

Report, Analysis and Summary of
17 Citizen Input Workshops

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INTRODUCTION. The Blount County Commission and the Blount County Planning Commission jointly sponsored a series of 17 Citizen Input Workshops throughout the county from April 14 to June 9, 1997. The meetings were in support of the county long range planning process. The intent of these workshops was to ask citizens their opinions on two questions: What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future? What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

The workshop schedules and questions were advertised in the Daily Times, and the Knoxville News Sentinel. The workshops were also advertised weekly as a community service in the two newspapers, and also on WBCR and WGAP radios. In addition, several County Commissioners distributed and posted notices of meetings.

The Blount County Planning Department staff acted as facilitators of the workshops, and County Commissioners acted as moderators. Citizens attending the workshops were asked to

comment on the two questions. Comments were written down as given on poster size sheets and displayed at the meetings. Each question was taken in turn, and citizens voted separately on their top three priority comments for each question. Voting was accomplished with three colored dots, with options to vote all three dots on one comment, or vote dots on any combination of two or three comments. Citizens also gave comments in an open forum after both questions had been addressed. Each workshop was reported individually to the County Commission and the Planning Commission.

This report analyzes comments for the two questions across all workshops, along with results of voting across all workshops. Comments given in open forum may be found in individual workshop reports. This report categorizes comments by question in order to give a structured summary of what was considered important by participating citizens.

Note that the workshop process was not random, and reflected only the comments and opinions of those citizens attending.

Nonetheless, the process did give some insight into citizen thinking on the future.

The 17 workshops were held at the following sites, on the dates indicated, and with the registration indicated:

	Reg.
Eagleton Elementary School - April 14	20
Middlesettlements Elem. School - April 15	3
Fairview Elementary School - April 21	11
Friendsville Elementary School - April 22	10
Lanier Elementary School - April 28	34
Porter Elementary School - April 29	20
Rockford Elementary School - May 1	11
Townsend Elementary School - May 5	32
Chilhowee View Community Center - May 6	16
Mary Blount Elementary School - May 8	14
Oakview Community Center - May 12	24
Montvale Elementary School - May 19	7
Walland Middle School - May 20	23
Bethel United Methodist Ch.(Seymour) - May 29	29
Alcoa High School - June 3	6
John Sevier Elementary School - June 5	
8	
Foothills Elementary School - June 9	21

TOTAL REGISTRATION

289

Note that not all registered persons participated in the workshops. Based on number of votes, there were about 250 persons actively participating in the workshops. The participation in the first question was slightly lower due to some late registrations. Most citizens stayed and participated in the open forum.

All of the meetings were orderly, and everyone was given an opportunity to express their own opinions and comments. Citizens were also invited to send written comments if they so desired. Only one written comment outside the workshop setting was received in the Planning Department. Audio tapes of the meetings, poster reports of workshop comments, comment forms returned by citizens, and written reports of each individual meeting are kept in the Blount County Planning Department for documentation.

The remainder of this report is divided into Question 1 reporting results for the first question, Question 2 reporting results for the

second question, and a third part for Summary and Conclusions. A master list of comments and votes is presented in two Appendices.

Question 1

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Reporting on 401 comments, with 727 votes

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category : Rural/Small Town/Natural Setting

There was a distinct clustering of comments which focused on the rural character of the county as something that should be preserved in the future. This rural character also included farmland and agriculture, a small town atmosphere, and the natural setting of mountains and rivers. A further characterization included peaceful and quiet, beautiful and scenic, and an appreciation that the county was not like the commercialized tourist destination of Pigeon Forge.

The category accounted for 65 comments, or 16.21 percent of all comments, and 218 votes, or 29.99 percent of all votes for question 1.

To better understand the different aspects of the category, comments and votes will be reported by subcategories as follows: Rural Character;

Beautiful/Scenic; Agriculture/Farmland; Lakes/Rivers/Streams; Mountains; Quiet/Peaceful; Natural Environment; Small Town Atmosphere; and Not Like Pigeon Forge.

Subcategory: **Rural Character**. This subcategory accounted for 12 comments, with 53 votes, or 7.29 percent of all votes for question 1, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Eagleton, Friendsville, Porter, Townsend, Oakview, and Seymour. (See following page for table of comments and votes.)

Subcategory: **Beautiful/Scenic**. This subcategory accounted for 9 comments, with 39 votes, or 5.36 percent of all votes for question 1, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

of Lanier, Chilhowee View, Mary Blount School, Alcoa, and John Sevier School. (See following page for table of comments and votes.)

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Rural/Small-Town/Natural Setting			Subcategory: Rural Character																	
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																	
		Votes																		
Eagleton	4	12.12	Rural farm setting (4 votes)																	
Friendsville	5	18.52	Rural character (5 votes)																	
Friendsville	1	3.70	Relatively undeveloped and uncrowded (1 vote)																	
Porter	4	10.26	Rural aspect - low level of development (4 votes)																	
Porter	0	0.00	Old barns - need to preserve some																	
Townsend	14	15.91	Traditional rural community and small town atmosphere. (14 votes)																	
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Not too much commercialism - still partially rural - not too urbanized																	
Oakview	9	14.29	Rural culture, beauty, and way of life (9 votes)																	
Walland	0	0.00	Not overcrowded yet																	
Seymour	8	15.09	Country atmosphere (8 votes)																	
Seymour	8	15.09	Low Population Density (8 votes)																	
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Open areas																	
Subcategory Total	53	7.29	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																	

Category: Rural/Small-Town/Natural Setting			Subcategory: Beautiful/Scenic																	
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																	
		Votes																		
Eagleton	1	3.03	Fine scenery (1 vote)																	
Fairview	2	6.06	Natural beauty (2 votes)																	
Friendsville	2	7.41	Beautiful (2 votes)																	
Lanier	11	11.22	Natural Beauty (11 votes)																	
Rockford	0	0.00	Beautiful place to live.																	
Chilhowee View	8	22.22	Natural Beauty (8 votes)																	
Mary Blount Sch.	4	10.53	Scenery (4 votes)																	
Alcoa	6	33.33	Scenic views - farmland, forest (6 votes)																	
John Sevier School	5	20.83	Natural beauty (5 votes)																	
Subcategory Total	39	5.36	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																	

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Subcategory: **Agriculture/Farmland**. This subcategory accounted for 8 comments, with 26 votes, or 3.58 percent of all votes for question 1, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Porter and Mary Blount School.

Subcategory: **Lakes/Rivers/Streams**. This subcategory accounted for 9 comments, with 26 votes, or 3.58 percent of all votes for question 1, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites

Category: Rural/Small-Town/Natural Setting			Subcategory: Agriculture/Farmland				
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.				
		Votes					
Lanier	3	3.06	Allowing greenbelt & conservation of farming (3 votes)				
Porter	5	12.82	Farmland - should be preserved (5 votes)				
Mary Blount Sch.	7	18.42	Farmland and natural areas (7 votes)				
Walland	5	8.33	Farmlands and woodland habitat (5 votes)				
Seymour	4	7.55	Farmland (4 votes)				
Alcoa	0	0.00	Still have a few local farms				
John Sevier School	1	4.17	Working farms (1 vote)				
Foothills School	1	1.59	Agricultural areas - functional farms (1 vote)				
Subcategory Total	26	3.58	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)				

Category: Rural/Small-Town/Natural Setting			Subcategory: Lakes/Rivers/Streams				
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.				
		Votes					
Porter	5	12.82	Good source of water in Little River - should take care of it (5 votes)				
Townsend	3	3.41	Little River. (3 votes)				
Chilhowee View	5	13.89	Clean streams and waterways - and keep it that way (5 votes)				
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Waterways				
Montvale	0	0.00	Lakes and rivers				
Walland	11	18.33	Prettiest streams and rivers - especially Little River - and mountains also (11 votes)				
Alcoa	1	5.56	Good unpolluted water source (1 vote)				
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Good water quality				
Foothills School	1	1.59	Clean and abundant water resources (little river) (1 vote)				
Subcategory Total	26	3.58	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)				

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of Porter, Chilhowee View, and Walland.

Oakview.

Subcategory: **Mountains**. This subcategory accounted for 5 comments, with 21 votes, or 2.89 percent of all votes for question 1, and . showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of

Subcategory: **Quiet/Peaceful**. This subcategory accounted for 6 comments, with 19 votes, or 2.61 percent of all votes for question 1, and showed substantial numbers and percent of

Category: Rural/Small-Town/Natural Setting			Subcategory: Mountains																	
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																	
		Votes																		
Porter	2	5.13	Mountain and pastoral views (2 votes)																	
Townsend	6	6.82	Mountain and valley views, green spaces and trees. (6 votes)																	
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Mountains																	
Oakview	11	17.46	Chilhowee Mountains as they exist right now (11 votes)																	
Walland	2	3.33	A view of Chilhowee Mountains without condos (2 votes)																	
Subcategory Total	21	2.89	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																	

Category: Rural/Small-Town/Natural Setting			Subcategory: Quiet/Peaceful																	
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																	
		Votes																		
Fairview	5	15.15	Quiet side of the Smokies - and keep it that way (5 votes)																	
Porter	1	2.56	Quiet lifestyles and no large cities (1 vote)																	
Townsend	10	11.36	Peace and serenity. (10 votes)																	
Chilhowee View	1	2.78	Peace and quiet (1 vote)																	
Oakview	0	0.00	Keep Townsend as "Peaceful Side of the Smokies".																	
Walland	2	3.33	Quiet, pleasant environment (2 votes)																	
Subcategory Total	19	2.61	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																	

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individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Fairview and Townsend.

and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Foothills School.

Subcategory: **Natural Environment.** This subcategory accounted for 6 comments, with 19 votes, or 2.61 percent of all votes for question 1,

Subcategory: **Small-Town Atmosphere.** This subcategory accounted for 5 comments, with 9 votes, or 1.24 percent of all votes for question 1.

Category: Rural/Small-Town/Natural Setting			Subcategory: Natural Environment																	
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site																	
		Votes																		
Middlesettlements	3	33.33	Amenities and natural environment - clean air, streams, wildlife (3 votes)																	
Fairview	1	3.03	Wooded area - needs preserving (1 vote)																	
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Lots and lots of wild trees																	
Oakview	6	9.52	Large areas of undisturbed land and open space which create wildlife habitat (6 votes)																	
Alcoa	1	5.56	Easy access to natural areas - all types (1 vote)																	
Foothills School	8	12.70	Natural environment (8 votes)																	
Subcategory Total	19	2.61	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																	

Category: Rural/Small-Town/Natural Setting			Subcategory: Small-Town Atmosphere																	
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site																	
		Votes																		
Fairview	0	0.00	Home town feel																	
Lanier	1	1.02	Small town atmosphere (1 vote)																	
Montvale	0	0.00	Small town atmosphere																	
Walland	2	3.33	Small town appeal - makes you feel safe raising your kids (2 votes)																	
Foothills School	6	9.52	Small town feel - "peaceful side of the smokies" (6 votes)																	
Subcategory Total	9	1.24	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																	

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This subcategory did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach both more than three votes and more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Subcategory: **Not Like Pigeon Forge**. This subcategory accounted for 5 comments, with 6 votes, or 0.83 percent of all votes for question 1. This subcategory did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach ten percent of votes in a

Category: Rural/Small Town/Natural Setting			Subcategory: Not Like Pigeon Forge									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.									
		Votes										
Lanier	1	1.02	Blount County is not Pigeon Forge - and should remain that way (1 vote)									
Townsend	2	2.27	Does not look like Sevier County yet. (2 votes)									
Oakview	2	3.17	Remain "Peaceful Side of the Smokies" - not Pigeon Forge commercialism (2 votes)									
Walland	0	0.00	At least 20 miles from Pigeon Forge									
John Sevier School	1	4.17	Peaceful side of the Smokies - Townsend not a Pigeon Forge (1 vote)									
Subcategory Total	6	0.83	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

single workshop. Pigeon Forge is a town in neighboring Sevier County which has developed extensively for the tourist industry.

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: No Restriction of Land Use.

There was a distinct clustering of comments which focused on the lack of land use regulations or the freedom to use land without restriction as a good aspect of Blount County which should be preserved in the future. This included both direct comments on zoning, and comments on individuality and freedom.

This category accounted for 17 comments, or 4.24 percent of all comments, and 136 votes, or 18.71 percent of all votes for question 1.

To better understand the different aspects of the category, comments and votes will be reported

by subcategories as follows: No Zoning; and Freedom to Use Property.

Subcategory: No Zoning. This subcategory accounted for 8 comments, with 86 votes, or 11.83 percent of all votes for question 1, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Lanier, Chilhowee View, and Oakview. Note that in Lanier, there was a committed group of about 20 persons who used all their three votes on the comment relating to no zoning. This consistent use of all three votes on one comment was not the norm in any other workshop site.

Category: No Restriction of Land Use			Subcategory: No Zoning		
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.		
		Votes			
Eagleton	3	9.09	Retain atmosphere of desirability created without the subjection of zoning and/or planning in previous years (3 votes)		
Lanier	60	61.22	Can use your land the way you want with no one to tell you how to use your land & no zoning (60 votes)		
Lanier	2	2.04	Beautiful place without zoning (2 votes)		
Chilhowee View	7	19.44	Small town atmosphere & able to use one's own property for own benefit - freedom to express individuality - atmosphere of desirability without planning & zoning (7 votes)		
Oakview	12	19.05	Don't have zoning or bureaucrats telling private property owners what to do with their land (12 votes)		
Oakview	1	1.59	Ability to live in county away from city and controls on property - not to be run like a city (1 vote)		
Seymour	1	1.89	Not much government intrusion, e.g. building permits (1 vote)		
Seymour	0	0.00	No zoning		
Subcategory Total	86	11.83	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)		

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Subcategory: **Freedom to Use Property**. This subcategory accounted for 9 comments, with 50 votes, or 6.88 percent of all votes for question 1, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Eagleton (combined comments), Townsend, Oakview, and Walland.

Category: No Restriction of Land Use			Subcategory: Freedom to Use Property										
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.										
		Votes											
Eagleton	3	9.09	Freedom of choice to express individual creativeness (3 votes)										
Eagleton	3	9.09	Freedom to use your property for your own benefit (3 votes)										
Friendsville	3	11.11	Freedom to live in peace and quiet without undue restrictions (3 votes)										
Rockford	3	9.09	Deep respect for the other person's property. (3 votes)										
Townsend	14	15.91	Freedom of expression in the way we live - individuality. (14 votes)										
Oakview	8	12.70	Freedom to build what you want and can afford on your own land (8 votes)										
Oakview	4	6.35	Freedom, freedom, freedom - right to enjoy private property, and politicians who will stand up for this (4 votes)										
Montvale	1	8.33	Freedom from Maryville - just to be Blount County (1 vote)										
Walland	11	18.33	Appreciate that government does not bother you (11 votes)										
Subcategory Total	50	6.88	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshon site and not percent over all 17 sites.)										

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Schools/Education

There was a clustering of comments which focused on schools and education as a good aspect of Blount County which should be preserved in the future. This included comments on school facilities, education programs, teachers, and some miscellaneous school related items.

This category accounted for 32 comments, or 7.98 percent of all comments, and 66 votes, or 9.08 percent of all votes for question 1.

To better understand the different aspects of the category, comments and votes will be reported by subcategories as follows: Schools and Education Program; Community Schools; Teachers; Higher Education; and Miscellaneous.

Subcategory: **Schools and Education Program**. This subcategory accounted for 12 comments, with 38 votes, or 5.23 percent of all votes for question 1, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Mary Blount

Category: Schools/Education				Subcategory: Schools and Education Program											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.												
Middlesettlements	2	22.22	Good schools (2 votes)												
Fairview	1	3.03	School system (1 vote)												
Friendsville	2	7.41	Good schools (2 votes)												
Lanier	2	2.04	Good school system (2 votes)												
Rockford	1	3.03	Schools are good. (1 vote)												
Townsend	0	0.00	Good school												
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Good education programs												
Mary Blount Sch.	9	23.68	Education good (9 votes)												
Walland	0	0.00	Good schools												
Alcoa	2	11.11	Good educational system (2 votes)												
John Sevier School	4	16.67	Great school systems to choose from - with above average technology (4 votes)												
Foothills School	15	23.81	Superior schools - low teacher/pupil ratio, good teachers, etc. (15 votes)												
Subcategory Total	38	5.23	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)												

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

School, John Sevier School, and Foothills School.

Subcategory: **Community Schools**. This subcategory accounted for 3 comments, with 16 votes, or 2.20 percent of all votes for question 1, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Lanier, Porter and Mary Blount School.

Subcategory: **Teachers**. This subcategory accounted for 3 comments, with 6 votes, or 0.83 percent of all votes for question 1, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Fairview.

Category: Schools/Education				Subcategory: Community Schools			
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site				
		Votes					
Lanier	5	5.10	Community schools in general area where kids live (5 votes)				
Porter	4	10.26	Community elementary schools (4 votes)				
Mary Blount Sch.	7	18.42	Community based elementary schools (7 votes)				
Subcategory Total	16	2.20	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)				

Community schools refer to small elementary

Category: Schools/Education				Subcategory: Teachers			
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site				
		Votes					
Fairview	5	15.15	Quality teachers (5 votes)				
Chilhowee View	1	2.78	Good teachers (1 vote)				
Montvale	0	0.00	Good teachers				
Subcategory Total	6	0.83	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)				

schools serving a limited area.

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Subcategory: **Higher Education**. This category accounted for 9 comments, with 5 votes, or 0.69 percent of all votes for question 1. This subcategory did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach both more than three votes and more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Subcategory: **Miscellaneous**. This subcategory reports the remainder of the comments in the Schools/Education category.

Category: Schools/Education			Subcategory: Higher Education																
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site																
		Votes																	
Porter	2	5.13	Access to higher education - vocational and professional (2 votes)																
Townsend	0	0.00	Good college with cultural activities and sports events																
Mary Blount Sch.	2	5.26	The two local colleges (2 votes)																
Oakview	0	0.00	Maryville College																
Montvale	1	8.33	High quality education system including Maryville College (1 vote)																
Walland	0	0.00	Pellissippi State College																
Alcoa	0	0.00	Maryville College																
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Maryville College and Pellissippi State College																
Foothills School	0	0.00	Good access to affordable higher education - and special programs																
Subcategory Total	5	0.69	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																

Category: Schools/Education			Subcategory: Miscellaneous																
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site																
		Votes																	
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.63	Keep old schools in use (1 vote)																
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Good school bussing system																
Oakview	0	0.00	Preserve children's lives that ride on school busses																
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Corporate support for school system																
Foothills School	0	0.00	Adult education - continuous, e.g., library																
Subcategory Total	1	0.14	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Economy

There were a number of comments which referred to the local economy. This category accounted for 44 comments, or 10.97 percent of all comments, and 50 votes, or 6.88 percent of all votes for question 1.

Subcategory: Employment. This subcategory accounted for 13 comments, with 19 votes, or 2.61 percent of all votes for question 1, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Friendsville.

To better understand the different aspects of the category, comments and votes will be reported by subcategories as follows: Jobs/Employment; Industry; Trade and Services; and Miscellaneous.

