

Public Meeting Attendee Comments

Southern Lancaster

 Discussion around public housing, homelessness, and needed public health and social services in the rural portions of the County

Greater Lancaster

 Discussion around infrastructure impacts (particularly related to Edgewater), the need for downtown revitalization, and public health / childcare services needed in rural portions of the County

Panhandle

 Discussion around growth management, schools, infrastructure, traffic, services / EMS, a moratorium, and similar growth-related concerns

Online Public Comments Received

28 total comments:

- Several comments about the Future Land Use Map
- Comments both for and against dense development
- Questions about implementation and monitoring the plan
- Concerns over schools, infrastructure, water services, traffic, and EMS
- Concerns about the City of Lancaster
- Specific comments about miscellaneous topics (post office, recreation, etc.)

Changes from Initial Public Review Draft

Total Changes

Content

117

45 Replacements

43 Insertions

29 Deletions

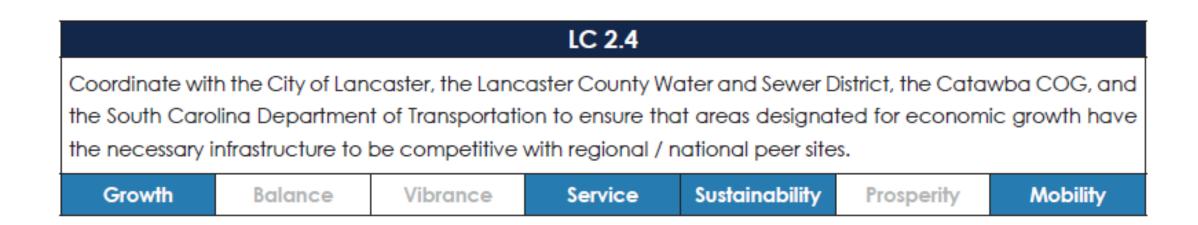
Changes to Draft Plan – County Strategy: *Managing Growth*

- Added LC 1.4: create a housing committee to study and better define affordable housing, promote housing options, and increase options
- Added LC 1.5: consider the development of a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program to help protect agricultural lands



Changes to Draft Plan – County Strategy: *Economic Growth*

 Changed LC 2.4: to be more specific regarding economic development goals



Changes to Draft Plan – County Strategy: *Sustainable Transportation*

- Changed LC 3.3: to be more broadly about alternative transportation
- Changed LC 3.8: to be more specific about funding sources for priority projects

LC 3.3

Identify opportunities throughout the County to improve alternative transportation options, such as bicycling and pedestrian facilities in areas where meaningful connections can be established within and between existing and planned residential developments and key destinations such as shopping areas, schools, parks, and similar places.

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LC 3.8

Utilize the additional 1% transportation sales tax option in conjunction with requirements for development concurrency and similar tools (like grants) to fund and construct priority transportation improvements.

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Changes to Draft Plan – County Strategy: *Resilient Services*

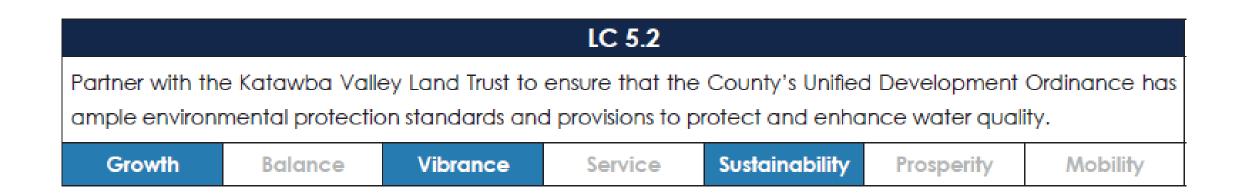
- Added to LC 4.1: and explore flexible work options that will help to attract and retain employees
- Edited LC 4.6: to include mental health issues
- Added LC 4.7:

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 County-wide housing needs assessment,
 with a particular focus on determining any unmet residential needs in rural portions of the County

LC 4.1 As staffing continues to be a major challenge for service delivery, consider the preparation of a compensation study to determine the ability of the County to compete for human resources in the regional marketplace and explore whether flexible work options will help to attract and retain employees. Sustainability Growth Balance Vibrance Service **Prosperity** Mobility LC 4.6 Explore opportunities with community partners to develop greater resources within the County to address homelessness, substance abuse, and mental health challenges. Growth Vibrance Service Sustainability **Prosperity** Mobility Balance LC 4.7 Consider developing a County-wide housing needs assessment, with a particular focus on determining any unmet residential needs in rural portions of the County. Growth **Balance** Vibrance Service Sustainability **Prosperity** Mobility

