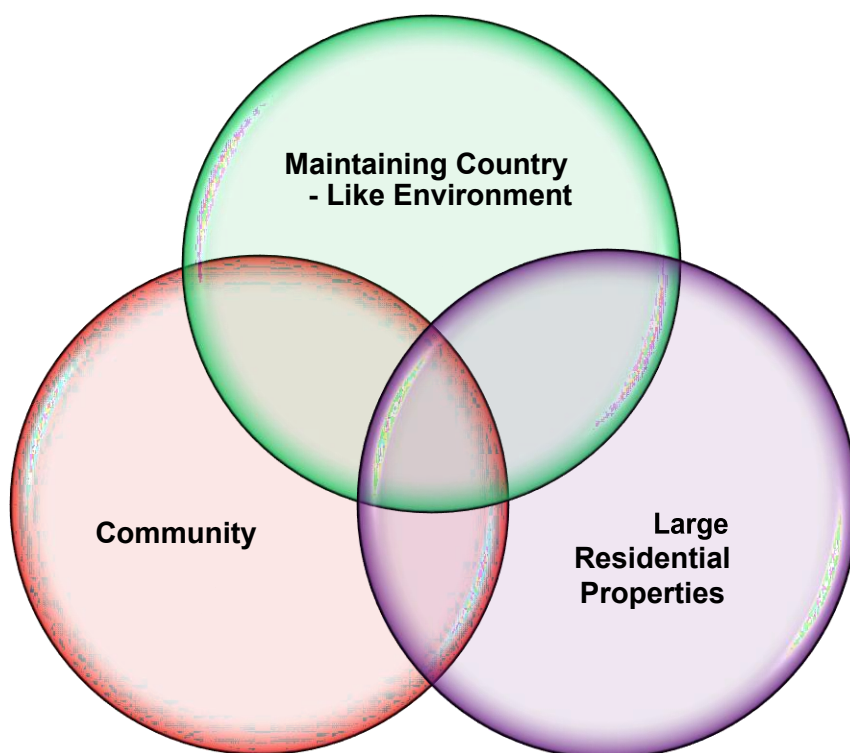


LONG RANGE PLAN 2023-2027

FOXFIRE VILLAGE, NORTH CAROLINA
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Introduction

In 2022 the Foxfire Village Council formed an Ad Hoc Committee to review and make recommendations regarding an updated Long-Range Plan (LRP) for the Village. The previous LRP for Foxfire Village covered 2018-2022. The current Committee used the same format and structure from the 2018-2022 plan for the updated LRP. The updated plan covers 2023-2027. It is organized by year and maintains the five major themes the:

1. Governance
2. Infrastructure
3. Public Safety
4. Finance and Taxation
5. Desired Outcome

To gather input for the revised LRP, a community survey was mailed to every household in the Village in June 2022. The survey results are detailed in Appendix A. The community survey responses were used to form the basis for revisions to the 2018-2022 LRP. The Committees' draft 2023-2027 LRP was reviewed by the Village Council.

The overarching goal of the updated LRP is to enhance and preserve Foxfire's country-like residential environment and sense of small-town community. The LRP Committee developed this goal believing Foxfire Village should strive to be the most preferred residential community in Moore County with the premise that we should not attempt to emulate our surrounding, more densely developed neighbors. Future development of all types, residential, business, and recreational, should support that goal and strive to preserve and enhance our golf courses, green space, and equestrian and agricultural properties surrounding the Village Center. A 1,500-acre property in the Village, formerly known as the Stonehill Pines property, was bought by a private citizen in December 2017 with the intent to put the land into conservation with little or no development. This type of land use in the Village is consistent with our goal of preserving and enhancing the natural beauty of our community.

The Village's greatest asset is our sense of community among neighbors. This LRP supports efforts to attract new residents and business owners who share our passion for a quiet and safe residential community with lots of open space and to engage our current residents more fully. The plan envisions a modest infrastructure that is well maintained and supported with low tax rates. The LRP will be used in conjunction with the Village Land Use Plan (LUP) to inform and guide the Village Council in its planning and decision making. Council actions and decisions with respect to zoning and development should be consistent with the goals and objectives of the LRP and the LUP.

Many of the goals and objectives in this updated plan are the same or similar to those of the 2018-2022 LRP. This should not be viewed as a failure to accomplish prior year(s) objectives but an acknowledgement of the importance and continuing nature of those goals.

