



COMMUNITY VISIONING EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022

FEEDBACK SUMMARY

The following summary reflects public comments received at the Visioning Event, held by the Town and Wallace Montgomery (WM) on Saturday, May 14th, to gather feedback from community stakeholders in reference to the Comprehensive Plan Update. The comments have been noted verbatim, with clarification where appropriate based on WM's interaction with participants.

Transportation

- Roundabout please at Wootton & Fischer
- Need to keep east-bound Fisher Ave. turn lane at Fisher & Elgin; roundabout at Elgin & Fisher
- I love the roundabout proposed for Fisher & Wootton
- Improve road connection to front locals, etc.
- Wootton/Fisher roundabout would be excellent "entry" to downtown Poolesville
- Turn from westerly left onto Fisher feels pretty dangerous

Pedestrian Access

- Please put a crosswalk on the road between the Old Town Hall – connecting locals and Poolesville Tire and Auto/Calleva Farm Store
- Would be great to have an easement/walking path from the houses next to the Methodist Church to behind there through to Town Hall. Would avoid having to go all the way to the main four-way stop.
- Crosswalks for PES – overflow parking for all PES events are @ CVS/TSC lot. Crosswalk necessary & Fisher & Cattail/on hillside of CVS and sidewalk on PES side not complete.
- From Steven's PK – we need a safe way to walk/bike from Steven's back way out to solar field down access road, RT on Fisher & back to existing sidewalk on Fisher and into Town;
- More sidewalks near K2, residential areas
- Sidewalk on our side of Elgin Road (even side)
- Need to make sure sidewalks connect all schools and main streets (no sidewalk from Willard to Fisher – walk in grass)
- More pedestrian crossings on Fisher
- Complete sidewalk connection Fisher Ave
- Additional crosswalks especially by pool
- Sidewalks or both sides of Fisher Avenue – especially by the John Poole House/Locals, etc.
- Sidewalks that are in good repair and exist in all neighborhoods to promote people not walking/running in the street

Multi-Modal Movements

- In-town circulator bus to bring kids and seniors to the new pool, shops, and new community center from ALL of the surrounding communities and the Town. Not everyone drives. An EV Van – 12 to 15 passengers – on a regular daytime schedule.
- I'm hoping the bus 76 will run all day, not just mornings and evenings
- Need bus to go to Barnesville and Medical Taxi's to support western MC residents who don't/can't drive
- Need a bus route for high school students to get to school; if you live less than 2 miles from the school, does the teenager need to walk? I'm concerned about my child having to walk to high school.

Beautification and Community Improvements

- Build a Community Creative Center or open the High School Gym to the public on the weekends like other MCPS high schools
- Paint the water tower
- Need a bus route for high school students to get to school; if you live less than 2 miles from school, does the teenager need to walk? I'm concerned about my child having to walk to high school.
- More parks and open areas
- More outdoor seating areas
- Farmers Market
- Re-open White's Ferry!

Accessibility

- It would be nice to have a town bus for those who can't drive
- More accessible areas for wheelchairs

Dedicated Bike Lanes

- Bike trail to the MARC train
- Bike trail connecting Poolesville to Kentlands
- Bike trail from TAMA to Lewis Orchard
- Make Wootton bicycle "bypass" to Fisher
- I'm hoping for a bicycle trail to White's Ferry and to Edward's Ferry
- Connection of bike trails so we don't have to drive or risk kids' safety on roads to C&O Canal
- Additional bike trails
- (Verbal comment received; email also received as follow-up): make Poolesville a world-class bicycle community. (1) internal Town circulation for school, children, business access, residents reduced reliance on automobiles; (2) improve "spokes" from surrounding locations/activities to the Town with on and off-street facilities; and (3) improve building access to be pedestrian and bike friendly.

Controlled Development and Growth

- Town ordinances that limit commercial property owned by folks outside of Poolesville that either sits vacant and is not remodeled/maintained

Safety

- For safety reasons we “NEED” 3 or more speed bumps on W. Williard (?) Road across PHS as we commonly see trucks, cars speeding way over the speed limit
- More crossing lights on Fisher – spaces for kids going to school, at Wootton for same
- Soper & Wooten – cars don’t stop at 4-way stop when driving on Wooten