

NELSON COUNTY, VA

Comprehensive Plan Update

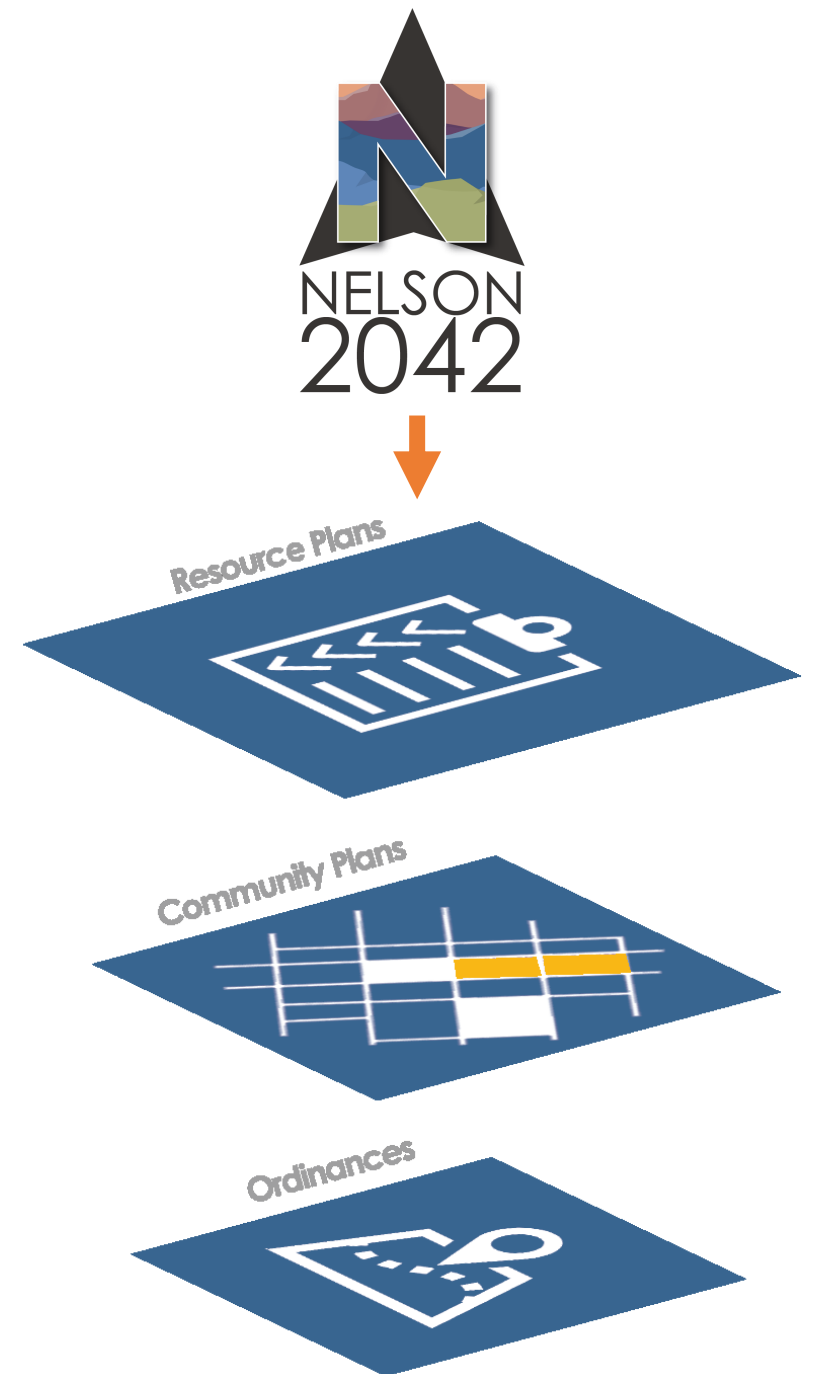


Planning Commission Public Hearing
January 31, 2024



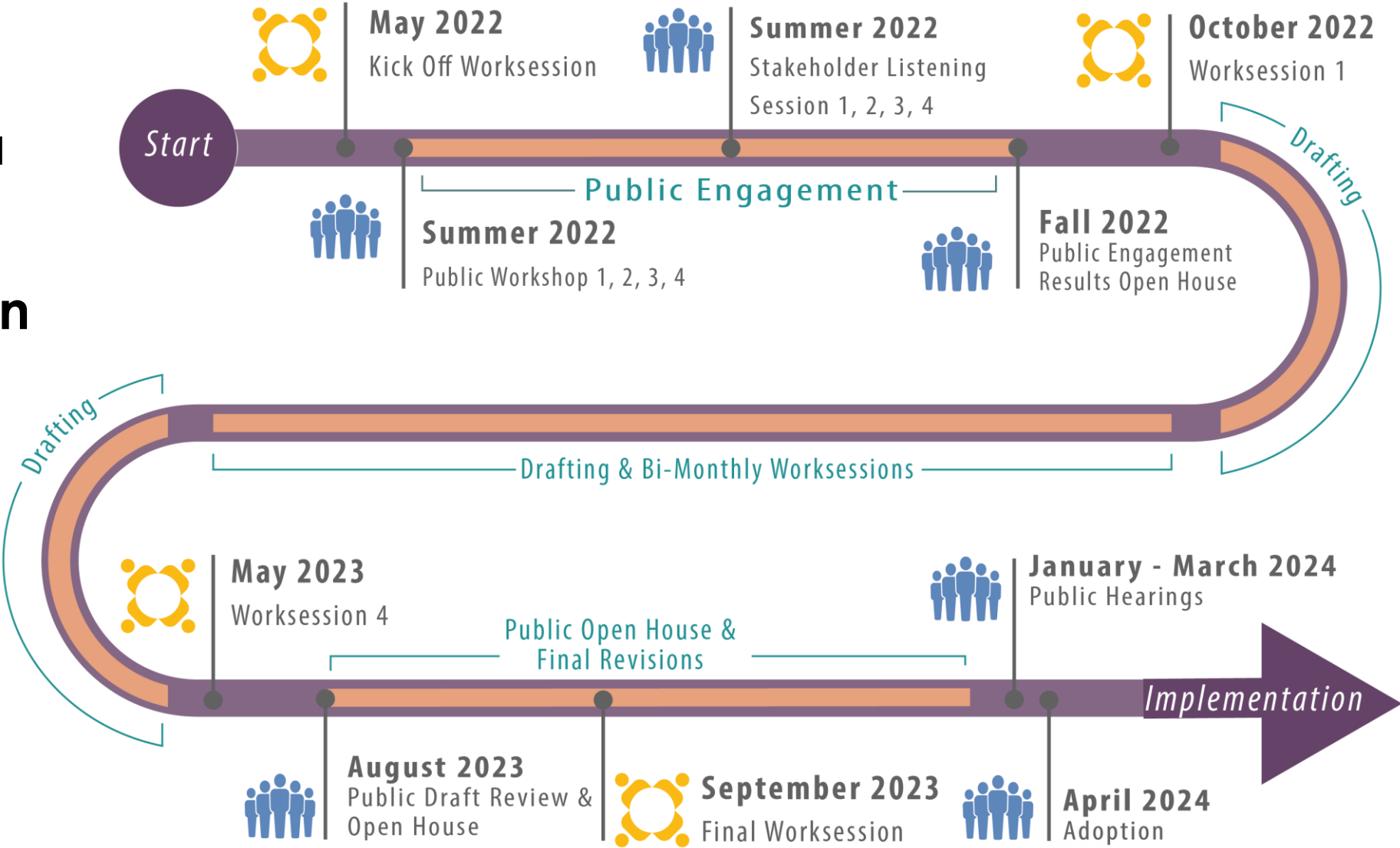
What is Nelson 2042?

- ❑ A community-guided vision for the future of the County
- ❑ The guiding framework for the community's planning tools: Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, Capital Improvements Program, and other Plans & Studies
- ❑ A legally required document by Virginia State Code Section § 15.2-2223



How Was the Plan Updated?

- 1. Gather Data & Input
- 2. Draft the Plan
- 3. Review, Refine, & Adopt
- 4. Implement



How Was the Community Involved?

