Hall. Consider Low Emission Vehicle designated parking spot closer to entrance of Vienna Community Center/Town Hall. Consider stormwater utility credit program similar to the one in the City of Fairfax. Consider including storm drain education and labeling program as part of the Town's efforts to help with stormwater management. Encourage native landscaping as another means for stormwater management. Consider working with VEGPA (Virginia Energy Purchasing Governmental Association) in demanding DarkSky compliant street lighting. 	 This may be considered and adopted by the Town Council separate from the Comprehensive Plan process and would be encouraged under Environment & Sustainability Strategy 1.1.4 ("Where appropriate and likely to be successful, encourage planting of native plants, shrubs, trees and pollinator gardens by residents and businesses. No change recommended. This may be considered and adopted by the Town Council separate from the Comprehensive Plan process and would be encouraged under Environment & Sustainability Strategy 2.3.5 ("Encourage the installation of electric vehicle charging stations to promote the expansion of electric vehicles."). No change recommended. This may be considered and adopted by the Town Council and/or Town Manager separate from the Comprehensive Plan process. No change recommended.

		44/07/2005	 Consider expanding deer management and using archery as a management option. Consider adding native plant enclosures in Town parks. Spray herbicides in appropriate areas where invasive species have been impossible to remove. Promote native landscaping in right-of-way strips. Mandate use of cool roofs in any new construction or house in which a new roof is being installed. Make native plants more affordable. Extend Native plants sales to free community-run native plant/seed exchanges and events. Include articles about invasive plan species, how to control, and native alternatives in the Vienna Voice. 	 Staff to discuss feasibility of program implementation for the future. This would be reflected in any future comprehensive plan revisions. Staff to discuss feasibility of program implementation for the future. This would be reflected in any future comprehensive plan revisions. Staff recommends revising Community and Facilities Strategy 3.1.6 ("Encourage the use of low-impact development technology as a planning and design strategy to manage the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff.") and Environment & Sustainability strategies 2.2.5 ("Encourage tree preservation and planting as a means of stormwater management and erosion control.") and 3.4.2 ("Ensure that stormwater management and erosion control.") and 3.4.2 ("Ensure that stormwater management practices are up-to-date and account for increases in flooding events.") to explicitly mention native landscaping. As the Town finalizes its ordinance revisions regarding outdoor lighting, staff will explore how to best incentivize lighting that mitigates light pollution. Deer management is not an element that would normally be addressed by a comprehensive plan. As such, no change is recommended. However, the Town Council, in coordination with Fairfax County, is taking action on this this challenge. This is encouraged under Environment & Sustainability policies 1.1 ("Promote diverse native vegetation.") and 1.2 ("Encourage the removal of harmful invasive species from publicly- and privately-owned land."). No change recommended. Increasing the use of herbicides conflicts with Environment & Sustainability Strategy 2.1.1 ("Adopt and promote policies encouraging residents, businesses and Town staff to reduce use of lawn chemicals and pesticides that result in polluted stormwater runoff."). No change recommended. The Town may choose to offer incentives for green roofing per Code of Virginia Section 58.4-3852 but may not mandate green/cool roofs in construction. No cha
16 Avril Garland	Email	11/27/2025	 Designate Beulah Road property as a park, leaving the outside forest as-is but removing invasives. Turn the Maud Robinson property into a pocket park with a model native plant garden. Add rat-proof trash cans in parks, especially around picnic tables. Install signs reminding dog walkers to pick up after their dogs. In parks where sharpshooting is not safe, fence the perimeters to protect from deer browse. As soon as possible, switch to all-electric landscape equipment and stop blowing leaves off wooded trails. 	 Acknowledged. Staff and the community will assist Town Council in determining the best use for the Beulah Road property. Acknowledged. Staff and the community will assist Town Council in determining the best use for the Robinson property. Selection of trash cans is not an element that would be addressed by a comprehensive plan but rather would be determined by Parks and Recreation. No change recommended. Sign installation is not an element that would be addressed by a comprehensive plan but rather would be determined by Parks and Recreation. No change recommended.

