

1. 07/29/2016 11:54AM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

The goals seem to reflect the Comprehensive Plan fairly well, but there seems to be little attention given to the Rural Areas and land conservation compared to other areas.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

The focus areas don't provide guidance or ranking for our land-conservation programs, which have been a key part of reaching our Rural Area goals. Does this mean that the County is diminishing or dropping its focus on land conservation in favor of other goals?

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

2. 07/29/2016 11:54AM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

What are the focus areas; the list is not readily available to view? Where are the focus areas listed?

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

3. 07/29/2016 11:57AM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

Fairly well, but I'd like to see fiscal constraints addressed in conjunction with aspirational goals.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

I think that anything ranked below tier 1 is a tacit admission that this focus area will be punted until the next board.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

The county is bifurcated neatly into development and rural areas. Most focus areas are only relevant to one of the two areas. Implementing a service district model would streamline and clarify goals for each community.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

4. 07/29/2016 11:58AM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
While the priorities seem, in general, to be worthwhile, it's hard to tell because the language in all of them is so soft and fuzzy and lacking in detail that it's hard to guess what actions are really intended. Without knowing that, it's hard to evaluate comparisons.
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

5. **07/29/2016 12:01PM**

- a. **At first glance:, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
Right on target.
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
look about right
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
none right now.
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

6. **07/29/2016 12:08PM**

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
I feel like the County is moving in the right direction with these priorities.
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
The priorities seem reasonable to me. I would bump up the Natural Resources funding to a Tier Two, as finding the money streams/sources will dictate how much or little can be done to protect the Natural Resources.
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

7. **07/29/2016 12:09PM**

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
This sounds like usual government doublespeak. County funds should be allocated to improve police and fire protection. All budgeting should be calculated not by how much can you tax but by how much can you do without taxing more. Do not fund school experimentation - go back to teaching the 3R's plus science and holding students and parents accountable.
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

8. 07/29/2016 12:20PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

They more reflect those of large businesses and developers seeking government accommodation. i.e. "How can we move our citizens and infrastructure around to pack more people in so more can go shopping?"

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

I appreciate citizen engagement, but that does not imply nor define any responsibility to meet citizen demand. It's so much easier to sign off on a corporate works project that is pushed in front of you repeatedly by someone whose job it is to pester you into approval. Citizens don't have the luxury of time to apply such consistent pressure, yet our interests are (or *should be*) inherently more important than businesses.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

Bike lanes. Not one here and there but real additions to our roadways, stretching outward from the city center. You're almost literally pouring money at Route 29 and Pantops development, yet a tiny fraction of that money could be used to reduce the overall load across the entire town's road system. It would improve citizen health, protect cyclist commuters, create "small areas" as you call them, and promote alternate travel routes (further reducing stress on main traffic corridors). Studies repeatedly show these and other positive benefits for cities globally who have committed to investment in their citizens this way. I would personally commute from Milton if Rt 250 wasn't an absolute death zone with ZERO shoulder.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

9. 07/29/2016 12:26PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

The goals are reasonable but in some ways too vague to effectively evaluate.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

We need to address the way we establish and grow our infrastructure and the built environment. There is a dichotomy between enriching the livability qualities within the growth areas and solidifying the environmental and agricultural productivity in the rural areas. We need to enhance, explore, improve and reassess this dichotomy. I would like to see the county initiate through its relationship with Senator Kaine, an amendment to the Federal Conservation Code, 170h. Currently the code provides federal and state tax incentives for the conservation/preservation of rural, historic and environmentally sensitive areas. The code structure facilitates a compromised approach to our built environment; there should be tax incentives similar to those currently in 170h for development within our built environment that may/should have commercial utility that provide superior environmental benefits to the community above and beyond those currently required by

code. The notion here is to find ways to incentive the development community to "front load" superior environmental, energy, agriculture and open space within our built environment: Gotham Greens (agricultural example), NASA's Ames Sustainability Base, (energy and sustainable developmental modeling). Perhaps a third area to look intellectually may be to negotiate an amendment to the Biscuit Run State Park agreement that could be a focal point for the above along with the education thereof for the generations to come. This area was usurped from the county tax roll; we should find a way to effectively return that growth area property to the county's tax base while facilitating a unique opportunity for State and Albemarle County economic and environmental enhancement and growth.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

We need to work harder and accomplish more.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

10. 07/29/2016 11:54AM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

I think that the focus areas fairly reflect my goals for the community. One exception is engaging the community. I think that the County does a great job of this already for the citizenry that has an active interest in community issues. I'm uncertain whether the rural areas and natural resources need to be separate. There is no "urban" area focus despite the fact that many of the areas address urban issues. I think a holistic approach might be more appropriate.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

I think it would be interesting to take all of the priority rankings out of the categories and rank them on their own. For instance, the current configuration seems to indicate that LCAPP (Tier 2) is a larger priority than County Facility Needs (Tier 3). Is that what this is trying to say?

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

I'd like to see more focus on the County partnering with the City, VDOT, MPO, etc. Many of the issues can be better and more equitably solved through working together. Increased traffic is a major quality of life detractor and there are many areas with major traffic issues that will continue to get worse from population growth without continued improvements and monitoring. This is more of a concern than roadway aesthetics. Several large transportation projects have been completed within the last 3-5 years which seem to have done little else than incrementally improve congestion. I'm surprised that the only item listed for life-long learning is pre-school accessibility. Since the Schools System is such a large portion of the County budget it seems that some additional focus might be provided here that doesn't overlap with the School Board's functions. I don't see the Police Department having any major issues despite their specific mention in Tier 1 and 2 areas of focus on the list.

d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**

No

11. 07/29/2016 12:29PM

a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**

I believe these focus areas reflect our major areas of responsibility. Thank you for your hard work on defining these areas.

b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**

I agree with most of the rankings. I would suggest moving broadband access to Tier 1 because as an educator I see its importance every day. Students without reliable access are at a disadvantage. Adults without computer literacy skills will find it more difficult to achieve employment at higher levels.

c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**

d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**

No

12. 07/29/2016 12:33PM

a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**

Close with some tweaking

b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**

The Police and School salaries receive additional funding and benefits from the state. This should be a Tier two and not a Tier one priority. It's time for the political leaders to actually treat all employees equally. Both the Police and Schools keep getting more when the BOS does not request a study of ALL benefits and MAKE THE RESULTS READILY AVAILALBE TO ALL instead of hiding them as them have done in the past with so called compensation studies.

