

Chapter 2 Vision Statement & Guiding Principles

The visioning process was the first step toward recognizing the community's desires for Crozet and setting the direction for the Master Plan. The vision builds on existing planning work and on County policy, such as the Neighborhood Model. Residents and property owners developed the vision as well as the seven guiding principles, which capture what is most important for Crozet and what Crozet residents value most about their community.

Vision

Crozet is and will continue to be a small town with a “small town feel.” It will have distinct neighborhoods, a historic downtown area, and industries that support the County, state, and nation. Downtown will be a vibrant place with a library, employment area, shops, and housing. Parks and open space will be key features of the community. Trails and greenways will link other important centers to provide ways for people to walk and bicycle throughout the community.

Guiding Principles

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Locally grown businesses are supported for their contributions in providing both jobs and an enhanced quality of life for residents.
5. Crozet values and will protect its natural resource assets through a variety of cultivation, recreation, and conservation efforts.
6. Crozet will continue to encourage a sense of community through its history, diverse activities, institutions, and interests.
7. Community facilities and services must accommodate the changing needs of the community as it grows over time.