				 Convert the Tapawingo water tower lawn into a pocket forest with woodland plants. All residential and commercial outside lights should be DarkSky compliant. Remove "where appropriate and likely to be successful," and add "Do not fine or threaten to fine residents over their choice of native plants or the general layout of their yard providing it consists of native plants and is not merely an excuse for not maintaining their property" to Environment & Sustainability Strategy 1.1.4 ("Where appropriate and likely to be successful, encourage planting of native plants, shrubs, trees and pollinator gardens by residents and businesses."). Add new Environment & Sustainability Strategy 1.1.5: "Encourage residents and businesses to reach out to Wildlife Sanctuary Program to improve the design and habitat value of their yard plantings." Add new Environment & Sustainability Strategy 1.1.6: "Allow residents have up to 8 foot high wire fences, including, if safety permits, on corner lots, to protect from deer browse." Add new Environment & Sustainability Strategy 1.1.7: "Work on changing the Town Code to permit archery on private property." Add new Environment & Sustainability Strategy 1.2.3: "Create a fund for removing invasive trees on both Town and private property. Add new Environment & Sustainability Strategy 2.2.7: "Offer incentives for residents and businesses to install rain barrels." Add new Environment & Sustainability Strategy 2.3.7: "Encourage residents and businesses to switch to electric landscape equipment." 	 Deer management is not an element that would normally be addressed by a comprehensive plan. As such, no change is recommended. However, the Town Council, in coordination with Fairfax County, is taking action on this this challenge. Converting from gas to electric-powered landscaping equipment is addressed under Environment & Sustainability Strategy 3.1.3 ("Require the adoption and implementation of cutting-edge green building practices for design, construction and operations of new and renovated Town facilities, and revise Town procurement policies to require purchase of Energy Star or other energy-efficient products and equipment."). Landscaping practices are not an element that would be addressed by a comprehensive plan but rather would be determined by Parks and Recreation and their consultants. No change recommended. Acknowledged. Staff and the community will assist Town Council in determining any potential changes to the Tapawingo water tower property, should this become an item of interest. As the Town finalizes its ordinance revisions regarding outdoor lighting, staff will explore how to best incentivize lighting that mitigates light pollution. Experts in Dark Sky standards have been part of the consulting team advising the Town, but the Town has not yet determined that it wishes all standards to follow this approach. There may be places where certain native plants and trees may be less appropriate or likely to be successful because of pest issues, disease issues, or having weak or brittle wood. Fines are not an element that would be addressed by a comprehensive plan but may be considered and adopted by the Town Council separate from this document. No change recommended. Staff recommends adding the Wildlife Sanctuary Program to the "Partnerships and Collaboration" section on page 163. Permitted fence heights are not an element that would be addressed by a comprehensive plan but rather zoning amendments. No change r
17	Elizabeth Thomas	Online form	11/30/2025	 Update plan to include links to "The Citizen's Guide to Traffic Calming, Maple Avenue Corridor Multimodal Transportation and Land Use Study" and "2017 Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel, 2019 Maple Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study," both referenced in the Transportation chapter. Update the Capital Bikeshare map on page 93 to reflect the station at Nutley and Maple being relocated to Patrick and Park. 	 Staff recommends including links in the final document. Staff recommends updating Capital Bikeshare map to reflect accurate station locations. Staff recommends updating information on Bird e-scooter pilot program to reflect its conclusion.

			 Reflect end of the Bird e-scooter pilot program in the Transportation chapter. Town should add regulations to prohibit the use of e-motorbikes on sidewalks and operation by anyone without a driver's license. 	4. Updating code regarding e-motorbikes is not an element that would be addressed by a comprehensive plan but may be considered and adopted by the Town Council and/or Town Manager separate from this document. No change recommended.
18 Melissa Dix	on Online form	11/30/2025	The Annex should be developed as an outdoor pavilion with parking as it would make an ideal location for the farmer's market and provide extra parking for nearby events held at Town facilities.	
