

Background

Crozet has increasingly become a very desirable community with a growing residential population and expanding businesses, schools, recreation facilities and cultural offerings. Crozet's downtown area has been a vital part of the community since its inception. Phase 1 of the Historic Crozet Streetscape Enhancement Project is nearing completion, and Phase 2 is about to be underway. Phase 2 of the Streetscape project will focus on pedestrian friendly improvements like sidewalks, landscaping, and lighting along Crozet Avenue to Tabor Street. This project also begins the construction of new Main Street to provide access to the proposed Downtown Crozet Library.

The Historic Crozet Streetscape Enhancement Project is the result of many years of community planning and in the Crozet Master Plan was identified as an essential and high priority improvement for the downtown area. The goal of the project is to provide the greatly needed safety, transportation, pedestrian, and scenic enhancements in a manner that helps to foster economic vitality as well as preserve and accentuate the character of Downtown Crozet.

Phase 2 of this project is being funded in part by a Transportation Enhancement Program grant through the Virginia Department of Transportation. This project includes relocation of overhead electric and utility lines along Crozet Avenue, installation of a new stormwater drainage system, construction of a portion of "Main Street", and encompasses pedestrian, vehicular and streetscape enhancements from the "Square" to Tabor Street.

Current Status

The architectural and design services contract has been awarded to Kimley-Horn & Associates, and preliminary work on the project has begun.

Next Steps

The consultant will begin the conceptual design process by soliciting the community's ideas and concerns for the Crozet Avenue corridor and exploring exciting potential solutions for the project.

Additionally, the consultant is gathering and analyzing traffic data, geotechnical (subsurface soils) data, and utility data in the project corridor. They will also be considering some possible alternatives for the street enhancements and identifying problem areas.

Highlights

Streetscape enhancement was identified in the Crozet Master Plan as an essential and high priority for Downtown Crozet.

Will help to foster economic vitality and preserve the character of Downtown Crozet

The project will focus on the area along Crozet Avenue to Tabor Street.

Community Involvement Opportunities

Public input will be crucial to the success of this project, so community members will have several opportunities to provide comments at each major stage of the project, from conceptual design to pre-construction.

Project Milestones

Project Kickoff	September 2007
Develop Preliminary Design	Summer 2008
Construction Begins	Late 2008

Contact Information

The Albemarle County Office of Facilities Development will serve as a contact point for the Historic Crozet Streetscape Enhancement Project. Please feel free to contact Jack Kelsey at (434) 872-4501 or by email at jkelsey@albemarle.org.



Looking down Crozet Avenue towards the Streetscape project area