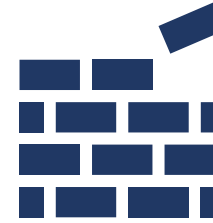
Educate & Inform		Listen & Consult				Receive Feedback		
 <p>Flyers & Guides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Flyers & Postcards •Social Media •CBS 19 News •Nelson County Times •Crozet Gazette 	 <p>Project Website</p> <p>nelson2042.com</p>	 <p>Interactive Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Youth Art Challenge •Describe Nelson in 1 Word <p>Idea Wall</p>	 <p>Public Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •July - August 2022 •Online & Print •885 Responses 	 <p>Public Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •4 Community Workshops •Over 150 participants <p>1 Input Results Forum</p>	 <p>Focus Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •4 Focus Groups •35 different groups or businesses participated 	 <p>Draft Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Chapter drafts posted online •Comment form available for public feedback 	 <p>Public Open House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Draft Plan posted in July •Gather to review and get feedback •Comment form available for public feedback 	 <p>Public Hearing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Comments accepted from Public before adoption consideration
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environment
awesome
welcoming
underserved
tranquil
beautiful
heaven
funtacular
special
improvement
old
serene
quiet
great
agritourism
natural
home
wonderful
scenic
conflicted
lush
relaxing
rural
ripe
unique
different
hug
historic
beauty
unspoiled
friendly
brutal
peaceful
breathtaking
groovy
treasure
pristine
livable
country
community
bucolic
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hot

Key Takeaways from the Community



Rural character & environment considered most valued asset



Any new development should be strategic and not impact rural character



Nelson has a strong sense of community and identity



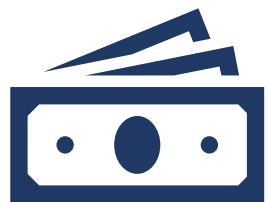
Transportation safety improvements are a top priority