19 Conservation Sustainabil Commission	ty	11/30/2025	 The Town of Vienna should commit to the highest and best environmental practices known to scientists and engineers. Create an age-in-place requirement for all houses of at least 6,000 square feet. It would be good to acknowledge that a healthy natural environment includes tree preservation and that limited use of turf enhances stormwater drainage and water quality. Rezone the Beulah Road property as a park. Rezone the Robinson property as a park. If schools in town should "be of the highest quality possible" and the Vienna-Carter Library and public parking garage will be "state of the art," shouldn't environmental impact considerations—such as energy efficiency, water conservation, tree preservation, and native landscaping—be specified? Add "while minimizing light pollution to the maximum extent possible by making technical changes as recommended by the lighting consultant group and approved by Planning and Zoning and Town Council." to Community Facilities & Infrastructure Strategy 3.1.9 ("Ensure that there is ample street lighting along sidewalks and roadways to allow for safe walking and improved visibility at night and in the early morning."). On page 141, correct spelling of Club Phoenix. At the end of the fourth paragraph about Maintenance and Natural Resource Management (page 149), add "In 2024, the Town passed a new Tree Conservation Ordinance to codify the Town's goal of enhancing the tree canopy." Revise language describing Parks & Recreation Policy 3.3 ("Support natural resource and urban forest management.") to read "Proactively steward Vienna's natural resources and urban forest management Plan and create and implement an Urban Forest Management Plan, while ensuring alignment with parks and recreation priorities." as the TAC hasn't yet created an Urban Forest Management Plan. Reword Environment & Sustainability Goal 2 ("Reduce sources of pollution and exce	 Acknowledged. The Town Council, in consultation with the Town Manager and Town Attorney, may decide to pursue such a policy, if allowed by state Code, separate from the comprehensive plan process. No change recommended. Planning Commission could consider adding such language. The future zoning of the Beulah Road property is likely to be determined after staff and the community assist Town Council in determining the best use for the property. No change recommended. The future zoning of the Robinson property is likely to be determined after staff and the community assist Town Council in determining the best use for the property. No change recommended. Where possible, staff recommends adding metrics to quantify environmental impacts and improvements. The lighting ordinance update does not include right-of-way lighting. This may be studied at another time. No change recommended. Staff recommends correcting spelling. Staff recommends making revision. Keeping this wording more general allows greater flexibility to adapt as needed later. No change recommended. Staff recommends making revision. While there are no specific recommendations regarding that stream, page 156 discusses the Town's watersheds; Environment & Sustainability Goal 1 ("Preserve and enhance the Town's natural environment.") includes all aspects of the Town's natural environment; Environment & Sustainability Policy 2.1 ("Protect and preserve water resources and improve water quality." discusses the Town's watersheds in general; and Strategy 2.1.3 within that Policy focuses on stream restoration and enhancement. Discussion of that individual stream could be called out in the Implementation Guide that will be developed after plan adoption. Staff recommends making revision. Staff recommends making revision. Staff recommends making revision. Staff rec

- 14. How is the stream along the W&OD Trail, the Community Center, and the Whole Foods being accounted for?
- 15. In the first paragraph in the Trees and Landscaping section (page 158), delete the last sentence and replace with "However, between 2011 and 2021, extensive redevelopment led to a 13% decline in Vienna's overall tree canopy. In some residential neighborhoods, the percentages were higher."
- 16. In the fourth paragraph in the Trees and Landscaping section (page 158) after the last sentence, add "The Tree Advocacy Committee intends to influence private actions on private land through outreach, advocacy, and education to overcome any lack of regulatory flexibility the Town may have under Virginia law."
- 17. Page 160 states "Navy Federal plans to enhance its current facilities with new environmental technologies." What can the Town of Vienna learn from what Navy Federal has done or will do? The Town of Vienna should communicate with Navy Federal's Sustainability Officer to learn about its efforts.
- 18. The Air Quality (page 160) and Energy (page 161) sections mention federal and state legislation that either have been challenged or are undergoing challenge, including the Clean Air Act, the Virginia Clean Economy Act, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and the regional Transportation Climate Initiative. Update?
- 19. Is the Town of Vienna, in concert with Fairfax County, preparing for/prepared for extreme demand for water and electricity from data centers?
- 20. Can the plan refer to "climate change" rather than "future weather conditions"?
- 21. The Town Facilities and Operations section (page 161) refers to the 2018 energy use and greenhouse gas inventory conducted by the CSC. This inventory is outdated and should be updated, either by Public Works or the CSC. The plan should state that the 2018 inventory should or will be updated.
- 22. In the Waste Disposal section (page 162), "bulk items in a pile lo larger" should state "no larger."
- 23. In the Waste Disposal section (page 162), the first paragraph, last sentence: "Leaves temporarily stored at Beulah Road." must change if Beulah Road is rezoned and relaunched as a Parks and Recreation Area, as the CSC proposes.
- 24. Update the Composting (page 162) section to include the new, permanent composting drop-off on Mill Street, which opened November 17.
- 25. Under Partnerships and Collaboration (page 163), add "...and the Tree Advocacy Committee (TAC) to guide efforts related to trees." to the sentence "The Town chartered the Conservation and Sustainability Commission (CSC) to guide efforts related to sustainability, conservation and resiliency."
- 26. How does the Town of Vienna participate in sustainability efforts such as Fairfax County's Community-Wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) and the Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP)? The CSC helps promote Solarize Virginia, which is sponsored by LEAP.
