

## Glossary and Acronyms

The following are provided as a reference for the Comprehensive Plan.

<i><b>A</b></i>	
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act (see description)
AFDC-FC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
Affordable Housing	Housing affordable to families with incomes at or below 70% of the area median income, provided that the occupant pays more than 30% of gross income, including utility costs
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)	Provided civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities and guaranteed them equal opportunity in public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services, and telecommunications
Arterial Street	Road that connects outer suburban communities with the central part of a community
<i><b>B</b></i>	
Best Management Practices (BMP)	Practices considered to be the most effective and practicable with regard to technical, economic, and organization concerns
Block Park	See Vest Park
BMP	Best Management Practices (see description)
Broadband Communication System	Data transmission medium capable of handling a wide range of data transmission frequencies or channels at the same, e.g., cable TV, Digital Subscriber Line (DSL), etc. service and may be used for online computer communications, e.g., via the Internet
Buffer	A physical barrier or designated open space that moderates the influence different land uses has on another. For example; trees and yard space intentionally placed separating a commercial building from a housing community to the reduce noise and visual impacts
Bureau of the Census	The Census Bureau, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, conducts censuses of population and housing every 10 years and of agriculture, business, governments, manufacturers, mineral industries, and transportation at 5-year intervals. In cooperation with BLS, the Census Bureau also conducts the monthly Current Population Survey. Information from this survey is the source of unemployment statistics
<i><b>C</b></i>	
Capital Improvements Program (CIP)	The CIP is the scheduling of public physical improvements over a specified period of time. The CIP is an important device to assist in the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.

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Census	An enumeration of the population of a given area at a particular time. Besides counting people, censuses also collect information on age, sex, and race of individuals, family incomes, housing, and other characteristics. See Bureau of the Census
CERT	Citizen Emergency Response Team
CGAs	Critical Ground Water Areas
Charette	French for "cart," comes from intensive three-day painting sessions, in which French art students would have to duplicate master works in three days as a test. Urban legend says that on the third day, the master painter would ride by with a horse cart, and the students would have to throw their work into the cart for a grade, no matter if they'd finished
CIP	Capital Improvements Program (see description)
Closed Loop Water Distribution System	A water distribution system whereby pipes connect to each other so that any given location, water service may be provided from more than one direction if the service should be disrupted from a given direction
Collector Streets	Roads designed to carry moderate flows of traffic from arterial streets to local roads
Community Park	Community Parks are larger recreation parks designed to serve urban and rural residents and include a wider range of equipment and facilities
Commuter	One who travels regularly from one place to another, for example between a home in a suburb and a job in the city
Commuting Patterns	A labor market concept that refers to worker flows between municipalities and/or counties. Data representing commuting patterns is collected through the decennial census and is available for larger municipalities and counties; measures include the number of workers that travel to jobs between municipalities, counties, and states. Data on commuting patterns can reveal the most economically developed areas, such as those that draw large amounts of labor, or they may reveal the need for economic development, such as those counties that export large amounts of labor
Comprehensive Plan	A plan which establishes the goals and objectives for the Cities development, and guides future decisions on land use, transportation, public facilities, economics, resource protection, housing, human services, and recreation. State law requires a Comprehensive Plan to be reviewed every five years
CPTED	Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
CSA	Confederate States of America
CUP	Conditional Use Permit (see description)
<b>D</b>	
DARE	Drug Abuse Resistance Education
Demographics	Statistics characterizing human populations, or samples of human population broken down by race, gender, etc

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<i>E</i>	
Easement	An interest in real property that is held by someone other than the owner that limits the property to a specific use or condition
Employed Persons	Those individuals who are 16 years of age and over who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th day of the month, or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-owned business, and individuals who were temporarily absent from their jobs due to illness, bad weather, vacation, labor dispute, or personal reasons. Excluded are persons whose only activity consists of work around the house and volunteer work for religious, charitable, and similar organizations
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
<i>F</i>	
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
Floodplain	A floodplain is land along a natural drainage way that is subject to continuous or periodic inundation or flooding
Future Land Use	Land Use development style and intensity recommended for an area to achieve the Comprehensive Plan's long-range vision
Fiscal Year	Business Year for the City
FY	Fiscal Year (see description)
<i>G</i>	
Geographic Information System (GIS)	A computer based system for the capture, storage, analysis and display of spatial data. It uses advanced mapping capabilities that allow attractive, informative, and interactive maps to be displayed
GIS	Geographic Information System (see description)
Goals	General policy statements of what the City of Manassas Park, as a community would like to achieve
<i>H</i>	
HOA	Homeowner Association
Household	As defined by the Census Bureau, all persons who occupy a housing unit, room or group of rooms intended for occupancy as separate living quarters and having either a separate entrance or complete cooking facilities for the exclusive use of the occupants
HUD	Housing and Urban Development (U.S. Department of)
<i>I</i>	
I&I	Inflow and Infiltration (see description)
Income	Total amount of money earned by an individual from all sources
Inflow and Infiltration	I&I (or I and I) – Inflow and infiltration (alternatively infiltration and inflow) storm water results from leaks in the sanitary sewer pipelines and manholes permitting storm and other sources of water to enter into the sanitary sewer.
IT	Information Technology