Improving housing choice & quality is a priority focus



Schools & educational opportunities are top priorities for the future

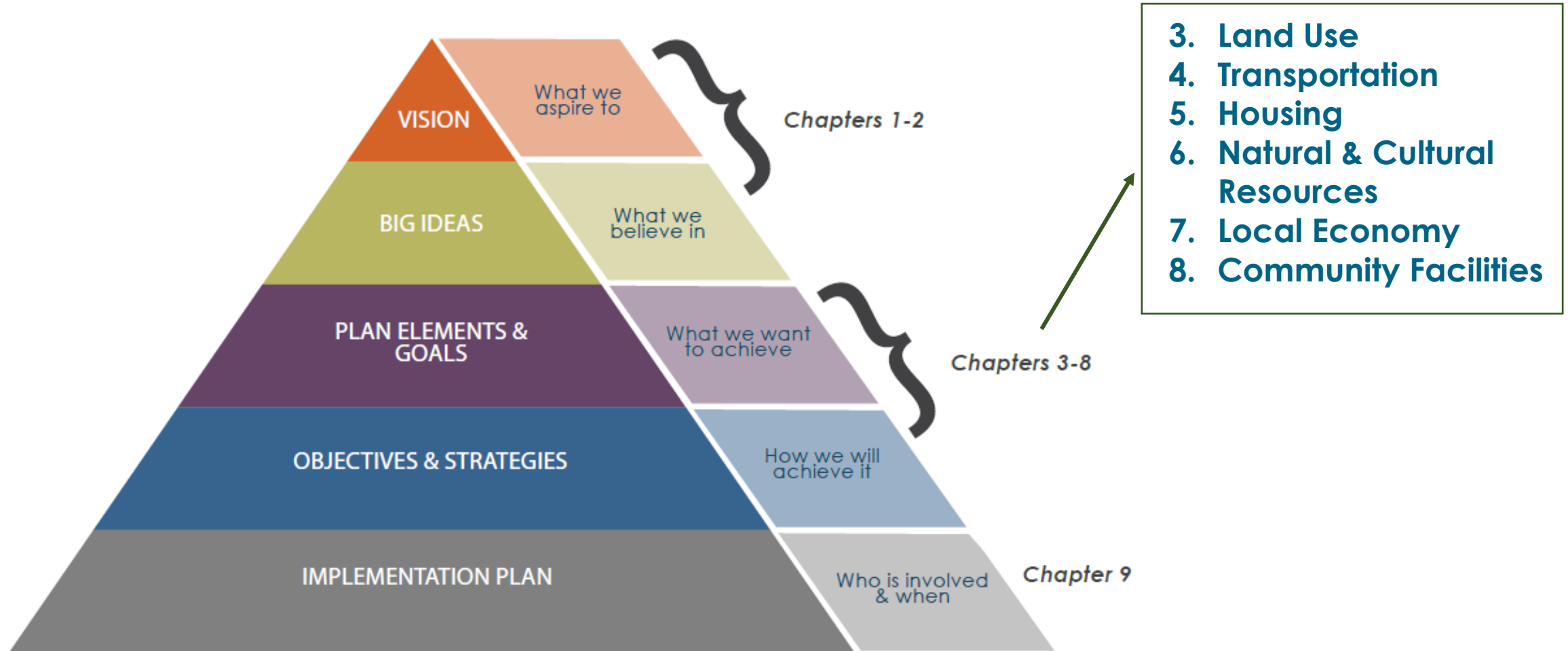


Target commercial & economic growth on the 29 corridor



Improve recreation & alternative transportation

What is in the Comprehensive Plan?





Our Vision

Nelson is a welcoming community that values its natural resources, encourages economic growth, and provides excellent quality of life for all community members.

PLAN +
PROVIDE
EQUITABLY
FOR
EVERYONE

DIVERSIFY +
BOLSTER
THE LOCAL
ECONOMY

THE
BIG
IDEAS

IMPROVE +
EXPAND
VITAL
COMMUNITY
SERVICES

PROTECT +
CONNECT TO
OUR RURAL
ENVIRONMENT





Chapter 3

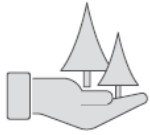
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Shaping Community Character

Our Goal for Shaping Community Character

Nelson County preserves and enhances its rural character and natural resources by creating opportunities for strategic growth to create a stronger, more vibrant, and prosperous community.

