Phase One: Visioning

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How well does the Guiding Principle below capture your vision for the future of Crozet's CHARACTER?



233 respondents



Traffic gridlock is not compatible with "small town feel" 17 days ago

Development that overwhelms existing/planned infrastructure is not compatible in scale or design with small town character. These seem like empty words without a mechanism to force developers to fund and build sufficient infrastructure and any effort by the county to ensure developers keep any promises they make in the planning process. 4 days ago

I think the "small town" aspect already is on an irreversible path to disappearing. Instead, Crozet rapidly is becoming just a modestsized suburb.

4 days ago

The statement is awesome but I already see the "small town feel" starting to transition into NOVA-type suburban feel. Alb county should take immediate steps to slow growth in the Crozet area to slow down or stop this progression. 7 days ago



I would like to see something about nature-compatible development. And the current development we're getting already breaks with the small-town character.

7 days ago

7 days ago



Buildable property and spaces are becoming less and less, so even though we have a direction economics may to some degree determine the final product.



I think one thing that would strengthen the language would be to add the words "and its natural setting" to the end of the statement. In addition to history, Crozet's unique natural setting is a key part of its character and one that should help to drive development decisions going forward. Natural setting impacts development in Crozet in a number of ways, including the prevalence of stream buffers and the impact of slopes and buildable area on building density. And respecting natural setting in development decisions also means respecting our mountain view sheds--one of Crozet's most important natural resources and defining features, as evidenced by the 2017 survey. Leaving out references to small town feel leaves out a crucial part of Crozet's unique identity--and a major factor that should help guide development decision-making under this part of the Master Plan. 10 days ago

The goal has value, but the execution keeps missing. If there are not mixed use-pedestrian friendly places, then it's just bedrooms. Similarly, roundabouts at major intersections are the last way to keep cars flowing and prevent big city gridlock. Along with a cap on numbers of people living in one place eh?

40% Accurately reflects my vision
 28% Very accurately reflects my vision
 21% Somewhat reflects my vision
 10% Does not reflect my vision

10 Agree

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1 Agree

11 days ago



Healthy, diverse, safe are all words I would have reflect the community in which I live.



I spent my growing up years in Northern Virginia where residents were (and are) plagued by issues of gridlock, bumper to bumper traffic, overcrowded schools, and overdevelopment of housing, leading to the aforementioned issues. Seeing the issues get worse from my childhood to teenage years, I chose to get out of Northern Virginia as soon as I had the opportunity to move out on my own, and came to Crozet for relief from a stressful, crowded locality. If new construction keeps going at the rate it currently is, we will soon face the same problems and become a replica of Northern Virginia. So instead of a peaceful small town, it will become a nightmare town.

12 days ago

The horse has left the barn with the recent construction in Old Trail which is inconsistent with the architecture of the area.

There have been no infrastructure upgrades to support the rapid growth in the region

The stoplights at Henley need to be reprogrammed to flashing lights outside of school hours so that traffic on 250 can continue rather than being held up for a light that was triggered by one car. The programming would revert to standard operation if a vehicle was standing at the light for an extended period.

12 days ago



With all the growth, my hopes are that we will have schools to handle the influx of new families. We also need more sidewalks and bike paths. Maybe this can be achieved if the builders chipped in so we can have these necessities 12 days ago



Crozet is too homogenous and the builders are not building for a small-town feel. They are builidng for a rich suburb. i suppose the guiding principle is fine, but our action steps need to reflect it. 12 days ago



We do not have a diverse community- that should change. Affordable housing and perhaps a guiding principle that states we value and welcome all. 12 days ago 1 Agree



we need to add language that the master plan does not support rezonings to high density once schools hit a certain % over enrollment. There has to be language that allows a pause while infrastructure catches up with actual growth. County is too out of step with this



Too bad our county planners don't share the same vision. Too much growth too fast. Schools are overcrowded with insufficient planning in place. Where are the bike lanes and traffic calming measures? Crozet was a wasteland where few people wanted to live. Now it's becoming an overpopulated waste of a good opportunity to create a well-planned community. 13 days ago