- 27. Under Solarize Vienna (page 164), delete "Participants are offered a federal investment tax credit which has ranged over the years under federal law. In 2023, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) increased the tax credit for solar energy improvements to 30%." Replace with language indicating that federal legislation eliminated the federal tax credit for solar energy improvements beginning January 1, 2026; and that Fairfax County still waives fees for solar permit

- Staff agrees that it is a topic of which to keep track but is unsure whether it, at this point, rises to mention in Vienna's Comprehensive Plan. No change recommended at this point.
- 20. The Planning Commission directed that the draft use the term "future weather conditions" rather than "climate change." No change recommended.
- 21. Staff recommends editing to state the greenhouse gas inventory should be updated.
- 22. Staff recommends making revision.
- 23. Staff and the community will assist Town Council in determining the best use for the Beulah Road property, at which time a rezoning will occur if necessary. No change recommended.
- 24. Staff recommends making revision.
- 25. Staff recommends making revision.
- 26. These are programs for which DPW, Town Council, and/or the Town Manager manage the Town's participation. No change recommended.
- 27. Staff recommends making revision.
- 28. Staff recommends making revision regarding the program's suspension and upcoming relaunch.
- 29. Staff recommends making revision.
- 30. Staff recommends making deletion.
- 31. Staff recommends making revision.
- 32. Staff recommends making revision.
- 33. Staff recommends making revision.
- 34. There may be places where certain native plants and trees may be less appropriate or likely to be successful because of pest issues, disease issues, or having weak or brittle wood. No change recommended.
- 35. Tree planting locations are decided based on a variety of site-specific factors. The Planning Commission could consider adding general language that recognizes these parallel and sometimes conflicting goals, though staff is unclear how such an approach would be regulated under current State law
- 36. As the Town finalizes its ordinance revisions regarding outdoor lighting, staff will explore how to best promote the policies that the Town Council adopts and suggest subsequent revisions to comprehensive plan accordingly. No change recommended at this time.
- 37. The Planning Commission may consider adding language that addresses policies and strategies for noise. The second strategy recommended is already part of the Town Code and so would be a logical addition to the Comprehensive Plan.
- 38. Staff recommends adding a strategy pertaining to maintaining Vienna's status as a Community Wildlife Habitat under Environment & Sustainability Strategy 1.1 ("Promote diverse native vegetation.")
- 39. The Town exempts sidewalks and walkways under 5' in width from impervious surface calculations. No change recommended.
- 40. Staff recommends adding strategy.
- 41. Staff recommend including a baseline and then updating as needed once a new inventory has been taken. The Town Council may decide to pursue

- applications, streamlined permitting, and a 5-Year Tax exemption on the value of installed solar energy equipment.
- 28. The CSC tabled the Eco-Efficient Homes program in October 2025, but plans to update and relaunch it in 2026 under the guidance of a new commission member.
- 29. Under Eco-Efficient Homes Initiative (page 164), delete "...and achieving 30% of tree canopy coverage by 10 years after development." in the last sentence.
- 30. Delete information about the Sustainability Challenge (page 165) as the CSC has ended the program.
- 31. Please credit the CSC for managing the Green Expo, Thermal Cameras, and Native Plant Sales (pages 165-166) in their respective sections.
- 32. Edit header the "Native Plant Sale" (page 166) header to "Native Plant Sales and Tree Giveaway."
- 33. Under Native Plant Sale (page 166), add "...to acquire plants that are well-adapted to our area, require fewer resources and enhance..." and "At the fall Tree Giveaway, the Tree Advocacy Committee offers bareroot seedlings in well-adapted native species for free to Town residents at the Farmers Market."
- 34. Why is Environment & Sustainability Strategy 1.1.4 ("Where appropriate and likely to be successful, encourage planting of native plants, shrubs, trees and pollinator gardens by residents and businesses.") qualified with "where appropriate and likely to be successful"?
- 35. Add new Environment & Sustainability strategy under Environment & Sustainability Policy 1.3 ("Maintain and enhance the Town's tree canopy."): "So that more homeowners can consider and install solar panels more effectively, suggest planting locations and tree heights to ensure sufficient sun exposure on roofs for the installation of solar panels."
- 36. Add a new Environment & Sustainability policy promoting dark skies. Add two new strategies: 1) promoting dark skies by regulation of exterior commercial and residential lighting; and 2) educating the public about the negative effects of nighttime light pollution on human, wildlife and insect health and promote best practices for reducing or eliminating light pollution.
