

## **Community Conversation Questions**

1. What do you like most about living in Prince William County?
  - The county's Greenspace
  - Rural Area and rural preservation
  - Rich history and culture with variety of sites across the county
  - Close to DC but far enough away to have its own identity
  - Cooperative extension and farmers markets
  - Prince William Forest Park
  - Fantastic Schools, Community Spaces, and libraries
  - Hylton Performing arts center is great asset
  - Landfill is a great
  - Diverse county
2. What do you like least about living in Prince William County?
  - The planning of transportation and land use does not communicate well
  - Aggressive Development Plans too much growth
  - Traffic congestion is bad
  - Lack of facilities for young adults and seniors
  - Need for more walkable communities and build more bike/pedestrian facilities
  - Lack of support in education
  - Lack of commitment to the Rural Area policies
  - Difficult to transition to renewable/solar alternatives. To many barriers
  - Lack of policies to address climate change
3. If you were in charge, what would you change about Prince William County?
  - More Funding for Schools
  - Smart Growth and a moratorium on new residential development to allow infrastructure to catch up.
  - Reduce barriers and cost of implementing renewable energy
  - Bike Lanes/Pedestrian infrastructure
  - Better Zoning and Building Codes
  - Climate Change Plan
  - Parks and amenities should take into considerations the demographics of the area
  - Focus infrastructure in the development area
  - Protections for undocumented immigrants
  - Supervisors in other areas of the county shouldn't be able to override the constituents and the district supervisor for development proposals
  - Bring back the Potomac Nationals
  - Increase mental health services
  - More support for homeless citizens especially with potential impacts due to Covid-19

- Increase coordination between homeless shelters and community groups
  - Lack of trust between citizens and county
  - Need water quality studies similar to Occoquan
  - Less data centers
4. What do you believe should be the **top 3 priorities for the community** over the next 4 - 5 years?
- Better funding for schools
  - Sustainable energy and transportation
  - Increase support for marginalized communities through effective social programs etc.
  - Moratorium on development to let infrastructure catch up
  - Focus on mental and physical health services
  - Increase teacher pay
  - Plan for Climate Change
  - More community centers and places for youth
  - Preserve the Rural Area
  - Better transportation infrastructure
  - Affordable housing
5. What other comments or insights do you want to share that would be important to PWC's strategic planning process?
- The Plan should be longer than 5 years
  - Considerations should be made due to the diversity between the east and west side of the county
  - The 35% commercial tax rate is unreachable
  - Goals should be reasonable and achievable