

imagineVB Glossary

Acronyms

- **AICUZ:** Air Installations Compatibility Use Zones. A system established with the Navy to regulate uses and structures that conflict with military operations. Regulations appear in Article 18 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- **APZ-1/Clear Zone:** Accident Potential Zone and Clear Zone. APZs identify areas where an aircraft mishap is most likely to occur. The Clear Zone extends 3,000 feet beyond the runway and carries the highest risk.
- **ARP:** Agricultural Reserve Program. A City program that preserves local farmland by purchasing development rights.
- **EOSF:** Environmental and Open Space Framework. A proposed plan to study citywide stormwater, sea level rise, wildlife, and open-space needs.
- **FEMA:** Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- **HRI:** Heat Risk Index.
- **HRT:** Hampton Roads Transit.
- **ITA:** Interfacility Traffic Area. An area between NAS Oceana and NALF Fentress with high noise contours, subject to additional planning and regulation.
- **JLUS:** Joint Land Use Study. A planning process intended to reduce land use conflicts between military installations and surrounding communities. In Virginia Beach, this work usually involves coordination with the Navy/Department of Defense, along with regional partners.
- **LEED:** Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. A certification program maintained by the U.S. Green Building Council to guide building and site design that improves energy efficiency, lifecycle performance, carbon outputs, occupant health, and transportation choices.
- **LID:** Low-impact design.
- **MHHW:** Mean Higher High Water. The average height of the highest daily high tide.
- **NALF:** Naval Auxiliary Landing Field.
- **NAS:** Naval Air Station.
- **SEGAs:** Special Economic Growth Areas. Planning Areas around Naval Air Station Oceana with design guidelines that support diverse, strategic, and emerging industries.
- **SGA:** Strategic Growth Area. A designated area with custom plans used to focus and guide growth in the City. First defined by the City in the early 2000s.
- **SLR:** Sea Level Rise.
- **TIF:** Tax Increment Financing. A financing technique in which a portion of the property-tax revenue generated by new development in a designated district pays for public infrastructure and improvements.
- **TMDL:** Total Maximum Daily Load. A regulatory system that measures and manages the total quantity of a pollutant a specific waterbody can receive while meeting water-quality standards.
- **VMT:** Vehicle Miles Traveled. The total distance a vehicle travels during a trip or over a roadway segment, usually measured per day for a corridor or area.

Conceptual Terms

- **Adopted by Reference Plan:** A document endorsed or incorporated by the City Council that is separate from the Comprehensive Plan or the Code of Ordinances.
- **Attainable Housing:** Housing that costs a household no more than 30 percent of gross income for combined housing expenses. In imagineVB, this term is used interchangeably with “affordable housing, and also encompasses “affordable homes”.
- **Rural Area Boundary (Blue Line):** The boundary marking the outer limit for City sewer and water service.
- **Center Core Zone:** The interior area of a designated Center with the highest density and intensity.
- **Center Edge Zone:** The external area of a designated Center, outside the Core Zone, with lower density and intensity. It supports a transition from the Core Zone to adjacent areas and Place Types.
- **Center:** A Place Type used to guide compact, mixed-use, walkable, rollable, and transit-oriented development.
- **Community Hub:** A Place Type that supports compact, walkable places with convenient access for nearby neighborhoods.
- **Context Area:** A system of four citywide designations (Inland, Coastal, Courthouse, Rural) that capture the City’s major contiguous landscapes. These areas are defined by the Green Line, Rural Area Boundary (Blue Line), and a Coastal-Inland boundary.
- **Corridor:** A linear route, usually a transportation route, and the area adjacent to it. In imagineVB, the types include City Multimodal, Regional Multimodal, Rural, or Freight. This term is distinct from Wildlife Corridors.
- **Density:** The concentration of housing units in an area, usually measured in dwelling units per acre.
- **Freight Corridor:** A transportation route that provides safe and direct freight access to Industrial and Logistics Place Types.
- **Green Infrastructure:** Infrastructure that relies on natural systems rather than entirely artificial ones.
- **Green Line:** The boundary marking the transition between urbanized areas and rural or agricultural areas.
- **Guideline:** A non-binding recommendation.
- **Infill Development:** Development on vacant or underused land within already built-up areas where infrastructure and utilities exist.
- **Intensity:** The concentration of commercial, institutional, or industrial uses, usually measured in floor-area ratio.
- **Light Pollution:** Excessive artificial light that causes sky glow, glare, light trespass, and reduced nighttime visibility.
- **Linear Park / Active Transportation System:** A proposed system of public pathways for active transportation, such as biking, rolling, and walking, providing park-like connectivity for the public between areas where they live, work and play.
- **Living Shorelines:** A shoreline-management practice relies on natural coastal processes for erosion control and other benefits.
- **Multimodal Corridor:** A transportation route that provides safe and convenient access for vehicles, transit, walking, and cycling to and from Centers.
- **Noise Pollution:** Disruptive sound that interferes with daily activities and reduces quality of life.
- **Place Types:** Designations that convey the character, function, and development pattern of different settings across the City.

- **Planning Area:** An area of the City with plans and policies distinct from Place Types and with strategic or cultural importance.
- **Redevelopment:** Replacing or upgrading older buildings or sites to meet current needs.
- **Rural Corridor:** A transportation route that provides farm-to-market access and connections to Rural Villages and other destinations.
- **Urban Tree Canopy:** The area of the City covered by leaves, branches, and tree trunks when viewed from above.
- **Wildlife Corridor:** Undeveloped areas that form paths connecting habitats that wildlife can safely traverse.