

Results of Southeast Suburban Area Plan Visioning Meeting

Following is a summary of the results of the Visioning Exercise held on January 15, 2009 at the Sedge Garden Recreation Center at which participants indicated what they liked and disliked about the Planning Area and their vision for the future of the Area.

Likes

- Combination of Rural and Urban in the area
- Rolling hills and woods
- Natural Resources
- Proximity to major roads – convenient transportation
- Green space
- Salem Lake

Dislikes

- Narrow thoroughfares
- High speed drivers
- On-street parking in subdivisions
- Lack of transportation choices – no bike paths, sidewalks
- Lack of public transit
- Poor aesthetics in commercial development

Vision

Transportation

- Landscaped medians (example on Kernersville Rd)
- Attractive Parkway-like Roadways
- Light rail/rapid transit
- Interconnected neighborhoods
- Well-connected transportation for emergency services
- More/better access to the Salem Lake Park and greenway trail
- Better parking facilities at eastern end of the Salem Lake Park and greenway trail

Community facilities

- Additional soccer, softball complexes
- Well placed public facilities including schools
- Preserved farms as parks
- Neighborhood parks connected by greenways

Community character

- Greenways and bike trails on floodplains (Fiddlers Creek)
- Rural conservation set asides
- Green developments – low impact
- Underground utilities
- Consolidated stormwater management ponds
- Preserved farms
- Natural habitat support
- Preserved landscape around historic properties
- Preserved historic character
- Targeted preservation of older homes

Land Use

Smaller scale commercial areas

Neighborhood retail (local grocery)

Smaller scale multi-family housing

Mixed-uses

Intact Farms