

Onancock Planning Commission Citizen Workshop 3 November 2025, 6-8 pm

The Town of Onancock has a Comprehensive Plan, required by state statute. (If you want to see the current plan, it can be found on the town website.) It is time for the Comprehensive Plan to be revised, and the Onancock Planning Commission has the task of preparing it. We will spend the winter months preparing a first draft and will share it for comment. Now we are working to gather ideas and concerns from residents and local businesspeople. This is the first of several gatherings. The results of these gatherings will be pulled together into a report that will be available for the public and will help the Planning Commission with its work.

FIRST TASK. You will be organized into groups and will introduce yourself to your group members. Elect a spokesperson.

SECOND TASK. QUESTION PROMPTS. These are intended to get the conversation going and provide guidance to the Planning Commission. Take a few minutes to jot down responses. Then your group will discuss and collect your ideas onto paper, and your spokesperson will present them to the meeting.

I like living in Onancock because....

Onancock has a problem with....

I would like to see Onancock become....

I wish that town government would....

In the future, Onancock should....

What would make Onancock a better place for families with children?

What would make Onancock a better place for senior citizens to live?

If you had a chance to open a business in town, what kind would it be?

Share with the group a story about the town.

What else do we need to know?

TASK THREE. Please rank these topics in order of importance to you. Discuss this in your small group and decide which are the top three. We will have a chance to discuss your group's decisions. If your top three didn't make the cut, we will ask you to make the case for your favorites.

Businesses in town

Recreational opportunities/parks

Public safety

Arts and culture

Housing

Drinking water, storm water and sewer management

Care for the environment

Effective town government

Tourism

Filling vacant/empty buildings

Other _____