Community Conversation Questions

1. What do you like most about living in Prince William County?
   - The county’s Greenspace
   - Rural Area and rural preservation
   - Rich history and culture with variety of sites across the county
   - Close to DC but far enough away to have its own identity
   - Cooperative extension and farmers markets
   - Prince William Forest Park
   - Fantastic Schools, Community Spaces, and libraries
   - Hylton Performing arts center is great asset
   - Landfill is a great
   - Diverse county

2. What do you like least about living in Prince William County?
   - The planning of transportation and land use does not communicate well
   - Aggressive Development Plans too much growth
   - Traffic congestion is bad
   - Lack of facilities for young adults and seniors
   - Need for more walkable communities and build more bike/pedestrian facilities
   - Lack of support in education
   - Lack of commitment to the Rural Area policies
   - Difficult to transition to renewable/solar alternatives. To many barriers
   - Lack of policies to address climate change

3. If you were in charge, what would you change about Prince William County?
   - More Funding for Schools
   - Smart Growth and a moratorium on new residential development to allow infrastructure to catch up.
   - Reduce barriers and cost of implementing renewable energy
   - Bike Lanes/Pedestrian infrastructure
   - Better Zoning and Building Codes
   - Climate Change Plan
   - Parks and amenities should take into considerations the demographics of the area
   - Focus infrastructure in the development area
   - Protections for undocumented immigrants
   - Supervisors in other areas of the county shouldn’t be able to override the constituents and the district supervisor for development proposals
   - Bring back the Potomac Nationals
   - Increase mental health services
   - More support for homeless citizens especially with potential impacts due to Covid-19
• Increase coordination between homeless shelters and community groups
• Lack of trust between citizens and county
• Need water quality studies similar to Occoquan
• Less data centers

4. What do you believe should be the top 3 priorities for the community over the next 4 - 5 years?
   • Better funding for schools
   • Sustainable energy and transportation
   • Increase support for marginalized communities through effective social programs etc.
   • Moratorium on development to let infrastructure catch up
   • Focus on mental and physical health services
   • Increase teacher pay
   • Plan for Climate Change
   • More community centers and places for youth
   • Preserve the Rural Area
   • Better transportation infrastructure
   • Affordable housing

5. What other comments or insights do you want to share that would be important to PWC’s strategic planning process?
   • The Plan should be longer than 5 years
   • Considerations should be made due to the diversity between the east and west side of the county
   • The 35% commercial tax rate is unreachable
   • Goals should be reasonable and achievable