Quality of Life Chapter

Vision:

Chesapeake will create a sought-after community by providing superior educational institutions, enhancing services and amenities that make for strong, livable neighborhoods, and protecting the historic, cultural and natural characteristics that make this City unique.

Introduction:

“Quality of Life” means many things to many people. For the purpose of Chesapeake’s Comprehensive Plan, quality of life is defined as both citizen perception of the built environment—the appeal and livability of our urban, suburban, and rural communities, historic districts, and employment centers—and as the adequacy and quality of services provided to residents. These services include education, parks and recreation, libraries, police and fire protection, mental health services, and cultural facilities. Quality of life indicators define Chesapeake as a city and evoke a sense of community and belonging.

Quality of Life issues are those that impact where people want to live, work, and play and are important factors for cities to promote in a competitive marketplace. More than anything else, an outstanding quality of life both attracts new residents and employers and convinces those already here to remain. People want to reside in a community that is both safe and suited to their lifestyles. Employers require the stability that comes from being able to locate and grow in areas where their employees are happy to live. Visitors desire authentic experiences where they can savor genuine beauty and enjoy distinctive activities.

The Quality of Life Chapter encompasses sections on Design, Education, Public Facilities and Services (Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Libraries, Human Services, Community Services Board), Parks and Recreation, Historic Resources, and Cultural Facilities.