Need walking paths/sidewalks in Crozet along Park Rd and Tabor and along Crozet Ave and 250 for kids to walk/bike to school 1 Agree 13 days ago



Vision sounds great but what's actually happening is vastly different. I don't know who is more unhinged - developers who are destroying "small town" feel by building more housing on every square inch of land, or the Supervisors who are permitting it (kickbacks?). The south end of Old Trail Drive now rivals a Los Angeles freeway - and they're building even more new homes. That planet-sized apartment building (first thing you see upon entry) is so huge and foreboding that it sucks the natural light out of the surrounding area. Driving past it, you feel like you're in a tunnel. Henceforth it should be know as what it is: The Monstrosity. Have any of the developers tried to leave Old Trail during morning rush, headed for 250? How many cycles of the signals are people willing to wait? Just wait until The Monstrosity gets full of tenants. 13 days ago

2 Agree



What "small town" character? Did you move here within the last year? 14 days ago



Developers are out of control. The blatant destruction of the surrounding forestland and historical homes is completely antithetical to Crozet's character. 3 Agree

14 days ago

The apartment buldings going up in Old Trail are the antithesis of "small town." BTW, Old Trial needs its own elementary school and a park with real recreational amenities.

14 days ago

Schools should also have a " small town" feel. Crozet Elementary is about the right size and should NOT be expanded. Brownsville needs to be split in half immediately. There needs to be another one maybe two elementary schools to handle projected growth. 14 days ago



Preserve mountain views. Also, I feel that developers should not be allowed to clear cut forest when creating new developments. Developers should work with existing natural forest and features. Large older trees and natural terrain should be saved as much as possible.

14 days ago

2 Agree



I agree, and to supplement that, developers should use native plants in their developments so that at least some of that impacted habitat will be restored.



design. Many of these elements were promised as part of the Old Trail development but have been eroded over time. 14 days ago

No matter how long we have lived here. Most of us moved here when Crozet pretty accurately met our desires as a town. So all of us probably wish Crozet would stay the way it was when we moved here. 14 days ago



I feel the housing is exploding too quickly, especially in Old Trail. More thoughtful consideration to the schools in the area. Western is bursting at the seams, parking and traffic are dangerous, etc. What is the plan to accommodate the growth in the community and schools? I think we should consider making the current middle school building an elementary, the high school the middle school, and build a new High School?! Need to fill vacant business places with quality small mom/pop businesses (bagel, donut, deli, art/jewelry/women's clothing, outfitter store). NO MORE CHAIN Restaurants or Businesses. 15 days ago



would like to see limited commercial development that includes necessary services and shops to avoid trips to C'ville and W'boro 15 days ago 1 Agree



Do something to manage the traffic. A small town feel is not preserved by inadequate infrastructure to manage traffic. 15 days ago 2 Agree



I'd like to see something more specific about affordable housing.	
15 days ago	1 Agree



However, the developers have had ABSOLUTELY no respect for the greatest resource in our town...nature. 15 days ago



2 Agree



Our small town needs to offer enough local business options to reduce the urge/need to run to Waynesboro or Charlottesville every 15 days ago

1 Agree



It's a little late to be asking about development. Too much has taken place already.



Should be more entertainment venues. Not everyone in Crozet has a family to care for... not all rich & raising kids. 15 days ago





spaces, gathering places. 16 days ago







Croze t is not a small town and will never be one again. We need affordable housing which means density. 16 days ago



Respect for native Crozet residents and their history is being bulldozed figuratively and literally. Where's the small library by the railroad track now? Oh that's right, it's a travel stop.

16 days ago



It's a place to learn about local outdoor options and also a place to buy local artists' creations. I love it, and I also loved the little library.



Afraid of agreeing to offering all types housing options if that means more dense housing as too much dense housing is o schools and taking away from views and park like setting. 17 days ago	crowding the (€) 1 Agree
Traffic seems like the main obstacle, along with affordability of everything - housing, goods, services, etc.	
The hope of having train service with bike and dog access would be the ultimate peace de resistance! 17 days ago	€ 6 Agree

14 Agree



88

There enough housing units in Old Trail. Just stop already. 17 days ago



No issue for me. 14 days ago



"Small town" implies "not urban sprawl" and I still think we are not doing enough in terms of walkability and the dominance of vehicular traffic. 7 Agree 17 days ago

What topics should be discussed when developing the CHARACTER chapter of the Master Plan?

