

Vision 2020 Vision Statement

We see Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County as a place that celebrates its diversity, engages all citizens in its vibrant community and as a place that is heralded by everyone as “The Harbor of Opportunity” as well as “The Harbor of Hospitality”.

We envision:

- Elected officials and citizens working to continue to improve infrastructure, community safety and to beautify our area.
- Business owners and developers saying Elizabeth City is the power house in Northeastern NC – “the place we want to be”.
- Families from all walks of life saying they want to move here to take advantage of our great school system.
- A community that values the health and well-being of its youth by providing them a full range of activities within the community
- Institutions of higher education engaged in partnerships with our school system, non-profits, the business community, healthcare providers and local governments to produce well-trained citizens who speak enthusiastically about their good paying jobs.
- Local governments working in partnership to drive economic development, attract good paying jobs, and celebrating the diversity of our community.
- A community that embraces Coast Guard families and;

We see visitors coming to take advantage of our small town charm, our history and arts communities, our sports venues, our college and university events, and to engage in eco-tourism.

We see a community that truly is a *Community of Choice* for people and businesses from across our country.

Summary of Steering Committee's Work

Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County have many strengths upon which to build a better future for all. These strengths are a source of community pride and provide a solid foundation upon which to build an even stronger area in terms of economic development.

Through work by members of the Vision 2020 Steering Committee, participants of twelve focus groups, economic development panel members, and facilitators, the following primary strengths were identified:

- Our friendly, small town feel
- Our improved (and improving) infrastructure
- The power and human capital of our three institutions of higher education
- Our cultural assets -- Museum of the Albemarle, Arts of the Albemarle, the public library and Port Discover
- The potential of our historic heritage
- Our healthcare system – facilities and human capital
- The strength of our agricultural economy
- The beauty and promise of our waterfront
- The United States Coast Guard facility and its human capital
- Our regional airport and burgeoning aviation industry
- Our great racial, ethnic and geographic diversity, which, when embraced and celebrated, will serve as the engine of creativity to move our city and county forward.

Recommendations

The Vision 2020 Steering Committee also recommended the development of a strategic plan to help Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County to become more attractive for economic development. This strategic plan focuses on five areas identified as critical to our economic development success and five areas critical for Community Development. Research and practice have demonstrated that a community's economic success is directly tied to its health and vibrancy. These critical success factors are:

Economic Development

- Improving K-12 education
- Enhancing the waterfront
- Developing a more vibrant downtown
- Improving the Business/Developer Climate in the city and county by streamlining licensing and startup processes
- Strengthening our ties with and building ongoing, positive relationships with our state leadership, the Port of Virginia and area economic development efforts

Community Development

- Championing our diversity and heritage by creating a dynamic partnership among all citizens
- Improving and supporting strong family structures
- Improving 0-5 daycare and Pre-K opportunities
- Comprehensive job and entrepreneur training for youth

**Community Development
Action Teams**

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