Changes to Draft Plan – County Strategy: *Natural Environment*

Added to LC 5.2: to partner with Katawba Valley Land Trust



Changes to Draft Plan – County Strategy: *Parks & Recreation*

Edited LC 6.4: expand to identifying more County park sites

LC 6.4								
•	ment of the nev eational facilities		continues, begin	identifying pote	ential sites for ad	ditional County		
Growth Balance Vibrance Service Sustainability Prosperity Mobility								

Changes to Draft Plan – County Strategy: *Community Building*

 Expanded LC 7.4: to assisting with the implementation of the Downtown Revitalization Plan

Use the City of Lancaster on implementing the City's Downtown Revitalization Plan to help strengthen its position as the cultural center of Lancaster County. Growth Balance Vibrance Service Sustainability Prosperity Mobility

Changes to Draft Plan – County Strategy: *Community Beautification*

Vibrance

Balance

- Added to LC 8.4: emphasizing the use of native plants and trees
- investigate the feasibility of creating a Community Appearance Board to review highway corridor overlay district projects
- Added LC 8.6: develop a neighborhood garden assistance program where County staff help neighborhoods identify property options for gardens. Create policies that enable neighborhoods to install gardens

district projects.

Growth

Develop enhanced commercial landscaping and appearance standards for non-residential uses which front on major highway corridors in the County; emphasizing the use of native plants and trees. Growth Balance Vibrance Service Sustainability Prosperity Mobility LC 8.5

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Changes to Draft Plan – Panhandle Strategy: *Growth Management*

- Added to PA 1.1: this will include transportation infrastructure, utilities, emergency services, and schools
- Added to PA 1.2: create a standing committee to monitor the effectiveness of growth management implementation and study additional implementation options
- Changed PA 1.4: removed
 TDR program and added
 "Commit to holding
 neighborhood meetings to
 discuss potential changes in
 land use patterns prior to
 considering rezonings"

Direct new development into growth areas identified on the Future Land Use Map and enforce concurrency standards to ensure that sufficient infrastructure and service capacity exists prior to development approval. This will include transportation infrastructure, utilities, emergency services, and schools. Growth Balance Vibrance Service Sustainability Prosperity Mobility

PA 1.2

Limit growth in the rural areas of the Panhandle where public infrastructure and services are not in place to

support urban development. Create a standing committee to monitor the effectiveness of growth management implementation efforts and study additional implementation options. Sustainability Growth **Balance** Vibrance Service **Prosperity** Mobility **PA 1.4** Commit to holding neighborhood meetings to discuss potential changes in land use patterns prior to considering rezonings. Sustainability Mobility Growth Balance Vibrance Service Prosperity

Changes to Draft Plan – Panhandle Strategy: *Connecting Development*

- Edited PA 2.5: to focus on connection to Ballantyne
- Added PA 2.6: to provide recreation along the Catawba River

Study the feasibility of extending CATS express bus service to the Panhandle to connect the growing population with Ballantyne and the Lynx Blue Line I-485 station. Growth Balance Vibrance Service Sustainability Prosperity Mobility

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Changes to Draft Plan – Panhandle Strategy: *Service Needs*

- **Combined PA 3.3 and 3.4:** to improving staffing, training, and availability of all emergency response service agencies in the Panhandle
- Removed PA 3.5: consider developing a measured and intentional plan to help facilitate the incorporation of the urban area of the Panhandle into a municipality

PA 3.3								
Commit to imp	Commit to improving the staffing, training, and availability of emergency response service agencies (Sheriff's							
Office, fire dep	artments, EMS) i	n the Panhandle	e to a level that	t is commensura	te with the need	ds of a growing		
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Changes to Draft Plan – Greater Lancaster Strategy: *Balancing Growth*

- renovations/redevelopment of existing housing and neighborhoods, where infrastructure already exists and housing stock needs to be improved or made code compliant. Seek out grants
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Changes to Draft Plan – Greater Lancaster Strategy: *Connecting Destinations*

Added GL 4.4: develop corridor plan for SC Highway 5 and SC Highway 9

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Changes to Draft Plan – Southern Lancaster Strategy: *Facilitating Growth*

• Edited SL 1.2: to include educating property owners of benefits of agricultural preservation, agritourism, and outdoor recreation

			SL 1.1			
Coordinate with the municipalities to direct development, particularly in the form of residential subdivisions, towards the designated Municipal Growth Areas around Heath Springs and Kershaw.						ial subdivisions,
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Changes to Draft Plan – Southern Lancaster Strategy: *Rural Communities*

 Edited SL 2.4: removed County-wide housing needs assessment and replaced with "Dedicate resources from EDC to identifying and developing employment generating industrial projects that are easily accessible to residents in Southern Lancaster"

