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Several meetings were held related to development of the Carroll County Comprehensive Plan:

- Community Leaders – March 22, 2007 & May 14, 2007
- Interest Group Interviews – May 14, 2007
- Public Workshops – June 13, 2007 & July 26, 2007

The assets, liabilities/issues, needs and dreams identified during these sessions are below.

ASSETS

- Friendly people, atmosphere
- Historical background
- Rich transportation history
- Courthouse building
- Wide streets
- Trails
- Creeks, water
- Small country stores
- Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center
- Fiber optic cable
- Lake Freeman
- Prime farmland and productive farming
- Small rural towns
- Signs for way-finding and social organization
- Many historic sites, Camden Museum/Library, Adam's Mill, Delphi Opera House, covered bridges, etc.
- Carroll Manor
- Infrastructure in Delphi
- Community spirit, volunteers
- Involved people
- Schools
- Parks
- Churches
- Camp
- Railroad
- Expanding Delphi airport
- Proximity to Indiana Beach
- Hoosier Heartland corridor
- Proximity to Purdue University
- Technology jobs available nearby in Lafayette
- Ninety percent of Ag youth stay local
- Communities' values
- Low crime rate
- Low traffic congestion

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- CAFO's
- #1 pork producers

LIABILITIES/ISSUES

- Road
- Twin Lakes Regional Sewer District
- Small rural towns
- Run down homes
- Lack of infrastructure (sewer capacity, water)
- Lack of entertainment and food services
- Lack of vision for the future, no spirit to change
- Lack of newspaper interest
- Interest groups/specific groups voices heard
- Lack of jobs
- Not able to keep youth local
- Blight in downtowns
- Trains through Delphi cause traffic, noise, divide community
- Lack of entertainment for high school aged kids
- Losing graduates
- No respect for retired people
- No hotel
- Little shopping
- State funding/tax revenue capture
- CAFO's – dairy/hogs
- No mass transportation
- Accidents on Highway 25
- Vacancies in downtown Delphi
- Unemployment rate

NEEDS

- Housing for seniors
- Local access to medical care for residents
- Transportation for seniors
- Economic vitality
- Jobs and opportunities for youth
- Higher paying job opportunities
- Attract agriculture-related industry
- Address opportunities from Hoosier Heartland
- Core infrastructure capacity and availability
- Capture opportunity from fiber optic trunk line
- Improved sidewalks
- More recreation facilities
- State assistance for amenities

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- Skate park/bike park
- Site ready/building ready for new business
- More retail development/small businesses
- Improve infrastructure
- Improve educational opportunities
- Enhance tourism opportunities
- Change of attitude

DREAMS

- All new roads
- Stop Twin Lakes from installing sewer plant
- Relocate railroad and add passenger service
- Two largest industries to pay more taxes and others receive lower taxes
- More places for seniors to live and retire
- More access to medical care
- Tourism to thrive and support hotel, bed & breakfast
- Overcome all infrastructure needs
- State Route 75 extension to the Hoosier Heartland corridor
- More of a bedroom community
- Diversify assets, not just agriculture
- Rails-to-trails using abandoned rail lines
- Increase economic development, industries
- Expand police, fire, rescue, add equipment
- More economic development, green energy, agriculture
- All municipalities have sewer and water and utilize fiber optic technology
- All factions come together to collaborate
- Water park along water ways
- Big distribution center to sell local products
- Bike lanes along roads
- System to best manage communities assets
- Carroll County to become a destination for Ag Tourism/Performing Arts
- Improve historic assets
- Focus on 2 or 3 projects
- Unite communities
- Bridge construction company
- Forerunner in green energy
- Restriction with CAFO's
- Develop/maintain amenities to keep attract youth
- Create/become a technology corridor

