

SUMMARY OF SURVEY 5

The year-long Fauquier County Community Conversations engagement process included the use of online surveys as a method for gathering broader input from residents. The County shared results from these surveys throughout the process with county leaders, stakeholders, and the general public via the Community Conversations website. Over the course of this process, survey responses helped guide and shape the outcomes of the project. This document contains a summary of Survey 5.

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Q1 - In which community do you live?	Count of Responses
Warrenton	21
No Response	14
Other	9
Broad Run	8
New Baltimore	8
Marshall	6
Bealeton	6
Rectortown	2
Upperville	1
Sumerduck	1
Somerville	1
Midland	1
The Plains	1
Markham	1
Remington	1
Goldvein	1
Delaplane	1
Grand Total	83

Q2 - What is your age range?	Count of Responses
50 to 59	21
60 to 69	17
40 to 49	17
30 to 39	12
70 or older	11
18 to 29	3
No Response	2
Grand Total	83

Q3 - What is your occupation? (Please select all that describe your occupation)	Count of Responses
Work locally in the county	31
Self-Employed	23
Work outside the county	18
Public Sector job	15
Private Sector job	14
Retired	12
Farmer	5
Student	1

Q4 - Did you attend the Community Conversation on November 16th?	Count of Responses
No	76
Yes	6
No Response	1
Grand Total	83

Q5 - Which strategy do you think is most important for achieving Strong Rural Lands & Economy?	Count of Responses
Expand the Local Foods and Agri-tourism Sectors	38
Continue and Expand Land Conservation Efforts	25
Expand Agricultural Education and Outreach	13
Expand Agricultural Infrastructure and Capacity	7
Grand Total	83

Q6 - Which strategy do you think is most important for achieving Expanded Business and Industry?	Count of Responses
Encourage the Growth and Addition of New Businesses	34
Respond to the Needs and Practices of the New Rural Economy	24
Create Dynamic Business Centers	15
Enhance Workforce Education Programs	10
Grand Total	83

Q7 - Which strategy do you think is most important for achieving Thriving Communities and Services?	Count of Responses
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Concentrate Growth in Service Districts	32
Provide Sufficient Water and Wastewater Treatment for Service Districts	19
Provide More Transportation Choices in the Service Districts	14
Diversify the County’s Housing Stock	13
Incentives for Traditional Neighborhood Design (TND)	5
Grand Total	83

Q8 - Do you have any ideas for additional actions for achieving these strategies?	
transportation and workforce education are also important	
Streamline government. Curtail latitude of bureaucrats. Make all requires absolutely clear at front end of permitting process.	
The community needs to continue to develop public transportation options!	
Minimize growth in stand alone homes as tax negative. Maximize mixed use infrastructure and limit onsite parking.	
Provide more transportation services	
Multiple techniques may need to be part of the plan.	
More public transportation	
our community is really spread out - transportation to commercial and medical options is a real problem that needs solving.	
Fund more public transportation options for the county	
Stop trying to lure big corporations to build campuses here. Nurture the crops we've already got in the ground. There are so many talented people in Fauquier County who need just a little help to be competitive with people doing the same kind of work in larger communities on our periphery. That's a great way to maintain and expend our business base, with a faster payback for a smaller investment. Work on broadband. Without that, we're dead in the water no matter what we do.	
Add restaurants and entertainment to bring people into the community to shop and go out	
Replace County staffers whose attitude is "you can't do this because" with those who say "here is how I can help you accomplish what you want to"	
encourage internet service providers to extend service to rural areas. Tax incentives, long term commitments by users, premium prices for fiber connection. Southern Fauquier county has a worse connection than most 3rd world countries. BTW your survey didn't load properly so I don't know if anything got to you.	
We should limit residential growth and work to attract more businesses to the county in order to strengthen the tax base.	
No	
Be more open-minded about managed growth. The majority of these strategies can not and will not be achieved without a change in mindset. No one wants PW or FFX county in Fauquier. But most people want basic services in convenient locations, and more housing options. Its great to draw in new businesses, but without people, these businesses can't thrive.	

Q8 - Do you have any ideas for additional actions for achieving these strategies?

More affordable housing and transportation for seniors.

no

Increase internet quality in area. Businesses and people avoid the county because they can't be assured of doing business.

Service districts should have their own "municipal government." In some instances, an existing town should annex them. In others, some type of local "tax district" should be established.

This is not so much a plan as it is a concern: Marshall has grandiose plans for development of new housing, but I really do not feel that we have the infrastructure in place to support this growth.

Preserve the unique rich and beautiful county landscape. Promote and enhance programs local farming, agro-tourism with county farm tours, festivals and small cottage businesses to bring in tourist dollars. Fund training for start-up farming and vocational workforce. Expand conservation easement programs with stiff taxation for those who want to take land out of easement. Provide better internet services for rural locations in order to support at home and on-farm businesses.

no

Our ag sector (and state's focus as well) is "traditional" yet the fastest growth in ag is in the organic and sustainable food sectors, which according to the USDA is growing 11% annually and which even grew 5% during the 08 recession. That sub-sector is not supported locally or at the state level, which represents an opportunity for country farm business--if the opportunity is understood. Most young people entering farming enter with a focus on this sub-sector. A focus on it will entice a new younger generation of farmers to this county, which is essential in maintaining an ag sector, given the age of most farmers in the county, and with Fauquier's strategic location close to a major urban area, should create vibrant business opportunity given the sector's growth. For growth rates, see <https://www.ota.com/news/press-releases/19031>.

Encourage business development that would compliment the residential base providing jobs with incomes to sustain the average home price. Work here, shop here E

We should not forget to readapt buildings and structures. Also, we should preserve our cultural heritage and promote the history of our town and county.

Discuss and work with churches and organizations that touch the lives of the less wealthy and disadvantaged to find out their needs, which would include affordable housing and community space for effective interaction. Eg. with a focus on farming and rural development, this is a great opportunity to set up community gardens and partnerships with those who are poor to receive fresh food plus education about healthy living and lifestyle.

Support existing businesses in addition to new businesses and get taxes as low as possible.

Actively seek ways to integrate the urban service centers with growth in the rural economy. Investment in sustainable agroindustry, wood products, bioenergy and related services (precision farming systems, inputs, processing, storage, markets etc.) could provide a stronger basis for an integrated economy.