c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**

The School Board must find the gumption to pursue redistricting. I am tired of building additional schools and/or making significant expansions to allow both the School Board and the Board of Supervisors to avoid taking a public stance on the efficient allocation of resources.

d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**

No

13. 07/29/2016 12:34PM

a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**

Perhaps, with this survey, you are reinforcing the image of the bureaucratic nature of all governments. I would prefer that you didn't yet again ask everybody to rank everything based upon their own "personal" goals. A reasonable question from people who have seen this sort of thing before is: If you don't have a sense of the inputs already -- where have you been, how where you elected? Your stated focus areas suggest you do have the inputs.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

It is hard to criticize general priorities which are addressing the issues of where to put stuff without harming the environment or disturbing the bucolic wishes of no-growth advocates - but my impression is that the priorities won't mean much to the average citizen (other than some feel-good sensation) if the Board doesn't put time frames on specific actions. Your rankings are fine -- now where are the action steps? What resources are required? What timing for each? That will be more telling as to how the priorities should shake out.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

My impression is that you have shortchanged the importance of improved internet and cell service throughout the county. This lack of cell towers, or whatever it is, handicaps the citizens of the county in their economic pursuits and creates a reputation of a slow moving, slow witted county and, therefore, handicaps the attractiveness of the county for economic growth on all economic fronts.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

14. 07/29/2016 12:36PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

Strongly agree with the 8 specific focus areas. For three areas (citizen engagement, rural areas, and natural resources) I would like to see the Tier assignment moved up from current assignment to the next most important tier.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

Citizen Engagement – move from Tier 3 to Tier 1

Rural Areas – move from Tier 2 to Tier 1

Natural Resources – move from Tier 2 to Tier 1

All of the focus areas listed above impact the beauty of our area and set forth a plan to preserve as well as enhance utility.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

I appreciate all of the many hours this Plan must have taken for many, many employees, volunteers, and citizens. Thank you, Thank you.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

15. 07/29/2016 12:43PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

moderately well

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

Rankings do not describe a planning horizon that is practical enough for me to say much. I would have preferred more specificity (e.g. timeframe to start and complete the goal? target date/year for the public to begin seeing impacts of the project/item?). It is unclear whether or not, or which of the different goals, would serve needs across the entire County

or spend time and money and have impacts primarily in one District or one location of the County.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

thank you

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

16. 07/29/2016 12:45PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

Fairly well. I'm a bit disturbed that public safety (law enforcement) is not the highest priority within the goals. Public safety is the core function of local gov. Many of the goals are "nice to have" and not core gov. Duties.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

Nice to have services should be lower ranked than have to have services like public safety.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

I like that economic development is rated so high. It is critical that the county embrace and invite businesses to move here.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

17. 07/29/2016 1:35PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

I Feel that you have a good handle on the area needs as I see them.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

I would like to see more priority placed on good well paying jobs for our county.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

Keeping the rural atmosphere of the county is also very important and shouldn't be over looked while working on the other goals.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

Yes; No

18. 07/29/2016 2:10PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

Fair

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

I would like to see the Police Training facility at a higher priority

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

Not sure what gray infrastructure is

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

19. 07/29/2016 2:33PM

- a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**

Moderate. What are you doing to control spending and reduce taxes?

- b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**

We need more development in Western Albemarle. That means that the BOS has to stop making it difficult for businesses. Reduce taxes. Build better roads (e.g. 250).

- c. What additional comments would you like to provide?**

Too many tax increases. Reduce property taxes and business taxes. More businesses will provide a greater revenue stream.

- d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**

No

20. 07/29/2016 2:54PM

- a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**

These focus areas are fine until one gets to the priority rankings, where it becomes clear that the rankings are driven by the business and development interests of the community.

- b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**

Note that there are NO first priority rankings for the protection of rural areas or for the consideration of our natural resources. while there are pages of Firsts to do with growth and development of business interests.

- c. What additional comments would you like to provide?**

- d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**

No

21. 07/29/2016 3:02PM

- a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**

Not very well

- b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**

Infrastructure, specifically rural, should be a higher priority as the road conditions and broadband availability are abysmal, hampering growth, education and actively discouraging advancement in those areas.

- c. What additional comments would you like to provide?**

Focus less on making things shiny until the county is brought up to modern technological standards.

- d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**

No

22. 07/29/2016 11:54AM

- a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**

The goals are fine, a broad cross section that in total is a balanced agenda. They are not my goals. I would rather the county seek to be recognized by the Virginia Legislature as the best run county in the state. I would have the county broaden its slim commercial tax base so that revenues are generated to pay off debts that are not linked to increasing R/E taxes.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

As these focus areas were introduced to the Supervisors I perceived a heightened interest by the Board to see it as a list of places to invest money some of which had not been previously thought of! I see the process as a means to controlling and cutting expenses. I see little fiscal discipline by the Board to actually prepare for when times are not so good again.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

I believe staff is trying yet again to rein in expenses and this new approach hopefully will gain traction with the Supervisors.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

23. 07/29/2016 3:16PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

I think school infrastructure should be a higher priority.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

School infrastructure is not ranked high enough.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

24. 07/29/2016 3:30PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

My goal would be for less government involvement in our lives

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

The ranking is not reflective of what I'm hearing from others.,

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

REDUCE the size of government and staff - reduce government regulation and interference in our lives. Government size and cost is growing unproportionately to population.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

25. 07/29/2016 4:12PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

I believe that these goals are excellent representations of priorities for the residents of Albemarle County

- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
 I feel that the Public Engagement goal should be ranked much higher. The Board and County staff are servants of the public. Why should public input be neglected? That is a terrible mistake and should be re-evaluated. Also under the Development Area goal I feel it should be pointed out that the Board members should realize they are a temporary entity. Their aspirations may not be shared by new members in the future and we should think ahead before starting any long term and expensive projects that could become less of a priority as members leave or are voted out.
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
 I would like the members of the committee to be public knowledge for fellow employees and the public. It is very important for these members to be approachable for input by everyone in order to ensure that the residents desires are equally heard along with business partners in the area. Only by working together can Albemarle County become a great place to live and work. The best way to create this kind of environment is through open communication.
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
 Yes

26. 07/29/2016 4:15PM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
 Somewhat well. Economic development and education is important, but so should preserving the character of the county. Why is it education for all? Should K-12 education be the priority? Does the county want to get into lifelong learning? I don't think it should.
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
 Preserving rural character should be Tier 1, that's why people visit here for tourism.
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
 No

27. 07/29/2016 5:05PM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
 they miss. less development more preservation. seems an inordinate amount of money is being spent on non student costs. maybe time for an audit of the waste
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
 greater focus on preservation and protection of the rural areas and more adherence to the comprehensive plan. the planning commission seems to be granting variances as if the comprehensive plan didn't exist.
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
 As a life long resident the current taxes make it very difficult to continue to live in Albemarle county. STOP raising the taxes and start cutting cost!