Category: Economy			Subcategory: Employment																	
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																	
		Votes																		
Fairview	2	6.06	Jobs - active seeking of new jobs and growth (2 votes)																	
Friendsville	4	14.81	Good job generation for Blount County youth (4 votes)																	
Lanier	2	2.04	Good employment opportunities (2 votes)																	
Porter	1	2.56	Good job potential in area (1 vote)																	
Rockford	3	9.09	Good job growth and diversity of jobs. (3 votes)																	
Townsend	1	1.14	Diversified job base. (1 vote)																	
Townsend	1	1.14	Lots of opportunities - for jobs and business. (1 vote)																	
Mary Blount Sch.	2	5.26	Employment opportunities (2 votes)																	
Oakview	3	4.76	Good job creation (3 votes)																	
Alcoa	0	0.00	Unemployment not high																	
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Low unemployment																	
Subcategory Total	19	2.61	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																	

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Subcategory: **Industry**. This subcategory accounted for 12 comments, with 12 votes, or 1.65 percent of all votes for question 1. This subcategory did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Economy			Subcategory: Industry											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.											
		Votes												
Fairview	3	9.09	Recruitment of light industry - not heavy industry (3 votes)											
Fairview	1	3.03	Business and industry supporting the tax base (1 vote)											
Rockford	3	9.09	Fortunate to have good industry. (3 votes)											
Rockford	1	3.03	Good industry recruitment. (1 vote)											
Rockford	0	0.00	ALCOA company plant											
Chilhowee View	1	2.78	Minimum of smokestack industries (1 vote)											
Oakview	1	1.59	Keep recruiting industry into Blount County to have jobs for our children (1 vote)											
Walland	0	0.00	Good industrial recruitment - brings good jobs											
Seymour	0	0.00	Good placement (concentrated) of industry - not scattered											
Alcoa	1	5.56	Lack of major heavy industry (1 vote)											
Alcoa	0	0.00	Tourism and industrial recruitment											
John Sevier School	1	4.17	Good plan for recruitment of industry - reasonable incentives - good cooperation between cities and county (1 vote)											
Subcategory Total	12	1.65	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Subcategory: **Trade and Services**. This subcategory accounted for 13 comments, with 7 votes, or 0.96 percent of all votes for question 1. This subcategory did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Subcategory: **Miscellaneous**. This subcategory reports the remainder of the comments in the Economy category.

Category: Economy			Subcategory: Trade and Services													
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site													
		Votes														
Eagleton	0	0.00	Fine eating establishments													
Fairview	0	0.00	Easy access to food markets													
Fairview	0	0.00	Foothills Mall													
Friendsville	1	3.70	Good business community that supports the county. (1 vote)													
Porter	0	0.00	Good basic shopping													
Rockford	0	0.00	Walmart - a good place to shop- generally good retail													
Seymour	0	0.00	Reasonable prices for shopping													
Alcoa	2	11.11	Locally owned businesses - not major chains (2 votes)													
John Sevier School	2	8.33	Variety of business and industry (2 votes)													
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Foothills mall as alternative to Knoxville													
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Motor mile													
Foothills School	2	3.17	Very active business community fostering strong local economy - good Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Board (2 votes)													
Foothills School	0	0.00	Good mall													
Subcategory Total	7	0.96	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)													

Category: Economy			Subcategory: Miscellaneous													
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site													
		Votes														
Townsend	0	0.00	Good and robust economy													
Montvale	0	0.00	Strong economy													
Montvale	0	0.00	Affordability of housing													
Walland	0	0.00	Good Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center													
Seymour	5	9.43	Good property values (5 votes)													
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Affordability and reasonable cost of living													
Foothills School	6	9.52	Diversified, clean economy - environmentally (6 votes)													
Foothills School	1	1.59	Strong property values (1 vote)													
Subcategory Total	12	1.65	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)													

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Heritage.

There were a number of comments which referred to the local heritage. This category accounted for 18 comments, or 4.49 percent of all comments, and 41 votes, or 5.64 percent of all votes for question 1. There was a distinct concentration of votes in the Townsend workshop site, and substantial number and percent of votes in the Porter workshop site.

Note that in Townsend, a group of citizens along with the city government have been developing a “Heritage” concept for development to preserve the Appalachian character of the area.

Category: Heritage			Subcategory: none									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.									
			Votes									
Eagleton	1	3.03	History and family with roots going back generations (1 vote)									
Eagleton	1	3.03	Keep it like it used to be (1 vote)									
Porter	4	10.26	Pride in local heritage - e.g. crafts, history, arts (4 votes)									
Rockford	0	0.00	Long-term residents - need to keep them here									
Townsend	29	32.95	Community identity (leave Townsend and surrounding area like it is). (29 votes)									
Townsend	1	1.14	Historical structures and sites. (1 vote)									
Townsend	0	0.00	Local heritage									
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Historical buildings and sites									
Oakview	1	1.59	Preserve the way people have been living in this community (1 vote)									
Montvale	1	8.33	Heritage/people, the arts, music - creativity of people (1 vote)									
Walland	1	1.67	Great heritage - e.g., music, crafts, culture, native families (1 vote)									
Seymour	0	0.00	Townsend									
Alcoa	0	0.00	Proud of its heritage									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Heritage of the community									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Historical buildings and sites - Historical Trust									
Foothills School	1	1.59	Townsend - heritage and gateway to Smokies (1 vote)									
Foothills School	1	1.59	Historical/cultural center (downtown) Maryville (1 vote)									
Foothills School	0	0.00	Historical buildings and sites									
Category Total	41	5.64	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Law Enforcement.

There were a number of comments which focused on law enforcement. This category accounted for 22 comments, or 5.49 percent of all comments, and 40 votes, or 5.50 percent of all votes for question 1. The category showed

substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Chilhowee View and Foothills School. The category was characterized by comments focusing on either good law enforcement, low crime rate, or safe place to live.

Category: Law Enforcement			Subcategory: none									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site									
		Votes										
Eagleton	3	9.09	Safe (low crime) small-town atmosphere (3 votes)									
Fairview	2	6.06	Low crime (2 votes)									
Fairview	0	0.00	Sheriff's Department									
Friendsville	1	3.70	Safe place to live (1 vote)									
Friendsville	0	0.00	Good law enforcement.									
Lanier	1	1.02	Good Sheriff (1 vote)									
Porter	3	7.69	Low crime rate - safe neighborhoods (3 votes)									
Rockford	2	6.06	Sheriff and Police. (2 votes)									
Townsend	1	1.14	Low crime rate. (1 vote)									
Chilhowee View	8	22.22	Quality law enforcement - Sheriff who is tough on criminals (8 votes)									
Chilhowee View	2	5.56	Most of county still relatively safe place to live (2 votes)									
Mary Blount Sch.	2	5.26	Safe place to live (2 votes)									
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Good law enforcement									
Oakview	0	0.00	Good Sheriff's Department									
Montvale	2	16.67	Safe community - low crime (2 votes)									
Montvale	0	0.00	Good law enforcement - Sheriff Department has come a long way									
Walland	3	5.00	Good Sheriff Department - do not tie their hands (3 votes)									
Walland	2	3.33	Safe community (2 votes)									
Seymour	0	0.00	Good Sheriff Department									
Alcoa	0	0.00	Small town atmosphere - low crime									
John Sevier School	1	4.17	Good law enforcement - both city and county (1 vote)									
Foothills School	7	11.11	Relatively low crime rate - good police/sheriff and fire protection (7 votes)									
Category Total	40	5.50	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshon site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Recreation/Parks

There were a number of comments which focused on recreation and parks. This category accounted for 34 comments, or 8.48 percent of all comments, and 37 votes, or 5.09 percent of all votes for question 1.

To better understand the different aspects of the category, comments and votes will be reported by subcategories as follows: Greenways and Parks; Youth Sports; Great Smoky Mountains National Park; and Miscellaneous.

Subcategory: Greenway and Parks. This subcategory accounted for 11 comments, with 16 votes, or 2.20 percent of all votes for question 1, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Fairview. The greenways and parks mentioned were in the cities of Maryville and Alcoa.

Category: Recreation/Parks				Subcategory: Greenway and Parks			
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site				
		Votes					
Middlesettlements	2	22.22	Good parks and recreation (2 votes)				
Fairview	6	18.18	Parks, trails, recreation program - family oriented (6 votes)				
Lanier	0	0.00	Parks - county & state & federal				
Porter	2	5.13	Parks and greenbelt areas (2 votes)				
Rockford	0	0.00	Greenbelt parks				
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Greenbelt parks				
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Green belt parks				
Montvale	0	0.00	Greenbelts - walking paths				
Alcoa	2	11.11	Greenway system (2 votes)				
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Greenbelt/Greenway and all parks				
Foothills School	4	6.35	Open-green space - parks and greenbelt (4 votes)				
Subcategory Total	16	2.20	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshon site and not percent over all 17 sites.)				

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Subcategory: **Youth Sports**. This subcategory accounted for four comments, with 13 votes, or 1.79 percent of all votes for question 1, and showed substantial number and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Eagleton and Rockford.

Subcategory: **Great Smoky Mountains National Park**. This subcategory accounted for six comments, with 2 votes, or 0.28 percent of all votes for question 1. This subcategory did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach more than ten percent of the votes in a single workshop.

Category: Recreation/Parks			Subcategory: Youth Sports												
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.												
		Votes													
Eagleton	4	12.12	Youth sports (4 votes)												
Rockford	5	15.15	Good opportunities for children - boys club, parks, recreation, girls club. (5 votes)												
Oakview	4	6.35	Civic and church functions for youth (4 votes)												
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Parks and recreation programs for young people												
Subcategory Total	13	1.79	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)												

Category: Recreation/Parks			Subcategory: Great Smoky Mountains National Park												
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.												
		Votes													
Friendsville	0	0.00	Close to the Smokies												
Townsend	2	2.27	Near to Great Smoky Mountains National Park and wildlife - free access. (2 votes)												
Oakview	0	0.00	Retain no-fee entry into Great Smoky Mountains National Park												
Montvale	0	0.00	Close to wilderness and Great Smoky Mountains National Park												
Walland	0	0.00	Great Smoky Mountains National Park												
Alcoa	0	0.00	Gateway to the Smokies												
Subcategory Total	2	0.28	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)												

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Subcategory: **Miscellaneous**. This subcategory reports the remainder of the comments in the Recreation/Parks category.

Category: Recreation/Parks			Subcategory: Miscellaneous									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.									
		Votes										
Eagleton	1	3.03	Excellent recreation (lakes and mountains) (1 vote)									
Lanier	0	0.00	Lakes for recreation									
Townsend	1	1.14	Good recreational opportunities. (1 vote)									
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Recreation									
Oakview	1	1.59	Recreational opportunities - e.g. Great Smoky Mountains National Park, rivers, lakes, greenway trails (1 vote)									
Oakview	0	0.00	Horseback riding trails in the mountains									
Walland	1	1.67	Recreational opportunities - both adults and children - greenbelts, lakes, sports (1 vote)									
Walland	0	0.00	Roadside parks adapted for handicap									
Walland	0	0.00	Local swimming holes									
Walland	0	0.00	Swinging bridges									
Seymour	0	0.00	Close to all forms of recreation									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Water and outdoor recreation									
Foothills School	2	3.17	Recreation - facilities and programs - natural and manmade (2 votes)									
Subcategory Total	6	0.83	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Taxes.

This category accounted for 10 comments and 34 votes, or 4.68 percent of all votes for question 1. This category showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Eagleton, Lanier, Mary Blount School, and Seymour (combined comments).

Category: Taxes			Subcategory: none											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.											
		Votes												
Eagleton	8	24.24	Lower tax rate (8 votes)											
Friendsville	1	3.70	Lower taxes (1 vote)											
Lanier	7	7.14	Good tax rate (7 votes)											
Townsend	0	0.00	Reasonable property taxes											
Mary Blount Sch.	4	10.53	Good tax rates (4 votes)											
Montvale	0	0.00	Service to tax ratio											
Seymour	10	18.87	Lower taxes in rural areas (10 votes)											
Alcoa	0	0.00	Effectively low tax rate											
John Sevier School	2	8.33	Good tax structure (2 votes)											
Foothills School	2	3.17	Lower property tax (2 votes)											
Category Total	34	4.68	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Quality of Life.

This category included several comments which either directly or indirectly referenced quality of life in the county, and accounted for 11 comments and 14 votes, or 1.93 percent of all votes for question 1. This category showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Rockford.

Category: Quality of Life			Subcategory: none											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site											
		Votes												
Fairview	1	3.03	Healthy place to live (1 vote)											
Friendsville	1	3.70	Good services for all ages - health care, parks, recreation, nursing home facilities (1 vote)											
Rockford	4	12.12	Quality of life is good - e.g. schools, environment, retail, low crime, entertainment. (4 votes)											
Rockford	1	3.03	Good place to grow up. (1 vote)											
Townsend	0	0.00	Overall quality of life											
Chilhowee View	1	2.78	Nice place to raise your family (1 vote)											
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	One of the best counties in the state to live in											
Montvale	2	16.67	Balance of mountains, water, forest, farm and industry (2 votes)											
Montvale	1	8.33	Wide variety of wildlife, fruits, vegetables, and flowers (1 vote)											
Seymour	1	1.89	Nice place to live (1 vote)											
John Sevier School	2	8.33	Quality of life (2 votes)											
Category Total	14	1.93	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Community Involvement.

This category included several comments which either directly referenced volunteerism or referenced the willingness of people to help, and accounted for 11 comments and 12 votes, or 1.65 percent of all votes for question 1. This category showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Rockford.

Category: Community Involvement			Subcategory: none									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site									
		Votes										
Eagleton	0	0.00	Community involvement									
Fairview	2	6.06	Mutual support - schools, churches, and community organizations (2 votes)									
Friendsville	1	3.70	People/clubs/community organizations committed to keeping Blount County clean - community spirit (1 vote)									
Porter	3	7.69	Friendliness of people - willingness to help (3 votes)									
Rockford	5	15.15	Blount County has always worked to better itself and the hope is this will continue into the future. (5 votes)									
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Strong volunteerism									
Walland	0	0.00	Lot of opportunities for volunteer activities									
Alcoa	0	0.00	Good volunteer community									
John Sevier School	1	4.17	Good volunteer spirit (1 vote)									
Foothills School	0	0.00	Good, friendly people who care, e.g., support of United Way									
Foothills School	0	0.00	Good voluntary social services support									
Category Total	12	1.65	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Hospital/Medical/Nursing Care.

This category accounted for 10 comments and 11 votes, or 1.51 percent of all votes for question 1. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach both more than three votes and more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop. The hospital referenced was Blount Memorial Hospital, and nursing care included assisted care facilities.

Category: Hospital/Medical/Nursing Care			Subcategory: none									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site									
		Votes										
Eagleton	0	0.00	Excellent medical care and school system									
Lanier	0	0.00	Good medical facilities									
Townsend	2	2.27	High level of medical care by caring professionals. (2 votes)									
Montvale	1	8.33	Hospitals close by - good health care (1 vote)									
Montvale	0	0.00	Hospice program - home health and nursing - retirement homes									
Walland	3	5.00	Hospital and specialized medical care (3 votes)									
Alcoa	3	16.67	Medical facilities - good hospital (3 votes)									
John Sevier School	1	4.17	Blount Memorial Hospital (1 vote)									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Good nursing homes									
Foothills School	1	1.59	Hospital - and good health services (1 vote)									
Category Total	11	1.51	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Government

This category accounted for 13 comments and 9 votes, or 1.24 percent of all votes for question 1.

This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Government			Subcategory: none											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site											
		Votes												
Eagleton	0	0.00	Good leadership											
Fairview	0	0.00	Willingness to meet with and listen to small groups in communities											
Friendsville	1	3.70	Good partnership and cooperation between governments - e.g. landfill, parks and recreation (1 vote)											
Lanier	0	0.00	Friendliness of people at courthouse											
Rockford	0	0.00	County officials generally good											
Townsend	0	0.00	Good county government											
Montvale	1	8.33	Open forum like this one - input into planning - openness to listen to community values (1 vote)											
Walland	4	6.67	Planning Commission involving citizens like this meeting - County Commission too (4 votes)											
Walland	1	1.67	Can reach government officials without red tape (1 vote)											
Seymour	1	1.89	Fairly progressive government (1 vote)											
Seymour	1	1.89	County Commission helpful (1 vote)											
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Land use planning program											
Foothills School	0	0.00	Good government - all											
Category Total	9	1.24	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: EMS/Fire Protection

This category included several comments which either referenced emergency services or referenced fire protection, and accounted for 5 comments and 9 votes, or 1.10 percent of all votes for question 1. This category showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Walland.

Category: Religion/Churches

This category accounted for 5 comments and 7 votes, or 0.96 percent of all votes for question 1. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: EMS/Fire Protection			Subcategory: none																	
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																	
		Votes																		
Lanier	1	1.02	Good emergency response - especially from Greenback - good county and Greenback cooperation (1 vote)																	
Rockford	0	0.00	Very good 911 and emergency response																	
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Good fire protection																	
Walland	6	10.00	Good EMS - rescue squad and fire department (6 votes)																	
John Sevier School	1	4.17	Rural-Metro EMS (1 vote)																	
Category Total	8	1.10	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																	

Category: Religion/Churches			Subcategory: none																	
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																	
		Votes																		
Eagleton	1	3.03	Religious/spiritual community (1 vote)																	
Porter	2	5.13	Abundance of good churches (2 votes)																	
Rockford	2	6.06	Freedom of church and worship. (2 votes)																	
Walland	2	3.33	Good churches - freedom of religion (2 votes)																	
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Strong religious community																	
Category Total	7	0.96	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																	

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Local Values

This category accounted for 10 comments and 6 votes, or 0.83 percent of all votes for question 1. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach both more than three votes and more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Local Values			Subcategory: none											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site											
		Votes												
Porter	1	2.56	Family oriented values (1 vote)											
Porter	0	0.00	Pride in home ownership - good homesite maintenance											
Townsend	0	0.00	Good Christian community											
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Conservative attitude of the county											
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Good local value system											
Montvale	2	16.67	Conservative values (2 votes)											
Walland	2	3.33	Community as a family (2 votes)											
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Adults focused on raising kids well											
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Strong family ties											
Foothills School	1	1.59	Good moral values - churches (1 vote)											
Category Total	6	0.83	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Roads/Traffic

This category accounted for 13 comments and 5 votes, or 0.69 percent of all votes for question 1.

This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Roads/Traffic			Subcategory: none									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site									
		Votes										
Fairview	0	0.00	Road maintenance good									
Friendsville	1	3.70	Good roads (1 vote)									
Lanier	1	1.02	Good roadside maintenance (1 vote)									
Lanier	0	0.00	Road maintenance good									
Rockford	1	3.03	Roads are good and should continue. (1 vote)									
Townsend	1	1.14	Lack of traffic congestion (sometimes). (1 vote)									
Oakview	0	0.00	Keep Ellejoy Road as a minor road - do not convert to main connector to Chapman Highway									
Walland	0	0.00	Good highway department									
Seymour	0	0.00	Quality of roads									
Alcoa	0	0.00	Traffic not too bad usually									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Less congested than West Knoxville									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Roads and highways in good condition									
Foothills School	1	1.59	Roads have improved greatly (1 vote)									
Category Total	5	0.69	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Litter/Garbage/Recycling Services

This category accounted for 11 comments and 5 votes, or 0.69 percent of all votes for question 1. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Arts/Culture

This category accounted for 4 comments and 4 votes, or 0.55 percent of all votes for question 1. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Litter/Garbage/Recycling Services			Subcategory: none									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site									
			Votes									
Fairview	0	0.00	Recycling effort - needs expansion									
Rockford	2	6.06	Use of prisoners for litter pick-up. (2 votes)									
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Best litter grant program in the state									
Oakview	0	0.00	Good organization in "Beautiful Blount" for recycling and litter control									
Walland	2	3.33	Clean streets, highways and roads (2 votes)									
Seymour	0	0.00	Good litter pick-up by prisoners									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Clean in Blount County - relatively free of litter									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Land fill is up-to-date									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Active recycling program									
Foothills School	1	1.59	Good effort to clean county up in last few years (1 vote)									
Foothills School	0	0.00	Good landfill - and we need to improve on this									
Category Total	5	0.69	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshon site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

Category: Arts/Culture			Subcategory: none									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site									
			Votes									
Fairview	2	6.06	Cultural offerings - music, theater, arts (2 votes)									
Walland	0	0.00	Maryville College as a community resource for the arts and education									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Dogwood Arts Festival and all arts									
Foothills School	2	3.17	Cultural resources - arts, e.g., Maryville College (2 votes)									
Category Total	4	0.55	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshon site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Regional Proximity

This category included comments concerning the closeness of the county to major regional centers or transportation facilities, especially Knoxville and the interstate highways, and accounted for 11 comments and 3 votes, or 0.41 percent of all votes for question 1. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach both more than 3 votes and more than 10 percent of votes in a single

Category: Regional Proximity			Subcategory: none									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site									
		Votes										
Middlesettlements	2	22.22	Good regional access but retain rural setting (2 votes)									
Friendsville	1	3.70	Close to a major city but not in one (1 vote)									
Friendsville	0	0.00	Close to two major interstates									
Porter	0	0.00	Convenient to Knoxville, Pigeon Forge, Airport, Gatlinburg, and Great Smoky Mountains National Park									
Montvale	0	0.00	Close to Knoxville, but not too close									
Walland	0	0.00	Close to Knoxville									
Seymour	0	0.00	Convenience to Knoxville, Maryville, airport, hospitals									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Close to Knoxville without living in it									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Close to university (UT)									
Foothills School	0	0.00	Access to Knoxville and other regional centers (good and bad points, but mainly good)									
Foothills School	0	0.00	Access to major interstates									
Category Total	3	0.41	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

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What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Air Quality

This category accounted for 5 comments and 2 votes, or 0.28 percent of all votes for question 1. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Air Quality			Subcategory: none										
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site										
		Votes											
Friendsville	2	7.41	Relatively clean air (2 votes)										
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Smells good - fresh air										
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Good air quality										
Walland	0	0.00	Good air quality										
Alcoa	0	0.00	Air pollution not too bad										
Category Total	2	0.28	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshon site and not percent over all 17 sites.)										

