

## Village At Lake Norman Planners Announce I-77 Widening Plans, New Website

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CORNELIUS, NC – A development team working on The Village At Lake Norman unveiled plans to widen I-77 from two lanes in each direction to three, from south of Exit 23 in Huntersville to Exit 28 in Cornelius, in addition to a new Exit 27 interchange at I-77 and Westmoreland Road. Detailed site plans, renderings and transportation maps for the project were presented at a meeting with the Town of Cornelius planning board Monday night (Nov. 12) in the Town Hall.

Funding for the transportation improvements, including widening US21/Statesville Road to five lanes with a landscaped median and extensive tree plantings, would come from the developer and from property taxes generated by the high-end, mixed-use project.

The group also announced a new project website, [www.CorneliusBromont.com](http://www.CorneliusBromont.com), which shows key information and renderings of the planned development, and encourages feedback from the community.

The Village At Lake Norman would be located on 102 acres south of Westmoreland Road in Cornelius, between I-77 and US 21/Statesville Road. Cornelius-Bromont, LLC, a partnership including Bromont Investments of Phoenix and Carlsen Douglas Development of Huntersville, are planning the development.

Brian Jenest of ColeJenest & Stone, Charlotte land planners, explained how the project's design reflects "the relaxed lifestyle of the Lake Norman area, the history of Cornelius, and an emphasis on extensive landscaping and green spaces."

In addition to the major transportation improvements, several key benefits of the project were outlined in the presentation:

- "**High quality, master-planned development** at a far higher level than existing zoning for the site."
- "**Aesthetic design** reflecting the Town's vision for a pedestrian-friendly, mixed use center, and the relaxed Lake Norman area lifestyle."
- "**Improving quality of life** with retail, residential, recreational, business and hospitality amenities which do not exist in Cornelius now."
- "**Generating substantial new tax revenues** for the Town, County and State to provide additional municipal services and transportation improvements."
- "**Creating more than \$370 million a year in positive economic impact**, including about 3,000 new jobs and revenues for other local businesses.

Additional information can be found at [www.CorneliusBromont.com](http://www.CorneliusBromont.com).

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