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Year 1 – 2023-2024

GOVERNANCE

- Continuous improvement of communications with Village Residents
 - Add “Questions to Council” tab on website
- Create and update all job descriptions as needed for all Village positions
- Report on general ordinance enforcement at each council meeting
 - Permanent part of Police report
- Assign a Council member as liaison to Resort and Village businesses
- Create assignment lists for Council members for items in the Long Range Plan
 - Projects/assignments carry from year to year as new members are elected
- Inspection of completed zoning permits – What are we doing to ensure everyone gets what they pay for and what is the follow-up for permits. Adjust fees if necessary for inspection costs
- Form Appearance committee
- Hire Administration Staff position

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Publish feasibility study regarding connection the Village to alternate water supply.
 - Public comment and hearing on process of moving to alternate water source
 - Implementation time-line
 - Information on monthly costs
 - Information on conversion costs and loan requirements
- Continuous search for new well sites – water system sustainability
- Continue the streets re-paving program – Develop 5-year plan for repaving and correcting drainage issues. Hire outside consultants or apply for grants if necessary.
- Identify drainage issues and work with outside engineering firm for resolutions
- Create development plan for Village Green (50 acres)
- General maintenance and repairs of park structures

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Continue to seek public safety grants
- Continuous evaluation of staffing and equipment needs

FINANCE AND TAX

- Keep budget process transparent and topic in numerous council meetings
- Prepare cost benefit analysis on major proposals
 - Add credit card payments or ACH to website or third party service provider
 - Broadcasting or posting council meetings on line
 - Pool removal or new pool
 - Green Space Acquisition

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DESIRED OUTCOME

- Better Informed citizens
- Well planned and coordinated development for Village and ETJ

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Year 2 - 2024-2025

YEAR 2 GOALS

- Implement communication plans that were developed in year 1 and evaluate of effectiveness
- Develop long term plans to improve and maintain the curb appeal of Village owned properties and rights of way

GOVERNANCE

- Develop and maintain relationships with neighboring municipalities and elected officials in Raleigh
- Post plans in Village meeting room or foyer of proposed and ongoing major development projects.
- Based on cost effectiveness implement efforts to improve communications with residents
 - Video broadcast village meetings
 - Water bill and tax payment via Village website
- Evaluate effectiveness of Ordinances and Planning and Zoning code enforcement
 - Continually review codes for effectiveness and enforceability
 - Review and revise as necessary sub-division requirements
 - Check sheet for Planning and Zoning Board
 - Create area on Village website regarding frequently asked questions regarding common ordinance violations

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Evaluate and report consumption and well site health and capacities annually.
- Relocate yard waste facility and police impound out of enclosed water tank area
 - Possible location across from fire department building
- Pool future – Evaluate options based on cost analysis
- Develop comprehensive multi-year plan to improve curb appeal of Village common areas and roadsides
 - Work with appearance committee
- Establish a recreation committee as advisory board to council
 - Pool improvements
 - Green space improvements
 - Additional walking trails
- Evaluate options for expansion of Village Hall and Police Department facility

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PUBLIC SAFETY

- Review the responsiveness to 911 calls and complaints at monthly council meeting

FINANCE AND TAX

- Develop financial plans in support of programs approved by council

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- Review and revise, as necessary, the planned efforts to improve the Village as developed in year one
- Review Village Business District zoning

DESIRED OUTCOME

- Informed and active citizenry
- Ongoing evaluation of well capacities, well and water health and overall water infrastructure
- Comprehensive plan for Village appeal

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Year 3 - 2025-2026

YEAR 3 GOALS

- Review and validate the way forward for the long term future of our water system, specifically with respect to current well capacities vs overall consumption and potential plans for connection to another water system if indicated.
- Continue plans to improve curb appeal
- Develop a plan to preserve and acquire connecting green spaces throughout the Village if found feasible in year one cost benefit analysis.
- Build on Village government relationships with FPOA, Foxfire Golf Club and business owners

GOVERNANCE

- Review and evaluate communication efforts with Village residents
- Evaluate relationships with Village entities
 - Council liaison with Foxfire Golf Club owners
 - Council liaison with FPOA
- Appearance and Recreation committee representative to attend council meetings to provide updates and recommendations
- Planning and Zoning representative to attend council meeting and provide activity updates

INFRASTRUCTURE

- On-going evaluation of long term water system plan

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Continue seeking public safety grants
- Evaluate community policing effectiveness

FINANCE AND TAX

- Develop plan and reserves to support programs approved by the Village Council

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- Consider purchasing vacant property or property in default to be used as green space for residents based on cost benefit analysis.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Efforts between the Village Council and committees improve the quality of life for residents

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Year 4 – 2026-2027

YEAR 4 GOALS

- Evaluate the costs and benefits of active participation in the North Carolina League of Municipalities, Triangle J Rural Planning Organization as well as other local and regional governmental organizations

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Evaluate and report on progress of drainage improvements
- Evaluate plan to acquire additional green spaces if feasible based on cost benefit analysis.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Evaluate progress related to community policing
- Ensure adequate staffing to support Village growth and changing demographics
- Develop and implement in-house and external training of officers to ensure they are up to date on new law and procedures
- Continue to pursue State and Federal grants to keep the Police department properly equipped

FINANCE AND TAX

- Provide financial plan to support decisions related to additional green space as needed based on cost benefit analysis.
- Provide financial plan for Village building expansions if required
- Continue work on establishing fire protection fees
- Provide financial plan to support alternative water sources as needed

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- Study possibility for creating Village Community Center

DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Detailed plans for long-term future of the Village water system
- Detailed plans for the acquisition of Village Green Spaces based on cost benefit analysis
- Determine need and financial plan for municipal buildings expansion; police department, administration office, public meeting room