

IMAGINE CROZET

Community Workshop #1 Feedback Summary

The Crozet Master Plan Update kicked off on Monday, September 9th with the first Community Workshop! Over 120 community members came out to Western Albemarle High School to share their thoughts on Crozet's future.

Here's a brief summary of everything we heard!



Why Crozet?

There are a number of reasons why people choose to call Crozet home!

The top themes we heard were:

Crozetians value their *sense of community* - as shown through their community involvement and institution.

Crozetians value Crozet's *natural and scenic beauty* and access to *parks and outdoor recreational activities*.

Crozetians value their *"small town feel"* with a close relationship to its surrounding *rural areas*, farms, and of course - wineries and breweries.

Crozetians value their *family-friendly community* and the *local schools*.



Hopes and Concerns

We received almost 200 sticky notes describing hopes and concerns for Crozet's future!

Some of our top Hopes included:

Retaining Crozet's *"small town feel"*.

A fully *connected* community supporting *all transportation types*.

A *vibrant Downtown* supporting *local jobs and businesses*, with increased retail and services for residents.

Preserving *natural resources* and encouraging *sustainability*.

Some of our top Concerns included:

Providing *infrastructure concurrent with growth* - especially for *schools* and *traffic* conditions.

Losing Crozet's *"small town feel"*.

Providing a *mix of housing types and prices* for Crozet residents to ensure *housing affordability* and *socioeconomic diversity*.



2010 Vision & Guiding Principles

102 participants let us know their thoughts on the 2010 Master Plan's Vision & Guiding Principles.

We heard these concepts were working well:

- Preserving Crozet's "small town feel".
- Trails and greenways linking important centers.
- Creating a vibrant Downtown with a top-notch Library.

We heard these concepts weren't working so well:

- Providing infrastructure concurrent with growth.
- Creating local jobs and supporting small businesses - and managing the cost of living in Crozet, including housing.
- Connecting neighborhoods and making sure all parts of Crozet are walkable and bikeable.

We heard these concepts are missing:

- Language addressing concurrency of infrastructure.
- Addressing economic development and space for local businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Addressing emerging transit options and reducing automobile dependency.

We heard a few comments or questions about what may no longer be applicable today:

- "Industries that support county, state, and nation" language in the Vision.
- The current language for neighborhood preservation may not be as clear for newer neighborhoods.

We heard these concepts are still relevant:

We asked participants to rate how they felt the 2010 Master Plan's Guiding Principles reflected the community's current values (although we think some responses focused on the principle's effectiveness), where 1 means "Strongly Disagree" and 5 means "Strongly Agree".

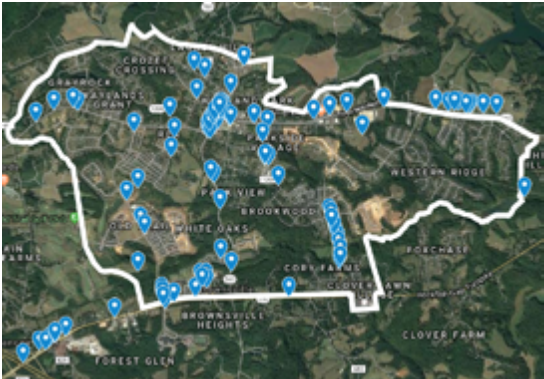
Existing neighborhoods and the Downtown area will be preserved; new or infill development will be appropriate in scale and type to these existing growth patterns.	4.13
Multiple transportation options and multimodal infrastructure will be provided to support access throughout the community. Pedestrian and bicycle options should be provided for as alternative transportation choices.	4.11
The housing stock in Crozet should continue to provide choices in affordability and building types, as it attracts people from many social and economic backgrounds.	3.82
Locally grown businesses are supported for their contributions in providing both jobs and an enhanced quality of life for residents.	4.27
Crozet values and will protect its natural resource assets through a variety of cultivation, recreation, and conservation efforts.	4.32
Crozet will continue to encourage a sense of community through its history, diverse activities, institutions, and interests.	4.47
Community facilities and services must accommodate the changing needs of the community as it grows over time.	4.23

What's One Thing You Would Change Today?

167 participants let us know one thing they would change today - including specific places, existing conditions, and policies!

Some of the top changes we heard included:

- Resolving traffic congestion near Old Trail Drive and Brownsville/Henley/Western Albemarle, as well as Downtown.
- Constructing planned connectivity improvements such as Eastern Avenue and bicycle & pedestrian facilities, particularly for the Wickham Pond and Highlands neighborhoods.
- Resolving existing school capacity issues.
- Creating protections for historic neighborhoods and limiting development of fringe areas.



A number of participants let us know exactly where they would change one thing today! Click on the map to check out an interactive Google Map version with their responses.

Want to learn more?

We're only getting started with the Master Plan! Please stay in touch for more information how you can join the conversation, including upcoming events.

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