

# THE CROZET MASTER PLAN – TAKING SHAPE IN THE CROZET COMMUNITY



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## Old Crozet School Reuse Study Community Workshop – Your Ideas are Needed!

On **June 19, 20 & 21** at Western Albemarle High School, Albemarle County will be holding a series of community workshop activities for the Crozet community to identify potential new uses for the Old Crozet School building and site, as identified in the Crozet Master Plan. The workshop will offer some new and varied ways for you to participate, so we encourage you to look over the schedule and choose any or all of the activities that interest you. The community process for the Old School Reuse Study is being guided by a committee of Crozet citizens and County staff. The County has retained PMA Planners + Architects to conduct the study. Recommendations from the final report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration as a possible future project to be included in the County's capital budget.

**Next Steps:** After the study is completed later this summer, the report will be available to the community for review prior to being presented to the Board of Supervisors for future consideration.

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## Mark Your Calendar— OLD CROZET SCHOOL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES:

**June 19, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Opening Presentation and Goals Work Session**

*The kick-off participatory work session with citizens to collect ideas for re-using the Old Crozet School building and site.*

**June 20, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Community Workshop Open House Day 1**

**June 21, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Community Workshop Open House Day 2**

*For Open House Days, drop-in anytime during the day to work with the design team to develop concepts for the school building and site. Onsite interviews with the design team can be arranged by contacting 757-303-8922.*

**June 21, 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Concluding Presentation of Concepts**

### REMEMBER:

You can also send your ideas through  
our web comment form on:  
[www.albemarle.org/oldschool](http://www.albemarle.org/oldschool).

## Western Park Master Plan Update

**Coming Soon!** A new public community park for Crozet, located off of Route 250 in Old Trail. The development of the Western Park Master Plan is underway and will be ready for presentation to the Crozet Community later this summer. The Crozet community has already had significant input into the plan through the March 25 community workshop, activities with local high school students, County website comment forms, mail-in comment cards, and meetings with local community groups. Overwhelmingly, the community has identified their priorities for the park as maximizing the beautiful natural areas on the property and developing trails and boardwalks for enjoying those natural areas, including the spectacular views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Community members have also suggested additional features for the park such as picnic areas and other amenities. The Western Park Master

Plan Committee, made up of a group of Crozet citizens and County staff, has been guiding the process. The County has retained local landscape architects Rieley and Associates to develop the Western Park Master Plan.

**Next Steps:** The development of the park amenities will be a phased process, completed in conjunction with available capital funding. The first phase of park development is scheduled for 2010. Ultimately, the 35.8-acre park will be connected to sensitive natural systems and link neighborhoods to downtown and other areas in Crozet and the region.

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## **Crozet Library Project Update**

One of the centerpiece projects for Crozet is the construction of a new library in the heart of downtown to provide a focal point for community activity and expanded opportunities for economic vitality for existing and new downtown businesses. The new facility will serve as the public library for Crozet and the western Albemarle County service area, and also is envisioned in the Crozet Master Plan as a critical public investment to anchor downtown activity and, along with other projects like the streetscape project, to catalyze private sector investment in downtown Crozet. A steering committee including Crozet

residents has been appointed by the Board of Supervisors to work with county staff and the project consultant to finalize a schematic design for the library in the next 5 – 6 months, and the public will have significant opportunities to be involved in the schematic design process as it proceeds.

**Next Steps:** Schematic design to be completed by Fall, 2008

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## **Historic Resources Study**

Part of Crozet's special character comes from the many historic properties in the area. The community places a high value on the historic nature of the area, and the Crozet Master Plan includes a recommendation to establish a National Register Historic District in Crozet. In response to this community priority, Albemarle County, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and the Piedmont Environmental Council partnered to fund the Crozet Historic Resources Study. As part of the study, the County hired Arcadia Preservation, LLC, to conduct a survey of approximately 300 Crozet properties.

The properties have been documented, and the consultant has identified a historic district boundary. In March 2008 the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) reviewed the documentation and determined that the Crozet Historic District is eligible for listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. This determination of eligibility means that the community can proceed with the next step of listing the historic district in the registers, if it chooses. That step includes additional research, documentation and review. The Crozet Historic Resources Study also includes a Strategies report, a draft of which is currently under review by the County and VDHR. The preparation of final study documents and recommendations is scheduled for completion this summer and will be made available to the public at that time.

**Next Steps:** Presentation of Final Report, Fall 2008

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## **Streetscape Project Phase 2**



The Crozet Master Plan envisions a thriving and accessible downtown Crozet environment supported by a main thoroughfare that encourages economic vitality and healthy activity. The Downtown Crozet Streetscape Project Phase 2 focuses on creating that thoroughfare through pedestrian-friendly improvements like sidewalks, landscaping, crosswalks and lighting along Crozet Avenue from just south of the CSX railroad underpass to Tabor Street. The project also begins the construction of the new Main Street that will provide access to the Crozet library. The Streetscape Project Phase 2 is an essential step in achieving the goals of the master plan by improving pedestrian connectivity within downtown Crozet, providing economic benefits and increased vitality for business owners, balancing the needs of all users including vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists, and aesthetically

enhancing the entry way and main thoroughfare of downtown.

Consulting engineers Kimley-Horn and Associates are expected to submit detailed design plans for Crozet Avenue and New Main Street for review by VDOT and the County later this summer. Planning is underway for utility relocations to enhance the appearance of Crozet Avenue. The project will also include new stormwater management facilities for downtown Crozet. A community meeting is planned before the end of 2008 to review the final plans and discuss preliminary construction issues, which are critical to ensuring the success of the streetscape enhancement project. Construction of the Streetscape project is estimated to begin next spring.

**Next Steps:** Finalizing Utility Relocation Plan, Community Meeting, Winter 2008

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