Category: Conservation Programs			Subcategory: none										
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site										
		Votes											
Friendsville	2	7.41	Relatively clean air (2 votes)										
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Smells good - fresh air										
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Good air quality										
Walland	0	0.00	Good air quality										
Alcoa	0	0.00	Air pollution not too bad										
Category Total	2	0.28	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshon site and not percent over all 17 sites.)										

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Conservation Programs

Category: Library

This category accounted for 4 comments and 2 votes, or 0.28 percent of all votes for question 1.

This category accounted for 6 comments and 1 vote, or 0.14 percent of all votes for question 1.

Category: Library			Subcategory: none											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.											
		Votes												
Fairview	0	0.00	Good library - needs expansion											
Lanier	1	1.02	Good library (1 vote)											
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Library											
Montvale	0	0.00	Library											
Walland	0	0.00	Good library											
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Library											
Category Total	1	0.14	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

Category: Utilities			Subcategory: none											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.											
		Votes												
Seymour	1	1.89	Reliable utilities (1 vote)											
Alcoa	0	0.00	TVA gives inexpensive power											
Foothills School	0	0.00	Good quality public utilities											
Category Total	1	0.14	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: Utilities

This category accounted for 3 comments and 1 vote, or 0.14 percent of all votes for question 1.

Category: Airport

This category accounted for 7 comments, but no votes. The airport referenced was the McGhee-Tyson Airport owned by Knoxville and located near Alcoa.

Category: Airport			Subcategory: none																		
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																		
		Votes																			
Friendsville	0	0.00	Airport, Maryville College and Pellissippi State College																		
Lanier	0	0.00	Airport.																		
Rockford	0	0.00	Airport																		
Montvale	0	0.00	Near to airport																		
Walland	0	0.00	Airport																		
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Great airport																		
Foothills School	0	0.00	Airport - makes us available to world																		
Category Total	0	0.00	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshon site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																		

Category: People			Subcategory: none																		
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																		
		Votes																			
Eagleton	0	0.00	Finest people in the world																		
Friendsville	0	0.00	People in the county are the best - good folks																		
Townsend	0	0.00	Friendly people																		
Montvale	0	0.00	Good neighbors																		
Walland	0	0.00	People here are the greatest - kind and helpful																		
Walland	0	0.00	Diversity of people and culture																		
Alcoa	0	0.00	Diversity of people																		
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Friendliness																		
Foothills School	0	0.00	Overall, fairly cohesive community																		
Foothills School	0	0.00	Cultural diversity																		
Category Total	0	0.00	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshon site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																		

What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?

Category: People

This category accounted for 10 comments, but no votes.

Category: Miscellaneous

This category reports the remainder of the comments to the first question. Note that the concentration of votes in the Seymour site was due to a recent move to incorporate the area as a municipality.

Category: Miscellaneous			Subcategory: none																	
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																	
		Votes																		
Eagleton	0	0.00	"Big Orange" country																	
Middlesettlements	0	0.00	Acreage and housing available																	
Rockford	0	0.00	Good news media																	
Chilhowee View	1	2.78	Good human scale for contacts - community, government, commercial - open door policy (1 vote)																	
Chilhowee View	1	2.78	Keep the building codes (1 vote)																	
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Weather is good																	
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Good newspaper																	
Oakview	0	0.00	Right to due process in law																	
Oakview	0	0.00	Rights to express own opinions																	
Walland	0	0.00	Chilhowee Lake without the drug dealers																	
Walland	0	0.00	Local daily newspaper																	
Walland	0	0.00	No county wide liquor by the drink																	
Seymour	13	24.53	Seymour not incorporated and should stay that way (13 votes)																	
Seymour	0	0.00	Stopped TVA 161 KV line																	
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Programs like Beautiful Blount, Leadership Blount, etc.																	
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Conducive to retirement																	
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Good racial mix																	
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Good family assistance system																	
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Good funeral services and crematorium																	
Foothills School	0	0.00	Good marketing to the world																	
Category Total	15	2.06	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshon site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																	

Question 2

**What needs to be changed in Blount County
to make a better future?**

Reporting on 419 comments, with 759 votes

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: **Land Use Management**

There was a distinct clustering of comments which identified some sort of land use management as a need for a better future. This category included comments specific to zoning, and also controls over specific activities.

The category accounted for 50 comments, or 11.93 percent of all comments, and 151 votes, or 19.89 percent of all votes for question 2.

To better understand the different aspects of the category, comments and votes will be reported by subcategories as follows: Zoning and Land Use Regulations; Flood Plain Management; Mountain and Ridgetop Protection; Junk Control; Billboards and Visual Pollution Control; Building Codes and Permits; and Miscellaneous.

See also other separate but related main categories of Planning, Growth Control, Conservation, and Development Impact Fees.

Subcategory: **Zoning and Land Use Regulation**. This subcategory accounted for 22 comments, with 109 votes, or 14.36 percent of all votes for question 1, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Eagleton, Friendsville, Lanier, Rockford, Townsend, Chilhowee View, Mary Blount School, Montvale, Seymour, John Sevier School, and Foothills School. Thus, out of 17 workshop sites, 11 sites showed both greater than three votes and greater than ten percent of votes cast in the individual sites, in support of zoning or some form of land use regulations. (See following page for table of comments and votes.)

Subcategory: **Mountain and Ridgetop Protection**. This subcategory accounted for four comments, with 13 votes, or 1.71 percent of all votes for question 2, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Townsend, a community located in the mountains. (See

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Category: Land Use Management			Subcategory: Zoning and Land Use Regulation										
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site										
		Votes											
Eagleton	5	13.89	Zoning - need controls (5 votes)										
Middlesettlements	2	22.22	Zoning - land use controls to address problems of growth - maintain value of property (2 votes)										
Fairview	2	6.06	County needs to implement zoning - for proactive approach (2 votes)										
Friendsville	7	26.92	Need some sort of zoning eventually (7 votes)										
Lanier	13	12.38	Need land use to avoid hop-scotch housing development, protect residential property value, control location of industry, and orderly expansion of utilities (13)										
Lanier	2	1.90	Separation of businesses and residences (2 votes)										
Rockford	9	27.27	Need a zoning plan. (9 votes)										
Rockford	0	0.00	Let the county formulate its own regulations										
Townsend	15	17.86	Need some kind of zoning to keep out activities not in character with Townsend. (15 votes)										
Chilhowee View	6	17.14	Need good zoning laws to protect the good things about Blount County (6 votes)										
Mary Blount Sch.	7	17.95	Need good land use management plan and authority to enforce it (7 votes)										
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.56	Need some kind of zoning - if chosen wisely (1 vote)										
Montvale	4	33.33	Good zoning laws - formulated by the people of Blount County (4 votes)										
Montvale	0	0.00	Need system to control commercialism - to avoid becoming Pigeon Forge										
Waland	1	1.45	New housing development should fit existing character of the land - no more Raulston Views (1 vote)										
Seymour	7	10.14	Need zoning (7 votes)										
Seymour	5	7.25	Planning Commission needs enforcement to enforce promises by developers (5 votes)										
Alcoa	3	16.67	Need zoning to take back planning regions - direct representation in land use regulation (3 votes)										
John Sevier School	4	19.05	Need zoning for countv (4 votes)										
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need height restrictions of commercial buildings										
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need to require open space in all developments										
Foothills School	16	25.40	Planned growth and zoning (16 votes)										
Subcategory Total	109	14.36	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshon site and not percent over all 17 sites.)										

following page for table of comments and votes.)

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Subcategory: **Flood Plain Management.** This subcategory accounted for four comments, with 9 votes, or 1.19 percent of all votes for question 2, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Walland, a community along the Little River.

Subcategory: **Junk Control.** This subcategory accounted for five comments, with 8 votes, or 1.05 percent of all votes for question 2. This subcategory did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach more than ten percent of votes

Category: Land Use Management			Subcategory: Flood Plain Management									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.									
			Votes									
Lanier	0	0.00	Need flood plain zoning - to allow flood insurance									
Walland	8	11.59	County should allow purchase of flood insurance (8 votes)									
Alcoa	1	5.56	Protect water resources by eliminating flood plain development (1 vote)									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need better flood plain management regulations									
Subcategory Total	9	1.19	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

Category: Land Use Management			Subcategory: Junk Control									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.									
			Votes									
Friendsville	0	0.00	Need controls on dumps/ junk on private property - not just looks but also health and safety.									
Lanier	3	2.86	Something to prevent & eliminate a junk yard or firing range behind your house - e.g. abandoned cars (3 votes)									
Alcoa	2	2.86	reasonable regulation of junked property to maintain property values (4 votes)									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Control trash and junk on properties (1 vote)									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Control metal junk on properties to address rusting into water table									
Townsend	12	14.29	Need to establish a law to protect ridgetops. (12 votes)									
Subcategory Total	8	1.05	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Need to protect mountain ridgelines - mountain views									
Alcoa	1	5.56	Need ridge laws to protect main ridges (1 vote)									
Subcategory Total	13	1.71	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

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Subcategory: Building Code and Permits.
 This subcategory accounted for four comments, with 3 votes, or 0.40 percent of all votes for

Subcategory: Billboards and Visual Pollution Control. This subcategory accounted for four comments, with 1 vote, or 0.13 percent of all votes for question 2.

Category: Land Use Management			Subcategory: Building Codes and Permits																		
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																		
		Votes																			
Alcoa	2	11.11	Need building code enforcement in county (2 votes)																		
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Implement a building permit system																		
Foothills School	1	1.59	Need proper licensing of contractors - also enforcement/recourse - in county (1 vote)																		
Foothills School	0	0.00	Building permit and inspection system																		
Subcategory Total	3	0.40	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																		

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Category: Land Use Management			Subcategory: Billboards and Visual Pollution Controls																		
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																		
		Votes																			
Porter	1	2.27	Need billboard ordinance (1 vote)																		
Walland	0	0.00	No big ugly billboards on scenic highways																		
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Outlaw billboards																		
Foothills School	0	0.00	Need to control "visual" litter - e.g., signs, billboards, towers																		
Subcategory Total	1	0.13	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																		

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Subcategory: **Miscellaneous**. This subcategory reports the remainder of the comments in the Land Use Management category.

Category: Land Use Management			Subcategory: Miscellaneous											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.											
		Votes												
Rockford	1	3.03	Need to loosen up on road frontage regulations - Alcoa planning region. (1 vote)											
Rockford	0	0.00	Health Department should enforce minimum standards for clean environment											
Rockford	0	0.00	Need some rules and regulations to protect livability of residential areas (especially in the planning region - who will take responsibility)											
Mary Blount Sch.	3	7.69	Need to be more aware of environmental impact of development - minimize environmental impact (3 votes)											
Montvale	0	0.00	Haphazard/discontinuous development											
Walland	4	5.80	Do not let land development decisions be based only on greed - not just short term values (4 votes)											
Foothills School	0	0.00	No more high rise buildings - control height to preserve views and character of area											
Subcategory Total	8	1.05	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Schools/Education

There was a clustering of comments which identified schools and education as needing changes for a better future. This category included comments specific to facilities, programs, funding, and other miscellaneous issues.

This category accounted for 49 comments, or 11.69 percent of all comments, and 94 votes, or 12.38 percent of all votes for question 2.

To better understand the different aspects of the category, comments and votes will be reported by subcategories as follows: Education Funding; School Facilities; Education Programs; Community Schools; and Miscellaneous.

Subcategory: **Education Funding**. This subcategory accounted for 12 comments, with 40 votes, or 5.27 percent of all votes for question 2, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Fairview, Porter, and Oakview.

Category: Schools/Education			Subcategory: Education Funding											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site											
		Votes												
Middlesettlements	3	33.33	Schools need better funding and more permanent classrooms (3 votes)											
Middlesettlements	2	22.22	Schools need more funding for variety of programs (2 votes)											
Fairview	8	24.24	Tax increase - for education and schools - bigger investment in our children (8 votes)											
Lanier	2	1.90	Funding of education needs to become a priority (2 votes)											
Porter	9	20.45	Change government funding mechanisms to equalize education funding, quality of education, and government services between cities and county (9 votes)											
Chilhowee View	2	5.71	Better salaries for educators so that they will stay in Blount County - if they meet minimum level of proficiency (2 votes)											
Oakview	7	11.11	Make effective education the highest priority and whatever it takes to do that (7 votes)											
Oakview	0	0.00	Pay scale of teachers too low leading to low quality of education											
Montvale	1	8.33	Need better salaries for teachers/educators - with performance criteria - for administrators too (1 vote)											
Walland	6	8.70	Put more money in schools so there will be no need for fund-raisers (6 votes)											
Walland	0	0.00	Find more creative means for financing education											
Foothills School	0	0.00	Need to keep supporting school systems - demand that quality be provided											
Subcategory Total	40	5.27	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Subcategory: **School Facilities**. This subcategory accounted for 9 comments, with 21 votes, or 2.77 percent of all votes for question 2, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Eagleton, Fairview, Chilhowee View, and Oakview.

Category: Schools/Education			Subcategory: School Facilities									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.									
		Votes										
Eagleton	6	16.67	Need more schools (6 votes)									
Fairview	4	12.12	Need permanent solutions to school facilities problems - not temporary fixes (4 votes)									
Townsend	0	0.00	Some schools need improved infrastructure									
Chilhowee View	4	11.43	School systems do not seem to be expanding to meet growth - overcrowded elementary schools (4 votes)									
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Need to build schools to keep pace with residential development									
Oakview	7	11.11	Need more schools - too crowded - need K-2/3-5/6-8 breakdown (separation) of classes (7 votes)									
Montvale	0	0.00	Need more school facilities - to keep up with growth, and updated facilities									
Waland	0	0.00	Need more schools									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	New school buildings									
Subcategory Total	21	2.77	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Subcategory: **Education Programs**. This subcategory accounted for 11 comments, with 12 votes, or 1.58 percent of all votes for question 2, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Montvale.

Category: Schools/Education			Subcategory: Education Programs									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.									
		Votes										
Middlesettlements	0	0.00	More education to prepare for technology of workplace									
Porter	1	2.27	Need year round schools (1 vote)									
Rockford	1	3.03	Update education to compete with city school standards. (1 vote)									
Mary Blount Sch.	2	5.13	Better use of schools we have - like year round schools (2 votes)									
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.56	No block scheduling of schools - it limits time for alternative activities (1 vote)									
Oakview	1	1.59	Need to train young people for higher paying jobs (1 vote)									
Oakview	0	0.00	Need to teach founding principles in schools									
Montvale	4	33.33	Elementary schools need to add transition grade from kindergarten to first grade (4 votes)									
Montvale	0	0.00	Need to experiment with new ideas like year round schools									
Walland	1	1.45	Need more/modern technology for K-8 (1 vote)									
Foothills School	1	1.59	Needs to be more emphasis on educating the average child (1 vote)									
Subcategory Total	12	1.58	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshon site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Subcategory: **Community Schools**. This subcategory accounted for 3 comments and 4 votes, or 0.53 percent of all votes for question 2.

Subcategory: **Miscellaneous**. This subcategory reports the remainder of the comments in the Schools/Education category.

Category: Schools/Education			Subcategory: Community Schools									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site									
			Votes									
Lanier	1	0.95	Stop selling community schools off - build smaller community schools (1 vote)									
Oakview	3	4.76	Need community schools (3 votes)									
Walland	0	0.00	Need community schools back in									
Subcategory Total	4	0.53	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

Category: Schools/Education			Subcategory: Miscellaneous									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site									
			Votes									
Fairview	0	0.00	School zones need flashing lights to reduce speed - if you do for one do for all									
Friendsville	0	0.00	Need better cooperation between School Board and County Commission - and greater commitment to education									
Porter	2	4.55	Year round use of school facilities - community, education, etc. (2 votes)									
Chilhowee View	1	2.86	Need to get National Education Association out of schools (1 vote)									
Mary Blount Sch.	4	10.26	Need more community activities focused on community schools - can keep kids out of trouble (4 votes)									
Mary Blount Sch.	3	7.69	No more half day school (3 votes)									
Mary Blount Sch.	3	7.69	Athletics should not be such a driving force in schools (3 votes)									
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Get more busses to get kids to school in a timely manner - not too early									
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Need to control gang activity in schools									
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Need a common sense approach to in-school safety - e.g. zero tolerance needs to be age appropriate									
Oakview	4	6.35	Abolish all public education in Blount County (4 votes)									
Oakview	0	0.00	Effective safety on trips to and from school - for passing on roads									
Montvale	0	0.00	More emphasis on connections between school and family education assistance - home support for school program									
Seymour	0	0.00	More school bus routes to make it safer for children									
Subcategory Total	17	2.24	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: No Land Use Regulation

There was a clustering of comments which expressed a desire or need to keep land use regulations out of the county.

This category accounted for 9 comments, or 2.15 percent of all comments, and 90 votes, or 11.86 percent of all votes for question 2, and showed substantial numbers and percent of

individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Eagleton, Lanier, Townsend, and Chilhowee View (combined comments). Note that in Lanier, there was a committed group of about 20 persons who used all their three votes on the comment relating to getting zoning out. This consistent use of all three votes on one comment was not the norm in any other workshop site.

Category: No Land Use Regulation			Subcategory: none									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.									
		Votes										
Eagleton	6	16.67	Preserve sanctity of the home and private property as ultimately we are guaranteed in the constitution (6 votes)									
Eagleton	3	8.33	Public education of nuisance laws (3 votes)									
Lanier	62	59.05	Get zoning out (62 votes)									
Lanier	0	0.00	Need to educate County Commissioners to listen to people and not be for zoning									
Townsend	9	10.71	Leave Townsend and surrounding area alone. (9 votes)									
Chilhowee View	2	5.71	Need new County Court and have government stay out of citizen's daily business (2 votes)									
Chilhowee View	2	5.71	Freedom to build anything you want to, anywhere you want to (need to keep this) (2 votes)									
Oakview	2	3.17	If people moving into Blount County do not like it as is, they should not move here (2 votes)									
Walland	4	5.80	Do not interfere with non-dwelling structures (4 votes)									
Category Total	90	11.86	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Roads/Traffic/Transportation

There was a clustering of comments which identified roads and related items as needing changes for a better future. This category included comments specific to facilities, traffic, and transportation modes.

This category accounted for 57 comments, or 13.60 percent of all comments, and 69 votes, or 9.09 percent of all votes for question 2.

To better understand the different aspects of the category, comments and votes will be reported by subcategories as follows: Roads and Highways; Traffic Problems; Transportation

Alternatives; and Miscellaneous.

Subcategory: Roads and Highways. This subcategory accounted for 24 comments, with 45 votes, or 5.93 percent of all votes for question 2, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Porter, Townsend, Oakview (combined comments), Seymour (combined comments), and Foothills School (combined comments). (See following page for table of comments and votes). The parkway referenced in the Townsend comment was the Foothills Parkway which is planned to link Blount and Sevier counties along the foothills of the Smokies.

