

## Midlothian Community Special Area Plan

Initial Community Input  
Raw Comments Received At All Meetings  
Updated As Of August 25, 2016

Midlothian Rotary Membership Meeting April 5, 2016	
Like about Midlothian	
Number	Comment
1	Low Crime
2	Good Schools
3	Rich History
4	Sense of Community- People and Social/Civic
5	Convenient- Core Services and Public Facilities
6	Good Residential Real Estate- Property Values
7	Rotary Clubs and Civic Groups
8	Midlothian Mines Park
9	Fire/Police- good coverage
10	John Tyler Community College- Asset that brings people into Midlothian
11	Current density is good, provides a balance
Change/Improve	
Number	Comment
1	More restaurants- locally owned
2	Better walking facilities
3	Double left out of West Chester- accidents, improved striping?
4	Speed limit too high in Village Core
5	Traffic- bypass?
6	Better bike/walk infrastructure
7	Stoplight at Farham & 60
8	Woolridge & 288- - stop?
9	Health care facilities?
10	Overbuilt commercial- move from old to new
11	Sycamore Square vacancy
12	Local vs. chains
13	Design & layout- keep with trends
14	Diversity of housing stock
15	Relief for Watkins ES
16	Small business startup support
17	Old Buckingham- need bike/ped facility
18	Village core- power lines buried
19	Twin Team & Robious still own land for library?
20	Tax ratio (70/30)- enterprise zone. Incentive business and investment sooner rather than later

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**Lifelong Learning Institute Class May 13, 2016**

**What Makes a Community Great?**

Number	Comment
1	Stores (occupied)
2	Schools
3	Parks and Rec- programs and open space
4	Transportation - transit and walkability
5	Town Green (Vienna)- public gathering
6	Cultural Arts Center
7	Visual Arts- seniors and kids
8	Upscale/major shopping - go to short pump or Hull street now
9	Mixed use development
10	Vibrant Corridor
11	Village concept - like Tom Garner's development
12	Community events
13	Vacant stores (concern)
14	Need Hotel
15	Buffers and Berms - good looking landscaping

**What do you like/value about Midlothian?**

Number	Comment
1	Rt. 288 - moves traffic- connects with Metro-Area
2	Trees
3	Hospitals - Health Care
4	Parks in Neighborhoods
5	Neighborhoods varied
6	Lifelong Learning Institute
7	Schools
8	John Tyler Community College
9	Sidewalks
10	YMCA
11	Lifelong Learning Institute
12	Small town feel
13	Convenience
14	Safe
15	Schools
16	Attractive overall - medians, plantings, library, building materials/Belgrade
17	288
18	Wegmans
19	Hospitals
20	Small town feel
21	Schools
22	Diversity of neighborhoods, people and structures (housing types)
23	Lifelong Learning Institute
24	Small village atmosphere
25	No large buildings-commercial-offices (we can see the sky)

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<b>Lifelong Learning Institute Class May 13, 2016 (cont)</b>	
26	Like Sycamore Square- see it revitalized
27	Like quaint
28	Like neighborhood restaurants
<b>What would you change about Midlothian?</b>	
Number	Comment
1	Start public trans. (city)
2	Van connecting areas
3	Transportation for commuters
4	Concerts- outdoor events
5	More central parks for concerts
6	Bike paths
7	Sidewalks
8	Bring stores to Sycamore Square (subsidize to attract)
9	Bring back farmers market
10	More upscale stores
11	Fill vacant stores
12	More public transportation
13	More walkable
14	Housing for 50+
15	More lighting
16	More restaurants (not fast food)
17	More parking at LLI
18	Less empty stores
19	More walking access (sidewalks)
20	Update Sycamore Square, and entice occupants
21	Senior housing - apts to rent that are not income restricted
22	Reduced traffic
23	Food Lion shopping center spruced up
24	Transportation for seniors who are socially isolated
<b>What are the most pressing issues facing Midlothian over the next 5-10 years?</b>	
Number	Comment
1	Attracting young families, but controlling growth so you don't have empty space just to build new. "Plan"
2	Schools too crowded
3	Local jobs
4	Add now - signs and publicity for events in the community
5	Aging population and housing
6	Nursing/rehab facilities for short term care
7	Transportation for elderly
8	Aging structures (Sycamore Square)
9	Neighborhood restaurants (not fast food)
10	Traffic
11	Keeping it updated and attractive
12	Senior transportation

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13	Senior housing - independent not assisted living or nursing homes
14	Expanding Lifelong Learning Institute
15	Traffic
16	Vacant buildings
17	Keeping our image- safety - manageable scale
18	Aging buildings- turning shabby into shabby chic
19	Everyday needs met "village" term
20	Location Convenience
21	Don't want to feel old
<b>In 25 (10) years, I want Midlothian to be recognized for...</b>	
Number	Comment
1	Welcoming
2	Focal point - festival weekends, performing arts, sports
3	Well managed
4	If Sycamore Square not saved- turn it into the Village Green (dining outside with canopies etc.) Keep Crab Louis. Have Van pickups at the new green.
5	Vibrant
6	Mixed use community
7	Honoring history of Midlothian
8	Safe
9	Harmonious design
10	Small town feel
11	Good schools
12	Quality place to live
13	A stronger coalition and a true place at the table
14	Continuing to have a village feel (sense of place)
15	Sense of history
16	Neat to have churches
<b>Group Discussion</b>	
Number	Comment
<b>What makes a small town?</b>	
1	Small store vs. big box (like apothecary)
2	Boy scout - flags for holidays
3	Parade, Midlothian Days
<b>Destinations- walking</b>	
4	Restaurants
5	Sycamore Square - needs population
6	Signal for both sides of Midlo Mines Park
7	Park car once and walk between stores
8	Benches and socialize along sidewalks
<b>Image</b>	
9	Style- brick
10	Safe environment- low crime
11	It is a place "village"

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**Community Input Workshop at Midlothian HS Library - 5/23/16**

**What Makes a Community Great?**

Number	Comment
1	Central "meeting" place. With open space - downtown park
2	Trees/Landscape
3	Walkability
4	Transportation choices/connections
5	Mixed use:living, learning, working in close proximity
6	Security/safety
7	Excellent public facilities and amenities
8	Character- identity, personality, culture
9	Thought out- limited development to keep a "village of"
10	Village green for town events
11	Small town feel- shops, restaurants, parks in walking distance. Park and shop.
12	Unique/ Easily recognizable identity. Common theme that ties the community together. Architecture, signs, lights, flags, etc.
13	Community pride and involvement
14	If Chesterfield County is going to put in sidewalks to make the area more walkable you need to put in good street and sidewalk lighting. I came from a small old town (15,000 people) We had street lights everywhere.
15	Small town feel
16	Ability to walk or bike places
17	Lots of alternative routes for traffic
18	Public services that meet the needs
19	Reasonable taxes
20	Safety/security
21	A fun place to live. Things to do that are easily accessible: Festivals, Family events, Theater (plays/musicals), Art shows.
22	Parks - Active and passive
23	Bike trails - connect to other areas/trails
24	A community with fresh water and sewer. Wells can cause cancer. A water report revealed this to me.
25	Convenient businesses
26	Great schools
27	Transportation alternatives
28	Live- work- play balance
29	Amenities like restaurants and entertainment
30	Portland, Maine- Great re-use and re-purpose of existing buildings and spaces.
31	Oak Park, IL- great sense of community
32	When our youth recognize that the police are our underappreciated friends
33	You know your neighbors and aren't afraid to stop and talk to them in public
34	Focus on residential "Community" and not drive for commercial activities
35	Recognition of the contributions that have been made to help make the community what it is today

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36	Want to see historical places saved
37	Availability of resources necessary to live outside work time. For example- restaurants, drug stores, grocery stores, post office, doctor's office.
38	Design of traffic flow to allow easy access to above (comment 37) outside rush hour.
39	Limit to density of population such that there is still wildlife and natural areas.
40	Unique shop and restaurants, not multiple chain stores everywhere/every mall.
41	Colorado towns for their take on outdoor living and Greenville, S.C.(same)
42	Great schools
43	Walkability
44	Safe environment
45	Involved Community
46	Small town environment
47	People interacting with each other outside
48	Parks, Sidewalks gathering spots, good restaurants, shopping local
49	Sidewalks, full trees, flowers in bloom, friendly folk, little need to leave the village- everything is right here!
50	I would like to see more pedestrian and cycling access throughout Midlothian. Specifically within Salisbury across Midlothian Turnpike toward Charter Colony and to Wegmans. Safe crossing Midlo Turnpike. Bridge crossing would be perfect.
51	A small walkable/livable community with the services needed for everyday life. I have good friend who live in Cary, NC - Cary has an extensive network of "Greenways" which allows folks in Cary an expansive park system to set out and about.
52	People live/work and play here. Need good restaurants and bars with local feeling (like fan district with corner bars easy to walk to so less need to drive to it). Ability for aging population to want to stay (i.e. services/volunteer opps/smaller housing or in law residence options)
53	A strong community identity and design standard that reflect that
54	Design standards for streetscapes and businesses
55	Safety, ability to get around without driving, neighborhoods that work together, schools close to neighborhoods
56	Provide adequate amenities to support those who continue to reside in community in this area
57	Live/work/play space. Densities that support Watkins. Public transit. Aging in place.
58	Community Involvement :)
59	Safe neighborhoods
60	Good schools

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**What do you like/value about Midlothian?**

Number	Comment
1	Great schools, accessible resources (libraries, doctors, groceries, etc)
2	Close to 288
3	Quiet
4	Good parks close by
5	Good stores close by
6	Wide variety of housing types, ages, price range, designs
7	Small town feel
8	Love our access to everything especially Lifelong Learning Institute. Great place for 50+. Like our small town look and feel.
9	Good schools
10	Good community identity
11	Low crime
12	Midlo Mines Park, pond across from park and walking paths there
13	Love the Mines Park
14	Love the Tacky Light Run
15	Small village feel
16	History
17	Small town feel
18	Great schools
19	Relatively quiet neighborhoods
20	Low crime rate
21	Schools
22	Green spaces
23	Home values
24	Small town feel but close to city
25	"small town" feel but with access to urban resources
26	I like the history of the Village. We need to place more of an interest to tourists with the Midlothian Mines the Old Jewett Hall etc.
27	I love the "village" look
28	Great schools :)
29	Great Fire Dept and EMT
30	Community Feeling
31	Preserve the history
32	Good location close to 288
33	Preserved history without encumbering modern necessities
34	Keep the village concept. Small shopping center, no high rises, minimize high density apts.
35	Keeping Architectural standards for business in the Village
36	Its heritage, its sense of community, its desire to maintain its sense of identity
37	Strong residential options. Affordable to high end. Access, good "location"
38	It is safe and clean. People take pride in living here. Close to everything
39	Convenient distance to city life in downtown Richmond and good schools

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41	The small neighborhood feel. We are losing Sycamore Square and empty areas (example Winterfield and 60 corner)
42	Plan for Green space/park areas
43	Outstanding Fire and EMS Dept
44	House lot size
45	Parks
46	Village atmosphere
47	History
48	The sense of place/community
49	Village scale and need to enhance
50	Pedestrian connections- (sidewalks, parks, street lamps) Need to expand
51	Midlo has a great history, but it shouldn't be so married to that. New ideas cant be incorporated in its continuing life. Be open to change.
52	I don't wish to restrict others from developing their land as long as it doe not impact my use and feel as is.
53	Nice community, good schools, nearby convenient shopping
54	The small village feel but everything we need is easy to reach without getting on a major interstate like road. Good place for seniors to age in place.
55	There is a sense of place here that needs to be respected and enhanced.
56	The "village" feel close proximity to businesses esp. groceries.
57	Chesterfield County has great police, fire and ems service... please do everything possible to maintain this!
58	I like the old time look. The quite, the Old Coal Mines. Please do not destroy the last historical places around the old coal mines.
59	The true history of the Village, which has not been fully documented. Mix of residential, commercial, schools (ES, MS, HS all together) library, parks, churches, community college and historic sites all in close proximity- central to the village.
60	I like to village concept. I like keeping history alive.
61	History. Mines Park/Lake. Community involvement. The history should be celebrated more - very rich from early 18th century, Huguenot settlement (Old Stage Rd, Old Buckingham rd), War of No. aggression, soldiers of WW1and 2, coal mining. Most people do not know the history.
62	There is a sense of place when you pass through the village that needs to be maintained.
63	Sense of town and Quaintness.
64	Great safe place to work and play
65	Great schools and sense of community
66	Quiet and small communities. A village atmosphere. Old timers miss clean streets, less noise, clean air and walking paths.
67	More green space for wildlife to roam. Birds, squirrels and other deer and small animals.
68	Businesses that pay their fair share when leave blighted, empty building.



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| 69 | A place where adults can walk safely along the roadways without be hit, and police do nothing about it. |
| 70 | Lights should be regulated, not out most of the time.   |

**What would you change about Midlothian?**

Number	Comment
1	Do not add more apartments (too transient - care less)
2	Desperately need a place in Midlothian for large groups to hold breakfast, lunch and dinner meetings.
3	Post office and other buildings need to be more current and attractive.
4	We do not need more big box stores no matter how much fluff we add to the building. Don't need 5 grocery stores.
5	More walking trails that are well maintained.
6	More community activities to keep people and children involved, include Lifelong Learning Center.
7	Utility poles need to be removed and go underground.
8	Flashing lights before entering village to warn that speed limit is enforced.
9	Newer schools with adequate capacity.
10	Walkability in the "Village" - pedestrian crossing buttons across N. Woolridge and 60 (or alternatives- bridge, tunnel, whatever)
11	Small local shops - rather than another chain or box store.
12	We have a problem with trying to treat all of Chesterfield County the same - its okay to develop positive distinctions for the various areas without necessarily leaving out areas.
13	Add a recreational center. We do not have any public parks within/around Rt 60.
14	Underground utilities from Woolridge to Charter Colony.
15	Add more mom and pop restaurants!
16	Keep the village looking quaint.
17	New Schools
18	Is the rail line a possible commuter option? Where else do you have such an opportunity?
19	Midlo turnpike traffic :(
20	Small town feel- Stop "big box" and "discount" developments Encourage unique/one of a kind/shop local retail Keep existing/create more community green space - would be great to have a community park/gathering place for events/parade/4th of July.
21	Traffic lights to control access and leaving neighborhoods (Soveirn Grace/Charter Colony Parkway - Across from Midlo HS)
22	More bike trails for commuting
23	More programs at the amphitheater (story telling, acoustic music - not loud, patriotic assemblies, etc)

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24	Accessories that are Midlo specific - (hats, shirts, bags, etc). Maybe a recurring color scheme in store trim, accessories (above), that would unify the feel.
25	Love the colonial features - keep it.
26	North side of Midlothian Village needs upgrade to sidewalk along Rt 60. And addition sidewalks and street lights. Walkable to LLI, Sycamore Square, Post Office, Etc. Impossible without walking in the street. Westfield Drive and other side streets need improvements. Lets spruce up the "old village".
27	I would remove the power/phone poles along Midlothian Turnpike, from Woolridge Rd to Winterfield. The cables could be buried to provide transmission and service.
28	Walkability - be able to cross Midlothian Turnpike on foot or bike without risking life.
29	Careful balance of high density residential development. Not too much and high quality so that does not become shoddy after 1 generation.
30	Green spaces/walking paths.
31	Why were there no sidewalks and pedestrian crossing lights installed by the Wegman's?
32	Empty buildings and less traffic. A control of traffic patterns from schools.
33	Fresh water for all who want it.
34	Bottle-neck of Rte 60/Sycamore Village
35	Utility lines are total eyesore for an upscale community.
36	Bury the power lines on Midlo Turnpike in the Village.
37	Needs to be more of a village center. Midlothian is just Route 60 going past some buildings. There is no feel of a village gathering place.
38	Extend our sidewalks and path systems to connect our neighborhoods.
39	Create medians, tree plantings to increase the Human Scale of Midlothian Turnpike going through the "village"
40	Allow some infill buildings to create some density and housing choices in the "village" area
41	Celebrate and embrace our Midlothian history, create and/or enhance our interpretive signage.
42	Restore and create reliable safe transit options to reduce traffic: VRE commuter service to downtown Richmond. Amtrak service West to Lynchburg, Roanoke and North to Washing DC New York.
43	Take a look at the roads, Salisbury Drive, Crowder Drive, Westfield Drive. They need repairs to be able to handle the increasing traffic. Also, enforce the speed limits as they are "cut through" streets.
44	The traffic light at Salisbury and Midlothian Turnpike should be a working light. It is not a pedestrian friendly village when you cant cross the street safely.
45	Update infrastructure, organizational plan (like old plans for Gardner property with a cut through by the middle school.
46	Some how re-route Route 60 around the village

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47	Control the size of individual developments (retail, housing, etc)
48	Need a way to connect the two sides of Rt. 60.
49	More sidewalks- would love to see Coalfield Rd have full sidewalks from Woolridge to the end (mines trail rd and then around the roundabout to the very end).
50	Would not develop any more new residential areas until school/overcrowding is addressed.
51	More young adult entertainment, they all leave for college and don't come back until they have a family.
52	It would be great to reinstall historical monuments in the median in "village" and/or create a community village green. Maybe at the middle school? With paths linking to the Mines Park.
53	County must not be so afraid of spending money for county amenities, such as more open space, bike lanes, sidewalks.
54	Walton Bluff Parkway must have a shoulder or sidewalk for runners/walkers. Dangerous situation with 2 lanes, a double line, grass 2' high and no shoulder.
55	A larger Midlothian Library
56	Midlothian Library needs serious remodeling or possible bulldozing.
57	Network of bike paths/trails
58	More pedestrian access- bridges over 60, crosswalks/lights/button to cross throughout the village.
59	Provide pedestrian crosswalk in the village.
60	Provide more pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
61	Need more lights and sidewalks, more walkability
62	More thought needs to go into median strips including across from Long and Foster sign (no u turn ignored)
63	Traffic need to slow and more opportunities to take left turns onto Midlothian
64	Sycamore Square needs to be more front and center
65	Need more local restaurants
66	A great community shouldn't have 5 or 6 lanes of pavement in the middle of it. Add middle medians through the village?
67	Midlothian needs more pedestrian sidewalks and bikeways - Coalfield Rd has a bad with joggers and bikers - the YMCA generates the exercise bug - but then the people spill on the road (Coalfield Rd is 2 lane) Dangerous for them and cars.
68	More sidewalks and street lights.
69	No more strip malls that empty out in a few years leaving behind ugly empty stores behind.
70	More architecture like or mixed as in Millworks.
71	Increase infrastructure - roads, schools - these attract businesses and families and can balance the excess supply of grocery stores.
72	No more stores lets fill all the empty stores at Westchester Commons or Sycamore Square. Love the area but to many empty stores.

