



# WHAT'S RIGHT, WRONG, OR MISSING?

**A REPORT ON SHENANDOAH COUNTY'S  
COMMUNITY REVIEW SESSIONS OF 2023  
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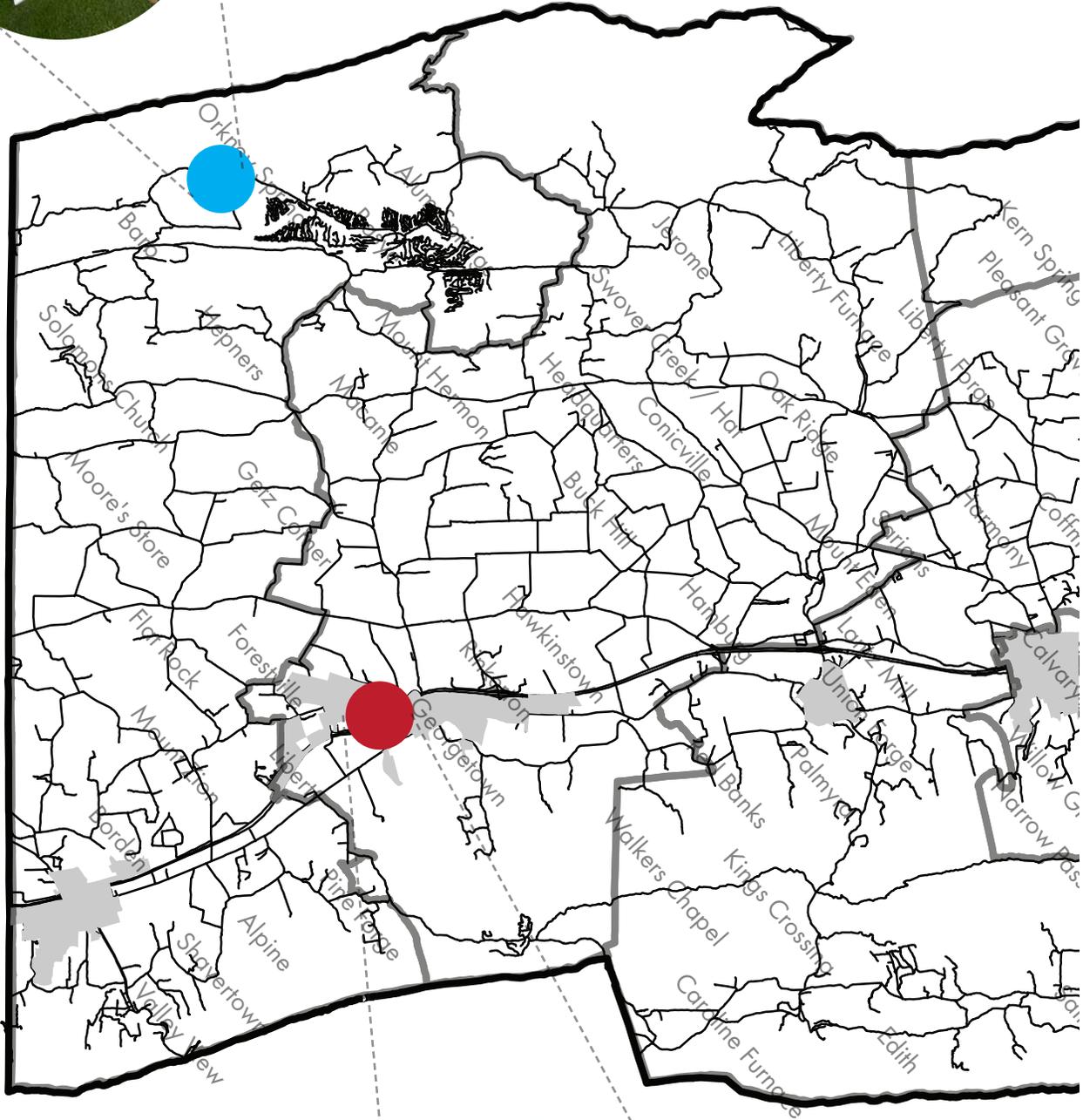


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District 1  
Orkney Springs  
July 22nd, 2023



District 2  
Mount Jackson  
May 6th, 2023





# BACKGROUND

In the spring and summer of 2023, the Citizen’s Advisory Committee organized five public review events across Shenandoah County in order to solicit ideas and guidance from the public on the future of the County. That plan for the future is called the Comprehensive Plan and it impacts every aspect of one’s life from where you live and work, to where you can go out to eat, where the nearest fire station is located, and what view you see when traveling around the County. The Citizen’s Advisory Committee, or more commonly known as the CAC, was first formed in 2005. They are comprised of 12 citizen members with two representatives from each of the six Electoral Districts of the County and are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The CAC also has a representative from the Planning Commission.

The Citizen’s Advisory Committee and Shenandoah County have launched Shenandoah 2045: A Future Together, a community built plan for our County and all those who have a connection to it. The planning process has unfolded over four years with majority of the community collaboration occurring from 2020-2022, with input in 2023-2024. As the next Comprehensive Plan is developed, we invite everyone to let us and the community know their ideas on the future of Shenandoah County.

The comprehensive plan is a community’s guide to the future, its north star. It represents the shared vision that the community holds from where public investments in resources such as schools and roads should go, and where private investment, such as the development of housing and businesses, should occur. While the 20-year vision serves as the, “big picture,” of where the community intends to go or the ultimate development of the community, most plans focus on five year increments to ensure the goals and actions recommended are measurable and achieved.

Since 1980, the State of Virginia has required localities to adopt a comprehensive plan and perform related planning activities. The State also requires that comprehensive plans are revised in their entirety every 20 years and updated every five years with substantial updates at the ten year mark. While the State of Virginia requires every locality to have a comprehensive plan, localities benefit as they give the community a level of protection for their future, provide a picture of what the community wants to be to the outside world, and provides a path for grant and funding providers to understand the public improvements we want to make from our schools and Internet to parks.

Currently, we are in the process of updating our entire Comprehensive Plan for the next 20 years, looking to what Shenandoah County could be in the year 2045. This effort began in the fall of 2019, when we launched a community survey in March of 2020. We understand that the survey may not capture everything. For this new comprehensive plan we engaged and informed the public through 11 District Information Sessions, 14 Community Collaboration Sessions, and five Community Review Sessions which are explained in this report.

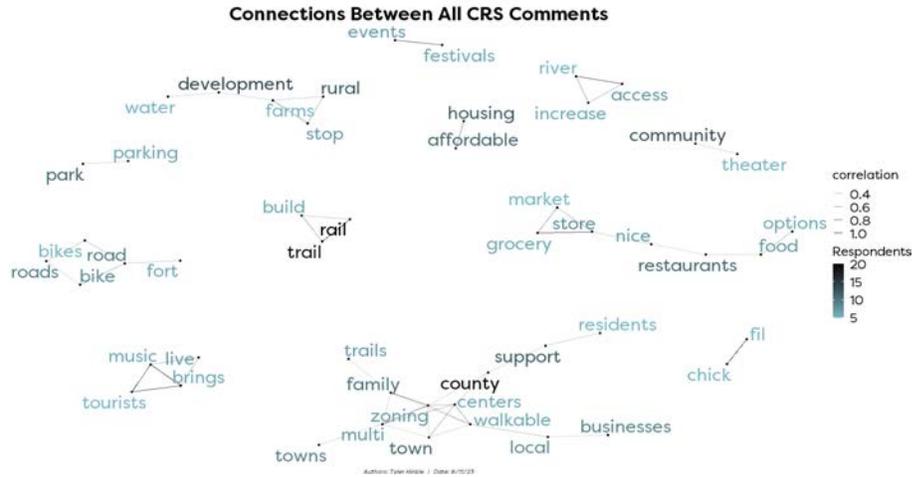
The new Comprehensive Plan is proposed to have eleven chapters: Historical, Cultural, and Scenic Resources, Water Resources, Agricultural, Forestal, and Geological Resources, Economic Development, Housing, Community Facilities and Resources, Education, Health, Emergency Services, Infrastructure, and Technology, Recreation, and Transportation. In addition, the Comprehensive plan has a vision statement which seeks to summarize the purpose of the Plan. Shenandoah County’s vision statement is to strictly adhere to the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan in order to maintain the rural aspects and the character of Shenandoah County so it continues to be -

1. A responsible steward conserving, preserving, and protecting our environmental, recreational, historic, cultural, and scenic resources for residents and visitors; and
2. A unique place to live with responsible policies, public services, and quality education that enhance the quality of life and promotes appropriate growth within and limits growth outside our towns, villages, and hamlets so that agricultural areas and other open green spaces remain a predominant feature of the landscape; and
3. A great place to work encouraging entrepreneurship, innovative and appropriate businesses and industries with a versatile trained workforce and varied jobs that pay a living wage; and
4. A collaborative community that continues to work with private and public entities to ensure Shenandoah County is healthy and vibrant.

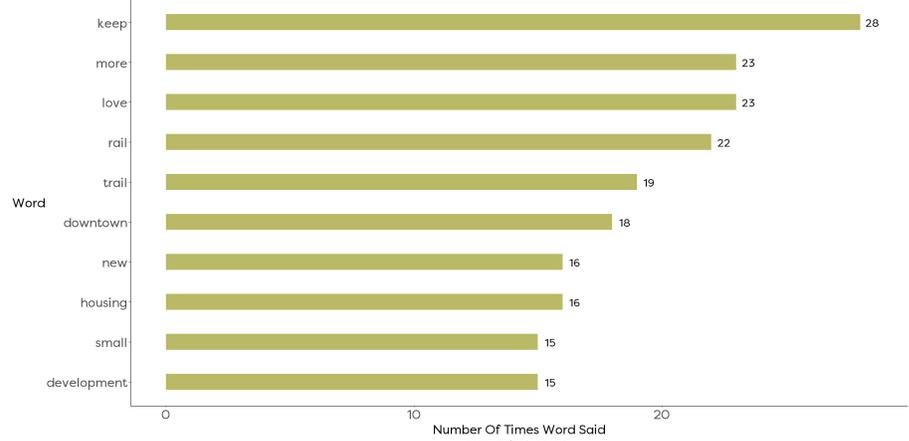
This report seeks to provide a clear picture of the information gathered at the 5 Community Review Sessions.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nearly 800 people attended one of the 5 Community Review Sessions that were held in the spring and summer of 2023 between May 6th and July 22nd. Participants were engaged at five existing community events and festivals. Below is a word cloud showing the most frequently used words, also visualized in a bar chart to the right of the word cloud. We also ran a word web analysis, seen right, to see the overall connected narratives from all engagement results:



Frequently Used Words By CRS Respondents On The Comprehensive Plan



Participants were asked to sort their ideas into different posters including the proposed chapters and some major projects that could occur in the future. The information helps answer many questions held previously including the main question from the previous report, “What should we implement or encourage first?” The answer this report responds with is that the draft of the new Comprehensive Plan is supported by the public but there is a desire for more emphasis on protecting agricultural and forestal land, promoting a variety of affordable types of housing, making safe trails and bus routes, and supporting more development like downtown in more places.

Data on each chapter reveals the following statements:

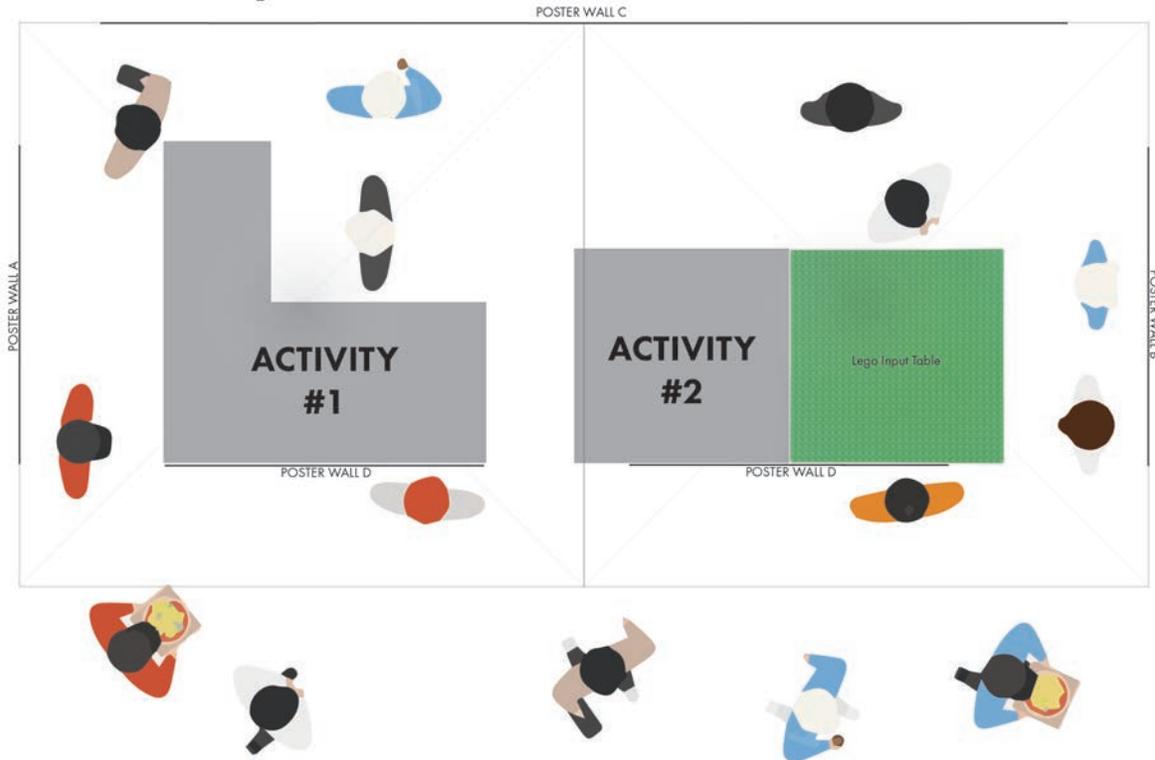
1. Protect historic assets and use as a model for future development, but avoid too restrictive requirements.
2. Water is a precious resource and will determine future development, we must plan for future water sources.
3. Protect prime farmland, we need to protect our natural green spaces and support our agricultural producers.
4. The right industry can bring tax revenue and jobs, we should also focus on revitalizing downtowns.
5. Housing should be habitable, affordable, secure, and near amenities through zoning and county guidance.
6. We need a community that supports seniors, hosts music events, and has a variety of authentic restaurants.
7. Schools are overcrowded at Central and Strasburg, need proper space and amenities for quality education.
8. Support response victims, have birthing options, care for the disabled, retain employees, and aging in place.
9. Better cell service in our downtowns and more community and government involvement in software.
10. Increase river access, railroad looks awful should be a trail, and need more park space for families and dogs.
11. Reduce speed in villages, gravel roads unsafe, love ShenGO, and need to alleviate interstate traffic.

Overall respondents want a rural, walkable, affordable, interesting, and friendly community all can call home.

While this summary attempts to cover everything we heard, we encourage you to read more in the full report. As we look the future we must ask, “How can we empower departments and agencies to implement this vision?”

# LAYOUT

## Community Review Session Event



## Overview of the event layout

There were five Community Collaboration Sessions at existing events held in the spring and summer of 2023, all of which took place over the course of 77 days between May 6th and July 22nd. The layout for the Sessions was first developed in the fall of 2022 and spring of 2023 based on the desires of the CAC concerning follow up discussions from the Community Collaboration Sessions in the spring and summer of 2022. Members expressed the need to ask the public to review the first draft of the comprehensive plan so we can ask what's right, wrong, or missing?

The layout was finalized in two discussions and one mock meeting, the first discussion was held on April 26th and the second and the mock meeting took place on May 3rd. These discussions informed the CAC that there needed to be more of a variety of input opportunities and scrapped the ideas for a second round of walking tours and office hour type walk in sessions in lieu of further community outreach and information.

### Purpose of Community Review Sessions:

Seek feedback on the maps, visions, goals, and objectives through engage multiple members of different communities in Shenandoah County at existing events and online input to inform if we accurately captured the public's vision for the future.

### First Interaction

“Hi! We need your input on the future of Shenandoah County and (Insert Town/Community Name). This plan will impact the next 20 years of our community including schools, roads, housing, our rural nature, and the economy. We have posters with visioning statements, goals, and objectives to achieve them listed and we need your help in letting us know if you agree, don't, or want to see more aspects for each. We also have maps here showing what the future of our County and this community could look like based on what we've heard so far and we need your help in letting us know if this looks like the future you want, or don't. Let us know if we can help in any way!”

# Lego Table

## Lego Input Table

As people entered the tent, a few Lego pieces were given to them and a questionnaire and a map of the County. Participants took the Legos and placed them on the table where they thought stores, restaurants, factories, homes, sidewalks, roads, and parks could go in their ideal community. Unlike the previous year, the map represented a specific intersection in the community of the event and was set up prior to look like the community. Participants were encouraged to discuss with their neighbors why they chose to place bricks where they placed them and how it helped to improve the community. Participants were able to place as many bricks as they wished as well as move any bricks. Pictures were taken of the table as the event progressed.

# Map The Future

## Activity #1 Mapping Assets And Improvements

The table was set up with two large paper maps with one of the entire County and one of the Town/Village the event is taking place. As participants enter the tent they were given a map of the County and told that they could note the places they like, places they want improved, and other places of importance on the map. There were also paper maps for them to give input on specific villages and hamlets in the County. There were QR codes that could be scanned that took participants to an online map where they could draw their ideas for the community on a map that everyone can contribute to even after the event is over. Participants were guided and explained how the activity works and told that if they want to share their individual maps there was a drop box beside the table.

### Build Your Own Community Construye Tu Propia Comunidad

**Hil!** Welcome to the Lego Table where you can map your ideas community in 3-D.

There are three colors that you can use to depict the types of uses you'd like to see in your community, and your community's identity is defined depending on how and where you place them.

Hola! Bienvenido a Lego Table, donde puede mapear su comunidad de ideas en 3-D.

Hay tres colores que puede usar para representar los tipos de usos que le gustaría ver en su comunidad, y la identidad de su comunidad se define según cómo y dónde los coloque.

There are no rules to the Lego board except for what the colors and bricks represent. That means that you can place blocks anywhere be them side by side, far apart, or stacked up. That also means that you can move, or remove, blocks and pieces that are already on the board. Its up to you to shape the community as you like it.

No hay reglas para el tablero de Lego excepto por lo que representan los colores y los ladrillos. Eso significa que puede colocar bloques en cualquier lugar, ya sea uno al lado del otro, separados o apilados. Eso también significa que puedes mover o eliminar bloques y piezas que ya están en el tablero. Depende de usted dar forma a la comunidad a su gusto.

  
**Residential**  
Residencial

  
**Commercial**  
Comercial

  
**Industrial**  
Industrial

  
**Road**  
Calle

  
**Sidewalk**  
Acera

\*Hint! Try stacking uses to make a mixed use building, also check out the specialty public buildings.  
\*¡Insinuación! Intente apilar usos para hacer un edificio de uso mixto, también consulte los edificios públicos especiales.

### MAP THE FUTURE! ¡MAPA EL FUTURO!

We have three types of maps available for you to provide your input with drawing on the maps: Tenemos tres tipos de mapas disponibles para que proporcione su entrada con el dibujo en los mapas:

- County: Think big or small for this map.
- Town: Consider the details of where improvements go here.
- Villages/Hamlets: Consider details of where improvements go here too.

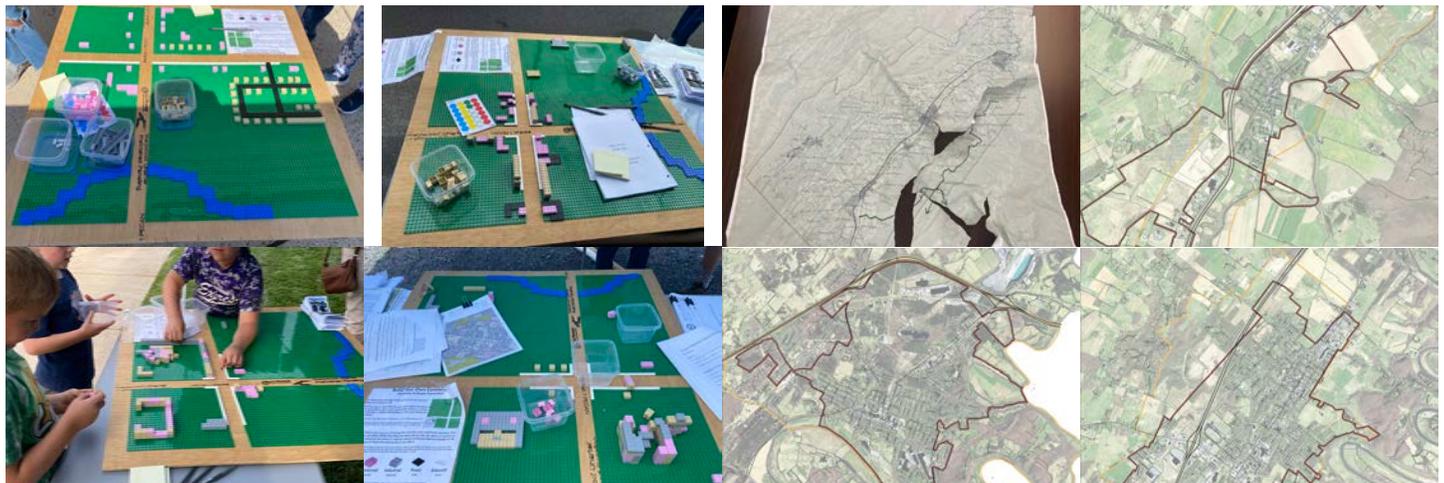
- Condado: Piense en grande o pequeño.
- Pueblo: Considere los detalles de dónde van las mejoras aquí.
- Comunidades: Considere los detalles de dónde van las mejoras aquí también.