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Roads/Traffic/Transportation			Subcategory: Roads and Highways												
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.												
		Votes													
Eagleton	0	0.00	Finish Pellissippi Parkway												
Middlesettlements	0	0.00	Developing roads and infrastructure to accommodate growth												
Fairview	0	0.00	Roads too narrow - need widening												
Lanier	0	0.00	Should widen Lanier Road												
Porter	5	11.36	Need wider roads (5 votes)												
Porter	3	6.82	Limit subdivisions until road improvements are made (3 votes)												
Porter	2	4.55	More attention to maintaining existing rural roads (2 votes)												
Townsend	13	15.48	Finish the Parkway and divert a lot of traffic. (13 votes - Foothills Parkway)												
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	4-Lane 321 from Townsend to Pigeon Forge												
Mary Blount Sch.	2	5.13	Too much traffic and not enough roads (2 votes)												
Oakview	4	6.35	Need to improve existing roads (widen) prior to approving new subdivisions (4 votes)												
Oakview	1	1.59	Need 411 (Sevierville Road) widened - 4 lanes (1 vote)												
Oakview	1	1.59	Ellejoy Road needs to be widened for safety - 2 lanes (1 vote)												
Oakview	0	0.00	Need to improve roads to meet minimum standards												
Walland	0	0.00	Leave Hwy 129 from Chilhowee to state line alone												
Seymour	3	4.35	Rebuild Macon Lane from Sevier County line to Burnett Station Road (3 votes)												
Seymour	3	4.35	Need to finish Carr Road (3 votes)												
Seymour	1	1.45	Improved roads - straighter and wider (1 vote)												
Alcoa	0	0.00	Complete Foothills Parkway												
Alcoa	0	0.00	Middlesettlements and Robert Jackson intersection traffic pattern (needs improvement)												
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Do not widen roads like Montvale - except to add bike and pedestrian shoulders												
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need better access roads along Alcoa Highway												
Foothills School	5	7.94	Roads - need improved network of arterial and circumferential roads - need a plan (5 votes)												
Foothills School	2	3.17	Alcoa Highway - fix it and make sure it does not happen again (2 votes)												
Subcategory Total	45	5.93	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshon site and not percent over all 17 sites.)												

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Subcategory: **Traffic Problems**. This subcategory accounted for 15 comments, with 16 votes, or 2.11 percent of all votes for question 2, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Seymour.

Category: Roads/Traffic/Transportation			Subcategory: Traffic Problems									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.									
		Votes										
Eagleton	1	2.78	Traffic along Old Knoxville Highway (1 vote)									
Middlesettlements	0	0.00	Need traffic light at Old Glory and 321									
Fairview	0	0.00	More stop lights in the place of four-way stops to control more traffic									
Rockford	2	6.06	Need to address traffic back-up on Singleton Station Road from Old Knoxville Highway (both ways). (2 votes)									
Rockford	1	3.03	Should address traffic congestion on Cusick. (1 vote)									
Rockford	0	0.00	Hall Road/Alcoa Highway and Coop at By-pass/411 South (cross traffic) intersection needs improvement/fixing									
Townsend	1	1.19	Need updated traffic signals. (1 vote)									
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Do something about Alcoa Highway									
Waland	0	0.00	Need coordination of traffic through cities - especially traffic lights									
Seymour	7	10.14	Need traffic lights with turn signals at Chapman Highway in Seymour (7 votes)									
Seymour	1	1.45	Slow speed limits on rural roads (1 vote)									
Alcoa	1	5.56	Protect Hwy 321 from becoming another Alcoa Highway (1 vote)									
Alcoa	0	0.00	Alcoa Highway									
Alcoa	0	0.00	Improve traffic lighting									
John Sevier School	2	9.52	Improve traffic management - movement of traffic through county and cities (2 votes)									
Subcategory Total	16	2.11	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Subcategory: **Transportation Alternatives.**
 This subcategory accounted for 9 comments and 3 votes, or 0.40 percent of all votes for question 2.

Subcategory: **Miscellaneous.** This subcategory reports the remainder of the comments in the Roads/Traffic/Transportation category.

Category: Roads/Traffic/Transportation			Subcategory: Transportation Alternatives							
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site							
		Votes								
Fairview	0	0.00	Need more bike paths.							
Oakview	0	0.00	Need consideration (of) bikes using road - accommodate them							
Montvale	0	0.00	May need an alternative transportation system - bicycle paths, bus system							
Walland	0	0.00	Need some form of mass transit, e.g., bus, train							
Alcoa	2	11.11	Need to redesign rumble strips (along highways) to accommodate bicycle traffic (2 votes)							
Alcoa	0	0.00	Need mass transit to connect towns and cities							
Alcoa	0	0.00	Bike trail from Maryville and Alcoa to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park							
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need a public transportation system							
Foothills School	1	1.59	Need sidewalks/bike paths along roads (1 vote)							
Subcategory Total	3	0.40	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)							

Category: Roads/Traffic/Transportation			Subcategory: Miscellaneous							
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site							
		Votes								
Porter	1	2.27	Need better road signs and markings (1 vote)							
Porter	0	0.00	Limit driveway access to main roads.							
Rockford	4	12.12	Need parking rules on public roads. (4 votes)							
Oakview	0	0.00	Abolish all motorized vehicles							
Oakview	0	0.00	Do not mow all right-of-ways - keep some in more natural vegetation							
Montvale	0	0.00	Need street signs							
Alcoa	0	0.00	Make Pellissippi Parkway a scenic parkway and not high speed major highway - and with few entrances and exits							
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need better parking and pedestrian facilities around court house							
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need street lights all along the By-Pass - low electric use types							
Subcategory Total	5	0.66	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)							

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Planning

There was a clustering of comments which identified planning as a need for a better future. This category included comments on general planning and roads planning. See also the category of Land Use Management.

This category accounted for 23 comments, or 5.49 percent of all comments, and 62 votes, or 8.17 percent of all votes for question 2.

To better understand the different aspects of the category, comments and votes will be reported by subcategories as follows: General Plan; and Roads Plan.

Subcategory: **General Plan**. This subcategory accounted for 15 comments, with 51 votes, or 6.72 percent of all votes for question 2, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites

Category: Planning			Subcategory: General Plan										
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site										
		Votes											
Eagleton	1	2.78	Long range plans that are followed-up on (1 vote)										
Fairview	1	3.03	Need broad based land use planning to address problems of change from rural to developed county (1 vote)										
Friendsville	4	15.38	A plan for coordinated growth - matching growth with infrastructure (4 votes)										
Friendsville	4	15.38	A plan for development of the county "in character" - e.g. how the county should look, scenic routes, sign controls (4 votes)										
Lanier	6	5.71	Need planned growth (6 votes)										
Oakview	8	12.70	Collectively create a vision for the future and establish guidelines that will allow us to achieve that vision - e.g. Pitman Center (8 votes)										
Oakview	7	11.11	Do better planning (proactive) to address effects of development before they become a problem (7 votes)										
Walland	8	11.59	Changes will come and we need to be prepared to meet the changes (8 votes)										
Walland	2	2.90	Initiate a strong land use plan to improve roads and control development of business etc. - separation of residential and business areas (2 votes)										
John Sevier School	1	4.76	Need to involve neighborhoods/people in planning (1 vote)										
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Study Pitman Center plan as a model to balance growth										
Foothills School	8	12.70	Need to think to future on infrastructure - water, sewer - not available to all who need (8 votes)										
Foothills School	1	1.59	Need long range planning of capital expenditures to avoid sudden tax increases (1 vote)										
Foothills School	0	0.00	Need to better plan long range rational use of commercial land										
Foothills School	0	0.00	Consolidate planning functions of cities and county										
Subcategory Total	51	6.72	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)										

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

of Friendsville, Lanier, Oakview, Walland, and Foothills School.

Subcategory: **Roads Plan**. This subcategory accounted for 8 comments, with 11 votes, or 1.45 percent of all votes for question 2. This subcategory did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach both more than three votes and more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Planning			Subcategory: Roads Plan											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.											
		Votes												
Friendsville	3	11.54	Long term infrastructure plan for roads & utilities (3 votes)											
Lanier	0	0.00	Need advance planning for infrastructure - e.g. roads, utilities, schools											
Porter	4	9.09	Better planning to match services, e.g. schools, roads, utilities - to the pace of development (4 votes)											
Rockford	1	3.03	Need a long range plan for traffic. (1 vote)											
Townsend	1	1.19	Need better planning of roads to keep pace with population growth. (1 vote)											
Chilhowee View	1	2.86	Master plan for existing roads and future new roads to address increased traffic (1 vote)											
Oakview	0	0.00	Need county road plan to identify needed improvements - proactive approach											
Montvale	1	8.33	Road system - to take care of new development - proactive plan for a whole system (1 vote)											
Subcategory Total	11	1.45	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Litter/Garbage/Recycling

There was a clustering of comments which focused on an interrelated set of issues of litter, garbage and recycling which needed to be addressed for a better future.

This category accounted for 35 comments, or 8.35 percent of all comments, and 45 votes, or 5.93 percent of all votes for question 2.

To better understand the different aspects of the category, comments and votes will be reported by subcategories as follows: Litter Problem; Garbage Facilities and Illegal Dumping; and Recycling.

Subcategory: **Litter Problem.** This subcategory accounted for 11 comments, with 20 votes, or 2.64 percent of all votes for question 2, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Mary Blount School.

Category: Litter/Garbage/Recycling			Subcategory: Litter Problem											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site											
		Votes												
Fairview	0	0.00	Stricter litter laws - police/sheriff's office to stop and fine											
Friendsville	0	0.00	Need to address litter problem											
Lanier	1	0.95	Litter problem - need program to control litter (1 vote)											
Porter	2	4.55	Need to eliminate litter - and be more litter conscious (2 votes)											
Rockford	3	9.09	Need better enforcement of litter laws and stricter penalties. (3 votes)											
Townsend	4	4.76	Protect natural beauty by discouraging trashing and encouraging clean-up. (4 votes)											
Mary Blount Sch.	6	15.38	Too much trash - county need to be cleaned up (6 votes)											
Oakview	0	0.00	Encourage adopt a highway to clean up litter on county roads											
Montvale	1	8.33	Reduce/eliminate trash along roads (1 vote)											
Walland	0	0.00	Let county inmates pick up litter more - along rivers and streams											
Foothills School	3	4.76	Still a lot of litter - need more education and tough enforcement and laws (3 votes)											
Subcategory Total	20	2.64	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Subcategory: **Garbage Facilities and Illegal Dumping**. This subcategory accounted for 11 comments, with 16 votes, or 2.11 percent of all votes for question 2, and showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Chilhowee View.

Category: Litter/Garbage/Recycling			Subcategory: Garbage Facilities and Illegal Dumping										
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.										
		Votes											
Eagleton	1	2.78	Areas used for dumps and trash (1 vote)										
Friendsville	2	7.69	Need garbage convenience center or some sort of local dumpster (2 votes)										
Rockford	2	6.06	Should take away individual garbage dumping fee - especially for county residents. (2 votes)										
Townsend	0	0.00	Free garbage service in Blount County										
Chilhowee View	6	17.14	Laws and enforcement against illegal dumping (6 votes)										
Montvale	0	0.00	Needs to be a law to hold people responsible for illegal dumping - upon evidence										
Walland	0	0.00	Need garbage service centers with recycling										
Seymour	4	5.80	Need garbage convenience center (4 votes)										
Alcoa	0	0.00	Need rural convenience centers (for garbage)										
John Sevier School	1	4.76	Need garbage convenience centers (1 vote)										
Foothills School	0	0.00	Need regulations on storage of trash and garbage on properties										
Subcategory Total	16	2.11	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)										

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Subcategory: **Recycling**. This subcategory accounted for 12 comments, with 9 votes, or 1.19 percent of all votes for question 2. This subcategory did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Litter/Garbage/Recycling			Subcategory: Recycling									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.									
		Votes										
Fairview	0	0.00	Need better recycling facilities for broader number of recyclables - cans, plastic cardboard									
Friendsville	0	0.00	Need curbside/roadside recycling									
Porter	1	2.27	Need recycling program (1 vote)									
Porter	1	2.27	Need to be more environmentally conscious - e.g. compost center (1 vote)									
Chilhowee View	1	2.86	Recycling program for county - expand what we have (1 vote)									
Oakview	0	0.00	Need more opportunities for recycling - and convenience centers in rural areas									
Seymour	2	2.90	Need recycling point in Seymour area (2 votes)									
Alcoa	0	0.00	Need composting system - for use by public - similar go Sevierville									
John Sevier School	1	4.76	Green taxes - deposit on recyclable items (1 vote)									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need recycling centers in county									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Public agencies should purchase recycled products									
Foothills School	3	4.76	Need to focus on waste minimization - encourage recycling (3 votes)									
Subcategory Total	9	1.19	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Government

workshop sites of Fairview and John Sevier School (combined comments).

This category accounted for 22 comments, or 5.25 percent of all comments, and 37 votes, or 4.87 percent of all votes for question 2. This category showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the

Category: Government			Subcategory: none											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site											
		Votes												
Eagleton	0	0.00	Regulate public property to benefit all											
Fairview	8	24.24	County Commission needs streamlining - 7 members for better planning (8 votes)											
Lanier	5	4.76	Have county commission to tell the truth & not make questions up to lead you astray (5 votes)											
Lanier	0	0.00	More public input meetings like this											
Porter	3	6.82	Better cooperation between cities and county governments - if not you cannot solve problems (3 votes)											
Townsend	0	0.00	More community input into decisions on roads, schools, etc.											
Townsend	0	0.00	Visions of Blount County government on future needs to be changed											
Chilhowee View	2	5.71	Be sure that if we make a change, that we study it out and make sure it is for the good (2 votes)											
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Limit the growth of government - and also limit demands on government - all new services must be paid for through taxation											
Oakview	5	7.94	County Commissioners need to keep oath to uphold constitution and to read and know constitution (5 votes)											
Montvale	0	0.00	Need county administrator and fewer elected offices											
Montvale	0	0.00	Need balance of power in county government - not allowing one person or group to have too much power											
Montvale	0	0.00	Need better system for communicating information to the county											
Walland	3	4.35	Need unified government for whole county (3 votes)											
Seymour	1	1.45	Need more government representation in Seymour area (1 vote)											
Alcoa	1	5.56	Look at potential for unified government (1 vote)											
Alcoa	1	5.56	Restructure county government (1 vote)											
Alcoa	0	0.00	Easier access to information about what is going on in county - e.g., development											
John Sevier School	3	14.29	Need new county (government) structure - strong county manager (3 votes)											
John Sevier School	1	4.76	Explore metro government (1 vote)											
Foothills School	3	4.76	Better intergovernmental cooperation - and eventually consolidation (3 votes)											
Foothills School	1	1.59	Should be minimum qualifications for all elected officials (1 vote)											
Category Total	37	4.87	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Growth Control

This category accounted for 18 comments and 36 votes, or 4.74 percent of all votes for question 2. This category showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop sites of Friendsville, and especially Townsend. See also the categories of Land Use Management and Planning.

Category: Growth Control			Subcategory: none									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site									
Eagleton	0	0.00	Adopt a policy of not encouraging growth									
Friendsville	4	15.38	Need to slow growth down (4 votes)									
Lanier	3	2.86	Growth needs to be slowed until County Commission funds the building of at least two schools (3 votes)									
Rockford	1	3.03	Balance economic growth while maintaining environmental quality. (1 vote)									
Townsend	14	16.67	Find some way to direct and coordinate the explosive growth coming. (14 votes)									
Townsend	4	4.76	Slow down growth in new industry to preserve rural areas. (4 votes)									
Townsend	3	3.57	Balance industrial recruitment with normal population growth. (3 votes)									
Townsend	2	2.38	Growth should be monitored/regulated. (2 votes)									
Townsend	0	0.00	Don't mar the beauty of Townsend - do not make it look like a big city									
Chilhowee View	2	5.71	Limit industrial development and recruitment to slow growth (2 votes)									
Chilhowee View	1	2.86	Manage/control/maybe reduce population growth (1 vote)									
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Control sprawl									
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Slow down population growth									
Montvale	0	0.00	Need to limit industrial development until we have a means of addressing associated growth									
Walland	0	0.00	Slow down the growth rate									
Walland	0	0.00	Do not overdevelop									
John Sevier School	2	9.52	Need planned growth - more control on developers - no urban sprawl (2 votes)									
Foothills School	0	0.00	Curtail growth - slow it down - uncontrolled growth causes problems									
Category Total	36	4.74	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Conservation

This category accounted for 9 comments and 21 votes, or 2.77 percent of all votes for question 2. This category showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Walland. See also the category of Land Use Management.

Category: Conservation			Subcategory: none											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site											
		Votes												
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.56	Need to stop loss of farmland, natural areas, habitat, scenery (1 vote)											
Oakview	4	6.35	County should sponsor seminars for developers on how to develop sensitively while preserving habitat and natural areas (4 votes)											
Oakview	0	0.00	Information drive on conservation easements and land trusts											
Walland	9	13.04	Need encouragement of open space and preservation of existing farmland and forest land (9 votes)											
Walland	3	4.35	Find better means of protecting streams/rivers from sedimentation and pollution (3 votes)											
Alcoa	3	16.67	Preserve green spaces by conservation easements or purchase of development rights (3 votes)											
Alcoa	1	5.56	Survey county to identify significant areas of scenic and natural value (1 vote)											
Alcoa	0	0.00	Preserving our natural areas - e.g., greater Alcoa marsh											
Foothills School	0	0.00	Do not spoil natural beauty of area											
Category Total	21	2.77	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: EMS/Fire Protection

This category accounted for 7 comments and 16 votes, or 2.11 percent of all votes for question 2. This category showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Seymour.

Category: EMS/Fire Protection			Subcategory: none											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site											
		Votes												
Fairview	0	0.00	Need county funded fire department/EMS											
Porter	1	2.27	Need rural location of fire stations - to cut down on insurance (1 vote)											
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Build rural fire department and put fire hydrants in											
Montvale	1	8.33	Better fire protection in the county - e.g. fire hydrants/fire stations in rural areas (1 vote)											
Walland	1	1.45	Need fire hydrants - especially for new developments (1 vote)											
Walland	0	0.00	Need designated landing sites for emergency helicopters											
Seymour	13	18.84	Ambulance service - need joint agreement with Sevier County (13 votes - Seymour area)											
Category Total	16	2.11	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Animal Control

This category accounted for 10 comments and 15 votes, or 1.98 percent of all votes for question 2. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Animal Control			Subcategory: none										
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site										
		Votes											
Fairview	3	9.09	Better control of stray animals (3 votes)										
Rockford	1	3.03	Need good animal control law. (1 vote)										
Chilhowee View	3	8.57	Better pet control - control population growth (3 votes)										
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	License dogs and cats - if you have five or more animals you need a kennel license										
Mary Blount Sch.	2	5.13	Need animal control (2 votes)										
Montvale	0	0.00	Better enforcement of animal control laws										
Walland	2	2.90	Need pet ordinances (2 votes)										
Seymour	4	5.80	Need pet control (4 votes)										
Alcoa	0	0.00	Need pet control										
Foothills School	0	0.00	Need to review care and control of animals - domestic and farm animals										
Category Total	15	1.98	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)										

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Utilities

This category accounted for 14 comments and 15 votes, or 1.98 percent of all votes for question 2. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Utilities			Subcategory: none											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site											
		Votes												
Townsend	2	2.38	Need water filtration plant on this end of county. (2 votes)											
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	More availability of natural gas throughout the county											
Oakview	6	9.52	Keep water lines out of (road) right-of-way and have the utility companies buy their own right of way (6 votes)											
Montvale	0	0.00	Utilities need to be upgraded as development grows - if you add more people, add more capacity											
Montvale	0	0.00	Need one stop utility service system											
Montvale	0	0.00	Need sewer system in county											
Walland	1	1.45	Keep TVA 161 KV line out of Blount County (1 vote)											
Seymour	3	4.35	Need natural gas distribution (3 votes)											
Seymour	1	1.45	Need more control over problems with utilities, e.g., cable, electric, water - need someone in charge (1 vote)											
Seymour	0	0.00	Need sewer system for big subdivisions											
John Sevier School	1	4.76	Need county wide sewer system (1 vote)											
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need to find a new water source											
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Do not allow TVA to put lines through Blount County to serve other counties											
Foothills School	1	1.59	Need consolidation of utility districts (water and electric) (1 vote)											
Category Total	15	1.98	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Development Impact Fees

This category accounted for 7 comments and 13 votes, or 1.71 percent of all votes for question 2.

This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop. See also the category of Land Use Management.

