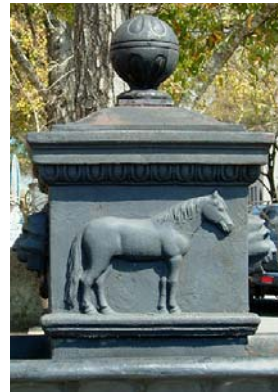


2020 Vision



In the year 2020, the City of Wilmington, North Carolina will be recognized as one of the eastern seaboard's most livable waterfront cities—a leading jewel of the mid-Atlantic region. Located downtown in a walkable, energized, and culturally rich environment, businesses, tourists and residents will live, work, learn, and play in a mixed-use downtown extending in a fine-grained pattern from bridge to bridge. This coexistence will create a dynamic synergy of uses that is reflective of Wilmington's past and worthy of its future. Residing downtown will be perceived as a highly desirable option for people of all types who wish to experience the global and cultural vibrancy, diversity, and creative sense of place that will characterize Wilmington's lively downtown waterfront.

To plan is human, to implement is divine.