- 37. Add a new Environment & Sustainability policy promoting quieter environments. Add three new strategies: 1) promoting conversion of commercial and residential lawn equipment from gas-powered to electric-powered; 2) amending the Town noise ordinance to prohibit commercial operations from beginning noisy work before a certain time on weekdays, weekends, and federal holidays; and 3) educating the public about the negative effects of excessive noise on human health.
- 38. Add a new Environment & Sustainability policy promoting a wildlife friendly environment.
- 39. Add "except for walkways used for ADA access to allow for aging-in-place Design" under Environment & Sustainability Strategy 2.2.1("Adopt policies reducing the amount of impervious surface in Town.").
- 40. Under Environment & Sustainability Policy 2.2 ("Maintain effective stormwater management practices.") add a new strategy: "Encourage use of rain barrels and rain gardens for residential stormwater collection and mulching to slow and absorb runoff."

- incentives for residents to replace appliances separate from the comprehensive plan process. No change recommended.
- 42. Staff recommends verifying and updating plan if not.
- 43. The Town is encouraging the installation of electric vehicle charging stations through including Environment & Sustainability Strategy 2.3.5, thus making it a stated goal of the Town. The plans for the Annex have yet to be determined and may include vehicle chargers if appropriate. No change recommended.
- 44. Staff recommends revising to state "and other relevant certification programs."
- 45. Staff recommends updating text reflecting the new composting program; however, a photo of the sign will not be included as accepted materials may change over the lifespan of this program and an accepted materials list is better maintained in locations such as the Town website.
- 46. Staff recommends making revision.
- 47. Staff recommends adding new strategy.
- 48. DPW staff and Town Council may decide to pursue this policy separate from the comprehensive plan process. No change recommended.
- 49. The Planning Commission may consider adding language of this nature to the draft plan. (Town offices already have water fillers available for staff and public use.)
- 50. This is already largely accomplished under Environment & Sustainability Policy 2.5 ("Encourage reduction and proper disposal of household waste."). Staff recommends adding "....and commercial" after the word "household.
- 51. Acknowledged.
- 52. A comprehensive plan should be general, but specific in its aims. The strategies outlined under policies 4.1 and 4.2 aren't solely the job of the CSC but also of DPW, Parks and Recreation, the Public Information Office, the Town Manager's office, and other staff. No change recommended.
- 53. Groups other than the CSC (Town staff, community partners, etc.) may offer the mini-grants. No change recommended.
- 54. Staff recommends removing strategy.

- 41. Under Environment & Sustainability Strategy 2.3.3 ("Take steps to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions at sources identified in the CSC's energy use and greenhouse gas inventory." Do we want to refer to this, as it hasn't been updated since 2018 and was based on 2016 baseline information? The Town has the potential to reduce CO2 emissions by about 500 to 900 tons annually by offering existing homeowners and builders incentives to replace gas appliances and install electric ones instead.
- 42. Is the Federal Highway Administration still funding the Congestion Mitigation for Air Quality program in 2026?
- 43. Environment & Sustainability Strategy 2.3.5 states "Encourage the installation of electric vehicle charging stations to promote the expansion of electric vehicles." Is the Town of Vienna encouraging the installation of electric vehicle charging stations? How? Will the Town install them on the Annex property?
- 44. Environment & Sustainability Strategy 2.4.2 ("Encourage businesses to reduce their energy consumption through LEED, ENERGY STAR, and the Commercial PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) program in Virginia.") should refer to other programs as these aren't the only relevant certification programs.
- 45. Revise Environment & Sustainability Strategy 2.5.2 ("Continue to look for an appropriate food waste drop-off site in Vienna while exploring the feasibility of establishing a town food waste collection program.") to reflect the launch of the composting program and include a photo of the accepted materials sign.
- 46. Substitute language under Environment & Sustainability Strategy 2.5.3 ("Engage in outreach-education efforts to encourage composting at home and promote use of county food waste drop-off sites and private compost collection services.") with "Educate the public about the benefits of composting food waste and how to use the drop-off site properly."
- 47. Add new Environment & Sustainability Strategy 2.5.4: "Educate community members about how to recycle properly so that unacceptable trash and items don't enter the recycling stream and negate recycling efforts."
- 48. Add new Environment & Sustainability Strategy 2.5.5 discouraging raking of leaves to the curb and encouraging the use of cut grass and ground leaves as fertilizer, mulching, and composting.