Category: Development Impact Fees			Subcategory: none										
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site										
		Votes											
Eagleton	3	8.33	Need impact study of development (3 votes)										
Eagleton	3	8.33	Developers should pay for impact on roads and services (3 votes)										
Fairview	2	6.06	Developers should contribute up front to schools, roads, etc. improvements - impact fees (2 votes)										
Friendsville	1	3.85	Developers should share in cost of maintaining roads disturbed by development (1 vote)										
Lanier	3	2.86	The cause of growth should help pay for needed public improvements (3 votes)										
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.56	Developers with large subdivisions should mitigate their own traffic impact (1 vote)										
Alcoa	0	0.00	New development (needs) to pay impact fees										
Category Total	13	1.71	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)										

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Economy

This category accounted for 15 comments and 12 votes, or 1.58 percent of all votes for question 2. This category showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Foothills School.

Category: Economy			Subcategory: none									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.									
		Votes										
Eagleton	0	0.00	Do something with Sky City and other vacant buildings									
Porter	1	2.27	Job training and business/industry recruitment - to encourage higher paying jobs and decrease income disparity (1 vote)									
Rockford	0	0.00	Need more variety in restaurants									
Rockford	0	0.00	Need to bring business in to fill empty buildings.									
Townsend	0	0.00	Centralize industry to save rural areas									
Townsend	0	0.00	Encourage small locally owned businesses									
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Balance industrial recruitment with quality of life									
Oakview	0	0.00	Need recruitment of business/industry with higher paying jobs									
Seymour	3	4.35	Offer incentives to industry to keep tax rate down (3 votes)									
Alcoa	0	0.00	Have industry pay its own way - do not support with public funds									
John Sevier School	1	4.76	Promote sustainable business practices - to retain our quality of life (1 vote)									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Help grow industry to make construction materials from recyclables									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Should promote occupancy of existing commercial buildings									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Promote non-chain family restaurants									
Foothills School	7	11.11	Need to utilize existing vacant buildings - maybe special development/utilization criteria (7 votes)									
Category Total	12	1.58	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Recreation/Parks

This category accounted for 9 comments and 11 votes, or 1.45 percent of all votes for question 2.

This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Recreation/Parks			Subcategory: none											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site											
		Votes												
Middlesettlements	0	0.00	Need more community open/green space.											
Lanier	2	1.90	South Blount County needs some parks and recreation (2 votes)											
Oakview	0	0.00	Need more county parks and recreation opportunities											
Montvale	0	0.00	More parks, greenbelts, walking paths											
Montvale	0	0.00	Parks and rec needs alternative to high competition sports - e.g. upward basketball											
Walland	5	7.25	County should buy land for set-aside, e.g., county parks and conservancy areas (5 votes)											
Walland	0	0.00	Need to keep helping the Great Smoky Mountains National Park											
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need places for youth to gather at night											
Foothills School	4	6.35	Need more recreation fields - for kids (4 votes)											
Category Total	11	1.45	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Law Enforcement

This category accounted for 13 comments and 10 votes, or 1.32 percent of all votes for question 2. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Law Enforcement			Subcategory: none											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site											
		Votes												
Fairview	0	0.00	Need more hidden patrol cars to bust speeders											
Fairview	0	0.00	Need county information program on cults and gangs - also get rid of graffiti quickly											
Porter	2	4.55	Enforce existing laws before making new laws (2 votes)											
Porter	1	2.27	Enforce the speed limits (1 vote)											
Chilhowee View	1	2.86	Better salaries and educational opportunities for law officers - and more law officers (1 vote)											
Oakview	2	3.17	Address problem of domestic violence (2 votes)											
Oakview	1	1.59	Enforce speed limit on Ellejoy Road (1 vote)											
Montvale	0	0.00	Need community substations for Sheriff Department											
Walland	0	0.00	With population growth, need more police/deputies											
Seymour	0	0.00	Need more police protection in Seymour area											
Alcoa	1	5.56	Need more support (resources) for Sheriff Department - to cover large area (1 vote)											
Foothills School	1	1.59	Need to address growth in youth violence (1 vote)											
Foothills School	1	1.59	Need to control growth in all forms of violence (1 vote)											
Category Total	10	1.32	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Taxes/Budgeting

This category accounted for 14 comments and 10 votes, or 1.32 percent of all votes for question 2. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Taxes/Budgeting			Subcategory: none											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site											
		Votes												
Eagleton	2	5.56	Prevent inflating family farm property taxes without improvements (2 votes)											
Eagleton	2	5.56	Need performance criteria for expenditure of public money (2 votes)											
Eagleton	0	0.00	Lessen taxes to obtain a better quality of life											
Eagleton	0	0.00	Reduce cost of public services											
Eagleton	0	0.00	Stop funding of needless public projects											
Eagleton	0	0.00	Finding way to put all property on tax roll											
Middlesettlements	0	0.00	Need method for providing revenues for adequate public facilities											
Lanier	0	0.00	Tax according to land use											
Lanier	0	0.00	Not to waste money on frivolous things											
Lanier	0	0.00	Make county expenditures as you can afford them & don't defer											
Oakview	0	0.00	If land is taken by county then take it off tax roll											
Walland	0	0.00	Do not raise county taxes so high that those on fixed incomes will be hurt											
Seymour	4	5.80	Lower property taxes (4 votes)											
John Sevier School	2	9.52	Need to put money where it will promote needed changes - may need to raise taxes (2 votes)											
Category Total	10	1.32	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Social Services

This category accounted for 5 comments and 8 votes, or 1.05 percent of all votes for question 2. This category showed substantial numbers and percent of individual workshop votes in the workshop site of Rockford.

Category: Annexation

This category accounted for 5 comments and 6 votes, or 0.79 percent of all votes for question 2. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Social Services			Subcategory: none																	
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																	
		Votes																		
Fairview	1	3.03	Need to become aware of those in the population who are in need and address their needs within Blount County - do not just send to Knoxville (1 vote)																	
Rockford	7	21.21	County may need to help those who cannot help themselves or afford to clean up their property. (7 votes)																	
Alcoa	0	0.00	Need temporary shelter for homeless																	
Foothills School	0	0.00	Need to be aware of needs of senior citizens - already here and those moving in																	
Foothills School	0	0.00	Need better social services/support for kids at risk - especially girls clubs																	
Category Total	8	1.05	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																	

Category: Annexation			Subcategory: none																	
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																	
		Votes																		
Porter	1	2.27	Stop strip annexations by Maryville and Alcoa (1 vote)																	
Townsend	1	1.19	Stop all the stupid annexations. (1 vote)																	
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Cities should stop fighting over county property - annexation																	
Walland	4	5.80	Put a stop to annexations (4 votes)																	
Foothills School	0	0.00	Do not annex unless areas are adequately serviced																	
Category Total	6	0.79	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																	

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Library

This category accounted for 8 comments and 5 votes, or 0.66 percent of all votes for question 2. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to reach both more than three votes and more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Jail/Justice Center

This category accounted for 7 comments and 5 votes, or 0.66 percent of all votes for question 2. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Library			Subcategory: none											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site											
		Votes												
Middlesettlements	2	22.22	Adequately fund library (2 votes)											
Fairview	0	0.00	Need more spending on libraries											
Porter	1	2.27	Need decision on enlarged library (1 vote)											
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.56	Why put money into new library when education is more pressing need (1 vote)											
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Library is important and needs to be supported											
Alcoa	0	0.00	Improve library											
John Sevier School	0	0.00	New library											
Foothills School	1	1.59	Public facilities, e.g., library, recreation, need to be expanded to meet accepted standards for a community this size (1 vote)											
Category Total	5	0.66	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

Category: Jail/Justice Center			Subcategory: none											
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site											
		Votes												
Eagleton	2	5.56	County Commission should get on the ball and get new jail (2 votes)											
Middlesettlements	0	0.00	Need new court facilities and juvenile facilities, etc.											
Lanier	2	1.90	Need to change priority of jail vs. school funding (2 votes)											
Lanier	0	0.00	Not to waste money on Coca-Cola place on prison											
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Need to have new jail soon											
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Make jail no frills											
John Sevier School	1	4.76	New jail/justice center (1 vote)											
Category Total	5	0.66	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)											

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Farming Protection/Assistance

This category accounted for 4 comments and 5 votes, or 0.66 percent of all votes for question 2. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Civic Center

This category accounted for 4 comments and 4 votes, or 0.53 percent of all votes for question 2. This category did not receive enough votes in any one site to more than ten percent of votes in a single workshop.

Category: Farming Protection/Assistance			Subcategory: none																
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																
		Votes																	
Eagleton	1	2.78	Find way to protect agricultural land - preserve from development (also natural resources) (1 vote)																
Rockford	0	0.00	Need to help area farmers - emergency supplemental program																
Walland	3	4.35	Do not let new residential development hinder farming (3 votes)																
John Sevier School	1	4.76	Need to support farmers market to support local farming (1 vote)																
Category Total	5	0.66	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																

Category: Civic Center			Subcategory: none																
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																
		Votes																	
Porter	2	4.55	Need cultural center, meeting space for large groups (2 votes)																
Alcoa	0	0.00	Need civic center																
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need civic center for performing arts and other events - multi-purpose																
Foothills School	2	3.17	Need civic center (2 votes)																
Category Total	4	0.53	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Air/Water Quality

This category accounted for 5 comments and 3 votes, or 0.40 percent of all votes for question 2.

Category: Abolish Planning

This category accounted for three comments, but no votes.

Category: Air/Water Quality			Subcategory: none																	
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																	
		Votes																		
Fairview	1	3.03	Develop healthier standards of air quality - control open burning (1 vote)																	
Friendsville	1	3.85	Need to improve the quality of air and water (1 vote)																	
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.56	Need to do something about the air pollution (1 vote)																	
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Monitor air and water quality																	
Foothills School	0	0.00	Air quality needs to be improved																	
Category Total	3	0.40	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																	

Category: Abolish Planning			Subcategory: none																	
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																	
		Votes																		
Lanier	0	0.00	Get rid of the Planning Department																	
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Fire the Planning Commission																	
Oakview	0	0.00	Abolish Planning Department																	
Category Total	0	0.00	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshop site and not percent over all 17 sites.)																	

What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?

Category: Miscellaneous

This category reports the remainder of the comments on the second question. Note that the concentration of votes in the Seymour site was due to a recent move to incorporate the area as a municipality.

Category: Miscellaneous			Subcategory: none									
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.									
		Votes										
Fairview	3	9.09	Need quality manufactured housing community for starter homes (3 votes)									
Porter	0	0.00	Continue work on improving race relations									
Rockford	0	0.00	Need to change image of Blount Count to more than airport motor mile									
Townsend	3	3.57	Rest of county needs to understand Townsend is unique and has special needs (3 votes)									
Chilhowee View	1	2.86	More civic involvement at all levels (1 vote)									
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.56	Apathy (1 vote)									
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Need to stress parent responsibility for kids									
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Judges need to be more responsive to victims									
Oakview	0	0.00	Should differentiate between corporate and private owners of land									
Walland	0	0.00	Outlaw low helicopter flights									
Seymour	7	10.14	Seymour needs to be incorporated (7 votes)									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Promote gun safety									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Want Blount County to own the Airport									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Control/monitor hazardous waste									
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Do not allow hazardous waste through Blount County									
Foothills School	1	1.59	Someway to foster a more progressive attitude - need to think like an urban county that we are (1 vote)									
Foothills School	0	0.00	Need to revitalize Maryville downtown as historical, cultural and functional city center									
Category Total	16	2.11	Percent of total votes from all CIW sites. (Note that % CIW votes above refers to percent of total votes by workshon site and not percent over all 17 sites.)									

Summary and Conclusions

A tabular summary of voting results by category and subcategory for both question 1 and question 2 is presented on the following two pages. The table reports categories in descending order of percentage of votes for comparison across questions.

To summarize question 1 results, the physical characteristics of rural, small-town, and natural setting were seen as the most important aspects of Blount County which should be preserved in the future. This included aspects of rural character, beautiful and scenic landscape, agriculture and farmland, lakes, rivers, streams, mountains, a quiet and peaceful setting, an unspoiled natural environment, a small-town atmosphere, and a lack of tourist commercialization.

The lack of restrictions on land use was seen as the next most important aspect of the county which should be preserved. This included aspects specific to a desire for no zoning, and also a more general desire to preserve freedom in the use of land.

Schools and education were seen as the next most important aspects of the county which should be preserved. Many saw desirable qualities in school facilities, education programs, community schools, good teachers, and good access to quality higher education in the area.

A strong economy was seen as an important positive aspect of the county. Many saw good employment opportunities, strong industrial base, and good trade and services sectors as worthy of preservation.

Many saw the local heritage as something which should be preserved in the future. Law enforcement, both the agencies concerned and a resultant safe county, were also seen as an important positive aspect of the county.

Recreation and parks, particularly the greenways and parks in the two cities of Alcoa and Maryville, along with youth sports programs, were seen as good aspects of the county which should be preserved. It is interesting to note that the Great Smoky Mountains National Park received so few votes in this category.

Comparative Summary of Votes by Category and Subcategory for Questions 1 and 2.							
What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?				What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?			
Category	Number of Votes	Percent of Total Votes		Category	Number of Votes	Percent of Total Votes	
Subcategory				Subcategory			
Rural/Small Town/Natural Setting	218	29.99		Land Use Management	151	19.89	
Rural Character	53	7.29		Zoning and Land Use Regulations	109	14.36	
Beautiful/Scenic	39	5.36		Mountain and Ridgetop Protection	13	1.71	
Agriculture/Farmland	26	3.58		Flood Plain Management	9	1.19	
Lakes/Rivers/Streams	26	3.58		Junk Control	8	1.05	
Mountains	21	2.89		Building Codes and Permits	3	0.40	
Quiet/Peaceful	19	2.61		Billboards & Visual Pollution Control	1	0.13	
Natural Environment	19	2.61		Miscellaneous	8	1.05	
Small-Town Atmosphere	9	1.24		Schools/Education	94	12.38	
Not Like Pigeon Forge	6	0.83		Education Funding	40	5.27	
No Restriction of Land Use	136	18.71		School Facilities	21	2.77	
No Zoning	86	11.83		Education Programs	12	1.58	
Freedom to Use Property	50	6.88		Community Schools	4	0.53	
Schools/Education	66	9.08		Miscellaneous	17	2.24	
Schools and Education Program	38	5.23		No Land Use Regulations	90	11.86	
Community Schools	16	2.20		Roads/Traffic/Transportation	69	9.09	
Teachers	6	0.83		Roads and Highways	45	5.93	
Higher Education	5	0.69		Traffic Problems	16	2.11	
Miscellaneous	1	0.14		Transportation Alternatives	3	0.40	
Economy	50	6.88		Miscellaneous	5	0.66	
Employment	19	2.61		Planning	62	8.17	
Industry	12	1.65		General Plan	51	6.72	
Trade and Services	7	0.96		Roads Plan	11	1.45	
Miscellaneous	12	1.65		Litter/Garbage/Recycling	45	5.93	
Heritage	41	5.64		Litter Problem	20	2.64	
Law Enforcement	40	5.50		Garbage Facilities & Illegal Dumping	16	2.11	
				Recycling	9	1.19	

Comparative Summary of Votes by Category and Subcategory for Questions 1 and 2.							
(continued)							
What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?				What needs to be changed in Blount County to make a better future?			
Category	Number of Votes	Percent of Total Votes		Category	Number of Votes	Percent of Total Votes	
Recreation/Parks	37	5.09		Government	37	4.87	
Greenway and Parks	16	2.20		Growth Control	36	4.74	
Youth Sports	13	1.79		Conservation	21	2.77	
Great Smoky Mountains National Park	2	0.28		EMS/Fire Protection	16	2.11	
Miscellaneous	6	0.83		Animal Control	15	1.98	
Taxes	34	4.68		Utilities	15	1.98	
Quality of Life	14	1.93		Development Impact Fees	13	1.71	
Community Involvement	12	1.65		Economy	12	1.58	
Hospital/Medical/Nursing Care	11	1.51		Recreation/Parks	11	1.45	
Government	9	1.24		Law Enforcement	10	1.32	
EMS/Fire Protection	8	1.10		Taxes/Budgeting	10	1.32	
Religion/Churches	7	0.69		Social Services	8	0.79	
Local Values	6	0.83		Annexation	6	0.79	
Roads/Traffic	5	0.69		Library	5	0.66	
Litter/Garbage/Recycling	5	0.69		Jail/Justice Center	5	0.66	
Arts/Culture	4	0.55		Farming Protection/Assistance	5	0.66	
Regional Proximity	3	0.41		Civic Center	4	0.53	
Air Quality	2	0.28		Air/Water Quality	3	0.40	
Conservation Programs	2	0.28		Abolish Planning	0	0.00	
Library	1	0.14		Miscellaneous	16	2.11	
Utilities	1	0.14					
Airport	0	0.00					
People	0	0.00					
Miscellaneous	15	2.06					
Total (of bold categories)	727	100.00		Total (of bold categories)	759	100.00	

The remainder of the categories did not individually receive over 5 percent of total votes in question 1. This is not to say that the categories were not important to some people, but only that the collective voting on important aspects of the county did not result in a substantial clustering of votes in these categories.

To summarize question 2 results, land use management was seen as a very important need to make a better future. This included a desire to consider zoning and land use regulations, measures to protect mountains and ridgetops, flood plain management, junk control measures, building codes and permits, and controls on billboards and other visual pollution.

Items related to schools and education were seen as the next most important needs for change. This included the need for education funding, school facilities, better education programs, and community based schools.

A substantial number of votes were cast in support of a need to insure that no land use

regulations are allowed in the county. This is in sharp contrast with the first identified need for land use management, and particularly a need for zoning and land use regulations. These results mirror a long standing division of opinion in the county over land use controls.

Items related to quality of roads, traffic problems, and transportation alternatives were identified as areas in need of change for a better future. This was followed by planning, both general planning and roads planning, as a needed activity. The category of planning also included some comments which would be related to the need for land use management noted above.

Litter problems, problems with garbage and illegal dumping, and a need for recycling were also identified as items needing attention for a better future.

The remainder of the categories did not individually receive over 5 percent of total votes in question 2. Again, this is not to say that the categories were not important to some people,

but only that the collective voting on important needs in the county did not result in a substantial clustering of votes in these categories. Of note in the remaining categories are growth control, conservation, and development impact fees, all of which contained some comments which would be related to the need for land use management noted separately above.

The results as a whole across both questions present a set of plausible conclusions.

There is wide-spread support for preserving a desired character of the county, that character being its rural, small-town, and natural setting. However, it is recognized by many that growth and development may adversely impact that desired character, and that some sort of planning for the future and some sort of land use management measures may be needed.

In contrast to this is a set of opinions opposed to any form of land use controls. Overall, this set of opinions was in the minority in the citizen input workshops. However, this minority status was strong, and should be considered in any plans or

actions to address land use management issues.

In short, any land use management issues should also consider, as much as feasible, the need to preserve freedom in the use of land. Put another way, any land use management measures should not unduly infringe upon the desired freedoms to use ones own property for ones own enjoyment and benefit. A division of opinion such as indicted in the results requires a balanced approach.

The schools and education programs in the county were seen in a very positive light. The main issue identified was the need to keep pace with growth in the school population. Many recognized that this would require extra funding, but felt that this was necessary in order to preserve a quality of education in the county. This may be contrasted with the results that many are satisfied with the low tax rate in the county, but there were several indications that tax related issues would not dominate school related issues.

The strong economy was seen as an important aspect of the county worth preserving. In contrast to this were several comments showing an awareness that the strong economy was at least indirectly related to problems of growth and threats to preservation of the desired rural and small-town character of the county.

Heritage was seen as an important aspect of the county, but had no directly parallel category of needed changes. However, there were some comments in categories relating the need to adopt land use management measures to protect the character of Townsend, a community recognized for its unique mountain heritage.

Law enforcement was seen in a very positive light as a good thing about the county which should be preserved in the future. In contrast, there were very few comments on needed changes. There thus seemed to be a general satisfaction with law enforcement in the county.

In a similar vein, recreation and parks were seen in a very positive light as good things about the county. In contrast, there were very few

comments on needed changes. There thus seemed to be a general satisfaction with recreation and parks in the county.

There was also a general satisfaction with taxes in the county, this category showing positive comments for the first question, and few comments for needed changes in the second question.

