



CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
Office of the Mayor

John L. Rowe, Jr.
Mayor

To the Citizens of Portsmouth,

It is my honor to present to you the city's updated Comprehensive Plan, "Build One Portsmouth." This document represents our collective vision for the future and is the product of two years of dedication and commitment from you, the Planning Commission, the city's staff, and the consultant team, led by McBride Dale Clarion.

This plan sets the course for improved sustainability and for moving Portsmouth into the future as a thriving, resilient, evolving, and equitable community that supports our values. Our focus with this plan is on action and improving the city from our neighborhoods up - to make us all stronger as we build our city for the coming generations.

The success of this plan will depend on your continued participation, insight, and determination. The plan places priority on actions and initiatives that we can work on together to strengthen our neighborhoods and business districts, and to tackle small projects that, when combined, make significant differences in the quality of life and economy, now and tomorrow. I emphasize that this is not a "top-down plan;" instead, it is a partnership. We all must work together to realize the future that we have collectively envisioned.

As we protect the things we cherish and overcome the challenges that all urban core communities face, we will build a stronger, more resilient city. We all want our City to become the "home of choice" for all those persons seeking a home in the Hampton Roads region.

The people of Portsmouth are the City's greatest assets, and your participation in this plan is proof of your dedication to the City. I thank you for all your hard work, and we look forward to working with you to implement this plan as we all strive to Build One Portsmouth.

Sincerely,

John L. Rowe, Jr.
Mayor