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The phrase “Fail to plan then plan to fail” summarizes the Town of Smithfield’s commitment during the mid to late 1990’s to prepare our small but growing community for the new millennium. Major revisions to the town’s zoning and subdivision ordinances have been adopted in tandem with this plan, to implement many of its objectives. Smithfield’s first ever water and sewer utility master plan was also independently adopted earlier this year, and an entrance corridor study and master planning effort is underway at the time of this comprehensive plan adoption.

Another stellar accomplishment for the town is the implementation of our new geographic information system (G.I.S.). Partial results of this new system include the accompanying large scale future land use map and other exhibits that we may now produce and print for the public in house here at Town Hall. Smithfield should be proud of its initiative and proactive stance in planning for the future of the town, and working to protect and enhance our community character.

The exhaustive work of the Planning Commission in developing this plan is noteworthy. Present and former chairmen Daniel Smith and David Sawyer, and Director of Planning, Zoning and Development William Hopkins deserve our special recognition for their leadership roles. The Cox Company, our consultant, helped us every step of the way. Thank you!

Peter M. Stephenson, AICP  
Town Manager

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