- 49. Add a new Environmental & Sustainability policy discouraging the use of single-use plastics by the Town and at Town-sponsored events and four strategies: 1) providing water to Town employees by means other than single-use plastic bottles; 2) prohibiting vendors at Town-sponsored events from serving water in single-use plastics; 3) encouraging vendors at Town-sponsored events to serve food using compostable serve ware; and 4) providing means of recycling and composting to vendors and attendees at Town-sponsored events.
- 50. Add a new Environmental & Sustainability policy encouraging the reduction of litter and three strategies: 1) adding more waste cans along main thoroughfares where pedestrian traffic is heaviest and fast-casual dining is popular; 2) obtaining grants to pay for additional trash cans; and 3) educating citizenry about the environmental harm caused by litter.
- 51. New CSC member Mona Kamal can provide input on Environment & Sustainability Strategy 3.1.3 ("Require the adoption and implementation of cutting-edge green building practices for design, construction and operations of new and renovated Town facilities, and revise Town procurement policies to

				require purchase of Energy Star or other energy-efficient products and
				equipment." and Policy 3.2 ("Develop, implement, and maintain sustainability
				initiatives, policies, and programs that meet the needs of the Town's current and
				future citizens and businesses.). She would also like to hear more about what
				the Town is doing to promote green-building strategies in new construction and
				renovations.
				52. Environment & Sustainability policies 4.1 ("Increase public awareness and
				education on environmental issues and sustainability.) and 4.2 ("Encourage
				hands-on resident participation in sustainability programs.") are great
				aspirations but are not practical for the CSC to achieve.
				53. When would the CSC provide the mini-grants listed in Environment &
				Sustainability Strategy 4.3.2 ("Provide mini-grants or in-kind support for
				neighborhood-scale environmental projects (e.g., rain gardens, pollinator
				habitats, composting initiatives).")?
				54. Delete Environment & Sustainability Strategy 4.3.3 ("Expand promotion and
				participation in the Sustainability Challenge program for businesses and
				nonprofits.") as the program has ended.
20	Tree Advocacy	Email 1	1/30/2025	 Revise language describing Parks & Recreation Policy 3.3 ("Support natural") Staff recommends making revision.
	Committee			resource and urban forest management.") to read "Proactively steward Vienna's 2. Staff recommends making revision.
	members (Roxanne			natural resources and urban tree canopy by creating and implementing the 3. Staff recommends making revision.
	Paul, John Shults,			Town's Natural Resources Management Plan and an Urban Forest Management 4. Staff recommends making revision.
	and Ken Foley)			Plan, while ensuring alignment with parks and recreation priorities." as the TAC 5. The Planning Commission directed the use of the word "weather" rather
				hasn't yet created an Urban Forest Management Plan. than "climate." No change recommended.
				 In the second paragraph, second sentence of the Environment section (page Staff recommends making revision.
				155) reading "resulting in the loss of many older trees," replace "older" with 7. Staff recommends making revision.
				mature. 8. Staff recommends making revision.
				3. Add "reducing the Town's overall tree canopy by 13 % between 2011 and 2021,
				and increasing the amount of impervious surface in the Town." in the second
				paragraph of the Environment section (page 155).
				4. Under Trees and Landscaping (page 158), replace the last paragraph with
				"Together, these provisions provide more incentives to developers to preserve
				existing trees and plant trees that are native to the region. Vienna's Town Council
				has consistently indicated a desire to adopt stronger policies to protect and
				enhance the Town's tree canopy. While Virginia law limits the Town's flexibility in
				certain respects, the Tree Advocacy Committee will recommend options for the
				Town to consider, not only with respect to preservation but also planting
				initiatives."
				5. In the Resiliency and Sustainability section (page 163), replace "weather" with
				"climate."
				6. Under Environment & Sustainability Goal 1 ("Preserve and enhance the Town's
				natural environment.") add the following: "In 2016, Vienna was also certified as a
				Community Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation, recognizing its
				commitment to incorporating native plants into the community and gardening for
				wildlife."
				7. Add Strategy 1.1.5 under Environment & Sustainability Policy 1.1 ("Promote
				diverse native vegetation."): "Under the auspices of the Conservation &
				Sustainability Commission, maintain Vienna's status as a Community Wildlife

21	Susan Becker	Email	12/1/2025	Habitat by promoting gardening for wildlife, offering native plant sales and satisfying other recertification requirements." 8. Under Environment & Sustainability Strategy 1.3.2 ("Enforce Vienna's tree ordinance during the redevelopment process, bolstering tree protection as permissible under Town and State law.") replace "Vienna's tree ordinance" with "Vienna's Tree Conservation Ordinance."	Acknowledged
21	Susan Becker	Email	12/1/2025	Include and strengthen all proposals to protect trees. Endorses all strategies listed under Environment & Sustainability Policy 1.3 ("Maintain and enhance the Town's tree canopy.)	Acknowledged.
