

## **Community Conversation Questions**

1. What do you like most about living in Prince William County?

- Safe, diversification/melting pot feel.
- Good food variety in the area because of diversity.
- Public transportation and accessibility going to Washington D.C.
- Fairly large County with large resources for low income population. There are non-profit companies such as hunger prevention centers.
- Good public-school system and safety/security.
- Opportunity and services.
- Green space, recreation activities, and library services.
- Good trails for walking including work out stations.
- Fire Departments.
- Good roads.

2. What do you like least about living in Prince William County?

- Transportation, bus routes/operations. Not enough options. The bus system needs to branch out into different areas with expanded hours.
- Limited options for disabled veterans to get a ride to doctor appointments.
- Housing prices continuing to increase. Concerns with residents moving further away from the County. There is a need for more job options to help with house prices.
- Disappointed with lack of climate crises awareness. Need for clean air and clean water for future population. Need for green jobs and clean energy power. Need strong stance by Board to save climate.
- Lack of affordable housing for low-income residents. Cost of living continues to go up with lack of jobs.

3. If you were in charge, what would you change about Prince William County?

- Focus on prevention systems for the youth. Push hard for transition probation homes for boys and girls.
- Push for more farmer markets (local produce).
- Higher green standards to buildings by local working population.
- Focus on green-new deal in Virginia. Focuses on both jobs to local community and bringing local standards to green standards.
- Building residential solar programs. Bring energy use in better alignment to meet clean energy standards. Focus on sustainable cities/transportation.
- Affordable housing. Find ways to fund housing and develop work programs.
- Focus on more local agriculture to feed local population. Need a plan in place.

- Mental health services need to be addressed and updated to brought into current standards.
- Need for a racial task force to address racial issues.
- More art in the County. Prince William County is not known for any art. Make visual art more exciting to draw more people in. Art could also help with mental health.
- More program for seniors. Senior population is the most forgotten population out there.
- Need more mental health facilities. There are a lot of people lately dealing with various mental health issues.
- More job programs in high schools. Job training in school as a class.
- Increase teacher pay.
- Need more outlets for students to bring art to the community.
- Senior programs interacting with youth.
- Transportation for disabled veterans to meet basic needs.
- Criminal justice reform focusing on community policing
- We need other opportunities for youth besides school sport activities.
- CTE programs would be an excellent option.
- Cultural Art Center could include various things such as produce, local artist, diversity/cultural, freedom to communicate. All encompassing term.

4. What do you believe should be the **top 3 priorities for the community** over the next 4 - 5 years?

- Affordable housing, mental health, and more jobs in PWC.
- Climate, affordable housing, sustainable local jobs.
- Transportation as a top 3 priority.
- Job production, affordable housing, climate control.
- School funding, look at races that make up the County (Equity), climate.
- Teachers who represent the student population is vital. If youth is saturated with white or otherwise homogeneous authority, it hurts in the long haul.
- Affordable housing (especially with our current pandemic uncertainties), mental health services and help (through more jobs in this area for needs of community members and more art), racial equality.

5. What other comments or insights do you want to share that would be important to PWC's strategic planning process?

- Support for Daycare/childcare organizations.
- Daycare can get really expensive.
- Important to increase outreach as part of the strategic plan process. Important for citizens to participate from start to finish in these endeavors. Feedback is critical.
- Lack of options for affordable daycare or special needs children.