What We've Heard

How has public feedback affected the process so far?

The Charting Our Future project team has engaged with the community at many points along the process, through public meetings, online surveys, and informal conversations. Those interactions shaped the focus area principles, the proposed future land uses, and even the selection and shape of the focus areas themselves.

Topics of Agreement

There are many topics that most community members agree upon:

- The importance of great streetscapes: attractive, walkable streets promote a livable community
- Promote a mature tree canopy, to shade sidewalks, to balance the scale of buildings, and mitigate climate change
- Create sensitive transitions between different land uses and buildings of differing heights
- Promote civic spaces and opportunities for personal connections
- Think holistically about the focus areas to create a sense of place by incorporating building design and landscaping
- Promote equitable development that provides housing, employment, and opportunities for all members of the community
- Plan for multi-modal connectivity to facilitate active transportation, promote community vibrancy, and create walkable activity centers throughout town.
- Support the environmental sustainability and resiliency best practices.

Ongoing Discussions

Ongoing discussions within the community mainly center on three major topics?

- What does Chapel want to be "when it grows up?" Like most places in the Southeast, Chapel Hill is growing. Should Chapel Hill plan to accommodate future growth? If so, how should certain aspects of the community change or be preserved?
- How do buildings address the street? Defining this vision can have a major affect on whether a town feels more like a small town or more like a small city.
- How should we treat Chapel Hill's gateways? When entering Chapel Hill, do you want to see a sea of trees and landscaping, or a unique streetscape? This will be more clearly defined in the next phase of the project.