

Albemarle County Citizens Planning Academy Core Curriculum

Purpose: To create a foundation of planning context for Albemarle citizens to help them maximize their participation in the public master plan process, help them explore common issues with their neighbors in a productive manner and create a stronger sense of community.

Day 1 Overall Planning Framework

30 min	Pre-Meeting Coffee--- Meet your Neighbors
20 min	Welcome and Agenda Review & Ice Breaker
20 min	Albemarle County Overview
20 min	Albemarle's Growth Management Policy
20 min	The Master Plan Process
20 min	Interactive Exercise on the Key Issues
	<i>"What is it about this place that draws us here? What could we add to this place that would keep us here?"</i>
20 min	Report out and Close

Day 2 Targeted Focus Areas

30 min	Pre-Meeting Coffee—Meet your County Staff
10 min	Welcome and Agenda Review
	(Modules below can be produced in successive timeframes with the whole group or may produce more energy and focused conversation running them as breakout stations operating concurrently and rotating at the 15 minute mark. This depends on attendee numbers.)
20 min	Module 1: Transportation
20 min	Module 2: CIP
20 min	Module 3: The Neighborhood Model
20 min	Interactive Exercise on Vision Elements
	<i>"What are the key planning issues for our neighborhood in the next few years?"</i>
20 min	Report out and Close

Additional Elements

- Planning Glossary
- Community Connections handout
- Written Evaluation of the Academy