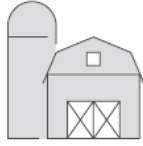
Future Land Use Framework



CONSERVATION & RURAL

Conservation Areas

Rural Areas



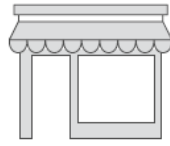
RURAL CENTERS

Rural Destinations

Afton
Massies Mill
Montebello
Roseland
Wingina
Tyro
Rockfish

Rural Villages

Piney River
Gladstone
Schuyler
Shipman
Faber
Arrington



COMMUNITY CENTERS

Nellysford

Lovingston

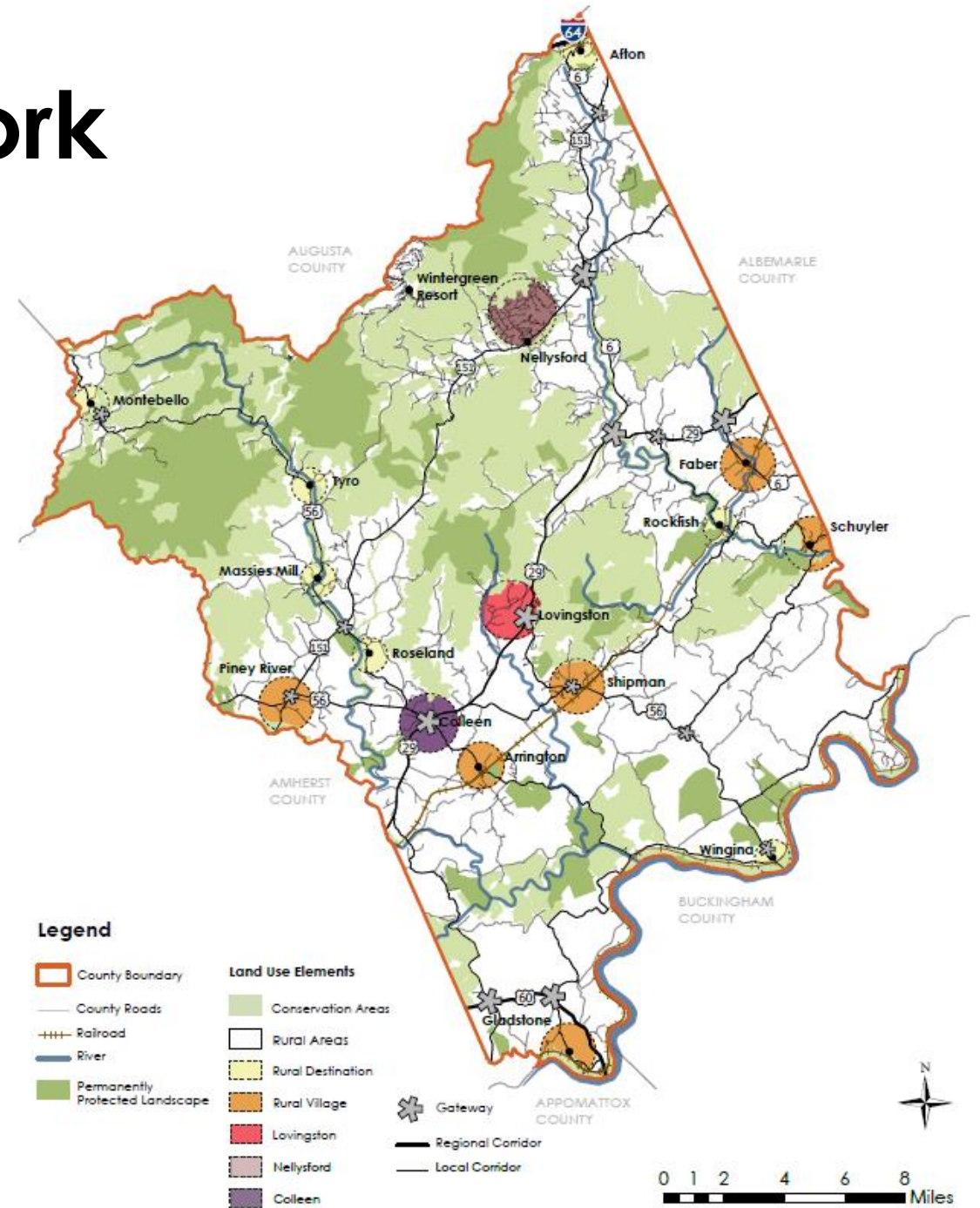
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GATEWAYS & CORRIDORS