#### Legend

- Railroad
- Driveway
- Roads**
- Road Type**
- Interstate
- Primary
- Private
- School Access
- Secondary
- State Maintained
- US Route
- Buildings
- Town Boundary
- Growth Area
- Town Growth Area

#### Legend / Leyenda

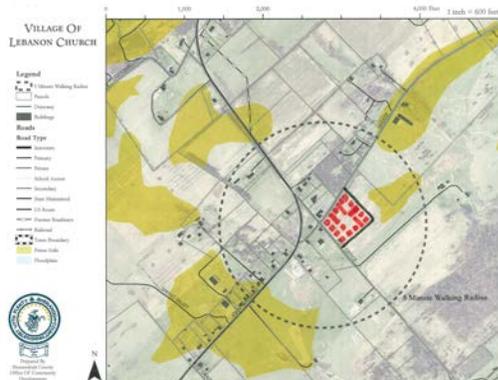
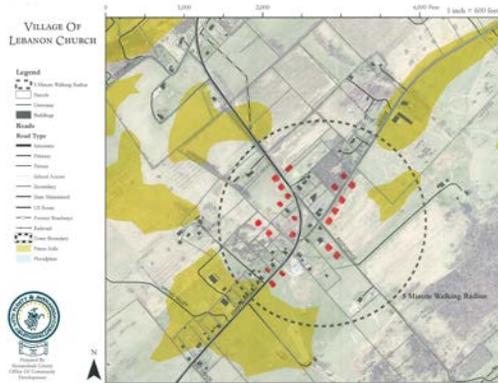
- 2-4 Story  
2-4 Pisos
- 4-6 Story  
4-6 Pisos
- 7+ Story  
7+ Pisos
- Public Building  
Edificio público
- Industry  
Industrial
- Healthcare  
Atención médica
- Conservation  
Conservación
- Park  
Parque
- Float Path  
Ruta Flotante
- Street Improvements  
Mejoras de calles
- Public Transit  
Tránsito Público
- Trail  
Sendero
- Road  
Calle
- Traffic Calming  
Reducción de velocidad del tráfico
- Bike Path  
Ciclovia
- Sidewalk  
Acera



# Visions From The FuturePoster Wall

## Activity #2: Map Variations

The table will had options for different futures that their community could see and participants were asked to rate which ones they liked and did not like as well as provide feedback as to why. The visions were arranged in three maps of each community with each showing one house built every year for 20 years for a total of 20 houses. The first map showed what our current regulations allow, the second showed what the community could look like with restrictions within a 1/4 or 1/8 mile radius, the third showed the same density as the nearest Town.



## Activity #3 Poster Wall

The wall of the tents were lined with posters to provide information to participants and those who passed through the tent. There were three categories for posters based on where they were in the tent with A on the right, B on the left, and C at the back of the tent. Below is a description of the posters:

- A. Town And County Comprehensive Plans
- B. Chapter Input
- C. Specialty Posters
  - a. River Access, Parks, And the Rail Trail
  - b. Preference surveys with images on housing, infrastructure, shared transportation, and appearance.
  - c. Future Education and Recreation Facilities

### Community Survey And Posters

#### Encuesta comunitaria y carteles

**We have four types of areas available:**

- County:** Learn about the County's planning process and give input.
- Town:** Learn about Town Planning and comment on the Town.
- Special Projects:** Provide input on projects from river access to roadways.
- Comment Box:** Under the table is a box where you can drop ideas.

**How you can give input:**

- Take the Survey
- Share on Facebook.
- Take the Map Survey.
- Sign up for our email newsletter.
- Help others attend an event.
- Engage your neighbors.

**Cómo puedes dar tu entrada:**

- Tomar la encuesta
- Compartir en Facebook.
- Realice la Encuesta de mapas.
- Regístrate para nuestro boletín electrónico.
- Ayudar a otros a asistir a un evento.
- Habla con sus vecinos.

**\*Hint! The comment box is a great way to give input that you don't want the public to see. We will include your input in our final analysis but it'll just be between you and us.**  
*\*Insinuación! El cuadro de comentarios es una excelente manera de dar información que no desea que el público vea. Incluiremos su opinión en nuestro análisis final, pero será solo entre usted y nosotros.*

**Tenemos cuatro tipos de áreas disponibles:**

- Condado:** Infórmese sobre el proceso de planificación del condado y dé su opinión.
- Pueblo:** Aprenda sobre Urbanismo y comenta sobre el Pueblo.
- Proyectos Especiales:** Proporcionar información sobre proyectos como acceso al río o calles.
- Cuadro de comentarios:** debajo de la mesa hay un cuadro donde puede dejar ideas.



**SCAN ME - ESCANEAME**  
or [shenandoahcountyva.us/future](http://shenandoahcountyva.us/future)



## What Should Shenandoah County Be? ¿Qué debería ser el Condado de Shenandoah?



Tell Us What The Future Of Shenandoah County Should Look Like  
Díganos cómo debería ser el futuro del condado de Shenandoah:

## Where Should New Buildings Occur? ¿Dónde deberíamos nuevas edificios ser?



Tell Us Where Development Should Occur  
Por favor, díganos dónde debería ocurrir el desarrollo:

## How Should Our Towns, Villages, & Hamlets Look? ¿Cómo deberían verse nuestros pueblos, aldeas y caseríos?



Tell Us What The Future Of Our Towns, Villages, & Hamlets Should Look Like  
Díganos cómo deberían ser nuestros pueblos, caseríos y aldeas en el futuro:

## Housing Styles - Estilos De Vivienda.



Tell Us Any Other Ideas On Styles Of Housing?  
Comparte cualquier otra idea sobre estilos de vivienda:

### Wagner Park - Parque Wagner

For the Wagner Park Master Plan, the County Board adopted a resolution on 10/20/2016 that authorized the County Board to acquire the land for the park and to develop a master plan for the park. The master plan will guide the development of the park and will be subject to the approval of the County Board.



Tell Us What You Want To See In A Future Wagner Park  
Díganos qué le gustaría ver en un futuro Parque Wagner:

### Keister Park - Parque Keister

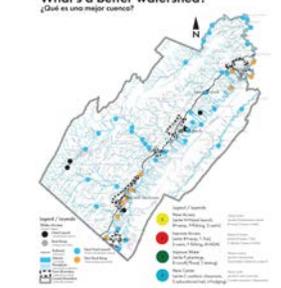
For the Keister Park Master Plan, the County Board adopted a resolution on 10/20/2016 that authorized the County Board to acquire the land for the park and to develop a master plan for the park. The master plan will guide the development of the park and will be subject to the approval of the County Board.



Tell Us What You Want To See In A Future Keister Park  
Díganos qué le gustaría ver en un futuro Parque Keister:

### North Fork Master Plan - Plan Maestro de North Fork

The North Fork Master Plan is a comprehensive plan that guides the development of the North Fork region. It covers a wide range of topics including land use, transportation, and environmental protection. The plan is subject to the approval of the County Board.



Tell Us What The Future Of The Watershed Looks Like  
Díganos cómo se ve el futuro de la cuenca hidrográfica:

### Recreation Master Plan - Plan Maestro de Recreación

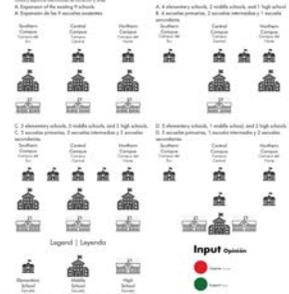
The Recreation Master Plan is a comprehensive plan that guides the development of recreational facilities and programs in the County. It covers a wide range of topics including parks, trails, and community centers. The plan is subject to the approval of the County Board.



Tell Us What The Future Of Recreation Looks Like  
Cuéntanos cómo es el futuro de la recreación:

### New Schools - Nuevas Escuelas

The County Board is currently reviewing options for new schools. The options include building new schools, renovating existing schools, and converting existing buildings into schools. The County Board will make a decision on the best option for the County.



Tell Us What The Future Of Education Looks Like  
Cuéntanos cómo es el futuro de la educación:

### How Should We Use \$8 Million? ¿Cómo deberemos usar \$8 millones?

The County Board is currently reviewing options for how to use \$8 million. The options include investing in infrastructure, education, and social services. The County Board will make a decision on the best use of the funds.



How Can Our Major Roadways Improve?  
¿Cómo pueden mejorar nuestras carreteras principales?

### Shared Transportation - Transporte Compartido.

Shared transportation is a way to reduce traffic and improve mobility. It includes options like car-sharing, bike-sharing, and ride-sharing. The County Board is currently reviewing options for implementing shared transportation in the County.



How would you use shared transportation?  
¿Cómo usaría el transporte compartido?

### Rail Trail - Sendero Ferroviario.

A rail trail is a multi-use trail that follows an abandoned railroad line. It can be used for walking, biking, and horseback riding. The County Board is currently reviewing options for developing a rail trail in the County.



Tell Us Any Other Ideas On The Rail Trail  
Díganos cualquier otra idea sobre el sendero ferroviario:

### The CAC Considered 9 Different Futures And Decided On Option F



**What is one thing we as a community could fix tomorrow that would make your life so much better?**  
¿Qué es algo que nosotros, como comunidad, podríamos arreglar mañana que haría que su vida fuera mucho mejor?

What do you think about the existing residentially zoned land that lies outside the Town limits of Woodstock including along the old waterline along Route 42?  
¿Qué opina sobre los terrenos actualmente zonificados como residenciales que se encuentran fuera de los límites de la ciudad de Woodstock, incluyendo a lo largo de la antigua línea de agua en la Ruta 42?

What amenities or atmosphere does Strasburg have that you feel make it a place to call home?  
¿Qué comodidades o ambiente tiene Strasburg que siente que lo convierten en un lugar para llamar hogar?

What do you think of the Woodstock Lofts project, would you like to see more housing opportunities like it?  
¿Qué opina del proyecto Woodstock Lofts? ¿Le gustaría ver más oportunidades de vivienda similares?

Should Strasburg create lot standards specific to Tiny Houses?  
¿Debería Strasburg crear estándares de lotes específicos para Tiny Houses?

Where can high density residential be developed to create Workforce (affordable) Housing?  
¿Dónde se pueden desarrollar viviendas de alta densidad para crear viviendas (asequibles) para la fuerza laboral?





The following Vision Statement describes in broad terms what we as a county want to be by the year 2045. It is based on a consensus of residents and stakeholders and a vision of the future of Shenandoah County. The Vision Statement provides a framework for maintaining a viable and vibrant Shenandoah County for the foreseeable future.

- 1. A responsible natural resource, protecting, and preserving our environmental, recreational, historic, cultural, and scenic resources for ourselves and future generations.
2. A unique place to live with responsible industry, public services, and quality education that enhances the quality of life and promotes economic growth in urban and rural areas.
3. A great place to work encompassing competitiveness, innovation and economic resilience and inclusivity with a vibrant, diverse workforce and a rural landscape that is a source of pride.
4. A collaborative community that continues to work with private and public entities to ensure Shenandoah County is healthy and vibrant.

OVERARCHING CHALLENGES

- 1. Competitiveness: Plan an education system that provides the right mix of skills, that meets our needs, and a general workforce that is ready to meet the challenges that Shenandoah County will struggle to address in the year 2045.
2. Accessibility:
3. Preserving our scenic resources while promoting growth.
4. Providing accessible, quality public education and community resources built for the 21st Century while the population lives in a low-density setting.
5. Growing a local economy along with similar outside businesses in a market with neighboring growth centers.
6. Preserving and promoting farming as an occupation while encouraging modern food farming.
7. Providing a transportation system built for the 21st Century.
8. Addressing the health of our population in terms of community engagement and services.
9. Providing a County that is healthy, affordable, and viable for people of all backgrounds, ages, and incomes.
10. Promoting community based redevelopment while preserving agriculture.

CHAPTER 1: HISTORIC, CULTURAL, AND SCENIC RESOURCES

VISION: Our historic, cultural and scenic resources of Shenandoah County shall be preserved, awarded, documented, utilized and otherwise improved, protected and enhanced to the maximum extent possible.
RELATIONSHIP OF THE VISION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The comprehensive plan shall ensure that historic, cultural, and scenic resources are preserved, protected, and enhanced to the maximum extent possible.
By the year 2045 the following Goal and Objectives shall be completed through the Strategic and Action Plans included.

- Goal 1.1 Information and educational opportunities will be readily available.
Objective 1.1.1 Research updated.
Objective 1.1.2 Public outreach.
Objective 1.1.3 Digital resources updated.
Goal 1.2 The protection of important lands and landscapes and opportunities for public enjoyment of them will increase.
Objective 1.2.1 Transportation protected.
Objective 1.2.2 Landscapes and roadways protected.
Objective 1.2.3 Access maintained.
Goal 1.3 Historic, historic buildings and structures will be preserved, restored, and protected and used as models for future development.
Objective 1.3.1 Historic preservation.
Objective 1.3.2 Historic restoration.
Objective 1.3.3 Historic education.
Goal 1.4 Artifacts, archeological sites, and other historical and cultural assets will be protected for future generations.
Objective 1.4.1 Archaeological sites.
Objective 1.4.2 Historical sites.
Objective 1.4.3 Cultural resources.
Goal 1.5 The County will be the destination for Heritage Tourism.
Objective 1.5.1 Heritage tourism.
Objective 1.5.2 Heritage trails.
Objective 1.5.3 Heritage education.

CHAPTER 2: WATER RESOURCES

VISION: Water is a vital resource for improving our lives and will be used to ensure public health and quality of life, while protecting its availability, sustainability, and health for future generations.
RELATIONSHIP OF THE VISION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The comprehensive plan shall ensure that water resources are protected, preserved, and enhanced to the maximum extent possible.
By the year 2045 the following Goal and Objectives shall be completed through the Strategic and Action Plans included.

- Goal 2.1 Groundwater resources will be protected.
Objective 2.1.1 Water quality.
Objective 2.1.2 Water quantity.
Objective 2.1.3 Water conservation.
Goal 2.2 Surface water resources will be protected.
Objective 2.2.1 Water quality.
Objective 2.2.2 Water quantity.
Objective 2.2.3 Water conservation.
Goal 2.3 Our infrastructure will support adequate recreation and consumption of water.
Objective 2.3.1 Water infrastructure.
Objective 2.3.2 Water conservation.
Objective 2.3.3 Water recreation.
Goal 2.4 Information on the water resources of the County will be readily available.
Objective 2.4.1 Water resources.
Objective 2.4.2 Water conservation.
Objective 2.4.3 Water recreation.

CHAPTER 3: AGRICULTURAL, FORESTAL, AND GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

VISION: Agriculture will continue to grow in a safe and efficient manner.
RELATIONSHIP OF THE VISION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The comprehensive plan shall ensure that agricultural, forestal, and geological resources are protected, preserved, and enhanced to the maximum extent possible.
By the year 2045 the following Goal and Objectives shall be completed through the Strategic and Action Plans included.

- Goal 3.1 Agriculture will continue to grow in a safe and efficient manner.
Objective 3.1.1 Agriculture safety.
Objective 3.1.2 Agriculture efficiency.
Objective 3.1.3 Agriculture sustainability.
Goal 3.2 Forested areas throughout the county from conversion to other uses.
Objective 3.2.1 Forest management.
Objective 3.2.2 Forest conservation.
Objective 3.2.3 Forest recreation.
Goal 3.3 Geological resources will be balanced between use and preservation.
Objective 3.3.1 Geological resources.
Objective 3.3.2 Geological preservation.
Objective 3.3.3 Geological recreation.

CHAPTER 4: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

VISION: Economic growth and development promoting public and private health, safety, and overall economic development within a vibrant and healthy Shenandoah County.
RELATIONSHIP OF THE VISION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The comprehensive plan shall ensure that economic development is protected, preserved, and enhanced to the maximum extent possible.
By the year 2045 the following Goal and Objectives shall be completed through the Strategic and Action Plans included.

- Goal 4.1 Students and the local workforce will have the opportunity to be prepared for well-paid employment or further training / education.
Objective 4.1.1 Education and workforce.
Objective 4.1.2 Education and workforce.
Objective 4.1.3 Education and workforce.
Goal 4.2 We will be the destination for agri-tourism, hospitals, and tourism opportunities.
Objective 4.2.1 Agri-tourism.
Objective 4.2.2 Hospitals.
Objective 4.2.3 Tourism.
Goal 4.3 Attract and retain key target industries and businesses.
Objective 4.3.1 Attract and retain.
Objective 4.3.2 Attract and retain.
Objective 4.3.3 Attract and retain.
Goal 4.4 Foster a welcoming environment that will attract and retain employment opportunities.
Objective 4.4.1 Welcoming environment.
Objective 4.4.2 Welcoming environment.
Objective 4.4.3 Welcoming environment.
Goal 4.5 Downstream will be the most active, profitable, and invested in areas.
Objective 4.5.1 Downstream.
Objective 4.5.2 Downstream.
Objective 4.5.3 Downstream.

CHAPTER 5: HOUSING

VISION: Housing will be secure and affordable.
RELATIONSHIP OF THE VISION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The comprehensive plan shall ensure that housing is protected, preserved, and enhanced to the maximum extent possible.
By the year 2045 the following Goal and Objectives shall be completed through the Strategic and Action Plans included.

- Goal 5.1 Information on affordable housing and housing overall will be made publicly available.
Objective 5.1.1 Affordable housing.
Objective 5.1.2 Affordable housing.
Objective 5.1.3 Affordable housing.
Goal 5.2 Housing will be equally available to all income levels, ages, and backgrounds.
Objective 5.2.1 Housing availability.
Objective 5.2.2 Housing availability.
Objective 5.2.3 Housing availability.
Goal 5.3 Residential growth will occur in the towns and in villages where public facilities are available per the Future Land Use Map.
Objective 5.3.1 Residential growth.
Objective 5.3.2 Residential growth.
Objective 5.3.3 Residential growth.
Goal 5.4 All residents should have decent, safe and sanitary housing in good repair.
Objective 5.4.1 Decent, safe and sanitary housing.
Objective 5.4.2 Decent, safe and sanitary housing.
Objective 5.4.3 Decent, safe and sanitary housing.
Goal 5.5 Save historic buildings and utilize vacant ones.
Objective 5.5.1 Historic buildings.
Objective 5.5.2 Historic buildings.
Objective 5.5.3 Historic buildings.

CHAPTER 6: COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES

VISION: Community services and facilities will be accessible to all.
RELATIONSHIP OF THE VISION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The comprehensive plan shall ensure that community services and facilities are protected, preserved, and enhanced to the maximum extent possible.
By the year 2045 the following Goal and Objectives shall be completed through the Strategic and Action Plans included.

- Goal 6.1 Public information will be clearly shared with and be accessible to all the public.
Objective 6.1.1 Public information.
Objective 6.1.2 Public information.
Objective 6.1.3 Public information.
Goal 6.2 Our communities will have robust Capital Improvement and Service Improvement Plans and will use a diverse range of financing and funding sources for public improvements.
Objective 6.2.1 Capital Improvement.
Objective 6.2.2 Capital Improvement.
Objective 6.2.3 Capital Improvement.
Goal 6.3 Support and encourage/recruit private services that benefit the public.
Objective 6.3.1 Support and encourage.
Objective 6.3.2 Support and encourage.
Objective 6.3.3 Support and encourage.
Goal 6.4 Provide quality youth and recycling services throughout the County.
Objective 6.4.1 Youth services.
Objective 6.4.2 Youth services.
Objective 6.4.3 Youth services.
Goal 6.5 There will be library services and public or privately owned semi-public gathering spaces in every Town and village.
Objective 6.5.1 Library services.
Objective 6.5.2 Library services.
Objective 6.5.3 Library services.

CHAPTER 7: EDUCATION

VISION: Education will be accessible to all.
RELATIONSHIP OF THE VISION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The comprehensive plan shall ensure that education is protected, preserved, and enhanced to the maximum extent possible.
By the year 2045 the following Goal and Objectives shall be completed through the Strategic and Action Plans included.

- Goal 7.1 All public education facilities will be up to date and have adequate space and equipment.
Objective 7.1.1 Public education.
Objective 7.1.2 Public education.
Objective 7.1.3 Public education.
Goal 7.2 Support our education to ensure our residents continue to have access to quality instruction and staff.
Objective 7.2.1 Support our education.
Objective 7.2.2 Support our education.
Objective 7.2.3 Support our education.
Goal 7.3 We will support and promote the arts in all its forms and provide high-quality arts education opportunities for all residents.
Objective 7.3.1 Support and promote.
Objective 7.3.2 Support and promote.
Objective 7.3.3 Support and promote.
Goal 7.4 We will support and promote technical, vocational, and critical education and training opportunities for all residents.
Objective 7.4.1 Support and promote.
Objective 7.4.2 Support and promote.
Objective 7.4.3 Support and promote.

CHAPTER 8: HEALTH

VISION: Health care services will be accessible to all.
RELATIONSHIP OF THE VISION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The comprehensive plan shall ensure that health care services are protected, preserved, and enhanced to the maximum extent possible.
By the year 2045 the following Goal and Objectives shall be completed through the Strategic and Action Plans included.

- Goal 8.1 Children will grow up in safe, stable, and nurturing environments.
Objective 8.1.1 Children.
Objective 8.1.2 Children.
Objective 8.1.3 Children.
Goal 8.2 The County will be known for its healthy lifestyle.
Objective 8.2.1 Healthy lifestyle.
Objective 8.2.2 Healthy lifestyle.
Objective 8.2.3 Healthy lifestyle.
Goal 8.3 Critical medical services will be available 24/7.
Objective 8.3.1 Critical medical services.
Objective 8.3.2 Critical medical services.
Objective 8.3.3 Critical medical services.
Goal 8.4 Access to medical care will be accessible and affordable to all.
Objective 8.4.1 Access to medical care.
Objective 8.4.2 Access to medical care.
Objective 8.4.3 Access to medical care.
Goal 8.5 Mental health services are readily available, including those for addiction services.
Objective 8.5.1 Mental health services.
Objective 8.5.2 Mental health services.
Objective 8.5.3 Mental health services.

CHAPTER 9: EMERGENCY SERVICES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TECHNOLOGY

VISION: Emergency services, infrastructure, and technology will be accessible to all.
RELATIONSHIP OF THE VISION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The comprehensive plan shall ensure that emergency services, infrastructure, and technology are protected, preserved, and enhanced to the maximum extent possible.
By the year 2045 the following Goal and Objectives shall be completed through the Strategic and Action Plans included.