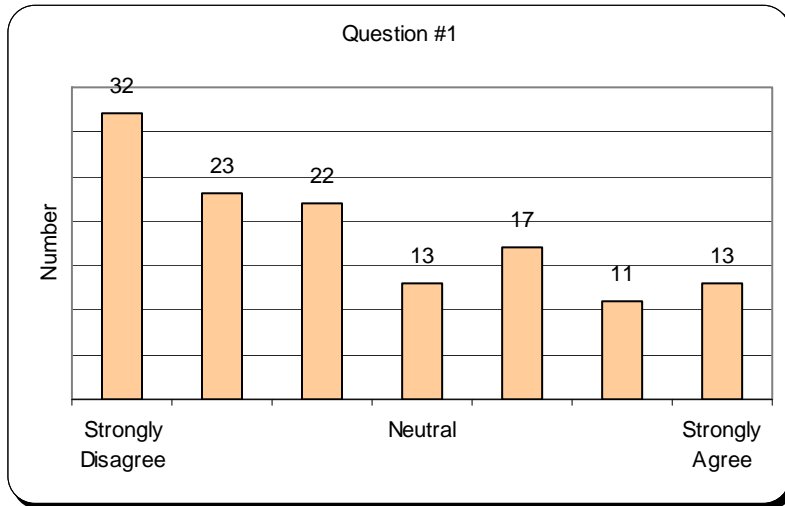
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COMMUNITY VALUES EXERCISE

The following charts present the results from the Carroll County Community Values Exercise distributed at the Community Leaders Meeting, Interest Group Sessions, and Public Workshops.

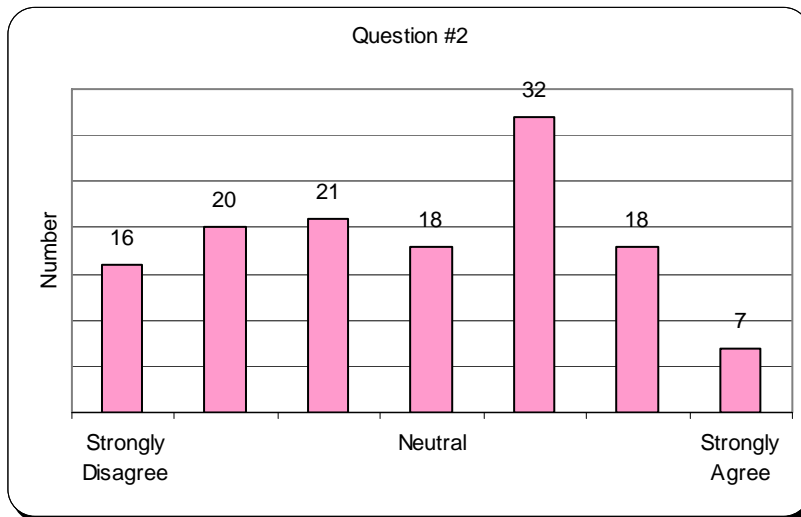
Question 1: Prime farmland should be allowed to be developed just like any other property.

Additional Comments
depends on location



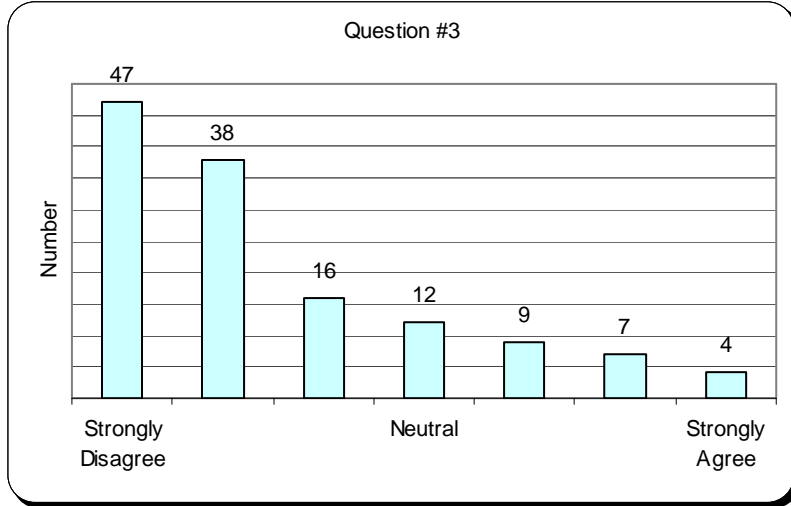
Question 2: Doing what is most important for the whole county's population is more important than protecting individual property rights.

