Guiding Principles – Streets That Work/Code Audit

The Code Audit and Streets That Work Plan are designed to ensure that our codes, policies, standards and regulations, and design of the City’s public realm, reflect the things we value as a community. Key values articulated are: a Community that is – Green, Walkable, Economically Vital, Beautiful, Diverse, Safe, Multi-Modal, Connected and Affordable. To advance these community goals, we will use the following guiding principles as the reference point for the Code Audit and Streets That Work Plan.

The guiding principles will apply to all aspects of the planning and decision making process and will guide the development of goals and objectives in the plan.

Guiding Principles for the Code Audit and Streets that Work Plan

1. **High Quality Public Space**: Charlottesville will emphasize innovative and thoughtfully-designed public spaces in public and private developments that reflect the diverse architectural and cultural heritage of surrounding neighborhoods. Streets will be visually attractive, appealing, and inviting.

2. **Vibrant Places of Commerce**: Charlottesville’s commercial streets will facilitate development that encourages economic vitality, social interaction, and visual interest the City.

3. **Safe and Accessible**: The safety, accessibility, and comfort of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users will be prioritized when planning and designing Charlottesville streets.

4. **Healthy, Green and Sustainable**: Charlottesville will promote health and long-term natural function of the built environment by utilizing sustainable and green design elements in all public and private developments.

5. **Connected and Convenient**: Charlottesville will be a multi-modal, connected community where an efficient and convenient transit system and well-designed bicycle and pedestrian network will link our overall transportation network so that users can easily travel throughout the city.

6. **Collaborative**: Planning and designing the public realm, including public streets, will be a collaborative process to ensure decisions made about the city’s public streets reflect the public’s priorities.

7. **Policy Driven**: City policies, codes and standards across departments will be revisited to ensure they advance these community goals in the public and private realm.