

Public Participation Analysis

1.	Name of Community (Rank and Analysis)		
a.	Clermont	578	33%
b.	Leesburg	234	13%
c.	Eustis	172	10%
d.	Other	133	7%
e.	Mount Dora	132	7%
f.	Tavares	94	5%
g.	Minneola	74	4%
h.	Groveland	73	4%
i.	Umatilla	59	3%
j.	Lady Lake	56	3%
k.	Montverde	56	3%
l.	Howey in the Hills	33	2%
m.	Fruitland Park	30	2%
n.	Astatula	13	1%
o.	Mascotte	8	1%

The total number of respondents to this question was 1,745 of 1,825 (ninety-six percent). Over fifty percent of the overall respondents were from **Clermont (thirty-three percent)**, **Leesburg (thirteen percent)** or **Eustis (ten percent)**. This conclusion is reasonable as these three cities are the most populated in Lake County. However, only seven percent of the respondents were from unincorporated Lake County although more than half of the population resides outside of corporate limits.

1a. Do you live within municipal limits?

The total number of respondents to this question was 1,795 of 1,825 (ninety-eight percent). **Forty-one percent** of the respondents live within municipal limits; **fifty-nine percent** live within unincorporated County.

2. If you were to describe your community to an outsider, what are the top three characteristics that make your community unique, or contribute most to its identity?

The majority of respondents ranked **natural resources** as number one. The second highest ranking was **parks, trails and open space** and the third was **the people**.

The majority of respondents ranked **parks, trails and open space** as number two. The second highest ranking was **the people** and the third was **natural resources**.

The majority of respondents ranked **parks, trails and open space** as number three. The second highest ranking was **the people** and the third was **neighborhoods**.

3. Please rank the top three most important quality of life issues facing your community in the next ten years.

The majority of respondents ranked **too much growth and development within community** as number one. The second highest ranking was **loss of open space or natural habitat** and the third was **too much growth from adjacent community**.

The majority of respondents ranked **loss of open space or natural habitat** as number two. The second highest ranking was **too much growth from an adjacent community** and the third was **too much growth and development within community**.

The majority of respondents ranked **too much traffic congestion** as number three. The second highest ranking was **loss of open space or natural habitat** and the third was **loss of farmland or agriculture**.

4. How do you feel about the pace of growth in your community?

Of the 1,794 respondents, **eighty-five percent** felt that the pace of growth was too fast. **Twelve-percent** felt that the pace of growth was about right. **Two percent** felt growth was too slow and approximately two percent did not know.

5. How important is it for your community to preserve the open spaces between itself and its neighboring communities?

Eighty-six percent of the 1,798 respondents stated that preserving open spaces between their community and the neighboring communities was very important. **Eleven percent** considered preserving open spaces between communities was somewhat important and **three percent** stated it was not important.

- 6a. To provide necessary housing for this new population, what should the character of the new development be in your community?

The total number of respondents to this question was 1,794. **Forty-percent** of the respondents indicated that they don't want any new residential growth in their community. **Twenty-five percent** of the respondents stated that a combination of new single-family residential and multi-family in existing neighborhoods or established town centers was preferred. **Twenty-four percent** stated that mostly new construction of single-family residential development (lower density) was preferred. **Seven percent** preferred multi-family in existing neighborhoods or established town centers. Four percent preferred other kinds of housing.

- 6b. To support the job growth associated with new population, what kind of new jobs would you like to see in your community?

Of the 1,748 respondents, **twenty-five percent** of respondents would like to see mostly small scale, locally-owned businesses. **Twenty-three percent** of the respondents would like to see mostly private sector office type jobs. **Fourteen percent** preferred mostly light industrial and distribution center jobs. **Thirteen percent** indicated that mostly retail, restaurants and other service-oriented jobs were preferred. **Eleven percent** stated that they don't want any new job growth in their community. **Six percent** indicated other kinds of jobs are preferred, five percent wanted mostly institutional or governmental and two percent wanted mostly agricultural job growth.

- 6c. What should be the character of development for new job centers and supporting commercial services in your community?

A total of 1,761 respondents answered this question. **Thirty-five percent** indicated that redevelopment of existing commercial areas into higher density mixed-use centers with retail, office and housing combined was preferred for new job centers and supporting commercial services. **Twenty-three percent** of the respondents preferred a combination of new suburban style, retail strips malls and office parks, new mixed-use centers and redevelopment of existing commercial areas was preferred. **Seventeen percent** indicated that new suburban style, retail strip malls and office parks developed separate from each other was preferred. **Seventeen percent** stated that they don't want any new jobs or commercial services in their community. **Six percent** indicated that they prefer new mixed-use centers with retail, office and housing combined. **Two percent** indicated other types of new job centers and supporting commercial services were preferred.

7. Of the following, which would you like to see more of in your community?

The majority of respondents ranked **protected habitat/natural areas** as number one. The second highest ranking was **schools** and the third was **public parks**.

The majority of respondents ranked **protected habitat** as number two. The second highest ranking was **public parks** and the third was **trails**.