Additional Comments
within reason- safety and law prevail

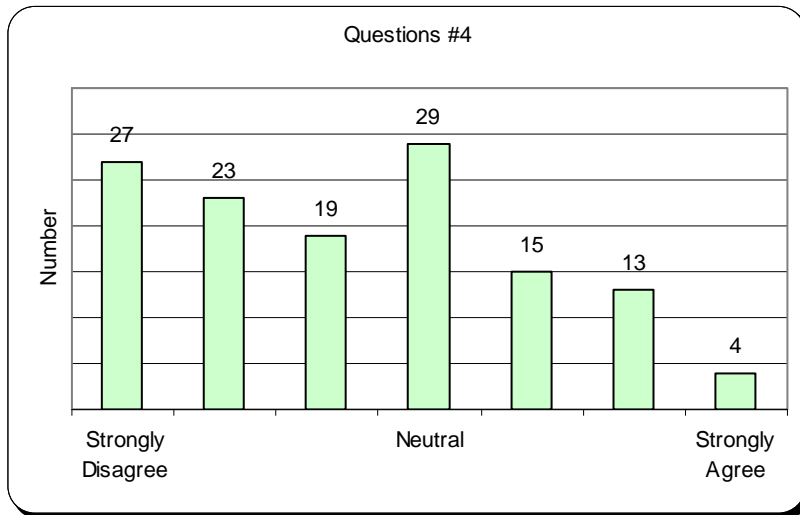


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Question 3: New commercial development should be allowed to happen anywhere in the county's jurisdiction.

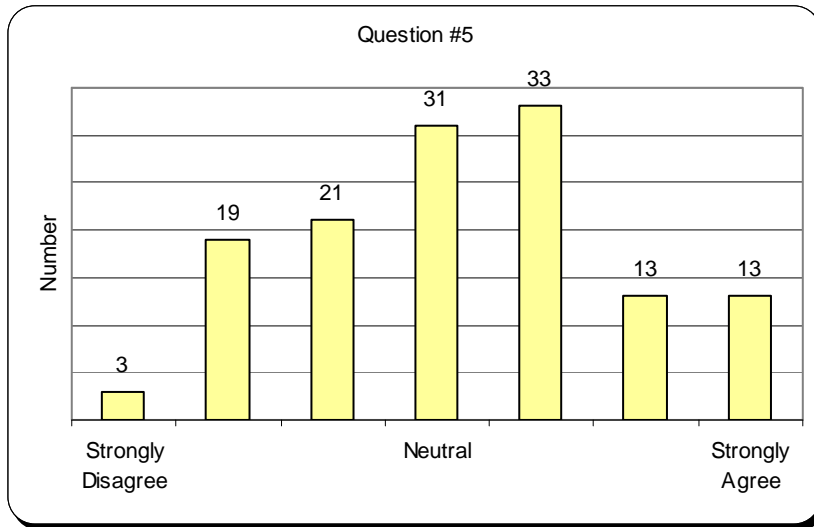


Question 4: Growth should occur at whatever rate the developers determine the market will allow.