Government showed few comments and votes as a positive factor of the county in question 1, but showed a number of comments and votes as a factor needing change in question 2. This would indicate a level of dissatisfaction with the form and/or operation of government at present.

In similar vein, issues related to litter, garbage and recycling showed a low level of recognition as good aspects of the county, but showed higher levels of recognition as items which need change to make a better future.

Roads and traffic showed little recognition as a positive aspect of the county in question 1, but showed greater recognition as items which need to be addressed to make a better future in

question 2. This was particularly true for roads and highways and related traffic problems.

It is worthy to note that some of the recent issues facing the county, such as the jail and justice center, the library, development impact fees, animal control, and annexation, were not identified in either of the questions with a substantial clustering of priority votes. This is not to say that these issues are not important in their own right, but only that they seem not to have a high relative priority in relation to other identified issues.

The results of the first phase of citizen input workshops should provide needed information for the long range planning process as the County Commission and the Planning Commission consider policies for the future.

There seems to be a willingness to look at new avenues for addressing issues of growth and development in the county. The next step in the process is to again consult the citizens of the county, present the results of this first phase of citizen input, and to ask the very important

question of what is to be done to address the issues identified in this report.

Appendix 1: Question 1
List of Comments and Votes by
Citizen Input Workshop Site

Comments for Question 1: What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?																		
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.															
Eagleton	8	24.24	Lower tax rate (8 votes)															
Eagleton	4	12.12	Rural farm setting (4 votes)															
Eagleton	4	12.12	Youth sports (4 votes)															
Eagleton	3	9.09	Freedom of choice to express individual creativeness (3 votes)															
Eagleton	3	9.09	Retain atmosphere of desirability created without the subjection of zoning and/or planning in previous years (3 votes)															
Eagleton	3	9.09	Safe (low crime) small-town atmosphere (3 votes)															
Eagleton	3	9.09	Freedom to use your property for your own benefit (3 votes)															
Eagleton	1	3.03	History and family with roots going back generations (1 vote)															
Eagleton	1	3.03	Fine scenery (1 vote)															
Eagleton	1	3.03	Excellent recreation (lakes and mountains) (1 vote)															
Eagleton	1	3.03	Religious/spiritual community (1 vote)															
Eagleton	1	3.03	Keep it like it used to be (1 vote)															
Eagleton	0	0.00	Excellent medical care and school system															
Eagleton	0	0.00	Finest people in the world															
Eagleton	0	0.00	"Big Orange" country															
Eagleton	0	0.00	Fine eating establishments															
Eagleton	0	0.00	Community involvement															
Eagleton	0	0.00	Good leadership															
Total	33	100.00																
Middlesettlements	3	33.33	Amenities and natural environment - clean air, streams, wildlife (3 votes)															
Middlesettlements	2	22.22	Good schools (2 votes)															
Middlesettlements	2	22.22	Good regional access but retain rural setting (2 votes)															
Middlesettlements	2	22.22	Good parks and recreation (2 votes)															
Middlesettlements	0	0.00	Acreeage and housing available															
Total	9	100.00																

Comments for Question 1: What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?																			
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.																
Fairview	6	18.18	Parks, trails, recreation program - family oriented (6 votes)																
Fairview	5	15.15	Quiet side of the Smokies - and keep it that way (5 votes)																
Fairview	5	15.15	Quality teachers (5 votes)																
Fairview	3	9.09	Recruitment of light industry - not heavy industry (3 votes)																
Fairview	2	6.06	Mutual support - schools, churches, and community organizations (2 votes)																
Fairview	2	6.06	Cultural offerings - music, theater, arts (2 votes)																
Fairview	2	6.06	Natural beauty (2 votes)																
Fairview	2	6.06	Jobs - active seeking of new jobs and growth (2 votes)																
Fairview	2	6.06	Low crime (2 votes)																
Fairview	1	3.03	Business and industry supporting the tax base (1 vote)																
Fairview	1	3.03	Wooded area - needs preserving (1 vote)																
Fairview	1	3.03	Healthy place to live (1 vote)																
Fairview	1	3.03	School system (1 vote)																
Fairview	0	0.00	Home town feel																
Fairview	0	0.00	Recycling effort - needs expansion																
Fairview	0	0.00	Good library - needs expansion																
Fairview	0	0.00	Willingness to meet with and listen to small groups in communities																
Fairview	0	0.00	Road maintenance good																
Fairview	0	0.00	Easy access to food markets																
Fairview	0	0.00	Foothills Mall																
Fairview	0	0.00	Sheriff's Department																
Total	33	100.00																	
Friendsville	5	18.52	Rural character (5 votes)																
Friendsville	4	14.81	Good job generation for Blount County youth (4 votes)																
Friendsville	3	11.11	Freedom to live in peace and quiet without undue restrictions (3 votes)																
Friendsville	2	7.41	Beautiful (2 votes)																
Friendsville	2	7.41	Good schools (2 votes)																
Friendsville	2	7.41	Relatively clean air (2 votes)																
Friendsville	1	3.70	Lower taxes (1 vote)																
Friendsville	1	3.70	Good roads (1 vote)																
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Comments for Question 1: What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?			
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.
Friendsville Continued			
Friendsville	1	3.70	Safe place to live (1 vote)
Friendsville	1	3.70	Relatively undeveloped and uncrowded (1 vote)
Friendsville	1	3.70	Good partnership and cooperation between governments - e.g. landfill, parks and recreation (1 vote)
Friendsville	1	3.70	People/clubs/community organizations committed to keeping Blount County clean - community spirit (1 vote)
Friendsville	1	3.70	Close to a major city but not in one (1 vote)
Friendsville	1	3.70	Good services for all ages - health care, parks, recreation, nursing home facilities (1 vote)
Friendsville	1	3.70	Good business community that supports the county. (1 vote)
Friendsville	0	0.00	Close to two major interstates
Friendsville	0	0.00	Airport, Maryville College and Pellissippi State College
Friendsville	0	0.00	People in the county are the best - good folks
Friendsville	0	0.00	Close to the Smokies
Friendsville	0	0.00	Good law enforcement.
Total	27	100.00	
Lanier			
Lanier	60	61.22	Can use your land the way you want with no one to tell you how to use your land & no zoning (60 votes)
Lanier	11	11.22	Natural Beauty (11 votes)
Lanier	7	7.14	Good tax rate (7 votes)
Lanier	5	5.10	Community schools in general area where kids live (5 votes)
Lanier	3	3.06	Allowing greenbelt & conservation of farming (3 votes)
Lanier	2	2.04	Beautiful place without zoning (2 votes)
Lanier	2	2.04	Good school system (2 votes)
Lanier	2	2.04	Good employment opportunities (2 votes)
Lanier	1	1.02	Small town atmosphere (1 vote)
Lanier	1	1.02	Good Sheriff (1 vote)
Lanier	1	1.02	Good roadside maintenance (1 vote)
Lanier	1	1.02	Good emergency response - especially from Greenback - good county and Greenback cooperation (1 vote)
Lanier	1	1.02	Good library (1 vote)
Lanier	1	1.02	Blount County is not Pigeon Forge - and should remain that way (1 vote)
Lanier	0	0.00	Good medical facilities
Lanier	0	0.00	Parks - county & state & federal
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CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.									
Lanier Continued												
Lanier	0	0.00	Road maintenance good									
Lanier	0	0.00	Friendliness of people at courthouse									
Lanier	0	0.00	Lakes for recreation									
Lanier	0	0.00	Airport.									
Total	98	100.00										
Porter	5	12.82	Farmland - should be preserved (5 votes)									
Porter	5	12.82	Good source of water in Little River - should take care of it (5 votes)									
Porter	4	10.26	Community elementary schools (4 votes)									
Porter	4	10.26	Rural aspect - low level of development (4 votes)									
Porter	4	10.26	Pride in local heritage - e.g. crafts, history, arts (4 votes)									
Porter	3	7.69	Low crime rate - safe neighborhoods (3 votes)									
Porter	3	7.69	Friendliness of people - willingness to help (3 votes)									
Porter	2	5.13	Mountain and pastoral views (2 votes)									
Porter	2	5.13	Parks and greenbelt areas (2 votes)									
Porter	2	5.13	Abundance of good churches (2 votes)									
Porter	2	5.13	Access to higher education - vocational and professional (2 votes)									
Porter	1	2.56	Quiet lifestyles and no large cities (1 vote)									
Porter	1	2.56	Good job potential in area (1 vote)									
Porter	1	2.56	Family oriented values (1 vote)									
Porter	0	0.00	Good basic shopping									
Porter	0	0.00	Old barns - need to preserve some									
Porter	0	0.00	Pride in home ownership - good homesite maintenance									
Porter	0	0.00	Convenient to Knoxville, Pigeon Forge, Airport, Gatlinburg, and Great Smoky Mountains National Park									
Total	39	100.00										

Comments for Question 1: What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?												
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.									
Rockford	5	15.15	Blount County has always worked to better itself and the hope is this will continue into the future. (5 votes)									
Rockford	5	15.15	Good opportunities for children - boys club, parks, recreation, girls club. (5 votes)									
Rockford	4	12.12	Quality of life is good - e.g. schools, environment, retail, low crime, entertainment. (4 votes)									
Rockford	3	9.09	Fortunate to have good industry. (3 votes)									
Rockford	3	9.09	Good job growth and diversity of jobs. (3 votes)									
Rockford	3	9.09	Deep respect for the other person's property. (3 votes)									
Rockford	2	6.06	Use of prisoners for litter pick-up. (2 votes)									
Rockford	2	6.06	Sheriff and Police. (2 votes)									
Rockford	2	6.06	Freedom of church and worship. (2 votes)									
Rockford	1	3.03	Roads are good and should continue. (1 vote)									
Rockford	1	3.03	Schools are good. (1 vote)									
Rockford	1	3.03	Good place to grow up. (1 vote)									
Rockford	1	3.03	Good industry recruitment. (1 vote)									
Rockford	0	0.00	Very good 911 and emergency response									
Rockford	0	0.00	County officials generally good									
Rockford	0	0.00	Good news media									
Rockford	0	0.00	Greenbelt parks									
Rockford	0	0.00	Long-term residents - need to keep them here									
Rockford	0	0.00	Airport									
Rockford	0	0.00	Walmart - a good place to shop- generally good retail									
Rockford	0	0.00	ALCOA company plant									
Rockford	0	0.00	Beautiful place to live.									
Total	33	100.00										
Townsend	29	32.95	Community identity (leave Townsend and surrounding area like it is). (29 votes)									
Townsend	14	15.91	Freedom of expression in the way we live - individuality. (14 votes)									
Townsend	14	15.91	Traditional rural community and small town atmosphere. (14 votes)									
Townsend	10	11.36	Peace and serenity. (10 votes)									
Townsend	6	6.82	Mountain and valley views, green spaces and trees. (6 votes)									
Townsend	3	3.41	Little River. (3 votes)									
Townsend	2	2.27	Does not look like Sevier County yet. (2 votes)									
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CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.																
Townsend Continued																			
Townsend	2	2.27	High level of medical care by caring professionals. (2 votes)																
Townsend	2	2.27	Near to Great Smoky Mountains National Park and wildlife - free access. (2 votes)																
Townsend	1	1.14	Low crime rate. (1 vote)																
Townsend	1	1.14	Historical structures and sites. (1 vote)																
Townsend	1	1.14	Diversified job base. (1 vote)																
Townsend	1	1.14	Lots of opportunities - for jobs and business. (1 vote)																
Townsend	1	1.14	Lack of traffic congestion (sometimes). (1 vote)																
Townsend	1	1.14	Good recreational opportunities. (1 vote)																
Townsend	0	0.00	Friendly people																
Townsend	0	0.00	Overall quality of life																
Townsend	0	0.00	Good school																
Townsend	0	0.00	Local heritage																
Townsend	0	0.00	Reasonable property taxes																
Townsend	0	0.00	Good Christian community																
Townsend	0	0.00	Good and robust economy																
Townsend	0	0.00	Good county government																
Townsend	0	0.00	Good college with cultural activities and sports events																
Total	88	100.00																	
Chilhowee View	8	22.22	Natural Beauty (8 votes)																
Chilhowee View	8	22.22	Quality law enforcement - Sheriff who is tough on criminals (8 votes)																
Chilhowee View	7	19.44	Small town atmosphere & able to use one's own property for own benefit - freedom to express individuality - atmosphere of desirability without planning & zoning (7 votes)																
Chilhowee View	5	13.89	Clean streams and waterways - and keep it that way (5 votes)																
Chilhowee View	2	5.56	Most of county still relatively safe place to live (2 votes)																
Chilhowee View	1	2.78	Peace and quiet (1 vote)																
Chilhowee View	1	2.78	Minimum of smokestack industries (1 vote)																
Chilhowee View	1	2.78	Good teachers (1 vote)																
Chilhowee View	1	2.78	Good human scale for contacts - community, government, commercial - open door policy (1 vote)																
Chilhowee View	1	2.78	Nice place to raise your family (1 vote)																
Chilhowee View	1	2.78	Keep the building codes (1 vote)																
Chilhowee View Continued on Next Page																			

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CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.															
Chilhowee View Continued																		
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Greenbelt parks															
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Smells good - fresh air															
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Good fire protection															
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Good education programs															
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	One of the best counties in the state to live in															
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Lots and lots of wild trees															
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Best litter grant program in the state															
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Weather is good															
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Historical buildings and sites															
Total	36	100.00																
Mary Blount Sch.	9	23.68	Education good (9 votes)															
Mary Blount Sch.	7	18.42	Farmland and natural areas (7 votes)															
Mary Blount Sch.	7	18.42	Community based elementary schools (7 votes)															
Mary Blount Sch.	4	10.53	Good tax rates (4 votes)															
Mary Blount Sch.	4	10.53	Scenery (4 votes)															
Mary Blount Sch.	2	5.26	Employment opportunities (2 votes)															
Mary Blount Sch.	2	5.26	Safe place to live (2 votes)															
Mary Blount Sch.	2	5.26	The two local colleges (2 votes)															
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.63	Keep old schools in use (1 vote)															
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Good law enforcement															
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Library															
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Green belt parks															
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Recreation															
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Waterways															
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Mountains															
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Good school bussing system															
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Not too much commercialism - still partially rural - not too urbanized															
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Conservative attitude of the county															
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Good local value system															
Mary Blount School Continued on Next Page																		

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CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.									
Mary Blount School Continued												
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Strong volunteerism									
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Good newspaper									
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Good air quality									
Total	38	100.00										
Oakview	12	19.05	Don't have zoning or bureaucrats telling private property owners what to do with their land (12 votes)									
Oakview	11	17.46	Chilhowee Mountains as they exist right now (11 votes)									
Oakview	9	14.29	Rural culture, beauty, and way of life (9 votes)									
Oakview	8	12.70	Freedom to build what you want and can afford on your own land (8 votes)									
Oakview	6	9.52	Large areas of undisturbed land and open space which create wildlife habitat (6 votes)									
Oakview	4	6.35	Freedom, freedom, freedom - right to enjoy private property, and politicians who will stand up for this (4 votes)									
Oakview	4	6.35	Civic and church functions for youth (4 votes)									
Oakview	3	4.76	Good job creation (3 votes)									
Oakview	2	3.17	Remain "Peaceful Side of the Smokies" - not Pigeon Forge commercialism (2 votes)									
Oakview	1	1.59	Ability to live in county away from city and controls on property - not to be run like a city (1 vote)									
Oakview	1	1.59	Recreational opportunities - e.g. Great Smoky Mountains National Park, rivers, lakes, greenway trails (1 vote)									
Oakview	1	1.59	Keep recruiting industry into Blount County to have jobs for our children (1 vote)									
Oakview	1	1.59	Preserve the way people have been living in this community (1 vote)									
Oakview	0	0.00	Right to due process in law									
Oakview	0	0.00	Good Sheriff's Department									
Oakview	0	0.00	Retain no-fee entry into Great Smoky Mountains National Park									
Oakview	0	0.00	Good organization in "Beautiful Blount" for recycling and litter control									
Oakview	0	0.00	Maryville College									
Oakview	0	0.00	Horseback riding trails in the mountains									
Oakview	0	0.00	Rights to express own opinions									
Oakview	0	0.00	Preserve children's lives that ride on school busses									
Oakview	0	0.00	Keep Ellejoy Road as a minor road - do not convert to main connector to Chapman Highway									
Oakview	0	0.00	Keep Townsend as "Peaceful Side of the Smokies".									
Total	63	100.00										

Comments for Question 1: What is good about Blount County which should be preserved in the future?			
CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.
Montvale	2	16.67	Balance of mountains, water, forest, farm and industry (2 votes)
Montvale	2	16.67	Conservative values (2 votes)
Montvale	2	16.67	Safe community - low crime (2 votes)
Montvale	1	8.33	Heritage/people, the arts, music - creativity of people (1 vote)
Montvale	1	8.33	Open forum like this one - input into planning - openness to listen to community values (1 vote)
Montvale	1	8.33	High quality education system including Maryville College (1 vote)
Montvale	1	8.33	Freedom from Maryville - just to be Blount County (1 vote)
Montvale	1	8.33	Wide variety of wildlife, fruits, vegetables, and flowers (1 vote)
Montvale	1	8.33	Hospitals close by - good health care (1 vote)
Montvale	0	0.00	Service to tax ratio
Montvale	0	0.00	Greenbelts - walking paths
Montvale	0	0.00	Small town atmosphere
Montvale	0	0.00	Strong economy
Montvale	0	0.00	Close to wilderness and Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Montvale	0	0.00	Affordability of housing
Montvale	0	0.00	Good law enforcement - Sheriff Department has come a long way
Montvale	0	0.00	Good neighbors
Montvale	0	0.00	Good teachers
Montvale	0	0.00	Library
Montvale	0	0.00	Near to airport
Montvale	0	0.00	Close to Knoxville, but not too close
Montvale	0	0.00	Lakes and rivers
Montvale	0	0.00	Hospice program - home health and nursing - retirement homes
Total	12	100.00	
Walland	11	18.33	Prettiest streams and rivers - especially Little River - and mountains also (11 votes)
Walland	11	18.33	Appreciate that government does not bother you (11 votes)
Walland	6	10.00	Good EMS - rescue squad and fire department (6 votes)
Walland	5	8.33	Farmlands and woodland habitat (5 votes)
Walland	4	6.67	Planning Commission involving citizens like this meeting - County Commission too (4 votes)
Walland	3	5.00	Good Sheriff Department - do not tie their hands (3 votes)
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CIW Site	Votes	% CIW	Comments as reported by workshop site.																	
		Votes																		
Walland Continued																				
Walland	3	5.00	Hospital and specialized medical care (3 votes)																	
Walland	2	3.33	A view of Chilhowee Mountains without condos (2 votes)																	
Walland	2	3.33	Clean streets, highways and roads (2 votes)																	
Walland	2	3.33	Quiet, pleasant environment (2 votes)																	
Walland	2	3.33	Safe community (2 votes)																	
Walland	2	3.33	Small town appeal - makes you feel safe raising your kids (2 votes)																	
Walland	2	3.33	Good churches - freedom of religion (2 votes)																	
Walland	2	3.33	Community as a family (2 votes)																	
Walland	1	1.67	Recreational opportunities - both adults and children - greenbelts, lakes, sports (1 vote)																	
Walland	1	1.67	Can reach government officials without red tape (1 vote)																	
Walland	1	1.67	Great heritage - e.g., music, crafts, culture, native families (1 vote)																	
Walland	0	0.00	Great Smoky Mountains National Park																	
Walland	0	0.00	Good schools																	
Walland	0	0.00	Not overcrowded yet																	
Walland	0	0.00	Good highway department																	
Walland	0	0.00	People here are the greatest - kind and helpful																	
Walland	0	0.00	Good industrial recruitment - brings good jobs																	
Walland	0	0.00	Good Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center																	
Walland	0	0.00	Good library																	
Walland	0	0.00	Good air quality																	
Walland	0	0.00	Lot of opportunities for volunteer activities																	
Walland	0	0.00	Airport																	
Walland	0	0.00	Chilhowee Lake without the drug dealers																	
Walland	0	0.00	Pellissippi State College																	
Walland	0	0.00	Local daily newspaper																	
Walland	0	0.00	Roadside parks adapted for handicap																	
Walland	0	0.00	Local swimming holes																	
Walland	0	0.00	Swinging bridges																	
Walland	0	0.00	Close to Knoxville																	
Walland	0	0.00	At least 20 miles from Pigeon Forge																	
Walland	0	0.00	No county wide liquor by the drink																	
Walland	0	0.00	Diversity of people and culture																	
Walland	0	0.00	Maryville College as a community resource for the arts and education																	
Total	60	100.00																		