- Goal 9.1 We will lead the State in the adoption and implementation of 4th Industrial Revolution Technologies.
Objective 9.1.1 4th Industrial Revolution.
Objective 9.1.2 4th Industrial Revolution.
Objective 9.1.3 4th Industrial Revolution.
Goal 9.2 We will invest in infrastructure for the 21st century.
Objective 9.2.1 Infrastructure.
Objective 9.2.2 Infrastructure.
Objective 9.2.3 Infrastructure.
Goal 9.3 Fire and Rescue Services will be the best in the State.
Objective 9.3.1 Fire and Rescue.
Objective 9.3.2 Fire and Rescue.
Objective 9.3.3 Fire and Rescue.
Goal 9.4 Law Enforcement Services will be the best in the State.
Objective 9.4.1 Law Enforcement.
Objective 9.4.2 Law Enforcement.
Objective 9.4.3 Law Enforcement.

CHAPTER 10: RECREATION

VISION: Recreation services will be accessible to all.
RELATIONSHIP OF THE VISION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The comprehensive plan shall ensure that recreation services are protected, preserved, and enhanced to the maximum extent possible.
By the year 2045 the following Goal and Objectives shall be completed through the Strategic and Action Plans included.

- Goal 10.1 There will be a variety of indoor recreation centers for public use for all.
Objective 10.1.1 Indoor recreation.
Objective 10.1.2 Indoor recreation.
Objective 10.1.3 Indoor recreation.
Goal 10.2 There will be a system of accessible to all interconnected trails and parks throughout the County.
Objective 10.2.1 Trails and parks.
Objective 10.2.2 Trails and parks.
Objective 10.2.3 Trails and parks.
Goal 10.3 The Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail will be the most popular and used in the world.
Objective 10.3.1 Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.
Objective 10.3.2 Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.
Objective 10.3.3 Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.

CHAPTER 11: TRANSPORTATION

VISION: Transportation services will be accessible to all.
RELATIONSHIP OF THE VISION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The comprehensive plan shall ensure that transportation services are protected, preserved, and enhanced to the maximum extent possible.
By the year 2045 the following Goal and Objectives shall be completed through the Strategic and Action Plans included.

- Goal 11.1 There will be a system of accessible to all interconnected trails and parks throughout the County.
Objective 11.1.1 Trails and parks.
Objective 11.1.2 Trails and parks.
Objective 11.1.3 Trails and parks.
Goal 11.2 There will be an interconnected system of safe pedestrian and bike trails throughout the County.
Objective 11.2.1 Safe pedestrian and bike trails.
Objective 11.2.2 Safe pedestrian and bike trails.
Objective 11.2.3 Safe pedestrian and bike trails.
Goal 11.3 Street systems will be complete, safe, and connected for all.
Objective 11.3.1 Street systems.
Objective 11.3.2 Street systems.
Objective 11.3.3 Street systems.
Goal 11.4 Our transportation system will support tourism and economic development.
Objective 11.4.1 Transportation system.
Objective 11.4.2 Transportation system.
Objective 11.4.3 Transportation system.

# District 2:

## Mount Jackson Big Band Bash

Date: May 6th, 2023

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Address: 5901 Main St, Mt Jackson, VA 22842

Attendees: 232

Key Takeaways From The Event:

- Keep it the way it is as much as possible
- Increase the number of restaurants in Town
- More year-round activities downtown
- More festivals and events
- More things for kids to do like games
- More affordable housing options in Town

### Vision / Challenges

- Keep it the way it is
- Keep it the way it is
- Keep it as it is now
- Keep it they way it is
- Keep it like it is
- Like Bryce
- Keep urban feel, no sprawl
- Be just like it is connected with community more youth activities
- Keep taxes down
- Too many nova people

### Historic, Cultural, Scenic

- Preserve historic sites
- Keep memorials

### Water Resources

No Input

### Ag, Forestal, Geological

- Protect farmland
- Like wineries
- Situation where new vineyard is established next to an existing farm; existing farm uses herbicide that can harm grapes; how can this conflict be prevented/addressed?
- Keep farms in rural areas
- Like rural area protect it, conservation stop development on farms
- Reduce pollution and litter clean

### Economic Development

- More festivals and events in town (x4)
- More stuff downtown year round (x4)
- Small local businesses no chains (x2)
- People don't wanna work. People should wanna work.
- More technology based jobs
- Better economy more opportunities for businesses more industry
- More development
- Breweries in small hamlets/villages
- List of vendors for towns by chamber
- More open to businesses coming in, mega site kids have to leave county now to live

### Housing

- More affordable options to live here (x2)
- Need senior living facility ( community style) more home health care
- More affordable places to rent in town
- More affordable hosing for workforce with well maintained
- Want to live 5 minutes from work, tech jobs
- Help homeless

### Community Facilities

- More stuff for kids to do (x4)
- Nice sit down restaurants diners (x4)
- Games and fun things to do (x2)
- Chic fil a (x2)
- Support more things like Jon Henry's
- Grocery store in New Market
- More social spaces to meet people
- More street lights esp at intersections
- Store to buy clothes
- Protect sense of community
- Honor a funeral process
- Make it more trendy
- Bring skate rink back in Woodstock

### Education

- Better school stick to topics
- More spaces for tennis courts, one at each high school
- More stuff for the kids, stuff to do, field trips
- Improve teacher resources

### Health

- Support response & victims

### Emergency Services, Inf, Tech

- Competition for shentel
- Support police
- Better safety everyone should know everyone
- No big solar facilities
- Better government

### Recreation

- Indoor pool
- Exercise centers
- Things for kids: skating park, group activities for youth that are safe
- Make the rail to trail happen
- Support more river access
- River access

### Transportation

- Adequate street parking
- Shengo is a blessing, need Bryce route for elders
- Bus to Basye

### Future Land Use Map

No Input

### Keister Park

No Input

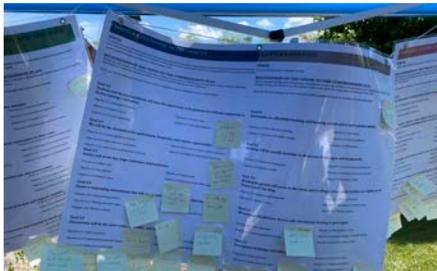
### Wagner Park

No Input

### Additional Ideas:

No Input





Like 

Dislike 

Like 

Dislike 

### What Should Shenandoah County Be?



Wilderness (2)  
Rural (2)  
Historic Urban (1)



Suburban (2)  
Super Urban (1)

### Where Should New Buildings Occur?



Vacant Lots (2)  
Downtowns (1)



Prime Soils (1)  
Flood Areas (1)  
Forests (1)

### How Should Our Towns, Villages, And Hamlets Look?



Historic (2)  
Walkable (1)  
Active (1)



Cookie Cutter (2)  
Abandoned (1)

### Rail Trail



Overlooks (2) •  
Dog Parks (1)  
Interesting Architecture (1)

Keep rail system for freight and tourists, no bike trail, and zero solar farms

- Build the rail trail
- Overlooks draw a lot of people
- Cozy café
- Build the rail trail
- More parks for dogs
- Rails to trails mixed use
- Rail trail would be fabulous

### Shared Transportation



Amtrak in Staunton and Martinsburg (1)

### Where should we build trails to and where do we need new parks and outdoor spaces in Mount Jackson?

- Better hours for swimming pool love tods playground
- Greenway on mill creek with viewing
- For rails to trails

### What types of clean businesses and industries would you like to see in Mount Jackson?

- More nice restaurants
- More restaurants
- Any kind of restaurants
- Limit solar facilities
- Local art galleries
- Crafts venue
- More restaurants more shops

### What would you like to see in Mount Jackson's historic district and what would you not like to see?

- Marketing person for MJ
- Love to spend money in MJ
- Stop seeing things close
- Have more essential amenities like grocery stores in downtown
- Real restaurant sit down, steaks shrimp
- Something for school age kids discovery museum
- Restore old buildings
- Public art "love works" at covered bridge
- Open the theater
- More family restaurants at lunch
- More space for young kids to play
- Make downtown as alive as hburg mall
- More store options downtown
- Love the small towns & affordable
- More business in town, places to eat hamburger
- Brewery

### What types of uses should be allowed along the Rail Trail in Mount Jackson?

- Hands on activities for kids
- Hotel in MJ
- More festivals

### What does Edinburg have that bring you back to Town again and again?

- A theater

# District 4:

## Woodstock ArtFest

Date: June 24th, 2023

Time: 11:00am - 2:00pm

Address: 103 N Main St, Woodstock, VA 22664

Attendees: 223

Vision / Challenges

No Input

Key Takeaways From The Event:

- Keep the rural individual small town feel
- Love the parks in the area, need more safe trails
- Need more affordable housing here and in region
- More housing and care for senior and elderly
- Support schools with space and quality education
- More amenities in the southern end of County

Historic, Cultural, Scenic

No Input

Water Resources

No Input

Ag, Forestal, Geological

- Love mountains
- Like nature and friendly people
- Being able to continue farming

Economic Development

- More agrotourism restaurants and breakfast places
- More festivals and events

Housing

- More affordable housing
- Affordable to commute to Winchester from here
- Need more housing options in Strasburg
- One level living for people over 60

Community Facilities

- More restaurants, ethnic food, outdoor café in south end of the County
- Well funded libraries
- More professional library positions
- More amenities in southern end of the County to reduce driving

Education

- Drop off and pick up at the schools is atrocious
- More support for staff / teachers
- New school WW Robinson is the second biggest in the state, small classes are better
- Anything to help kids take ownership of their own learning
- More support for schools

Health

- Shenandoah Memorial is nicer than Rockingham Memorial, more personal, less corporate
- Add elderly rural services for aging in place

Emergency Services, Inf, Tech

- Better wifi and cell service downtown

Recreation

- Recreation center is great
- Pickleball courts
- Love Seven Bends State Park
- Sauna in recreation center
- Love Seven Bends State Park
- Find safe trails around
- Love Maurertown Park and mountains and access to them

Transportation

- Add a north Interstate exit at Woodstock to alleviate traffic congestion in Woodstock
- Pave Deer Rapids Road and make it public
- Safe places to bike
- Get bikes off main roads, unsafe

Future Land Use Map

- Don't be Frederick County
- Love the community
- Keep it rural
- Hate Frederick County, know its limiting for taxes, love mountains and agrotourism
- Smaller, wider here, keep it rural, no suburbs, friendly here
- Like camping and being outdoors, nicer and more affordable than West Virginia, quiet nice people
- On option H, No, absolutely not. Let the small towns be small

Keister Park

No Input

Wagner Park

No Input

Additional Ideas:

No Input





Like 

Dislike 

Like 

Dislike 

### What Should Shenandoah County Be?



Rural (4)



Suburban (1)



Historic Urban (1)



Super Urban (1)

### Where Should New Buildings Occur?



Vacant Lots (2)



Downtowns (1)

### How Should Our Towns, Villages, And Hamlets Look?



Walkable (3)



Cookie Cutter (1)



Historic (2)



Active (2)

### Rail Trail



Overlooks (2) • Tourist train, steam train, with trail



Wildlife (2)



Interesting Architecture (1)

- Build the trail
- Rail Trail would be great!
- Keister Park idea is awesome!
- Forget the rail, it's a money sink, get the trail
- Love the rail trail

### Shared Transportation



Amtrak in Staunton and Martinsburg (2)

### How should we use \$8 Million?



Bike Lanes (2)



ShenGO (1)

### Housing Styles



Small Apartment (1)  
Live Work (1)



Stacked Triplex (1)

What do you think about the existing residentially zoned land that lies outside the Town limits of Woodstock including along the old waterline along Route 42?

- Worry about infrastructure, focus on current Town boundaries

What should the area outside and around Woodstock look like?

- Keep development away from the State Park

Which amenities do you leave the County for that would be better if centrally located in Woodstock?

- More sidewalks, especially on Water Street

What do you think of the Woodstock Lofts project, would you like to see more housing opportunities like it?

- Great idea, more of these and mixed use places
- Keep old buildings and renovate them, that's why I moved here, especially mixed use
- Great but need more affordable housing

How can we motivate certain property owners in Edinburg to take better care of their properties?

- Find funds or condemn it

How could we connect the Mill, CCC Museum, and other amenities in Edinburg to the Rail Trail?

- Have feeder trails connect it with parking

What would you like to see downtown Edinburg so it is more of an active place to be?

- Loved the old bank there on Main Street
- More businesses

What do you think about the existing residentially zoned land that lies outside the Town limits of Woodstock including along the old waterline along Route 42?

- Worry about infrastructure, focus on current Town boundaries

# District 3:

## Fort Valley Independence Parade

Date: July 4th, 2023

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Address: 7091 Fort Valley Rd, Fort Valley, VA 22652

Attendees: 151

Vision / Challenges  
No Input

Key Takeaways From The Event:

- Need separated bike routes through Fort Valley
- Limit and reduce development in Fort Valley
- Only allow development on existing lots
- Put resources where people already travel for them
- Need a Chick-Fil-A in Woodstock
- Need new schools for the Central Campus

Historic, Cultural, Scenic  
No Input

Water Resources  
No Input

Ag, Forestal, Geological

- Love mountains
- Like nature and friendly people
- Being able to continue farming

Economic Development  
No Input

Housing  
No Input

Community Facilities

- More daycare facilities
- Chick-fil-a
- People should know each other, have festivals
- Its not all about money, its about community

Education

- Better educational opportunities
- Edinburg kids should go to Central Schools
- New schools at Central

Health

- Attention to needs for disabled people

Emergency Services, Inf, Tech  
No Input

Recreation

- Like the public swimming pools

Transportation  
No Input

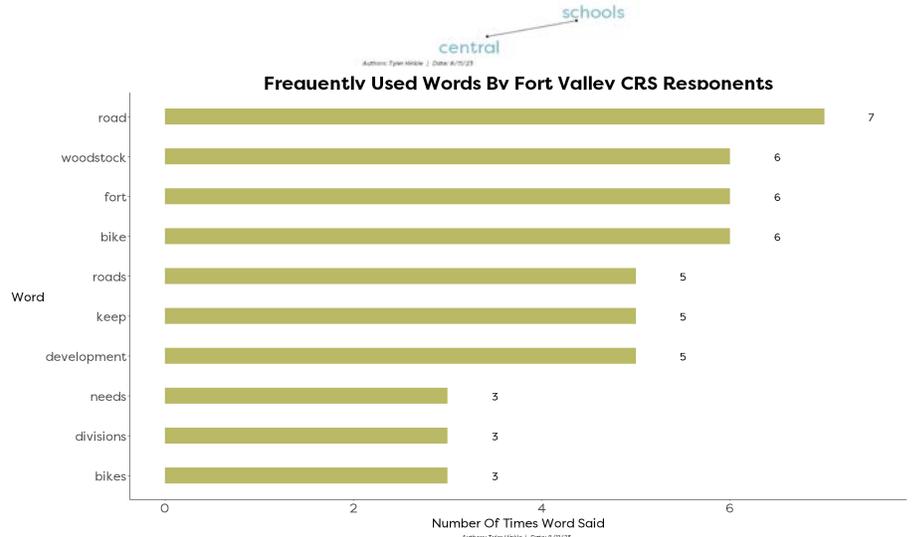
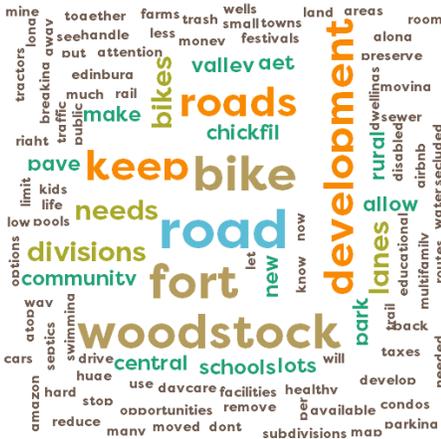
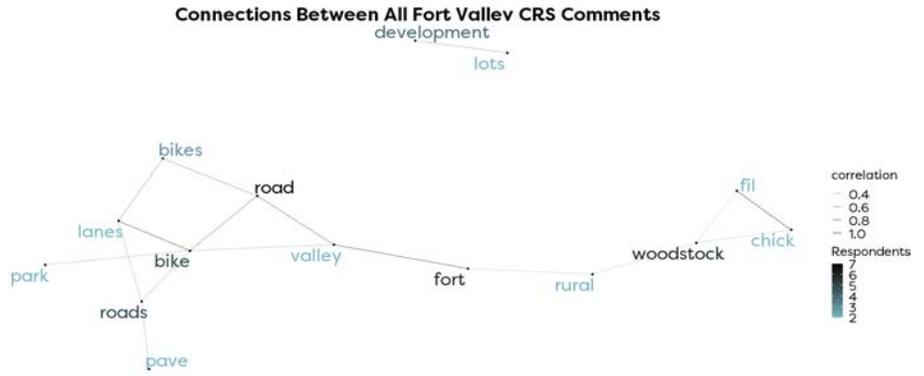
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Keister Park  
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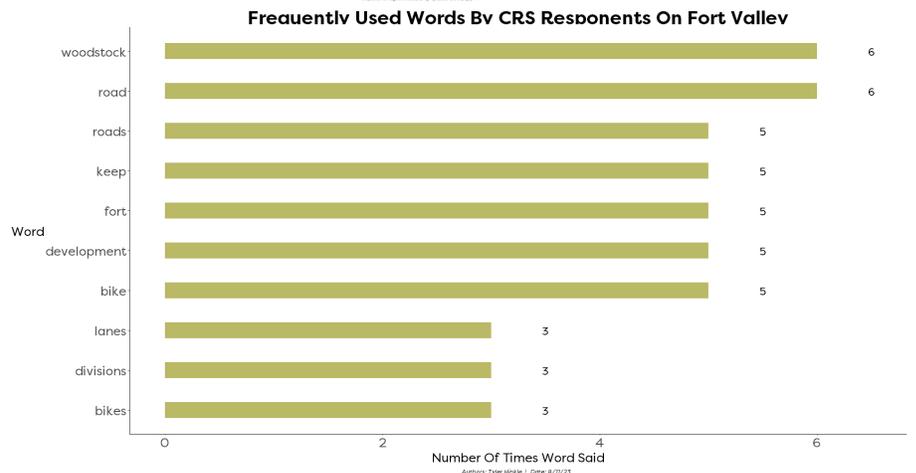
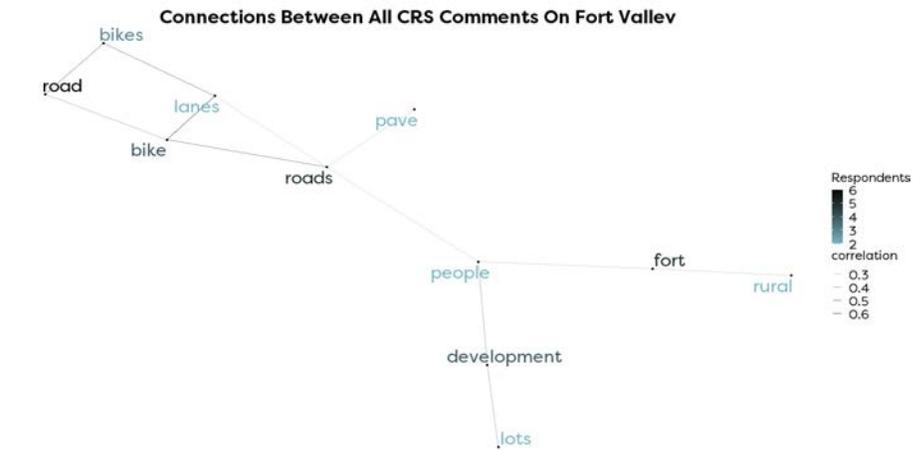
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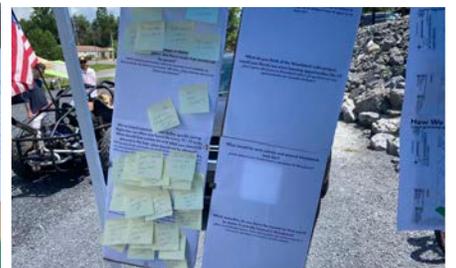
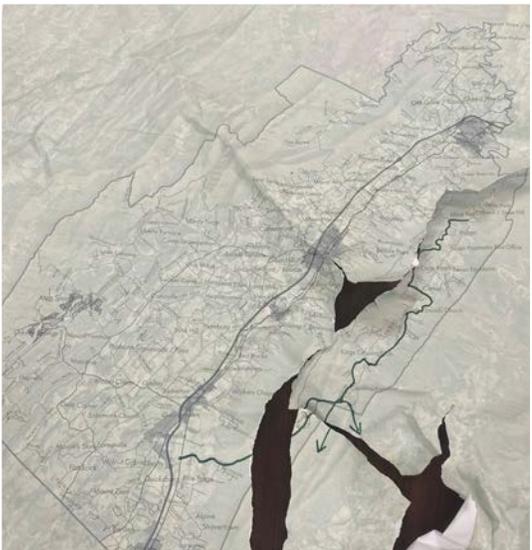
Additional Ideas:  
No Input

# All responses from the Fort Valley engagement on all topics.



# All responses from all engagement on Fort Valley.





Like 

Dislike 

Like 

Dislike 

### What Should Shenandoah County Be?



Rural (4)



Suburban (3)



Wilderness (3)



Estates (3)



Historic Urban (3)

### Where Should New Buildings Occur?



Prime Soils (1)

### Rail Trail

- This will take bike traffic off Fort Valley Road, and is healthy
- Rail trail would make life so much better

We've heard requests for Fort Valley specific zoning. Right now we allow one house for every 10 - 15 acres. What should that number be and what uses should be allowed in the Fort, what should not be allowed?

- Remove dwellings as a use in A-1 and C-1
- No huge development, no small lots, no multifamily
- Less road trash
- Keep it as it is, moved here because of the way it is now
- No more subdivisions
- Just develop what we have available, no more divisions
- Limit divisions per road
- Don't allow Airbnb by right
- Keep it secluded and rural, keep taxes low
- Keep development in the Towns, on water and sewer, no wells and septic
- Stop breaking up lots from farms
- Roads can't handle new development, too many people moving out here
- Preserve the community
- Don't allow divisions in the Fort, can't put the land back together
- Reduce development in Fort and make it hard for development

Concerns on bikers on Fort Valley Road has spurred interest in a separated bike lane to divert the bikes to a safe space. Where else do we need bike lanes?