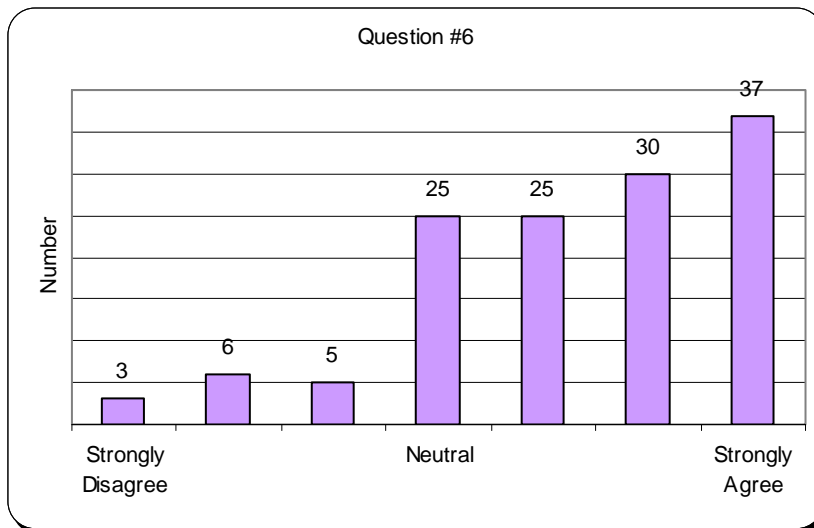


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Question 5: Protecting an individual's property rights is more important than the success of an economic development project.

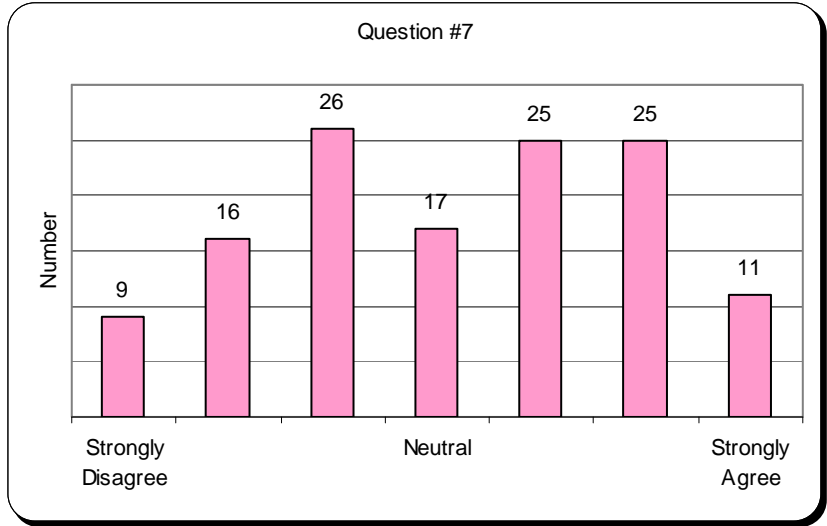


Question 6: High quality-of-life is the main reason I live in Carroll County.

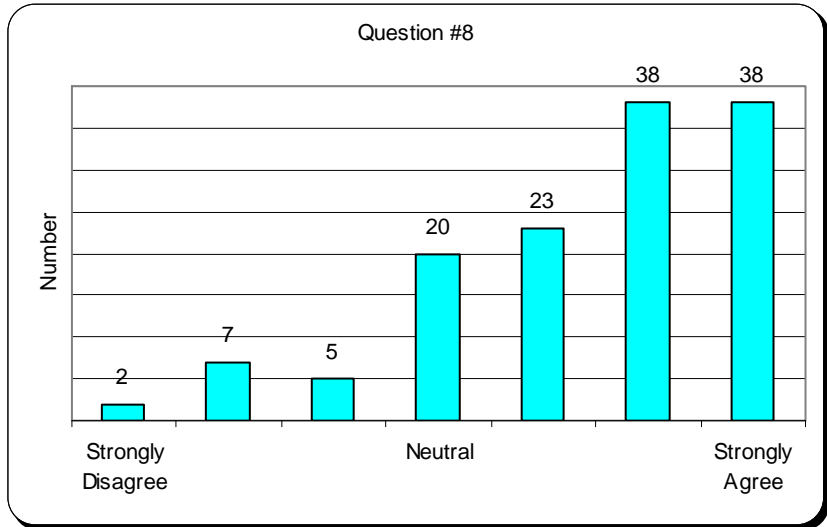


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Question 7: All the amenities I need for a high quality-of-life can be found in Carroll County.