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

28. 07/29/2016 5:17PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

School needs which take up so much of the County's monies don't seem to show up except for pre-schoolers.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

Yes

29. 07/29/2016 11:54AM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

My Goals for Albemarle County:

Having lived and paid taxes in Albemarle for 30 years, here are my current top goals for the County, in descending order of importance:

Top Priority (Tier One Immediate Priority): Police Department staffing at a ratio of 1.5 sworn officers per 1,000 County residents.

Next Priority (Tier One Immediate Priority): That the Board of Supervisors budget for and hire an attorney in FY2018 to sue for release from the Revenue-Sharing Agreement with the City of Charlottesville.

Next Priority (Tier Two Mid-Range Priority): School choice for all Albemarle students, regardless of residential address, on a school building space-available basis with family-provided transportation to the chosen school or to a transportation hub from which public school buses depart on regular routes to the chosen school.

Next Priority (Tier Two Mid-Range Priority): School year Sunday afternoon hours at all JMRL branch libraries in Albemarle County.

Next Priority (Tier Three Longer Term Priority): Roadways that are safe for cars, trucks, motorcycles, and bicycles.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

My Feedback on Albemarle's Priority-Driven Budgeting Goals and Areas of Focus:

Citizen Engagement:

1) Use the term "resident" instead of "citizen." Not all who live in Albemarle are citizens.

2) What measurement(s) will you use to determine whether Albemarle Government is "successfully" engaging County residents?

3) Where can Albemarle Government's list of its residents' "values and aspirations" be found?

Rural Areas:

1) Define what Albemarle Government means by "thriving" farms and forests.

2) List the names of the “traditional crossroads communities” Albemarle Government is referring to in this category.

3) Provide a glossary of terms for this entire document. What, for example, is a “small area plan?”

4) What “country crossroads” are you referring to in this category? List them by name.

Critical Infrastructure:

1) Change the words “invest in” to “pay for” in this goal.

2) Name the “development areas” you are referring to in this goal.

3) Name the “high visibility public spaces” you are referring to in this goal.

4) How will you determine whether an entrance corridor meets your goal of having “an attractive aesthetic appearance?” By what criteria will you measure this?

5) Keep the Circuit and General District Courts in downtown Charlottesville.

6) Do NOT spend any public tax dollars (local, state, or federal) on providing broadband access to any residents of Albemarle County. This is NOT a core responsibility of government. Residents need to pay for their own Internet service just like they do for other utilities. Internet service must not become a government welfare program at the expense of other residents and taxpayers.

7) Define the following and give examples: “Establish and implement an approach to consider age-friendly community needs and initiatives as part of County planning.” Do NOT hand over any taxpayer money to The Senior Center, Inc., a private, non-governmental organization.

8) Any new police training facility needs to be developed as a regional facility in cooperation with (including shared funding) Charlottesville, UVA, and the TJPDC.

Development Areas:

1) What “aging urban areas” and “existing neighborhoods” are you talking about in this category? Name them.

2) Define “Urban Service District” and “proactive rezonings” and “gray infrastructure” and “transportation revenue sharing money” in a glossary.

3) Explain, list, name, and/or define what the Board’s “land use aspirations and intentions” are.

4) What is “small” small area planning? Define in a glossary.

5) Ten items in this Development Areas category seems like too many to include as Tier One priorities.

Economic Prosperity:

1) Define what Albemarle Government means by “economic resiliency/preparedness.” How will Albemarle Government know when the County is economically resilient and prepared?

Educational Opportunities:

1) How will Albemarle Government know when it has achieved “enhanced” educational opportunities for at-risk pre-schoolers? What measurements will you use to determine this?

Operational Capacity:

1) Define “operational capacity” and “salary compression” and “differentiated compensation” in a glossary.

2) Do NOT use acronyms like DSS and IMPACT without noting on first reference what the letters stand for.

3) What does the following governmental gobbledegook in this category mean? “Develop alternate, sustainable funding strategies and other . . . blah, blah, blah . . . for both Schools and Local Government.”

4) Include the terms “geo-policing” and “land banking” in a glossary.

5) How will Albemarle Government know when it has accomplished “robust communication” between the Board of Supervisors, the School Board, and the Planning Commission? Please explain how you will measure “robustness?”

Natural Resources:

1) Please explain what you mean by “thoughtfully” protecting the County’s ecosystems and natural resources. How will you measure and know when you have accomplished “thoughtful” protection?

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

My Additional Comments:

1) Scrap your alleged “Community Engagement” format used during the FY2017 Budget development process. It was a miserable failure. All six Supervisors should do what Supervisor Ann Mallek does — no staff presentations, stands up in front of her constituents, asks what they have on their minds, listens, takes notes, invites questions and comments, does her research, and provides replies and answers as she’s able.

2) Be specific.

3) Define everything.

4) Practice the intent and the spirit of the Virginia FOIA as well the letter of this law. Err on the side of openness.

