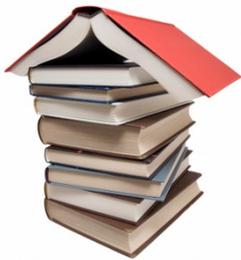


DESTINATION DOWNTOWN: THE CROZET MASTER PLAN TAKING SHAPE IN DOWNTOWN CROZET

New Crozet Library Update

Current Status: The Steering Committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors has endorsed a schematic design for the library. The Steering Committee's recommendations for the schematic design and for proceeding with remaining design activities will be presented at the June 3 Board of Supervisors meeting. The formal design should be completed by spring of 2010.

Background: The Crozet master planning process established a new and expanded public library in downtown Crozet as a critical priority. Based on their input into the master planning process, citizens strongly preferred to place the new library in the heart of downtown to provide a focal point for community activity and expand opportunities for economic vitality for existing and new downtown businesses. The planning and design team is working closely with community members to preserve and enhance the existing character of downtown Crozet and to incorporate features and elements into the library project that will represent and honor Crozet's heritage. Construction of the library supports a host of infrastructure projects that have multiple benefits for the public including the sidewalk project, shared public parking for downtown, construction of Main Street, and the streetscape project.



In April 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved the formation of the Crozet Library Steering Committee. Funding for construction of the new library is currently scheduled for 2011. For more information, visit the County website at www.albemarle.org/newlibrary.

Contact: Bill Letteri, Director, Office of Facilities Development for Albemarle County, (434) 872-4501.

Crozet Downtown Streetscape/Sidewalk Update

Current Status: Acquisition of easements for utility relocation is currently in progress and is expected to be completed by July of 2009. Relocation of utilities is projected to begin late this summer. Construction of new Main Street is planned for fall of 2009, and Crozet Ave/Streetscape II enhancements are expected to begin in early 2010.

Background: Sidewalks and streetscapes are an integral part of creating a walkable and pedestrian-oriented downtown Crozet. The streetscape project will provide enhancements along Crozet Avenue from "The Square" to Tabor Street and include sidewalks, street trees, pedestrian/street lighting, crosswalks, benches (and other street amenities), bike lanes, and removal of existing overhead utility lines and poles. Drainage improvements will include curbs, gutters, and a new stormwater drainage system. A portion of the "Main Street" as shown in the Crozet Master Plan will also be constructed to access the existing alley behind "The Square" and the new Library. Kimley-Horn & Associates has submitted draft final plans of the streetscape project for review by County staff and VDOT.



The County has also coordinated the design of the first block (Crozet Ave. to Carter St.) of the Jarmans Gap Road improvements project with VDOT to fit with the streetscape project. VDOT is anticipated to start the Jarmans Gap Road project in approximately 18 months. Additionally, a new regional stormwater management facility is currently being designed and will be constructed to serve the streetscape project, Jarmans Gap Road, and downtown Crozet. Sidewalk improvements are being designed along Crozet Avenue north of downtown between St. George Avenue and the elementary school. With so much construction activity planned for the downtown Crozet area, the coordination and timing of these projects is crucial in order to maintain traffic and pedestrian movements. There will be opportunities for public input as these projects proceed.

Contact: The Albemarle County Office of Facilities Development is responsible for the project. Bill Letteri, Director, or Jack Kelsey, Transportation Engineer, (434) 872-4501.



Crozet Community Questionnaire

The Crozet Community Advisory Council wants to know what's important to you.

Please complete the Crozet Community Questionnaire to share your thoughts and opinions.

Available May 27-June 30

- Online at www.albemarle.org/crozetquestionnaire
- At the Crozet Library