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Dedicate resources from the Lancaster County EDC to identifying and developing employment generating industrial projects that are easily accessible to residents in Southern Lancaster.						
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Additional Changes to Draft Plan – Proposed by Staff, Accepted by Planning Commission

- Incorporate a list of outside plans by reference. Examples include:
 - Lancaster County local government comprehensive plans
 - RFATS transportation plans
 - SCDOT plans
 - Thread Trail Master Plan
- Add a new supporting action under LC-4 Resilient Services to support the implementation of the recommendations of the Lancaster County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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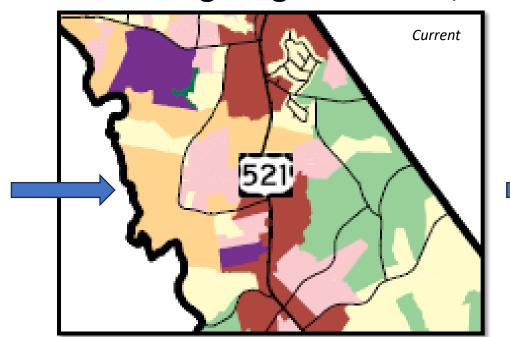
- (1.1) LC 1.5: Consider the development of a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program that would help to protect agricultural lands while promoting greater density in identified growth areas in the County. RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Replace "consider the development of a" with "Develop a."
- (1.2) LC 3.1: Consider creating a County Transportation Planner position to pursue more proactive policies related to development review for traffic impacts, helping to assist state and regional transportation partners in the review process for existing projects and planning for future initiatives. RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Leave as-is, as this position may need additional research before determining the best course of action.
- (1.3) LC 4.1: As staffing continues to be a major challenge for service delivery, consider the preparation of a compensation study to determine the ability of the County to compete for human resources in the regional marketplace and explore whether flexible work options will help to attract and retain employees. RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Replace "consider the preparation of" with "Prepare."
- (1.4) LC 4.7: Consider developing a County-wide housing needs assessment, with a particular focus on determining any unmet residential needs in rural portions of the County. RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Replace "Consider developing" with "Develop."

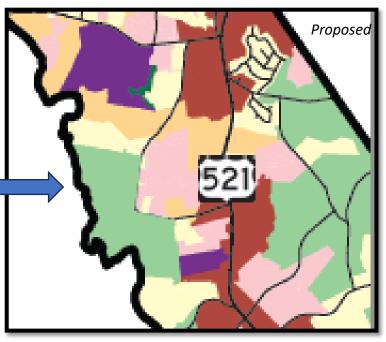
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 - (1.5) LC 5.4: Consider the adoption of regulations within the Unified Development Ordinance to promote the preservation of the existing tree canopy, and ensure that legacy trees which are outside of forestry management areas are protected from clear cutting practices. RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Replace "Consider the adoption of" with "Adopt."
 - (1.6) GL 2.2: Consider opportunities for the County Historical Commission to partner with the City of Lancaster to promote historic property renovation and market historic properties in downtown. RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Replace "Consider" with "Identify."
 - (1.7) SL 2.3: Consider requiring the dedication of right-of-way for the Carolina Thread Trail when new development is proposed in Southern Lancaster. Ensure similar requirements are adopted by the towns of Kershaw and Heath Springs. RECOMMENDED CHANGE: Replace "Consider requiring" with "Require."
 - (1.8) SL 3.3: Consider initiating regular check-in meetings with the municipalities to ensure that the County is providing adequate services in this region of the County. **RECOMMENDED CHANGE:** Replace "Consider initiating" with "Initiate."

- Include an annual review of the plan, with implementation reports to the Planning Commission and County Council
 - Proposed paragraph under "Implementation Strategies" explanation at the beginning of the document

On an annual basis, the Planning Commission and County Council should review the progress made toward the implementation strategies within this Plan, developing an implementation status report. This tool shall be used to monitor the ongoing implementation of the Plan, ensuring the County moves toward its vision for the future.

- Future Land Use Map Change two tracts off Possum Hollow Rd from "growth" to "neighborhood"
 - Comment: in the FLU, "neighborhood" designation relates to existing neighborhoods, so the tracts would be changed to "rural"





- Update School Capacity discussion (page 48)
 - Statement added about the schools being over-capacity

Current Proposed

The Lancaster County School District (LCSD) has projected its estimated enrollment through the 2032 - 2033 school year. The projections are based on historic attendance and estimated population growth throughout the District's existing schools. According to their most recent study, the District anticipates that all of the schools in the Panhandle, except Van Wyck Elementary, will be over capacity by the 2032 - 2033 school year. LCSD recently purchased property in the Panhandle to accommodate capacity issues.

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Include Mt Carmel AME Church & Campground in the cultural resource map







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Next Steps

- County Council Public Hearing (March 25)
- County Council Adoption (April)