

Prince William Conservation Alliance – Membership
September 15, 2003
(17 in attendance)

- Establish community Identity
- Community Empowerment
- Preserve all existing assets that contribute to community identity
- Plan and develop infrastructure prior to development
- Preserve historic assets
- Have better handle on environmental concerns (golf courses are not environmentally friendly)
- Improve transportation system
- Grow naturally – expand from a central core with citizen input
- Develop the community with BOCS, developer and citizen cooperation
- Develop in a mutually beneficial manner where development and environment are balanced
- Value low-impact, organic development
- Safe neighborhoods where people can walk at night
- Free broadband
- Active and passive parks that are accessible to all
- Endorse and participate in the purchase and preservation of large land tracts
- Balance between rural and suburban development
- Schools as community centers and centers of the community with distinct identities
- Forward thinking (long-range – 20 years)
- Best education system that the County can afford
- Sensitive to the cost of growth and how it is paid for
- Park Authority that is visionary and not reactionary
- Respectful and responsive to individual residents
- Integrity
- 234 Extension will be a trucking corridor – remove it from the Comprehensive Plan
- Maintain growth with infrastructure
- Update proffers
- Existing taxpayers are forced to subsidize new development
- Planning must be proactive, not reactive
- Integrate East and West corridors of the County
- Alleviate gridlock
- Utilize ideas from other areas
- Regional cooperation
- Our form of government inhibits citizen and community empowerment
- Improve public transportation within the County
- Public transportation should be proactive, not reactive
- County (not developers) should set the growth agenda
- Disconnect between BOCS and citizens leads to mistrust
- Citizens aren't actively engaged
- Need for earlier citizen involvement in the planning process

- Improve follow-through on environmental regulations once development is approved
- Disassociate developers from boards and commissions
- County is too preoccupied with its Bond rating
- Insufficient environmental studies
- Update stale zoning
- Establish proffers on existing zoning
- Stop piecemeal land-use decisions
- Land use decisions are permanent – need a sunset clause
- Current zoning allows big box development
- Disposable nature of old development
- Inadequate fire and rescue
- Inadequate community policing
- Clear and open disclosure regarding previous environmental performance of developers
- Lack of integrity and sense of conviction
- Economies of scale deal to larger and institutional schools, rather than community based schools

<u>Strategic Issue</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Roads	5
Public Transportation	8
Citizen Involvement	8
Planning Process	12
Zoning	8
Redevelopment	2
Public Safety	3
Effective Government	
(Integrity & Conviction)	4
Community Identity	5
Environmental Studies	3
Environmental Impacts	11
Protect Trees & Green Space	11