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### **Introduction**

The phrase “Fail to plan then plan to fail” summarizes the Town of Smithfield’s commitment during the past two decades to prepare our small but growing community for future generations. Smithfield should be proud of its initiative and proactive stance in planning for the future of the town, and working to protect and enhance our community character. The exhaustive work of the Planning Commission in developing this plan is noteworthy. Former chairman Daniel Smith and Director of Planning, Engineering and Public Works William Hopkins deserve our special recognition for their leadership roles. The Cox Company, our consultant, helped us every step of the way. Thank you!

Peter M. Stephenson, AICP  
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This plan is dedicated to honor the memory of Daniel Smith, the long time Mayor and Planning Commission Chair in the Town of Smithfield, who passed from this life in 2008. Danny’s contributions to the Town’s planning efforts over the past fifteen years have been nothing short of remarkable. His leadership in the development of the Town’s two most recent Comprehensive Planning efforts, as well as the introduction of a new Zoning Ordinance has been absolutely essential to the successful introduction and implementation of modern planning tools in the Town. It is simply hard to fathom how the Town could have possibly implemented all that it has over the past decade without his wise counsel and valuable insights into what makes Smithfield, and the area “Between the Bridges”, the unique community that it has been and continues to be. Danny Smith will be deeply missed in Smithfield. We hope that this Plan represents an important part of his legacy to the community.

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