

PANTOPS MASTER PLAN

Guiding Principles (Draft)

1. Residents of Pantops value the exceptional natural and historical scenic qualities of this the neighborhood – views to Monticello, surrounding mountains, Rivanna River, and west into the City. It is important to **protect these scenic vistas and sense of open space** as the neighborhood continues to grow.
2. It is also important to ensure that **new development acknowledges and respects the rural character** of this area, **preserving existing neighborhoods** and **providing a variety of quality housing choices and a more pedestrian-friendly environment**.
3. Future density increases must provide for the **creation of additional natural areas, parks and urban landscapes** to preserve the unique scenic and recreational qualities of our neighborhood. Further density must **control light and noise intrusions** that affect the livability of our environment, and support **the provision of sufficient quality water supply** to meet our demand.
4. Our location will continue to **provide convenience and accessibility** to the City of Charlottesville, surrounding rural areas, and major transportation corridors in Albemarle and beyond. However, **continued convenience depends on transportation improvements** such as a regional transportation system, public transit, and additional connection linkages.
5. Although Pantops has a **variety of residential and commercial choices** and opportunities, **the addition of public facilities and other institutions** (library, post office, etc) are needed to create a livable and convenient neighborhood.