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72% appropriate design and scale		128 🗸	
47% rural edges		83 🗸	
44% mixed-use activity centers		79 🗸	
42% housing variety and choice		74 🗸	
34% placemaking, arts, and culture		61 🗸	
A town "center" that becomes/is the central focus or gathering place for the community & is highlighted by small, locally-owned businesses (not chains!). 4 days ago			
Walking and biking trails/paths should b 5 days ago	e added.	1 Agree	
Making sure we do not have any add'l la 7 days ago	arge, multi-story (4 or more) complexes that	block the beautiful views in our community. (1) 2 Agree	
In terms of placemaking, arts, and culture, we should be promoting and encouraging public art, like the murals currently on display by the Crozet Market and under the railroad crossing.			
10 days ago		1 Agree	
Natural setting and preservation of natural resources as part of development. I realize this is also covered in the Conservation portion of the Master Plan. But natural setting is so critical to Crozet's identity that it should be included in multiple places.			
10 days ago		⑦ 1 Agree	
inspiring public places (in short supply) The new apt complex has nothing to sha	ent friendly. Great design on housing and sm bring people together like in european town are other than bedscourtyards and parks a ed tooit's the details that make a great tow	nsthe sidewalk soup for sale is a great example. and even an art center would have saved	
11 days ago		① 1 Agree	
		e of native plants in landscaping, and avoiding pollinator and wildlife habitat into development	



If we want "small town" shops and businesses, then allow for them with affordable rents and renovated buildings. Make it affordable for people to open up viable businesses here. 13 days ago





What will make Crozet truly unique? What will attract employers and employees to want to come to Crozet? 14 days ago



An active cultural component in a community adds to its health and vibrance and can be a powerful community organizing principle. There are already plenty of retail centers; let Crozet be unique in its plentiful artistic offerings! 1 Agree 14 days ago



Improved traffic plans. Preservation of natural vistas. 14 days ago

2 Agree



Arts & Cultural assets are such an important part of a community. The arts enrich our lives and have a positive economic impact by bringing visitors to our area, our shops, our restaurants, etc. Would like to see widespread support for establishing Crozet as a destination for arts and culture.



How well does the Guiding Principle below capture your vision for the future of CONNECTIVITY in Crozet?





177 respondents





Use a term other than "multimodal transportation" & is immediately evident what is meant! No one says or uses "multimodal" in their every day language.

4 days ago

Crozet has an opportunity to improve existing multimodal transportation at a very reasonable cost by upgrading existing trails and incorporating execution of the 2010 trails plan with all new construction. This approach compares to newly concrete 10 feet wide shared palths according to VDOT which costs about a million dollars a mile.

7 days ago



yes, all must be involved. cars are like beds. they are purely utilitarian so we should reach better place.... 11 days ago



multimodal means..... 11 days ago



If we are going to have so much growth, we need to also include sidewalks and bike paths. 12 days ago



Because you use the words continue - there is no emphasis on sidewalks or adding them in areas where they never existed - RR ave to Mint Springs Valley Park is prime example. Almost impossible to walk or run on this road. 13 days ago



Good in principle. Need more sidewalks and wider roads so bike lanes can be properly implemented. Sharing a narrow road just creates congestion.

13 days ago



Simple premise: Every street should have a sidewalk within Crozet's growth area!!

we need more sidewalks for people to walk around Crozet safely. Very few areas have sidewalks besides Old Trail. Park Rd, Tabor, Crozet Ave, 250...these all need safe sidewalks or bike paths.



Vehemently object to any effort or measure that encourages the use of pavement intended primarily for motor vehicles to be legally usable by bicycles, pedestrians, runners, joggers, dog-walkers, etc. If you don't have an internal combustion engine, get OUT of the road! Use the sidewalks! I dont drive on the sidewalk, why do you get to use my road?