- Get the bikes off the road
- Roads are for tractors and cars, not bikes
- Parking areas for bike routes so they don't park along the road
- Bike lanes atop mountains, away from roads
- No bicyclists on Fort Valley Road
- Get bikes off the road, no room for bike lanes, separated bike lanes needed
- People in the Fort need to drive more carefully
- Have recommended roads to bike on, see map

Would you rather have more amenities in Fort Valley or be able to travel to Woodstock for them?

- No hotels or condos
- Let Woodstock grow, keep the Fort rural
- Chick-fil-a in Woodstock
- More shopping options in Woodstock like in Harrisonburg or Winchester
- Everyday needs in Woodstock
- Better medical needs in Woodstock
- Amazon solves my problems
- Martins and nice womens clothing store in Woodstock

VDOT plans to pave all roads in Shenandoah County over the next 100 years. Are there roads that should not be paved?

- I've eaten dust long enough, pave them all, don't upgrade roads
- Pave Mine Mountain

What would you like to see downtown Edinburg so it is more of an active place to be?

- More restaurants, outdoor activities, bands in the summer

What types of improvements would you like to see to make Edinburg more walkable?

- Bigger park

# District 6:

## Strasburg Front Porch Friday

Date: July 21st, 2023

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Address: 174 E King St, Strasburg, VA 22657

Attendees: 106

Vision / Challenges

No Input

Key Takeaways From The Event:

- Love live music and community events in Town
- Love downtown want more amenities & connectivity
- Protect rural areas from housing
- Invest in Town and use vacant buildings and lots
- Concerns on water supply for the future
- More amenities for the senior population

Historic, Cultural, Scenic

No Input

Water Resources

- Suggests septic pump out every five years - alternative idea or additional: pump out when property changes hands
- Increase amount of water in the river, concerns on the impact of new buildings

Ag, Forestal, Geological

- More trees in town and everywhere
- Use zoning to protect natural green space
- Stop building in the rural area
- Protect farmland or all the beauty will be lost
- Stop building so much in the rural areas
- Love the green space, tree hugger

Economic Development

- More industry to increase the tax base and keep jobs local
- BBQ shop
- Love downtown, very active and thriving
- Not enough businesses

Housing

- Smart development like in Europe, build in the inner-cities and keep farmland
- No more housing way too expensive
- Wanted land and space from DC
- Reuse old buildings in Town
- Stop housing development on farms, there is no water for new houses

Community Facilities

- More libraries and library positions
- Beauty and family and parks and music brings tourists
- Love the theater in Woodstock
- Live music bands brings tourists
- Love the County Fair
- New grocery store
- Ice cream and things for kids to do
- Love music, brings tourists
- Community theater
- Live music and good friends and bakery and grocery store brings us out here
- Scenic beauty and music brings tourists
- Like music events, brings outsiders here
- Love fitness center with the County
- Wish we knew people walking on the street
- Like family oriented events
- Many seniors do not have family to support them
- Community theater
- Take care of seniors better, have people go and check on them and get them groceries

Education

- Schools are overcrowded
- Build schools, burn houses
- Daycare for younger kids
- Bring a small university

Health

No Input

Emergency Services, Inf, Tech

- Feel safe living here

Recreation

- Rail trail is a great idea
- Rail road looks awful, perfect place for weeds and ticks, concerns on removing the rail
- More river access points

Transportation

- Commuter rail in Strasburg
- Separated routes for bikes
- Parking garages downtown

Future Land Use Map

No Input

Keister Park

No Input

Wagner Park

No Input

Additional Ideas:

No Input





Like 

Dislike 

Like 

Dislike 

### What Should Shenandoah County Be?



Wilderness (2)



Suburban (1)



Historic Urban (1)



Super Urban (1)

### How Should Our Towns, Villages, And Hamlets Look?



Walkable (1)



Cookie Cutter (1)



Active (1)



Abandoned (1)

### Shared Transportation



Bike Share (1)



Electric Scooter Share (1)

### Where Should New Buildings Occur?



Vacant Lots (1)



Prime Soils (1)



Flood Areas (1)



Forests (1)

### Rail Trail



Art installations (1)



Adventure elements (1)

- Get rail trail done before I die
- Rail trail will draw more businesses downtown
- Abington is a great example, get more small shops downtown
- Farmville is doing great because of their rail trail, we need one

### How should we use \$8 Million?



Bike Lanes (1)



Interstate (1)



Roundabouts (1)



Flashing Crosswalks (1)

### Housing Styles



Stacked duplex (1)



Tiny House (1)



Mid-rise (1)

### Where should we create a Toms Brook Town park or public outdoor space?

- Pool
- Park along rail trail
- Playground in Toms Brook for younger kids under 5

### What type of businesses would you like to see in Toms Brook?

- Coffeeshop, diner, aldi
- More sidewalks
- Small businesses with food
- Steak and cheese, chinese food

### What amenities or atmosphere does Strasburg have that you feel make it a place to call home?

- Beauty and family kept me here
- Cell service is awful we need better connections
- Love the murals in Strasburg
- Town park and downtown is great
- Keep food chains out (like Chick-fil-a)
- Downtown is not super connected with west downtown

### Should Strasburg look to rezoning industrial areas in the downtown area to residential or commercial?

- Dance studio

# District 1:

## Orkney Springs Music Festival

Date: July 22nd, 2023

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Address: 81 Shrine Mont Circle Basye, VA 22810

Attendees: 103

Vision / Challenges

No Input

Key Takeaways From The Event:

- Keep it the way it is as much as possible
- Keep traffic low and slow in villages and hamlets
- More everyday needs in New Market & Woodstock
- Use historic buildings as guide for new buildings
- More access to trails and waterways
- Love downtown Edinburg and Woodstock

Historic, Cultural, Scenic

Water Resources

Ag, Forestal, Geological

- Avoid too many difficult requirements in historic districts

No Input

No Input

Economic Development

No Input

Housing

- Stop people moving out here
- Limit growth to towns
- Convert VFW to Hotel in Edinburg

Community Facilities

- Love the Edinburg Mill

Education

No Input

Health

No Input

Emergency Services, Inf, Tech

- Cell service in Orkney

Recreation

- Family and gentle trails and for dogs
- Increase river and creek access

Transportation

- Pave gravel roads
- Reduce speed limit on 610 into Orkney Springs and into all villages and hamlets
- Keep traffic low

Future Land Use Map

- Keep things as they are
- Don't change much
- Like it the way it is
- Keep it like it is, its beautiful

Keister Park

No Input

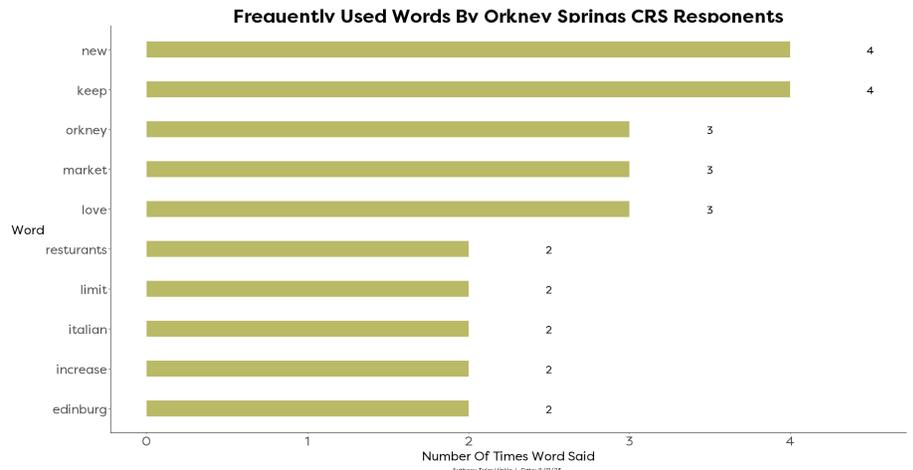
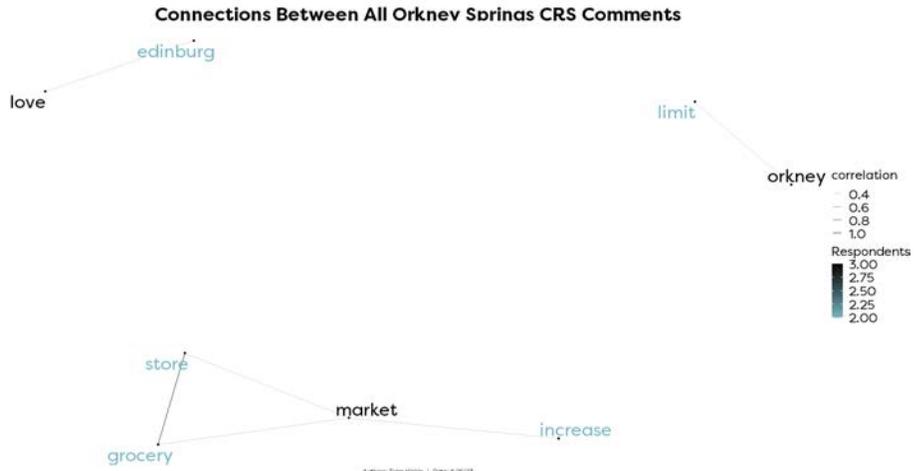
Wagner Park

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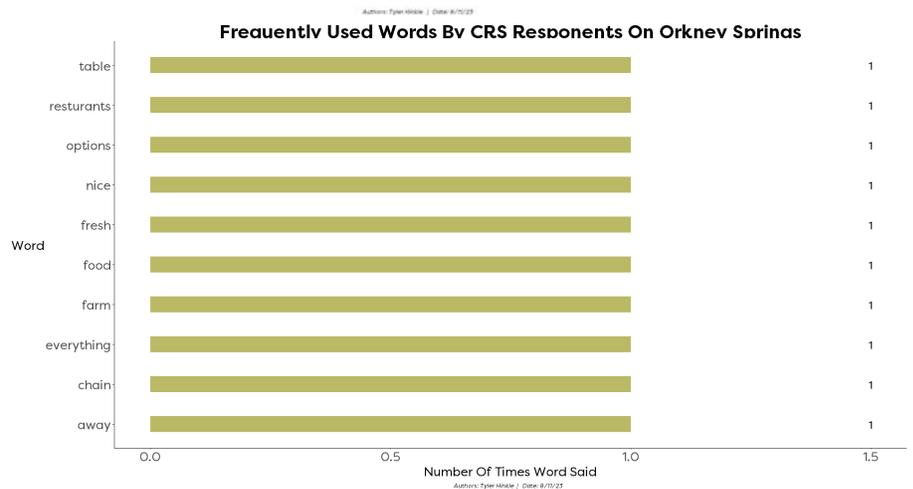
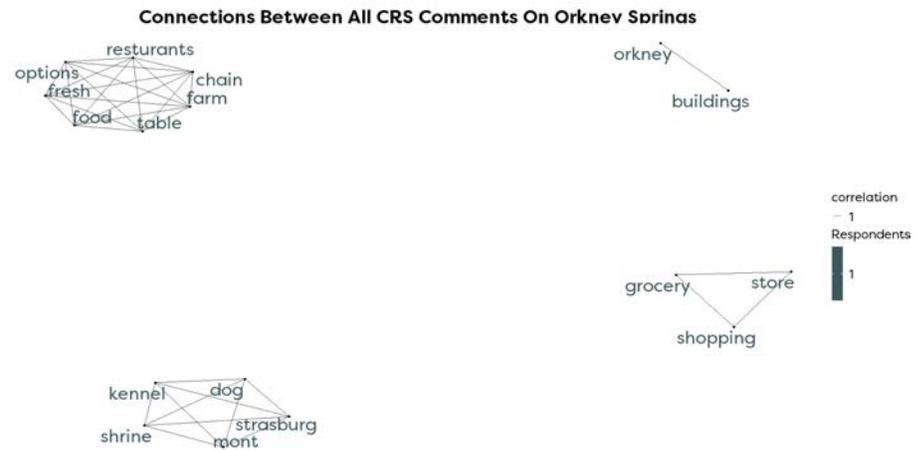
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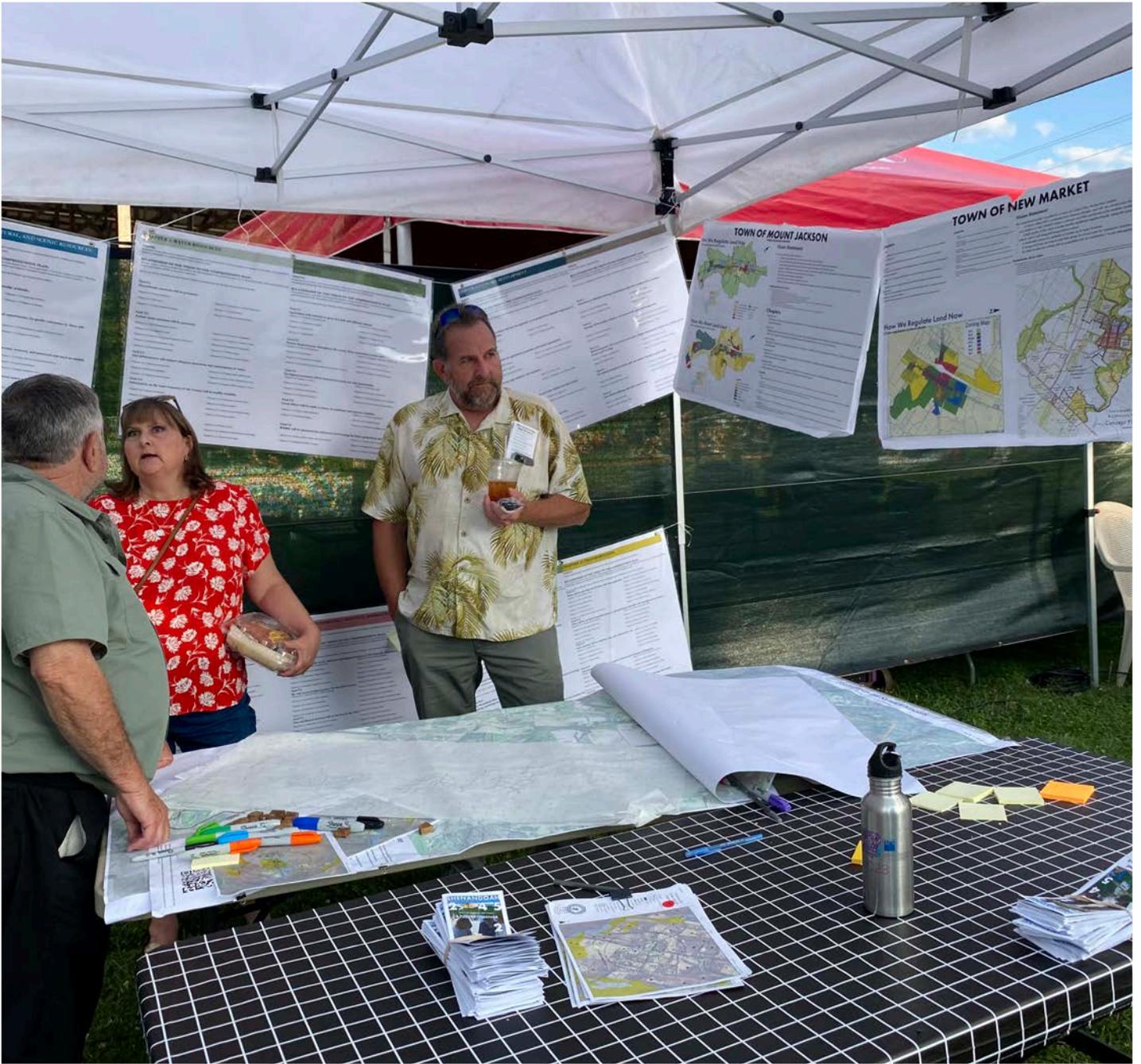
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# All responses from the Orkney Springs engagement on all topics.



# All responses from all engagement on Orkney Springs.





Which businesses and industries would you like to see expand or come to New Market?

- Nice Italian restaurant other than Italian Touch
- Increase Valley Health Center in New Market
- Grocery store like Martins in New Market
- Lowes or Home Depot in New Market

What should the area outside and around Woodstock look like?

- Keep it rural from development

Which amenities do you leave the County for that would be better if centrally located in Woodstock?

- Love the brewery
- Love downtown and parking area

Would you rather have more amenities in Orkney Springs / Basye or be able to travel to Mount Jackson or Woodstock for them?

- Shopping and grocery store

What are your thoughts on seeing more historic style mixed use, and multistory buildings in downtown Basye or Orkney Springs?

- New buildings should look like those already in Orkney

Rail Trail

- Looking forward to rail trail
- Real bathrooms, bike repair shops, restaurants, picnic areas

# Countywide: Online Survey

Date: May 4th, 2023 to August 4th, 2023

Time: Anytime

Address: <https://shenandoahcountyva.us/future/>

Attendees: 10

Vision / Challenges

- I agree with this in general, but I would replace limiting growth outside our towns with an emphasis on zoning reform to legalize the expansion of our multi-use town centers so that more people can enjoy living in our county affordable while keeping natural and agricultural areas prominent

Historic, Cultural, Scenic

- Yes, but while still allowing new dense multi-use development in a similar historical style / tradition
- Objective 1.2.4: Yes, but not to the detriment of new multi-use developments of a similar character.
- Open forums for public
- Allow more freedom in uses in single-family zoning districts, encouraging small businesses and walkable communities.

Water Resources

- Water is a precious resource

Ag, Forestal, Geological

- Support food co-ops in addition to agricultural co-ops in an effort to both allow local farmers good places to sell their wares, while also providing walkable community-owned grocery options in our communities.

Economic Development

- In a sense, but I'd like to see downtowns expanded, and actually usable to the day-to-day residents (e.x. local pharmacies, groceries, corner stores, etc... that are within walking distance of residents) rather than just being tourist destinations or focused on special occasions. Multi-use and widespread small businesses should be the norm throughout our towns, not relegated to a specific downtown area.

Housing

- Senior housing should be developed, but ideally these should not be in separate areas, but rather integrated into the community so people of all generations can live in the same area.
- Overall that sounds good so long as we fight suburban sprawl and focus on multi-use zoning.
- Increase low income housing

Community Facilities

- I would especially like to see a focus on walkable corner stores and local co-op groceries.

Health

- Birthing centers are out of the county, we need local resources
- NWCSB is not always an asset due to retaining employees

Key Takeaways From The Engagement:

- Overall the draft is a great start
- Support and protect local agriculture
- We need more healthcare resources in the County
- Increase the freedom of uses in communities
- Support the growth of walkable multi-use spaces
- Support and expand ShenGO services

### Emergency Services, Inf, Tech

- I am particularly interested in innovative grass-roots solutions to local problems. I also think the county could benefit from embracing modern ideas such as open-source software, and leveraging this as a way to drive community engagement in tech education. It would be awesome if Shenandoah County had a Github!
- Again, I would love to get involved in software and government functions, and I think open-sourcing county software and opening it up to community involvement would be a great path forward.
- Drug abuse should be handled by medical professionals, not police.
- I work in the software industry and would love to get involved with this.
- I'd in particular like to see further investments in rail, which would both allow residents to be less car-dependent, as well as lessen expensive maintenance costs from heavy freight on our roadways. I want a future where I can get on a train, and ride to Alexandria or Hampton Roads for work trips in a reasonable timeframe right from downtown Strasburg, without having to worry about driving my personal car or getting a rental!

### Recreation

- I'd just want to add for accessibility to trails an emphasis on connecting town centers to trail accesses in a walkable way where appropriate.
- Yes, but make sure the rail line remains active! Rails helped our county grow into the place it is today, and they will help it as we grow into the future!

### Transportation

- We should support development of Corridor H to increase the connections with our Shenandoah county communities and our sister communities in West Virginia. This would be beneficial to residents in Shenandoah County by making it easier to access recreational facilities in West Virginia, as well as bringing more business opportunities both for Shenandoah County and West Virginia residents.
- I'm a big proponent of getting rid of parking minimums. However, I wonder if it would be helpful, especially since we have such a high rural population, and so much of our county is (and probably still will be in the future) car-dependent, if we built some small parking garages in our towns as appropriate close to down towns so that visitors have an easy place to park their cars and then get out to enjoy our walkable towns, without having to have sprawling parking lots.
- Support revitalizing the rail infrastructure thought the county for both freight and passenger uses.

### Future Land Use Map

- Build rail with trails, not the rail trail. And focus on dense multi-use residential regions + agricultural / country zoning. Single family homogenous zoning should be diminished.
- I'd like to see more agriculture

### Education

- Promote parent involvement

### Wagner Park

- A community garden would be nice.
- Hiking trails, biking trails but no ATV's

### Additional Ideas:

No Input

### Keister Park

- That sounds fine to me.



