



Community Meeting Summary
Travelers Rest High School
April 22, 2008

Over fifty people attended the seventh meeting for *Imagine Greenville County* at Travelers Rest High School. The discussion featured prominent issues in the community and foremost was opposition to any additional large scale development in northern Greenville County. Other issues of equal attention included the need to reuse vacant commercial buildings, the need for more land use controls, incentives for local businesses, and new efforts towards sustainable development. These issues, and others, were then prioritized by the dot exercise and the results are as follows:

RESULTS OF THE DOT EXERCISE

- No more large scale development in northern Greenville County – 26
- Reuse of vacant commercial buildings – 16
- The need for more land use controls – 12
- Incentives for local businesses – 11
- Sustainable development – 10
- more local agriculture/protection of local farms – 9
- Concerns about development on Highway 11 – 8
- Concerns over land use designations – 8
- Views of the mountains/Paris Mountain should be protected – 8
- Strong Citizen Review Process – 7
- Encourage area plans with design standards – 6
- Development moratorium while Plan is being created – 5
- Commercial development should be clustered – 4
- Enforcement of the plan – 3
- Encourage area plans for environmentally sensitive areas – 2
- Housing available for all income levels – 2
- Measure the effectiveness of the plan – 2
- New energy policy for conservation – 2
- Highway beautification along US 25 – 2
- Discourage growth in northern Greenville County – 2
- Developments should not affect the clean air and water – 2
- More public open space – 2
- New tools other than zoning – 1

Travelers Rest High School Community Meeting Survey Results

<i>How Important are the following issues to you:</i>	<i>Avg. Rating</i>
Maintaining natural beauty	4.97
Clean air and water	4.79
Preserving rural areas, farmland and open space	4.70
Limiting development of flood prone areas	4.39
Historic Preservation	4.27
Community Appearance/Design	4.24
Providing housing for all incomes	3.70
Encouraging economic development	3.56
Reduced traffic in my neighborhood	3.27
Convenient access to recreational facilities from my neighborhood	3.15
Convenient access to shopping from my neighborhood	2.94
Convenient access to my workplace from my neighborhood	2.85
Convenient access to schools from my neighborhood	2.82
Sidewalks in my neighborhood	2.48
<i>Scale: 1 (unimportant) - 5 (important)</i>	
<i>Greenville County should:</i>	<i>Avg. Rating</i>
Promote sustainable development and green building practices	4.70
Discourage growth in areas where adequate public infrastructure is unavailable	4.24
Promote commercial design to enhance community character	4.09
Encourage development in already developed areas	3.91
Provide information and incentives to encourage carpooling/vanpooling, etc.	3.88
Require businesses to share drive ways and parking	3.70
Promote commercial development in compact centers at major intersections	3.16
Reduce commercial development along major streets	3.15
Encourage a mix of residential and commercial uses in the same development	2.91
Promote commercial development expansion along major highways	2.88
<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	3.58
Retail businesses	3.33
Restaurants/Bars	3.21
High Tech businesses	3.00
Manufacturing	2.18
Malls/Superstores	1.73
<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	4.21
More active recreation facilities such as ball fields and swimming pools are needed	2.88
Recreational facilities are too crowded	2.52
Recreational facilities are too far from my home	2.39
I am not interested in public recreation facilities	2.39
<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	3.48
County should contract with private entity to provide curbside service	2.91
Individual residents and subdivisions should contract with private entity	2.76
No curbside service	1.97
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	

Greenville County should encourage the following types of housing	Avg. Rating
Developments with a variety of housing types near shopping and services	3.85
Townhomes, patio homes, condominiums, etc	3.36
Retirement Communities	3.21
Apartments	2.88
Low income/Public assisted housing	2.76
Mobile homes	1.42
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	
Please rate your support for the following types of housing in your community	Avg. Rating
Developments with a variety of housing types near shopping and services	3.33
Retirement Communities	2.85
Townhomes, patio homes, condominiums, etc	2.76
Apartments	2.30
Low income/Public assisted housing	2.03
Mobile homes	1.27
<i>Scale: 1 (no support) - 5 (support)</i>	
Transportation	Avg. Rating
County should add bike lanes, off street bike ways and other bicycle facilities	3.94
County should expand/establish public transit service	3.94
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	
In order to pay for public road improvements, Greenville County should	Avg. Rating
Establish/Increase fees for development impacts on public roads	3.67
Issue capital improvement bonds	3.36
Increase vehicle registration fees	2.27
Establish a County sales tax	2.24
Encourage the State to increase the gasoline tax	2.21
Increase property taxes	2.06
<i>Scale: 1 (disagree) - 5 (agree)</i>	
Please rate the quality of the following	Avg. Rating
Travel safety	3.48
Street aesthetics/appearance	3.03
Street connectivity	2.91
Greenway system	2.91
Congestion	2.88
Pedestrian safety	2.85
Bicycle mobility	2.61
Public transit service	1.97
<i>Scale: 1 (low) - 5 (high)</i>	
Overall	Avg. Rating
Please rate the overall quality of life in Greenville County	3.76
Please rate Greenville County's public recreation	3.55
Please rate the quality of Greenville County's water	3.45
Please rate the quality of Greenville County's air	3.00
Please rate the quality and effectiveness of Greenville County Government	2.55
Please rate Greenville County's public transportation	1.76
<i>Scale: 1 (low) - 5 (high)</i>	