13 days ago

13 days ago



Cannot create a "multimodal transportation network" when the roads do not support what we have now. 14 days ago



Current infrastructure has not kept up with development. Traffic is awful. This should be addressed before anymore development is approved. 14 days ago ① 1 Agree



14 days ago

kids walking along 240 to get there. Not safe!

It was great to take a ride in Tony and see autonomous cars being created and used in Crozet. 14 days ago 'that is safe and accessible for all residents, regardless of age, race, income, and ability"...and minimizes automobile traffic and congestion. 15 days ago Multimodal transportation is great but we need to recognize that cars will continue to grow. So we need the roads to support the cars, buses and trucks, not just hope the other modes will replace the cars. A round about at the bottom of Jarmans Gap would be helpful.... 15 days ago Walkability and bike trails should be paramount. Bus service to town is a good start to reduce traffic. 15 days ago 1 Agree Doesn't address the traffic issue regarding the DQ intersection. 15 days ago Having those Tony electric autonomous shuttles driving around would be nice for getting around and delivering food from local restaurants. 15 days ago 4 Agree Expansion of the autonomous shuttle service would be a wonderful way to support a local business and connect the area. 16 days ago 2 Agree

Please safely connect the eastern neighborhoods (western ridge, The Highlands, Wickham Pond) with downtown. I see people and

can't believe there isn't connectivity between Old Trail and the elementary and middle schools as far as walking paths and a second way out other than 250. Isn't that a safety issue, if God forbid, something happens at the school? 16 days ago
3 Agree



Again, the housing is getting ahead of the road system. 16 days ago



Pursue use of rail and re-establish the depot for commuters to Cville. 16 days ago



Need to improve and widen many roads to improve traffic. Create more connections between neighborhoods to ease traffic on main roads. Build sidewalks and bike paths along 240 and 250. 16 days ago
(1 Agree)



3 Agree

2 Agree



opportunities to walk and bike from 240 to downtown...the trails are nicely connected and the volunteers do a great job, but the sidewalks and bike spaces are not safe to bike in various places.

16 days ago

3 Agree







If you don't have housing that is safe and accessible for all residents, regardless of age, race, income, and ability, moving them around won't matter much.



I responded to walkabilitity issues in the questions above--careful consideration and balance of traffic, and de-emphasizing cars is a huge, but important challenge. Cars and the need to make space for them run counter to all the goals here (as much as I like my own cars).

17 days ago

1 Agree



Expanded demarcation of shared use on roadways from Ped X-zings to bike lanes and "share rows" painted bike icons on tarmac 17 days ago



The inter-relationship between the different modes needs to be explored and exploded 17 days ago

What topics should be discussed when developing the CONNECT	TIVITY chapter of the Master Plan?	
66% safety and access for all users	101 🗸	
58% local and regional transit	89 🗸	
50% network connectivity	77 🗸	
There needs to be improved road and parking infrastructure consistent with the in 5 days ago	ncreased development.	
Again, walking/biking paths/trails should be an important part of connectivity. 5 days ago	(€ 1 Agree	
Roads for cars are only a start. Think bikes and pedestrians and then you are crea further.	ting somethinginclude park trails and going even	
I think the trails should be paved to make them more accessible for all users (strol 12 days ago	llers, etc). Also, more sidewalks downtown.	
impacts on subdivisions (i.e. Cory Farm). If we connect Eastern Avenue through Cory Farm, I would hope other improvements like sidewalks, etc. are made so that Little Fox Lane is not cut off by mass traffic when it's used as a cut through. Also, would recommend moving the cut through to an area closer to Liberty Hall to connect through or to the shops. 12 days ago		
A quick read of the back and forth in the comment section reminds me why our to 13 days ago	own is in trouble moving forward.	
let's get some sidewalks/bike paths for kids to get to school other than using the b 13 days ago	ous or a ride from a parent.	
Parking. Safe, narrow streets. Recent streets built in Crozet are way to wide!		
Safe ways to walk/ride to our breweries, wineries and orchards	1 Agree	



Sidewalks, sidewalks sidewalks. Bike paths!

Side walk, bike paths, developing alternatives to all the traffic piling up at the 250 light at Western in Old Trail. 15 days ago

3 Agree





Increasing sidewalks, bike lanes and greenways should be included.