What Should Shenandoah County Be?	Where Should New Buildings Occur?	How Should Our Towns, Villages, And Hamlets Look?	Shared Transportation
 Wilderness (10)	 Vacant Lots (8)	 Historic (10)	 ShenGO (10)
 Rural (10)	 Downtowns (8)	 Walkable (8)	 Bus shelter (8)
 Historic Urban (10)	 Prime Soils (1)	 Unique (8)	 Transit Connecting Tourism Areas(8)

Rail Trail	How should we use \$8 Million?	Housing Styles	New Schools
 Historical Markers (10)	 ShenGO (7)	 Tiny House (8)	5 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, and 3 high schools. (2)
 Wildlife Viewing Areas (9)	 Pave Gravel Roads (2)	 Small Apartment (8)	Expansion of the existing 9 schools. (2)
 Dog Parks (8)	 Bike Lanes (1)	 Mid-Rise (7)	

North Fork Master Plan

- “I think it would be great if there was a bridge and a public trail easement allowing pedestrians to directly access the hiking areas around Signal Knob by foot from downtown Strasburg / the Strasburg town park. Currently accessing these public hiking areas by foot would involve either trespassing, or going down not very pedestrian friendly country roads.”
- Minimize pulling water from Shenandoah River, increase recreational opportunities
- Improve water quality

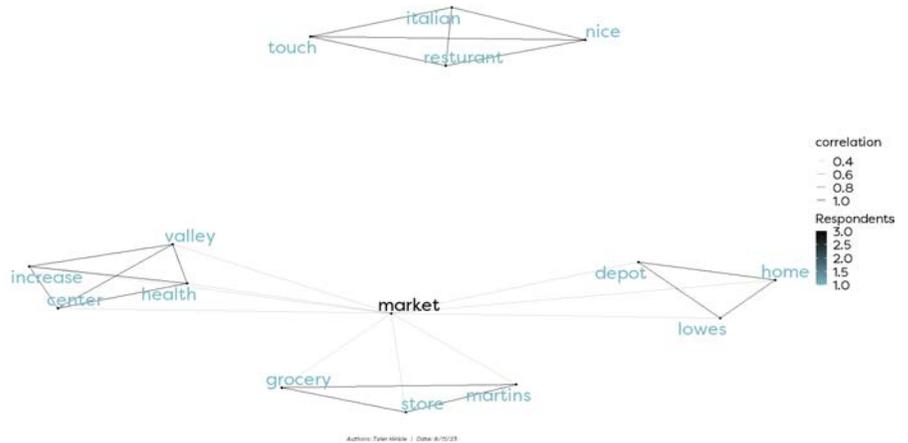
What is one thing we as a community could fix tomorrow that would make your life so much better?

- Keeping growth in the valley sustainable, and focusing on expanding our multi-use town centers instead of more and more homogenous single-family zoning that makes entrepreneurship and starting a small business harder.
- We should allow and encourage new developments to follow a dense, walkable design -- which already makes our historic downtowns great. Rather than having the county grow via homogenous single family developments like those from Ryan Homes, we should keep our countryside beautiful and allow more people to afford and live in vibrant areas like downtown Strasburg by legalizing and incentivizing the development of new areas with similar qualities.
- Minimize development
- Better roads
- Enhancing transit access throughout the County (building off the success of ShenGO)

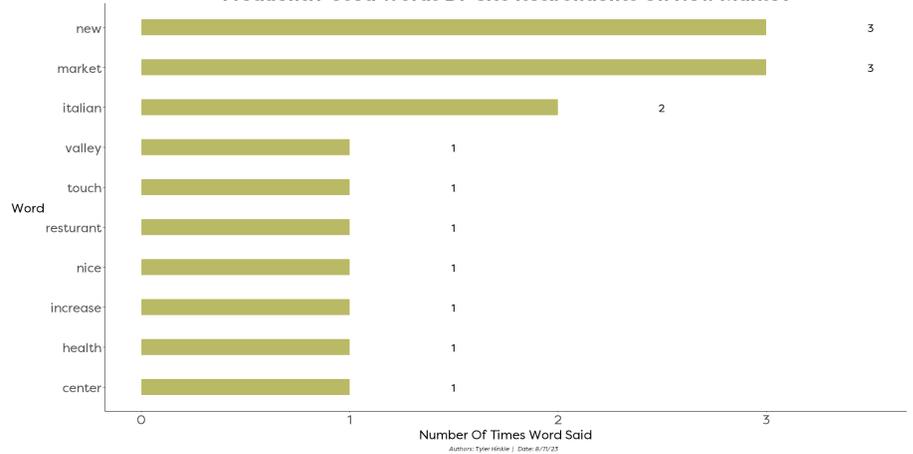
# Responses On New Market, Edinburg, And Toms Brook: Combined Results From All Engagement

All responses from all engagement on New Market.

Connections Between All CRS Comments On New Market



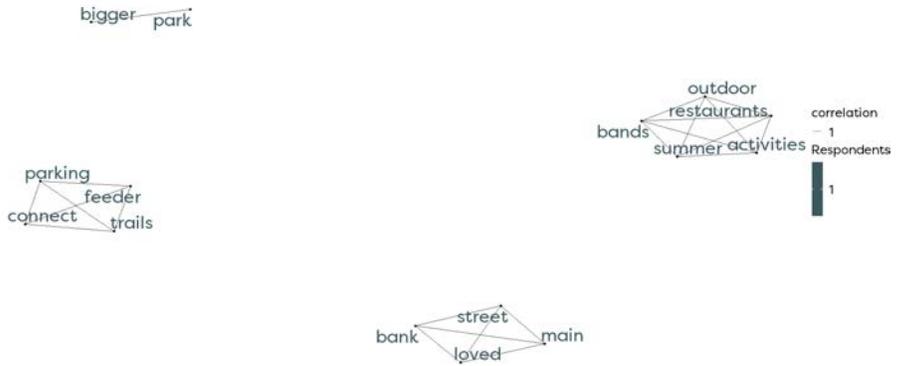
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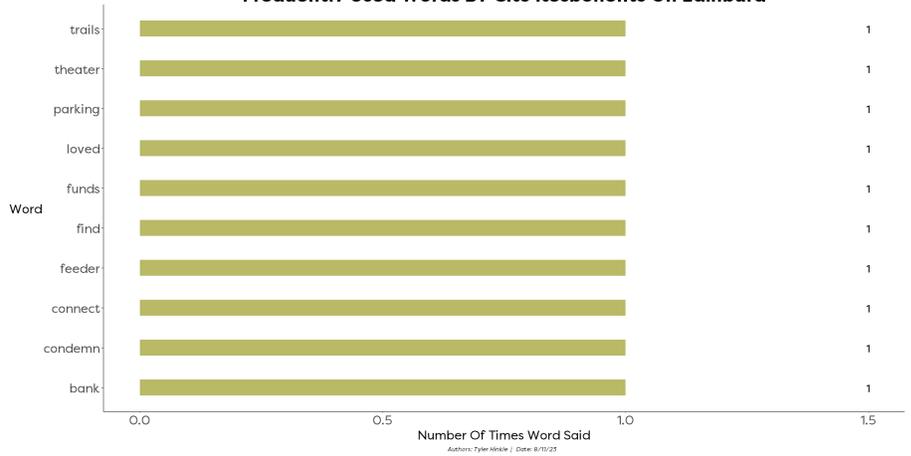
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- Lowes or Home Depot in New Market

# All responses from all engagement on Edinburg.

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condemn funds

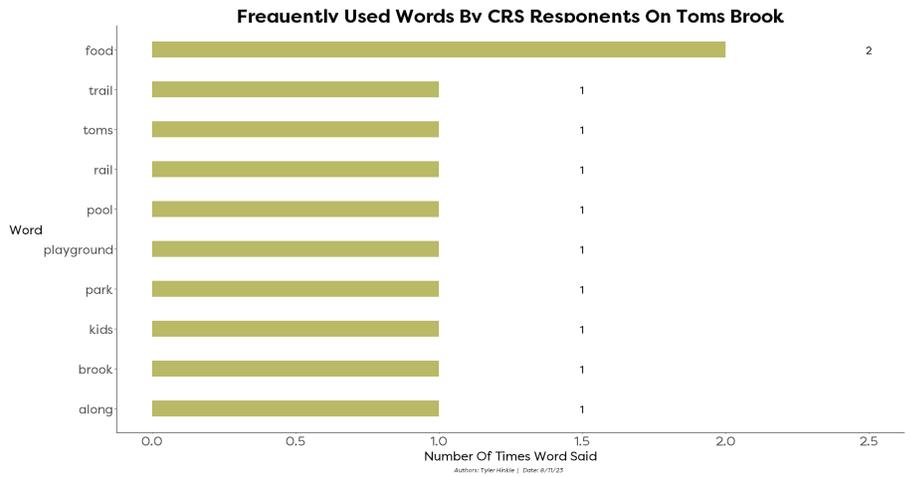
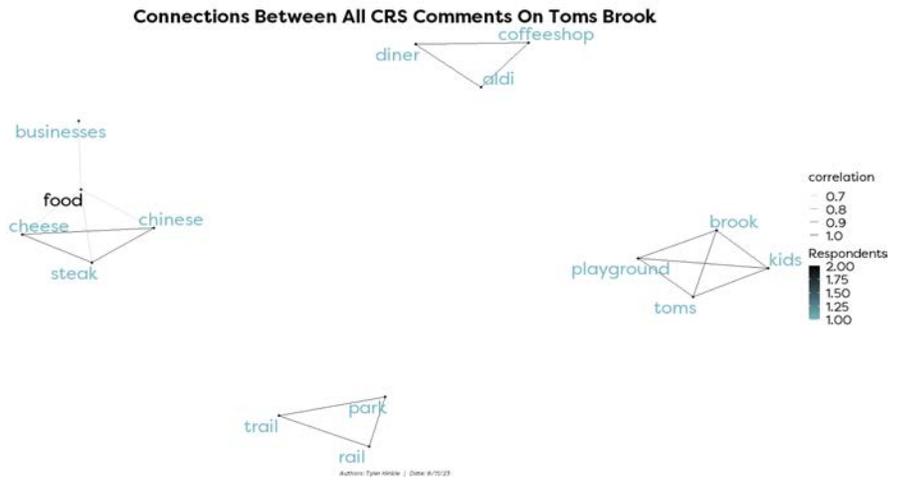


Frequently Used Words By CRS Respondents On Edinburg



- A theater
- Find funds or condemn it (buildings in disrepair)
- Have feeder trails connect it with parking
- Loved the old bank there on Main Street
- More businesses
- More restaurants , outdoor activities, bands in the summer
- Bigger park

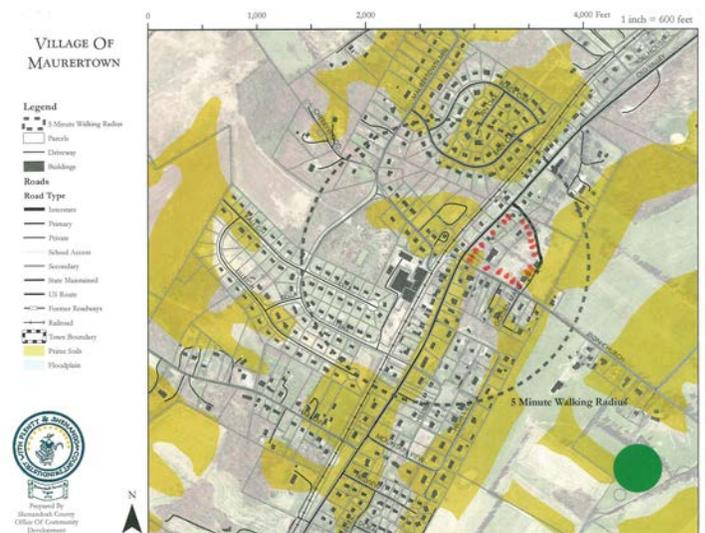
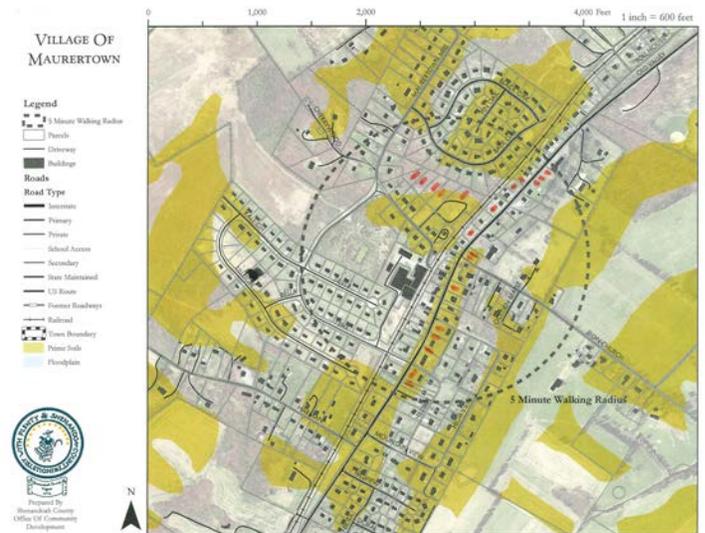
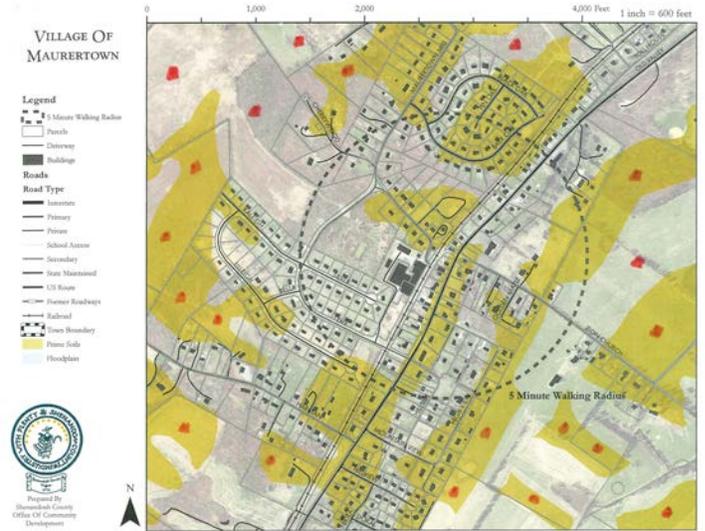
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- Pool
- Park along rail trail
- Playground in Toms Brook for younger kids under 5
- Coffeeshop, diner, aldi
- More sidewalks
- Small businesses with food
- Steak and cheese, Chinese food

# Visions Of The Future

Unless change occurs, residential development will continue to occur in all allowable areas. We provided the public three different options of what the future of a community could look like with one house a year for 20 years. The top shows growth on farmland as it typically occurs, next is growth within a radius of the community, and the bottom shows the same density as the nearest Town. Responses on two communities below show the bottom favored.



# Preference Survey

As noted at in the introduction, a preference survey of various aspects was conducted on seven different topics. The following will show the overall combined results of the survey and directly below is a combination of all options to show the highest and lowest rated concepts. The highest being we should be rural, wilderness, and walkable. The lowest revealing that we should not be suburban, super urban, or cookie cutter. This is the future the public desires.

