

Draft Comprehensive Plan for Biltmore Forest: Vision/Goals/Strategies  
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Overall Vision	GOAL	Possible Policy/Strategy
<p>Biltmore Forest will be the most livable residential community in Western North Carolina. It will embrace its historical founding and character while giving all residents the opportunity to live, work and play in an open and supporting environment.</p>	<p>Maintain our open and transparent Board of Commissioners, Town Administration and Administrative Committees (Board of Adjustment, Design Review Board, and Planning Commission)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain and improve the Town websites to make it easier to find and access meeting dates and meeting results</li> <li>2. Maintain Easy Access to the Town Manager.</li> <li>3. Continue to have time at each meeting for resident input.</li> <li>4. Continue regular and special written newsletters to all residents.</li> </ol>
	<p>Maintain the Effective Community Policing capabilities of the Biltmore Forest Police Force</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain a visible presence at key intersections during high traffic periods.</li> <li>2. Evaluate alternative methods to reduce average speed on roads</li> <li>3. Continue to support residents for special issues and needs</li> <li>4. Continue to Support Asheville Police as requested on issues that affect Biltmore Forest.</li> </ol>
	<p>Maintain the Effective and Responsive Public Works Department</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain the current level of Brush, Leaf and Trash services while ensuring employee safety and health.</li> <li>2. Maintain current plans to clear public spaces, improve stormwater runoff and improve road safety conditions (berms, line-of-sight, right of ways)</li> <li>3. Evaluate methods to evaluate tree coverage using available satellite data</li> </ol>

	<p>Protect and improve the existing Tree Canopy of Biltmore Forest (Grohs)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Significantly more Hardwood Trees should be planted each year, with the Town planting trees on public land and making about 50 hardwood trees available for homeowners to plant each year.</li> <li>2. Require that trees removed must be replaced with hardwoods to maintain or improve the percentage of tree canopy coverage.</li> <li>3. Develop a budgeted ivy eradication program.</li> <li>4. Prohibit clear cutting outside a 40ft distance from a home.</li> </ol>
	<p>Improve Walking and biking Safety on Streets in Biltmore Forest (Hornowski)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify streets with the highest level of pedestrian usage and increase Police presence and speed enforcement on those streets.</li> <li>2. Work with Board of Commissioners to evaluate the possibility of dedicated bike or pedestrian path on Vanderbilt or Stuyvesant Roads, per the 2022 Transportation Study.</li> <li>3. Working with homeowners whenever possible, remove landscaping that encroaches the 5 or 10 ft setback and/or reduces line-of-site visibility for drivers and walkers--- giving pedestrians a place to step off the road as necessary.</li> <li>4. Evaluate and improve the condition of the road berms and setbacks to eliminate drop-offs and ruts. Plant grass as necessary to eliminate mud.</li> </ol>
	<p>Develop New Off-street Walking Paths in Biltmore Forest (Flynn)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a plan for walking paths that join existing Parks or allow walking within one park.</li> </ol>

	<p>Ensure existing Zoning Ordinances are equitably enforced (Grohs)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Ensure the paths are easily accessible to people with special needs and have adequate places to rest (benches or use of existing historical bus stops)</li> <li>1. Hire a person who has enforcement as their primary responsibility.</li> <li>2. Ensure the Town management and government will support and encourage enforcement.</li> <li>3. Develop a clear table of Consequences (Fines, etc) for Non-compliance.</li> </ol>
	<p>Control speeding by reducing the average speed on Town Streets (Hornowski)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Add Stop signs at Intersections where they are needed and have been approved, e.g., Busbee and Vanderbilt</li> <li>2. Increased enforcement of existing Speed limits</li> <li>3. Increased presence of speed monitors where speeding is a problem.</li> </ol>
	<p>Support optimal enjoyment of Public Parks and public spaces (Flynn)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue plans for Greenwood Park upgrades and other park invasive plant removal</li> <li>2. Establish a team of residents to evaluate all parks and public spaces for upgrades to play structures, electrical (to better support Food Trucks), trashcans and water access.</li> <li>3. Develop a prioritized list of needed maintenance and upgrades identified in step 2</li> <li>4. Regularly add new mulch, sand or turf in Parks, as necessary. Repair traffic island curbing as needed.</li> <li>5. Renovate roofs and structural components of all bus stops as needed.</li> </ol>

	Communicate Better with New Residents (Grohs)	1. Prepare a brochure outlining key facts, procedures, and ordinances for new residents.
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