

Summary results of the second round of Citizen Input Workshops Sept. - Nov. 1997			
			17 Sites
			Total
		number	percent
GUIDING POLICY 1:	Agree	396	86.27
The rural, small town and natural character of the county should be preserved.	Disagree	29	6.32
	No Opinion	7	1.53
	No Response	27	5.88
	Total	459	100.00
Objective Policy 1A	Agree	367	79.96
New development should be designed to fit into the rural character of the county.	Disagree	58	12.64
	No Opinion	18	3.92
	No Response	16	3.49
	Total	459	100.00
Objective Policy 1B	Agree	352	76.69
Farmland should be preserved both for open space and to conserve prime agricultural production areas.	Disagree	55	11.98
	No Opinion	33	7.19
	No Response	19	4.14
	Total	459	100.00
Objective Policy 1C	Agree	392	85.40
Our beautiful and scenic environment should be protected, including commonly shared viewsapes, ridgetops, lakeshores and river banks.	Disagree	42	9.15
	No Opinion	9	1.96
	No Response	16	3.49
	Total	459	100.00
Objective Policy 1D	Agree	402	87.58
The lakes, rivers and streams in the county should be protected as part of our natural environment and drinking water resource, and as part of our scenic and recreational resource.	Disagree	35	7.63
	No Opinion	6	1.31
	No Response	16	3.49
	Total	459	100.00
Objective Policy 1E	Agree	337	73.42
New commercial development in Townsend and Tuckaleechee Cove should be consistent with the small town and Appalachian heritage look of the area.	Disagree	48	10.46
	No Opinion	58	12.64
	No Response	16	3.49
	Total	459	100.00
GUIDING POLICY 2:	Agree	341	74.29

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Land use and development should be managed and regulated in order to preserve the quality of our growing county.	Disagree		62	13.51
	No Opinion		13	2.83
	No Response		43	9.37
	Total		459	100.00
Objective Policy 2A	Agree		300	65.36
Zoning and other land development regulations should be formulated and adopted.	Disagree		112	24.40
	No Opinion		24	5.23
	No Response		23	5.01
	Total		459	100.00
Objective Policy 2B	Agree		350	76.25
Development on mountains and ridgetops should be regulated to protect sensitive areas of slope and viewscapes.	Disagree		60	13.07
	No Opinion		30	6.54
	No Response		19	4.14
	Total		459	100.00
Objective Policy 2C	Agree		299	65.14
Development in flood plains should be regulated to allow county residents the opportunity to purchase flood insurance.	Disagree		80	17.43
	No Opinion		61	13.29
	No Response		19	4.14
	Total		459	100.00
Objective Policy 2D	Agree		333	72.55
Junk on private property should be regulated.	Disagree		96	20.92
	No Opinion		17	3.70
	No Response		13	2.83
	Total		459	100.00
Objective Policy 2E	Agree		330	71.90
The safety and quality of buildings should be insured through regulation.	Disagree		85	18.52
	No Opinion		25	5.45
	No Response		19	4.14
	Total		459	100.00

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Objective Policy 2F	Agree		368	80.17
Billboards, signs, towers and other structures which could impact the views of the county should be regulated.	Disagree		63	13.73
	No Opinion		16	3.49
	No Response		12	2.61
	Total		459	100.00
GUIDING POLICY 3:	Agree		94	20.48
There should be no zoning or any similar ordinances of any kind to regulate the use and development of land in Blount County.	Disagree		328	71.46
	No Opinion		22	4.79
	No Response		15	3.27
	Total		459	100.00
GUIDING POLICY 3 (alternative):	Agree		264	57.52
The guiding principal in any government actions in relation to the use and development of land should be to limit regulations to specific public health, safety and welfare objectives balanced with responsible freedom in the use of land.	Disagree		121	26.36
	No Opinion		47	10.24
	No Response		27	5.88
	Total		459	100.00
Objective Policy 3A	Agree		303	66.01
Any public regulation of land use and development should be in accordance with constitutional principles on rights to private use of land as interpreted by state and federal courts.	Disagree		66	14.38
	No Opinion		54	11.76
	No Response		36	7.84
	Total		459	100.00
Objective Policy 3B	Agree		319	69.50
Any regulation of land use or development should be based on a clear relationship to public health, safety and welfare.	Disagree		65	14.16
	No Opinion		45	9.80
	No Response		30	6.54
	Total		459	100.00
GUIDING POLICY 4:	Agree		379	82.57
County roads should be improved and maintained to a level consistent with present development and expected future development.	Disagree		35	7.63
	No Opinion		18	3.92
	No Response		27	5.88
	Total		459	100.00

