



Blount County Government
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Public Involvement Plan

This Public Involvement Plan is designed to encourage citizens to review, comment, and/or otherwise participate in plans and projects affecting the communities of Blount County Government. The plan is intended to fulfill state and/or federal requirements for submission of a description of the public involvement in programs, projects and plans proposed and undertaken by Blount County Government. Blount County Government submits this plan to the Tennessee Department of Transportation and other state or federal agencies as part of its responsibilities in receiving federal or state funds.

This document is available on Blount County Government's website at www.blounttn.org at all times for viewing. Residents may contact Blount County to receive a hard copy of any plan or report by calling 865-982-4652.

Blount County encourages participation by all citizens and provides accommodations to encourage the participation of all citizens. Information about how to request accommodations to make participation possible, or easier, will be included in public notices. Blount County Government will continue to build capacity for participation in the community development process in neighborhoods and other areas of the county.

Blount County Government revises its Public Involvement Plan, as necessary. Citizens are welcome to provide comment on the Public Involvement Plan and on substantial amendments to the Public Involvement Plan. Blount County Government will make the Public Involvement Plan available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities, upon request.

The Public Involvement plan requires that Blount County take reasonable steps to provide assistance to ensure meaningful access to participation for all members of the community. Through this plan, citizens have the opportunity, and are encouraged, to express their views and concerns to assist in strengthening government operations with regard to community development in Blount County.

Information Sharing

Blount County Government will provide information to citizens regarding projects, services, and activities that can be undertaken. Blount County Government will explore alternative public involvement techniques to encourage Public Involvement in a shared vision for change in communities and neighborhoods, and the review of program performance (such as the use of focus groups and the Internet).

Citizen Input Notification

Typically, residents of Blount County are notified at least one week in advance via advertisements published in the legal notices section of The Daily Times. News releases, social media posts, and/or display notices are utilized as well.

Blount County Government organizes and hosts public hearings as needed to access resident's views on community development needs. Public hearings are planned to be at times and locations convenient to citizens with accommodations for persons with disabilities. Blount County Government staff are available by telephone and email to respond to questions.

Submission of Comments

Comments, complaints, suggestions, or questions regarding any aspect of any Blount County Government's programs may be directed to the staff of Blount County Government by:

Mail: Blount County Development Services

1227 McArthur Road

Maryville, TN 37804

Email: development@blounttn.org

Or by phone: 865-982-4652

Any citizen who experiences discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin should contact the Title VI Coordinator in writing via email to Misty Guge, HR Specialist at mguge@blounttn.org or by mail to Blount County Government Human Resources, Attn: Misty Guge, 397 Court Street, Maryville, TN, 37804.