1 Agree



Promoting pedestrian usage- Crozet could be extremely walkable if the sidewalks were improved, increased in number, and sensibly connected 3 Agree 15 days ago



Having more Tony shuttles and ones going into Charlottesville. 15 days ago

We need transit alternatives. A thriving autonomous shuttle service would put us on the national map as problem solv our local community get around more easily without cars.	vers and help
16 days ago	2 Agree
Glorified golf carts are not safe for on-road use. Zero crash protection from vehicles sharing the road. Now if the lanes 13 days ago	y had their own
Wouldn't have been on the road if the state of VA hadn't deemed it safe and legal. It meets all federal safet low speed vehicles. 13 days ago	y standards for
Include walking and bike transportation within this category.	⑦ 1 Agree
Would love connectivity to greenways from the north side of town 16 days ago	⑦ 1 Agree
We need more bike trails. I fear for their safety. 16 days ago	⑦ 1 Agree
Find new ways to use the existing rail line to Charlottesville (and extend eventually to Waynesboro). We need transit al	ternatives not
dependant on 250 or I-64. 16 days ago	9 Agree
Sidewalks and bike paths to better access downtown from neighborhoods in 240	⊕5 Agree
Trails and sidewalks for walkability/cyclists. Automobiles are not the only form of connectivity.	 4 Agree
Roar Fork Transit Authority - an example of how the city, county, and UVa should work together to find good mass tran next 20 years 17 days ago	nsit over the



●1 Agree

How well does the Guiding Principle below capture your vision for the future of CONSERVATION in Crozet?



44% Very accurately reflects my vision 42% Accurately reflects my vision 10% Somewhat reflects my vision 3% Does not reflect my vision

181 respondents



Developers have zero regard for community infrastructure issues which their overdevelopment foments. days ago

8 Agree
 8
 4



I don't think you can enhance natural beauty by building more infrastructure into it. That infrastructure allows access to the natural beauty but it doesn't actually make it more beautiful. Also not clear to me how more infrastructure would support natural resource conservation. I think this proposed statement is the murkiest.

7 days ago

The language at the start of this principle should read "Preserve and enhance Crozet's natural beauty..." This is both a recognition of Crozet's current and abundant natural resources and also puts the idea of preservation front-and-center. Much of what is currently written in this principle is about actively doing stuff--"enhancing" nature with trails, parks, and gathering spaces. Those are laudable goals and should be encouraged. But conservation is also about *not* doing stuff--not removing excessive forest land, not impacting view sheds and streams. That is equally important to the idea of conservation and deserves an equal spot in the language of this principle. 1 Agree

10 days ago



I support but need to do better! traffic and development are rampant. 11 days ago



The master plan should take inspiration from the County's new Biodiversity Action Plan, including encouraging (requiring?) 80% native plants , and disallow removal of intermittent streams. It should also emphasize Low Impact Development design, like making sure parking islands have curbcuts to allow stormwater in, and minimizing impervious surface. 11 days ago



Trails should be more accessible for all users -- make them wider and pave them. Also, need more trail access points around Westlake.

12 days ago



Can we pause building houses/apartments/townhouses as fast as possible and ACTUALLY do this please? 13 days ago



Instead of worrying about our parks being integrated, let's work on getting our neighborhoods integrated with the addition of safe walking paths/sidewalks

13 days ago



Outdoor recreation should be a major theme in Crozet. We need a zip line an ropes course! 14 days ago





 \geq Focus on creation of bicycling/walking trails that connect Crozet to both Charlottesville and Waynesboro. 14 days ago



More attention needs to be paid to reducing/eliminating the use of chemicals that threaten pollinators 15 days ago



What topics should be discussed when developing the CONSERVATION chapter of the Master Plan?

66%	natural resource conservation and sustainability	111 🗸
65%	trail & greenway connectivity	108 🗸



access to r	ural and	regional	amenities
		-0	

51 🗸

GUIDING PRINCIPLE: Provide strategic & timely support for community partnerships, local economic development, policy changes, and capital investments to support a changing Crozet.