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73	More sidewalks/walking trails. More walkability.
74	More grass and trees in the village.
75	Who can look at front street landscaping of h the "Atlantic" maybe mulch if nothing else.
76	Please brick the median triangle crossing between "Atlantic" and the library. Its not mowed anyway.
77	Stop building any malls/parking lots and stores with gas pumps
78	Create a village or town center for commerce as well as commuting gathering.
79	More parks - more areas left with benches and sidewalks to encourage people to walk
80	Don't overgrow, traffic bad enough now.
81	I would stop the building and take a close look at what we are taking down, there are sites in the woods that we are not aware of.
82	Maintaining the village lifestyle and involvement of all citizens including non-subdivisions areas
83	More mixed use development. Office - residential - retail all together where people can work live and play. Some new urbanism but with lower density.
84	There needs to be strong development guidelines as part of the Plan and enforced by county. For example- streetlights have been required but maintenance not enforced. This should really be a government function.
85	The "village" needs updating drastically. Sycamore Square needs Visionary leadership! Tear down old houses at Winterfield and 60!
86	Do we really need more grocery stores in Midlothian. We have Food Lion, Walmart, Kroger already- Now Aldi's and Lidle's? Why. Lets refurbish Sycamore Square.
87	I don't feel that we should be building more shopping areas and retail businesses- we already have too many empty stores - eg Sycamore Square, Martins complex.
88	Traffic controls for Midlo Turnpike- slow speed limit down to 45 mph between Winterfield and 288
89	Longer turn lane from Midlothian Turnpike heading West onto Winterfield Rd.
90	More restaurants and entertainment.
91	Effort to keep properties maintained to ensure salability and high property values.
92	I take my grand-daughter to the park over on Robious Rd to play at their nice playground. She loves it. We need a nice playground in Midlothian for our children and their parents to go to with picnic tables and bathroom, fenced in for safety and areas for parents to sit while the little ones play.
93	More recreational areas.
94	More sidewalks and street lights.
95	Definitely a new school to handle the growth.
96	More condos or senior living. Much demand in the Midlothian area.

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97	Coalfield Road improvements: shoulders and sidewalks all along both sides to its southern end... connect -reconnect the southern terminus to Luck's Lane. This circulation discontinuity makes no good sense adds concentrated unnecessary traffic to other roads. (Now dangerous to the many runners and cyclists)
98	Need street lights in subdivisions and main roads.
99	Would put in a "Village Green" in town of Midlo.
100	More condos - or senior living.
101	More parks
102	Bike trails
103	Additional Sidewalks near high school.
104	Use night lighting judiciously - not like John Tyler Parking garage
105	Small businesses especially restaurants - not chains
106	Add crosswalks
107	Create multi-use paths/bikeways that connect this area
108	Seek and keep open spaces for public access

**What are the most pressing issues facing Midlothian over the next 5-10 years**

Number	Comment
1	East/west traffic flow along route 60.
2	Traffic thru "the village"
3	Roads, Roads, Roads. Too much development and the secondary roads can not handle.
4	Growth of housing and business coincides with infrastructure growth.
5	Need more affordable 55+ homes.
6	Make use of proffers to benefit community where collected.
7	Traffic and congestion very pressing issues.
8	A regional vision.
9	Love the area but we need a new school and no more stores.
10	We don't need more strip malls! Revitalize what we have in the "village". Resist developers adding spas, drug stores etc. Have enough of these! Be visionary.
11	Alternative bypass travel routes to take pressure off residential roads- specifically reconnect Coalfield Rd to Lucks Lane and Rt 288.
12	Fast traffic driving thru the village!
13	Enforce the speed limit through the Village (on Midlo Turnpike) 35 mph.
14	It is not safe to make left turns from Sycamore Square drive and Salisbury Drive onto Midlo turnpike.
15	Stop all the repeat chain stores.
16	Drastically reduce the size of new commercial sites.
17	Road overcrowding
18	The pressing issue in the 5- 10 years will be traffic growth. We saw a good example this weekend with the opening of Wegmans. Grid lock! Need to plan for traffic flow on route 60 and 360 also 288.
19	Need to add more jobs and employees too much reliance on residential and retail.

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20	Increased population and traffic on existing roads.
21	Aging infrastructure and schools. You can pushback on some retail but don't push away developers! They increase taxes and provide jobs. Push back on low-density developments that don't "help" the community.
22	Need more police presence. There is a noticeable increase in crime and gangs in the area.
23	More consistently connected amenities - pedestrian and bicycle paths, sidewalks, crosswalks.
24	Traffic calming along route 60.
25	Need to concretely address residents in ages of 55-68/70 who want to stay in their homes and Midlothian.
26	Need for higher density to cultivate the desired quality, amenities and community environment - served by well developed road and transit network.
27	Say no to developers and county planning commission, They are part of the existing problem.
28	Need plan to reuse/repurpose old and or recreate retail space.
29	Keep small town feel
30	Control/offer alternatives for high traffic areas (rt 60)
31	Consider ways to expand use of public properties (i.e. schools, parks, library) to be multipurpose.
32	Invest in maintaining and improving schools - to increase local civic pride.
33	Maintaining viable retail and reuse of existing buildings.
34	No bus routes ever
35	Revitalizing and transforming vacant and aging commercial properties into new places that become community amenities, new businesses and assets. Ex Sycamore Square.
36	Maintaining good balance of residential and commercial areas.
37	Making sure there are adequate opportunities for recreation.
38	No more apts. Nore more grocery stores. Don't want to look like Robious Rd.
39	Vehicle traffic on Rt 60 through the Village
40	Westward flow of business. Lets stop neglecting areas of business where so many vacancies exist - A policy to address the vacant commercial properties.
41	Pressure for continuing westward decay along Midlothian Turnpike and Big Box Midlothian toward 288.
42	Not enough affordable housing to allow for a diverse population to live near each other.
43	Capture open spaces for public use; don't over develop.
44	Do not build more malls until existing ones are fully occupied (or almost full).
45	Traffic needs to be controlled as we have more seniors aging in place.
46	Don't lose the "village" charm.

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47	To keep small Village atmosphere. Not to overdevelop every square inch of land.
48	Make/keep area accessible to all age groups.
49	Affordable senior housing and support services.
50	When will Rt 60 from 288 to Countyline Road be treated as part of decent plan instead of step child?
51	No more strip malls
52	Keep the small community feeling. Kids in schools close by, crime rate remain low and property values stable with addition of apartments into real estate mix.
53	Traffic through Village is becoming a problem.
54	Schools: Keep the Village of Midlothian Students in Midlothian High
55	Traffic on 60
56	City moving in and loss of spaces being occupied and moving west.
57	Increased traffic in the face of no transportation alternatives.
58	Public transportation.
59	Where are the parallel roads and when will they come to relive the traffic on Rt 60?
60	Retail corporate identity and pressure to make Midlothian look like most "communities" found in any city/state.
61	Big box retailers- contrary to village concept. Need plan to stop this.
62	More commercial tax base while maintaining residential community.
63	Addressing Rt. 60 and coming pressure to widen.
64	Schools- begin with healthy attractive neighborhoods. Would like more county "attractiveness" enforcement.
65	Aging village area in need redevelopment.
66	High density housing, Short Pump looks like N. Va and developers have smaller open land in Midlothian Village.
67	Connect to city of Richmond. Light Rail?
68	Sprawl, Traffic, Aging Community.
69	Development and redevelopment of parcels. This can change a community and its identity. Need to maintain sense of place, historical connections, pedestrian friendly.
70	Being in the area near County Line Road, and seeing the heirs of properties that have been in these families for 100 years, not be able to keep the properties in their families (most being from one or 2 root family members) due to the taxes on these properties - because they front on a Rt 60 address which has all been zoned commercial for at least 40 years. These people NEED sewer to be able to do anything with this land. When will sewer be out to the county line and connectable at a reasonable rate for the residences here?
71	We have too many empty stores. How do we make them appealing to retail etc and get them to come in?
72	We need places of recreation for our teens, well supervised, where they can gather with friends and just hang out and stay out of trouble.

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73	Regional connections and coordination with regional vision for the county and metro RVA.
74	One issue would be traffic and speeding on Midlothian Turnpike
75	Develop the Mines Park into a full blown tourist attraction. It could be big if you don't destroy the historical sites.
76	Overcrowding in schools due to increased residential development.
77	Traffic thru the village
78	Extend Woolridge Rd thru to Old Hundred. Connect Woolridge extension to Otterdale. Connect North Otterdale at creek. Open up Salisbury Drive into Salisbury.
79	Insulating the village from low-quality commercial development.
80	High -quality redevelopment, particularly commercial/retail vacancies.
81	Not becoming a place where people die or get sick with clean water. More well testing by the county. Help to keep the water clear and clean.

**In 25 years, I want Midlothian to be recognized for...**

Number	Comment
1	Small community feeling with convenience
2	Great schools
3	Safe Community
4	Walkability to shopping and restaurants
5	Schools, community feel, safety
6	A 24 hour community- A great mix of residential and commercial so people don't have to drive to live their lives. Lots of different housing types/opportunities.
7	Vibrant cultural community/ Places that can be reached by walking. Interesting village feel.
8	An inclusive neighborhood. If we want a village feel we need to build gathering places for neighborhoods.
9	Safe Community
10	Village values design and atmosphere
11	Planning and implementing change with a firm plan... not one that changes based upon the "latest" proposal for development.
12	To be recognized as a unique community that embraces change and managed same.
13	Satisfying needs in all phases of life- singles, young married, mid-career adults, empty nesters, retirees, later stages of life.
14	Being a great community with high property values safe neighborhoods and opportunities for transportation choices (not just auto but bicycle, pedestrian and transit).
15	No apartments period
16	Still want to see "the village" atmosphere. Not more shopping centers and grocery stores.
17	An eclectic walkable community.
18	Easy access, preserved history, hometown community, modern convenience.



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19	A prosperous, lively village full of active and creative, vibrant small businesses and arts community that us easy to navigate (walk, bike, ride) and gather in places/spaces that inspire and dare fun for all ages!
20	A village with a character. I grew up in Kensington, MD which is now an antique center for the entire DC suburban area. Something similar would be nice.
21	Good restaurants, shopping, community feel, walking to locations.
22	... being a vibrant mixed-use community for living, working and learning with a consistent visual identity, scale and character, high quality development and robust roadway and public transit connections to the rest of the metro area. BRT down Midlothian to the City!
23	Intergenerational living. Unique character and design. Integration of commercial, residential, retail and entertainment spaces.
24	School qualities - including access to higher education.
25	Safety, shopping, good home value, good schools.
26	A vital mixed-use integrated community with state-of-the -art transportation.
27	A destination place with parks, great shopping and specialty stores, not the big chain stores. Walking paths, bike paths, Innsbrook style of concert/entertainment. Garden style landscaping that is well lit and safe with cafes, coffee shops and local restaurants.
28	Allow "mother-in-law" accessory housing units in well-designed small outbuildings in our older large lot "large 2 story" colonial neighborhoods to create housing choices four our aging boomers.
29	Quality of living- add museum, art outlets and theaters.
30	Its historical significance of all communities.
31	Innovative communities that are well balanced and have efficiency. Great Schools.
32	Its village identity. Connectivity- sidewalks- bike trails etc. Recognized as a great community: festivals, live theater, special events, awards. Small unique retail shopping. Residential/retail mixed.
33	A strong community feeling! Preserve the history, but still need to make improvements and modernize. Great schools!
34	A strong economy, great jobs and friendly neighborhoods.
35	Small town "feel".
36	I would like Midlothian to still have the small town village feel in 25 years.
37	Young people can be proud of. Not out crowding. Trolleys be ride around the village as well as visit the businesses.
38	Smaller homes for baby boomers can live in. Make the cost of living meet the salaries of all, not just the rich.
39	First coal mines in the US. First incline railroad in county, plus a few more that I know about.
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41	Schools, Quality of living, friendly and safe.
42	Safety, Village atmosphere, preserving history.

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**Community Input Workshop at Midlothian HS Library - 5/23/16 (cont)**

**Community Groups in the Area**

Number	Comment
1	Queens mill Community Association
2	Village of Midlothian Volunteer Coalition
3	Midlothian Business Alliance - MBA
4	Queensgate Subdivision
5	Walton Park
6	St. Edward's Church - Huguenot Rd
7	Charter Colony/Madison Village HOA
8	Virginia Association of Railway Patrons (transit growth)
9	Rosemont Homeowners (Rosemonthoa.org)
10	Winfree Memorial Baptist Church
11	Midlothian Ruritans
12	All churches
13	Le Gordan/Garnett Ln Civic Association
14	Briarwood Civic Association
15	Lifelong Learning Institute
16	YMCA
17	James River Rotary
18	Grace Bible Church
19	Queensmill Community Association
20	First Baptist Church of Midlothian
21	Chesterfield Historical Society
22	Brandermill Community Association
23	Midlothian Wood Condo Association
24	Winfree Memorial Baptist Church
25	Charter Colony

**Walton Park Neighborhood Meeting - 5/27/16**

**What Makes a Community Great?**

Number	Comment
1	Safety - Low Crime
2	People - diversity - age
3	Small town feel - proximity to city
4	Activities
5	Good schools
6	Small Scale
7	Walkable - accessible
8	Affordable - cost of living
9	Gathering Spaces
10	Sports
11	Libraries

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**Walton Park Neighborhood Meeting - 5/27/16 (cont)**

**What do you like/value about Midlothian?**

Number	Comment
1	Great schools
2	Home Value
3	People
4	Events - Tacky Light Run, Parade
5	Civic pride - beauty
6	Family focus
7	Midlothian Mines park
8	Bike/Run - Walkable
9	Dining - local choice
10	Good commute
11	288
12	Citizen involvement - PTA
13	Library

**What would you change about Midlothian?**

Number	Comment
1	No more grocery (maybe Trader Joes)
2	Pedestrian crossing Rt 60 and Woolridge (besides tunnel)
3	New Elementary School
4	Less development (residential)
5	Stop cutting down trees
6	Don't move Fire/EMS out of village
7	Residential development impact on schools
8	Improve Midlothian Library - meeting space is hard to get

**What are the most pressing issues facing Midlothian over the next 5-10 years?**

Number	Comment
1	Improving walking and biking (connect to Wegmans)
2	Cross Route 60 - don't let it become a divide
3	Kids need a safe crossing at the Middle School
4	Traffic concerns (but don't 3 lane village)
5	Slow in Village (without roundabouts, tables)
6	Concern of empty storefronts (like Cloverleaf area)
7	Look at existing zoning and existing uses
8	Don't become Short Pump or West Chester - traffic, commercial, lose country feel
9	Undeveloped land left - what can happen on it?
10	Conservation Easement at Midlothian entry property
11	No Big boxes (like Bon Air)

**In 25 years, I want Midlothian to be recognized for...**

Number	Comment
1	Families
2	Craft breweries and wineries
3	Not looking aged
4	Vibrant

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5	Extensive greenways and trails
6	The Place to Be...
7	Tacky Light Run

**Midlothian HS Faculty Meeting - 6/6/16**

**What do you like/value about Midlothian?**

Number	Comment
1	Midlothian HS!
2	Capital Ale House

**What would you change about Midlothian?**

Number	Comment
1	Bike/walk accessibility
2	Slow the growth of apts
3	Library open on Thursdays and Sunday
4	Crosswalks
5	Don't switch the school start times
6	Traffic on Charter Colony and Woolridge

**In 25 years, I want Midlothian to be recognized for...**

Number	Comment
1	Quality of life
2	Sense of community
3	Good schools
4	No more grocery
5	Culture
6	Festivals
7	Central gathering spaces

**Library "Pop-up" 1 - 06/29/16**

**General Comments**

Number	Comment
1	Pedestrian crossings at Woolridge and 60
2	Lighting in neighborhoods
3	Sidewalks
4	Connected parks
5	More parks with facilities
6	Pedestrian crossing with flashing lights
7	More places for community gardening
8	Preserve trees/ replant trees. Parking lot landscaping with trees
9	Green environmentally friendly buildings, green roofs
10	Bike trails/lanes
11	Walkability

