



Community Meeting Summary  
Berea High School  
April 8, 2008

Over sixty people attended the fourth meeting for *Imagine Greenville County* at Berea High School. The discussion focused on issues specific to the area, including the unpleasing appearance of the area, the need for additional law enforcement protection, and the reuse of vacant buildings along Highway 25. Once the many issues were listed, attendees then prioritized the issues and the most popular (or most pressing) issues were revealed as follows:

**RESULTS OF THE DOT EXERCISE**

- Need for Improved Infrastructure – 28
- More Police Protection – 26
- Revitalization – 22
- Zoning and Codes Enforcement – 18
- Widening of US Highway 25 – 15
- Landlord Accountability – 15
- Need for Stronger Zoning Laws – 11
- Litter Along the Road – 8
- Maintain Historic Areas – 8
- Zoning Consistency – 6
- Neglect of the Westside – 6
- More Sidewalks and Better Sidewalk Maintenance – 5
- Need Nice Homes and Shops – 5
- Economic Development -3
- Property Maintenance – 3
- Improvements to E. Blue Ridge Drive – 3
- Reuse of Abandoned Structures – 3
- Objectionable Uses – 2
- Growth patterns – 2
- Public Transportation 2
- Clear Cutting Land – 2
- Concern Over Diversity – 1
- Better Communications with County Council – 1

## Berea High School Community Meeting Survey Results

<i>How important are the following issues to you:</i>	<i>Avg. Rating</i>
Clean air and water	4.82
Community Appearance/Design	4.76
Maintaining natural beauty	4.70
Encouraging economic development	4.58
Limiting development of flood prone areas	4.35
Historic Preservation	4.32
Preserving rural areas, farmland and open space	4.23
Sidewalks in my neighborhood	4.16
Convenient access to shopping from my neighborhood	4.00
Convenient access to schools from my neighborhood	3.94
Reduced traffic in my neighborhood	3.85
Convenient access to recreational facilities from my neighborhood	3.84
Convenient access to my workplace from my neighborhood	3.68
Providing housing for all incomes	3.30
<i>Scale: 1 (unimportant) - 5 (important)</i>	
<i>Greenville County should.</i>	<i>Avg. Rating</i>
Promote sustainable development and green building practices	4.35
Promote commercial design to enhance community character	4.19
Discourage growth in areas where adequate public infrastructure is unavailable	4.16
Encourage development in already developed areas	3.76
Promote commercial development expansion along major highways	3.71
Provide information and incentives to encourage carpooling/vanpooling, etc.	3.58
Promote commercial development in compact centers at major intersections	3.47
Require businesses to share drive ways and parking	3.44
Reduce commercial development along major streets	3.32
Encourage a mix of residential and commercial uses in the same development	3.13
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	
<i>Please rate your support for the following types of businesses in your community</i>	<i>Avg. Rating</i>
Professional services/offices	4.38
Retail businesses	4.31
Malls/Superstores	4.00
Restaurants/Bars	3.88
High Tech businesses	3.77
Manufacturing	2.93
<i>Scale: 1 (no support) - 5 (support)</i>	
<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Avg. Rating</i>
More passive recreation facilities such as greenways and trails are needed	4.00
More active recreation facilities such as ball fields and swimming pools are needed	3.73
Recreational facilities are too crowded	3.48
Recreational facilities are too far from my home	3.47
I am not interested in public recreation facilities	1.70
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	
<i>Please rate the preferred method of curbside garbage and recycling service</i>	<i>Avg. Rating</i>
County should provide curbside service	4.70
County should contract with private entity to provide curbside service	2.82
Individual residents and subdivisions should contract with private entity	2.09
No curbside service	1.45
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	

<b>Greenville County should encourage the following types of housing</b>	<b>Avg. Rating</b>
Retirement Communities	3.90
Townhomes, patio homes, condominiums, etc	3.63
Developments with a variety of housing types near shopping and services	3.03
Apartments	1.97
Low income/Public assisted housing	1.59
Mobile homes	1.40
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	
<b>Please rate your support for the following types of housing in your community</b>	<b>Avg. Rating</b>
Townhomes, patio homes, condominiums, etc	3.45
Retirement Communities	3.39
Developments with a variety of housing types near shopping and services	3.20
Apartments	1.77
Low income/Public assisted housing	1.61
Mobile homes	1.42
<i>Scale: 1 (no support) - 5 (support)</i>	
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Avg. Rating</b>
County should add bike lanes, off street bike ways and other bicycle facilities	4.09
County should expand/establish public transit service	3.50
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	
<b>In order to pay for public road improvements, Greenville County should</b>	<b>Avg. Rating</b>
Establish/Increase fees for development impacts on public roads	3.29
Establish a County sales tax	3.03
Issue capital improvement bonds	2.91
Encourage the State to increase the gasoline tax	2.29
Increase vehicle registration fees	2.26
Increase property taxes	1.94
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	
<b>Please rate the quality of the following</b>	<b>Avg. Rating</b>
Congestion	3.26
Public transit service	3.17
Travel safety	2.93
Street connectivity	2.91
Pedestrian safety	2.87
Street aesthetics/appearance	2.58
Bicycle mobility	2.45
Greenway system	2.33
<i>Scale: 1 (low) - 5 (high)</i>	
<b>Overall</b>	<b>Avg. Rating</b>
Please rate the quality of Greenville County's water	4.36
Please rate the overall quality of life in Greenville County	4.06
Please rate the quality of Greenville County's air	3.56
Please rate Greenville County's public recreation	3.45
Please rate the quality and effectiveness of Greenville County Government	3.19
Please rate Greenville County's public transportation	2.68
<i>Scale: 1 (low) - 5 (high)</i>	