Crozet Master Plan Update

Community Workshop #1 Feedback Summary

The Crozet Master Plan Update kicked off on Monday, September 9th with the first Community Workshop! Over 120 community members came out to Western Albemarle High School to share their thoughts on Crozet’s future.

Here’s a brief summary of everything we heard!

Why Crozet?

There are a number of reasons why people choose to call Crozet home!

The top themes we heard were:

Crozetians value their sense of community - as shown through their community involvement and institution.

Crozetians value Crozet’s natural and scenic beauty and access to parks and outdoor recreational activities.

Crozetians value their “small town feel” with a close relationship to its surrounding rural areas, farms, and of course - wineries and breweries. Crozetians value their family-friendly community and the local schools.

Hopes and Concerns

We received almost 200 sticky notes describing hopes and concerns for Crozet’s future!

Some of our top Hopes included:

Retaining Crozet’s “small town feel”.

A fully connected community supporting all transportation types.

A vibrant Downtown supporting local jobs and businesses, with increased retail and services for residents.

Preserving natural resources and encouraging sustainability.

Some of our top Concerns included:

Providing infrastructure concurrent with growth - especially for schools and traffic conditions.

Losing Crozet’s “small town feel”.

Providing a mix of housing types and prices for Crozet residents to ensure housing affordability and socioeconomic diversity.
2010 Vision & Guiding Principles

102 participants let us know their thoughts on the 2010 Master Plan’s Vision & Guiding Principles.

**We heard these concepts were working well:**
Preserving Crozet’s “*small town feel*”.
*Trails and greenways* linking important centers.
Creating a *vibrant Downtown* with a top-notch *Library*.

**We heard these concepts weren’t working so well:**
Providing *infrastructure concurrent with growth*.
Creating *local jobs* and supporting *small businesses* - and managing the *cost of living* in Crozet, including housing.
*Connecting neighborhoods* and making sure all parts of Crozet are *walkable* and *bikeable*.

**We heard these concepts are missing:**
Language addressing *concurrency of infrastructure*.
Addressing *economic development* and *space for local businesses and entrepreneurs*.
Addressing emerging *transit options* and reducing *automobile dependency*.

**We heard a few comments or questions about what may no longer be applicable today:**
“*Industries that support county, state, and nation*” language in the Vision.

The current language for *neighborhood preservation* may not be as clear for newer neighborhoods.

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**What’s One Thing You Would Change Today?**

167 participants let us know one thing they would change today - including specific places, existing conditions, and policies!

**Some of the top changes we heard included:**
Resolving *traffic congestion* near *Old Trail Drive and Brownsville/Henley/Western Albemarle*, as well as *Downtown*.

Constructing planned *connectivity improvements* such as *Eastern Avenue* and *bicycle & pedestrian facilities*, particularly for the Wickham Pond and Highlands neighborhoods.

Resolving existing *school capacity* issues.

Creating protections for *historic neighborhoods* and limiting development of *fringe areas*.

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**Want to learn more?**
We’re only getting started with the Master Plan! Please stay in touch for more information how you can join the conversation, including upcoming events.

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