

CROZET PROJECT UPDATES

THE CROZET MASTER PLAN TAKING SHAPE IN THE CROZET COMMUNITY

New Crozet Library Update

Current Status: The Steering Committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors is developing a schematic design for the library—guiding principles and library program needs will be shared with the public at the Town Meeting.

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 to oversee the schematic design phase of the project.



Formal design will take place from January through December 2009, and bidding for construction will be held December 2009/January 2010. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2010, with completion scheduled for late summer 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.

How can I stay involved in the new Crozet library project?

There are lots of ways to stay involved in the library project. Regular updates will be posted to the library page on the Albemarle County website at www.albemarle.org/newlibrary.

Interested citizens are encouraged to sign up for the Crozet AMail list, which is an e-news service that delivers information about Crozet projects like the library directly to your email.

You can sign up for AMail by going to the County website at www.albemarle.org/AMail.

We will be distributing regular printed newsletters as the library project moves through conceptual and final design and into construction.

We will also be scheduling frequent public meetings, open houses, and informal opportunities to meet and talk with county staff and the consultant

Destination Downtown: Streetscape, Sidewalks and Stormwater

Current Status: Utility relocation work is underway, streetscape final design and construction schedule will be shared with the community later this fall.

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.

In addition to the streetscape project, the County will continue to explore with VDOT any opportunity to possibly coordinate



the construction of the first block (Crozet Ave to Carter St) of the VDOT Jarmans Gap Road improvements project with the streetscape project.

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. Preliminary design plans will be ready for review by early September. 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: Bill Letteri, Director, Office of Facilities Development, or Jack Kelsey, Transportation Engineer, (434) 872-4501.



Crozet Old School Reuse Study Update

Current Status: Final consultant study is complete and was presented to the Board of Supervisors on September 3 for further guidance.

Background: During the master plan process and in more recent public meetings, Crozet residents have expressed a strong desire that the County find acceptable and productive alternative uses for the school. Many felt that the school has a genuine connection to the history of the community and that the County had an obligation to examine the feasibility of other potential uses as part of the overall Crozet revitalization effort. A committee was formed with individuals from County staff and the community to formulate a plan to receive input from Crozet area citizens on how they would like the property to be used. The committee hired PMA Architects + Planners to facilitate a community work shop session to engage the community, analyze the

information and package it in an unbiased, readable document to be presented to the County Board of Supervisors. Citizens also had the option to give their opinion through the County Website, by email, or by visiting an off-site information table at the Great Valu Grocery. PMA's final report was completed in August and is available on the County website: www.albemarle.org/oldschool.



Contact: George Shadman, Director of Albemarle County General Services, (434) 296-5816 or gshadman@albemarle.org.

Western Park Master Plan Update

Current Status: The final Master Plan is completed and will be presented to the community at the Town Meeting and to the Board of Supervisors later this fall.

Background: As identified in the Crozet Master Plan, Western Park, located in Old Trail, is a 38.5 acre property which was proffered to the County during the rezoning process. The Park will include a mix of recreational opportunities for all ages that will serve the citizens of the Crozet Community and Western Albemarle County. Rieley



and Associates has developed the long-term master plan for the park and the process has been guided by a Western Park Master Plan Committee of Crozet residents and County staff. Since the first open public meeting in March, the design team has met with various focus groups within the community to receive input and comments towards the development of the master plan, including the Student Leadership Council at Western Albemarle High School, the Albemarle County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

Contact: Albemarle County Parks and Recreation, (434) 296-5844. Pat Mullaney, Director, pmullan@albemarle.org or Bob Crickenberger, Deputy Director, bcricke@albemarle.org.

Are you interested in JAUNT bus service to Crozet?

Would you like a quick, easy, and inexpensive way to commute to work or school in Charlottesville? JAUNT would like to hear about your transit needs in order to create a bus schedule and route that would satisfy as many Crozet citizens as possible. This is the perfect time to let JAUNT know what you would require in a bus service for use on a regular basis. Please take a few minutes to complete a brief online survey at: <http://www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=1036842>, or answer the following questions and send your responses to Ann Mallek at amallek@albemarle.org:

1. Name and contact information
2. Time that you would need to arrive at your destination in Charlottesville.
3. Time you would need to return to Crozet
4. Your general destination (UVA grounds, downtown mall, etc.)
5. Frequency of use (daily, 3 times per week, etc.)
6. Would you be willing to pay for a monthly pass in advance?

You can also fax to Ann Mallek at the County Office Building: 434-296-5800 or mail to: Ann Mallek, Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902. *Co-sponsored by the Crozet Community Advisory Council (CCAC) and Ann Mallek, Supervisor for the White Hall District. Questions about this survey? Contact CCAC member Tim Tolson at tftolson@gmail.com.*

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