

# **Pantops Master Plan Update 2018**

## **Summary of Public Feedback to Date (including 6-25-2018 meeting)**

### **Land Use**

- Emphasize Pantops Shopping Center as the primary “center” in Pantops for now. Recognize opportunities for it to serve as an extension of downtown Charlottesville
- Redesignate Martha Jefferson Properties at S. Pantops Drive and State Farm BLVD → Office/Flex/R&D
- Retain the Urban Mixed Use classification of properties in the “Peter Jefferson Center” node (Explore intensification of node with next update)
  - Be clear in text summary of Master Plan that if a node-like redevelopment proposal is brought forth to the County during this plan life cycle, this could move forward
- Create a new passive public park north of South Pantops Drive and south of Rolkin Road.
- Redesignate the Neighborhood Density Residential to Urban Density Residential land use designation in Riverside Village
- Make Greenspace follow natural features more closely on multiple properties
- Redesignate Overlook Condominiums from Community Mixed Use to Urban Density Residential
- Redesignate Hansen Road Church property along Rolkin Rd. to Community Mixed Use

### **Vehicular Transportation**

- Improve Traffic Flow on Route 250
  - add continuous right turn lane and restrict left turn movements
  - add divergent diamond
  - provide intersection improvements to Route 250/Route 20 intersection
- Re-evaluate a second Rivanna River crossing at the following locations:
  - E. High Street to Riverbend Drive
  - E. High Street to Pantops Shopping Center
  - Fairway Avenue to Riverbend Drive
  - Woolen Mills to State Farm Boulevard/Peter Jefferson Parkway
- Complete the Olympia Drive street connection to Route 20 behind the Malloy Ford properties and continue to support further expansion eastward to I-64 to create a second road network parallel to Route 250
- Close Free Bridge Lane to through traffic

### **Pedestrian & Bicycle Transportation**

- Prioritize a pedestrian overpass crossing above Route 250 as a new capital improvement project at the intersection of Rolkin Road.
- Fill in gaps in the sidewalk system with the following priority areas:
  - South side of Route 250 between Rolkin Road and State Farm Boulevard
- Bicycle:
  - Explore adding bicycle lanes along State Farm Boulevard, S. Pantops Drive, and Rolkin Road
  - Evaluate road improvements such as curb separated bike lanes to improve safety

## **Transit**

- Make physical improvements to transit stops to increase ridership throughout Pantops
  - Covered shelters, signage, and lighting
  - Evaluate installation of electronic displays that track bus routes and provide arrival times
- Provide a new transit route with direct access from the Downtown Mall to existing transit stops along Route 250 and north along Route 20 (already in progress)

## **Economic Development**

- Explore opportunities for the following uses in Pantops to increase employment opportunities:
  - Medical rehabilitation and support/supply industries
  - Movie, television, entertainment industry studios
  - Indoor recreation centers – rock climbing, bowling, skating rinks, trampoline parks, etc.
  - Open-air boutique market with local artisan businesses
  - “White-collar” employment uses (financial institutions, medical offices)
  - Entrepreneurial hub/technology startup space
- Pantops Shopping Center
  - Redevelop area as possible extension of downtown Charlottesville
  - Support a restaurant use in relation to the river
  - Recognize that some of the existing stores serve low-income residents in Pantops
- Recognize existing historic tourism attractions such as Lewis & Clark Center and Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Museum. Work to create more tourist destinations with a historical and cultural focus

## **Parks & Green Systems**

- Continue to build greenway along Rivanna River - focus on areas south/east of Martha Jefferson Hospital
  - Create a park near the locks on the Rivanna River
  - Explore providing river access for kayaks/non-motorized watercraft
- Form a Pantops Trail Crew with the assistance of the Department of Parks & Recreation
- Update Parks & Green Systems Plan to show preferred Old Mills Trail access points
- Acquire the land south of Rolkin Road behind the Rivanna Ridge Shopping Center to create a new public park
  - Install walking trails, but do not disturb natural features to create active recreational space
- Provide northbound trail connections from the Rivanna River to the new public park
  - Where possible, connect new trails to the existing sidewalk network and allow crossing of Route 250
- Retain the recommended greenway trail routes in all areas north of Route 250. New trails need to provide access from residential neighborhoods to Darden Towe Park
- Explore ways to connect private trails between residential developments for public access and/or a connected pathway to Darden Towe Park
- Riverside Village Park – create a passive park area with trails and benches
- Acknowledge the need in the text to assist homeless population in finding alternative living arrangements in order to make the parks more inviting
- Refine proposed trail locations near Pantops Shopping Center on Parks & Greenways map