

IMAGINE CROZET

Community Workshop #2 Feedback Summary

The Crozet Master Plan Update's second Community Workshop on Tuesday, October 1st started a conversation about "small town" look & feel, living and working in Crozet, and where our important places are (and how we get there).

Here's a brief summary of everything we heard!



Small Town Feel

We defined how a small town looks - architecturally - and feels.

The top qualities we associate with a "small town" include:

Community: knowing your neighbors, running into people you know, community events, a shared sense of history, and a safe place for kids.

Neighborhoods: variety of building styles, preservation of historic buildings, infill that is sensitive to existing context.

Gathering Spaces: formal spaces (proposed Downtown Plaza) and spaces for community events and active recreation (Claudius Crozet Park).

Commercial Centers: walkability, variety of building styles, spaces for small businesses (such as Downtown).

Rural Edges: transitions to an "agrarian boundary", shared-use paths, landscaped buffers and larger setbacks.



Working in Crozet

We discussed the types of jobs and businesses we'd like to see in Crozet.

We'd like to see jobs that:

Support businesses in the technology and "green" sectors, such as renewable energy.

Pay a living wage and allow for movement up the career ladder.

Are accessible to workers without advanced degrees or provide workforce development, such as technical education and apprenticeships.

We'd like to see businesses that:

Support tourism & hospitality, including hotels, restaurants, and the arts.

Support agribusiness and the surrounding agricultural economy.

Are locally owned and/or small in scale, including manufacturing & makerspaces. These could be supported with additional support and small offices/coworking spaces for small or home-based businesses.



Living in Crozet

We talked about access to housing in Crozet, including the mix of types available and challenges to affordability.

We'd like to see more of these housing types:



Bungalow Courts
(32 dots)



Accessory Dwelling Units
(25 dots)



Live/Work
(30 dots)



Fourplex
(18 dots)

Some things we liked about these types:

"Missing middle" provides density, affordability while being compatible with size/scale of existing homes (e.g. fourplex).

Bungalow courts & small homes provide opportunities for communal spaces and multiple price points.

Opportunities to accommodate an aging population and changing household sizes.

Some housing topics we're concerned about:

Preserving affordability of existing and new housing - and how it impacts diversity of residents.

Preservation of historic homes & ensuring that new development is sensitive to adjacent areas.

Making sure neighborhoods are connected to amenities and jobs.

Identifying Centers (and Connectivity)

We discussed important places - and how we get to them.

We felt these places were important:

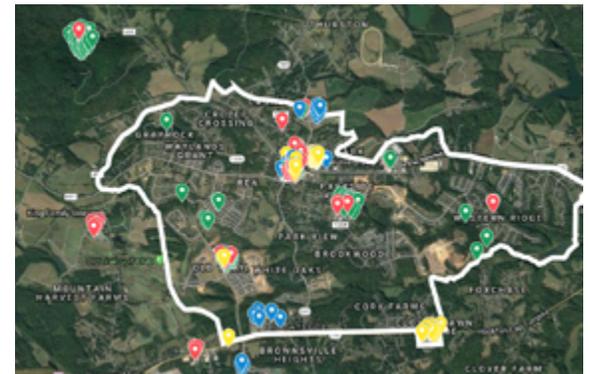
Downtown Crozet is the community's primary gathering space and center, but it isn't well connected to shopping & services at the Great Valu shopping center or to neighborhoods to the east and south.

Areas along Route 250 such as the Clover Lawn shopping center and schools are important but disconnected from the rest of Crozet.

Claudius Crozet Park is the community's primary recreation area, but bike/ped connections are needed to neighborhoods and Downtown.

A number of pins were placed outside the current Development Area boundary at Mint Springs Valley Park and agritourism destinations such as King Family Vineyards, Chiles Peach Orchard, and Pro Re Nata.

Residents usually leave Crozet for work, retail (including big-box stores), and entertainment, often in Charlottesville or Waynesboro.



Click on the map to check out an interactive Google Map version with pins from Workshop 2!

Want to learn more?

The 3rd Community Workshop will be on Thursday, November 7th from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Field School.

Please stay in touch for more information how you can join the conversation, including upcoming events. Phase 2 will launch in early 2020 and include sessions for specific focus areas and design and policy strategies.

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