

Village of Rivanna Master Plan – Draft Vision and Guiding Principles

Developed from Community Input during the 7/30/07 Community Workshop

Definitions:

- **Village of Rivanna** refers to the Village of Rivanna Development Area, as defined in the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan.
- **Village Center** refers to Rivanna Village at Glenmore (a specific development).

Draft Vision for the Village of Rivanna

The Village of Rivanna will be a distinct small community surrounded by rural Albemarle County. Medium- and low-density residential neighborhoods will have easy access to the Village Center with options for different modes, or types, of travel. The community will preserve historic features, provide open spaces for recreation, and focus commercial activity within the Village Center.

Draft Guiding Principles

1. The density, design, and character of existing residential neighborhoods in the Village of Rivanna will be retained as the Village of Rivanna further develops.
2. The size and scale of new development will be compatible with existing neighborhoods within the Village of Rivanna.
3. The Village of Rivanna will integrate the natural landscape and incorporate designs that complement the area's rural ambiance. Development along the boundaries of the Village of Rivanna will be sensitive to adjacent rural areas.
4. The Village of Rivanna will concentrate commercial uses into a pedestrian-friendly Village Center where commercial and public services are at an appropriate scale for meeting the community's common needs.
5. Street connections to and pedestrian paths between residential areas and the Village Center, and between the Village of Rivanna and larger community, will be sensitive to existing development. Options for different types of travel will be provided, including driving, walking, cycling, and public transit. Street designs will promote good driver behavior and be appropriately sized for the volume and speed of traffic.
6. Historic sites in the Village of Rivanna and surrounding area, including Glenmore Manor, the Hacktown community, Clifton Inn, and Stump Island, will be respected.
7. Water, sewer and streets will keep pace with changes and growth that occur within the Village of Rivanna.
8. Public and private common space, parks, and sports fields will be provided and located to foster a strong community.