



Existing Conditions: Infrastructure & Facilities

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Infrastructure & Facilities

Public facilities are the foundations upon which communities are built. Effective systems are essential to a community's health.

Strengths

- Most of the area is served by water and sewer.
- The study area abuts a major hospital.
- Henry County is viewed as providing good services.

Weaknesses

- Large water and sewer gaps exist in the central part of the study area.
- There are safety concerns along Feucht Road.

Opportunities

- Infrastructure expansion could support growth.
- New development could incorporate space for additional public facilities to handle growth.
- An arts center/performance area could be an asset.

Threats

- Lack of sewer and water upgrades could compromise the ability of the area to become a major center.
- Growth without facility expansion and improvements could strain existing resources and reduce quality.

Public Spaces

A variety of types of public spaces are important, from shaded sidewalks and pocket parks to greenways, parks, and conservation lands. It is important that greenspace be accessibly integrated into the community.

Strengths

- Secondary roads, such as Mt. Olive Road, still retain a visually attractive, rural character.
- A small foot trail and conservation area exists on Mt. Olive Road.

Weaknesses

- There is no park, plaza, or other gathering space.



The Mt. Olive Road foot path is privately owned

- Streets and sidewalks fail to serve as meaningful public spaces.
- Litter and weeds in streets and sidewalks, which make much of the public realm appear neglected.

Opportunities

- Development could provide public spaces, including plazas that could be a focal point for the county.
- Creek corridors and flood zones could become future greenways that connect other public spaces.
- Ponds could be the focal points of new parks.
- Street trees could enhance the public realm.

Threats

- Development could occur without appropriate or well-placed open spaces.
- Poorly designed open spaces might lack appeal and fail to capitalize on the need for a community focal point.
- Liability and limited funds, which could limit the County's ability to provide public open spaces.
- Poorly located open spaces could result when open spaces are relegated to the areas with least development potential.
- Maintenance of public spaces could be a challenge.