The majority of respondents ranked **public parks** as number three. The second highest ranking was **trails** and the third was **protected habitat/natural areas**.

8. Do you think your city needs to annex lands and expand the incorporated areas in the next 10 years?

Of the 1,778 respondents, **70 percent** answered no.

- 8a. If yes, are there specific areas that should be annexed (please describe the locations of those areas).

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- 8b. How would you like to see these newly annexed lands developed?

There were 1,121 respondents to this question. **Seventy percent** stated that they would like to see the newly annexed lands developed as open space, natural habitat and/or park lands. **Thirteen percent** stated that they would like to see new job centers, industry or office development. **Eight percent** indicated that they would like to see highly urbanized, mixed-use development areas. **Five percent** indicated they would like to see other uses not listed and **four percent** would like to see new residential development.

9. If you answered NO to question 8, why not?

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10. If you live within the unincorporated area of the County, would you like to be annexed by a nearby city?

Of the 1,202 respondents, **eighty-six percent** indicated that they would not like to be annexed by a nearby city.

11. Do you feel that annexation should be used to control development from encroaching into your community?

There were 1,553 respondents to the question. **Fifty-one percent** said yes.

12. How do you rate the public services in your community?

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13. Beyond your community, what are the most important issues facing the Lake County region?

The majority of respondents ranked **open space protection** as number one. The second highest ranking was **traffic congestion** and the third was **quality of local schools**.

The majority of respondents ranked **traffic congestion** as number two. The second highest ranking was **population growth** and the third was **quality of local schools**.

The majority of respondents ranked **traffic congestion** as number three. The second highest ranking was **open space protection** and the third was **urban sprawl**.

Part 2 - Tell us about you

2-1. What is the five-digit zip code?

A total of 1,688 responded to this question. **Thirty-one percent** reported 34711, which is the Clermont/Minneola vicinity. **Eleven percent** reported 34748, which is the Leesburg vicinity. **Eight percent** reported 32757, which is the Mount Dora vicinity. **Six percent** reported 32726, which is the Eustis vicinity. **Six percent** reported 34715, which is the Clermont/Minneola vicinity (second branch). **Five percent** reported 32778, which is the Tavares vicinity. **Five percent** reported 34788, which is the Leesburg vicinity (second branch). **Four percent** reported 34736, which is the Groveland vicinity. **Four percent** reported 32736, which is the Eustis vicinity (second branch). **Three percent** reported 32784, which is the Umatilla/Dona Vista vicinity. **Three percent** reported 34756, which is the Montverde vicinity. **Three percent** reported 32159, which is the Lady Lake vicinity. **Nearly three percent** reported 32776, which is the Mount Plymouth/Sorrento vicinity. **Two percent** reported 34731, which is Fruitland Park vicinity. **Two percent** reported 34737, which is Howey in the Hills vicinity.

The remaining five percent of the zip codes are not concentrated in any particular area and therefore each are less than one percent of the total response.

2-2. How long have you lived in your community and/or Lake County?

There were 1,800 total responses to this question. **Nine percent** have lived in their community or Lake County their whole life. **Twenty percent** have lived in the region more than 16 years. **Fifteen percent** have lived in the region 11 - 16 years. **Twenty-six percent** have lived in the region 6-10 years. **Twenty-seven percent** have lived in the region 1-5 years. **Four percent** have lived in their community or Lake County for less than a year.

2-3. What is your age?

A total of 1,795 responded to this question. **Seven percent** were over the age of 70. **Thirty-seven percent** were between 55 and 70. **Forty-eight percent** were between 35 and 54. **Eight percent** were between 18 and 34.

2-4. Employed Status

There were 1,790 respondents to this question. **Sixty-eight percent** of the respondents were employed. **Fifty-four percent** were employed by an organization or company. **Three percent** were not employed. **Fourteen percent** were self-employed. **Twenty-eight percent** were retired. **One percent** represented full or part time students.

2-4a. If employed, where do you work?

There were 1,068 total responses to this question. **Thirty percent** of the applicants did not work within one of the municipalities in Lake County. **Twenty-two percent** of the applicants work in Clermont. **Eighteen percent** work in Tavares. **Eight percent** work in Leesburg. **Seven percent** work in Mount Dora. **Three percent** work in Groveland. The remaining six percent of the respondents work in Minneola, Umatilla, Montverde Mascotte, Lady Lake, Howey-in-the-Hills, Fruitland Park or Astatula.

2-4b. How long is your average commute to work or school?

Total response to this question was 1,248. **Twenty-seven percent** of the respondents have a 15-minute or less commute. **Twenty-one percent** have a 16 to 25 minute commute. **Fifteen percent** have a 36 - 45 minute commute. **Twelve percent** of the respondents work from home. **Ten percent** have a 26 - 35 minute commute. **Ten percent** have a 45 minute to one hour commute. The commute for **four percent** is more than one hour.

2.5 Do you own property within Lake County?

Of the 1,804 respondents to this question, **ninety-five percent** own property within Lake County.