## RESPONDENTS WANT A WALKABLE RURAL FUTURE FOR SHENANDOAH COUNTY

### Top Five Supported Identity Aspects / Ideas



Rural



Wilderness



Walkable



Historic



Wildlife

### Top Five Opposed Identity Aspects / Ideas



Suburban



Super Urban



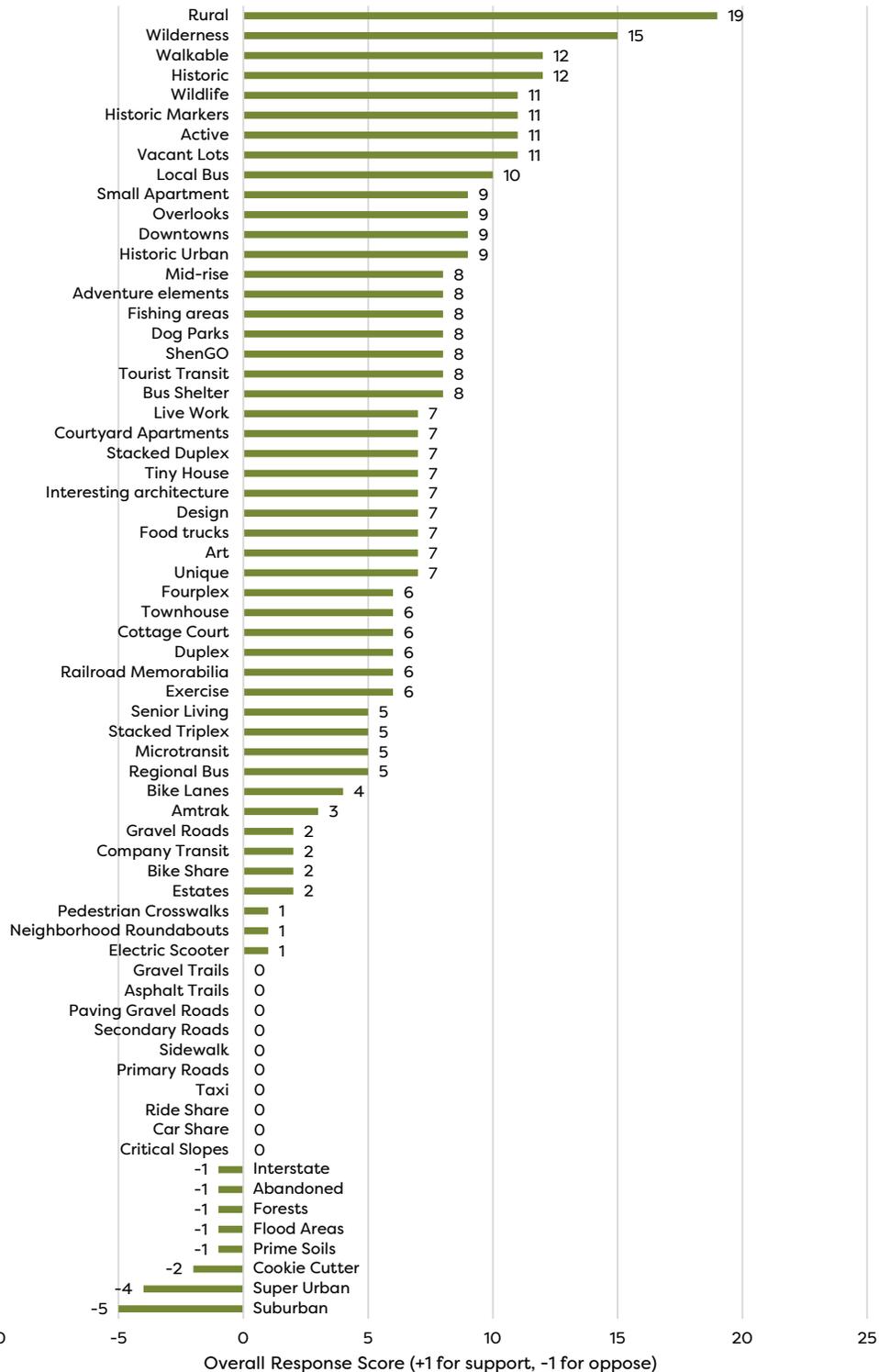
Cookie Cutter



Build On Prime Soils

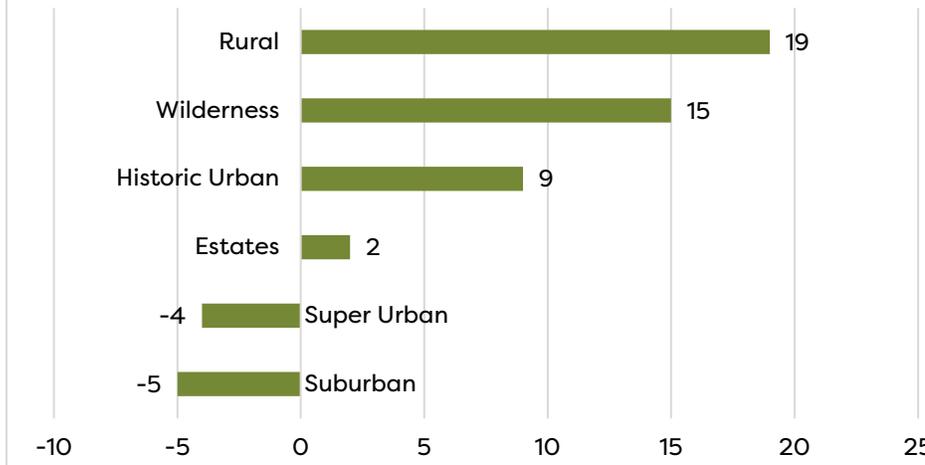


Build In Flood Areas



# What Should Shenandoah County Be?

## SHENANDOAH COUNTY SHOULD BE RURAL



Rural



Wilderness



Historic Urban



Estates



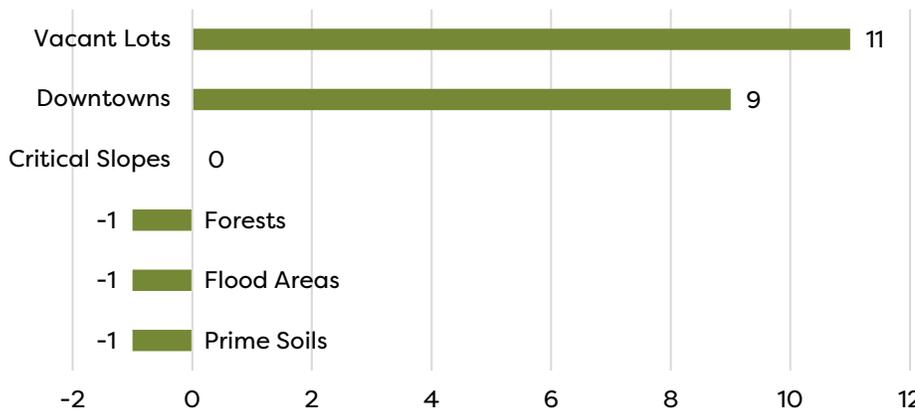
Super Urban



Suburban

# Where Should New Buildings Occur?

## NEW BUILDINGS SHOULD GO ON VACANT LOTS AND IN DOWNTOWN



Vacant Lots



Downtowns



Critical Slopes



Forests



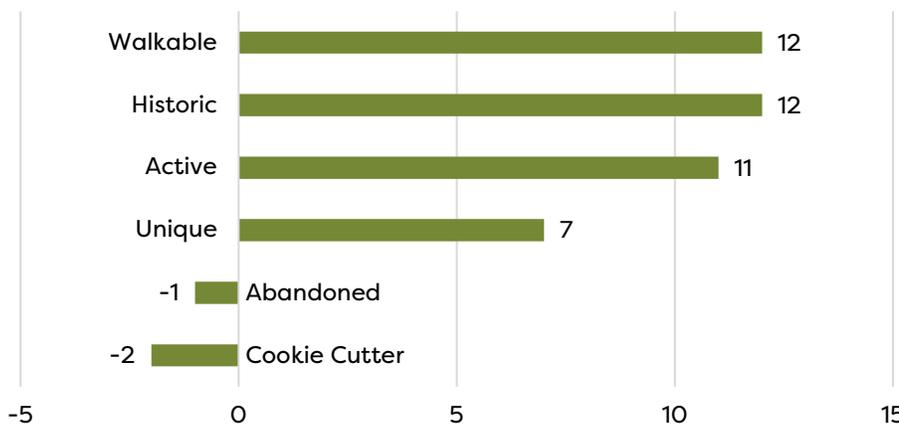
Flood Areas



Prime Soils

# How Should Our Towns, Villages, And Hamlets Look?

## OUR TOWNS, VILLAGES, & HAMLETS SHOULD BE ACTIVE, WALKABLE, & HISTORIC



Walkable



Historic



Active



Unique



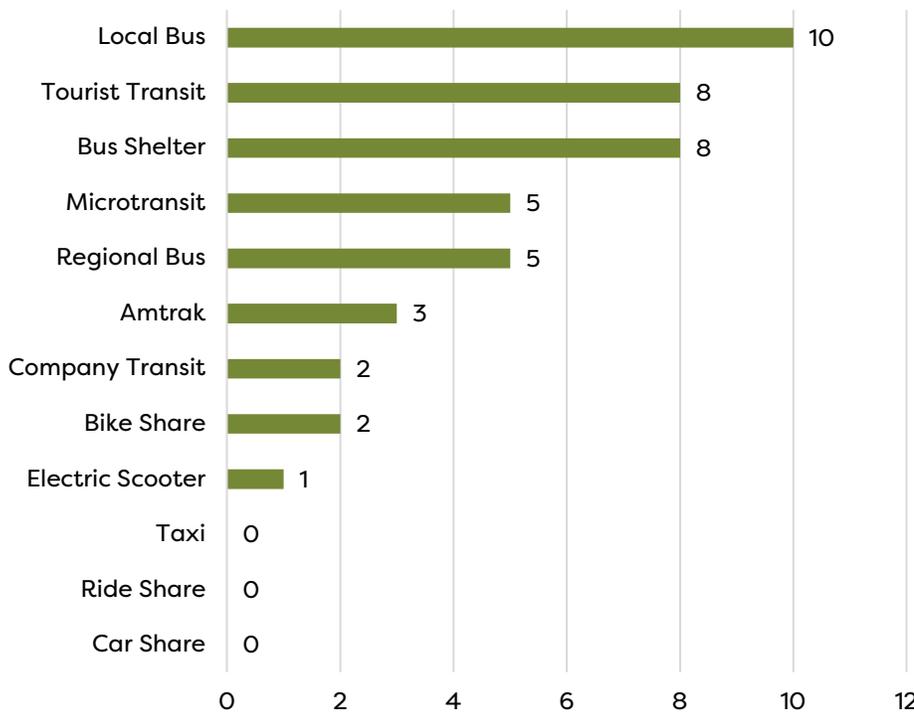
Abandoned



Cookie Cutter

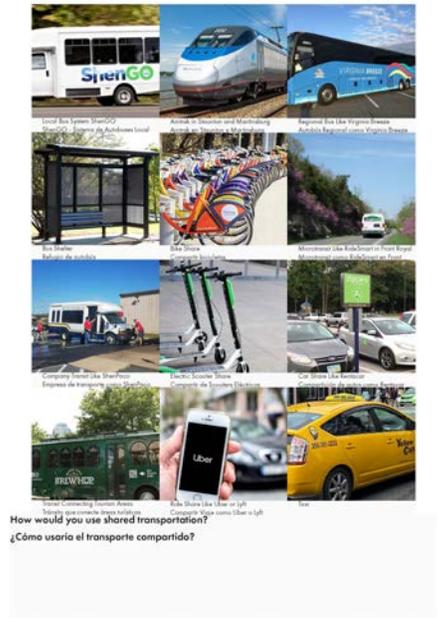
# Which Shared Transportation Options Are Preferred?

## OPTIONS LIKE SHENGO & TOURISM TRANIST ARE PREFERRED



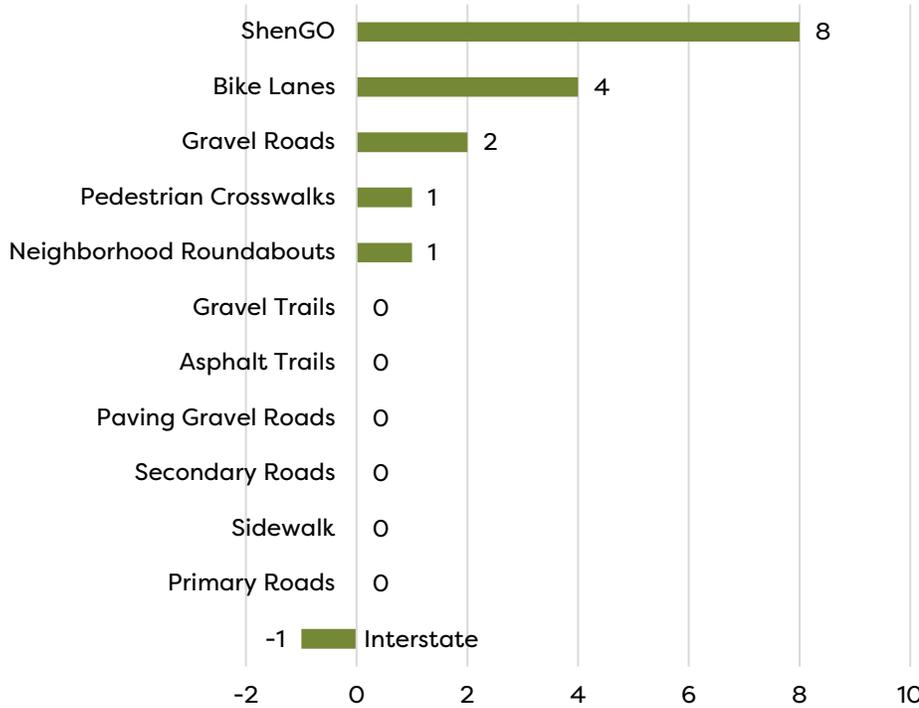
### Shared Transportation - Transporte Compartido.

Rate the shared transportation options to help us better understand which options you would like to see more of, or not see, in the community. Califique las opciones de transporte compartido para ayudarnos a comprender mejor qué opciones le gustaría ver más o no ver en la comunidad.



# How Should We Use \$8 Million?

## WE SHOULD USE \$8 MILLION ON PUBLIC TRANSIT, BIKE LANES, AND SAFETY



### How Should We Use \$8 Million? ¿Cómo deberemos usar \$8 millones?

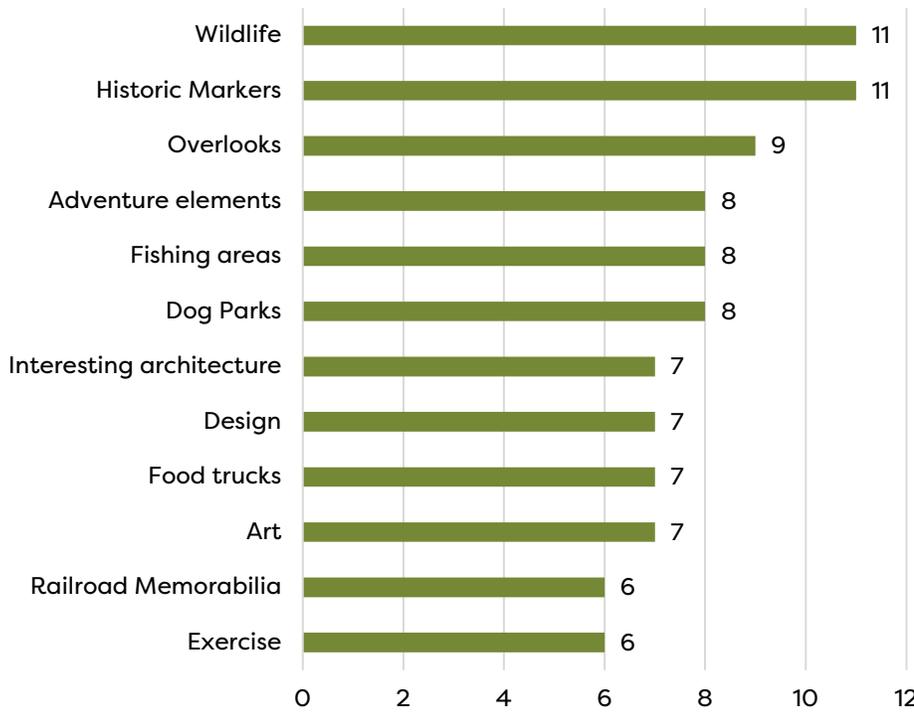
You get to be the planner in this scenario. VDOT has allocated you \$8 million for transportation in the County, what do we use it for? Se han asignado \$8 millones del Departamento de Transporte de Virginia para usar en transporte en el condado, ¿qué qué los usará?



How Can Our Major Roadways Improve? ¿Cómo pueden mejorar nuestras carreteras principales?

# Which Rail Trail Amenities Are Preferred?

RESPONDENTS WANT TO SEE WILDLIFE, LEARN HISTORY, AND HAVE GREAT VIEWS



## Rail Trail - Sendero Ferroviario.

Rate the below rail trail improvements to help us better understand the improvements that you would like to see more of, or not see, in the community. Califque respone del sendero ferroviario a continuación para ayudarnos a comprender mejor los mejoras que le gustaría ver o no ver en la comunidad.

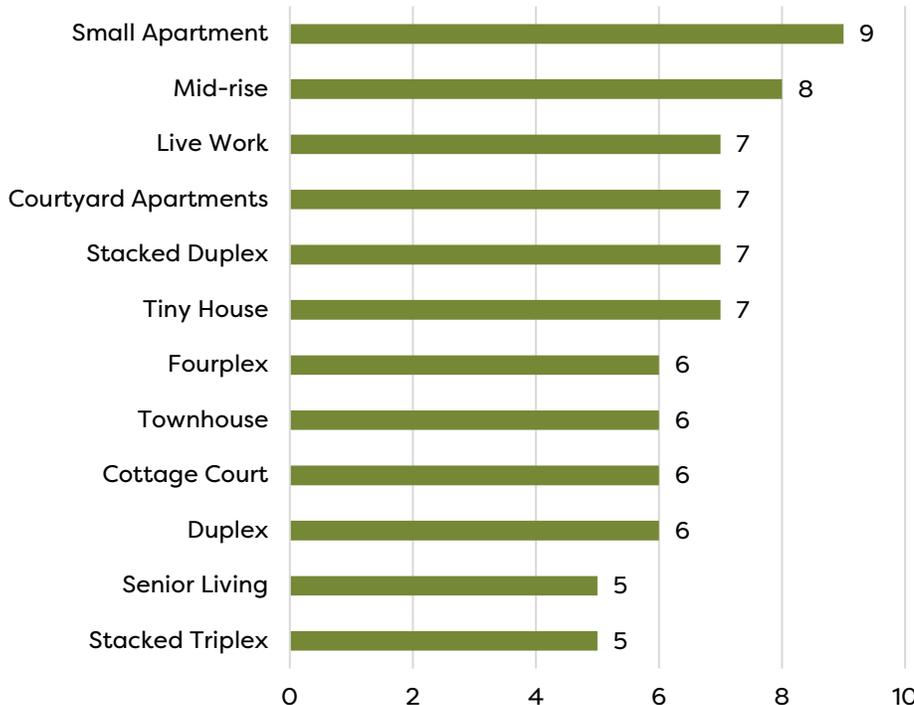


Tell Us Any Other Ideas On The Rail Trail:

Diganos cualquier otra idea sobre el sendero ferroviario:

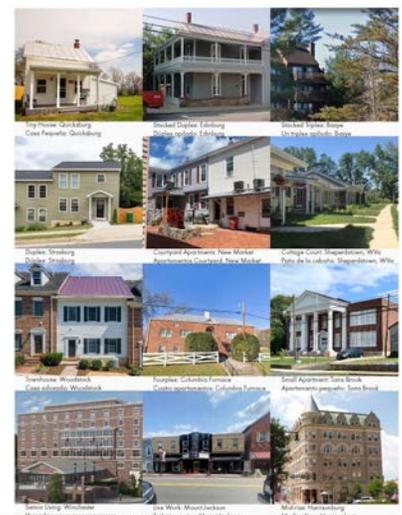
# Which Housing Styles Are Preferred?

RESPONDENTS PREFER DENSE SMALL APARTMENTS AND MIXED USE OPTIONS



## Housing Styles - Estilos De Vivienda.

Rate the below houses to help us better understand the styles of housing that you would like to see more of, or not see, in the community. Califque los siguientes casas para ayudarnos a comprender mejor los estilos de viviendas que le gustaría ver más, o no ver, en la comunidad.



Tell Us Any Other Ideas On Styles Of Housing:

Comparta cualquier otra idea sobre estilos de vivienda:



# APPENDIX



## **Mount Jackson Responses:**

**Keep it the way it is**

**Keep it the way it is**

**Keep it as it is now**

**Keep it they way it is**

**Keep it like it is**

**Like Bryce**

**Keep urban feel, no sprawl**

**Be just like it is connected with community more youth activities**

**Keep taxes down**

**Too many nova people**

## **Online Responses:**

**I agree with this in general, but I would replace limiting growth outside our towns with an emphasis on zoning reform to legalize the expansion of our multi-use town centers so that more people can enjoy living in our county affordably while keeping natural and agricultural areas prominent.**



## **Woodstock Responses:**

**Don't be Frederick County**

**Love the community**

**Keep it rural**

**Hate Frederick County, know its limiting for taxes, love mountains and agrotourism**

**Smaller, wider here, keep it rural, no suburbs, friendly here**

**Like camping and being outdoors, nicer and more affordable than West Virginia, quiet nice people**

**On option H, No, absolutely not. Let the small towns be small**

## **Orkney Springs Responses:**

**Keep things as they are**

**Don't change much**

**Like it the way it is**

**Keep it like it is, its beautiful**

## **Online Responses:**

**Build rail with trails, not the rail trail. And focus on dense multi-use residential regions + agricultural / country zoning. Single family homogenous zoning should be diminished.**

**I'd like to see more agriculture**



## **Mount Jackson Responses:**

**Preserve historic sites**

**Keep memorials**

## **Orkney Springs Responses:**

**Avoid too many difficult requirements in historic districts**

## **Online Responses:**

**Yes, but while still allowing new dense multi-use development in a similar historical style / tradition.**

**Objective 1.2.4: Yes, but not to the detriment of new multi-use developments of a similar character.**

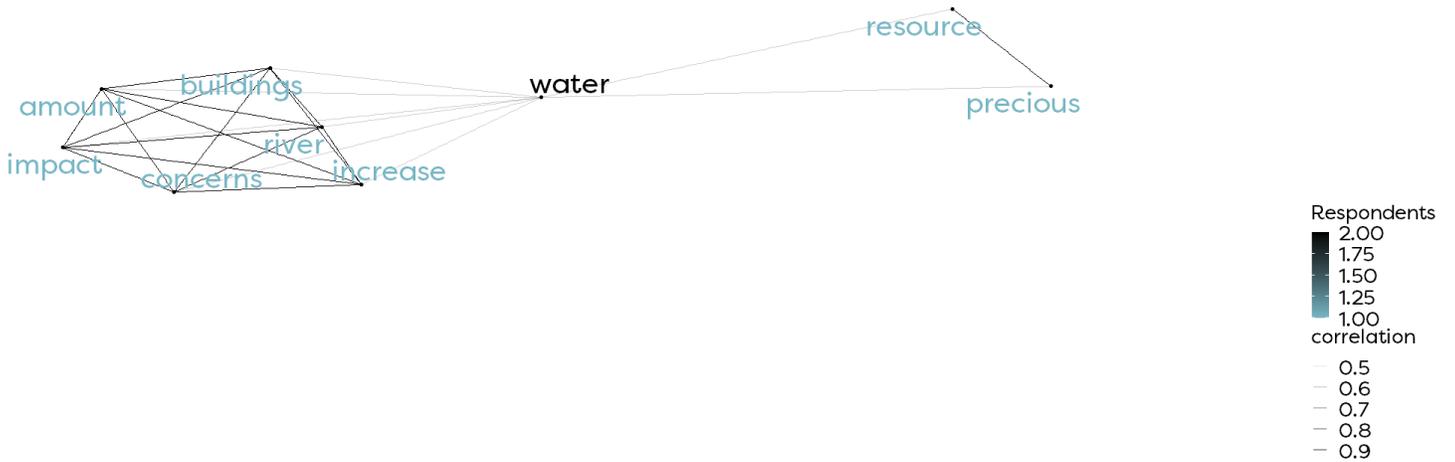
**Open forums for public**

**Allow more freedom in uses in single-family zoning districts, encouraging small businesses and walkable communities.**

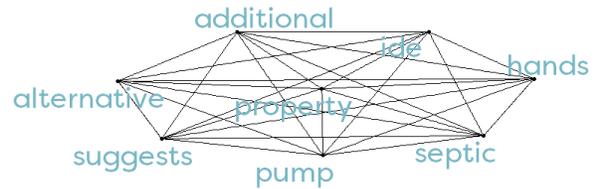
**Add the Lantz Mill deaf community.**

# CHAPTER 2: WATER RESOURCES

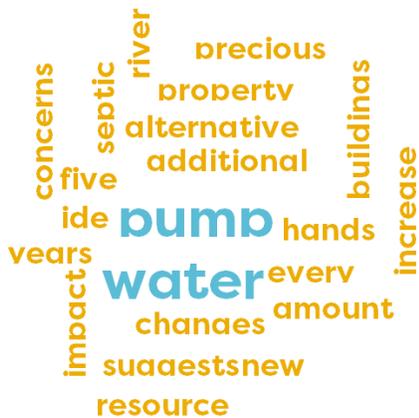
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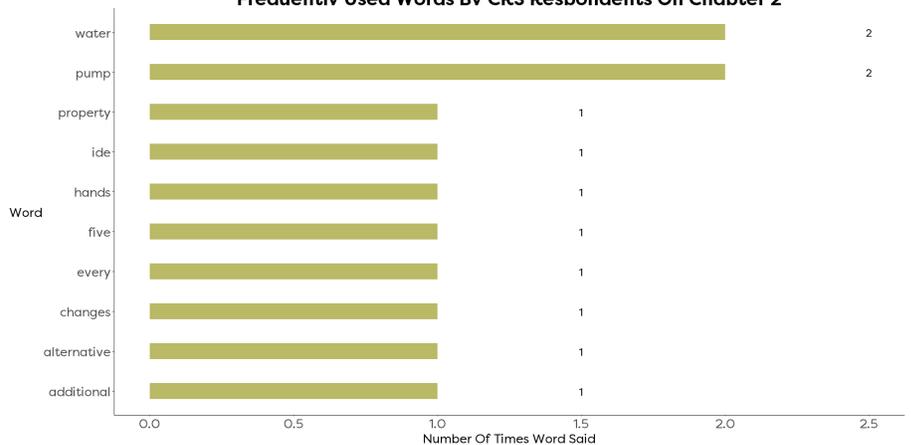
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Frequently Used Words By CRS Respondents On Chapter 2



## **Strasburg Responses:**

**Suggests septic pump out every five years - alternative idea or additional:  
pump out when property changes hands**

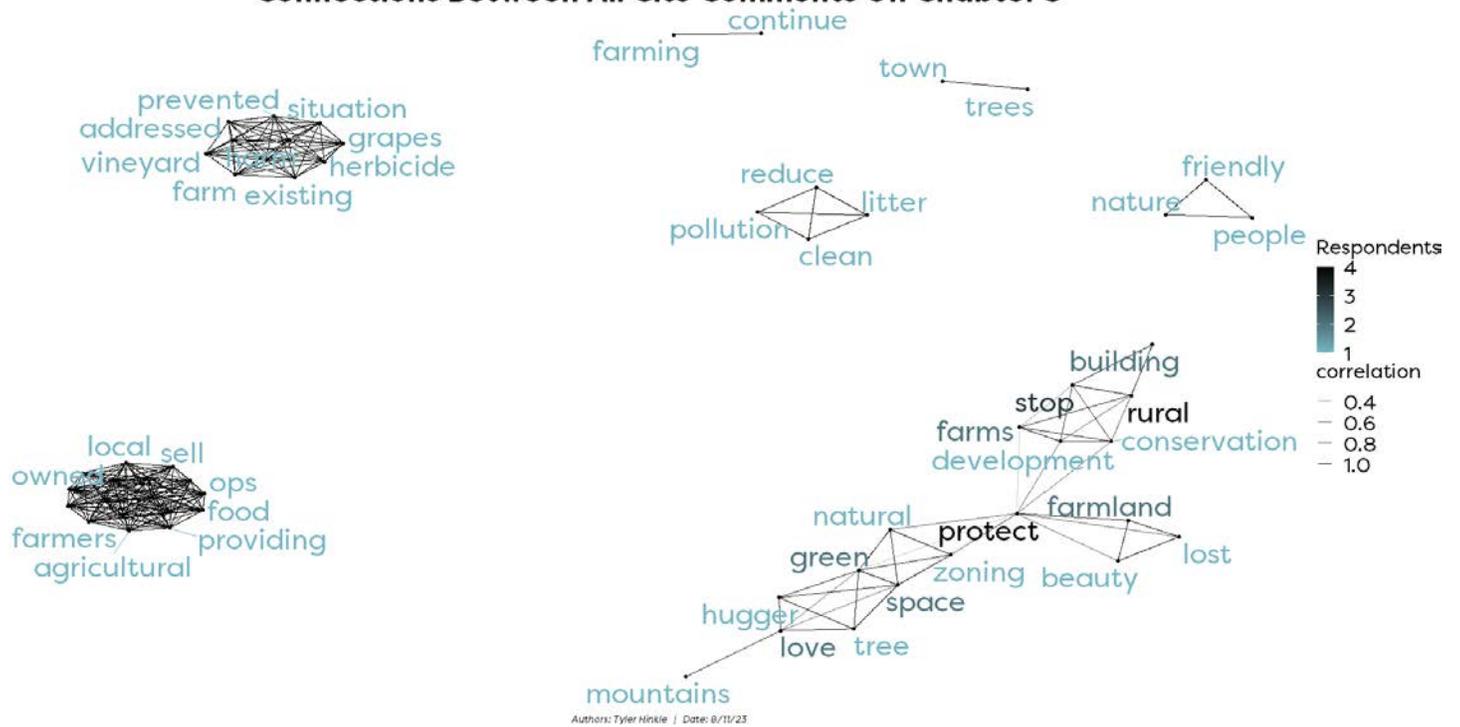
**Increase amount of water in the river, concerns on the impact of new  
buildings**