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<b>What do you like/value about Midlothian?</b>	
<b>Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1	The design and layout, architecture of Millworks
2	Landscaping flowers, foliage, vistas. The beauty!
3	Character "Village" architecture
4	Great Schools
<b>What would you change about Midlothian?</b>	
<b>Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1	Upgrade Sycamore Square and the shopping center across the street
2	Outdoor farmers market with local produce and local meats and poultry
3	Old town village, European feel
4	Better roads- extend Village Mill Dr to Charter Colony, more parallel roads like Westfield, etc.
5	Replace Sycamore Square with a mixed-use development. (Sorry for the reference - West Broad Village)
6	Range of housing choices - need to concentrate population in compact centers
7	Better business/citizen interaction and partnerships
<b>MBA Social - 07/07/16 (cont)</b>	
8	If keeping area a village, then take seriously and commit fully to village design
9	More local restaurants
10	Crosswalk for YMCA - Millworks
11	Create a venue in Village for festivals, art shows, music etc.
12	Promote existing community assets
13	Wine and beer festivals
14	Concerts
15	Venues/Festivals with food trucks! (Attracts young people!)
16	Crosswalk in front of Midlothian Middle (several kids cross Midlothian Turnpike)
17	More sidewalks, bike lanes and parks! Also, flowers on medians.
18	Outdoor concerts - Midlo Mines
19	Brand Midlothian
20	Large size music venue and creative arts center
21	Extend Village Mill Dr to Charter Colony
22	More events at Midlothian Mines
23	Figure out how to get people biking and walking. How do you get residents across Midlo Turnpike
24	Sidewalks everywhere
25	Clean up and landscape medians
26	Lacks panache

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27	Crosswalks and Sidewalks (i.e. to Kroger)
28	County owned parcels on 60
29	Partner with John Tyler for greater use by students
30	Affordable housing options
31	Walkable mixed use destinations, outdoor seating, diverse connectivity, shopping, living space.
32	Convert the old Ukrops into a community center and use for events. Large space.
33	Cultural arts center with theater, dance, music
34	Yoga, Festivals (attracts young people)

**What are the most pressing issues facing Midlothian over the next 5-10 years?**

Number	Comment
1	Transportation
2	Historical recognition
3	Sidewalks
4	Controlling growth so that village continues to grow like a "town"
5	How to truly build "community" as opposed to "jousting" and disconnected business and shopping centers
6	Developing mixed use space
7	Protecting itself from decay. Having a plan.
8	Current and potentially vacant retail (grocery stores) and declining retail centers.
9	Traffic

**MBA Social - 07/07/16 (cont)**

10	Vacant retail space (Sycamore Square)
11	Attracting businesses and helping them grow
12	Rental property standards, blight assessment, code enforcement
13	Trash/ high grass along roads

**In 25 years, I want Midlothian to be recognized for...**

Number	Comment
1	The best place to live!
2	Refer to 5 Villages plan. Chester, Bon Air, Ettrick, Midlothian, Matoaca,
3	Celebrate black history of Village on going
4	Needs panache
5	A Place that is truly a place. A there , not another generic community.
6	Great place... to live, to raise a family, to work, to play, to retire
7	Houses increase in value more than other areas.
8	Having a great sense of community.
9	Happy People!

**Library "Pop-up" 2 - 07/11/16**

**General Comments**

Number	Comment
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1	Preserve what's historical and meaningful
2	Like the sense of community
3	Pedestrian friendly - improve
4	More schools
5	Preserve small-town feeling Village area
6	Keep unique design of Sycamore Square because I feel safe shopping in there. There are plenty of strip malls around already - many vacant and convenient get away areas for crime.
7	More businesses to increase tax base
8	Focus on revitalizing existing commercial buildings
9	Services/destinations for families
10	Control speed limit on Westfield Road! Not safe. Consider a speed bump. Has become a speedway.
11	More restaurants
12	Senior center with activities
13	Connectivity and walkability
14	Age in place housing
15	Crosswalk at Woolridge and Midlothian
16	Limited growth Evergreens and perennial flowers. Everything draught resistant and low maintenance.
17	Things for retirees, gathering spaces

**Midlothian Kiwanis Meeting - 07/12/16**

**What do you like/value about Midlothian?**

Number	Comment
1	Small welcoming area as now exists
2	Hospitals close by
3	Food store oasis!
4	Education system- Top 10 place to raise children
5	Parks many
6	Access to highways
7	History mines/preserve and promote
8	Quaint shopping- Sycamore Square
9	I like the Mid. Mines Park area with lake area for leisure and recreational activities
10	Would like to see Midlothian develop more affordable housing for aging population
11	Safe - peace feel safe even not in gated community
12	Village identity, Coalition voice strong

**What would you change about Midlothian?**

Number	Comment
1	Bike trail
2	Green space on west end of village
3	Vacant land- not maintaining property

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4	Bus service - alternative transportation
5	Want to walk to library and grocery
6	Inappropriate use of residential property- constant yard sale
7	Vacant and aging commercial property deteriorating

**Midlothian Kiwanis Meeting - 07/12/16 (cont)**

**What are the most pressing issues facing Midlothian over the next 5-10 years**

Number	Comment
1	Above ground power line - power outages?
2	Overcrowding at Watkins ES
3	Food Lion shopping enter gateway to east
4	AM traffic on 288 backup
5	Commercial aging and vacancy
6	Social service needs, more central or spread out throughout county. Have to drive far to reach some services.
7	Places for entertainment both for adults and kids
8	Increased traffic in village

**In 25 years, I want Midlothian to be recognized for...**

Number	Comment
1	Sycamore square - senior housing- walk to everything!
2	Shopping and restaurant hub (like Carytown) \$\$
3	Family friendly
4	Destination place
5	Village feel
6	Quality place for seniors
7	Martins as farmers market/public space

**Library "Pop-up" 3 - 07/22/16**

**General Comments**

Number	Comment
1	Light rail on 60 to city
2	Public use of reservoir
3	Bike/Ped to school
4	Place to keep RV & Boats
5	Don't let development get ahead of infrastructure
6	Make schools walkable
7	Bring back farmers market
8	Awareness for eco-friendly practices (i.e. solar power)
9	Better cell coverage (hidden tower somewhere in Salisbury)
10	Future library (Robious) bad idea. Library better served in other areas for kids. Use property for natural preservation or little park.
11	Reuse shopping centers for community spaces
12	New School
13	More accessible senior activities at existing facilities



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<b>Library "Pop-up" 3 - 07/22/16 (cont)</b>	
14	High speed internet (Google optics)
15	Renovate Midlothian Library with more community space
16	Industry that produces (more than retail)
17	Live music space
18	Sidewalks
19	Transit- bus down 60 to City
20	Likes bike/ped in support of eminent domain
21	Community event space
22	Don't change anything
23	Transit
24	Green spaces in neighborhoods
25	Better street lighting in neighborhoods
26	More Schools
27	More accessible and local businesses
28	Community gathering events and spaces
29	Festivals that help promote local business and bring community together
30	Stop building
31	No more grocery
32	Occupy and reuse existing buildings

<b>James River Rotary - 08/03/16</b>	
<b>General Comments</b>	
<b>Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1	Existing shopping centers vacant and new growth/new buildings
2	Dead gas stations/pharmacy
3	Like rural/suburban feel
4	Comfortable
5	Quality of schools/activities/parks. Good for families.

<b>Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce - 08/11/16</b>	
<b>What do you like/value about Midlothian?</b>	
<b>Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1	Schools
2	The people
3	Houses
4	Shopping
5	The nice people
6	The food!
7	Convenient to all of RVA

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**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce- 08/11/16 (cont)**

**What would you change about Midlothian?**

Number	Comment
1	Expand park
2	Sycamore square redeveloped
3	Sycamore Square destination shopping center
4	Bike trails
5	New hotel
6	Concert venue
7	Support for water park
8	Bike (Walk, run, all) trails

**What are the most pressing issues facing Midlothian over the next 5-10 years**

Number	Comment
1	Traffic
2	Road and access
3	Roads, access and maintenance
4	Traffic
5	School overcrowding
6	More resources for mental illness and addiction

**In 25 years, I want Midlothian to be recognized for...**

Number	Comment
1	Breweries
2	Best city in RVA
3	Best place in VA to live and work
4	Being prepared and thinking ahead

**Hallsley Meeting - 08/23/16**

**General Comments**

Number	Comment
1	Excellent schools
2	Community visions. Accessible, amenities, development that blends in.
3	Walking community
4	Parks and rec facilities/recreation center (indoor)
5	Good curb appeal/standards
6	Brand community "unique"
7	Small village feel
8	Maintain roads (76 potholes)
9	Like plantings on 60
10	Safety of area is good
11	Incorporate green space into new development
12	Sycamore square revitalization
13	Don't lose small town with new growth
14	Road conditions improved and planned better

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<b>Hallsley Meeting- 08/23/16 (cont)</b>	
15	Proximity to Richmond
16	Potential of area, village could be attractive
17	Maintaining level of service with new development
18	Stop big box building
19	Roads with no shoulder or bike/ped accommodations
20	Commercial blight
21	Overcrowding at schools
22	Empty store and still building new
23	Preserve green and historical spaces
24	Be environmentally conscious
25	More green/sustainable
26	Libraries!
27	More outdoor attractions- walking and biking
28	Family friendly
29	Cultural attractions
30	Non chains
31	World class schools
32	Village feel with city amenities

<b>Email/Written Comments</b>	
<b>Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1	Lack of median - a median with trees and plantings would soften the highway-like, strip mall feel that now impacts the aesthetic. There could be a wide walking path down the median or parking within the median. Either way the median would provide greater definition for the district and slow traffic down.
2	Setbacks - while setbacks are fine, they are almost too deep along the area from Kroger to Walgreens. This depth allows for too much parking in lots in front of businesses and creates a lack of definition for the village proper. The setbacks could be turned into parking and a wide sidewalk could be added....see attached images. The buildings and trees need to define the edges....not parking lots.
3	Lack of pedestrian crossings and paths - there need to be well-defined crosswalks and paths throughout.
4	Lack of true gateway experience - maybe an arch across Rt 60 at the beginning and end of the village experience would help. See attached image.
5	Architecture - overall the current strip mall looking architecture is too minimal and unadorned to look quaint and welcoming. The Martin's store shopping area and the American Family area are the greatest offenders. The massing of the brick facades and lack of landscaping is obviously an issue. Large brick pseudo tasteful facades with drive edges do not create good texture. Sycamore Square is not bad, but it needs to be opened up with better access....and the storefronts need to face Rt 60. Taller structures could be allowed, but should be limited to not more than four or five stories. Overall, there needs to be much better review of designs for the village with qualified architects looking over the plans. It's difficult to re-create a quaint village, so maybe consider a mix of modern and old to make things feel more authentic. It would be good to avoid the "movie set" feel of Short Pump Village. I can recommend architects who might help with this. Also, I would be happy to sit on a review board if asked as I have formal training as an architectural historian.

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6	Further Development - the village should extend off Rt 60 and relieve the retail congestion there. There should be connecting streets and alleys (auto, bicycle and pedestrian) going through Sycamore Square and back behind the Pool Supply store. This should also happen behind Kroger and Capital Ale House. Biking paths, racks, and EV charging stations should be considered.
7	Residential - Possibly condominiums, cottages, and apartment living above retail and directly in the village area would help liven up the corridor.
8	Common Areas - sitting, gathering, and festival space would help create a community feel. A large green space with appropriate parking is a must for a village of any kind. Also, a water feature would be nice, but they can be hard to manage and maintain. Of course a shelter house or staging area might be an effective place for music and event rentals.
9	Power lines - these should ALL be buried...as I believe they are now.
10	Street lights - actual gas lights would be nice but not efficient. Some kind of interesting lighting would be good.
11	Public art - a series of "Art Pads" where art can be placed and displayed should be considered. Also, some kinetic sculpture and outdoor activity areas for kids would be welcome....like playscapes and splashpads. Of course these are items that might be special considerations in the budget.
12	Need better multimodal connections to John Tyler Community College and the resources it adds to our community
13	Need a redeveloped village area to be the heart of Midlothian. Something everyone can be proud of.
14	Consider roundabouts on Charter Colony at Midlothian HS entrances.
15	Keep the great educations, but update the schools.

<b>Online Input Questionnaire</b>	
<b>What makes a community great? (Think of places you've lived or visited)</b>	
<b>Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1	People working together for a common goal, helping a family in need, animals in need, community clean up day.
2	Nice neighborhoods, nice people, schools, easy access to things I need
3	Sense of community. Gathering points. Safety.
4	The people in them and safety
5	A great community builds upon the past by not viewing the past as stagnant or irrelevant. It embraces the present as a reality and as an opportunity, not as a vision or dream. It welcomes the sweep of the future through planning, and proactivity. A community becomes great through past generations of people moving through it and leaving their marks, through the current mix of individuals and families who live and interact among its bounds, and through the work of future citizens who are perceptive enough to glean wisdom and treasure from the past to interpret the future. At some point, all present and all future becomes the past. The governance of the community requires wisdom, forethought, and accord, which is not the same as compromise.
6	Aesthetics, sense of place and vitality
7	Sidewalks, easy access to shops and restaurants.

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8	Walkability, libraries, schools, roads (to properly handle traffic), shopping.
9	A county government that regulates what comes into the county; what types of building(s) are constructed; approval of the landscaping, even the colors to blend in with surroundings, etc. There should be rules, which should be strictly enforced. Example: If shopping center developers want approval to build, they should provide plenty of pleasing landscaping and not be allowed to use colors which don't conform; nor any other thing which would be considered an eyesore. Also, certain commercial places should not be allowed to build near a residential area, such as an auto shop, which would create more cars, noise pollution, etc.
10	A great community has concerned leaders, with staff who can advise regarding what decorative shrubs, flowers and flowers to plant along its roadways.
11	Also, there should be small lakes, fountains, great landscaping in general throughout.
12	A great example of this is Raleigh and Cary, North Carolina.
13	Commercial doesn't stand out and blends with the rest of the area.
14	Low taxes. Reasonable cost of living. The freedom for me to spend my own money on my own leisure or other pursuits, and not having to subsidize the pursuits of others.
15	Not having a County Board of Supervisors that are as incompetent as the ones we currently have. Having a police department that actually polices instead of being ticket writers. If you want the police in Chesterfield just look for the speed traps, not in the community where they should be patrolling. That's right you don't make quotas (money) actually doing what you are suppose to be doing (patrolling the taxpayer neighborhoods).
16	Landscape - Views - History - Design excellence!
17	people know and look out for each other
18	there is business but is balanced between variety and choice without creating traffic problems
19	affordable and well maintained neighborhoods
20	great schools, decent prices for homes, safety
21	A community feeling
22	Some form of common identity...be it cultural, historical, or otherwise.
23	Knowing your neighbors, family oriented, good schools
24	The small town feel
25	I like the mix of countrysides with urban
26	Parks, water play areas, playgrounds
27	People
28	Public green space; trails for biking/walking; walkability that fosters community interaction. Public schools that provide quality education and quality buildings that are available for community use. Library/Community center; Balanced commercial space (few strip malls). Innovative public transportation (Bike/car share; small tram...)
29	Sidewalks with grass borders
30	Productive and Social Community Gatherings with Community Leaders, Beautiful Landscaping

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31	Schools, events, friendly people, low crime, good stores, parks, trees
32	walkable with plenty of parks/public spaces. Traffic systems managing lights correctly. Maintained roads.
33	Public spaces like the squares in Savannah GA or our very own Midlothian mines
34	Ability to walk and bike to businesses, homes, etc. paths and sidewalks too!
35	A cohesion caused by common goals for everyday living. People would want to visit or live in Midlothian for many cultural or ascetic reasons. It should be a destination not a drive through. Parks, shopping, places of interest should be incorporated into a positive, vibrant and unique venue.
36	The park and the sidewalks
37	I love the Midlo Mines and the next trail expansions. I also like sidewalks in the Midlothian Village to Charter Colony that make the area more walkable.
38	Libraries, parks, sidewalks, connecting public trails to green spaces, good roads & convenient shopping. Public transportation. Culture & arts. Publically-run recreation centers. Formerly lived in metro Denver that has all of this. A great community looks more forward than backwards but learns from past mistakes. Plumbs ideas from other cities & municipalities
39	Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.
40	The question is difficult to answer because:
41	(1) I have not been able to find a definition/assumptions in your material for what you mean by "community," other than how you came up with the revised Midlothian Area Plan geographic boundaries based on revisions to the 1989 Plan boundaries. Does "community" mean anything other than the physical territory within the boundaries?
42	(2) Also difficult to answer because I have not been able to find in your material an explanation/rationale for why a Special Area Plan is needed. You say the comprehensive plan provides a framework, whereas special area plans focus on specific community needs. If the comprehensive plan is the approved policy framework, how can it not be adequate for all areas of the county? How can areas within the boundaries of a Special Area Plan have specific needs that can't be addressed within the framework of the comprehensive plan? Do areas throughout the county outside of Special Area Plans not have specific needs?
43	(3) Also difficult to answer because, on the one hand, you say the comprehensive plan (and presumably the Special Area Plans) guide "land use," "development" and "infrastructure" decisions, but you provide no guidance or representative examples of what is within the scope of land use, development and infrastructure decisions, and what is not, so that survey responders can respond within the context of these terms.

