

ENVISION 6



Community Vision

The residents of Council District 6 recognize that planning for the future requires envisioning where we want to be.

Our vision is to be a community that:

Embraces its future while respecting its rural character

Offers a happy, healthy, and safe place to live

Includes a rich variety of social, cultural, and recreational opportunities for all

A partnership between Councilman Jimmy Davis, the District 6 community, and the Anderson County Planning and Community Development Department



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The Process



Overview

Six community meetings were held throughout County Council District 6 during May, June, and July 2019. There were two meetings held at each the Powdersville Fire Department, Shiloh United Methodist Church, and the Powdersville YMCA. Meetings at the Powdersville Fire Department were directed towards residents of the Concrete and Powdersville voting precincts. Meetings at Shiloh United Methodist Church were directed towards residents of the Simpsonville, Piedmont, and White Plains voting precincts. Finally, the meetings at the Powdersville YMCA were directed towards residents of the Brushy Creek, Hunt Meadows, Mt. Airy, and Three & Twenty voting precincts. During meeting one, community members shared their personal visions and during meeting two, community members developed community-wide values and goals. The Community Vision on the previous page and the Goals on the final page were developed from these results.



Meeting 1

Community members provided initial feedback through:

1. Written Surveys
2. Focus Groups
3. Visual Preference Boards
4. Post-It Note Responses

Meeting 2

Community members further communicated their ideas by:

1. Reviewing the results of Meeting 1
2. Completing surveys on draft values and goals for their community

Concrete & Powdersville



Values

Our community recognizes its unique place in the world – close enough to the big city to enjoy its advantages, but far enough to avoid its hustle and bustle. Our community recognizes that there are many qualities that make this place great, and that the most important among these represent our community values. Our community recognizes that preserving and enhancing these values requires a collective effort, and that plainly stating these values is an important step in preserving them for the future. We value:

- The people in our community – our friends, family, and neighbors
- Our sense of place created through our rural setting and our home town feel, and the stewardship of this special way of life
- The opportunity to live, work, play, worship, and connect with each other
- A high quality of life for our families, through excellent educational opportunities provided by our schools, a strong sense of safety, quality natural and build environments, and opportunities for all.

Goals

- Preserve our community's rural look and small town feel.
- Create a "town center" or community gathering space.
- Implement new and improve existing "place making" through signs, community art and projects to enhance our sense of place and community identity.
- Identify and acknowledge historic or significant features in the community.
- Expand sidewalk system throughout the community.
- Develop walking trails and biking paths.
- Expand recreational opportunities through recreation/sports fields and playgrounds.
- Complete improvements at Dolly Cooper Park.
- Enhance coordination between SCDOT, GPATS (Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Committee), and County Road & Bridges Department.
- Consider possible options for growth management.
- Increase awareness of individual property owner-based development controls.
- Enhance communication and involvement among the community, property developers, and County.

Piedmont, Simpsonville, & White Plains



Values

Our community recognizes its uniqueness – situated close enough to the big city to enjoy its advantages, and far enough to avoid its hustle and bustle, all while remembering its legacy as a textile mill community. Our community recognizes that there are many qualities that make this place great, and that the most important among these represent our community values. Our community recognizes that preserving and enhancing these values requires a collective effort and that plainly stating these values is an important step in preserving them for the future. We value:

- The people in our community – our friends, family, and neighbors
- Our sense of place created through our riverfront, our heritage, and our rural surroundings; and the stewardship of this special way of life
- The opportunity to live, work, play, worship, and connect with each other
- A high quality of life for our families, through a strong sense of public safety, quality natural and built environments, and opportunities for people of all ages.

Goals

- Develop public spaces along the Saluda River and revive the riverfront.
- Preserve the rural character in the surrounding areas.
- Consider options for growth management.
- Enhance coordination between the Sheriff, court system, and neighborhood watch groups.
- Raise awareness of “Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design” methods.
- Coordinate with SCDOT and the County on options for calming traffic.
- Enhance community identity through signs, beautification, landscaping, and other “place-making” techniques.
- Identify and acknowledge historic or significant features in the community.
- Raise awareness of County property maintenance regulations.
- Consider options for helping residents maintain independence and successfully age-in-place.

Brushy Creek, Hunt Meadows, Mt. Airy, and Three & Twenty



Values

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- Our sense of place created through our rural setting and our family feel; and the stewardship of this special way of life
- The opportunity to live, work, play, worship, and connect with each other
- A high quality of life for our families; educational, recreational, and community opportunities for all; and quality natural and built environments.

Goals

- Maintain our community's rural look and feel.
- Create a community gathering space for events and farmers' markets.
- Encourage commercial development that complements the rural setting.
- Coordinate with SCDOT and Anderson County for improved traffic management and road maintenance.
- Consider regulatory options for managing growth and development.
- Increase awareness of individual property-owner development controls.
- Expand recreational opportunities, including trails, playgrounds, and sports fields.

COMMUNITY GOALS

Council District 6



Understand growth management options

The community requests information from County staff about growth management tools and the steps needed to put these tools to work



Preserve the rural look and feel

The community along with local government, developers, and other groups work together to create places and protect spaces that complement the rural character



Improve traffic management and road maintenance

The community, elected leadership, and relevant agencies work together to identify and prioritize projects



Expand opportunities for recreation and community activities

The community along with local government and other partners work together to identify wants and needs and make plans

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