



# Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan

Immigrant Integration Task Force

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Today  
~ 1 million  
residents



2050  
~ 1.6 million  
residents

## Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan

### Our First Ever Community Livability Vision and Plan



# Citizen Workgroups and Stakeholders

- ~150 residents + ~90 stakeholders
- Discussions across focus areas to discover:
  - Overlaps
  - Gaps
  - Conflicts
  - Opportunities
- Across more than 150 local plans



# Phase I

## Develop a Vision and Guiding Principles



MECKLENBURG LIVABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN

Greater Charlotte  
Big city opportunities, small town feel

**Livability Vision for the Future**

**Greater Charlotte is home.**  
Home to generations of families and cultures from all over the world. Home to neighborhoods that blend thriving businesses with natural landscapes. Home to endless opportunities for all, *where good people make great things happen.*

As we pursue our livability vision, we embrace the following **Guiding Principles**:

- WELCOMING**  
We are a hospitable destination for those seeking opportunity.
- CONNECTED**  
We are physically and socially linked to one another.
- INCLUSIVE**  
We celebrate our differences and see them as strengths that bind us together.
- READY**  
We provide opportunities for learning and applying new skills—in school, on the job, and throughout our lives.
- HEALTHY**  
We protect the foundation of our community—our residents and the environment.
- RESILIENT**  
We collaborate and innovate in the face of a changing environment, evolving economy, and diversifying culture.

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# Phase II

## Strategies, Actions, Success Indicators



INNOVATIVE

Jobs  
Entrepreneurship  
Commerce



WELCOMING

Arts & Culture  
Entertainment  
Opportunity



CONNECTED

Engaged  
Residents  
Transportation  
Choices



INCLUSIVE

Safe Neighborhoods  
Community  
Participation



PREPARED

Skilled Workforce  
Quality Education  
Lifelong Learning



HEALTHY

Physical Activity  
Healthy Foods  
Clean Air and Water



RESILIENT

Future Well-being  
Collaboration



# Your Voice Can Be Heard!

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## Schedule

- October
  - Public Listening Sessions
  - MeckConnector
- November
  - BOCC Draft Plan Presentation
- December – February
  - Elected Official one-on-one and Final Approval