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CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.															
Seymour	13	24.53	Seymour not incorporated and should stay that way (13 votes)															
Seymour	10	18.87	Lower taxes in rural areas (10 votes)															
Seymour	8	15.09	Country atmosphere (8 votes)															
Seymour	8	15.09	Low Population Density (8 votes)															
Seymour	5	9.43	Good property values (5 votes)															
Seymour	4	7.55	Farmland (4 votes)															
Seymour	1	1.89	Not much government intrusion, e.g. building permits (1 vote)															
Seymour	1	1.89	Nice place to live (1 vote)															
Seymour	1	1.89	Fairly progressive government (1 vote)															
Seymour	1	1.89	Reliable utilities (1 vote)															
Seymour	1	1.89	County Commission helpful (1 vote)															
Seymour	0	0.00	Quality of roads															
Seymour	0	0.00	No zoning															
Seymour	0	0.00	Townsend															
Seymour	0	0.00	Close to all forms of recreation															
Seymour	0	0.00	Stopped TVA 161 KV line															
Seymour	0	0.00	Good litter pick-up by prisoners															
Seymour	0	0.00	Good Sheriff Department															
Seymour	0	0.00	Reasonable prices for shopping															
Seymour	0	0.00	Convenience to Knoxville, Maryville, airport, hospitals															
Seymour	0	0.00	Good placement (concentrated) of industry - not scattered															
Total	53	100.00																
Alcoa	6	33.33	Scenic views - farmland, forest (6 votes)															
Alcoa	3	16.67	Medical facilities - good hospital (3 votes)															
Alcoa	2	11.11	Good educational system (2 votes)															
Alcoa	2	11.11	Locally owned businesses - not major chains (2 votes)															
Alcoa	2	11.11	Greenway system (2 votes)															
Alcoa	1	5.56	Easy access to natural areas - all types (1 vote)															
Alcoa	1	5.56	Lack of major heavy industry (1 vote)															
Alcoa	1	5.56	Good unpolluted water source (1 vote)															
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CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.
Alcoa Continued			
Alcoa	0	0.00	Small town atmosphere - low crime
Alcoa	0	0.00	Good volunteer community
Alcoa	0	0.00	Traffic not too bad usually
Alcoa	0	0.00	Still have a few local farms
Alcoa	0	0.00	TVA gives inexpensive power
Alcoa	0	0.00	Unemployment not high
Alcoa	0	0.00	Diversity of people
Alcoa	0	0.00	Proud of its heritage
Alcoa	0	0.00	Air pollution not too bad
Alcoa	0	0.00	Tourism and industrial recruitment
Alcoa	0	0.00	Effectively low tax rate
Alcoa	0	0.00	Maryville College
Alcoa	0	0.00	Gateway to the Smokies
Total	18	100.00	
John Sevier School	5	20.83	Natural beauty (5 votes)
John Sevier School	4	16.67	Great school systems to choose from - with above average technology (4 votes)
John Sevier School	2	8.33	Quality of life (2 votes)
John Sevier School	2	8.33	Variety of business and industry (2 votes)
John Sevier School	2	8.33	Our role as protectors of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (2 votes)
John Sevier School	2	8.33	Good tax structure (2 votes)
John Sevier School	1	4.17	Working farms (1 vote)
John Sevier School	1	4.17	Good volunteer spirit (1 vote)
John Sevier School	1	4.17	Good law enforcement - both city and county (1 vote)
John Sevier School	1	4.17	Blount Memorial Hospital (1 vote)
John Sevier School	1	4.17	Rural-Metro EMS (1 vote)
John Sevier School	1	4.17	Peaceful side of the Smokies - Townsend not a Pigeon Forge (1 vote)
John Sevier School	1	4.17	Good plan for recruitment of industry - reasonable incentives - good cooperation between cities and county (1 vote)
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Nature education program
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Open areas
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CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.															
John Sevier School Continued																		
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Land use planning program															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Less congested than West Knoxville															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Great airport															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Heritage of the community															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Greenbelt/Greenway and all parks															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Adults focused on raising kids well															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Parks and recreation programs for young people															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Programs like Beautiful Blount, Leadership Blount, etc.															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Dogwood Arts Festival and all arts															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Corporate support for school system															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Conducive to retirement															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Maryville College and Pellissippi State College															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Good water quality															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Water and outdoor recreation															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Good nursing homes															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Clean in Blount County - relatively free of litter															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Land fill is up-to-date															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Active recycling program															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Library															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Foothills mall as alternative to Knoxville															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Friendliness															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Good racial mix															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	AWARE and Raptor preservation program															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Strong family ties															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Close to Knoxville without living in it															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Close to university (UT)															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Roads and highways in good condition															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Low unemployment															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Good family assistance system															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Foothills Land Conservancy															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Affordability and reasonable cost of living															
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John Sevier School Continued																		
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Good funeral services and crematorium															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Strong religious community															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Historical buildings and sites - Historical Trust															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Motor mile															
Total	24	100.00																
Foothills School																		
Foothills School	15	23.81	Superior schools - low teacher/pupil ratio, good teachers, etc. (15 votes)															
Foothills School	8	12.70	Natural environment (8 votes)															
Foothills School	7	11.11	Relatively low crime rate - good police/sheriff and fire protection (7 votes)															
Foothills School	6	9.52	Diversified, clean economy - environmentally (6 votes)															
Foothills School	6	9.52	Small town feel - "peaceful side of the smokies" (6 votes)															
Foothills School	4	6.35	Open-green space - parks and greenbelt (4 votes)															
Foothills School	2	3.17	Cultural resources - arts, e.g., Maryville College (2 votes)															
Foothills School	2	3.17	Very active business community fostering strong local economy - good Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Board (2 votes)															
Foothills School	2	3.17	Lower property tax (2 votes)															
Foothills School	2	3.17	Recreation - facilities and programs - natural and manmade (2 votes)															
Foothills School	1	1.59	Hospital - and good health services (1 vote)															
Foothills School	1	1.59	Good effort to clean county up in last few years (1 vote)															
Foothills School	1	1.59	Strong property values (1 vote)															
Foothills School	1	1.59	Townsend - heritage and gateway to Smokies (1 vote)															
Foothills School	1	1.59	Roads have improved greatly (1 vote)															
Foothills School	1	1.59	Good moral values - churches (1 vote)															
Foothills School	1	1.59	Agricultural areas - functional farms (1 vote)															
Foothills School	1	1.59	Historical/cultural center (downtown) Maryville (1 vote)															
Foothills School	1	1.59	Clean and abundant water resources (little river) (1 vote)															
Foothills School	0	0.00	Good, friendly people who care, e.g., support of United Way															
Foothills School	0	0.00	Good access to affordable higher education - and special programs															
Foothills School	0	0.00	Adult education - continuous, e.g., library															
Foothills School	0	0.00	Airport - makes us available to world															
Foothills School	0	0.00	Good government - all															
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List of Comments and Votes by
Citizen Input Workshop Site

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CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.												
Eagleton	6	16.67	Need more schools (6 votes)												
Eagleton	6	16.67	Preserve sanctity of the home and private property as ultimately we are guaranteed in the constitution (6 votes)												
Eagleton	5	13.89	Zoning - need controls (5 votes)												
Eagleton	3	8.33	Public education of nuisance laws (3 votes)												
Eagleton	3	8.33	Need impact study of development (3 votes)												
Eagleton	3	8.33	Developers should pay for impact on roads and services (3 votes)												
Eagleton	2	5.56	County Commission should get on the ball and get new jail (2 votes)												
Eagleton	2	5.56	Prevent inflating family farm property taxes without improvements (2 votes)												
Eagleton	2	5.56	Need performance criteria for expenditure of public money (2 votes)												
Eagleton	1	2.78	Long range plans that are followed-up on (1 vote)												
Eagleton	1	2.78	Areas used for dumps and trash (1 vote)												
Eagleton	1	2.78	Find way to protect agricultural land - preserve from development (also natural resources) (1 vote)												
Eagleton	1	2.78	Traffic along Old Knoxville Highway (1 vote)												
Eagleton	0	0.00	Lessen taxes to obtain a better quality of life												
Eagleton	0	0.00	Reduce cost of public services												
Eagleton	0	0.00	Stop funding of needless public projects												
Eagleton	0	0.00	Finding way to put all property on tax roll												
Eagleton	0	0.00	Regulate public property to benefit all												
Eagleton	0	0.00	Finish Pellissippi Parkway												
Eagleton	0	0.00	Do something with Sky City and other vacant buildings												
Eagleton	0	0.00	Adopt a policy of not encouraging growth												
Total	36	100.00													
Middlesettlements	3	33.33	Schools need better funding and more permanent classrooms (3 votes)												
Middlesettlements	2	22.22	Schools need more funding for variety of programs (2 votes)												
Middlesettlements	2	22.22	Zoning - land use controls to address problems of growth - maintain value of property (2 votes)												
Middlesettlements	2	22.22	Adequately fund library (2 votes)												
Middlesettlements	0	0.00	More education to prepare for technology of workplace												
Middlesettlements	0	0.00	Developing roads and infrastructure to accommodate growth												
Middlesettlements	0	0.00	Need traffic light at Old Glory and 321												
Middlesettlements	0	0.00	Need method for providing revenues for adequate public facilities												
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CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.																
Middlesettlements Continued																			
Middlesettlements	0	0.00	Need new court facilities and juvenile facilities, etc.																
Middlesettlements	0	0.00	Need more community open/green space.																
Total	9	100.00																	
Fairview	8	24.24	Tax increase - for education and schools - bigger investment in our children (8 votes)																
Fairview	8	24.24	County Commission needs streamlining - 7 members for better planning (8 votes)																
Fairview	4	12.12	Need permanent solutions to school facilities problems - not temporary fixes (4 votes)																
Fairview	3	9.09	Better control of stray animals (3 votes)																
Fairview	3	9.09	Need quality manufactured housing community for starter homes (3 votes)																
Fairview	2	6.06	County needs to implement zoning - for proactive approach (2 votes)																
Fairview	2	6.06	Developers should contribute up front to schools, roads, etc. improvements - impact fees (2 votes)																
Fairview	1	3.03	Develop healthier standards of air quality - control open burning (1 vote)																
Fairview	1	3.03	Need to become aware of those in the population who are in need and address their needs within Blount County - do not just send to Knoxville (1 vote)																
Fairview	1	3.03	Need broad based land use planning to address problems of change from rural to developed county (1 vote)																
Fairview	0	0.00	More stop lights in the place of four-way stops to control more traffic																
Fairview	0	0.00	Stricter litter laws - police/sheriff's office to stop and fine																
Fairview	0	0.00	Need more hidden patrol cars to bust speeders																
Fairview	0	0.00	School zones need flashing lights to reduce speed - if you do for one do for all																
Fairview	0	0.00	Need more spending on libraries																
Fairview	0	0.00	Need county funded fire department/EMS																
Fairview	0	0.00	Need county information program on cults and gangs - also get rid of graffiti quickly																
Fairview	0	0.00	Need better recycling facilities for broader number of recyclables - cans, plastic cardboard																
Fairview	0	0.00	Roads too narrow - need widening																
Fairview	0	0.00	Need more bike paths.																
Total	33	100.00																	

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CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.																	
Friendsville	7	26.92	Need some sort of zoning eventually (7 votes)																	
Friendsville	4	15.38	Need to slow growth down (4 votes)																	
Friendsville	4	15.38	A plan for coordinated growth - matching growth with infrastructure (4 votes)																	
Friendsville	4	15.38	A plan for development of the county "in character" - e.g. how the county should look, scenic routes, sign controls (4 votes)																	
Friendsville	3	11.54	Long term infrastructure plan for roads & utilities (3 votes)																	
Friendsville	2	7.69	Need garbage convenience center or some sort of local dumpster (2 votes)																	
Friendsville	1	3.85	Need to improve the quality of air and water (1 vote)																	
Friendsville	1	3.85	Developers should share in cost of maintaining roads disturbed by development (1 vote)																	
Friendsville	0	0.00	Need better cooperation between School Board and County Commission - and greater commitment to education																	
Friendsville	0	0.00	Need to address litter problem																	
Friendsville	0	0.00	Need curbside/roadside recycling																	
Friendsville	0	0.00	Need controls on dumps/ junk on private property - not just looks but also health and safety.																	
Total	26	100.00																		
Lanier	62	59.05	Get zoning out (62 votes)																	
Lanier	13	12.38	Need land use to avoid hop-sotch housing development, protect residential property value, control location of industry, and orderly expansion of utilities (13																	
Lanier	6	5.71	Need planned growth (6 votes)																	
Lanier	5	4.76	Have county commission to tell the truth & not make questions up to lead you astray (5 votes)																	
Lanier	3	2.86	Something to prevent & eliminate a junk yard or firing range behind your house - e.g. abandoned cars (3 votes)																	
Lanier	3	2.86	Growth needs to be slowed until County Commission funds the building of at least two schools (3 votes)																	
Lanier	3	2.86	The cause of growth should help pay for needed public improvements (3 votes)																	
Lanier	2	1.90	Funding of education needs to become a priority (2 votes)																	
Lanier	2	1.90	Separation of businesses and residences (2 votes)																	
Lanier	2	1.90	South Blount County needs some parks and recreation (2 votes)																	
Lanier	2	1.90	Need to change priority of jail vs. school funding (2 votes)																	
Lanier	1	0.95	Litter problem - need program to control litter (1 vote)																	
Lanier	1	0.95	Stop selling community schools off - build smaller community schools (1 vote)																	
Lanier	0	0.00	Need flood plain zoning - to allow flood insurance																	

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Lanier Continued																			
Lanier	0	0.00	Tax according to land use																
Lanier	0	0.00	Need to educate County Commissioners to listen to people and not be for zoning																
Lanier	0	0.00	Not to waste money on Coca-Cola place on prison																
Lanier	0	0.00	Not to waste money on frivolous things																
Lanier	0	0.00	Make county expenditures as you can afford them & don't defer																
Lanier	0	0.00	Should widen Lanier Road																
Lanier	0	0.00	Need advance planning for infrastructure - e.g. roads, utilities, schools																
Lanier	0	0.00	More public input meetings like this																
Lanier	0	0.00	Get rid of the Planning Department																
Total	105	100.00																	
Porter	9	20.45	Change government funding mechanisms to equalize education funding, quality of education, and government services between cities and county (9 votes)																
Porter	5	11.36	Need wider roads (5 votes)																
Porter	4	9.09	Better planning to match services, e.g. schools, roads, utilities - to the pace of development (4 votes)																
Porter	3	6.82	Limit subdivisions until road improvements are made (3 votes)																
Porter	3	6.82	Better cooperation between cities and county governments - if not you cannot solve problems (3 votes)																
Porter	2	4.55	More attention to maintaining existing rural roads (2 votes)																
Porter	2	4.55	Need cultural center, meeting space for large groups (2 votes)																
Porter	2	4.55	Year round use of school facilities - community, education, etc. (2 votes)																
Porter	2	4.55	Need to eliminate litter - and be more litter conscious (2 votes)																
Porter	2	4.55	Enforce existing laws before making new laws (2 votes)																
Porter	1	2.27	Need better road signs and markings (1 vote)																
Porter	1	2.27	Need year round schools (1 vote)																
Porter	1	2.27	Need rural location of fire stations - to cut down on insurance (1 vote)																
Porter	1	2.27	Stop strip annexations by Maryville and Alcoa (1 vote)																
Porter	1	2.27	Need decision on enlarged library (1 vote)																
Porter	1	2.27	Job training and business/industry recruitment - to encourage higher paying jobs and decrease income disparity (1 vote)																
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CIW Site	Votes	% CIW Votes	Comments as reported by workshop site.																
Porter Continued																			
Porter	1	2.27	Need billboard ordinance (1 vote)																
Porter	1	2.27	Need recycling program (1 vote)																
Porter	1	2.27	Enforce the speed limits (1 vote)																
Porter	1	2.27	Need to be more environmentally conscious - e.g. compost center (1 vote)																
Porter	0	0.00	Continue work on improving race relations																
Porter	0	0.00	Limit driveway access to main roads.																
Total	44	100.00																	
Rockford	9	27.27	Need a zoning plan. (9 votes)																
Rockford	7	21.21	County may need to help those who cannot help themselves or afford to clean up their property. (7 votes)																
Rockford	4	12.12	Need parking rules on public roads. (4 votes)																
Rockford	3	9.09	Need better enforcement of litter laws and stricter penalties. (3 votes)																
Rockford	2	6.06	Should take away individual garbage dumping fee - especially for county residents. (2 votes)																
Rockford	2	6.06	Need to address traffic back-up on Singleton Station Road from Old Knoxville Highway (both ways). (2 votes)																
Rockford	1	3.03	Need good animal control law. (1 vote)																
Rockford	1	3.03	Need to loosen up on road frontage regulations - Alcoa planning region. (1 vote)																
Rockford	1	3.03	Need a long range plan for traffic. (1 vote)																
Rockford	1	3.03	Balance economic growth while maintaining environmental quality. (1 vote)																
Rockford	1	3.03	Should address traffic congestion on Cusick. (1 vote)																
Rockford	1	3.03	Update education to compete with city school standards. (1 vote)																
Rockford	0	0.00	Let the county formulate its own regulations																
Rockford	0	0.00	Health Department should enforce minimum standards for clean environment																
Rockford	0	0.00	Need some rules and regulations to protect livability of residential areas (especially in the planning region - who will take responsibility)																
Rockford	0	0.00	Need to change image of Blount County to more than airport motor mile																
Rockford	0	0.00	Need to help area farmers - emergency supplemental program																
Rockford	0	0.00	Need burning laws - e.g. burning garbage																
Rockford	0	0.00	Hall Road/Alcoa Highway and Coop at Bv-pass/411 South (cross traffic) intersection needs improvement/fixing																
Rockford	0	0.00	Need more variety in restaurants																
Rockford	0	0.00	Need to bring business in to fill empty buildings.																
Total	33	100.00																	