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44	<p>(4) The exercise seems to assume that it is desirable, in general, to have a Midlothian Special Area Plan. However, does having such a plan run counter to other current broader Chesterfield County policies, sentiments and directions? Does having an area plan reinforce perceptions of the distinctness of the Midlothian area, whereas some county leaders are calling for a more equitable and even distribution throughout the county of economic development and the benefits of the Midlothian area's socio-economic make-up?</p>
45	<p>(5) It is not clear how representative the special area plan data gathering and revision process is of all residents and stakeholders. Will you ensure that the process involves representative samples of, for example, all socio-economic levels, age groups, and those with disabilities? Will you ensure that county elected and appointed officials responsible for approving the special area plan understand the limitations of data gathering and revised plan development so that they know the limitations before making their decisions?</p>
46	<p>Peace and quiet!</p>
47	<p>Parks and green spaces. Good schools with a lot or parental involvement. Playgrounds and sidewalks to encourage walking. Good, thriving restaurants and small businesses.</p>
48	<p>Sense of community where neighbors talk to each other and look out for each other. Interconnectedness with sidewalks. A place where children can grow up, and feel safe and access their friends' houses, parks, and school without having to walk in the street to get there. Easy accessibility to public and commercial places in the community through use of sidewalks. I've seen this in areas of Northern Virginia such as Vienna and Reston, and Fairfax County. Not only do they have sidewalks that connect to every house in the neighborhood, the sidewalk network connects to other areas outside of the neighborhood, including commercial developments, trails, parks, schools, etc. Mixed use areas, rather large swaths of residential and commercial areas that are isolated from each other and can only be accessed by car.</p>
49	<p>We have lived in a few wonderful communities: Greenwich, CT, Mt. Lebanon, PA and Granville, Ohio. All three had downtowns with adorable shops lining a main street. Hip restaurants with outdoor seating, Town squares that had concerts on warm summer evenings where people would pack a picnic and gather and enjoy the music. Granville was on a rails to trails bike path which was another wonderful perk. These towns were very walkable. In fact, in Mt. Lebanon, all school children walked to school. I try to do a 4 mile walk in Midlothian and it is possible, but Rt. 60 is very unpleasant to walk on. I carve out a path through JTCC and The Grove, but it would be more fun to be able to walk through town.</p>
50	<p>A great community starts with great leaders that have ONLY the best interests in its residents. It will also have the feeling of a small town. A small town feel consists of schools very close to home...walking or biking distance, small stores in walking/biking distance and no new homes being built on a daily basis, taking away from the natural beauty.</p>

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51	Social gathering spots such as local restaurants, outdoor venues, walk ability, LOCAL, LOCAL businesses!
52	Rural Community feel...not alot of traffic--except for Hull Street
53	Walking from place to place, outdoor amenities
54	Small, close knit community.
55	People who support each other. Diversity. A welcoming feel. Easy to get from one place to another. Good places to eat and gather like pools and cafes. Great libraries. Nice places to shop and get groceries. Kids and adults able to go to good schools..
56	Parks with a trail, dog park n kids area
57	Parks with activities for all seasons
58	The people
59	A great community includes safe, clean playgrounds. Family friendly places that are both indoors and outdoors. I'd love to see a community water sprayground added that is open to the public. We only have the unsafe cement sprayground at Stony Point Fashion Park and then the one at Lewis Ginter which is very far away.
60	Families!
61	Parks, walking areas close knit community
62	Hometown feel
63	Attitude
64	Green spaces, parks, quality education with smaller schools, family friendly events
65	Vintage feel. Small businesses along corridor.
66	Train track nearby.
67	The shopping, recreational parks and ease of navigation (IE little traffic).
68	Walking trails, parks with activity areas for little ones and a section for older kids. Dorey Park is a great sample.
69	Family friendly parks that are good for children of all ages and ability levels. Also walking trails and let friendly areas (like the green ways in North Carolina). Having a free water feature for smaller children is also a great attraction!
70	Local businesses
71	Cleanliness, feeling of home, amenities
72	When I think of what makes a community a place I want to live, it has a variety of activities including park systems, sporting events that suit a wide variety of sports, ages & athletic levels, there is a sense of being brought together by festivals and community service, and it is safe. Children are playing, people are walking/running/biking on sidewalks. The land is taken care of both through beautification and conservation along with some type of lesson on why that's important. The last thing I would include are oppportunities for education in all fields for all ages. Community organizations like scouts, rotary clubs and churches are vital parts of this.
73	Walking paths in communities, bike lanes, water recreation, good schools
74	Walking and biking trails. Also parks.
75	trees, closeness of amenities, parks



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76	Low crime, lots of parks and playgrounds, sidewalks, community festivals, streetlights, clean streets and parks.
77	Parks, family activities (concerts, shows, festivals), TREES! Cutting down all the trees makes for a sterile look. Trees are shade and beauty!!
78	The neighbors, accessibility, and atmosphere
79	Family involved activities, great schools.
80	Lots of opportunities for families of all backgrounds to be outside.
81	First, I would say that people make a community great. Having a sense of pride about your community will help it be great. Free or 'included' events around a gathering place several times a year might help to foster that pride.
82	Support for those in need and fostering caring and empathetic people.
83	Shopping centers and schools well maintained. Parts of the community have sidewalks that allow walking to be safe, community events, beautiful common areas
84	family friendly activities, nice parks, convenient shopping
85	Safety, Schools, Streets, and Salary. As a resident of Midlothian for 17 years, I have seen the county grow and expand in amazing ways. One of the main reasons, I believe, has been our amazing school system. We have wonderful educators and facilities, of which we should take great pride. Our police and sheriff's department are world class, providing safety and security throughout the county. Our roads are very good, can use improvement, and some are overdone (looking at you roundabouts). Our salary rate could be better, (always right?). I am specifically looking at the Sheriff's department... they should make equal to the police, why in the world are they not? They are both LEO's... Our parks and rec. department is wonderful too : )
86	Sense of community & the ability to walk around community--sidewalks.
87	Lively, engaging, interesting
88	Places to gather, places for children to play, community theater
89	Central places to gather, eat/dine, shop. Not just park and walk into a building. The fountain by the library is a good example! Also, the grassy area at Westchester by Plaza Azteca is a good example. People are always in these outdoor areas, and also visiting the businesses nearby.
90	Events to meet other families, non-chain restaurants,
91	Mines park and pond, rock wood park, Library, Urban Farmhouse
92	A sense of family, community, great schools, safety, and nature.
93	Amenities like libraries, stores, restaurants, sports, entertainment, and outdoor attractions.
94	Great public schools, low crime rates, beautiful surroundings
95	Accessibility to goods and services while maintaining some natural areas and parks
96	Parks, cleanliness, family friendly activities, upscale indoor/outdoor shopping and restaurants, great schools
97	Parks and splash pads
98	Parks, botanical gardens, paved/protected bike paths (away from cars), non-chain restaurants, fun events/festivals.

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99	People, parks, resources (ample stores, but not too much.)
100	Lots of things to do for families. Nice people, friendly workers in supermarkets, restaurants, banks, etc. People who take pride in their property and their jobs around the community. Also good schools/education.
101	The proximity to the water and all the forest that surround the neighborhood.
102	Urban Farmhouse, YMCA, Library
103	Has the essentials of grocery store and gas stations but is mostly residential
104	Sense of place, pride, understanding and embracing history while evolving.
105	Community events, excellent schools, safe area, variety of shopping, cultural/art facilities
106	Access to adequate public transportation.
107	Amenities, roads that are safe and kept up with.
108	Good schools
109	Access to shopping , especially quality grocery stores
110	Recreational areas that include children's playgrounds and walking trails
111	Well maintained roads that can handle the traffic volume
112	The availability of good paying jobs; affordability of housing; low crime; feeling safe in the community; good schools; access to high quality parks and recreation; availability of grocery and retail; having arts, culture and nightlife opportunities; good air quality and water quality; easy access to major interstates; good physical condition of roads, bridges and infrastructure; sense of place/community
113	We are natives of Chesterfield and enjoy living in Midlothian - a great community! The level of parent involvement at its schools, its facilities and resources all make living in "Midlo" a pleasure. Quaint shops may be found close to top notch grocery establishments.
114	Families make a community great. A back to basics approach of God, family, work, country, these are the values that make great communities. Building and creating, don't make communities great, families do.
115	schools
116	sidewalks
117	shopping
118	atmosphere
119	neighborhoods
120	Location of YMCA, Library, and schools are all in walking distance of each other.
121	Walkability...safe street crossings WITH CROSSWALKS...interests nearby...shopping nearby....sidewalks and choices of walking direction....bike trails. Most important is that a community not just have one Main Street going through it but multiple pockets of interests. This way it feels like a town not just a business area pass-through for cars on a mission to the next errand, meeting, etc.
122	Friendly people, sense of community, small/local businesses, parks, quaint architecture

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123	Walkability (sidewalks), Bike paths, play areas, a combination of retail business and residential housing mixed closely together. I refer you to l'On Village and Mixson Community in Charleston, SC. Variety of architecture and proper scale are important.
124	Knowing your neighbors
125	Aesthetically pleasing Bi-ways and common areas, parks and wooded/natural areas, festivals and events throughout the year, public gatherings spaces, shopping centers that bring people together while maintaining an architectural standard and integrity worthy of an upper middle-class community, better than average schools, a good mix of residential, business use, and commercial space.
126	Walk ability , local restaurants, local breweries, common areas (parks)
127	Visual appeal, good traffic flow, cohesiveness with regard to development, safe areas for children to play, great schools, good variety of business
128	Town centers, with a commons, small businesses and resturants surrounding it along with town events held in the center and on the commons.
129	Low crime, sense of community, clean, diversity, affordable, maintained
130	Safe. family friendly. sidewalks for kids and bikes. community involvement/watch programs.some local businesses mixed in with larger ones. Great public schools.
131	History, controlled continuous development, business availability, and homeowner tidiness.
132	Zoning decisions that favor residents, not developers. The county has so screwed up Winterfield Road with the circle and who knows what else you plan to build, disgusting! What does Dan Gecker get out of these deals?
133	Good mix of shops, restaurants and variety of housing choices. Roads and medians need to be well maintained and retail areas should blend with the environment
134	Great schools, parental involvement, clean community.
135	Easy access to Richmond and freeways.
136	Upscale well maintained neighborhoods that are safe and convenient to shops, good schools and the arts.
137	Sidewalks, trails, schools, walking distance to shopping, lowered speed limits, cleaned streets with flowers hanging and hanging flags.
138	People, schools, homes
139	Strict covenants on building design. Excellent local restaurants. Not chains
140	safety
141	education
142	care for personal property
143	Having safe places for families to gather and socialize. Having places that are well groomed, well managed that provide opportunities for kids to play. Places that have a governing body that can be the voice of the community. Having schools that are updated and not overcrowded and kept up well.
144	walkability
145	shops & restaurants that are locally owned and have a unique character

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146	green space and natural / wooded areas
147	Great schools, No crime, walking village center catering to family needs - library, parks, lite shopping, churches, etc., clean, parking, youth activities, no traffic jams, kids can ride their bikes, etc
148	Friendly community great appreciation of property values!
149	quality of life amenities. Recreational trails (single track hiking and biking trails in woods, not cleared asphalt trails). Eclectic shops; social drinking establishments; unique commercial recreation and entertainment options i.e. independent movie theater, small bowling alley, miniature golf, small event venue, etc.; Limited number of stoplights on major commercial roads with use of roundabouts.
150	Good mix of residential, retail, and social (ex. parks, libraries, etc.)
151	Great communities have a sense of community and their own identity. A consistent architectural standard or signage can help display and/or reinforce this identity.
152	Good schools, handy shopping, close to roads like 288 and 95. A sense of pride for the community. Low crime rates. Places for people to play like parks and band shells. Community events to bring people together.
153	- Sense of community/belonging
154	-community activities
155	-parks, greenscapes to hike, bring dogs, relax, hold community events(music)
156	-Central meeting place with craft fairs or music or sports games or a playground/sports fields/dog park
157	-bike lanes
158	Easy access to all parts of Richmond. Open space and beauty. Please do not over develop as is the plan at 288 and Genito at Brandermill. Vote NO for the waterpark. I dont want this area to become a Short Pump. A future nightmare.
159	Good school. Easy access to major roads.
160	Nice quiet place (with low crime) to live with a reasonable amount of things nearby (stores, etc)
161	The people, convenient and relevant shopping destinations, community resources (parks, libraries)
162	Safety, fun family activities, access to sidewalks and green ways, great schools, after school activities so parents can work
163	Access to a variety of ammenities (without having to drive too far) and culture. Friendly neighbors who really want to get to know you. Affordability.
164	Parks, libraries, community centers
165	A great community has a vision and purpose with strong public/private partnerships. It has strong leadership that is accountable and can see the vision through implementation. Its constituents feel connected to one another and have a shared purpose to improve the community.
166	A great community must have great public schools and a strong economy to be able to attract and retain talented workers that strengthen the community and local economy.

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167	Communities also need to identify ongoing communication channels with it constituents to ensure its vision remains current for future generations.
168	Maintaining a small town community feeling, while still being close to amenities. What has been done to 360 west of 288 is not what I want to see in this area.
169	Events for multiple ages and stages of life. General upkeep in an area.
170	I believe a great community is a place someone from out of town would enjoy. I look at the small towns and communities throughout the country and ask why we don't have an area like this.
171	I believe there is a missed opportunity with Sycamore Village square. This area could be a Destination Area with boutique shops, restaurants, pubs and other services. Deluxe multifamily housing within walking distance. Maybe a walking/bike trail to the Mine's Park to connect the area. I'm thinking of the area bound on the north by Westfield, east and south by Woolridge, west by Charter Colony. Something unique to the area to draw visitors from Virginia and out of state.
172	SCHOOLS SCHOOLS SCHOOLS
173	Having top notch schools keeps new residents coming in. In order to keep these top notch we need to fix facilities and attract/retain the best faculty.
174	Areas to be outside-walking to shops and restaurants, and parks/ponds to encourage being outside. Running and biking trails. Anything that gets people out of their car/house to interact with community
175	Walkability, small town feel
176	A variety of industry, retail, and residential establishments that work well together.
177	Ease of travel to grocery store, etc.
178	Walkability, safety, variety of shopping & activities, locally-owned businesses, control of traffic and timing of red lights to stop congestion, good schools- actual school buildings & NOT TRAILERS, sidewalks with lighting, crosswalks, amenities like trails and opportunities to do activities outdoors. Lots of trees, air quality and water quality.
179	Walk-ability
180	mixed-use
181	varying users
182	mix of businesses
183	varying housing types
184	Sense of community
185	Walk ability, landmarks, parks, and playgrounds
186	Good schools and parks
187	Cooperation
188	A sense of place, with a center where diverse people can come together and share a sense of community. Many successful communities have a common space, often a park or town square, surrounded by walkable streets with businesses, restaurants, and housing.
189	A sense of inclusion and purpose
190	Close non-retail jobs. Space between houses and neighborhoods.
191	The people who make up the community.

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192	A government that will listen to all the residents of the area.
193	Allowing growth, but at a rate which is controllable to the public services of that community.
194	A blend of modern comforts ( shopping, lodging, venues, attractions, good infrastructure ) with historic connection ( green spaces, historic site preservation, architectural integrity ) would make our community stronger.
195	Cohesiveness of our subdivision, readily available shopping and upscale restaurants
196	A community that is safe, makes the members feel connected, and is walk/bike friendly.
197	friendly atmosphere and gathering places for people to spend time outside of their homes
198	Good housing & neighborhoods. More single family homes than townhouses. Excellent shops and Restaurants. Kept up neighborhoods. Excellent schools. Recreational areas.
199	Accessibility to conveniences like great restaurants, shopping, a feeling of belonging through community events (festivals, outdoor events), appealing architecture and landscaping, strong local economy, local jobs, exercise friendly paths like sidewalks, walking trails and bike paths, good school systems.
200	Accessibility, diverse retail shops and restaurants, strong sense of community

Online Input Questionnaire	
What do you like/value about Midlothian that should be preserved or	
1	I like the height restrictions rule in the village.
2	Architectural standards, green spaces, relatively low display commercialism
3	Low brick buildings
4	I like that it is family oriented
5	<p>It is a mix of old and new, private &amp; public, busy &amp; tranquil, and these seeming opposites allow the village to thrive, to act as a big, diverse family. Remnants of its history should be treasured, protected, and appreciated as markers or indicators that interpret its dynamic story and that provide touchstones to understand the present and future. The broader community's family life -- socialization, transportation, work, education, among others -- does revolve around its institutions, infrastructure, and its commerce: schools, places of worship, housing developments, fire stations, highways, police protection, large and small businesses, restaurants, and the like; because these strengthen families, they strengthen the community. The institutions' accessibility and safety should be of paramount importance. As the future rolls on, enhance the opportunities that the whole community can enjoy in places such as the parks or at historic sites and at events that celebrate Midlothian's big mix of people and places.</p> <p>Midlothian is a big little place, not a little big place!</p>
6	History

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7	The Mines park should be enhanced.
8	Midlothian mines area/lake/walking trails/shopping center around the Midlo library.
9	Not too much traffic, which actually used to be, but is now increasing much too much! I believe that developments should not be allowed until ample roads are in place. We have major east-west Midlothian Turnpike/Hull St. Rd. but not enough perpendicular roads to help alleviate the traffic. And it is getting worse!
10	The history and character of the area. I don't want the area to turn into one like Chesterfield Town Center, where it's just a bunch of commercial stuff.
11	Smaller feel. Not bureaucratic. Low traffic.
12	Being less crowded than it is now.
13	What remains of the historical context.
14	Make connections to parks and trails from both subdivisions, schools, shopping and business.
15	Low, consistent signage.
16	Brick buildings.
17	Development should be of the quality achieved at Coalfield and Woolridge Roads near the Chesterfield County Public Library and Urban Farmhouse Restaurant. Great to connect the library to other uses.
18	Consider multifamily housing above commercial areas. Grow up one story to accommodate housing in shopping areas. This would naturally increase walkability. Make it look nice and people especially aging populations will want to live there.
19	Don't isolate grocery stores from housing. It would be nice to have a development in this area where you could not only walk to restaurants, but you could bike safely or walk to the grocery store.
20	not too big but growing and vibrant
21	Midlothian village
22	Historically speaking, the community has a strong background in commerce. After all, the first coal mines in the U.S. were here. Don't turn your back on job creation for sake of historical preservation. Both can collectively co-exist.
23	The Midlothian Mines Park is an excellent community amenity and should be utilized as much as possible
24	Stores, restaurants and the village period feel
25	The history and open land should be preserved.
26	The older buildings, more playgrounds and a water park area
27	Schools
28	Preserve; expand public green space, e.g. Midlothian Mines Park/Trail. Sense of high quality of life.
29	Sense of community
30	Coal mining history, The great schools.
31	Parks, nature should be enhanced

