

Hopewell City Council Vision

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Hopewell is a thriving community which values education and employment opportunities for all citizens. The citizen driven government ensures community safety and enjoys a positive image as a regional leader.

Business Friendly Community

In 2030, Hopewell is an historic, diverse, business friendly community that has a balanced economy serving local, regional and global needs. Our solid infrastructure embraces a region with growing military, industrial, retail, residential, and recreational components. Our workforce development and educational links bring a broad variety of government, corporate, retail, and leisure opportunities.

History from the Beginning

Residents and visitors alike can take a walk through history along the James and Appomattox Rivers to our Plantations, Museums and Churches. Our historical heritage is preserved from pre-Colonial, Colonial, Civil War and the Industrial eras. Travel from Native American settlements through the Colonial and Civil War times to the Modern Era, experiencing the resilience of our community over time. From the second settlement after Jamestown and the longest continuously occupied English-speaking settlement in America, our community reflects our diverse heritage. Visit our downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods that represent our early industrial history. The relatively small population of Hopewell is surprisingly diverse. In our early, intensely industrial years, immigrants from many different countries flocked to Hopewell for employment. The influence of their diverse cultural backgrounds is a lively presence in today's Hopewell community.

Our Two Rivers

Our City is a destination point where you can enjoy a small town, friendly atmosphere, fine dining, shopping, entertainment, recreational activities, and boating opportunities. The Rivers were key to the early settlement and industrial boom and continue to serve as a Gateway and economic stimulus for our Region. We have a blend of history, industry and recreation with our abundance of water. The beauty of our River Walk and nature trails with soaring eagles and natural beauty provides relaxation and fun-filled recreation for our residents and visitors alike. A healthy

environment and healthy physical activity are the product of the community's careful stewardship of its rivers as well as its community and are visible expressions of our unique character.

A Clean, Green City and Leader in the Renewable Energy Industry

Hopewell has a legacy of industries partnering with the city in environmental stewardship. Industries employ the most modern processes for clean industry and serve a global economy. Our leading technology for clean water and air quality, along with our implementation of green policies in citizens' daily lives as well as in our industries, earns the City the highest scores for Green Government. We are known for our proactive research and development in the alternative fuels industry, enabling us to meet the state's expanding demand for renewable energy with our barley ethanol plant and algae bio-fuel industries.

Thriving Middle Class

Hopewell is a progressive city with a thriving middle class community that has a positive self-image. Our housing is affordable and energy efficient. Your professional and empty nester have ample choices from smaller, easily managed homes and yards to maintenance-free townhouses and apartments set in our downtown and neighborhood community.

Families enjoy friendly neighborhoods that are safe and protected with nearby parks and recreational areas. Residents find shopping areas within walking distance, creating an enjoyable, healthy lifestyle for all ages. Hospitals and medical facilities are clustered next to our downtown. Public transportation is available with links to neighboring communities.

Our neighborhood schools provide quality education as well as excellent extra-curricular activities. These are complimented by arts programs such as our community theater activities, concerts, and touring theaters, along with Outdoor Productions at our River Front Park. Hopewell has an excellent quality of life for a reasonable amount of money, affording our residents a less stressful and more enjoyable lifestyle.