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Townsend	15	17.86	Need some kind of zoning to keep out activities not in character with Townsend. (15 votes)																	
Townsend	14	16.67	Find some way to direct and coordinate the explosive growth coming. (14 votes)																	
Townsend	13	15.48	Finish the Parkway and divert a lot of traffic. (13 votes - Foothills Parkway)																	
Townsend	12	14.29	Need to establish a law to protect ridgetops. (12 votes)																	
Townsend	9	10.71	Leave Townsend and surrounding area alone. (9 votes)																	
Townsend	4	4.76	Slow down growth in new industry to preserve rural areas. (4 votes)																	
Townsend	4	4.76	Protect natural beauty by discouraging trashing and encouraging clean-up. (4 votes)																	
Townsend	3	3.57	Rest of county needs to understand Townsend is unique and has special needs (3 votes)																	
Townsend	3	3.57	Balance industrial recruitment with normal population growth. (3 votes)																	
Townsend	2	2.38	Growth should be monitored/regulated. (2 votes)																	
Townsend	2	2.38	Need water filtration plant on this end of county. (2 votes)																	
Townsend	1	1.19	Stop all the stupid annexations. (1 vote)																	
Townsend	1	1.19	Need updated traffic signals. (1 vote)																	
Townsend	1	1.19	Need better planning of roads to keep pace with population growth. (1 vote)																	
Townsend	0	0.00	More community input into decisions on roads, schools, etc.																	
Townsend	0	0.00	Don't mar the beauty of Townsend - do not make it look like a big city																	
Townsend	0	0.00	Centralize industry to save rural areas																	
Townsend	0	0.00	Encourage small locally owned businesses																	
Townsend	0	0.00	Some schools need improved infrastructure																	
Townsend	0	0.00	Visions of Blount County government on future needs to be changed																	
Townsend	0	0.00	Free garbage service in Blount County																	
Total	84	100.00																		
Chilhowee View	6	17.14	Need good zoning laws to protect the good things about Blount County (6 votes)																	
Chilhowee View	6	17.14	Laws and enforcement against illegal dumping (6 votes)																	
Chilhowee View	4	11.43	School systems do not seem to be expanding to meet growth - overcrowded elementary schools (4 votes)																	
Chilhowee View	3	8.57	Better pet control - control population growth (3 votes)																	
Chilhowee View	2	5.71	Need new County Court and have government stay out of citizen's daily business (2 votes)																	
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Chilhowee View Continued																			
Chilhowee View	2	5.71	Better salaries for educators so that they will stay in Blount County - if they meet minimum level of proficiency (2 votes)																
Chilhowee View	2	5.71	Freedom to build anything you want to, anywhere you want to (need to keep this) (2 votes)																
Chilhowee View	2	5.71	Limit industrial development and recruitment to slow growth (2 votes)																
Chilhowee View	2	5.71	Be sure that if we make a change, that we study it out and make sure it is for the good (2 votes)																
Chilhowee View	1	2.86	Need to get National Education Association out of schools (1 vote)																
Chilhowee View	1	2.86	Better salaries and educational opportunities for law officers - and more law officers (1 vote)																
Chilhowee View	1	2.86	Recycling program for county - expand what we have (1 vote)																
Chilhowee View	1	2.86	More civic involvement at all levels (1 vote)																
Chilhowee View	1	2.86	Master plan for existing roads and future new roads to address increased traffic (1 vote)																
Chilhowee View	1	2.86	Manage/control/maybe reduce population growth (1 vote)																
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Control sprawl																
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	License dogs and cats - if you have five or more animals you need a kennel license																
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Build rural fire department and put fire hydrants in																
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	More availability of natural gas throughout the county																
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Limit the growth of government - and also limit demands on government - all new services must be paid for through taxation																
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Stop development destroying mountains																
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Need to have new jail soon																
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Do something about Alcoa Highway																
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	4-Lane 321 from Townsend to Pigeon Forge																
Chilhowee View	0	0.00	Fire the Planning Commission																
Total	35	100.00																	
Mary Blount Sch.	7	17.95	Need good land use management plan and authority to enforce it (7 votes)																
Mary Blount Sch.	6	15.38	Too much trash - county need to be cleaned up (6 votes)																
Mary Blount Sch.	4	10.26	Need more community activities focused on community schools - can keep kids out of trouble (4 votes)																
Mary Blount Sch.	3	7.69	Need to be more aware of environmental impact of development - minimize environmental impact (3 votes)																
Mary Blount Sch.	3	7.69	No more half day school (3 votes)																
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Mary Blount School Continued															
Mary Blount Sch.	3	7.69	Athletics should not be such a driving force in schools (3 votes)												
Mary Blount Sch.	2	5.13	Better use of schools we have - like year round schools (2 votes)												
Mary Blount Sch.	2	5.13	Too much traffic and not enough roads (2 votes)												
Mary Blount Sch.	2	5.13	Need animal control (2 votes)												
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.56	Need some kind of zoning - if chosen wisely (1 vote)												
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.56	Need to stop loss of farmland, natural areas, habitat, scenery (1 vote)												
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.56	Need to do something about the air pollution (1 vote)												
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.56	Apathy (1 vote)												
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.56	No block scheduling of schools - it limits time for alternative activities (1 vote)												
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.56	Why put money into new library when education is more pressing need (1 vote)												
Mary Blount Sch.	1	2.56	Developers with large subdivisions should mitigate their own traffic impact (1 vote)												
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Need to build schools to keep pace with residential development												
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Get more busses to get kids to school in a timely manner - not too early												
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Slow down population growth												
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Need to protect mountain ridgelines - mountain views												
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Need to stress parent responsibility for kids												
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Cities should stop fighting over county property - annexation												
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Balance industrial recruitment with quality of life												
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Make jail no frills												
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Judges need to be more responsive to victims												
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Library is important and needs to be supported												
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Need to control gang activity in schools												
Mary Blount Sch.	0	0.00	Need a common sense approach to in-school safety - e.g. zero tolerance needs to be age appropriate												
Total	39	100.00													

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Oakview	8	12.70	Collectively create a vision for the future and establish guidelines that will allow us to achieve that vision - e.g. Pitman Center (8 votes)																
Oakview	7	11.11	Need more schools - too crowded - need K-2/3-5/6-8 breakdown (separation) of classes (7 votes)																
Oakview	7	11.11	Make effective education the highest priority and whatever it takes to do that (7 votes)																
Oakview	7	11.11	Do better planning (proactive) to address effects of development before they become a problem (7 votes)																
Oakview	6	9.52	Keep water lines out of (road) right-of-way and have the utility companies buy their own right of way (6 votes)																
Oakview	5	7.94	County Commissioners need to keep oath to uphold constitution and to read and know constitution (5 votes)																
Oakview	4	6.35	Abolish all public education in Blount County (4 votes)																
Oakview	4	6.35	County should sponsor seminars for developers on how to develop sensitively while preserving habitat and natural areas (4 votes)																
Oakview	4	6.35	Need to improve existing roads (widen) prior to approving new subdivisions (4 votes)																
Oakview	3	4.76	Need community schools (3 votes)																
Oakview	2	3.17	Address problem of domestic violence (2 votes)																
Oakview	2	3.17	If people moving into Blount County do not like it as is, they should not move here (2 votes)																
Oakview	1	1.59	Need 411 (Sevierville Road) widened - 4 lanes (1 vote)																
Oakview	1	1.59	Ellejoy Road needs to be widened for safety - 2 lanes (1 vote)																
Oakview	1	1.59	Enforce speed limit on Ellejoy Road (1 vote)																
Oakview	1	1.59	Need to train young people for higher paying jobs (1 vote)																
Oakview	0	0.00	Pay scale of teachers too low leading to low quality of education																
Oakview	0	0.00	Need to teach founding principles in schools																
Oakview	0	0.00	Effective safety on trips to and from school - for passing on roads																
Oakview	0	0.00	Information drive on conservation easements and land trusts																
Oakview	0	0.00	Should differentiate between corporate and private owners of land																
Oakview	0	0.00	Need county road plan to identify needed improvements - proactive approach																
Oakview	0	0.00	Abolish Planning Department																
Oakview	0	0.00	Need to improve roads to meet minimum standards																
Oakview	0	0.00	Need more county parks and recreation opportunities																
Oakview	0	0.00	Need recruitment of business/industry with higher paying jobs																
Oakview	0	0.00	Need more opportunities for recycling - and convenience centers in rural areas																
Oakview	0	0.00	If land is taken by county then take it off tax roll																
Oakview	0	0.00	Need consideration (of) bikes using road - accommodate them																
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Oakview Continued			
Oakview	0	0.00	Abolish all motorized vehicles
Oakview	0	0.00	Encourage adopt a highway to clean up litter on county roads
Oakview	0	0.00	Do not mow all right-of-ways - keep some in more natural vegetation
Total	63	100.00	
Montvale	4	33.33	Elementary schools need to add transition grade from kindergarten to first grade (4 votes)
Montvale	4	33.33	Good zoning laws - formulated by the people of Blount County (4 votes)
Montvale	1	8.33	Road system - to take care of new development - proactive plan for a whole system (1 vote)
Montvale	1	8.33	Reduce/eliminate trash along roads (1 vote)
Montvale	1	8.33	Better fire protection in the county - e.g. fire hydrants/fire stations in rural areas (1 vote)
Montvale	1	8.33	Need better salaries for teachers/educators - with performance criteria - for administrators too (1 vote)
Montvale	0	0.00	May need an alternative transportation system - bicycle paths, bus system
Montvale	0	0.00	Need to experiment with new ideas like year round schools
Montvale	0	0.00	More emphasis on connections between school and family education assistance - home support for school program
Montvale	0	0.00	More parks, greenbelts, walking paths
Montvale	0	0.00	Haphazard/discontinuous development
Montvale	0	0.00	Parks and rec needs alternative to high competition sports - e.g. upward basketball
Montvale	0	0.00	Better enforcement of animal control laws
Montvale	0	0.00	Need more school facilities - to keep up with growth, and updated facilities
Montvale	0	0.00	Need community substations for Sheriff Department
Montvale	0	0.00	Utilities need to be upgraded as development grows - if you add more people, add more capacity
Montvale	0	0.00	Need one stop utility service system
Montvale	0	0.00	Need sewer system in county
Montvale	0	0.00	Need street signs
Montvale	0	0.00	Need system to control commercialism - to avoid becoming Pigeon Forge
Montvale	0	0.00	Need county administrator and fewer elected offices
Montvale	0	0.00	Need balance of power in county government - not allowing one person or group to have too much power
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Montvale Continued																			
Montvale	0	0.00	Needs to be a law to hold people responsible for illegal dumping - upon evidence																
Montvale	0	0.00	Need better system for communicating information to the county																
Montvale	0	0.00	Need to limit industrial development until we have a means of addressing associated growth																
Total	12	100.00																	
Walland	9	13.04	Need encouragement of open space and preservation of existing farmland and forest land (9 votes)																
Walland	8	11.59	County should allow purchase of flood insurance (8 votes)																
Walland	8	11.59	Changes will come and we need to be prepared to meet the changes (8 votes)																
Walland	6	8.70	Put more money in schools so there will be no need for fund-raisers (6 votes)																
Walland	5	7.25	County should buy land for set-aside, e.g., county parks and conservancy areas (5 votes)																
Walland	4	5.80	Put a stop to annexations (4 votes)																
Walland	4	5.80	Do not let land development decisions be based only on greed - not just short term values (4 votes)																
Walland	4	5.80	Do not interfere with non-dwelling structures (4 votes)																
Walland	4	5.80	Need some reasonable regulation of junked properties to protect and preserve existing neighborhoods and maintain property values (4 votes)																
Walland	3	4.35	Need unified government for whole county (3 votes)																
Walland	3	4.35	Do not let new residential development hinder farming (3 votes)																
Walland	3	4.35	Find better means of protecting streams/rivers from sedimentation and pollution (3 votes)																
Walland	2	2.90	Initiate a strong land use plan to improve roads and control development of business etc. - separation of residential and business areas (2 votes)																
Walland	2	2.90	Need pet ordinances (2 votes)																
Walland	1	1.45	New housing development should fit existing character of the land - no more Raulston Views (1 vote)																
Walland	1	1.45	Need fire hydrants - especially for new developments (1 vote)																
Walland	1	1.45	Keep TVA 161 KV line out of Blount County (1 vote)																
Walland	1	1.45	Need more/modern technology for K-8 (1 vote)																
Walland	0	0.00	Slow down the growth rate																
Walland	0	0.00	Need community schools back in																
Walland	0	0.00	Do not overdevelop																
Walland	0	0.00	Leave Hwy 129 from Chilhowee to state line alone																
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Walland Continued			
Walland	0	0.00	Let county inmates pick up litter more - along rivers and streams
Walland	0	0.00	Outlaw low helicopter flights
Walland	0	0.00	Need coordination of traffic through cities - especially traffic lights
Walland	0	0.00	Need some form of mass transit, e.g., bus, train
Walland	0	0.00	Need designated landing sites for emergency helicopters
Walland	0	0.00	Do not raise county taxes so high that those on fixed incomes will be hurt
Walland	0	0.00	Find more creative means for financing education
Walland	0	0.00	Need to keep helping the Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Walland	0	0.00	Need more schools
Walland	0	0.00	With population growth, need more police/deputies
Walland	0	0.00	Need garbage service centers with recycling
Walland	0	0.00	No big ugly billboards on scenic highways
Total	69	100.00	
Seymour	13	18.84	Ambulance service - need joint agreement with Sevier County (13 votes - Seymour area)
Seymour	7	10.14	Seymour needs to be incorporated (7 votes)
Seymour	7	10.14	Need zoning (7 votes)
Seymour	7	10.14	Need traffic lights with turn signals at Chapman Highway in Seymour (7 votes)
Seymour	5	7.25	Planning Commission needs enforcement to enforce promises by developers (5 votes)
Seymour	4	5.80	Lower property taxes (4 votes)
Seymour	4	5.80	Need garbage convenience center (4 votes)
Seymour	4	5.80	Need pet control (4 votes)
Seymour	3	4.35	Need natural gas distribution (3 votes)
Seymour	3	4.35	Offer incentives to industry to keep tax rate down (3 votes)
Seymour	3	4.35	Rebuild Macon Lane from Sevier County line to Burnett Station Road (3 votes)
Seymour	3	4.35	Need to finish Carr Road (3 votes)
Seymour	2	2.90	Need recycling point in Seymour area (2 votes)
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Seymour Continued																			
Seymour	1	1.45	Improved roads - straighter and wider (1 vote)																
Seymour	1	1.45	Need more government representation in Seymour area (1 vote)																
Seymour	1	1.45	Need more control over problems with utilities, e.g., cable, electric, water - need someone in charge (1 vote)																
Seymour	1	1.45	Slow speed limits on rural roads (1 vote)																
Seymour	0	0.00	More school bus routes to make it safer for children																
Seymour	0	0.00	Need more police protection in Seymour area																
Seymour	0	0.00	Need sewer system for big subdivisions																
Total	69	100.00																	
Alcoa	3	16.67	Preserve green spaces by conservation easements or purchase of development rights (3 votes)																
Alcoa	3	16.67	Need zoning to take back planning regions - direct representation in land use regulation (3 votes)																
Alcoa	2	11.11	Need to redesign rumble strips (along highways) to accommodate bicycle traffic (2 votes)																
Alcoa	2	11.11	Need building code enforcement in county (2 votes)																
Alcoa	1	5.56	Need more support (resources) for Sheriff Department - to cover large area (1 vote)																
Alcoa	1	5.56	Protect Hwy 321 from becoming another Alcoa Highway (1 vote)																
Alcoa	1	5.56	Protect water resources by eliminating flood plain development (1 vote)																
Alcoa	1	5.56	Control trash and junk on properties (1 vote)																
Alcoa	1	5.56	Look at potential for unified government (1 vote)																
Alcoa	1	5.56	Need ridge laws to protect main ridges (1 vote)																
Alcoa	1	5.56	Survey county to identify significant areas of scenic and natural value (1 vote)																
Alcoa	1	5.56	Restructure county government (1 vote)																
Alcoa	0	0.00	Need mass transit to connect towns and cities																
Alcoa	0	0.00	Alcoa Highway																
Alcoa	0	0.00	Improve library																
Alcoa	0	0.00	New development (needs) to pay impact fees																
Alcoa	0	0.00	Easier access to information about what is going on in county - e.g., development																
Alcoa	0	0.00	Complete Foothills Parkway																
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Alcoa Continued																		
Alcoa	0	0.00	Make Pellissippi Parkway a scenic parkway and not high speed major highway - and with few entrances and exits															
Alcoa	0	0.00	Bike trail from Maryville and Alcoa to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park															
Alcoa	0	0.00	Preserving our natural areas - e.g., greater Alcoa marsh															
Alcoa	0	0.00	Need pet control															
Alcoa	0	0.00	Improve traffic lighting															
Alcoa	0	0.00	Middlesettlements and Robert Jackson intersection traffic pattern (needs improvement)															
Alcoa	0	0.00	Have industry pay its own way - do not support with public funds															
Alcoa	0	0.00	Need temporary shelter for homeless															
Alcoa	0	0.00	Need rural convenience centers (for garbage)															
Alcoa	0	0.00	Need composting system - for use by public - similar go Sevierville															
Alcoa	0	0.00	Need civic center															
Total	18	100.00																
John Sevier School	4	19.05	Need zoning for county (4 votes)															
John Sevier School	3	14.29	Need new county (government) structure - strong county manager (3 votes)															
John Sevier School	2	9.52	Improve traffic management - movement of traffic through county and cities (2 votes)															
John Sevier School	2	9.52	Need planned growth - more control on developers - no urban sprawl (2 votes)															
John Sevier School	2	9.52	Need to put money where it will promote needed changes - may need to raise taxes (2 votes)															
John Sevier School	1	4.76	Need to involve neighborhoods/people in planning (1 vote)															
John Sevier School	1	4.76	Promote sustainable business practices - to retain our quality of life (1 vote)															
John Sevier School	1	4.76	Green taxes - deposit on recyclable items (1 vote)															
John Sevier School	1	4.76	Need garbage convenience centers (1 vote)															
John Sevier School	1	4.76	New jail/justice center (1 vote)															
John Sevier School	1	4.76	Need to support farmers market to support local farming (1 vote)															
John Sevier School	1	4.76	Need county wide sewer system (1 vote)															
John Sevier School	1	4.76	Explore metro government (1 vote)															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Do not widen roads like Montvale - except to add bike and pedestrian shoulders															
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John Sevier School Continued																		
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Outlaw billboards															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need recycling centers in county															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Help grow industry to make construction materials from recyclables															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Public agencies should purchase recycled products															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Should promote occupancy of existing commercial buildings															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need height restrictions of commercial buildings															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	New library															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	New school buildings															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need to find a new water source															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need better flood plain management regulations															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need better parking and pedestrian facilities around court house															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need better access roads along Alcoa Highway															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need civic center for performing arts and other events - multi-purpose															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Promote non-chain family restaurants															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need places for youth to gather at night															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Study Pitman Center plan as a model to balance growth															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need to require open space in all developments															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Implement a building permit system															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Promote gun safety															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Want Blount County to own the Airport															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need a public transportation system															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Need street lights all along the By-Pass - low electric use types															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Monitor air and water quality															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Control metal junk on properties to address rusting into water table															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Control/monitor hazardous waste															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Do not allow hazardous waste through Blount County															
John Sevier School	0	0.00	Do not allow TVA to put lines through Blount County to serve other counties															
Total	21	100.00																

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Foothills School	16	25.40	Planned growth and zoning (16 votes)																	
Foothills School	8	12.70	Need to think to future on infrastructure - water, sewer - not available to all who need (8 votes)																	
Foothills School	7	11.11	Need to utilize existing vacant buildings - maybe special development/utilization criteria (7 votes)																	
Foothills School	5	7.94	Roads - need improved network of arterial and circumferential roads - need a plan (5 votes)																	
Foothills School	4	6.35	Need more recreation fields - for kids (4 votes)																	
Foothills School	3	4.76	Still a lot of litter - need more education and tough enforcement and laws (3 votes)																	
Foothills School	3	4.76	Better intergovernmental cooperation - and eventually consolidation (3 votes)																	
Foothills School	3	4.76	Need to focus on waste minimization - encourage recycling (3 votes)																	
Foothills School	2	3.17	Need civic center (2 votes)																	
Foothills School	2	3.17	Alcoa Highway - fix it and make sure it does not happen again (2 votes)																	
Foothills School	1	1.59	Need proper licensing of contractors - also enforcement/recourse - in county (1 vote)																	
Foothills School	1	1.59	Need long range planning of capital expenditures to avoid sudden tax increases (1 vote)																	
Foothills School	1	1.59	Need to address growth in youth violence (1 vote)																	
Foothills School	1	1.59	Public facilities, e.g., library, recreation, need to be expanded to meet accepted standards for a community this size (1 vote)																	
Foothills School	1	1.59	Need consolidation of utility districts (water and electric) (1 vote)																	
Foothills School	1	1.59	Should be minimum qualifications for all elected officials (1 vote)																	
Foothills School	1	1.59	Need to control growth in all forms of violence (1 vote)																	
Foothills School	1	1.59	Someway to foster a more progressive attitude - need to think like an urban county that we are (1 vote)																	
Foothills School	1	1.59	Need sidewalks/bike paths along roads (1 vote)																	
Foothills School	1	1.59	Needs to be more emphasis on educating the average child (1 vote)																	
Foothills School	0	0.00	Air quality needs to be improved																	
Foothills School	0	0.00	Need regulations on storage of trash and garbage on properties																	
Foothills School	0	0.00	Curtail growth - slow it down - uncontrolled growth causes problems																	
Foothills School	0	0.00	Building permit and inspection system																	
Foothills School	0	0.00	Need to revitalize Maryville downtown as historical, cultural and functional city center																	
Foothills School	0	0.00	Need to better plan long range rational use of commercial land																	
Foothills School	0	0.00	Do not annex unless areas are adequately serviced																	
Foothills School	0	0.00	Need to be aware of needs of senior citizens - already here and those moving in																	
Foothills School	0	0.00	Need better social services/support for kids at risk - especially girls clubs																	
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