Community Gateways


Regional & Local Corridors



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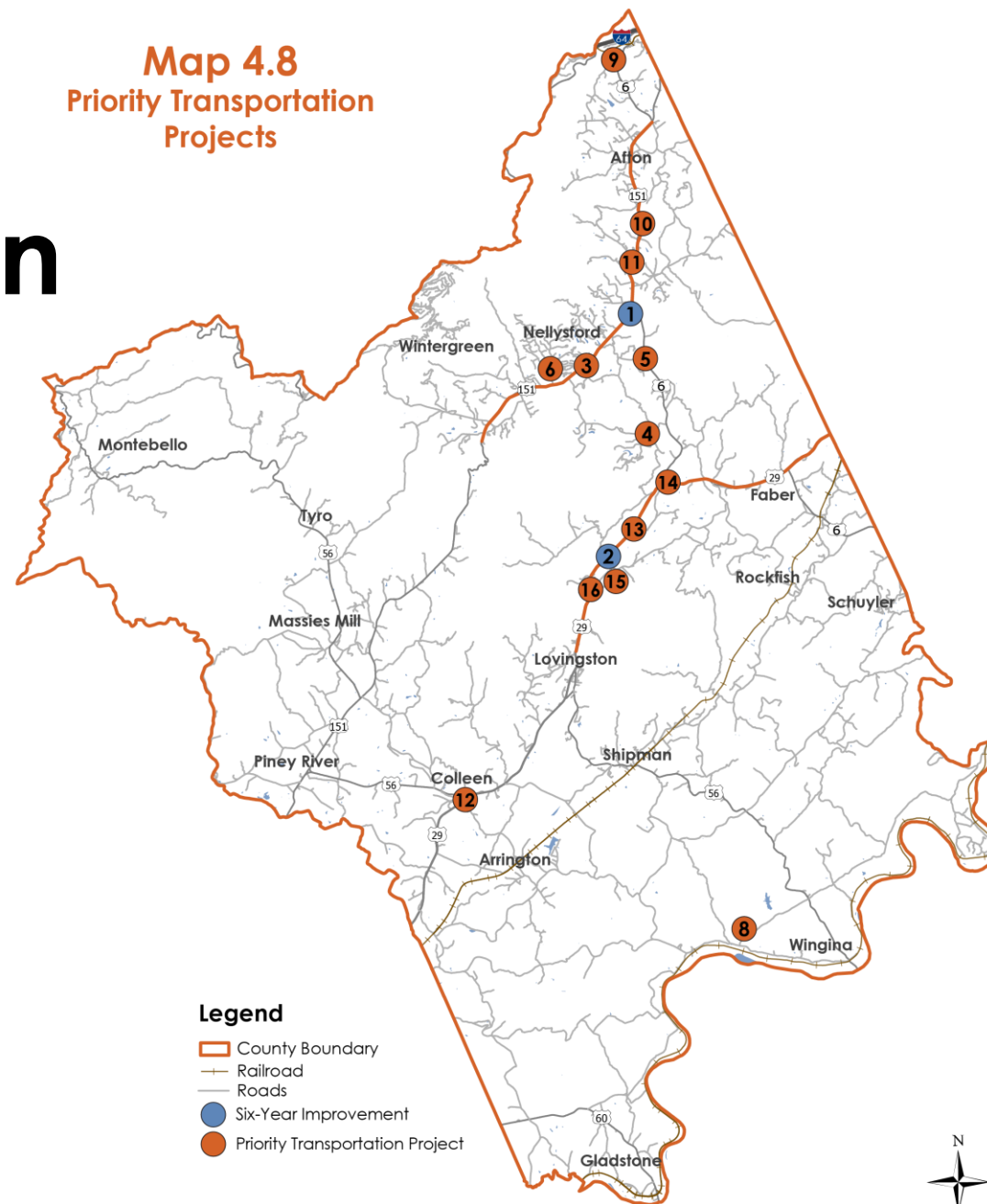
Connecting People and Places



Our Goal
Nelson County
maintains a
transportation
system that provides
a safe and efficient
multimodal network
to connect residents
and visitors to places
they live, work,
recreate, and access
services throughout
the County and
region.

Priority Transportation Projects

Map 4.8
Priority Transportation
Projects



Legend

- County Boundary
- Railroad
- Roads
- Six-Year Improvement
- Priority Transportation Project



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Chapter 5

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Creating Livable Communities

Our Goal

Nelson County strives to ensure the availability of quality housing for residents of all income levels and lifestyles by allowing for a variety of housing options, including affordable and workforce housing, and encouraging rehabilitation of existing vacant units.

Chapter 6

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Protecting Valuable Resources

Our Goal

Nelson County preserves its rural character and agricultural heritage by sustainably protecting and stewarding its natural and historic resources for future generations.

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Creating a Resilient Economy