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<i>L</i>	
LF	Linear feet, a measure of distance
<i>M</i>	
(Washington) Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)	The Bureau of Census designation for the metropolitan region that includes Manassas Park. It also includes the District of Columbia; Montgomery, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and Frederick Counties, Maryland; the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas; and, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford Counties, Virginia
Median Income	The middle value in a distribution of numbers. For example, half of all families have an income greater than the median family income, and half of all families have an income lower than the median
MGD	Millions Gallons a Day
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area (see description)
MWCoG	Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
<i>N</i>	
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
Neighborhood Parks	Neighborhood Parks are relatively small local parks designed to serve densely populated areas that include specialized equipment and facilities
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NPDES	US Environmental Protection Agency's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRVC	Northern Virginia Regional Commission
<i>O</i>	
Objectives	Specific benchmarks of progress that serve to support a respective goal. These often include strategies that should be considered if Manassas Park is to take positive steps towards its desired future
Open Space	The Virginia Open Space Land Act defines "open-space land" as any land which is provided or preserved for (i) park or recreation purposes, (ii) conservation of land or other natural resources, (iii) historic or scenic purposes, (iv) assisting in the shaping of the character, direction, and timing of community development, or (v) wetlands as defined in §28.2-1300. [The Virginia Open Space Land Act, Va. Code Ann. §§ 10.1-1700 through -1705 (Michie 1998)]
<i>P</i>	
PCAC	Park Center Advisory Committee
Per Capita Personal Income	The annual total personal income of individuals from all sources--wage and salary disbursements, other labor income, proprietors' income, rental income, dividends, personal interest income, and transfer payments--minus personal contributions for social security insurance, divided by resident population as of July 1
PRTC	Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission

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Public Facilities	Facilities that are required to support the services and functions provided by the County government or public utility companies. Such facilities are essential to support the community and its development and to enhance the overall quality of life. Public facilities include such necessities as water and sewer lines, drainage and storm water management facilities, and police and fire protection, as well as educational, recreational and cultural services
Proffer	A development plan and/or written condition, which, when offered voluntarily by an owner and accepted by the Board of Supervisors, becomes a legally binding part of the regulations of the zoning district pertaining to the property in question. Proffers, or proffered conditions, must be considered by the Planning Commission and submitted by an owner in writing prior to the Governing Body public hearing on a rezoning application, and thereafter may be modified only by an application and hearing process similar to that required of a rezoning application
<b>R</b>	
Redevelopment	Development activity generally characterized by clearance of existing structures and new construction. The new development may be the same type of land use, or a new type, but it is usually at a higher level of intensity or density than that it replaces
Regional Park	Regional Parks are large parks designed to serve a wide geographic area with a diverse range of equipment and facilities
Revitalization	The renewal and improvement of older commercial and residential areas through any of a series of actions or programs that encourage and facilitate private and public investment. This community investment can include (but is not limited to) activities and programs designed to improve neighborhoods; strengthen existing businesses; attract new businesses; encourage quality renovation and new construction; enhance public spaces and pedestrian amenities; ensure safe, efficient and convenient traffic flow; and contribute to the social and economic vitality of the area
RPA	(Chesapeake Bay) Resource Protection Area
<b>S</b>	
Smart Growth	Aimed at ensuring neighborhoods, towns, and regions accommodate growth in ways that are economically sound, environmentally responsible, and supportive of community livability - growth that enhances quality of life over the long term
Special Use Parks	Special Use Parks are highly specialized parks designed to serve the entire City with unique facilities and activities, such as marinas, historic areas, recreation centers, golf courses, equestrian facilities, greenway and equestrian trails, and similar facilities
SIP	State Implementation Plan

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Stormwater Retention (or detention) pond	A water collection basin for managing stormwater runoff. The pond may be “dry” (retains water for a limited time, e.g., 3 days) or “wet” (water is always present)
<b>T</b>	
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
Transitional Uses	Land uses of an intermediate intensity between a more intensive and less intensive use ( <i>i.e., locating an office building between a residential use and a business</i> ). Land uses of this type act as a buffer between two land uses with their purpose being to preclude the more intensive uses from “creeping” into the less intensive zone
<b>U</b>	
Unemployment	Occurs when any of the factors of production (labor, land, capital, and entrepreneurship) are not employed in production of goods and services. Unemployment occurs when labor, a factor of production, is not being fully utilized to due to the unavailability of suitable jobs. It is strictly defined as a situation where people who are willing and able to work cannot find employment
Unemployment Rate	The number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labor force. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate eliminates the influence of regularly recurring seasonal fluctuations which can be ascribed to weather, crop-growing cycles, holidays, vacations, regular industry model changeover periods, etc., and therefore, more clearly shows the underlying basic trend of unemployment
UOSA	Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority
<b>V</b>	
VDOT	Virginia Department of Transportation
Vest (Block) Parks	Also known as ‘mini-parks’, they are a subcategory of neighborhood parks and take advantage odd-sized parcels of land, vary in size and serve neighborhoods by providing open space and play areas
VIEW	Virginia’s Initiative for Employment
Virginia DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality
Virginia Railway Express (VRE)	Commuter rail service in the Southern Railway and Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac rail corridors
Virginia’s Outdoor Plan	Virginia’s guide to all the levels of government and the private sector that endeavor to meet the conservation, outdoor recreation, and open space needs of Virginia
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
VOP	Virginia’s Outdoor Plan (see description)
VRE	Virginia Railway Express (see description)
VRSAF	Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund
<b>W</b>	
Wages	Consist of earnings before payroll deductions, including production bonuses, incentive earnings, commissions and cost-of-living adjustment

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<i>Z</i>	
Zoning Ordinance	The legislative process/document by which a local government classifies land within the community into areas and districts referred to as zones. Zoning regulates building and structure dimensions, design, placement, and use. Requirements vary from district to district, but they must be uniform within districts