



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date:	Oct. 27, 2025
Department:	Public Space and Sustainability
Agenda Section:	Regular
Public hearing:	No
Date of public hearing:	N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

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ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Comprehensive Sustainability Plan Progress and Update

Attachments:

PowerPoint Presentation

Summary:

On June 12, 2023, the Board of Commissioners adopted the Comprehensive Sustainability Plan. A comprehensive plan is a document that provides a basis for decision-making regarding the long-term physical development of a town. Comprehensive plans are required and are defined in North Carolina General Statute 160D-50 (a1) which calls for every municipality to develop a comprehensive plan that “sets forth goals, policies, and programs intended to guide the present and future physical, social, and economic development of the jurisdiction.” Comprehensive plans often address more than just development and infrastructure — they also consider the important social, environmental, and economic goals of a community.

Hillsborough’s comprehensive plan assesses existing community assets and resources, considers current trending and projected future conditions, and puts forth goals, strategies, and actions to achieve a sustainable future. The Comprehensive Sustainability Plan works in coordination with other town regulatory documents and plans such as the Strategic Plan, the Unified Development Ordinance, utilities plans, and parks master plans.

Sustainability means fulfilling the needs of current generations without compromising the needs of future generations while ensuring a balance between economic growth, environmental care, and social well-being. Sustainability is the lens through which goals, strategies, and actions were evaluated for the plan. The Comprehensive Sustainability Plan is a guide for town policymakers and staff as well as a tool for residents to understand and help achieve Hillsborough’s intended future.

It has been two years since the plan was adopted. The update tonight provides information on the progress made, the actions started and completed, and areas for future focus.

Financial impacts:

None

Staff recommendation and comments:

No additional comments

Action requested:

None