

Dumfries Town Council 2030 Vision

DUMFRIES “Small Town, Big Difference”

Our Small Town is . . .

- The oldest, continuously chartered Town in Virginia with history in progress
- A pedestrian friendly, accessible, diverse community that provides a safe, inclusive, interactive, and stimulating living environment
- A relaxing, restorative, beautiful, green-minded Town with unmatched community benefits
- A town that truly cares for community, where we work together and neighborliness prevails
- A town that has a creative roadmap to its future

By 2030, our roadmap will include the following:

Nurturing Community

The Town of Dumfries is a community where neighbors care about each other. The Town offers a variety of housing choices for young adults, growing families and empty-nesters. Local shopping, banking, and restaurants enhance our feeling of community. Our citizens enjoy our fine restaurants, activities in our parks and our revitalized “old port.” The spiritual anchor for our community can be found in the many churches in Dumfries and surrounding areas. To live in Dumfries is to experience a rare slice of Americana.

Strong Foundations

The Town of Dumfries has a solid investment in its community. A vibrant Main Street supports a pedestrian friendly shopping district while traffic flows smoothly and effortlessly through and about the Town. Walkers, joggers, and cyclists move easily from place to place while transit provides an alternative for those so inclined. Town buildings present a welcoming visage to citizens and visitors. Public spaces support a host of uses. Underground utilities, attractive street lighting, and appropriate signage and gateways along Main Street and Fraley Boulevard support the pleasing image for all who enter or live here.

People Supporting People

Dumfries cares for its citizens. A wide array of programs and facilities serve the recreational and cultural needs of citizens of all ages. Concerts, festivals, and special events celebrate our community and embrace our rich cultural diversity. Dumfries is ever expanding its family friendly programs. Neighbors care for one another. Our children thrive in a safe and healthy atmosphere. The Town staff provides friendly, accessible, professional and efficient services, supporting the Town’s position as the small town location of choice in Northern Virginia.

Environmental Commitment Enhances Our Beauty

Dumfries and its citizens have a compelling multilevel commitment to the environment, resulting in one of the healthiest and most beautiful small towns in Virginia.

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The Town has taken and continues to maintain a lead role in all matters associated with initiating discussions and organizing stakeholders at all levels to work together to identify specific problems and potential solutions associated with Quantico Creek, Port of Dumfries, Quantico Bay, and its tributaries. Through its highly effective Municipal Separate Storm Water Sewer System (MS-4), the Town maintains strict compliance with all requirements of the federal Clean Water Act. Citizen commitment remains the key to our growing success and recycling programs divert the majority of materials from entering the waste stream and help to protect the Town's environment. Dumfries is "green-certified" by the state and enjoys a leadership role among state and county governments because of our well established environmental commitment.

A Vibrant Business Community

Dumfries remains a business friendly community. Existing businesses have reinvested in their own future in the Town of Dumfries and professional and vibrant storefronts attract residents and visitors to conduct business in the Town. New businesses large and small alike find Dumfries an ideal location in which to operate and grow. Partnerships continue to develop between the Town and its business community, stimulating growth and prosperity for all.

Come Play in Dumfries; Come Stay in Dumfries

The Town offers a wide range of programs, events and services directed at providing opportunities for our youth, seniors, and the citizenry at large to enjoy the experience of staying and playing in Dumfries. A highly regarded and sought after internship program offers our youth the opportunity to see the workings of local government from an inside view and gives them the opportunity to participate in several functions of government. In addition, the Town has a summer youth employment program that provides the opportunity for meaningful part-time summer employment that builds confidence and skills that will allow participants to successfully compete in the job market as they get older. The citizens of Dumfries are proud of its diversity and inclusiveness that encourage active participation of all its peoples.

Progressive History Continues to Develop

Dumfries, Virginia's first chartered Town, continues to enhance its rich cultural traditions. Dumfries is a destination point for local area residents and visitors to the Northern Virginia area. Among the attractions in the 1,000 acres making up the Town are the Weems-Botts Museum, the Henderson House, and the Williams Ordinary as well as Civil War encampments, and the Dumfries Cemetery containing gravesites from the late 1600s. The Dumfries wharf area, which during its heyday was the second largest tobacco seaport on the east coast, is included in a fantastic Town walking tour. The quaint shops along Main Street stand ready to surprise every shopper looking for bargains. The Town's creative website provides a virtual experience that entreats visitors to understand our history and the progressive opportunities and rich quality of life that is afforded our residents. Oral histories collected from generations of Town residents are another source of local history. It's a safe bet that you'll better understand our nation's future by examining Dumfries' evolving past.

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