



Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan

Presented to Charlotte Planning
Commission

March 2, 2015

Developing the Plan

Since October 2013:

+200 Plans Reflected

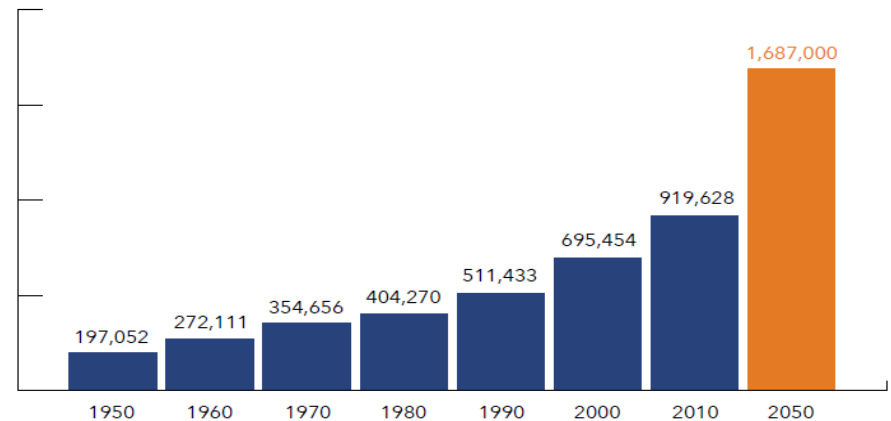
150 Dedicated Resident
Workgroup Members

>2,000 Community Voices

57 Community Organizations

Elected Official Input (County,
City, Towns)

HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED POPULATION DATA



Sources: 1950-2010 - US Census Bureau; 2050 - Connect Our Future
Regional Scan Document, August 2013



Vision

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.*



Photo: Gary P. Coates



Guiding Principles



WELCOMING

We are a hospitable destination for those seeking opportunity.



INNOVATIVE

We are entrepreneurial and pioneer solutions to support a prosperous community.



CONNECTED

We are physically and socially linked to one another.



INCLUSIVE

We celebrate our differences and see them as strengths that bind us together.



PREPARED

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.



Strategies-Actions-Measures Example



We are ... *Connected*

Our focus is on: Engaged Residents, Transportation Choices

- I** Expand capacity and increase use of sidewalks, bikeways, greenways/pathways, bus routes, and rail

Actions:

- i. Identify transportation and mobility connectivity gaps for the addition of more bus cross-connector routes. ★
- ii. Develop a more integrated and active transportation system by increasing sidewalk, crosswalk, and greenway/pathway connectivity. ★
- iii. Increase bicycle friendliness through street and greenway/pathway improvements.
- iv. Assign priority to lower-income neighborhoods for connecting infrastructure improvements.
- v. Secure creative and innovative funding mechanisms for reduced cost and regional transit use.
- vi. Expand availability of bicycle education services.

SUCCESS MEASURES:

- Transportation Mode by Type.²⁴
- Vehicle Miles per Capita.²⁵
- Streets with Sidewalks.²⁶
- Bicycle Friendliness Index.²⁷
- Air Quality Index: Number of days of unhealthy air quality for sensitive groups.²⁸



Components of the Plan

| Component | # |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Strategies | 21 |
| Actions | 115 |
| Measures | 64 |
| Potential Partners | 105 |
| Associated Plans and Programs | 204 |



On-Going Process

Partners Role

- Inform and influence future planning
- Strategic alignment

Future Process

- Collaborative public-private-nonprofit discussions
- Development of targets and goals
- Annual reporting



Expectations and Intent

MLCP is:

- Community vision
- Community engagement
- Plan synthesis
- Cross Institution Collaboration
- Identifies strengths & weaknesses
- Vehicle for discussion, planning, measuring & reporting

MLCP is NOT:

- Mandate/require anything
- Supplant municipal administration, plans or processes
- Take away municipal autonomy
- Require financial investment(s)
- Strip uniqueness of each gov't body



Next Steps

| Task | Month |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Endorsement of Plan | January-February 2015 |
| Begin Collaboration Discussions | March 2015 |
| Establishment of Goals and Targets | December 2015 |
| Annual Reporting | July 2016 |



Continuous Engagement

<http://LivableMeck.com>



 **Notify Me**
FOR PAGE UPDATES



**Mecklenburg Livable
Communities Plan**



@LivableMeck
#livablemeck



Mecklenburg Livable
Communities Plan

