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## **TOWN OF ASHLAND ANNOUNCES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE Community kickoff meeting to be held January 28**

The Town of Ashland is scheduled to update its Comprehensive Plan in 2008. A kickoff meeting for interested members of the community is scheduled for **Monday, January 28, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, 101 Thompson Street in Ashland.

The meeting will begin with a brief presentation on the purpose and scope of the Plan. The remainder of the meeting will be an open house format. Citizens will be encouraged to communicate ideas and concerns via written and spoken comment.

This is the first of a series of public forums to provide input regarding the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Please see the Town's website at [www.town.ashland.va.us](http://www.town.ashland.va.us) for updates regarding the Plan's progress, as well as dates and topics for future meetings.

The Comprehensive Plan is a statement by the community of what it is today, and what it would like to be in the future. The Plan is an official document, adopted by the Town Council with input from residents, property owners, businesses and developers. The Plan serves as a decision-making guide for public officials and the private sector, and says in effect, "When we encounter this situation, we will act this way for these reasons." The Plan consists of policies, maps, and recommended actions, which together depict a desired future image of the community.

Localities in Virginia are required by law to review their Comprehensive Plan at least every five years. The last review and update of Ashland's plan was adopted by the Town Council in 2003.

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