

## Charrette Outcomes

A majority of the stakeholder participants at the charrette agreed that:

- 1) Changes are needed in the commercial area.
- 2) These changes should include what is already documented in the Wilson Boulevard Improvement Committee's vision statement and the Bluemont Civic Association Neighborhood Conservation Plan, specifically, the commercial area should:
  - a) Be anchored by a grocery store;
  - b) Have neighborhood-serving retail (meaning that the business is oriented toward repeat customers in the surrounding neighborhoods--e.g., grocer, restaurant, dry cleaner, barber--rather than occasional customers from a much broader area--e.g., big furniture, clothing, electronics store;
  - c) Have wider sidewalks;
  - d) Be of a scale and character that are consistent with a neighborhood commercial area;
  - e) Have mixed uses, particularly in terms of staggered usage periods and other complementary uses;
  - f) Be a pedestrian-friendly environment with easy pedestrian access and traffic calming.
- 3) These changes should be implemented in the very near term (under 5 years).
- 4) These changes will require both public revitalization and commercial redevelopment.
- 5) Any proposals to make changes in the zoning to enable commercial redevelopment should be carefully scrutinized, particularly proposals to convert residential area to commercial.