

Community Conversation Questions

1. What do you like most about living in Prince William County? (strengths)
 - Combination of urban and rural environment. Convenience of having access to both
 - Diversity of our community, demographics
 - Parks and Open Space opportunities, access to nature, and positive environment
 - Community feel, welcoming
 - Well educated community
 - What other comments or insights do you want to share that would be important to PWC's strategic planning process?
 - Higher Education such as GMU and NOVA Community College

2. What do you like least about living in Prince William County? (weaknesses)
 - Lack of good paying jobs that lead to people leaving the county for work
 - Overcrowding of schools
 - Traffic (keep repeating the same problem)
 - Need for a stronger commercial tax base
 - Need to expand Multimodal options
 - Improve local bus routes
 - Need more lifelong education programs
 - Increase recreational opportunities for all ages, opportunities for youth to participate in the community and connect with elders
 - Better coordination between land use/transportation
 - Running out of developable land and space to attract new businesses and be marketable

3. If you were in charge, what would you change about Prince William County?
 - World class school system who grow up to work and live in PWC
 - Capitalize on existing resources - open up more land with access to existing transmission lines for data centers and high-tech jobs
 - Streamlining of processes, and offer assistance to help small businesses
 - Economic Development authority to coordinate new growth
 - Increase affordable housing opportunities

4. What do you believe should be the **top 3 priorities for the community** over the next 4 - 5 years?
 - Commitment to affordable housing and transportation opportunities, population is continuing to grow

- Environment and Sustainability Chapter – Addresses energy, preservation, climate change, etc.
 - Create equitable education opportunities
 - Increase community collaboration and engagement with youth and socially disadvantaged
 - Transportation as a major focus, specifically expand VRE opportunities and a new devoted track to increase capacity
 - Expand virtual learning and alternative learning opportunities (private school, specialty schools, home schooling, better address different approaches and needs
 - Resources for families who need assistance with school
 - Diversity and inclusion initiatives
5. What other comments or insights do you want to share that would be important to PWC's strategic planning process?
- We to take into consideration diversity and inclusion, and education (people need to be educational if they are not familiar with it)
 - Help educate the community and be cautious in implementing and engaging with the community on controversial issues like diversity, history, etc.
 - Well defined terms (diversity, affordable housing, etc.)
 - Incorporate equity into land use and transportation decisions
 - Continue to engage the community
 - Promote walkable, inclusive, and transit-oriented communities