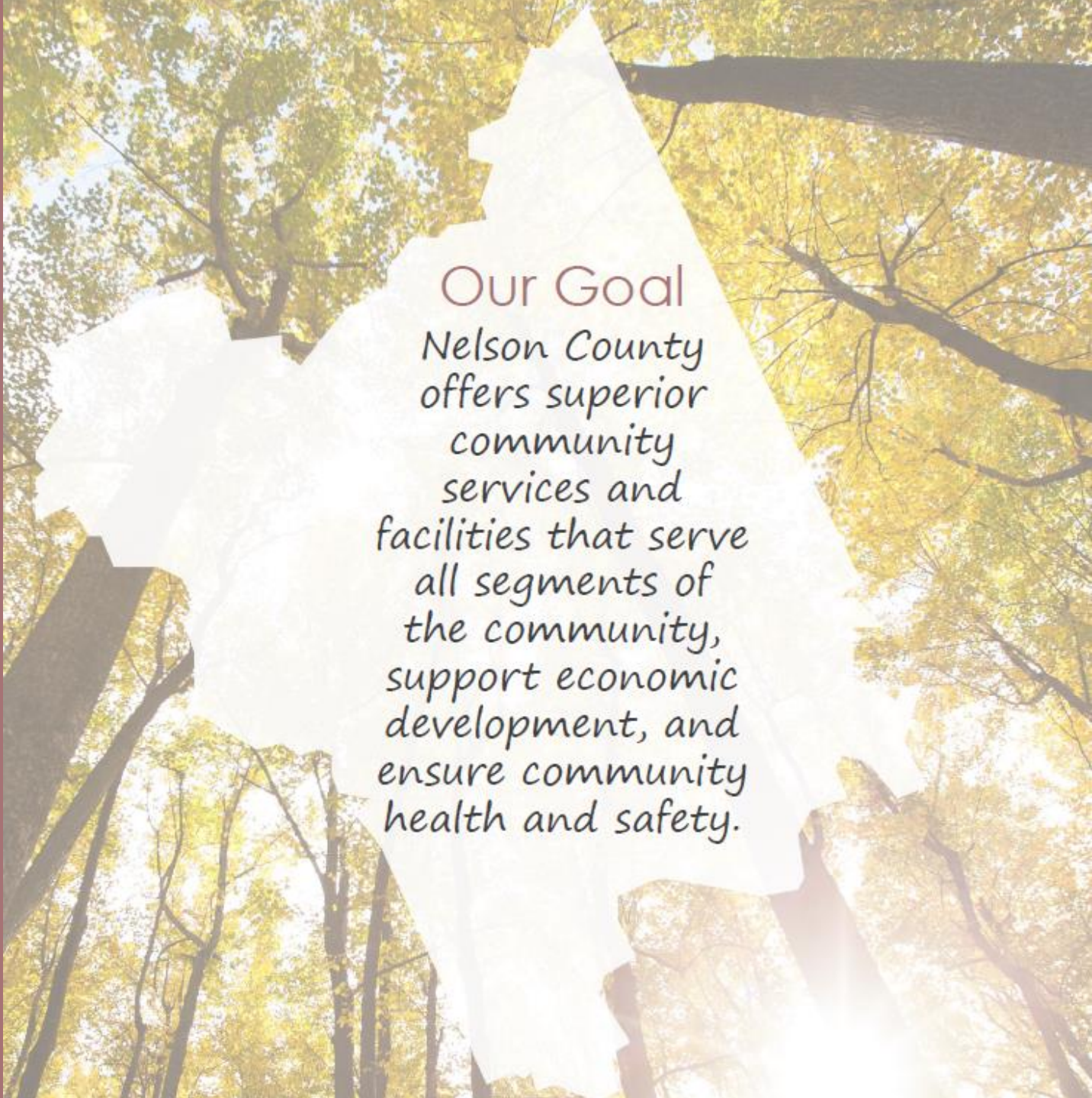
Our Goal

Nelson County creates and maintains a strong, resilient economy that promotes workforce development and diversifies business and tourism opportunities while supporting out agricultural heritage.

Chapter 8

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Serving the Community



Our Goal
Nelson County
offers superior
community
services and
facilities that serve
all segments of
the community,
support economic
development, and
ensure community
health and safety.

Chapter 9

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Implementation



Implementing the Plan



- **Annual Budget**
- **Capital Improvement Plan**
- **Land Use Regulations**
- **Land Use Actions**
- **Intergovernmental Cooperation**
- **Annual Review**

IMPLEMENTATION TYPE

- Regulation Updates and Enforcement
- Programs & Services
- Community Outreach and Education
- Partnerships
- Plans and Studies
- Capital Projects

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY

- Nelson County
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Regional and Institutional Partners
- State and Federal Agencies
- County Citizens

SCHEDULE

- Short-term (1-3 years)
- Mid-term (3-5 years)
- Long-term (5+ years)
- Ongoing

Thank you!