22	Peter Sherman	Email	12/1/2025	Opposed to designating Creek Crossing Road as a "Neighborhood Principal Street" due to pedestrian and bicyclist safety, increase in traffic, potential street widening, and the reduction of quality of life for residents.	DPW staff recommends keeping typology as-is. The existing conditions of Creek Crossing Road align with the Neighborhood Principal Street designation and is similar in function and configuration with other streets designated as Neighborhood Principal Streets. The proposed sidewalk project both aligns with the designation for a Neighborhood Principal Street and does not add any travel lanes to Creek Crossing Road; a proposed on-street parking lane on the north side of the street will accommodate existing shoulder parking.
23	Thomas Aly	Email	12/1/2025	 Comprehensive plan perpetuates exclusively single-family detached housing. No mention is made of the Town's poor public transit. Dedicated bus rapid transit route proposals are missing from the comprehensive plan. Comprehensive plan lacks specifics regarding bike infrastructure. 	 While single-family detached housing is likely to remain the majority of the Town's housing stock, the draft plan recommends expanding housing options. Land Use Strategy 1.1.2 encourages reviewing code language regarding accessory uses that are compatible with the primary residential function, which could include ADUs. Land Use policies 2.3 through 2.5 encourage the expansion of multi-unit residential developments and rezoning properties to the Neighborhood Mixed Use zone where appropriate. The plan discusses the 2019 Multimodal Study and its acknowledgement of access gaps during weekends and off-peak hours, as well as states that the Town should continue to support efforts to increase service frequency and reliability, especially during off-peak hours. While the Town cannot single-handedly increase transit service, as it is not a transit provider, Transportation Goal 5 ("Coordinate with regional agencies to manage the impacts of growth and improve connectivity.") details how the Town may work with WMATA, Fairfax County, and other stakeholders to improve transit service in the Town. No change recommended. Acknowledged. While the Town cannot single-handedly increase transit service, Transportation Goal 5 ("Coordinate with regional agencies to manage the impacts of growth and improve connectivity.") details how the Town may work with WMATA, Fairfax County, and other stakeholders to improve transit service. No change recommended. The comprehensive plan is not intended to provide specific details regarding bike infrastructure as this is a high-level plan. More specific details regarding bike infrastructure as this is a high-level plan. More specific details would be provided in separate plans and studies, which are recommended under Transportation strategies 3.1.3 ("Develop a Townwide bicycle network plan linking schools, parks, W&OD Trail, and Metrorail stations.") and 3.1.4 ("Evaluate demand and feasibility for expanding bicycle facilities on key corridors, info

24 Gulu Ghambir	Online form 12/1/2025	 Establish time-bound metrics for bicycle expansion (i.e.: add at least X miles of bicycle infrastructure by Y year). Add protected bike lanes on Church Street and neighborhood streets through a specific capital budget allocation and pursuing specific grants. Add quantifiable safety targets and wayfinding signage. Add a protected bike lane network to the Vienna Metro station through a specific capital budget allocation and pursuing specific grants. Add measurable objectives for Capital Bikeshare and micro-mobility. Ensure annual progress reporting and accountability. 	 Where possible and in consultation with DPW staff, staff recommends including specific targets in the Implementation Guide, which will be developed after the Town Council adopts the updated plan. This goal is supported under Transportation strategies 3.1.3 ("Develop a Town-wide bicycle network plan linking schools, parks, W&OD Trail, and Metrorail stations.") and 3.1.4 ("Evaluate demand and feasibility for expanding bicycle facilities on key corridors, informed by crash data and community input."). No change recommended. Baselining and establishing safety targets is beyond the scope of this Comprhensive Plan but it is a good idea. Such an initiative would be dependent upon DPW staff and budget. Wayfinding signage is addressed under Economic Development Strategy 3.2.1 ("Invest in wayfinding signage and visitor information hubs to enhance the experience for tourists.") and would also likely be addressed under Transportation Strategy 3.1.3 ("Develop a Town-wide bicycle network plan linking schools, parks, W&OD Trail, and Metrorail stations."). No change recommended. This goal is supported under Transportation strategies 3.1.3 ("Develop a Town-wide bicycle network plan linking schools, parks, W&OD Trail, and Metrorail stations.") and 3.1.4 ("Evaluate demand and feasibility for expanding bicycle facilities on key corridors, informed by crash data and community input."). No change recommended. Capital Bikeshare and micro-mobility expansion is largely at the discretion of their operators. Bikeshare and micro-mobility options are encouraged under Transportation strategies 3.2.4 ("Implement and maintain Capital Bikeshare stations in strategie locations such as Town Hall, the Community Center, Metro station areas, and trailheads; leveraging partnerships with the appropriate agencies for locations outside of Town limits.") and 3.2.5 ("Adopt a permanent Shared Mobility Device (SMD) ordinance that governs fleet size, parking, safety, and data sharing, based on
			responsible for executing strategies as well as a timeframe for completion. The guide will be made public and is intended to be updated on an annual basis. While some strategies do not lend themselves specific indicators, such as qualitative goals, staff recommends reviewing the plan with the intention of adding such indicators where appropriate.