5) Give the public their full three minutes of Public Comment time even when there are more than 10 speakers signed up at a meeting.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

30. 07/29/2016 7:24PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

The focus areas appear to be well thought out and a positive way to prepare for the future needs of the county as a community

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

The cost of these areas of focus has to be supported by business growth and attracting new business revenues and not totally dependent on county real estate tax increases

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

Bond issues to raise capital to support growth needs has to be balanced by new revenue growth from expanding and attracting new businesses to the area. Manufacturing and other large employment bases is a priority for the area to offset debt.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

31. 07/29/2016 8:13PM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
Very well
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
The county's inability to meet their budget goals to provide for the costs of the infrastructure is due to the approval of constant development which brings in more people when we cannot provide adequate services for the ones already here, such as schools, police, firemen, good roads, etc.,
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
To gain control of the inverse ratio of money available to costs for infrastructure, it will be necessary to slow down the increase of the population and development.
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

32. 07/29/2016 8:14PM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
Very well
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
The county's inability to meet their budget goals to provide for the costs of the infrastructure is due to the approval of constant development which brings in more people when we cannot provide adequate services for the ones already here, such as schools, police, firemen, good roads, etc.,
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
To gain control of the inverse ratio of money available to costs for infrastructure, it will be necessary to slow down the increase of the population and development.
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

33. 07/30/2016 11:03AM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
Good areas of focus. Missing some important issues.
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
More internet coverage for rural areas. Needed for educational and business purposes. School age children don't have the same access as urban students.
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
Residents of rural areas pay real estate and other taxes equal to residents in densely populated areas, but don't get equal services.
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

34. 07/30/2016 1:50PM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
Ambitious
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
Environment, education, business are my top three areas,
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
Would like greater specificity.
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

35. 07/30/2016 4:34PM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
This is a strange question. It sounds to me that the planning process has moved beyond reconsideration of goals.
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
I think these rankings are heavily business centric--as if the wishes and desires of business owners in our community should dominate the civic conversation. I for one would like to see real broadband a tier one priority--and by real I mean not some cobbled-together wireless solution.
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

36. 07/31/2016 6:46AM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
With all due respect this seems more like an academic exercise in academic jargon than something with concrete ideas and readily understood language. A B+ for the concept and a C- for clarity and actionable ideas.
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

37. 07/31/2016 7:28AM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
I feel they do reflect the goals of our community very well
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
I wish traffic management had a higher ranking but otherwise agree

- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

38. 07/31/2016 3:23PM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
Not at all. Where is ANY thought given to traffic and our local economy? We've got the highest rate of UNemployment & the highest cost of living of any of our peers!
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
You are not focused on what's important to Albemarle County citizens! You crammed through the Rio/29 GSI which we didn't want - to cut out 3(!) measly traffic lights!
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
Lower our taxes! Lower the regulations you put on businesses! Stop stifling our economy.
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

39. 07/31/2016 6:45PM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
Excellent plan. These are worthwhile endeavors.
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
This seems like an awful lot of Tier 1 objectives. It would be helpful to know how realistic it is to accomplish so much in the short term given our limited resources. Generally though, this seems well-prioritized.
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
Personally, we hope to see some additional developments in the Pantops area for pedestrian traffic take higher priority, including footbridges crossing the Rte 250 corridor and crossing the Rivanna at Darden Towe Park.
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

40. 07/31/2016 7:19PM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
I agree, with a slightly broader interpretation. Seniors are a growing demographic and I think that several goals could be expanded to be inclusive of this group. For instance, development areas (affordable housing), workforce, lifelong learning. Seniors are not their own goal, but rather ensuring that their needs are considered within the goals would be important. For lifelong learning, I agree that pre-K is tier 1. And other ages should be tier 2, so it is stated and not forgotten.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

I wasn't sure if the order within the document was indicative, or just the tiers. I would put some of the goals earlier in the list.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

Always consider the impact of the growing demographic of seniors as it fits within each goal.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

41. 08/01/2016 12:05AM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

At first glance the focus areas seem well thought out and seem to affect all of Charlottesville

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

I felt citizen engagement should be a tier one . other than that , what I could clearly understand while reading seemed reasonable.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

please word the rankings as non government employees speak. I am a college graduate and had to read and re-read the wording of all of the icons . Because this is in the beginning stages it is important for all citizens to understand what is being said.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

42. 08/01/2016 11:43AM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

Not very

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

Too vague and difficult to measure

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

Honest community involvement is important. Not just we decided what we will do and really don't want feedback, but will hear a bit and do what we want anyway.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

43. 08/01/2016 12:03PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

I think focus needs to be increased on building new school classroom space to accommodate the significant future growth in Crozet. I am very concerned that this is a Tier 3 area of focus when in Old Trail alone we have 1000+ new homes planned in the next 5-10 years. If school growth isn't on the Tier 1 docket now we will be behind the curve before these homes are even completed. I also believe we need an increased focus on growing our business and employment base to support a more diverse work force. We need more blue

collar manufacturing and distribution type jobs to support our work force and to provide those jobs we need to be more business friendly when approached by potential new businesses to Albemarle County.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

See above

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

We need a more diverse group of leaders in our county. Too much focus on non business friendly policies and objectives with our current leadership. I also believe that county employees need to be more constituent friendly and rewarded for that type of behavior. I get better support in surrounding counties when trying to secure information for my clients. Albemarle County employees are not focused on providing great customer service to their constituents.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

44. 08/01/2016 6:57PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

Quite well.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

Good.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

I appreciate the focus on our educational needs and need to bolster our police force, as well as restructuring competitive pay to attract qualified applicants and hires.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

45. 08/01/2016 8:28PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

I think that these provide a good foundation to start from, but that we should continuously be looking for new opportunities and growth areas.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

Expanding affordable broadband needs to be a Tier One task. That is something that is currently affecting all residents, and can help with employment and educational goals mentioned in other tasks. Natural resource protection could be moved to Tier One as many development projects for the other tasks could affect our natural resources negatively.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

Attracting quality employment is great at Tier One. I think this will be easier to do once Broadband has been further developed, allowing to hire high quality people throughout the county.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

46. 08/02/2016 8:36AM

- a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**

We are missing PROPER sustained growth. There seems to be overbuilding and lack of infrastructure in several areas of the County! i.e Crozet and Old Trail.

- b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**

Please keep in mind that overbuilding is a huge issue. There are already lots of Parks and Scenic areas that should be tier 3

- c. What additional comments would you like to provide?**

Schools are overcrowded and this is due to overbuilding and not enough proffers being asked for.

- d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**

No

47. 08/02/2016 11:59AM

- a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**

Too many focus areas.

- b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**

Reduce the number of focus areas, concentrating on public safety, roads, and education.

- c. What additional comments would you like to provide?**

If the number of focus areas are not reduced, at least downgrade their priorities, except for public safety, roads, and education.

- d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**

No

48. 08/04/2016 4:50PM

- a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**

- b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**

- c. What additional comments would you like to provide?**

All the goals and plans I read about seemed good to me. I don't know where my comments should be directed, but hope some kind person will know where to forward them. My concern is the proposal build a pedestrian bridge across Rt. 250 in the Rolkin Rd. area. That site would serve the population of the housing developments in that area.

