



Memorandum

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To: Planning Commission

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Re: Conservation Easements

On February 12, 2014, the Planning Commission appointed a committee to draft guidelines of what factors should be considered when the city is asked to hold or support a conservation easement designation for property. The committee consisted of Commissioners, Cham Light and Dave Perault, Wendy Kendrick, Central Virginia Land Conservancy and City Planner, Tom Martin. Commissioners Gerry Swinton and Alex Johnston served in an ex-officio capacity.

The committee met on April 9 & July 9, 2014 to discuss the importance of conservation easements and what criteria should be considered when property owners request the city to hold or support conservation easement designation. After discussion, the committee developed consensus on criteria and recommended that Chapter 10: Natural Systems of the *Comprehensive Plan 2013-2030* be revised to reflect those criteria.

The amendment to the Comprehensive Plan 2013-2030 has been advertised for public hearing. A copy of the proposed amendment is attached for your review and consideration.

If you have questions, please contact me at (434) 455-3909 or tom.martin@lynchburgva.gov.