164 respondents



Improved intersection coming from Crozet Ave. turning onto 250 near Brownsville Elem. Also a longer right-hand turn lane into Brownsville/Henley. 6 days ago



The county needs to make this investment to improve connectivity to and from Crozet. 7 days ago

The principle could be strengthened by specifically including transportation and education projects as the types of capital investments that are particular in greatest need at this time in Crozet's development and will likely to continue to be over the next decade.

10 days ago

1 Agree



The community needs to think of a goal and make new things (like the space in downtown crozet shine). lost opportunities are just that so a fight for the best is part of life....legacy will thank you. 11 days ago



No more Riverbend developments!!!! 13 days ago



Again, good vision, but not what's happening. Greedy developers are buildnig housing at warp speed, yet the infrastructure is ignored. 13 days ago



 We need local employers with robust job opportunities for resodents

 14 days ago



Incentives and fostering local business lifts all boats. 15 days ago

Although t available t 16 days ago

Although the small town feel is important, we have to recognize that the community is growing and we need use every resource available to develop commercial properties that retain the small town feel.

3 Agree



I agree that working with the roads we have and betterment of those is key. If you focus on adding the roundabouts to ease traffic congestion as well as adding an alternative for folks to get around town (i.e. trails and sidewalks), that will naturally lead to less congestion.

17 days ago

3 Agree



Looks like in comments below there's a push for more and more roads--I think this is exactly what will ruin the community. I would love to see ideas on how we can find ways to work with the roads we have or build roads smartly--grid patterns, peripheral park--how do denser cities handle this (downtown philly, downtown boston), how can we take inspiration from that here?

17 days ago

3 Agree



More roads are necessary as long more houses are being built. The roads into Crozet from the East side (park area) are only going to get more crowded.







Zoning changes need to occur to facilitate economic development

What topics should be discussed when developing the IMPLEMENTATION chapter of the Master Plan?

60% zoning & policy updates	97 🗸
51% capital improvements	82 🗸
50% project prioritization	80 🗸
45% economic development initiatives	72 🗸
39% community partnerships	62 🗸



Based on current priorities connectivity will need to be done with private/community partnerships. 7 days ago



Economic development should focus both on encouraging primary businesses (large, central employers with a physical presence in Crozet) and on facilitating conditions for those who work remotely in Crozet. This is an amazing community, and we should be enticing workers in all types of sectors who work remotely. Those who could do their work from just about anywhere, but they *choose* to make their homes in Crozet because of its high quality of life and its remote-working-friendly spaces and amenities.

This section of the Master Plan should also highlight the unique and out-sized role of Crozet's community organizations in helping to shape community decision-making. Aside from its natural beauty, perhaps nothing is as central to Crozet's identity as its spirit of community involvement (as evidenced by the Trails Crew, Crozet Park, CCAC, CCA, CVFD, etc.) 10 days ago



Limits plus a vision. Copy great towns in europe. it can be done....create gathering places...LIBRARY is GOOD. ROOFTOP is nice but one needs to be able to walk and explore and discover - pocket parks....and art..and greenways and smart intersections (roundabouts and landscaping) and connectivity thru rural trails...

11 days ago

1 Agree

timelines and I am not sure how it works to approve builder permits etc. so i freely admit that. however, when i lived in northern va, builders often had to build schools as part of the agreement when approving a project. Could we try something like that if we are not already? I know some logistical things were considered with Old Trail ie larger lanes, but even that didn't seem to materialize to be all that was outlined in the plan.

12 days ago



revisit a third school in central part of the growth area. It was what the community asked for and needs and was in the original Master Plan - it needs to be asked for again. Its a key part of walkability and reducing traffic and small towns! 13 days ago 1 Agree



New Homestay regs need to be relaxed! They will cripple middle class families and local businesses. 13 days ago



How all this is going to be paid for. 14 days ago



Hold the line on property taxes for people who have resided here for x number of years..Make developers pay for infrastructure







🔺 I feel there should be some consideration given to moving power lines underground in older existing communities(Laurel Hills, St. George Ave, etc) to reduce the number of power outages due to wind, snow and ice. 14 days ago

2 Agree



Prioritize dealing with traffic--roundabouts, lights, alternative routes to Cville. 15 days ago



17 days ago