## **Online Responses:**

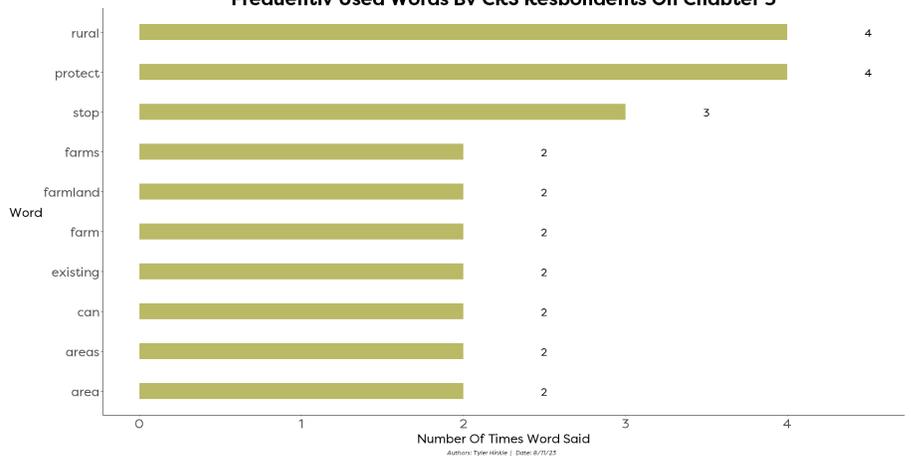
**Water is a precious resource**

# CHAPTER 3: AGRICULTURAL, FORESTAL, AND GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Connections Between All CRS Comments On Chapter 3



Frequently Used Words By CRS Respondents On Chapter 3



## **Mount Jackson Responses:**

**Protect farmland**

**Like wineries**

**Situation where new vineyard is established next to an existing farm; existing farm uses herbicide that can harm grapes; how can this conflict be prevented/addressed?**

**Keep farms in rural areas**

**Like rural area protect it, conservation stop development on farms**

**Reduce pollution and litter clean**

## **Woodstock Responses:**

**Love mountains**

**Like nature and friendly people**

**Being able to continue farming**

## **Strasburg Responses:**

**More trees in town and everywhere**

**Use zoning to protect natural green space**

**Stop building in the rural area**

**Protect farmland or all the beauty will be lost**

**Stop building so much in the rural areas**

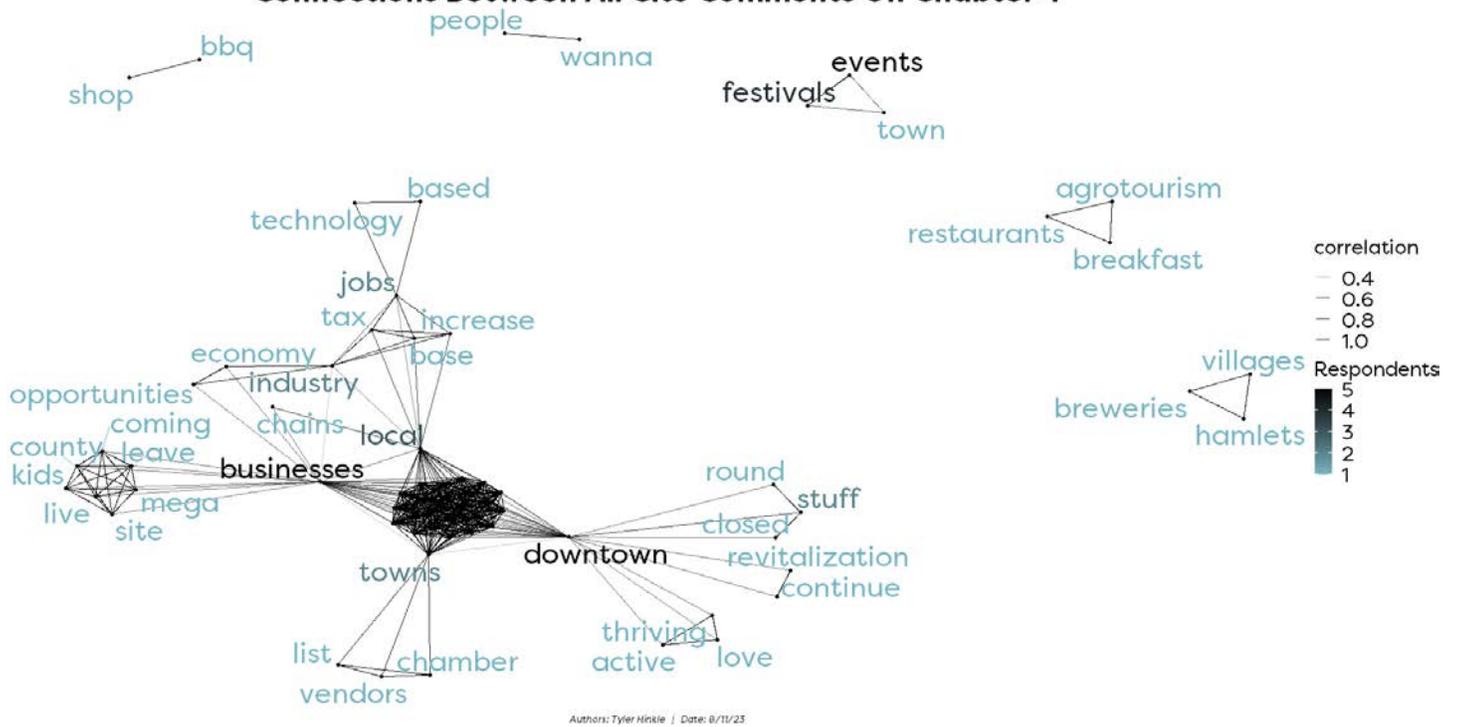
**Love the green space, tree hugger**

## **Online Responses:**

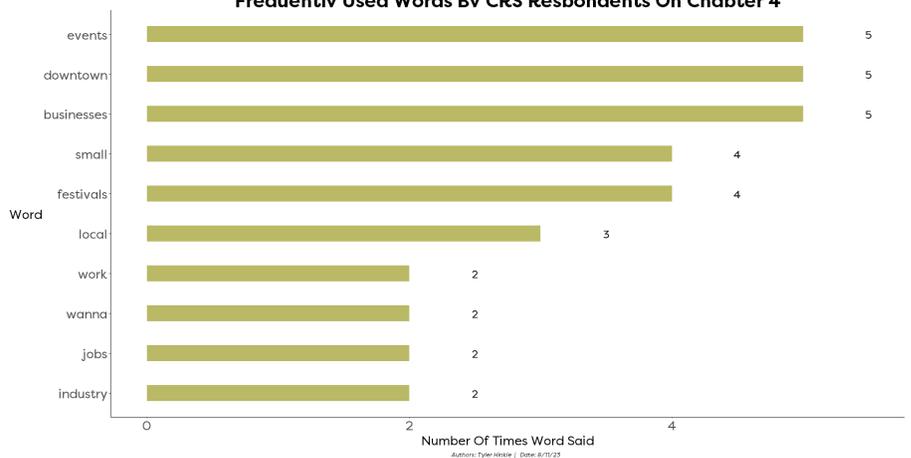
**Support food co-ops in addition to agricultural co-ops in an effort to both allow local farmers good places to sell their wares, while also providing walkable community-owned grocery options in our communities.**

# CHAPTER 4: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Connections Between All CRS Comments On Chapter 4



Frequently Used Words By CRS Respondents On Chapter 4



## **Mount Jackson Responses:**

**More festivals and events in town**

**People don't wanna work. People should wanna work.**

**More technology based jobs**

**Better economy more opportunities for businesses more industry**

**More events**

**More development**

**Breweries in small hamlets/villages**

**More stuff to do downtown year round**

**Small local businesses no chains**

**List of vendors for towns by chamber**

**More events and festivals**

**Nothing too big, keep it small**

**No more places closed in downtown more stuff to do**

**Continue downtown revitalization**

**Events festivals**

**More open to businesses coming in, mega site kids have to leave county now to live**

## **Woodstock Responses:**

**More agrotourism restaurants and breakfast places**

**More festivals and events**

## **Strasburg Responses:**

**More industry to increase the tax base and keep jobs local**

**BBQ shop**

**Love downtown, very active and thriving**

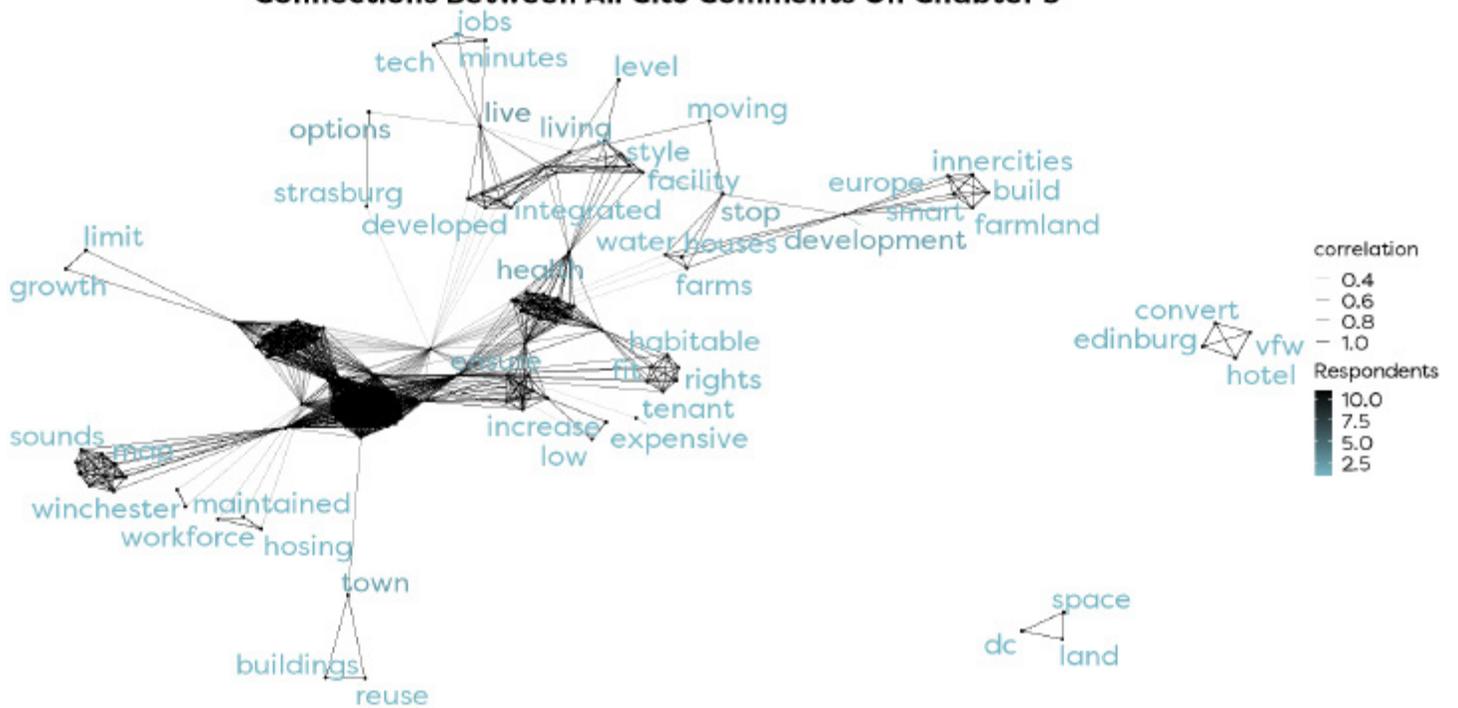
**Not enough businesses**

## **Online Responses:**

In a sense, but I'd like to see downtowns expanded, and actually usable to the day-to-day residents (e.x. local pharmacies, groceries, corner stores, etc... that are within walking distance of residents) rather than just being tourist destinations or focused on special occasions. Multi-use and wide-spread small businesses should be the norm throughout our towns, not relegated to a specific downtown area.

# CHAPTER 5: HOUSING

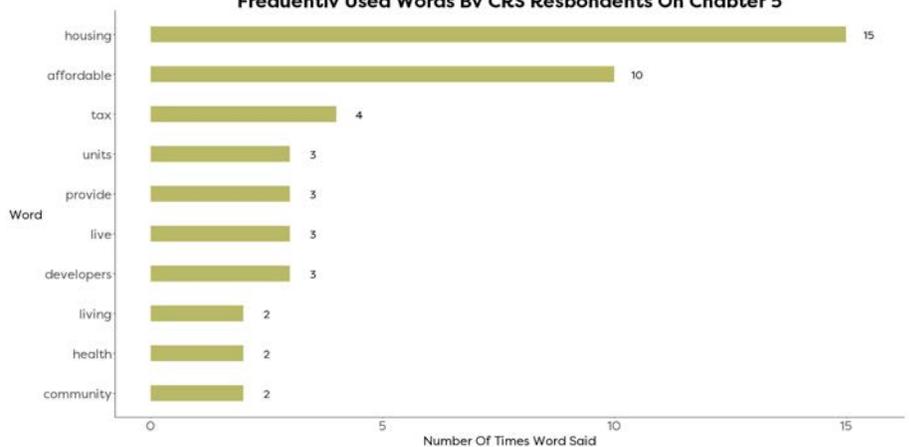
Connections Between All CRS Comments On Chapter 5



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Frequently Used Words By CRS Respondents On Chapter 5



### **Mount Jackson Responses:**

**Need senior living facility ( community style) more home health care**  
**More affordable places to rent in town**  
**More affordable housing for workforce with well maintained**  
**Want to live 5 minutes from work, tech jobs**  
**More affordable options to live here**  
**More affordable housing**  
**Help homeless**

### **Woodstock Responses:**

**More affordable housing**  
**Affordable to commute to Winchester from here**  
**Need more housing options in Strasburg**  
**One level living for people over 60**

### **Strasburg Responses:**

**Smart development like in Europe, build in the innercities and keep farmland**  
**No more housing way too expensive**  
**Wanted land and space from DC**  
**Reuse old buildings in Town**  
**Stop housing development on farms, there is no water for new houses**

### **Orkney Springs Responses:**

**Stop people moving out here**  
**Limit growth to towns**  
**Convert VFW to Hotel in Edinburg**

### **Online Responses:**

Senior housing should be developed, but ideally these should not be in separate areas, but rather integrated into the community so people of all generations can live in the same area.

Again, it was hard to really read the map, but overall that sounds good so long as we fight suburban sprawl and focus on multi-use zoning.

Increase low income housing

Objective 5.4.6 Establish a Housing Trust Fund. Create a pool of dedicated funds from a portion of the County's lodging tax proceeds, proffers from developers and tax exempt bonds that could be used to support efforts to provide affordable housing. Objective 5.4.7 Incentive Programs Provide tax incentives to landlords who rent at or below HUD-established fair market value (or below market value). Is there a way to provide incentives to developers to include affordable housing in by-right developments (density bonus? Use of tax exempt bonds?) Somewhere, address allowing accessory dwelling units in all zoning districts (if not already allowed). These could include apartments within single family homes, above garages or in suitable outbuildings or tiny homes. Ensure that all rental units comply with requirements of applicable building and housing codes affecting health and safety. All rentals shall meet minimum safety and sanitary conditions. and tenant rights to fit and habitable rental units (as per Virginia Statement of Tenant Rights) Through rezonings and SUPs, ensure a mixture of housing types is provided that support all income levels of County residents.

Add objectives: Identify barriers to affordable housing. Establish Housing Advisory Council, consisting of representatives of County, towns, DSS, fire marshal, realtors, landlords, developers and non-profits to develop recommendations for affordable housing and public policy.



### **Mount Jackson Responses:**

**Games**

**More stuff for kids to do**

**Support more things like Jon Henry's**

**Grocery store in New Market**

**Restaurants Diners American Food Mom & Pop**

**More social spaces to meet people**

**More street lights especially at intersections**

**Store to buy clothes/ nice sit down restaurant**

**Protect sense of community**

**More places for recreation for children & young persons. Especially indoor facilities where ou can Pay a fee for the kids to play on all sorts of things**

**Honor a funeral process**

**Chick-fil-a**

**Chick-fil-a**

**Make it more trendy**

**Youth centers gyms for when school is out**

**More nice restaurants**

**More restaurants ethnic diversity**

**More mom & pop places to eat with steak**

**Bring skate rink back in woodstock**

**Showing the public what is available to do for fun**

### **Woodstock Responses:**

**More restaurants, ethnic food, outdoor café in south end of the County**

**Well funded libraries**

**More professional library positions**

**More amenities in southern end of the County to reduce driving**

### **Fort Valley Responses:**

**More daycare facilities**

**Chick-fil-a**

**People should know each other, have festivals**

**Its not all about money, its about community**

### **Strasburg Responses:**

**More libraries and library positions**

**Beauty and family and parks and music brings tourists**

**Love the theater in Woodstock**

**Live music bands brings tourists**

**Love the County Fair**

**New grocery store**

**Ice cream and things for kids to do**

**Love music, brings tourists**

**Community theater**

**Live music and good friends and bakery and grocery store brings us out here**

**Scenic beauty and music brings tourists**

**Like music events, brings outsiders here**

**Love fitness center with the County**

**Wish we knew people walking on the street**

**Like family oriented events**

**Many seniors do not have family to support them**

**Community theater**

**Take care of seniors better, have people go and check on them and get them groceries**

### **Orkney Springs Responses:**

**Love the Edinburg Mill**

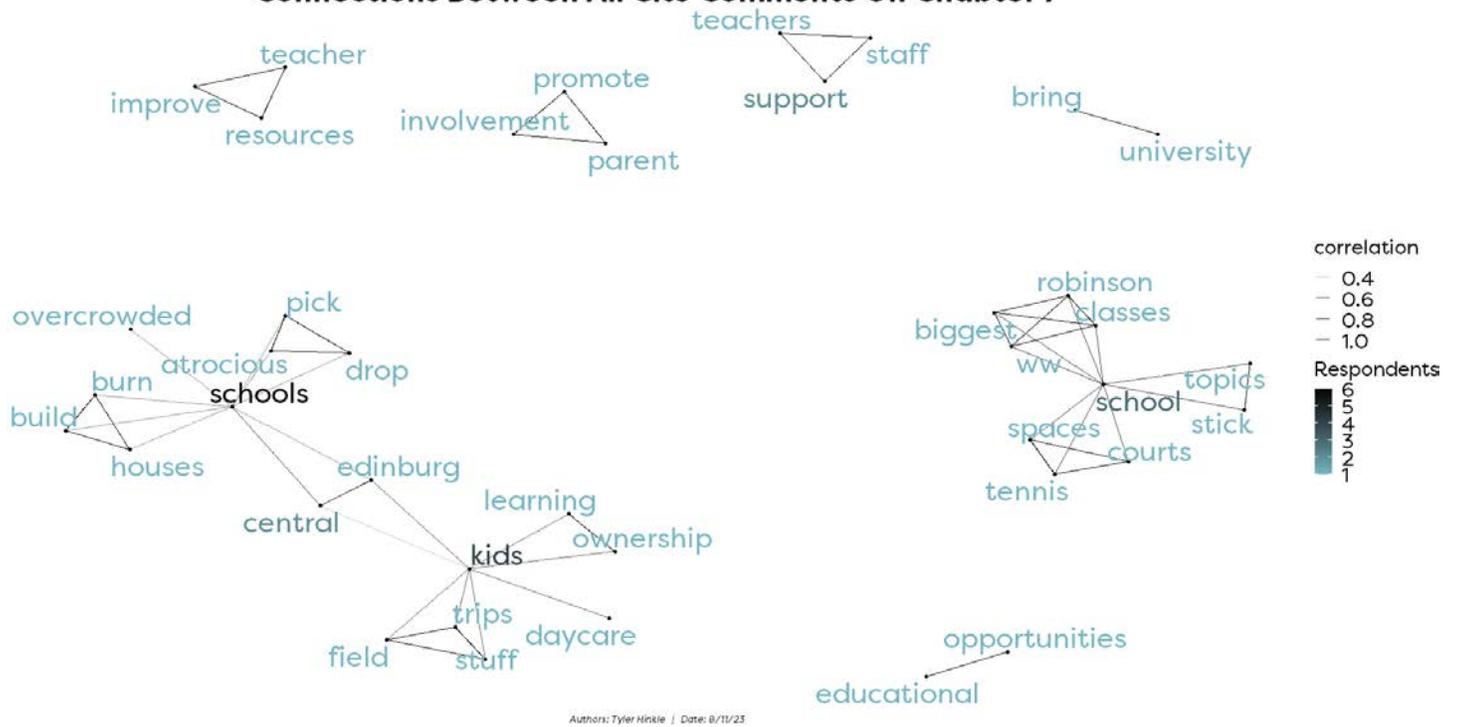
### **Online Responses**

**I would especially like to see a focus on walkable corner stores and local co-op groceries.**

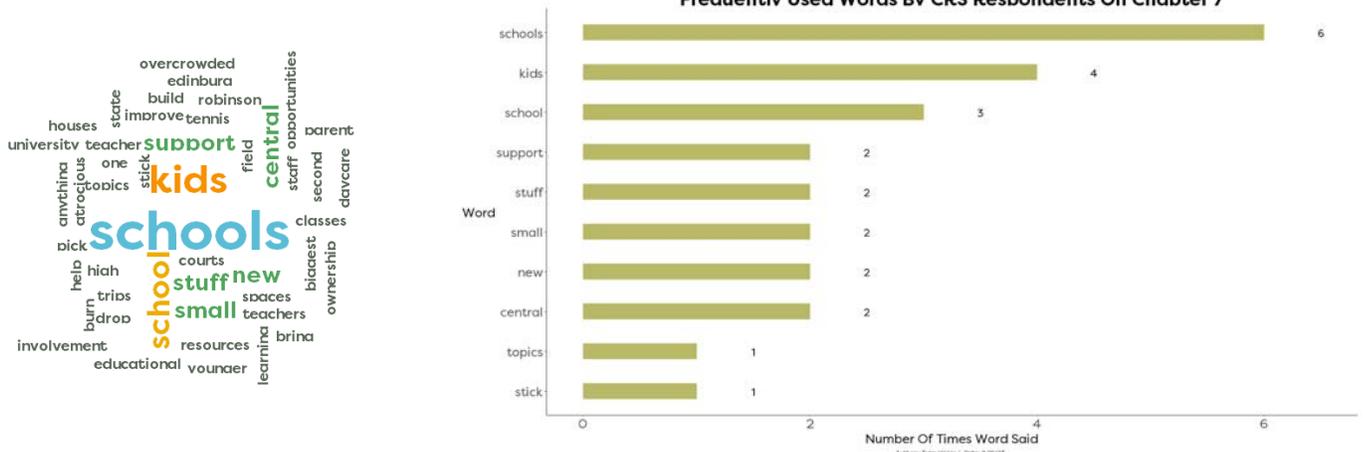
**Important base on what some residents leave at the dump instead of taking it to the landfill.**