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32	more sidewalks or bike paths. Like the landscaping along Midlothian turnpike. Renovation of library was nice. Midlothian mines park. History programs about the old portion of the county behind the fire station. Programs offered at Midlothian mines park.
33	Colonial styled architecture
34	Great schools!!!
35	It still has some history, even though the historical significance is dwindling.
36	We should preserve and enhance that by a common goal of remembering our past while offering a glimpse of our current and future endeavors.
37	More sidewalks along Midlothian and Old Buckingham Road
38	I enjoy knowing the history behind the area- whether that be the historical markers or the ruins in Midlo Mines.
39	The trees and woods. Good roads. Clean environment. Charm Careful conservation of environment with current building boom
40	I'm not trying to be difficult, but I can't think of anything I like about the Midlothian area that is only related to or caused by the fact that it's the Midlothian area.
41	The local stores, sidewalks and architecture.
42	The architecture and the small-town feel of the village of Midlothian. There is nothing more depressing than huge chunks of strip malls and generic chain businesses. (Think everything east of Woolridge) Please don't make the Midlothian village area another Hull Street! If you are going to let big retailers and grocers build more (unnecessary) stores, they should stick to a set of standards that are aesthetically pleasing. Please don't ruin the village strip.
43	I like the affordability and history of the area.
44	Convenient to all three schools, a library, 288 and lots of shopping, 2 health clubs, JTCC!
45	I like the schools and that there are some stores that are local business only.
46	The "village" feel with sidewalks and local businesses (wish we had more!). Convenience yet nice neighborhoods with trees and privacy. Good school system-- keep this as a priority! That its not too overcrowded or horribly high traffic.
47	Small Town feel....sense of community....green space--stop building on every parcel of tree and land...designate more parks/community spaces
48	Family-friendly
49	Green spaces.
50	The diversity. Midlothian village area has a small-town feel with nicer architecture. I like my neighborhood. People trust each other and are nice and understanding. There are few problems, little to no violence. There is a nice pool and a beautiful library. My kids are in a good daycare and the schools are great.
51	Keep the trees
52	I love the amount of homeschoolers and love the parks. I would love even more if the parks had some things for homeschoolers during the week.



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53	The parks. Love the trails and playgrounds
54	I have lived in Midlothian since 1988 and I think it is a great community. I love the nature trails, play area's and shopping centers. However, I'd love to see an outdoor mall built in Chesterfield similar to Short Pump. Also, I'd love to see a sprayground added to a few of the county parks. A sprayground would be great for children in the summer time. Also, it would be great if the overcrowded schools were redistricted and a new school was built.
55	Spread out. No big central area
56	Small town feel
57	More shopping
58	The small businesses
59	It's charm, especially in the village,
60	Small local owned businesses. Original homes like Crab Louies, Bass Store. Salisbury Drive. Parallel Feeder roads like Westfield Rd.
61	Ease of traffic, keeping trees and forest spaces (instead of paving over them for more shopping).
62	I love that the commerce areas are in distinct places, and that here and there are little restaurants and shops, but that largely there isn't a ton of commercial real estate throughout the city and in the residential areas. This seems to help with traffic.
63	The sidewalks are wonderful. More shops at "the ironworks"
64	Safe, clean, strong community feel
65	All the points above that are currently working. We have many of these covered, but the safety should always be a priority and the level of involvement would be a good place to enhance because it would impact all the other aspects.
66	Walk ability, connect walking trails throughout communities
67	The Midlothian Mine trails.
68	sidewalks and paths connecting neighborhoods to parks and trails
69	We love the location, how many parks and playgrounds that are near us, the YMCA, and the value of homes.
70	The local businesses,
71	Green space, small neighborhoods
72	Even though Midlothian is growing it is still a tight nit community.
73	I love that we make an effort to include more sidewalks and are enhancing our parks.
74	Not that is can change, but I do like the location. I like that is not Short Pump/Broad Street Rd. and I do not wish to see the Midlothian area become that.
75	Not sure. Don't know the area well enough.
76	Our schools are very important and they need to be maintained inside and OUTSIDE. Our schools need to have beautiful grounds that our community can be proud of.
77	I think playgrounds should be enhanced. I would love to see a splash pad similar to what twin hickory park has in henrico.

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78	Trees... Midlothian Turnpike did a horrible job years ago, but it is coming back... Hull Street is trying to maintain the green, but cutting corners and loopholes, like Haley Toyota cutting up the trees they had to keep, needs to be reigned in better.
79	Small town feel
80	History, family Oriented
81	Love the parks and paths through the woods, and the pond area along Woolridge road and Midlothian mines park. Love the village feel as you drive past Midlothian on rt 60. Love the historic information and preservation.
82	Trees!! Not over populated like short pump which in turn keeps the traffic down. People live in this area because they do NOT want all the hustle and bustle like the west end.
83	The parks
84	It still has a village feel to it.
85	Parks and sidewalks
86	Great schools, lots of happy families
87	We have good accessibility to food stores, malls, and medical care. We currently have some natural areas and parks. Some of the natural areas are starting to diminish with continued growth. With the addition of town homes and apartments, the schools and roadways are starting to become over crowded. I think we need to cease continued growth in our area.
88	Parks, lakes/ponds, natural surroundings, family atmosphere
89	Parks
90	I like the ease of getting around and access to stores/restaurants/natural beauty.
91	The value of Midlothian is that it is a small town near a metropolitan area. Continued development in Midlothian is ruining the small town atmosphere. We can not turn into a Short Pump or a Northern Va type area with too many stores and too much traffic.
92	I like that it's family-friendly, low-crime, clean and there are parks, good shopping and restaurants. Great schools.
93	It's a nice and quiet neighborhood
94	Well its too late to keep the trees
95	Beautiful architectural standards, few/no car dealerships, smaller shopping centers/retail with unique stores
96	Clean, safe, family oriented, history, access to variety of services
97	Excellent schools, small town feel with amenities
98	Its herritage and forest
99	Good traffic patterns, lots of greenery, good schools, lots of commercial options.
100	It has a small community environment
101	There are parks and recreation areas
102	There are good schools
103	Midlothian Mines Park; the library; easy access to grocery, retail, and entertainment vendors and to 288; quiet neighborhoods; safety of area

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104	I was a bit sad to see how the development of the new shopping strip (Wegman's anchor) has effected the aesthetic leading into the Village of Midlothian. I am aware, however, that accommodations had to be made for the increase in traffic leading to the area. The hometown feel of the area makes it appealing and we enjoy being so close but yet not necessarily feel as if we are.
105	Core values, great schools, caring teachers, caring community leaders.
106	High quality single family homes -- NO MORE MULTIFAMILY or TH.
107	The parks. We do not have enough of them.
108	Small town centered feel. Sycamore Square provides this identity. A sense of identity and ownership of that history. Identity also means pride in history of area, high schools, traditions particular to Midlothian, ease of life (the joy of being able to tell someone why we moved to Midlothian and recruiting friends to move, too).
109	Sycamore Square, midlothian turnpike from McDonald's to Kroger
110	The small village appeal that is most closely seen in the retail areas like Sycamore Square.
111	Small town feel
112	Plethora of activities in the vicinity including shopping, parks, movie theaters, restaurants, office space, etc and master-planned communities that are aesthetically pleasing and elevate home values within the entire Midlothian area.
113	No tall buildings and the architecture of the current buildings
114	Business development has generally been handled in a logical, appealing way. Great schools. Many independent businesses. Good service variety.
115	Don't know yet
116	Ease of getting around---low traffic congestion (except for Winterfield Rd), not overcrowded (yet).
117	Trees! I do not want to see this turn into how the other end of Midlo looks. The Sycamore Square area is a good example of how trees were preserved, sidewalks, and streetlights, to keep it looking like a town and not a highway. Keep family centered things coming and families will stay - daycares, the Y, ACAC, art and ballet, music classes, the new Ovation theater, for example.
118	History, controlled continuous development, business availability, and homeowner tidiness. I like the previous list, but we need a bit more control (the mess made of of Winterfield) and challenge to more property tidiness.
119	My neighborhood
120	The sense of community and the architectural standards that we have had through the years.
121	More parks and open spaces.
122	More bike lanes/wider
123	Nice well maintained neighborhoods, good schools and convenient shopping.
124	Quaintness
125	Great schools
126	Park system should be enhanced.

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127	The village ideas
128	The village could be a great place for people to show, mingle and eat. However, I think it is vital that we get some new businesses in there to really create a new vibe.
129	Midlothian parade
130	sycamore square shops
131	the local (non-chain) restaurants that we have
132	the Trees / wooded areas
133	Prohibition of more grocery stores, car dealers, apartments
134	Small town feeling.
135	The colonial style building design. i.e. sycamore square and coalfield commons development. In favor of larger multi-story buildings if done right with appropriate building design.
136	The trees are great. Too many suburban areas were clear cut and many of the areas in Midlothian still have great trees.
137	There is good involvement at the schools.
138	There are some community events and traditions (ex. fall festival, the flags on certain holidays, the luminaries in Salisbury)
139	The housing is more up-scale
140	Not a lot of industrial use areas. It is more family and residential focused.
141	Good community involvement in schools.
142	I like the libraries and schools keep them in good shape. No more strip malls. I like the main street of the Viillage on Midlothian Tp. Keep sidewalks and street lights I like Sycamore Square keep it going don't let it go under and be vacant and rotting. Same thing about Martin's on Charter Colony. don't let that store go empty when Martins leaves. Try to get another business in there.
143	-Try to keep some architectural/design standards and not too much development along Midlo Tpk to keep control on traffic.
144	The open spaces and beauty. I love being close to the country and have the conveniences. Please dont allow the overdevelopment at Brandermill and Genito.
145	Good schools. Easy access to roads. Moderately low commercialization when compared can to short pump.
146	Suburban feel with more of a quieter area
147	The village feel. We have enough "mega" shopping centers with the addition of Wegmans and Westchester commons. Please don't banish the village of Midlothian to the same fate!
148	Great schools, low crime
149	I like the "village feel" of Midlothian. I think it's rare. I just don't want a ton of chain restaurants/stores taking over. That will take away from the quaint feeling that Midlothian has.
150	Safety, family, fun
151	Midlothian has fantastic schools and should continue to invest accordingly which is what attracts constituents.

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152	Most new commercial and residential developments are building sidewalks and bike lanes to adapt to changing transportation methods among younger demographics. Midlothian should continue but also look at older development for potential improvements. (Similar to what bon air has done within their community)
153	Midlothian has not overbuilt yet. The investment into Midlothian Coal Mine Park is important but we still don't have enough green space for families to visit. Parks are very important to all generations and we should continue to look for opportunities.
154	I love the feel of the original Midlothian area. We live in an older area directly behind Salisbury Square and it would be a shame to destroy that small town feel in exchange for the congestion and overuse of the 360 corridor area.
155	The enforcement of the buildings staying within the village look.
156	the "main street". I like that between Kroger and walmart we have preserved the feeling of a small town.
157	Small town/rural feel
158	Village is such a nice area, like the trees, sidewalks
159	Small town values.
160	The history, landscape...keeping trees, etc.
161	I value teachers and other staff, like bus drivers, aides, custodians, librarians, public safety officers, and retired citizens who have helped build this community. I am upset that our teachers are leaving this county at a turnover rate of 10%. They are THE reason why our schools are rated so well.
162	Mid-Lo Mine History
163	More areas with shops and restaurants.
164	The history and small town feel
165	Historic feel
166	The sense of history and of standing apart from generic urban and suburban sprawl. Many of the highly desirable areas in the Richmond metro region - the fan, libby/grove, the west end, church hill - share this trait.
167	More neighborly things like sidewalks
168	It's NOT Richmond!
169	Schools / educators
170	Up until recently it seemed as though growth i.e housing development were under control but recently the developments of apartments, town homes and houses has seemed to explode. I would suggest we go back to a controlled growth.
171	Greenspace should be enhanced. Possibly by having the developers not only put land aside within there developments but the county also purchase additional land in large parcels for the betterment of the greater community, and not just the developers immediate parcel. Examples of large parcels would be Robious Landing and Midlothian mines in Midlothian.

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172	The rich history and natural environment would be my chief areas for preservation and enhancement. I think development, especially residential, should have a focus on ways to conserve the soil and water. Run-off, because we are a Chesapeake Bay Watershed, is a huge concern and should be addressed in all new development or revitalization projects.
173	Strengthening our travel and tourism could be a boon to the overall economic growth and stability of the community and county at large.
174	Sycamore square needs to be up scaled
175	Parks could be enhanced and sidewalks could be connected.
176	the shopping centers on Midlothian are great little areas that make Midlothian feel like a small town
177	Midlothian has a historic background which should be preserved. The core is the village proper, but has become a hodge poge of good and bad. Sycamore Square needs space to be filled. There is a need to decide how we maintain the history as well as an active place to live and play. We need no more big grocery stores, no new buildings until the old ones have been filled.
178	The village architecture should be modernized to attract young adults to the area. Some of the older buildings need a facelift. The addition of stone to new buildings has been great. I enjoy the street lights in the Village of Midlothian. I appreciate the low crime rate in Midlothian and a sense of safety. The addition of Wegmans has been great.
179	Village feel

Online Input Questionnaire	
What would you change about Midlothian?	
1	Less large business' more community owned places, weekend farmers market.
2	* More maintenance of the green spaces. For example, I travel down Woolridge Road daily and the median strips and areas near the sideways are poorly maintained. Just needs regular mowing.
3	* Add cross walks: Our area is very walkable, but we lack cross walks.
4	* Reduce neighborhood cut throughs: I live in Queensmill and my road has become a frequently traveled road (at usually high speeds) to get to Lucks Lane and 288.
5	* Better restaurant options: Don't want to go downtown for a locally owned restaurant that is unique
6	More sidewalks. Another park
7	Lower real estate taxes.
8	Too spread out. Village area needs to be denser and more urban village
9	More alternative parallel routes to bypass traffic on Hull Street Rd.
10	Better traffic control. make it more friendly to pedestrians and cyclists.

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11	Congestion and poor turning lanes at Coalfield/Route 60 intersection. Difficult egress into and out of Midlothian Middle School. VERY poorly designed intersection where Winterfield meets Route 60. The stretch of route 60 between Coalfield/Winterfield is very ugly on the north side. West bound route 60 needs a right turning lane onto Winterfield Road. Sycamore square is old and tired.
12	As said, more roads to connect with Midlothian Turnpike and Hull to help with traffic.
13	Extend Woolridge Road to accommodate all the residents who will be moving into all those new houses. They need a quicker way to get over toward Rt. 288 and Midlothian Turnpike.
14	Put much more greenery/flowering shrubs along middle and sides of our roadways.
15	Monitor roads for trash removal. Use strict, hefty fines for those that litter.
16	Provide more small neighborhood parks with benches/trees/flowers.
17	I would like more sidewalks, even along Route 60. Shopping needs to be friendlier, safer, and more accessible. I would like it to be more walking and biking friendly. I am VERY UPSET that so many groceries stores have been allowed to build/expand in the area. Martin's built a huge new store directly across the street from their old space, which now sits vacant. Then Wegman's just built a store down the street, and Kroger is expanding. Anyone with an ounce of common sense knew that the area could not support these stores. Now Martin's new store is scheduled to close. Completely unacceptable.... please, whatever you do, don't allow more of our undeveloped land to be squandered by developers. There is plenty of unoccupied commercial space that can either be occupied or redeveloped by these people. Once this land is gone it's pretty much gone forever. No thanks.
18	Wide lanes to improve speed flow. Reduce or eliminate bike traffic. It is dangerous.
19	Stop trying to cram houses in every square acre of land. Getting rid of the County Board of Supervisors. Stop the County Board of Supervisors from making decisions about areas in which they do not live.
20	Get rid of old signage. Establish a signage exchange incentive program. Partner with local sign shops so local business benefits from the incentive program. Ask Scenic Virginia if they are interested in piloting a program in Midlothian. The program should include approaches to Midlothian not just the village area.
21	Slow traffic through the village area and make it pedestrian & bicycle friendly.
22	Create opportunities to cross Midlothian safely.
23	fill in those vacant small shopping centers

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24	midlothian (and chesterfield county) seems to be expanding at an enormous place. it is as if everything involving construction is rubber-stamped. homes are built on top of each other with no regard to expanding schools or other infrastructure. at some point all the land will be built on and midlothian will become northern va. it will become crowded. prices of homes will go up dramatically.
25	Add more running trails
26	I would love for the village area to have a more intimate feel. Buried utilities, nicer landscaping, and more commerce. However, the boundaries shouldn't be too broad. The village is, realistically, between Old Buckingham and Charter Colony.
27	I am not sure it can maintain it's "village" quality as development along Midlothian Turnpike continues
28	Empty stores in the shopping centers
29	Stop lights...more flashing left turn lights and making some side road lights stay green longer on Hull St
30	Increase red light enforcement
31	Make it more walkable/bikeable. Add a community/rec center to the Library area. Create more/ greater number of public green-space. Add innovative public transportation for accessibility.
32	Add an arts center between Walmart and woolridge rd
33	Since 288 was built short pump area has been growing at a faster pace than Midlothian due to the residents in Midlothian lacking access to any modern/up to date retail and entertainment areas...besides the shopping center with Wegmans and the westchester shopping center even then, that is very out of the way and more convenient to Powhatan residents.
34	Less sprawl
35	County could work with planning about getting more businesses to fill the open tenant spaces.
36	More walking and bike lanes/trails
37	More integration of businesses and restaurants and parks within living communities.
38	In our case since we live in the town itself, Route 60 has become a super highway that has become extremely dangerous. The speeds of the vehicles traveling on this road is just crazy. We need to move the 45 out past Westchester Commons, and extend the 35 in both directions. And then actually patrol the road so people actually feel safe. Sidewalks are a joke on the main drag. Cars flying by you at all sorts of speeds prohibit any comfort level of enjoying a walk through the town.
39	More sidewalks along Midlothian and Old Buckingham Road, and add greenways along creeks similar to what Charlotte, NC did.
40	A greenway for biking and jogging would be amazing!!



