

OPPORTUNITIES

Land Use

- Housing density
- Develop complimentary land uses around the US National Whitewater Center
- Provide neighborhood retail land uses, such as restaurants, small grocery store
- Avoid land uses that encourage crime and loitering

Community Design

- Build quality housing

Transportation

- Provide public access to Catawba River
- Easy access to Center City and Interstates
- Mass Transit
- Improve road conditions, including repairs and street lights
- Completion of I-485 around north side of Charlotte

Infrastructure and Public Facilities

- Develop neighborhood parks / recreational facilities

Natural Environment

- Protect remaining open space and tree cover
- Environmental impacts should determine future planning decisions

ISSUES

Land Use

- Incompatibility between existing industrial and residential uses
- Noise from expanded airport runway
- Too many industrial areas
- Future of mobile home park

Community Design

- Loss of rural character
- Poor design and quality of newer housing subdivisions

Transportation

- Traffic congestion, cut through traffic and speeding
- Poor planning and research for access roads to US National Whitewater Center

Infrastructure and Public Facilities

- Not enough parks
- Lack of community facilities (such as post office, recreation centers, library, police station)

Natural Environment

- Loss of natural areas, wildlife habitat and tree cover

Public Safety

Other

- Negative perception of the west side
- Impact of development on existing residents

- Lack of constraints on new development
- Power lines and railroad tracks