# CHAPTER 7: EDUCATION

Connections Between All CRS Comments On Chapter 7



Frequently Used Words By CRS Respondents On Chapter 7



## **Mount Jackson Responses:**

**Better school stick to topics**

**More spaces for tennis courts, one at each high school**

**More stuff for the kids, stuff to do, field trips**

**improve teacher resources**

## **Woodstock Responses:**

**Drop off and pick up at the schools is atrocious**

**More support for staff / teachers**

**New school WW Robinson is the second biggest in the state, small classes are better**

**Anything to help kids take ownership of their own learning**

**More support for schools**

## **Fort Valley Responses:**

**Better educational opportunities**

**Edinburg kids should go to Central Schools**

**New schools at Central**

## **Strasburg Responses:**

**Schools are overcrowded**

**Build schools, burn houses**

**Daycare for younger kids**

**Bring a small university**

## **Online Responses:**

**Promote parent involvement**

# CHAPTER 8: HEALTH

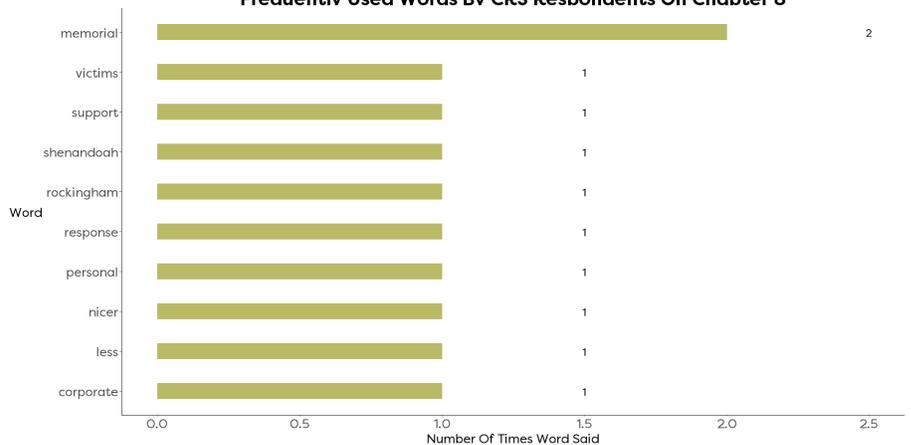
## Connections Between All CRS Comments On Chapter 8



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## Frequently Used Words By CRS Respondents On Chapter 8



## **Mount Jackson Responses:**

**Support response & victims**

## **Woodstock Responses:**

**Shenandoah Memorial is nicer than Rockingham Memorial, more personal,  
less corporate**

**Add elderly rural services for aging in place**

## **Fort Valley Responses:**

**Attention to needs for disabled people**

## **Online Responses:**

**Birthing centers are out of the county, we need local resources**

**NWCSB is not always an asset due to retaining employees**



## **Mount Jackson Responses:**

**Competition for Shentel**

**Support police**

**Better safety everyone should know everyone**

**No big solar facilities**

**Better government**

## **Woodstock Responses:**

**Better wifi and cell service downtown**

## **Strasburg Responses:**

**Feel safe living here**

## **Orkney Springs Responses:**

**Cell service in Orkney**

## **Online Responses:**

I am particularly interested in innovative grass-roots solutions to local problems. I also think the county could benefit from embracing modern ideas such as open-source software, and leveraging this as a way to drive community engagement in tech education. It would be awesome if Shenandoah County had a Github! I work in the software industry and would love to get involved with this.

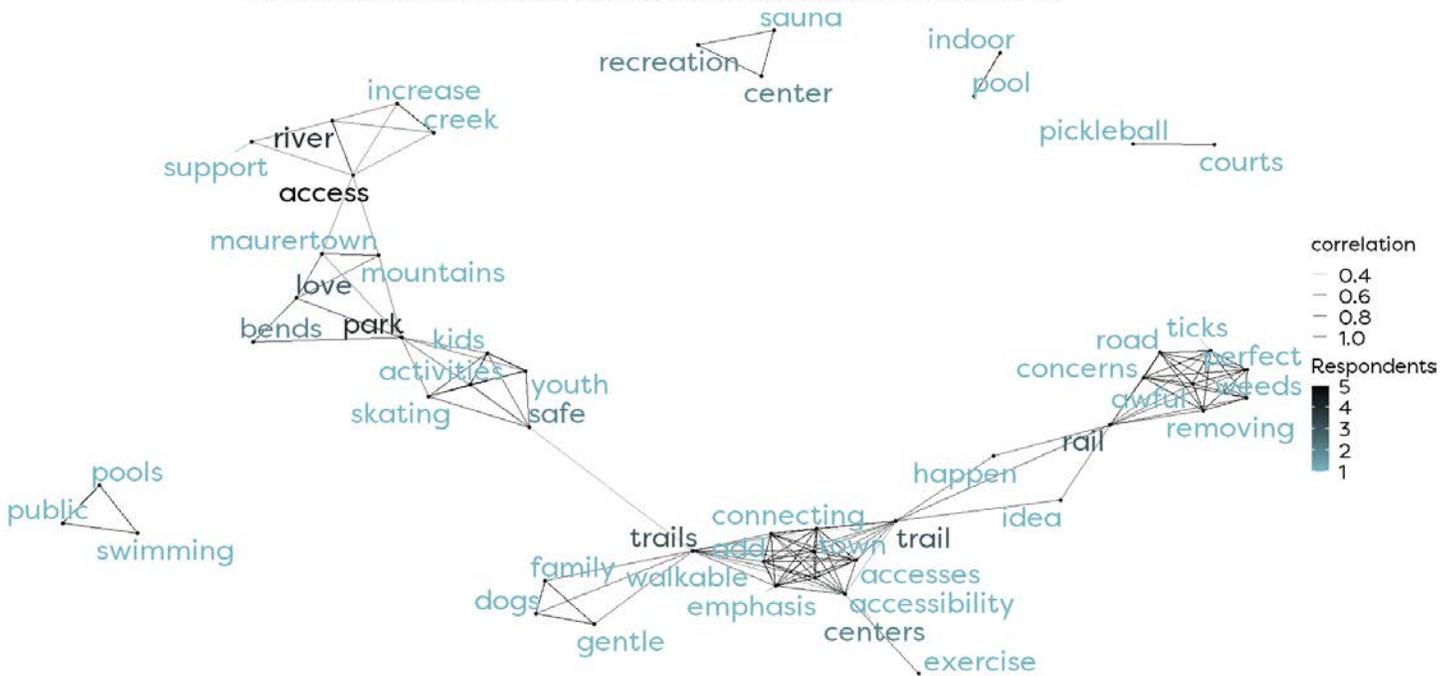
Again, I would love to get involved in software and government functions, and I think open-sourcing county software and opening it up to community involvement would be a great path forward.

Drug abuse should be handled by medical professionals, not police.

I'd in particular like to see further investments in rail, which would both allow residents to be less car-dependent, as well as lessen expensive maintenance costs from heavy freight on our roadways. I want a future where I can get on a train, and ride to Alexandria or Hampton Roads for work trips in a reasonable timeframe right from downtown Strasburg, without having to worry about driving my personal car or getting a rental!

# CHAPTER 10: RECREATION

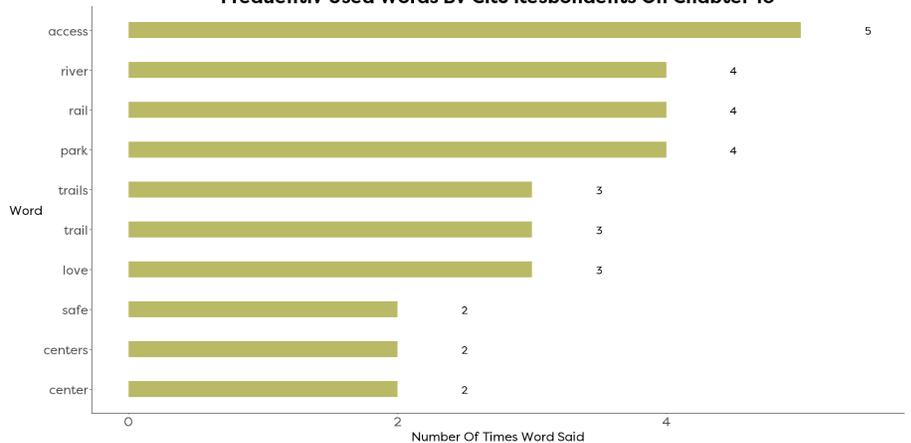
Connections Between All CRS Comments On Chapter 10



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Frequently Used Words By CRS Respondents On Chapter 10



## **Mount Jackson Responses:**

**Indoor pool**

**Exercise centers**

**Things for kids: skating park, group activities for youth that are safe**

**Make the rail to trail happen**

**Support more river access**

**River access**

## **Woodstock Responses:**

**Recreation center is great**

**Pickleball courts**

**Love Seven Bends State Park**

**Sauna in recreation center**

**Love Seven Bends State Park**

**Find safe trails around**

**Love Maurertown Park and mountains and access to them**

## **Fort Valley:**

**Like the public swimming pools**

## **Strasburg Responses:**

**Rail trail is a great idea**

**Rail road looks awful, perfect place for weeds and ticks, concerns on removing the rail**

**More river access points**

## **Orkney Springs Responses:**

**Family and gentle trails and for dogs**

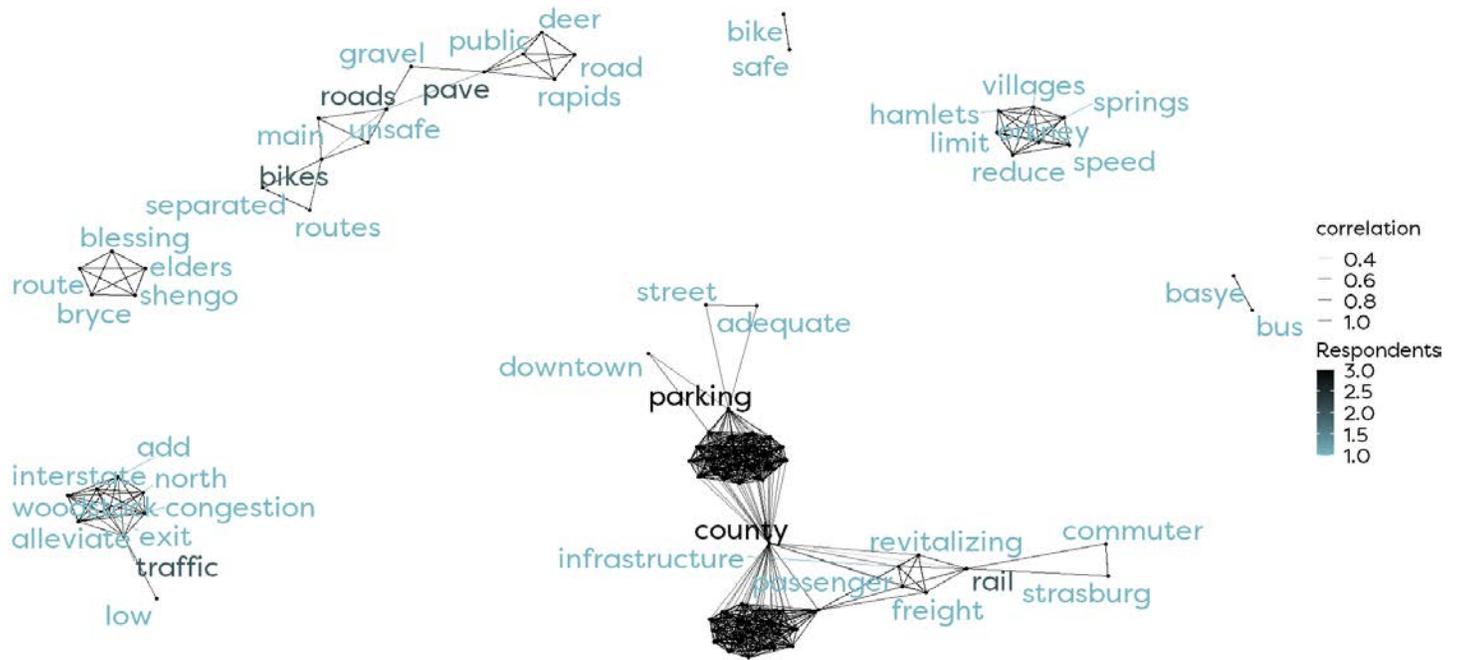
**Increase river and creek access**

## **Online Responses:**

**I'd just want to add for accessibility to trails an emphasis on connecting town centers to trail accesses in a walkable way where appropriate.**

# CHAPTER 11: TRANSPORTATION

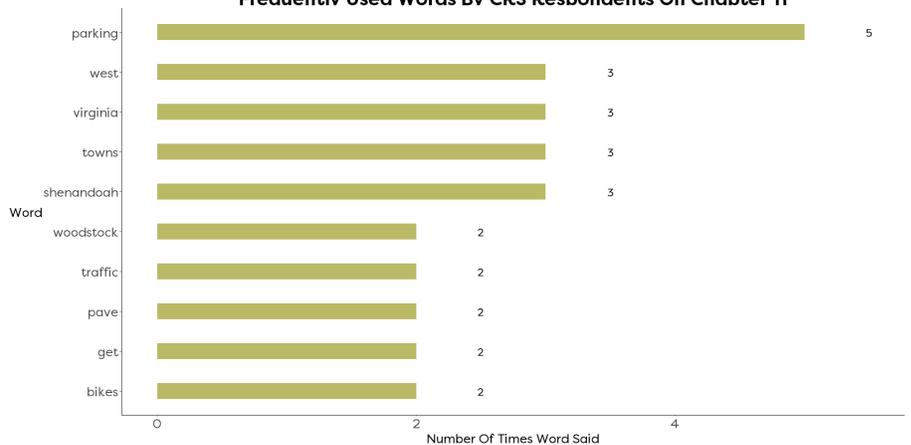
Connections Between All CRS Comments On Chapter 11



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Frequently Used Words By CRS Respondents On Chapter 11



## **Mount Jackson Responses:**

**Adequate street parking**

**Shengo is a blessing, need Bryce route for elders**

**Bus to Basye**

## **Woodstock Responses:**

**Add a north Interstate exit at Woodstock to alleviate traffic congestion in Woodstock**

**Pave Deer Rapids Road and make it public**

**Safe places to bike**

**Get bikes off main roads, unsafe**

## **Strasburg Responses:**

**Commuter rail in Strasburg**

**Separated routes for bikes**

**Parking garages downtown**

## **Orkney Springs Responses:**

**Pave gravel roads**

**Reduce speed limit on 610 into Orkney Springs and into all villages and hamlets**

**Keep traffic low**

## **Online Responses:**

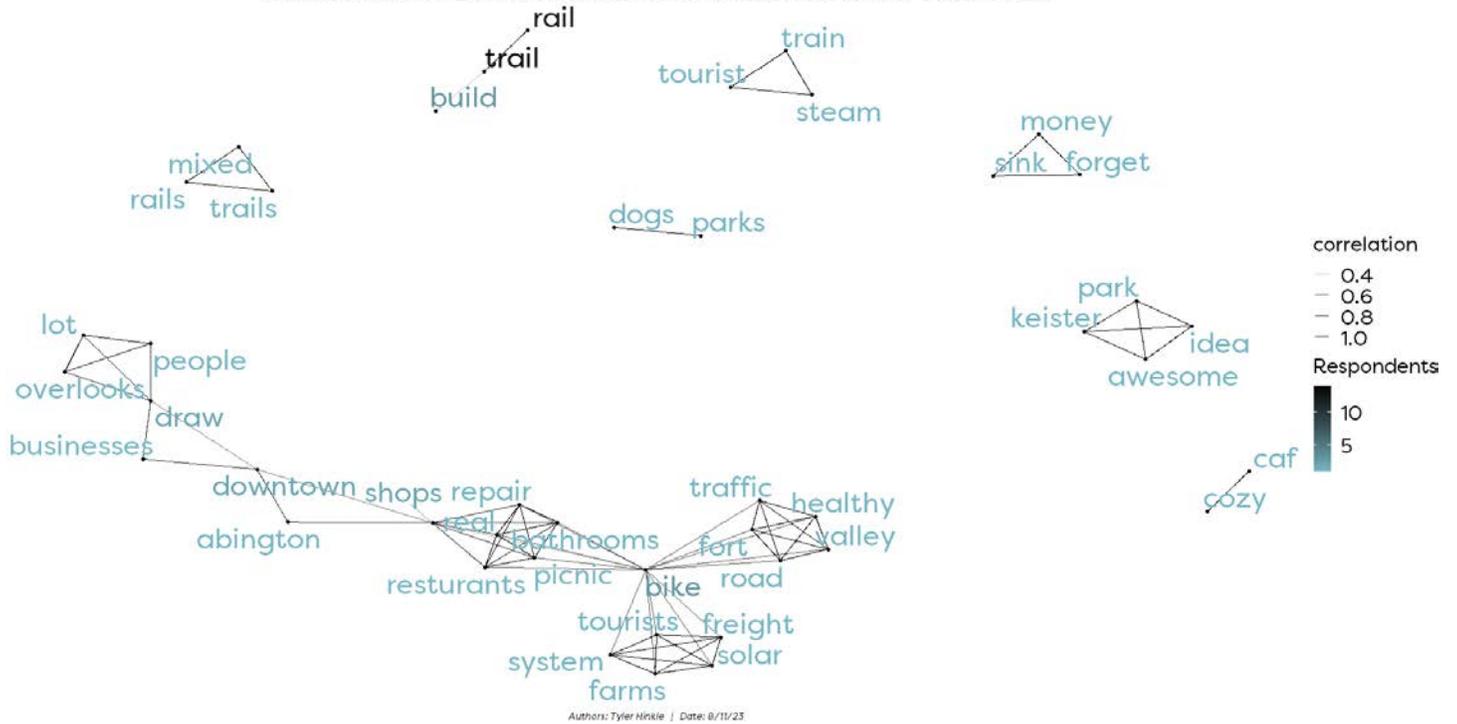
We should support development of Corridor H to increase the connections with our Shenandoah county communities and our sister communities in West Virginia. This would be beneficial to residents in Shenandoah County by making it easier to access recreational facilities in West Virginia, as well as bringing more business opportunities both for Shenandoah County and West Virginia residents.

I'm a big proponent of getting rid of parking minimums. However, I wonder if it would be helpful, especially since we have such a high rural population, and so much of our county is (and probably still will be in the future) car-dependent, if we built some small parking garages in our towns as appropriate close to downtowns so that visitors have an easy place to park their cars and then get out to enjoy our walkable towns, without having to have sprawling parking lots.

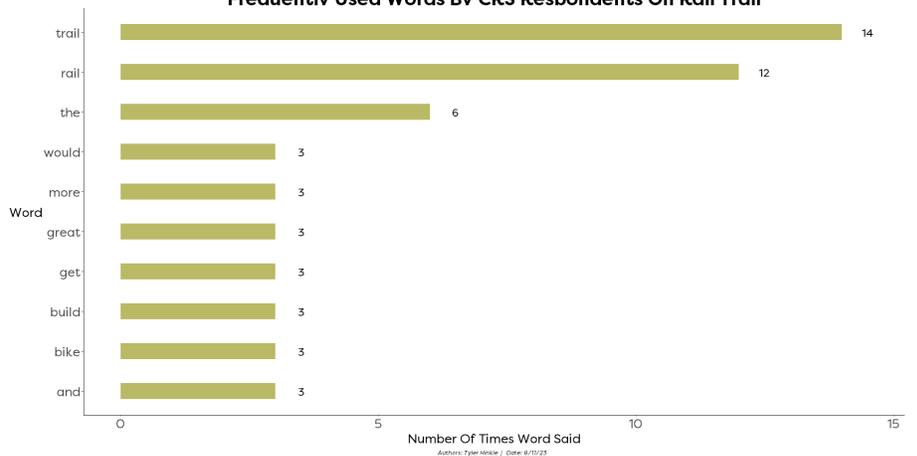
Support revitalizing the rail infrastructure throughout the county for both freight and passenger uses.

# IDEAS ON THE RAIL TRAIL

Connections Between All CRS Comments On Rail Trail



Frequently Used Words By CRS Respondents On Rail Trail



### **Mount Jackson Responses:**

**Build the rail trail**

**Overlooks draw a lot of people**

**Cozy café**

**Build the rail trail**

**More parks for dogs**

**Rails to trails mixed use**

**Rail trail would be fabulous**

**Keep rail system for freight and tourists, no bike trail, and zero solar farms**

### **Woodstock Responses:**

**Build the trail**

**Rail Trail would be great!**

**Keister Park idea is awesome!**

**Forget the rail, it's a money sink, get the trail**

**Love the rail trail**

**Tourist train, steam train, with trail**

### **Fort Valley Responses:**

**This will take bike traffic off Fort Valley Road, and is healthy**

**Rail trail would make life so much better**

### **Strasburg Responses:**

**Get rail trail done before I die**

**Rail trail will draw more businesses downtown**

**Abington is a great example, get more small shops downtown**

**Farmville is doing great because of their rail trail, we need one**

### **Orkney Springs Responses:**

**Looking forward to rail trail**

**Real bathrooms, bike repair shops, restaurants, picnic areas**