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41	Needs more parks, sidewalks & trails. In general Chesterfield does not offer sufficient opportunities for healthy outdoor living as is the case in cities in the US West. I live off Watermill pkwy which would be a beautiful road to walk but not possible due to lack of sidewalks. Also, there are NO crosswalks anywhere. County should insist on sidewalks in all subdivisions with trees planted in the devil strips. Would like to see a mini-botanical garden maintained by volunteers & also a dog park. A public hall for lectures, community theatre & musical events would be wonderful. Seems the libraries are not open sufficient hours for people who work. Wish there were a few really good bakeries & cafes/coffee shops (not franchises.) Ensure solar panels are allowed by code & not hindered by hoa regulations Would like to see more diverse building design such as prairie style, contemporary, craftsman. Newer houses are well built but architecture very mediocre with an overabundance of pushouts & elevations
42	(1) Substantially reduce roads-related noise and sight pollution. Transportation developments such as construction of Route 288 and widening of Lucks Lane have markedly increased noise and sight pollution in residential areas. I would like to see a substantial reduction in the level of noise and sight pollution in residential areas related to road traffic.
43	(2) Reduce traffic congestion, traffic volume and the danger from heavy, close-quarters traffic flow on Midlothian Turnpike through the Village of Midlothian and on both ends of the Village of Midlothian on Midlothian Turnpike.
44	Get rid of the chain stores, box stores, unused shopping malls, & chain restaurants.
45	I would stop the developers from flattening every single acre of green space in the neighborhood to build homes and strip malls. I would also add another elementary school. JB Watkins is ridiculously over-crowded. It makes no sense that the county allows for more and more houses to be built. Where will these children go to school!?
46	We need sidewalks!! Some neighborhoods have them, but most do not. And, the ones that do, do not connect to anything else outside of the neighborhood. Or, they are in neighborhoods that most people cannot afford. It was disappointing that a big, progressive chain store like Wegmans didn't include any pedestrian access to the development. It's just another isolated development that you have to access by car. It's surrounded by a neighborhood, but walled off like it's a prison yard. It is a shame that developers leave these vital sidewalk connections out when building residential and commercial areas, just to save a buck. It costs so much more to "retrofit" them later. And by then, most residents fight them being funded by the county, because it will cost too much taxpayer money. Another argument is that we don't need sidewalks because nobody walks, but they don't walk because they can't! These roads are dangerous (Hull Street and Old Hundred Road)! More people would walk if they could. Also, I believe the county should put a sidewalk in wherever a path has been worn in the grass on the side of the road. That shows that there is a need.

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47	Skateparks!! Midlothian also has no skateparks. We need skateparks in the Midlo area, with one down on Hull Street near Woodlake and Brandermill also. There is nothing for kids (or adults) who are into skating, biking, or other sports like that around here, and it's embarrassing.
48	The lack of a walkable downtown, the lack of a town square (perhaps the Mines Amphatheater will be a step in the right direction), the inability of kids to walk or bike to school, no night time activities, route 60 is so busy and loud to walk on. The feeling that the crive of Richmond is moving in...stories about local businesses being robbed, etc. The lack of support for small businesses (small businesses are not allowed to use the library conference rooms because they are "for profit". When did making a modest living by being self employed become a bad thing???)
49	I would like less new homes being built, unless they are tearing down old buildings or even homes that have zero worth or abandoned. The influx of new homes only crowds the great schools, makes traffic a nightmare (even with construction) and depletes our beautiful community of trees.
50	We need more small and local businesses and LESS chain stores!
51	Put in access to 288 from south of Woodlake....alleviate some of the congestion each and every day...
52	Access to Swift Creek reservoir for Chesterfield County residents.
53	I would stop allowing more new construction and stop allowing more grocery stores. It's ridiculous, ruins the ecosystem and is not necessary.
54	I want a stoplight at the intersection of Lucks Lane and West Creek. It's dangerous. I wish the traffic around the mall wasn't so hectic; it seems to be getting worse. I wish it were easier or safer to bike places. I wish there were more sidewalks.
55	More dog parks, a public pool or splash pad, n a park to play n walk
56	Splash pad at one of the public parks. Recognizes some kids don't have school hours at public places. A sledding hill for all the kids to enjoy in the winter.
57	I would add more playgrounds and a sprayground. I would also add more lanes to Hull ST once you go past Woodlake heading towards Amelia County. Also, the stop light at Woodlake has accidents constantly because people run the red light. I would like to see something added for safety here.
58	More parks, sidewalks, splash pads, new places to eat!
59	We need a splash pad, more parks and playgrounds, more free kids play areas!!!!
60	More parks, playgrounds splash pad. Henrico now has several and we have none
61	Spash pads in parks. Toddler friendly areas. Community pools that aren't in neighborhoods.
62	An alternate route to bypass the village for rush hour traffic
63	Big size stores, another elementary school to reduce number of kids at watkins
64	Speed Limit too fast thru village.
65	More Parallel roads like Westfield are needed.

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66	Cut Village Mill Dr thru to Charter Colony.
67	I'm concerned that with the continued growth, it will be as congested as Short Pump. I would love to see more parks with shade provided and splash pads available for the kids. Also, maybe some more venues for the fine arts and different mediums. Maybe a partnership with the VMFA ?
68	A park with a water splash area would be great. Plenty of shade and activities for little ones.
69	There needs to be a stoplight or stop signs (three way stop) at Old Hundred and Watermill. The backup for those turning left onto watermill from old hundred is brutal, and with the upcoming bridge work on Genito, things are going to get worse. I would also LOVE to see a splash pad at one of our local parks. This is such a nice feature for families with younger children who may not be able to afford pool memberships.
70	Keep shops in sycamore square
71	I would add a splash park like the one in Henrico. The county is missing this for its children.
72	Not much. I love living here. I am alarmed at the continuing rate of development and the effect it has on the public school system.
73	Safer walking/biking commute to area restaurants and shopping, more parks. Water park!!!
74	Easier access to local shops and restaurants by foot or bike.
75	decrease school overcrowding
76	I'd love to see a splash park/water park that is free. I'd also add a Trader Joe's somewhere close :-).
77	Stop building strip malls with chain stores in them!!!
78	No more building of neighborhoods or businesses
79	More "water" areas for younger kids to play at, like a splash pad.
80	I, along with many area parents, would love to see a splash pad of some sort to offer families an outdoor free respite over the summer months.
81	There needs to be a nice public park with a water feature (splash pad or pool) that kids can play in. And an awesome big playground.
82	Would love a water/ splash pad park, more kid focused areas that are outside, nature based.
83	Medians and common grass areas would be weed free and grass kept at appropriate height during growing season. The schools need green grass, not dirt and weeds! Midlo needs more sidewalks to encourage safe walking.
84	more playgrounds and a splash pad
85	Stop the dealership expansions on Hull Street, no more Midlothian Turnpikes...
86	More attractions for local families, splash pads, county parks, recreation opportunity
87	Traffic. Lots of strips malls, would like outdoor open mall. We need a splash pad for kids like Glen Allen.

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88	I would make it a little more walk-able. I like the additions of sidewalks and/or bike lanes and paths that I have seen. Safe crossing spaces are needed at intersections if we want to encourage healthy walking and cycling lifestyles.
89	Also, we seem to get these lovely medians in our main roads, with beautiful plantings. However, some months later, the plants are overgrown or dying, and the grass is very rarely cut. So it ends up looking more neglected than it would have without the beautiful median. If we are going to have the beautiful medians, they must also be cared for - either by the county or by some organized citizen groups.
90	I would like midlothian to have a great splash pad/spray park for kids up enjoy in the summer ( ideally with some shade!)
91	Slow down on building developments that take out trees/shade/rural-feel. Add a splash pad to a park, more shade at parks. Free leaf/debris pickup like henrico county offers their residents.
92	Midlothian is not at all a pedestrian friendly community. I would love to see pedestrian crossings on Midlothian turnpike and Woolridge close to library. I would love to see more side walks. We have a nice downtown but not one you can stroll on. I tried to ride my bike from the Grove to Mt Pisgah Preschool to pick up my son and crossing the Turnpike with a bike and a 4 yrs old was very dangerous. Onother time when we first moved here, we rode our bikes to McDonnals to get ice cream. Again, no safe way to cross the turnpike with 4 kids on bikes and I felt like I am taking our lives in my own hands if I wanted to bike or walk near downtown. The library is again a nice place to walk to and we do, but crossing Woolridge is very dangerous. A pedestrian crossing near a public institution like this would make sense to me. Pedestrian crossings would make it possible for kids to bike to the Middle School and High School.
93	The rapid growth recently is scary and will destroy the quaint feeling. Multi family dwellings will overcrowd the schools and infrastructure beyond what the area can handle.
94	Traffic/stop light timing during rush hour.
95	Too much development, crowded schools
96	I like the area as it currently is - no more growth.
97	Some places are not taken care of when driving and the run down shops, tenants and owners should take care of their areas making it more inviting, add more libraries or local parks and more family friendly activities, there are not enough things for kids to do
98	Lack of excellent parks
99	I would like more public parks.
100	I would not change anything, but we are definitely at the max level for development - both for housing and business. We are at a crucial time where we will lose the value of the Midlothian area if we allow further development.
101	Nothing
102	open spaces for the residents to have access and enjoy the lake.

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103	This is pretty much restricted to the Brandermill residents, not open area for the rest of us to enjoy the lake.
104	Legislation should be in place so not everybody has access but yes all the people that pay taxes to this area.
105	NO MORE PEOPLE
106	Bring Trader Joes to the area
107	Lower speed limit on Midlo tpke from 288 to le Gordon. 55 is absurd and dangerous and makes no sense in the context of growth and development. Fewer retail projects. With the next downturn we don't want to have vacant storefronts. Fill in current vacancies like at sycamore square.
108	Add more amenities
109	I would like more sidewalks along the streets and bike trails
110	Widen some of the roads (woolridge, otterdale), build more schools, build a big playground for the children like the Arc park.
111	The road system has not kept up with the growth of new communities.
112	Renovate the library, create more arts and culture opportunities
113	Nothing
114	We need to manage growth. It's getting out of hand and we will soon lose what we have if growth isn't properly managed and also contained. Yes, growth must be contained or we will soon lose our community.
115	would like to see a walkable village
116	Do not allow any other development in the zone.
117	Add crosswalks on Midlothian turnpike increase bike access to stores.
118	Would like to see the common areas kept up as well as the areas in short pump....i.e. Road side landscaping etc.
119	The lack of compelling architecture and strip mall feel that can be found at the American Family site, the Martins, the Food Lion and the Kroger areas. Parking lots should not define the streetscape....buildings should. There also needs to be a median and more crosswalks.
120	Grocery store in Westchester
121	Elevate the school district to the highest of standards, do away with trailers, build adequate facilities for our growing student population.
122	More sidewalks and local restaurants
123	Add more outdoor family and child friendly spaces.
124	Add a town center/commons
125	Less conservative, more diversity. Stop building grocery stores---we have enough. Con't to expand Westchester Commons area (288 and 60)---it has a lot of potential.
126	1 - I'm seeing too many of the same stores every two miles - the new development where Wegmans is, for example, has another party city and petco, there are 3 cvs's within a few miles of each other, etc.
127	2 - Stop cutting down trees and eliminating sidewalks.

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128	3 - The area at the end of Winterfield Rd (near Midlo) needs to be upgraded and is starting to degrade the whole community - if these homes and empty gas station can't be sold, can they be demolished and trees planted and the land sold? Frankly, I have liked in Salisbury for years and don't want to see it turn into a neighborhood with lower community appearance standards or crime coming from the highway/traffic area. Abandoned buildings and homes are asking for trouble and look terrible.
129	Answered previously on 2.
130	The county administration.
131	There are a couple of retail places that do not fit in. Delapidates houses need to be torn down and cleaned up. The roundabout on Winterfoeld Road needs to be removed.
132	Better access and wider bike lanes
133	Less retail or use/remodel existing empty retail spaces
134	Put schools in the subdivisions so children can walk to school. The vast majority of schools are on busy streets.
135	Road medians need better maintenance and beautification. I would like to see uniform mail boxes in Salisbury and other neighborhoods.
136	Lower the speed limit, enforce the speed limit, add lights with flowers and flags. Create more sidewalks, clean up all areas along 60, it should always look clean and beautiful not overgrown and dead.
137	Development around entrance to Salisbury off of winterfield and midlothian
138	Fix sycamore square shopping center. It's a mess. Take a look at the upkeep. Terrible. Turn it into something useful. Maybe mixed use living and commercial like a smaller west broad village.
139	Increase property taxes
140	I think we need to make better use of our buildings and definitely think about our population before schools are built. There is no excuse for a school to be overcrowded within the first few years. If it is, it is just poor planning. Something must be done about Watkins. It is far too crowded to provide the best education for our kids. The remodel was great but it did nothing to provide enough additional classroom space.
141	stop developing so may new strip centers
142	increase walkability and bicycle access (safely get from neighborhood to shops & restaurants)
143	keep the wooded tracts we have and avoid clearing all of the green space
144	increase locally owned shops / restaurants
145	Reroute US 60/Midlothian Turnpike around the village of Midlothian. I now this is pie in the sky and not doable without much money, political turmoil, condemning houses and neighborhoods,etc. but the biggest change experienced in the last 30 years is cars, cars, cars through Midlothian (and the occupants do not live in Midlothian). There is no safe way kids can bike to the village center. See 2 above
146	Eventually need to widen the Turnpike.

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147	Midlothian turnpike is standard Generica (Generic - generic american commercial stoplight development; No creativity) Decrease number of stop lights with roundabouts at intersections. Increase more unique building design.
148	Create a greenway through the community.
149	More community events (farmers market on the weekend? events at Midlo Mines park?)
150	A consistent architectural standard or signage in the public areas can help display and/or reinforce this identity.
151	More playgrounds for young children in the village of Midlothian. Every time a new road is built make sue they put in sidewalks with street lights. A nice bandshell with lots of parking would be nice. Play grounds for children in the village.
152	-need more park areas.
153	-must use an automobile to get anywhere
154	-need more/safer bike lanes
155	Lets rehab what is here instead of building new and leaving the old vacant. Dont build the waterpark at Genito and 288 and Brandermill.
156	Wish there was a town center
157	Add an outdoor gun range nearby, less traffic from too many stores
158	I would add more quality restaurants so that folks don't have to drive downtown for the latest and greatest. Other than Wild Ginger (and occasionally Pescados or Crab Louie's) I don't know of anyone choosing a restaurant in the village of Midlothian for any reason other than convenience.
159	Sidewalks in Salisbury, greenways in the neighborhoods (like in Cary, NC), affordable after school programs in the schools so parents can work. Eliminate septic tanks in neighborhoods. Better recycling programs. Safer bike paths.
160	More unique restaurants that are not "chains" and nicer, kid friendly restaurants that parents enjoy just as much as kids (I get tired of just eating at Chic-Fil-A!). Please add some splash pads/spray grounds! I feel there is a lack of nice, public parks. We go to the same one over and over and most of the playgrounds in the Midlothian area are old and are in desperat need of some updating. More festivals (like what downtown Richmond has)! More sidewalks!
161	Most places to be outside with the entire family. More schools. Right now the schools are overcrowded.
162	Residential/Commercial mix. When comparing Midlothian to Short Pump, Midlothian builds more residential developments than commercial; i.e. attracting good or higher paying for its constituents. I define commercial as better paying jobs not strip malls focusing on grocery stores, gas stations and hair salons (just drive done Midlothian Turnpike). We need good business that will build the tax base instead of relying on property taxes.
163	More Parks and Green Space

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164	Nothing. Chesterfield would be smart to maintain their current business relationships, continue to keep our schools thriving and not over commercialize our beautiful area.
165	The mines park pavilion area...I wish it was used for outdoor family concerts and such. Seems hugely under used and is such a great spot.
166	Not much. I've been here since 2004 after moving from DC. We settled into Charter Colony. We loved this area so much that when we moved we stayed within the midlothian area.
167	Inc greenspace for above. Inc shopping/entertainment areas that are "places to go" not strip malls
168	Less congested on Midlothian tpk. Anchor store (Trader Joes?) where Martins was.
169	Better roads. More business.
170	Nothing. Worry that it may become too built up in time and lose it's quieter charm. We lived in Short Pump before moving to Hallsley so we know we prefer quiet.
171	I would bury the electric lines as construction on roads moves forward. I would install lots of crosswalks and bike lanes. Street lighting is very important, and solar would be the way to go.
172	More restaurants
173	More pedestrian friendly
174	Add more areas for shopping, restaurants and other activities for family. In light of the amount of people moving into this area, we need commercial growth as well.
175	I would make it more walkable and put in a nice park for kids like ARC park in the city
176	More parks with good walking trails, less crowded schools
177	Add higher density developments
178	1. Improve walkability! Sidewalks along winterfield would encourage salisbury residents to walk to the village center and create a more integrated community.
179	2. More public green spaces. Many successful villages, especially in foreign countries, are based around a common town square or park. This encourages people from all walks of life to come together and share in a sense of place. Businesses, restaurants, and housing could surround these central areas. There are beautiful homes that surround the village and add to the historic feel.
180	3. Replace aging strip malls with integrated, walkable, green, multi-use spaces.
181	4. Encourage higher end restaurants and business to come to the village of midlothian.
182	5. Discourage fast food, gas stations, urgent care, convenience stores, and similar businesses from coming into the village of Midlothian.
183	6. Greater emphasis on the history of midlothian (midlothian mines park is a great start!).
184	Have more community things. Walton Park has theirs and Charter Colony has theirs. We need more "Village" things



