

### **New Sidewalks and Streetscape are Coming to Downtown**

Sidewalks and streetscapes are an integral part of creating a walkable and pedestrian-oriented downtown Crozet. Sidewalks are being considered for numerous areas, including Crozet Avenue, Three Notched Road, Tabor Street and the Hilltop/Myrtle Street area.

The current sidewalk project, Phase I, will get underway in the next several weeks and will focus on the area from the railroad crossing on Crozet Ave to the current Crozet Library. Stormwater improvements will be focused along Crozet Avenue from the Rescue Squad to the Dairy Queen intersection. The project will include construction of new and replacement of existing storm-water utilities, addition of curb and gutter, new sidewalks, handicap curb ramps, concrete pavers, stamped concrete crosswalks, painted crosswalks, pedestrian lighting, pedestrian warning lights retaining walls and landscaping.

*Please see the graphics on the reverse page for a visual representation of the project. Note that overhead power poles not shown in the graphic will remain in place.*

### **Project Details**

Phase I of the sidewalk project will begin in late February, 2007, and is expected to last three months, ending in June, 2007. The contractor for this project is Faulconer Construction Company, Inc. and the engineer is Anhold and Associates.

### **Benefits of the new Sidewalk and Streetscape**

Residents and visitors to downtown Crozet will realize important benefits from this project. Pedestrian safety will increase with the addition of pedestrian warning signs and lights and additional lamp posts to raise driver awareness and improve lighting. Persons using wheelchairs and pushing strollers will be able to move along the sidewalks more comfortably with other pedestrians due to the increased width of the sidewalks. The additional trashcans, benches, retaining wall repairs, and landscaping will create a better visual appearance for downtown. Finally, the improved stormwater system will help with runoff and will reduce ponding along Crozet Avenue and at the major intersection.

### **Construction Impacts**

Sidewalks and road lanes will be blocked off periodically throughout the project to accommodate construction. Traffic under the railroad bridge will be reduced to one lane at times with a flag person to direct traffic flow. Specific timeframes of when these closings will occur will be released with advance notice when possible and will be posted to the County website.

### **Who to Contact:**

The Albemarle County Department of General Services will be responsible for the project. George Shadman, General Services Director, or Thomas Garrison, Senior Project Manager, are available to answer questions and can be reached at (434)296-5816.

### **Project Open House**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 28

**Time:** 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**Place:** Crozet Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

*Drop by at your convenience to view project maps and graphics and to talk to county staff and consultants about the sidewalk/streetscape project.*

Updates on the project will be posted to the Crozet Master Plan website at:

**[www.albemarle.org/crozet](http://www.albemarle.org/crozet)**