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## Come to the forum and help determine what's in 5-year Capital Improvement Plan

**Nov. 24, 2014** – Help determine Hampton's priorities for capital projects – and have some fun in the process – by participating in a Dec. 9 public forum on the city's Capital Improvement Plan.

Like the game of Monopoly - where players use colorful play money to buy or enhance desirable properties - residents can use color-coded "coupons" to pick the projects that they think will best serve the city.

The Capital Improvement plan is a five-year schedule for maintenance of public property, master plan initiatives, neighborhood support, education, economic development and other major improvements in Hampton.

The first year of the plan becomes a part of the city manager's recommended budget each year. The four remaining years are used by city officials and planners as guidelines and goals for the future. Although recommended by the city manager, the Capital Improvement Plan – like the yearly budget - has to be approved by City Council.

During the forum, residents will first learn about the capital improvement process and projects. Then they'll get a chance to use the color-coded coupons to show support for projects that are not currently in the approved funding plan. Residents will be able to select priorities in several categories, including:

- Economic Development/master plans/neighborhoods
- Maintenance of existing facilities/parks/schools;
- Public safety
- Streets and infrastructure
- Waterways
- New or greatly expanded facilities

In addition, wild card coupons can be used to support any project in any area. Finally, residents can write in projects if they want to see something that's not on the list of proposals.

Information from the forum, scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. at Kecoughtan High School, will help City Manager Mary Bunting and her staff prioritize projects and submit spending recommendations to City Council.

For more information on Hampton's Capital Improvement Plan, and to see the most recent plan approved by City Council, go to [www.hampton.gov/budget](http://www.hampton.gov/budget).

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