However, a little down the hill, near the Route 20 intersection, there is a population in the Wilton Farms subsidized housing, many of whom do not have cars and may be seen struggling on foot to cross Rt. 250 to reach grocery and other needed stores. These people are much needier than most of those in the Rolkin Rd. area, where I have never seen any pedestrian attempting trying to cross R. 250.

If population size is a criterion, please note that there are 2 new housing developments near the Rt. 20 intersection that, I am told, will soon produce nearly 400 new homes for

numerous residents. These new residents, I must concede, are as unlikely to need the bridge to cross Rt. 250 on foot as those in the Rolkin Rd. area.

I believe that we should weigh actual need against possible convenience in locating the new bridge. I hope that these considerations will cause the new abridge to be built in the Rt. 20 /Rt. 250 area. Thank you for your attention.

Ann Pax, 325 Key West Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22911

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

49. 08/06/2016 9:12PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

I think these focus areas closely reflect my goals for the community.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

I believe the protection of the environment and preservation of natural resources should be highly ranked, tier 1 level importance. Protect fiercely that which is still wild, scenic and rural in our area. Think like a watershed, think bioregionally.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

I'm encouraged to see that some focus is being given to the Rio/29 area here and in the Small Area Plan Phase 1 documentation I've been reading. I live within the small area covered by this plan and yearn to see more elegant and intelligent design and development on Greenbriar Drive (the stretch from 29 up the hill to Commonwealth is a giant mess and mishmash of really bad planning). I would also like to strongly encourage swift implementation of pedestrian overpasses along the 29 corridor. It's been done before on multilane highways, just look at Highway 101 N in Marin County, CA. I lived there and can attest to the community enhancement of the neighborhood and region. Pedestrians can cross a busy multilane road safely to shop, get to work, and move about. Overpasses can be linked to and enhance usage of alternative transportation modes (busses and biking, airport shuttle, etc). I implore you to do something sooner rather than later so people don't risk life and limb dashing across 29 where no crosswalks exist such as at Greenbriar, near the Post Office, by the mall/Berkmar, Hydraulic. I see it almost daily and it terrifies me that I might see someone get run over.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

50. 08/07/2016 12:06PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

Mostly aligned

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

Items that should stay #1: Preserve rural areas; improve funding for infrastructure in development areas; revitalize aging urban areas; improve transportation for development areas. Move to #1: establish an age friendly community. Flesh out lifelong learning; for years

we've said 'lifelong' and 'all ages' but focus entirely in K-12 and need to find new strategies to go beyond that.

- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**

- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

51. 08/10/2016 9:19AM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
No, they don't. When taxes are being raised Park enhancements should not be considered. Broadband should NOT be a local government objective or concern. No additional police or government facilities should be considered at this time. Do not consider moving the courts.
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
Please stop expanding services/programs and keep the schools budget "in check".
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
Why would you ask if a person is a Local Government Employee? The only question should be are you an Albemarle County Resident.
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

52. 08/10/2016 3:03PM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
As a positive, I feel the focus areas do a good job of reflecting the need -- and the community's desire -- to provide and improve infrastructure in the Development Areas in order to make them the attractive and highly functioning places envisioned in the County's growth management policy.
However, I feel the focus areas do not adequately reflect the priority our community places on protection and stewardship of our natural resources. Specifically, the Natural Resources and Rural Areas goals each only include two priorities, and none of them is ranked as Tier One. Further, both of the Rural Areas priorities appear to be focused more on intensifying uses in the Rural Areas rather than protection. I'll include below some specific recommendations to help put more emphasis on these critical community values.
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
I would like to see the two priorities currently ranked as Tier Two in Natural Resources upgraded to Tier One priorities.
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
Please consider adding a new Tier 1 priority to the Rural Areas section about strengthening the ACE Program by establishing a dedicated funding source and identifying adequate staff resources to implement it. This is identified as a priority strategy in the Comp Plan.
The current Tier 1 priority in the Development Areas section to "[d]edicate transportation revenue sharing money to several identified major transportation initiatives" is too vague. I would like to see it clarified to apply to "major transportation initiatives identified and

prioritized in relevant master plans and small area plans” to ensure the projects selected have been properly vetted by the community.

Please consider adding a new priority to either the Rural Areas or Development Areas section to capture the Comprehensive Plan’s strategy of providing ongoing education to the public on the relationship of density in the Development Areas and efforts to prevent sprawl.

Please add new priorities to the Natural Resources section that reflect a number of other priority strategies from the Comp Plan, including the development of an updated Biodiversity Action Plan, the development of a Community Resilience Plan, and the use of existing master plans to identify important streams and wetlands for protection.

The Tier Two priority under the Critical Infrastructure goal that relates to broadband may need to be revised to reflect recent Board of Supervisors guidance to focus first on places within the development areas that do not have adequate broadband service (and for the initial focus in the Rural Areas to be limited to those communities where there’s the most “bang for the buck”).

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

53. 08/11/2016 4:40PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

They seem reasonable and I am pleased to see an effort to plan for infrastructure and education.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

It is hard to tell whether the various goals are ranked against each other, but within each goal, the tier rankings seem defensible.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

I am particularly interested in your efforts to support expanded infrastructure (especially broadband) in the rural areas. Not every resident can or will choose to live in the development areas, as you need some residents to be caretakers of farms and rural life. Broadband seems to be a basic utility, enabling telecommuting, distance learning for students of all ages, and a connection with the greater diversity of urban life. It is hard to function without it!

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

54. 08/15/2016 3:29PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

Moderately. I think there is room for improvement.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

I think that local transportation needs higher levels of focus and more flexibility on how land use is allowed, especially south of the city

- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
Local transportation focus should also be on improving the immediate area around Charlottesville for better non car transit (foot, bike and public transit), especially on the southern city of Charlottesville. Flexibility in pay and recruiting should focus first on education and educational staff before other departments.
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

55. 08/16/2016 11:11AM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
In Operational Capacity, Tier One: Identify DSS.
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

56. 08/17/2016 10:57AM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
They sound good
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
In all ways possible, to collaborate with the City of Charlottesville, and other local non-profits. More and more we are an integrated community and need to align our goals and share resources, and be vigilant to avoid duplication. So many people living in our area do not know where the border is between Charlottesville and Albemarle, so, psychologically, we are already one community. Our destinies are intertwined and so our planning, goals and budgets should be considered together.
- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

57. 08/17/2016 12:50PM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**
- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
I think two things should be moved to higher priority: elder population issues and focus on affordable broadband technology especially in underserved areas.
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**
The situation surrounding our elders is one that is exploding as the population ages.