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185	LESS traffic. Stop issuing building permits. Quit trying to make Chesterfield County like Northern Virginia.
186	As mentioned above the continued growth of housing, to quick to be controable right now-- our roads, utilities etc. just can not keep up without much increased taxes.
187	I would add more pedestrian-safe and friendly sidewalks. These can include cycling access, as well. This may also necessitate a traffic study to reduce the speeds in areas where pedestrian traffic may increase.
188	Upscale shopping and intimate fine dining
189	Improve the ability to walk and bike safely.
190	more sidewalks to encourage people to walk around their community and interact. Encourage small business so that the retail spaces, particularly along Midlothian turnpike, do not sit empty.
191	The proliferation of too many cheaply constructed homes and townhomes. We need more upscale developments. Compare home prices between the Midlothian area versus home prices in Henrico.
192	We moved here from Henrico to Salisbury in 30 years ago. It was a wonderful area to raise our children. Good schools and few neighborhood issues. We moved to Charter Colony because we wanted a first floor bedroom. Our children were out of the house and we wanted less maintenance.
193	I would change the low price, poorly constructed homes that are now being built.
194	Midlothian needs more adult entertainment options. A brewery in the Village of Midlothian area would be a great addition. I would like to see more community events... races (Carmax Tacky Light Run is great), craft beer and food festivals, the addition of an amphitheater to attract well known musicians. I like the idea of adding Waterford Water Park as a destination for family and adult entertainment.
195	The spaghetti bowl of Charter Colony/Woolridge/coalfield

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What are the most pressing issues facing Midlothian over the next 5 - 10	
1	To many large business
2	Schools - overcrowding, maintain strong academic record
3	Traffic - Overcrowding, speeding
4	Property values - can we sustain good values with all the growth and competition
5	Thriving business base with quality service providers, retailers and restaurateurs.
6	School overcrowding and aging.
7	Over crowding of schools. Redistricting is needed
8	Pressures from developers who have a plan for the present, but not a vision for the future that is several decades away.
9	Growth Transportation Multimodal needs

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10	Traffic on Hull Street Road, incursion of crime and low-income families from North Chesterfield/ Richmond area
11	Population growth and managing the traffic.
12	1. Traffic
13	2. Elementary School Capacity - Watkins Elementary overcrowding is deplorable.
14	3. It is still a bedroom community with too many people travelling out of Chesterfield to work
15	More Senior- friendly housing is greatly needed.
16	Need nicer Senior Centers for socialization and activities.
17	Need more roads to accommodate all the new western developments.
18	As mentioned above, the balance between more development and maintaining the feel of the area is very important. You all have allowed so much of the area to be developed, that there isn't much left. Please don't allow the continued development... I don't want this area to turn into what it looks like further down on Route 60. Back in the day people thought that area (Cloverleaf and Chesterfield Town Center areas, as well as everything in between) was great and would never go downhill. Those areas now struggle, even with the redevelopment of the Cloverleaf area. I also see people (not the residents, but those who don't live here) calling for bus routes... don't give in. We don't want them.
19	Dealing with an aging population that can afford new cars and cruises but believe their pickleball, and healthcare should be paid for by others.
20	Having enough resources to serve the existing population. For example Water during times of drought. Oh that's right we had plenty of water to the point you could walk across Swift Creek Reservoir and not get wet! And that was with way less houses and residents than there are currently in Midlothian.
21	Aging population with regard to housing and transportation. Get the hospitals on board with connectivity and trails. The health community gets the idea of healthy living and may be willing to support the bike and pedestrian work needed. Public transportation needs to be a priority!
22	increased traffic
23	some small retailers "folding"
24	utilization of space in schools
25	schools. period. you need to either build more schools or expand current schools. it is disgusting that homes are built and schools aren't (1) expanded or (2) built.
26	Traffic
27	Overcrowding at JB Watkins. Will not be solved any time soon.
28	The increase in traffic from the great development will need to be addressed
29	Growth
30	Urban sprawl
31	Traffic and overcrowding
32	Growth, traffic, gun control

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33	Concerned about density - too much development of very large apartment complexes and commercial space.
34	Growth
35	Beauty
36	The water park potentially bringing in more traffic, reasonably priced new homes
37	Containing the sprawl and flight out west
38	traffic on midlothian turnpike going to Wegman's. School renovations.
39	Road planning to ease the traffic and car accidents
40	Schools. Transportation.
41	controlled growth. We don't want to be like the rest of the Turnpike, a monstrosity of signs, junk and car dealers.
42	Pedestrian friendly amenities.
43	Traffic and congestion on the roads
44	To attract the next generation, will require safe outdoor access for bikers & walkers, (i.e. sidewalks), parks within 2-3 miles minimum, good (not overcrowded) schools. Crosswalks at signaled intersections. Public rec centers. Public transportation a given to attract future generations. Need to think of more affordable housing for young adult singles & young families; right now it's very expensive in the new subdivisions. Plus many houses are too big. How about getting developers to build attractive properties between 1000-1600 sf? What about changing the building code to allow for a tiny house subdivision or community?
45	The most pressing issues facing Midlothian are the issues facing all of Chesterfield County and the central Virginia region -- public safety; social issues and economic dislocation related to socio-economic status; providing quality public K-12 education; balancing economic development and demographic change with maintaining a minimum quality of life; aging population; substance abuse; and providing a minimum social services safety net.
46	The traffic and losing the small town feel.
47	Too much growth and too many homes being built without enough schools to accommodate all of the kids.
48	We need more pedestrian friendly areas, interconnectedness between neighborhoods and commercial areas, and parks that people can walk to and from and feel safe. We need sidewalks and trails. We need more commercial development, and mixed use areas. Cut down the traffic on Hull Street by creating more roads that run parallel to the thoroughfare. Put a traffic light in at the western end of the Kroger Shopping center where the Guitar Center is. Extend Powhite Parkway all the way to Hull Street, and extend Woolridge to Midlo. We need alternate routes to ease the amount of volume on Hull.
49	School crowding at JB Watkins, The sprawl and continued growth, the influx of crime from further east on Midlothian Turnpike. Right wing downward pressure on tax rates which tie the hands of the local government to provide adequate services and facilities. (Yes I am advocating for tax rates that make sense. Sometimes they need to go up a little).

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50	In my opinion there are 3.
51	1) the overcrowding of the schools, more students equals more issues with their education.
52	2) the loss of nature...trees, woods, and even the native animals
53	3) the roads are becoming increasingly busy, they are becoming undriveable and when construction is needed this causes an entirely different issue
54	Overcrowded schools, keeping it from becoming the next "short pump" with high traffic, residential space, keeping Midlothian relevant and home prices stable.
55	school overcrowding...losing quality school teachers because of pay...losing internal support staff due to no pay increases or adjustments in over ten years--you are not keeping up with industry/commercial pay--and you are losing key personnel due to significant lack of pay for performance...
56	Growth. Can be good provided it is done responsibly and sustainably.
57	Growth and overcrowding in schools.
58	Growth, traffic.
59	Neighborhoods being built
60	Community involvement
61	Overcrowding of the schools! We need another High School built to house the new homes that continue to be built in Moseley. The new neighborhoods should have a new High School to prevent Cosby from being so overcrowded. Maybe name it Moseley High School? :) Also Midlothian could use an Olive Garden off of Hull Street and a mall.
62	Keeping business local
63	Growth
64	Growth
65	Traffic
66	Development west of 288 with no school space to put all of these additional kids
67	Traffic. Roads
68	More walkability.
69	Over congestion, overcrowding of schools.
70	School over crowding.
71	Maintaining it's current strengths as mentioned above while managing the population growth, traffic, school and safety.
72	Too many new communities no school or roads to support them
73	Traffic and public transportation.
74	recruiting businesses and creating jobs in Midlothian
75	Overgrowth and not enough school space.
76	Traffic
77	Traffic, population, safety
78	Traffic
79	Overcrowding due to many families moving into the area. Chesterfield is becoming more of a desirable area to younger families.
80	Overcrowding - schools, roads

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81	the roads could become more congested as more things are built and the area grows.
82	Traffic!
83	traffic
84	Growth... as residential development has kicked back into high gear after the 08 - 09 recession, we are seeing wonderful population, and business growth, but with that comes a continuous need for infrastructure improvements and developments. Moving away from some traditional methods, and implementing more advanced and recent technologies, we can maintain, and improve our infrastructure.
85	We need to fix the overcrowding in the schools. A new elementary school needs to be built.
86	School overcrowding, traffic, pollution
87	Overcrowded schools. Over development of residential areas which further the problem of overcrowded schools. Schools drive our property values, and so far this has been a good thing... but it is dangerously close to becoming a liability to live in our overcrowded districts.
88	The overcrowding of schools
89	288 access to those who commute to work, losing school waivers for elementary kids when in-home daycare is used which significantly disrupts/stresses what the child is used to.
90	I think child obesity is an epidemic in our society. Right now 30% of children are overweight. I think that our society is very sedentary and the way our communities are built plays a factor in this. I would love to see cross guards near J B Watkins where we can walk our kids to school, I would love to see safe bike lanes where middle schoolers and high schoolers can ride their bikes to school rather than take a bus.
91	Restrict how many homes can be crammed on top of each other in new construction neighborhoods.
92	Overcrowded schools, growth is too fast, traffic, lack of public transportation.
93	Not enough funding for schools is creating too much pressure on teachers, kids, and parents. Teachers are unhappy and leaving --> schools are not as good --> real estate values decrease --> people leave/sell/stop caring about their community --> crime rates increase --> Midlothian is no longer a family-friendly, happy place to live
94	Continued growth leading to over crowded schools and roadways. I wonder if, at some point, the continued growth will bring down property values.
95	Over crowded schools and damaged roads/highways, roads need expansion
96	Traffic and parks
97	Over crowding in schools
98	Growth - We can't handle anymore growth. It is large enough. There are enough homes, and more than enough businesses. Midlothian should be a true village - we can get everything we need here within a short drive from home, but residents should mostly commute to other areas for their jobs.
99	Urban sprawl and over building, over crowding in the schools
100	Growth of population

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101	More people, grocery stores, banks, car dealerships
102	Growing population and need more schools
103	Overgrowth of retail development. Keeping a sense of community.
104	Keeping schools #1. Keep area safe. Keeping home values up.
105	Dealing with the ever increasing traffic
106	New schools, keeping up with the roads as new communities emerge.
107	Keeping up with the need for new schools to accommodate the increase in the number of communities being built.
108	Expanding the roads to accommodate the increase in the number of communities being built.
109	potential issues with traffic due to increased development in the area (ex: Wegmans)
110	affordability of housing
111	Since it is highly sought, I one of the more pressing issues would be school over population.
112	Again I have to say it's the uncontrolled growth, the removal of trees, foliage, wildlife appearing in our backyards because animals are losing their natural homes.
113	poor zoning choices and bad residential development will cause the area to decline
114	Growth in volume. schools are over crowded. No walkways around the area.
115	Keeping it feeling like a small town while it is growing.
116	Overcrowding at watkins, uncontrolled residential sprawl which results in overcrowding at area schools
117	A lack of effort to control growth and create a great community feel. Please don't allow developers and business needs overwhelm the community feel. The County needs to hire a good planning firm to help as the latest efforts in Midlothian have not defined the village aesthetic in an authentic way.
118	Roads to meet needs
119	we need to address the growing student population and school overcrowding.
120	Keeping out chains
121	Growth and traffic control
122	Housing expansion, overcrowding schools
123	Traffic congestion around Winterfield and 60. The traffic circle area should be redesigned. So many of us do not want Midlothian to become another Short Pump.
124	Maintaining the feel of a village while supporting new, desirable businesses (Westchester is nice, the new Better Med is welcome, but we don't need another PetCo, for example). Think about what stores or business are needed/missing in the area instead of building whatever will pay, and preserve the trees so it maintains the look of a neighborhood, not like Midlo Turnpike. My fear is the progression of cement and building after building, along with crime, will continue to progress west.

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125	Access to quality retail establishments. We would love to have Franco's nearby as well as Wayside Furniture. We have Walmart and Sam's and Costco, and we love them. We need balance.
126	Give me a break!
127	Overcrowding in schools and strict architectural standards.
128	Crime.
129	Overcrowding of schools.
130	Traffic.
131	Congestion along Midlothian Turnpike....too many car dealerships.
132	More vehicles,
133	School overcrowding, apartment additions
134	Route 60 blight just look east. Once very nice now Huguenot back to Chippenham parkway is awful
135	too much urban sprawl and abandoned businesses in westward expansion
136	low income rental properties
137	Bringing in some businesses that are appealing to young families and reducing the crowding in JB Watkins. I am also concerned with the number of grocery stores we have now. They can't all possibly stay in business and when they close, what will happen to the huge store front?
138	not letting development get out of control
139	making accessible paths for pedestrians so we can reduce car traffic
140	Congestion. Maintaining neighborhood schools. Car noise and exhausts.
141	Traffic on US 60.
142	growth with future traffic issues in minor connector roads. More roundabouts vs stoplights.
143	Older commercial buildings being skipped for rehabilitation in favor for new construction.
144	Keep a sense of community while there are increased demands for growth. It will be easy to build more and larger developments. And while there needs to be more growth, it should be smart growth.
145	Maintaining the infrastructure (ex. schools and roads) while the community grows.
146	Crime , we must watch out for our neighbors. Keep up police presence.
147	Empty and neglected stores. I do not like to see vacant properties that encourage crime.tEAR THEM DOWN or get new tenants.
148	-uncontrolled development and traffic
149	-school crowding/funding
150	DONT BUILD THE WATERPARK AT 288 and GENITO. LIFE WILL BE A NIGHTMERE. THE TRAFFIC AND NOISE WILL RUIN OUR COMMUNITY. We need more money in the school budgets.
151	Redistricting of schools. Over development. Increased commercialization.
152	Traffic and overdevelopment
153	School overcrowding. From what I understand, Watkins is a mess thanks to the development of Hallsley.

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154	Maintaining the real estate values; maintaining and developing neighborhoods so they attract people moving to the area. Greenways and sidewalks will improve the appeal of the area. Provide affordable after school programs in the elementary schools to allow parents to work.
155	Overcrowding of schools, too much traffic on the turnpike
156	Overcrowding of schools, too much development without proper planning.
157	Residential/Commercial mix. Stop the focus on strip malls. I look at Chesterfield Mall as the next Cloverleaf Mall. We keep heading out west and build more strip malls with Wegmans and Martins. Lets increase the tax base by attract out of state businesses that provide well paying white collar jobs.
158	Attracting Millennials - This generation wants to walk or have a short commute to work. They don't want to live in the suburbs and work 20 miles away. They have more connection with social responsibility than past generations and support a better enviornment.
159	Overbuilding
160	Over crowded schools. So much residential growth and yet no more schools or fire houses.
161	Overcrowding of schools. With more and more developments being made, schools will be overcrowded.
162	Keeping up with growth--better roads/schools/community trails
163	Meeting needs of all the new people moving into new houses while keeping the small town/village feel.
164	Growth patterns and appropriate management of growth.
165	Watkins overcrowding
166	School capacity. It is THE most pressing issue now, and has been for decades. It is shameful, and may be criminal, the way that the school board has wasted tens of millions of dollars and NOT made building schools a priority! There has been NO accountability. Public transportation will be needed more than ever, especially as the population ages.
167	overcrowded school system
168	older housing stock
169	older commercial structures
170	Need for more schools, wider roads in some areas (eg Rt 60/old hundred Rd)
171	Over crowding, traffic, adapting to make it a place that families want to move to instead of the west end
172	Crowded schools
173	Road congestion and growth
174	1. Suburban sprawl and the loss of a village feel that sets it apart from the rest of chesterfield county.
175	2. Reluctance of many Chesterfield residents to invest in the future of the county. Change requires investment.