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Objective Policy 4A	Agree		314	68.41
The county should commit to widening existing roads with substantial development and traffic to at least 18 feet of paved width.	Disagree		74	16.12
	No Opinion		50	10.89
	No Response		21	4.58
	Total		459	100.00
Objective Policy 4B	Agree		307	66.88
As traffic warrants, the county should commit to widening existing major roads (arterial and collector roads) to greater than 18 feet of paved width to accommodate present and projected traffic.	Disagree		73	15.90
	No Opinion		54	11.76
	No Response		25	5.45
	Total		459	100.00
GUIDING POLICY 5:	Agree		312	67.97
The pace of growth in Blount County should be regulated in order to allow proper provision for utilities and government funded infrastructure such as roads and schools.	Disagree		82	17.86
	No Opinion		43	9.37
	No Response		22	4.79
	Total		459	100.00
Objective Policy 5A	Agree		281	61.22
Development should be clustered in those areas where adequate utilities and infrastructure already exist or can be economically extended.	Disagree		100	21.79
	No Opinion		55	11.98
	No Response		23	5.01
	Total		459	100.00
Objective Policy 5B	Agree		248	54.03
In areas where existing roads are less than 16 feet of paved width, only very low density development or subdivision of land (five acres or greater per dwelling unit) should be allowed.	Disagree		119	25.93
	No Opinion		70	15.25
	No Response		22	4.79
	Total		459	100.00
GUIDING POLICY 6:	Agree		313	68.19
Open space should be preserved in natural state, open farmland, and developed park systems.	Disagree		62	13.51
	No Opinion		39	8.50
	No Response		45	9.80
	Total		459	100.00

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Objective Policy 6A	Agree		318	69.28
Open space and parks should be a required part of any major development.	Disagree		83	18.08
	No Opinion		36	7.84
	No Response		22	4.79
	Total		459	100.00
Objective Policy 6B	Agree		254	55.34
Open space should be preserved through public purchase of land.	Disagree		105	22.88
	No Opinion		77	16.78
	No Response		23	5.01
	Total		459	100.00
Objective Policy 6C	Agree		292	63.62
Open space should be preserved through voluntary means.	Disagree		84	18.30
	No Opinion		58	12.64
	No Response		25	5.45
	Total		459	100.00
GUIDING POLICY 7:	Agree		325	70.81
New development should bear the cost of its impact on public facilities such as roads, schools, libraries, parks and recreation facilities.	Disagree		62	13.51
	No Opinion		37	8.06
	No Response		35	7.63
	Total		459	100.00
Objective Policy 7A	Agree		286	62.31
Impact fees should be levied for each new development.	Disagree		86	18.74
	No Opinion		53	11.55
	No Response		34	7.41
	Total		459	100.00

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IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS				
Road Improvement Plan	Yes		345	75.16
	No		36	7.84
	Undecided		45	9.80
	No Response		33	7.19
	Total		459	100.00
Capital Improvements Plan and Budget	Yes		350	76.25
	No		28	6.10
	Undecided		46	10.02
	No Response		35	7.63
	Total		459	100.00
Development Impact Fees	Yes		294	64.05
	No		71	15.47
	Undecided		61	13.29
	No Response		33	7.19
	Total		459	100.00
Subdivision Regulations	Yes		343	74.73
	No		47	10.24
	Undecided		32	6.97
	No Response		37	8.06
	Total		459	100.00
Zoning	Yes		293	63.83
	No		100	21.79
	Undecided		40	8.71
	No Response		26	5.66
	Total		459	100.00

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Recommended Examples of Good Design	Yes		245	53.38
	No		109	23.75
	Undecided		64	13.94
	No Response		41	8.93
	Total		459	100.00
Land Conservancy	Yes		256	55.77
	No		82	17.86
	Undecided		84	18.30
	No Response		37	8.06
	Total		459	100.00
Parks and Open Space Plan	Yes		301	65.58
	No		64	13.94
	Undecided		59	12.85
	No Response		35	7.63
	Total		459	100.00
Ridgetop Development Ordinance	Yes		300	65.36
	No		77	16.78
	Undecided		49	10.68
	No Response		33	7.19
	Total		459	100.00
Flood Plain Zoning Ordinance	Yes		274	59.69
	No		83	18.08
	Undecided		69	15.03
	No Response		33	7.19
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Junk Ordinance	Yes		322	70.15
	No		80	17.43
	Undecided		29	6.32
	No Response		28	6.10
	Total		459	100.00
Building Code and Building Permits	Yes		283	61.66
	No		100	21.79
	Undecided		47	10.24
	No Response		29	6.32
	Total		459	100.00
Education of public officials on constitutional provisions and basic decisions of the courts on land use issues	Yes		323	70.37
	No		42	9.15
	Undecided		55	11.98
	No Response		39	8.50
	Total		459	100.00
Explicit requirement that any regulation have a clear relationship to plan objectives in support of health, safety and/or welfare	Yes		311	67.76
	No		42	9.15
	Undecided		63	13.73
	No Response		43	9.37
	Total		459	100.00