Currently, Medicare reports that 10,000 people turn 65 *each day.* More than that are already way over this age and in need of housing, long term care, transportation and much more. We ACTIVELY market Charlottesville and the surrounding area as a retirement community via the Chamber and through other means. This must be a major priority as this population is growing a rate far exceeding that of children who need schooling and recreation and adults that need jobs.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

58. 008/17/2016 4:58PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

I don't see any of the values of area businesses in any of the goals for Albemarle County. I would like to see the business property tax eliminated as a terrible compliance burden on local businesses. Playing favorites by "promoting business development/expansion in the Rio/Route29 focus area" is just one example of everything which is wrong with government trying to stimulate some to win and burden others so that they lose.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

County government has become more adversarial and oppressive by a factor of five in the last few years. County leadership has set a terrible tone from the top for the relationship with local businesses. Even the idea that county government "fosters an environment to stimulate tax revenues that support community goals" is insulting on multiple levels.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

At least two of the business owners we work with have moved their operations outside of Albemarle county, saving money on taxes and compliance silliness. I despair of county government even beginning to understand how onerous and intrusive the effect of their work in the county is.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

59. 08/19/2016 1:52PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

Very well; comprehensive and detailed.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

The ranking seems appropriate.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

One missing item was alternative transportation; there was no mention of better pavements and cycle routes.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

60. 08/21/2016 5:44PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

At first glance I was struck by how little mention I noticed of environmental concerns. All of the other goals will not be sustainable if sufficient attention is not given to the environment. Environmentally related focus would include: adaptation to climate change (e.g. the current summer temperatures), ways to help reduce the causes of climate change, continuing to provide a safe and adequate water supply, and continued preservation of natural resources and viewsheds not just for aesthetics but also for economic and societal health.

Again, at first glance, the budget goals seemed to include repeated references to projects that are nearing completion (e.g., the Rio/Route 29 area). Perhaps careful rereading will change my understanding of the priorities but as I currently interpret the budget plan I am concerned that repetition will give some areas much more focus than others.

My community goal would be a more equitable distribution of financial resources among the social, environmental, and economic areas, not so much emphasis on spending money on economic development (which by no means guarantees more income to the county government).

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

Regarding specific focus areas:

- Under the “Successfully engage citizens so that local government reflects their values and aspirations” goal I would like to see a focus on “determining the effectiveness of methods currently in use” and give it a Tier Two ranking .
- Under the “Preserve the character of rural life with thriving farms and forests, traditional crossroad communities, and protected scenic areas, historic sites, and biodiversity” goal I would put “Establish ...” into Tier One and “Assure ...” into Tier Two.
- Under the “Prioritize, plan and invest in critical infrastructure that responds to past and future changes and improves the capacity to serve community needs” I would move “Develop differentiated funding strategies for core vs. enhanced (e.g., quality of life projects like parks, etc.) projects in the rural areas.” To Tier One.
- Under “Attract quality employment ...” I would move “Evaluate potential use of Urban Service District to fund enhanced services and infrastructure in the development areas.”, “Accelerate the revitalization and redevelopment of the Rio/Route 29 interchange area to promote business vitality and a vibrant urban environment working collaboratively with the small area plan process.”, and “Work with regional partnership to enhance Rivanna river corridor by completing updated Pantops Master Plan including Rivanna River Corridor Small Area Plan” to Tier Two.
- Under “Foster an environment ...” I would move “Establish and begin ...” to Tier Three. Most of all, I would put “Develop alternate, sustainable funding strategies and other resource opportunities (including Citizen Resource Advisory Committee recommendations) to address the County’s long-term operational and capital funding needs for both Schools and Local Government.” in a Tier One completely on its own. All the budget prioritizing in the world is useless if there is no way to increase the county’s income.

Regarding the prioritization process:

- It is difficult for us citizens who are not familiar enough with the budget and needs of the county to understand all of the reasons for ranking in a specific tier. I would have found it

helpful if the information were presented with flagging that indicated projects that are in Tier 1 because they are almost completed or because they will be getting funding from outside sources. Also, some of the focus areas seem to reflect potential actions or projects whereas others are more like overarching concepts (e.g. above mentioned “alternate, sustainable funding strategies” and “assess the County’s future physical facility needs”) or work expected to be part of the normal duties of county staff. Perhaps these should be listed as priorities but not tiered.

•I recommend comparing the areas of focus with the Indicators of Progress in the Comprehensive Plan. Ranking should also depend on how well an action will allow the county to meet the Indicators.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

Thank you for giving citizens the opportunity to review the initial prioritization process and to comment on it. I hope that our comments will not only be read but will also result in changes that will produce a budget that will best reflect the values of the community.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

61. 08/23/2016 10:54AM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

The eight thematic priorities are a good representation of goals and focus areas. Within the Economic Prosperity strategic goal I do not believe that Rio/Route29 should be singled out and instead this should be applicable to the Development Area as a whole. Also, Albemarle County should not be competing with the City of Charlottesville on Economic Development and attracting business - instead, the City should be a close partner and ally.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

There is a symbiotic relationship between our Rural Area and our Development Area and just as there are rightfully many Tier One priorities within our Development Area there needs to be equal focus on the protection of our Rural Areas. Rural Area protection and Natural Resources should be Tier One and not be a Tier Two priorities. One of the very things that makes this community great and desirable is the scenic rural setting. If that is lost, the other strategic goals will be so much more difficult to achieve.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

It is unclear exactly what is meant by "budgeting". How will this process impact the actual work being done by the County and the allocation of taxpayer dollars? Further, this process needs to be applied to the CIP and should be used to allocate CIP dollars and by the BOS to figure out how much revenue is needed through real property taxes in order to meet the strategic goals of the community.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

62. 08/23/2016 4:55PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

I'm not sure if Educational Opportunities belongs as a focus area, unless the School Division seeks or needs outside help.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

The Critical Infrastructure section was good. Rural Areas were pretty much ignored, while much emphasis was placed on Development Areas. Perhaps there are fewer immediate needs for the Rural Area, but it should not be ignored. All the items for Development Areas are Tier 1, but there seems little emphasis on improving "desirability" or quality of life, unless all the items are taken as a whole. There was not much attention paid to Natural Resources. And only one item that mentions climate change, in the Natural Resources section. More attention should be paid to climate change, rather than the general comment to adopt action items jointly developed five years ago by three organizations.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

Yes

63. 08/24/2016 7:09AM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

This is a good start though I think at times there is too much emphasis on making one size fit all. What is appropriate in one area may be woefully inappropriate in another area.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

If there is to be a best value obtained by local government for the taxpayer dollar then I suggest you elevate two of the Tier 3 statements to Tier 1. In particular, under Critical Infrastructure and Operational Capacity there are Tier 3 statements that address strategic planning. Placing them at Tier 3 tells me the BoS is not interested in starting with a plan, rather they would prefer to use a piecemeal approach that lacks vision. If there is no unified strategic vision that integrates the county, schools and CIP, then this process is a waste of time and money.

