



VISION BEAUFORT

2009 Comprehensive Plan

Statement of Vision and Goals

The City of Beaufort and its citizens envision a City with:

- A common community vision
- A sustainable economic base
- Transportation options and convenient access to services & destinations
- Attractive and vital community gateways and corridors
- Beautiful, stable neighborhoods
- A balance between preservation and sensitive infill and redevelopment of our historic core
- A predictable development process for citizens and developers alike
- A welcoming atmosphere to all people

To help achieve this vision, we will build upon and protect our assets and strengths:

- Natural beauty and open spaces
- Unique community design and historic atmosphere
- Access to local goods, services, and cultural amenities
- The military presence, hospital, and higher education institutions
- Community interaction and small community feel

This vision statement is supported by the following goals:

We are committed to the implementation of the Northern Beaufort County Regional Plan as the blueprint for our regional planning decisions and we will continue to engage and coordinate in regional planning activities.

Our planning will extend to the established urban growth boundary and will tie together all areas of the community in a cohesive manner.

The timing and phasing of development will correspond accordingly with the adequate availability and timely construction of community infrastructure and public facilities.

The City will maintain a fiscally sustainable system of funding community capital infrastructure, operating, and maintenance needs.

A strong, vibrant, and healthy economy will be achieved through a successful economic development program in order to ensure the long term success and viability of the City of Beaufort.

We view the military presence and community institutions (the hospital, USCB, TCL, etc.) as vital to the long-term economic sustainability of our City and will continue to support the existing facilities, off-base support services, and related industries and facilities.

We will protect our natural resources including salt marshes, marsh islands, coastal waters, and marine resources; trees, forests, and wildlife habitats; beaches and dunes; and open space preservation through innovative education, partnerships and regulations.

The City will permanently preserve and expand a community-wide open space network that serves the entire City from the neighborhood playground to the regional reserve.

We value our waterfront, our trees and our historic structures and will maintain and protect these resources as fundamental to our aesthetic beauty, our economy, and our quality of life.

The City will maintain its distinct urban form by encouraging development using the model of walkable, urban, mixed-use neighborhoods established by the historic core of the City.

We support and encourage the regeneration of the land assets of the City through infill and redevelopment.

Our planning and development regulations will consider the balance of social, environmental, and economic sustainability principles for both the community and the private property owner.

We will maintain and celebrate the integrated ethnic and socioeconomic diversity of the community.

We are committed to the provision of affordable and workforce housing throughout the City.

We will continue to support our strong military presence through the protection of their boundaries with appropriate land use controls.

We will continue to support our neighborhoods, districts, and corridors with detailed planning and implementation strategies.

We will support efficient access to services and destinations and an effective transportation system that provides our residents and visitors with numerous route choices and viable alternatives to the automobile for their daily needs.

We will have a sustainable utility infrastructure that includes renewable energy resources, reclaimed water technologies, and low impact stormwater management practices.