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176	3. Inability to attract bright, young professionals and their families. The county is aging, and it is of paramount important to attract young, educated, professional families to the area. I am a physician at VCU and inevitably when we have a new young doctor move to the region with his/her family, they are not shown houses in chesterfield unless they specifically ask to do so. For better or worse, the perception of chesterfield in the Richmond metro area is that it is old, regressive, and lacking in culture. It is absolutely crucial that this change if the county wants to maintain its tax base and grow into the future. The fact is that midlothian is a fine community that has the potential to be the best place to live near richmond. Many young professionals, however, are looking for things like bike and walking trails, green space, unique restaurants, local culture, and a sense of place (e.g. church hill, the fan, libby/grove, the west end). A suburb of cookie cutter neighborhoods and strip malls connected by fast, unwalkable roads is not going to attract millennials.
177	Unchecked growth for a bigger tax base. You lose the "village" concept. Control growth on Midlothian turnpike. We don't need every burger shop nor a drug store on every corner.
178	Too much traffic. Insufficient non-retail jobs.
179	Growth
180	The most pressing issues are roads, schools and thoughtful development that does not over-burden existing or planned infrastructure.
181	Midlothian is unsightly
182	Pressing issues include education, obesity and crime.
183	What is going to happen to the new Martin's Store once Martin's leaves. Will that shopping center survive?
184	A plan to preserve the Historic areas and to change the zoning for building to conform to this area.
185	The need to attract a younger demographic. Ensuring home values steadily increase. Ensuring the Midlothian school systems continue to receive high marks. Attracting new jobs and retaining employers in the area.
186	School overcrowding, staying relevant in comparison to other inner suburbs (west end)

Online Input Questionnaire	
In 25 years, I want Midlothian to be recognized for...	
1	Sense of community
2	A classic, sustainable, well built community
3	A great place to raise a family and / or retire
4	Being the best neighborhood
5	A family oriented safe community
6	A sense of place
7	Being a destination that people want to visit and live.
8	1. Great schools
9	2. Outdoor opportunities

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10	.....its great quality of life; for its beautiful landscaping all around; and for its high marks for health, education and safety.
11	Character, history, small town feel, being a nice place to live with shopping close by but not everywhere, and green spaces.
12	Low taxes. Reasonable cost of living, especially housing, and limited government.
13	Not wasting so much of the taxpayers money on projects that do nothing to protect the quality of life in the county. Residents of this county are stuck paying for everything in this county not once but twice. We pay to have county dump sites and then we have to pay to even use it. You have to pay to recycle then the county makes money from the recycled items. So why Recycle? No one on my street recycles. What a waste.
14	Chesterfield/Midlothian will be known for its walkability, safe neighborhoods, excellent schools, and diverse population. The county will be known as a great place to raise a family, enjoy the out of doors in cool parks and learn about history. It will be the community where you can leave your car at home because there is awesome walking and biking connectivity and public transportation. Chesterfield/Midlothian will be a great place to grow up, go to school, work, raise a family, enjoy outdoor recreation and retire. Chesterfield/Midlothian can be all this to all our families.
15	walking paths
16	restaurants (local pubs)
17	unique shop run by small business owners
18	It's schools and smart land use
19	Education, quality work force, support of employers.
20	As the best community for raising a family
21	Low crime, great schools
22	Preserving the history
23	Great schools and a great community
24	Schools
25	High quality schools and businesses, many parks, friendly, cooperative people, accessibility.
26	"Small" community feel
27	Community
28	For having happy residents, and also have desirable and positive characteristics for Way of life.
29	Great schools
30	small town feel that's walkable and family friendly with plenty of amenities nearby.
31	Small Town appeal. Excellent place to raise a family.
32	Healthy lifestyles.
33	A nice place to live and enjoy with consistently high real estate value because it would be a valued area to settle in.
34	Being a model for a pedestrian friendly suburban community.
35	Being a green community with lots of opportunities to be active in nature.

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36	Promoting physical & mental health for all residents in a beautiful & diverse environment. Great access to schools, libraries, parks. The ability to walk - & not drive - via sidewalks, crosswalks, public trails. For those of limited means, affordable, safe & attractive housing for renters & buyers. Multiple pocket parks & a few public parks dedicated to mini vegetable farming & bee-keeping. Support for upcoming environmental technologies
37	I want all of Chesterfield County and the central Virginia region to be recognized for public safety; providing quality public K-12 education; providing a minimum social services safety net; and balancing economic development and demographic change with maintaining a minimum quality of life.
38	Being the place to get away from typical suburban lifestyles.
39	For being a wonderful place to raise a family.
40	Pedestrian friendly access to everything, affordable housing, diversity of people including race, sex, age, religion, wealth, and sexual orientation.
41	Excellent schools, beautiful neighborhoods, quaint and lively downtown.
42	It's natural beauty and that it is a great place to live, due to the schools, activities and its small town feel.
43	support of small businesses, family oriented, top rated schools
44	Small town excellence...rural character in a suburban environment...community and family friendly...excellent schools and staff...
45	The best small town to live in in Virginia.
46	Being a great place for families to live, shop and work.
47	A family friendly place where activities occur
48	Community involvement
49	the beautiful playgrounds, nature trails and being a safe place to live and raise your family.
50	Family
51	Close knit community
52	Outdoor family fun
53	Its history
54	Education, great neighborhoods, community feel
55	Train depot needs to be recreated. See Chesterfield 5 Villages concept.
56	A location that maintains a high level of amenities and established neighborhoods and a low level of crime and traffic congestion.
57	Best neighborhoods and schools.
58	Safe. Family community
59	Safe and fun place to raise a family
60	Maintaining a small hometown feel, with a well kept community that values community involvement and has evidence of that. An active parks & rec, music and athletic scene.
61	Diverse area with great schools and a common "downtown" area with free festivals and events that are accessible by walk or bike from all communities.
62	Since of community.
63	great schools and healthy lifestyle

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64	Excellent schools and home values.
65	Family oriented
66	Great neighborhoods
67	It's family friendly areas.
68	Great schools, great parks, safety, a great place to raise a family in general.
69	Its beauty and comfort right outside RVA.
70	Outdoor activities, festivals, community togetherness
71	Quaint, safe, friendly community with excellent schools and great Restaurants!
72	A world class educational system, coupled with safe and beautiful thriving communities supported by state of the art infrastructure and national leading parks.
73	Sense of community, outstanding schools and children's programs
74	Preserving the smallish town feeling without trying to compete with short pump.
75	A healthy place to live, with a vibrant downtown, where people are encouraged to be outdoors.
76	Not being overcrowded like the far west end has become.
77	Being a great, walkable community.
78	Happy, healthy families
79	A community feel and a great place to raise kids
80	Beauty, keeping its natural surroundings, being a safe family friendly community to live with outstanding schools
81	It's amazing parks and family friendly nature.
82	The best quality of life in the country! :)
83	We drew a hard line against future development. We kept the population and density low. The schools were able to handle all the students and weren't overcrowded.
84	Great schools, low crime
85	Preserving the nature
86	A cute LITTLE town
87	Good schools, safe place for a family
88	Great quality of life, sense of community
89	Being the best small town to live in
90	I want it to be recognized for its ease to move around and its greenspace
91	Great schools, good real estate value, close communities.
92	Good schools
93	Contolled growth that does not destroy the sense of community
94	the same thing it was known for 25+ years ago...it's great schools and communities!
95	Being a top 10 All American town, yes a town, not a city
96	good schools, strong established neighborhoods, amenities and atmosphere
97	Its small community atmosphere.
98	Great schools, quality of life, walkability and bike trails, green areas, sense of community
99	Top ten towns to live in

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100	A wonderful, walkable retail area with residential interspersed. There should be community green space with a performance area for concerts, etc. Trees should be everywhere, with bike paths, bike racks, sidewalks, etc. Parking decks should be considered rather than large surface lots. Sustainability and the environment should be targeted and LEED certifications should be encouraged.
101	Outstanding schools, beautiful communities and subdivisions, a place to come together with friends, family and neighbors alike.
102	It's ability to bring people of the community together
103	Family-oriented, safe community, great schools, being beautiful and clean
104	#1 place to raise a family
105	A great place to live, low crime, clean, diverse and affordable.
106	Family friendly, safe place to live. Easy commute to downtown or Short Pump. Village feel with close access to shopping, business, and medical care. Property values increasing.
107	Middle income housing and schools and shopping - the wealthy? Sure! the crafts? Double sure. Let's have a community with collars of all types living and working together.
108	Won't live here then.
109	Being a well planned community with modern schools and well maintained roads and medians.
110	Safe, friendly community with outstanding schools and neighborhoods.
111	Excellent schools and neighborhoods.
112	Best communities to live in. We have the best schools now to continue to make shopping walking running easier.
113	Retention of home values, schools
114	Upscale beautiful village that has preserved it's colonial look yet invites new business. Sort of a Midlothian Cary town
115	a wonderful place to live in the suburbs of Richmond
116	being a community that feels like family.
117	being a unique, beautiful, ecologically aware and friendly community, not just another collection of strip centers and big box stores
118	Good schools. Clean safe neighborhoods. Strong property values.
119	A great place to live and raise children.
120	Unique place upon entry with colonial architecture and unique opportunities to shop, work, and have fun outside or at commercial destinations.
121	An attractive place for families.
122	A community that comes together and has thing for all ages, children and teenagers and senior citizens.
123	-Smart growth
124	Not overdeveloping and keeping the beauty and charm of our community. Lets rehab what is here instead of vacating the older infracture.
125	High property value. Still wooded lots. Doesn't feel like short pump.
126	Quiet living

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127	It's community feel, friendly people, attractiveness, beautiful, well kept neighborhoods with character that have stood the test of time, great restaurants, great schools. Please don't make Midlothian another Short Pump! We escaped Northern VA to avoid the congestion and sprawl of places like Tysons Corner- I consider Short Pump the "Tysons Corner" of Richmond.
128	Schools, safety, great neighborhoods, real estate growth.
129	A family-friendly area that feels like a small town but with the ammenities of a city!
130	Great education, family friendly, safe, clean.
131	its sense of purpose, connection to its History, great schools, a great place to work and play. Finally, I want Midlothian to be in the publications Top 25 places to live and raise a family or retire.
132	Maintaining beauty, great schools and neighborhoods, keeping families in the area.
133	It's small town feel
134	Place to go with as much nature/entertainment as Richmond
135	Family community, schools, activitirs
136	Best place to live with excellent schools, business and living communities.
137	Lifestyle-solid, good lifestyle with class
138	Diversity, job opportunities, quaint village and not turn into big box stores or way too many grocery stores, and taking care of our community. Chesterfield County as a whole will kill the economy if it remains a Tea Party/ "conservative" haven. MOVING FORWARD, not backward. Many citizens believe that elitist developers control this county, behind the scenes. I don't want a town full of churches and restaurants, and not much else. A welcoming community, that has some tourist potential and connectivity, will sustain Midlothian into the future. The Midlothian Mines is phenomenal, and the developer of THAT should be encouraged to do more. His building near the library is gorgeous, and it would be amazing if Midlothian was known for architecture! I would like to see more encouragement of historic structures. As an example, go see that State Farm building in front of Kroger. That business owner restored that structure and it is neat. This county has some great programs and is definitely moving in a positive direction. The county has some really amazing employees, and as representatives of the county have done a wonderful job, especially with trying to involve citizens in plans. In particular, the Bike & Trails Plan is fantastic and I have personally been to several meetings with a ton of positive input
139	great place to live.
140	mix of uses
141	revitalized older structures blended with a mix of new.
142	mix of residents
143	mix of businesses
144	The sense of community, quip notched schools, activities galore, and safety.
145	Being a great place to raise a family
146	Best in class schools and best places for outdoor activities like biking and hiking
147	It's historic district and tourism

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148	Being a distinct village with a unique, community feel, with walkable streets, common green spaces, unique businesses and restaurants, and a sense of integration that makes it the most desirable place for young, educated, professional families to move to and become part of a community.
149	Happy people, good schools with parent involvement and peaceful living. Let the west end be themselves. Remember, " South of the James by invitation only."
150	Not having been out of control in the first part of the century, and someone to just say "man those folks really knew what they were doing back in the early part of the century.
151	it's award-winning tourism and beautifully conserved spaces.
152	Storm community presence
153	Being a community that is easy to get around by using multiple options (not just focused on driving cars).
154	Small town feel with all the amenities of a great suburban area.
155	A place that people want to live in Midlothian because of its excellent schools, its recreational facilities, walking trails and buildings that fit into the historic area.
156	I want Midlothian to be recognized for its sense of community. A place where all of your amenities can be found. Great restaurants, shopping, great schools, strong local economy. It will be the gem of Richmond suburbs.
157	Maintaining village feel and ease of use while accommodating and embracing diversity

**Online Input Questionnaire**

**Do you belong to any community groups or organizations?**

1	WCA
2	Yes.
3	No.
4	Yes: Brandermill Community Association Community Services Committee; Swift Creek Middle School, Membership Chair; Clover Hill High School, Hospitality Chair.
5	Not at the time. Suggest you reach out to the seniors at the few Senior Centers that we have.
6	Thanks for what you are doing and it is excellent to ask for ideas. I do wish one of our executives would visit Raleigh and Cary, NC to see firsthand, and to obtain ideas on how they are able to keep their communities looking so fabulous. Rt. 40 is especially well-landscaped, and their residential areas are meticulously landscaped with decorative shrubs, flowers, etc.
7	Again, thanks.
8	Salisbury Homeowners Association.
9	Tarrington Homeowners Association

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10	Thankfully, no. We have no housing associations in my subdivision or community groups. Besides we have the County Board of Supervisors, no need to complicate things anymore than they are already.
11	I do...the Chesterfield Education Foundation.
12	Winfree Memorial Preschool
13	Rotary, chamber, (but not in Midlo.) Maybe come to the library
14	Pta
15	I tried finding some community groups and organizations to be apart of, but we lack that resource as well.
16	Swift Creek Elementary PTA
17	Brandermill Community Association
18	no
19	I would like to part of any group that advices and assists you in your planning.
20	No. I'd like to join though.
21	No
22	Yes, I belong to some community groups and organizations.
23	N/A
24	The Charter Colony Neighborhood Association, Walton Park Woman's Club.
25	Church
26	I live in The Grove, I am a member of the Midlo High PTA. Not on the board of either. My husband is a small business owner.
27	Neighborhood associations, PTSO, Sports Boosters...Boy/Girl Scouts
28	No
29	Weaver Athletic Association, Girl Scouts,
30	The Friends of the Library.
31	Babywearing groups and homeschool groups!
32	Woolridge Elementary PTA member, Woodlake neighborhood association, Woodlake UMC church member, YMCA member.
33	.
34	No
35	MBA
36	Providence PTA
37	MOPS group
38	Boys Scouts, Virginia Association of Behavior Analysts, Autism Society, Down Syndrome Society of Greater Richmond Area
39	PTA, neighborhood association
40	PTA
41	JB Watkins PTA, Charter Colony HOA, several local moms' groups.
42	Stonehenge Civic Association
43	MOPS at swift creek Baptist church
44	Ask Midlothian Moms is an active Facebook group with over 3,200 members.
45	The Virginia Rose AML Foundation
46	Mercy Mall
47	Church of the Nazarene
48	PTA



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49	Midlothian moms, an informal group on Facebook
50	I belong to The Grove HOA and the J B Watkins PTA and the YMCA
51	Brandermill
52	No
53	Midlothian middle pta Bettie weaver pta
54	Grove HOA, Watkins Elementary PTA, AIGA Richmond
55	Grove HOA, Girl Scouts
56	Our family belongs to and is involved with a boy scout troop.
57	Magnolia Green Clover Hill Assembly of God
58	Woodlake Community Association
59	no
60	No
61	Grove HOA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Midlothian High School PTA
62	Yes, brandermill
63	no
64	JB Watkins PTA
65	Bethlehem Baptist Church, Old Gun Rd W
66	The Grove Homeowners Association
67	Richmond Association of Realtors
68	Yes, American Legion, AARP, YMCA, homeowners association
69	no.
70	Already reaching out.
71	Women's' club of walton park, walton park civic association
72	Not really....Please note that I already sent an email containing suggestions and images to Joanne Simmelink on 6-11-16. Please refer to that email as well. Thank you for striving to include the public in your planning.
73	No
74	Not as this time.
75	SHOA.
76	Yes - SPC & SCC & The First Tee
77	Salisbury Homeowners Association.
78	Salisbury Village Townhome Assoc., Salisbury Presbyterian Church
79	neighborhood association
80	Church, Salisbury association.
81	Salisbury homeowners, PTA MMS, BWE, MHS
82	No
83	SHOA
84	MHS PTA
85	Redeemer Episcopal
86	Walton Park Association
87	Walton Park Neighborhood association
88	Salisbury Presbyterian Church
89	Salisbury Homeowner"s Association, and Manakin Episcopal Church.
90	Salisbury Homeowners Association
91	Life Long Learning Institute.
92	Bon Air Artists.
93	Virginia citizens defense league

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94	I'm the President of the Salisbury Mothers Club, member of the Bettie Weaver elementary PTA, Girl Scout Troop leader, member of the Richmond Association of Realtors.
95	Salisbury country club, Bettie weaver PTA, greenfield PTA
96	Queensmill neighborhood association
97	Queensmill Civic Association
98	Salisbury Neighborhood Associations
99	St. Edward the Confessor church, children attend St. Edward Epiphany Catholic School with the plan to enter Midlo High. We moved specifically for the area, community and high school, it would be heartbreaking if that changed.
100	Queensmill Civic Association & the Queensmill Rec Association
101	Not at this time.
102	Winfree Church
103	Hallsley Community
104	FC Richmond
105	Hallsley Garden club
106	PTA
107	Hallsley Neighbors
108	PTA, Hallsley HOA
109	I belong to nine organizations and attend a variety of school and county meetings. I like the county website and think it is user friendly. I don't like how the school board acts as though it doesn't belong to the county. There should be more oversight! More accountability. More auditing of how funds are used.
110	MBA
111	Board of directors for non profit
112	PTA
113	Hallsley HOA
114	Church
115	Nutree Home Owners Association
116	Church/faith based
117	Bayhill Pointe HOA and Millwood School PTO
118	N/A
119	No
120	Madison Village Community, Charter Colony, Huguenot Trail Rotary. (If you are interested in speaking about some of the plans that are being discussed we would like to have you come and give a short presentation at one of our meetings.
121	Queensgate Homeowners Association
122	Stonehenge Civic, Gordon ES PTA, Midlothian MS PTA