

Public Participation Tour II Survey Response Totals and Comments

August 10, 2005: Eustis High School, Planning Zones 2 and 3

Total Number of Meeting Attendees: 85

Total Number of Survey Respondents: 53

1. Have you visited the Planning Horizon 2025 website?

YES: 37 NO: 15 NO RESPONSE: 1

2. Did you participate in the Comprehensive Plan online survey about quality of life issues?

YES: 28 NO: 23 NO RESPONSE: 2

3. Do you plan to attend future public hearings about the comprehensive plan?

YES: 51 NO: 2

4. Was your top quality of life issue regarding the Comprehensive Plan addressed tonight?

YES: 28 NO: 21 NO RESPONSE: 4

4b. If not, what is your number 1 quality of life issue? (Several respondents who answered yes to this question also provided additional comments).

Property rights (Economic development and affordable housing).

Economic development.

Conserve water! Limit sprawl!

Annexation and rezoning by municipalities.

Want to have better services, vibrant economy, educational improvements.

Business survival-tax base, educational issues, and services--need central utilities though.

That quality of life have equal value with private property rights.

My issues were mentioned, but not necessarily addressed.

Keep it rural but pave roads.

Planning of utility service to Sorrento/Mount Plymouth.

Density/greenspace.

Smart growth, planned growth, controlled growth.

I want to live in a rural area.

Transportation, community services.

Freedom of travel without major delay in traffic.

Wekiva River protection.

Better roads.

What is the Economic Development (methodology) Plan and how was it formulated!

It appears that the idea of growth was put off on the LPA.

Economic improvement that makes sense, better road systems.

Balancing existing development with future development.

5. What are your thoughts about the Lake County Comprehensive Plan process?

Have a meeting solely for the development community--tend not to voice opinion in mixed company due to potential bias.

Good use of online surveys. Please add an email to let interested parties receive updates (ex. "Lake County Planning News" List)

Lets adopt Level of Service that assures a high quality of life, then what will it cost to maintain that level at projected population.

Does not seem to make an effort to reconcile conflicts in plan elements.

To seem to be doing an exhaustive study on the best way to grow Lake County. However, during the Spring planning forum and the recent notes, do you feel you've got a good feel for the majority of residents or only from a few minority groups?

Slow housing growth; build new schools; encourage small business; protect water resources; more parks limit densities in rural areas; the County should not be in the utility business.

Too much influence from special interest groups, such as the environmental community.

Think it is backwards. You need real input from the business interests, owners of property and residents not from professional environmentalists and journalists.

Preserve wildlife corridors and habitat.

The Plan is only as good as the people who enforce it. You can have growth, but keep Lake County rural--large lots!

Respect the process, but I'm very concerned about the ultimate effect.

The process is wonderful. I hope it is more than a high school sociology project.

I think it's great as it gives everybody and opportunity to voice their concerns.

You should have had the person here who could answer questions about the survey numbers and how they are interpreted.

I appreciate the public forums and the encouraging of citizens to participate in the process.

Appreciate staff efforts, but hope we're not hearing a lot of rhetoric! Example: Will rural areas truly be protected in this Comprehensive Plan.

I'm glad that they get people's opinions along the way.

So far it seems resident input is respected and explanations to the public have been widespread and accessible.

This is how the process should be carried out. A similar process should be used before any changes are made.

Need to control Mount Dora growth by annexation.

Who makes the final decision? How? How do we keep national developers.

Good info.

Without implementation it will not be of any benefit. Please notify attorneys Steve Richey and Cecelia Bonifay that we are serious about no growth.

Define "greenspace" rationally, not retention ponds or medians.

It's only as good as how good you are as listeners!

I think you are tackling a monumental requirement and your attempts to invoke the community are exemplary.

Please find a way to not talk down to us. We are all pretty smart, so please don't keep saying that "it's complicated."

We don't have to make housing for everybody. If there's no room here, they can go somewhere else.

Take a long look at what doesn't work. Control growth--growth is coming, plan it well.

Needs more focus on concurrency prioritizing transportation.

Very good, progressive, and professionally done.

Need access to maps before they go to State.

Good, but need to see a draft map soon so you can get real comments.

I hope they will take property rights into consideration.

Need to listen to people's voices about smart growth. Lake County belongs to residents, not people from Apopka, Ocoee, Orlando, etc.

It is very anti-growth driven instead of smart growth driven.

It's a great place to start.

6. Additional Comments:

Staff: Thank you for your time.

Meeting room too hot. Please provide a/c.

Protect the Wekiva River Basin.

Need strong economic development opportunities for our families.

Parks, schools, and roads for the growth. New people coming in pay for it.

If there is concurrency there will still be construction, but I will also be able to find someone to repair my windows.

Thanks for placing Comprehensive Plan drafts on the internet.

Language in Rural Land Series is ambiguous--example: "have access to water." Does this mean they will be required to have central water?

It's important to take residents' opinions into account since they make up Lake County and will be affected by its future.

I hope land planners will actually act on the residents' wishes and put severe limitations on growth.

Will our local government really do what the citizens want or support developers?

Additional zoning definitions to include: example--residence on an acre.

Let's not spoil the north part of the city like the south.

Thank you!

I don't want my area to change to clustered housing.

Difficult questions were met with philosophical or brush off answers.

Wekiva River Protection overlay zone in Comprehensive Plan should be a much higher priority due to the immediate growth pressure.

Land is a finite commodity. Lake County is, by nature, a jewel for conservancy; rural by nature's design. We do need to balance growth with preservation of rural lifestyle. Let the cities grow "up, not out. Aggressively enforce the Comprehensive Plan and LDRs. Aggressively seek JPAs that are reasonable to the majority. Those that come to Lake County need to rise to our standards. We can set the example by which all others in Florida may wish to emulate!

Without growth you will not get money to help with roads, schools, and infrastructure.

I think the commercial and industrial plan should determine the residential plan, not vice versa.

I am tickled that people think that smart growth will eliminate jobs. Marando Homes etc. do not implement jobs. They use their own labor from their prime locations. There are enough approved developments already to keep employed--Lowe's, Home Depot, concrete companies, etc.

I would like developers new to the area to find another argument for us to open Lake County to their greedy development.