Given that about 55% of the county budget is tied to funding schools there must be a tight planning process rather than three processes operating independently which it seems has been the case for decades in Albemarle County. This will mean some people will have to give up some power and there will have to be compromise but that is what it will take if the county residents are to support increased taxes and bond initiatives. As an example, the voters will be asked to determine the fate of a school bond issue in the coming November election. From my viewpoint, there is no compelling case for this bond based on the lack of integrated planning and a track record of processes that are not in sync with one another.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

I suggest that the concept of Urban Service Districts be approached very carefully. Don't be too quick to rush into higher taxed areas and thus establish areas people may avoid when considering their real estate options. To see how this works think about the real estate purchase choices people make when considering whether to live in Charlottesville city or to live in the county. Pretty high on the list of considerations is the tax rate. No surprise many home buyers, myself included, look closely at where the city boundary is and then avoid it

like the plague.

Economic Prosperity - This Tier 1 element is inadequately focused. It is not enough to give attention to Rio/Route 29. The county needs to figure out how it can bring jobs to the county that are beyond the service industries (e.g. retail stores, restaurants, etc.). Service workers are not well compensated as a group and to live in this area requires more than what can be made working at a store or restaurant. Raising the minimum wage is not the answer since that just makes everything more expensive, the real answer is to foster jobs that bolster and expand what remains of the middle class. While Albemarle County is fortunate to have major employers such as UVA and NGIC to provide well paid jobs, these are typically not within reach of the average middle class person due to the requirements for advanced degrees or very specialized experience and high security clearance. Like it or not, to expand economic opportunity the county has to look at light industry which means establishing pad ready sites and an approval process that is viewed as being helpful rather than punitive.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

64. 08/25/2016 11:23AM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

I think the focus areas concentrate a lot of attention on the development areas while not giving adequate attention to the need to protect and preserve the Rural Areas.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

In the Rural Areas focus area, I suggest adding a Tier One goal of protecting and preserving the rural areas, including funding for the ACE program. I also suggest adding a Tier One goal of educating the public about the need to support density in the development area in order to protect the rural areas from sprawl. In general, I think this focus area needs to include more specifics about how the county plans to "preserve the character of rural life with thriving farms and forests, traditional crossroad communities, and protected scenic areas, historic sites, and biodiversity."

In the Critical Infrastructure focus area, I suggest moving the Tier Two goal of establishing and implementing strategic direction to expand broadband affordable access to Tier One, and moving the Tier Three goal of establishing and implementing strategic direction for school space needs to Tier One.

In the Development Areas focus area, I suggest moving the Tier One goals of developing an approach to support small area planning and working with regional partnerships to enhance Rivanna river corridor to Tier Two. The Tier One goal of dedicating transportation revenue sharing money to several identified major transportation initiatives needs clarification; the priority should be on transportation projects outlined in the Master Plan and small area plans.

In the Economic Prosperity focus area, I suggest moving the Tier One goal to Tier Two. This focus area should mention the Target Industries Study and its possible implementation.

In the Educational Opportunities focus area, there is no mention of plans to provide lifelong learning opportunities for post-grads and adults. This should be included.

In the Operational Capacity focus area, I suggest more specificity in the third goal of developing alternate, sustainable funding strategies since much of this research has already been done. I suggest moving the Tier Two goal to Tier One and the Tier Three goal to Tier Two.

In the Natural Resources focus area, I suggest moving the Tier Two and Tier Three goals to Tier One and adding goals of updating the Biodiversity Action Plan as well as plans to protect streams and wetlands.

- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**

- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

65. 08/26/16 8:17AM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**

I do not see enough emphasis on priorities for the aging population (a growing segment of Albemarle County). Lifelong learning should include emphasis on development of Advance Directives for all, planning for aging, appropriate use of community and health resources.

- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**

- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**

- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

66. 08/26/16 8:54AM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**

There is far too little emphasis on Economic Development. We need to proactively lay out business locations where we can attract new businesses and grow home grown entrepreneurial businesses. This should include encouragement of manufacturing-based businesses with good paying jobs (modern manufacturing is not "dirty," nor does it deteriorate the environment). In addition, the county should review all regulations to make it easier to start and locate a business in the county.

- b. **What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?**
See above
- c. **What additional comments would you like to provide?**

- d. **Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?**
No

67. 08/26/16 1:04PM

- a. **At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?**

I think they do a fairly good job but not enough emphasis is placed on protection of our rural areas and natural resources.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

I think the two priorities ranked as Tier Two in Natural Resources should be upgraded to Tier One.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

I think you must emphasize protection of our rural areas and natural resources . Our future and success of our community is dependent upon that.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

68. 08/27/2016 2:19PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

They seem OK as far as they go. I would like to see some explicit consideration of quality of life issues, e.g. when considering transportation, rural areas etc. High quality of life in communities is associated with better health, lower crime, and more competitive economic development.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

Rural areas should be higher priority. I have concerns that planners do not appreciate the importance of rural areas for economic development- that the rural character is one of the most important assets the County has in competition with other locales for attracting new businesses, and the tremendous potential for agri-tourism as an economic engine.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

The wording involves a lot of "explore" and "develop", and except for a few instances (e.g. funding for police) are somewhat vague. It is not clear how these objectives will be operationalized, beyond (perhaps) funding for studies. How will the specific priorities be determined? What role will there be for community involvement? What is the timeline?

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

69. 08/27/2016 7:08PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

They seem a bit vague. For example, I am not sure where one would place an initiative to decrease traffic and increase pedestrian traffic and bike use. Infrastructure? Natural resources?