25 Lea Giovanniello	Email 12/1/2025	 Zone the Beulah Road property as a park. Create a task force to conduct a comprehensive study to determine the best use of the Beulah Road property while prioritizing and maintaining its woodland character. Remove the sound wall at the Beulah Road property as it is in poor condition. Remove the trash and asphalt dumped at the Beulah Road property. Test and remediate the soil at the Beulah Road property. 	 The future zoning of the Beulah Road property is likely to be determined after staff and the community assist Town Council in determining the best use for the property. No change recommended at this time, but the decision should be reflected in the plan once a decision is made. The Town Council will determine the best method for making a decision regarding the use of the property, but it will certainly include both staff and

6. Consider adding a chain link fence along the Beulah Road's frontage to reduce the opportunity for dumping.	the community, to assist Town Council in determining the best use. No change recommended.
	 Improvements to Town properties like this are recommended under Community Facilities & Infrastructure Strategy 1.1.1 ("Conduct regular inspections of facilities, making needed repairs in a timely manner.") and are dependent upon Town Council direction and DPW staffing and budget. No change recommended. Improvements to Town properties like this are recommended under Community Facilities & Infrastructure Strategy 1.1.1 ("Conduct regular inspections of facilities, making needed repairs in a timely manner.") and are dependent upon Town Council direction and DPW staffing and budget. No change recommended. Improvements to Town properties like this are recommended under Community Facilities & Infrastructure Strategy 1.1.1 ("Conduct regular inspections of facilities, making needed repairs in a timely manner.") and are dependent upon Town Council direction and DPW staffing and budget. No change recommended. Improvements to Town properties like this are recommended under Community Facilities & Infrastructure Strategy 1.1.1 ("Conduct regular inspections of facilities, making needed repairs in a timely manner.") and are dependent upon Town Council direction and DPW staffing and budget. No change recommended. Improvements to Town properties like this are recommended under Community Facilities & Infrastructure Strategy 1.1.1 ("Conduct regular inspections of facilities, making needed repairs in a timely manner.") and are dependent upon Town Council direction and DPW staffing and budget. No change recommended. NOVA Parks and Dominion are in the process of establishing a MOU regarding removal and replacement of trees along the W&OD Trail, which would impact Northside Park. The Planning Commission could consider adding to existing language that encourages partnerships with regional agencies, in this case to ensure stewardship of the W&OD Trail. The Town promotes native vegetation."). Parks and Recreation staff and/or the CSC may choose to
	10. Parks and Recreation staff and/or the CSC may choose to provide educational materials for the public through the Town's website or articles
	in the Vienna Voice. No change recommended.
	11. Invasive plant removal is promoted through Environment & Sustainability Strategy 1.2.2 ("Adopt and promote policies encouraging the removal of
	invasive plants and trees."). The Town Council, in consultation with the Town Manager and Town Attorney, may pursue banning the planting of
	some or all invasive species separate from the comprehensive plan process. No change recommended.

	12. Parks and Recreation staff, Public Works staff, and/or the CSC may choose to provide educational materials for the public through the Town's website or articles in the Vienna Voice. No change recommended. 13. Converting from gas to electric-powered landscaping equipment is addressed under Environment & Sustainability Strategy 3.1.3 ("Require the adoption and implementation of cutting-edge green building practices for design, construction and operations of new and renovated Town facilities, and revise Town procurement policies to require purchase of Energy Star or other energy-efficient products and equipment."). A phase-out timeline is not an element that would be addressed by a comprehensive plan but
	not an element that would be addressed by a comprehensive plan but rather would be determined by Parks and Recreation and their consultants. No change recommended.