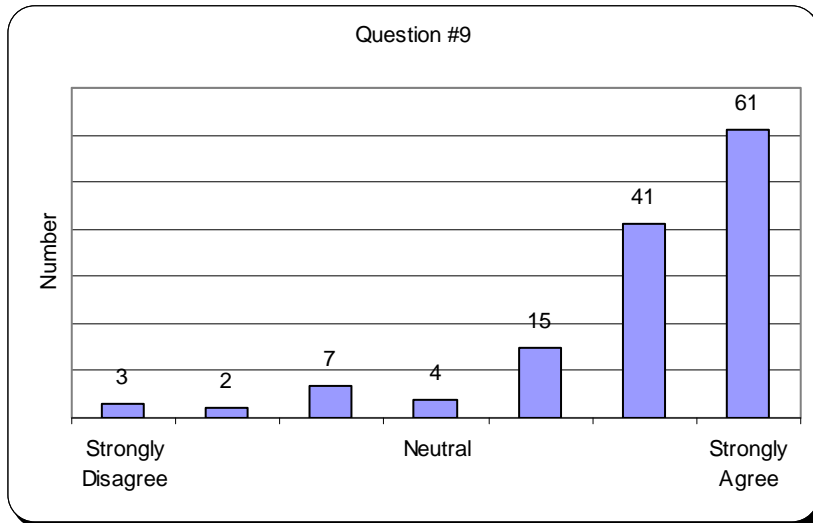
Question 8: The County needs to make a significant shift in how it is growing.



Additional Comments
it's growing?

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Question 9: The County should do everything it can to be in a better financial position and concurrently provide the same or better quality of service to its citizens.



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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INPUT

Question 1: I hope the Comprehensive Plan:

- Provides a clear vision for the County’s next 10 years (65)
- Addresses the Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor impacts (55)
- Identifies economic development opportunities (46)
- Helps to identify ways to attract or retain our younger generations (42)
- Helps the County protect farming and agricultural practices (31)
- Addresses rural growth and development (27)
- Provides strategies to improve quality of life (21)
- Improves Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals decisions (19)
- Provides a strong foundation for zoning and subdivision regulations (15)
- Help identify County road improvements (13)

Question 2: Knowing the County and municipalities in the County have limited resources, the priorities should be...

#1 Priority	#2 Priority	#3 Priority	
16	9	8	Transportation improvements
9	7	2	Cleaning up our surface water resources (streams, lakes, etc.)
28	29	14	Attracting jobs into the county
3	7	3	Building/providing amenities that improve quality of life
0	0	3	Improving the airport
21	25	21	Proactively encourage new and appropriate development
2	10	4	Workforce development
11	5	20	Preserving farmland
5	7	3	Public safety
0	1	1	Improving aesthetics
9	5	13	Improving the image and identity (branding) of the County
2	3	8	Installing rural wastewater systems (i.e. sewage treatment)
0	0	1	Installing rural water systems
1	0	0	Using wind, solar, biomass, local foods and energy – written in
1	0	0	Air quality, toxic farm chemicals – written in answer
0	0	1	Expanding infrastructure – written in answer
0	0	1	Keeps present jobs and businesses stronger – written in answer
0	1	0	Stop White County from using Carroll County creeks in the disposal of their waste – written in answer

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Question 3: What types of land uses are needed the most in Carroll County?

- Light Industry (81)
- Retail/Service Commercial (57)
- Farmland (52)
- Medium Value Homes (50) – range written in as \$50,000 to \$500,000 with an average of \$162,000.
- Entertainment Commercial (49)
- Parks and Recreation (34)
- Heavy Industry (33)
- Open Space/Green Space (26)
- Office Commercial (20)
- Apartments/Condos/Townhomes (20)
- High Value Homes (20) – range written in as \$150,000 to \$1,000,000 with an average of \$362,000.
- Trails (19)
- Public Facilities/Institutions (16)
- Low Value Homes (12) – range written in as \$50,000 to 200,000 with an average of \$93,000.
- Horse Farms (2)
- Preservation (1) – written in answer
- Agricultural Industrial (1) – written in answer
- Mixed Use (1) – written in answer