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

For me, protecting natural resources is priority #1 above everything else. In the power point they are currently ranked as tier 2 and 3 priority.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

70. 08/28/2016 10:34AM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

Moderately well

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

Water resource protection needs to be ranked higher. Also, under natural resources, enforcement of existing water protection ordinances needs to be a high priority.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

At some point, Biscuit Run park will be funded and it has the potential to reshape the economic landscape of the County and it's priorities overnight. I hope serious attention is being given to studying the impact of a new State Park to make sure that our current land uses and zoning are complementary.

Currently there is also a vast mismatch between the average new home price in the area (bordering on half a million) and the average income. We have a proliferation of McMansions mostly owned by older retired residents. What will happen when the boomer generation ages out of ownership of large homes like that? Are we building the right kind of homes for younger generations?

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

71. 08/29/2016 1:30PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

Reasonably well. There are some items I didn't see specifically identified that I think are important. One, which may fall under the infrastructure goal, is to offer curbside recycling in the urban ring. The other is to improve bike infrastructure, particularly in the urban ring where the county and city interface.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

Reasonably well. There are some items I didn't see specifically identified that I think are important. One, which may fall under the infrastructure goal, is to offer curbside recycling in the urban ring. The other is to improve bike infrastructure, particularly in the urban ring where the county and city interface.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

72. 08/30/2016 1:07PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

It is difficult to evaluate this document because of the combination of very specific

initiatives (Rio/Rte 29 revitalization, police training facility) with more general goals (strategic direction for school space needs). Because it is framed as a Budgeting document, my expectation is that the priorities would be tied to capital improvements spending. Instead it seems to be setting priorities for how county staff should spend their time and focus their efforts. Maybe I am just misreading the intent of this effort.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

1. Citizen engagement is an overarching activity that covers all the focus areas. How can it be ranked at all, let alone as a tier three priority?
2. Infrastructure: It seems right to give higher priority to core infrastructure over enhanced. Where is that priority list? What are the specific core initiatives? Is the Hydraulic intersection one of those?
3. Infrastructure: Working with VDOT could go beyond aesthetics to address engineering protocols that sacrifice pedestrian and bicycle access to car speed
4. Infrastructure: Universal broadband access should be priority one. (Alternatively, the county could consider providing more regional internet connection points such as neighborhood libraries as a temporary measure).
5. Infrastructure: School needs should be priority one given the high % of the tax base that is applied to schools.
6. Development Areas: Yes on proactive zoning.
7. Development Areas: What is gray infrastructure?
8. Development Areas: Why is the Rio interchange a tier one priority given that roadwork is already completed?
9. Development Areas: A small area plan for the Avon Corridor should be a tier one priority given the need to get in front of planning before it gets developed.
10. Natural Resources: Where do the EPA enforced stormwater regulations fit into this? There is such a strong focus on Infrastructure and Development in this document, that I fear neglect of the Economic Prosperity and Educational sections. Shouldn't there be an equally long list of specific initiatives in those categories?

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

The exercise to differentiate among tier one, two, and three initiatives seems forced. The tier three items could really just be a catch-all for all of the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, which really are long term. (Has someone combed through the Comp Plan to make sure all those goals are included?)

Except for the generalized items, all the specific initiatives seem to be of high priority and I don't see how labeling them 1, 2, or 3 helps move them forward. If all the attention goes to the tier one items, no one will work on the tier three ones.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

73. 08/30/2016 2:04PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

Very Well

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

None - The rankings reflect my priorities for the area

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

74. 08/30/2016 2:46PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

so-so. The goals focus too much on preserving natural areas but not enough on actual immediate focus on economic development.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

Too much emphasis on biodiversity and natural areas at the expense of jobs and economic development.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

There needs to be some reality injected into this process -- how can the County possibly "land bank" sites for future County facilities when there is so little land left in the designated development area? The boundaries were set over 4 decades ago, and our community and its needs (infrastructure and otherwise) have dramatically changed. 5% of the land for designated development to achieve all the goals contained in this report will not be anywhere near sufficient.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

75. 08/30/2016 2:53PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

They are good.

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

Safety should be #1. It isn't even mentioned into page 7 of 8 pages.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

When are you going to get serious about a crossing of some kind on 250 at Pantops?

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

76. 08/30/2016 4:44PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

they are ok

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

I think most of the goals should be tier one or two that are tier three.

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

The only strategy address the unique issues of an aging population is a tier two in "Prioritize,

plan and invest in critical infrastructure that responds to past and future changes and improves the capacity to serve community needs." There should be strategies in each of the goal areas. The goal "Provide lifelong learning opportunities for all our citizens" has one strategy that is directed to the very young. What about the rest of the lifespan?

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

77. 08/31/2016 11:10AM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

In general I agree with the goals, but I am concerned about the tradeoffs in the quality of life that will be in promoting these strategic goals. In the effort to control sprawl into the rural areas, the County is creating congestion in the urban areas. High density compact development creates its own negative externalities that need to be recognized and addressed, especially in terms of the traffic. There is an assumption that Millennials don't want automobiles, in which case the County will need to provide transportation alternatives. However, neither the County nor the City have ever conducted surveys of local Millennials to find out what they actually want. Assumptions have been made to justify in-fill and high density development, mostly to accommodate development interests. This is a Washington Post article that describes the costly public services that Northern Virginia discovered they had to provide when faced with this type of development.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/yearning-for-car-averse-millennials-suburbs-turn-to-transit/2015/03/29/cb916cd8-d259-11e4-8fce-3941fc548f1c_story.html

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

78. 08/31/2016 11:37AM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

Yes but I would like to see more emphasis on how they will be funded

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

Would like to see more focus on economic development

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

Study less and do more

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

No

79. 08/31/2016 2:15PM

a. At first glance, how well do you feel that these focus areas reflect your goals for our community?

ok, traffic and safety (pedestrian and fire/police) should be the highest priority, along with schools of course

b. What feedback would you like to share about how these focus areas are ranked?

c. What additional comments would you like to provide?

I have been very disappointed on decisions regarding the building of the underpass on Rio road, abandonment of Western Bypass, and the increased traffic we see on Richmond Road/250 East. There is a lack of long term planning for more connecting roads, and ways to take traffic off of Hwy 29, and we are developing the same problem on Richmond road. It is impossible to truly have a neighborhood feel, when they are divided by these monster roads that keep dumping more and more traffic on them with construction of new home and business developments. Don't take a drive on these roads to understand the issues, take a walk, and try and cross them when traffic is heavy.

d. Are you an Albemarle County local government employee?

NO