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## **Sarasota County announces design day workshop on Fruitville development planning**

A workshop to discuss a planning effort for the area near Fruitville Road and I-75 will be an opportunity for neighboring residents and interested citizens to offer input and comments in an open forum.

The meeting will be from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Church of Hope, 1560 Wendell Kent Road, Sarasota.

Saturday's workshop is the culmination of a series of meetings to consider alternative development patterns for about 325 acres, primarily designated as a Major Employment Center. The area includes six parcels, with five owned by private landowners and one by Sarasota County.

The meetings will gather information from community and area residents about developing a cohesive plan for the properties instead of planning each parcel individually. The meetings contribute to possible changes in the results of a charrette held in April and a proposed comprehensive plan amendment being reviewed by the state.

The meetings have covered the history of the Fruitville planning initiative, charrettes, form-based codes, planning processes such as comprehensive planning, developments of regional impact, rezones and topics like transportation, stormwater and parks.

This workshop will summarize the input and feedback from the summer session of workshops in preparation for a County Commission hearing on Oct. 26 or 27. Summaries from past meetings are available on the county's website at [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net).

For additional information, contact the Sarasota County call center at 941-861-5000 or visit the [Fruitville charrette web page](#) on the [Planning and Development Services homepage](#) at [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net).

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