



# Save Rural Loudoun

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Loudoun County Planning Commission  
1 Harrison Street, SE  
Leesburg, Virginia 20177

Commissioners:

On behalf of our Board of Directors and all our supporters, I am pleased to provide the Planning Commission with Save Rural Loudoun's detailed comments on the Commission's October 2018 draft of the 2020-2040 Comprehensive Plan. In the attached document, each of our comments responds to a specific section of the draft, identifies a problem, and proposes a solution.

The overall context for our comments is that we agree with the many other citizen organizations who oppose the strategy of subjugating all other policy goals and constraints to an arbitrary, unconstrained population growth forecast. Rather, we believe growth planning should be constrained by a fact-based analysis of the County's potential carrying capacity, as defined by existing County policies and plans relating to the size of our road network, the number and location of existing and planned schools, the critical mass of needed farmland, the scenery needed to attract tourism customers, the required number of parks and trails, protection of historic sites, protection of clean water resources, and the overall quality of life for the County's citizens. Our detailed comments are based on this "capacity-driven" approach to land-use planning.

Please let me know if you or your staff have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

John Ellis  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Save Rural Loudoun

Attachment: Save Rural Loudoun's detailed comments on the draft Comprehensive Plan