

2010 Cookeville Citizen Survey

Final Report

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2010 COOKEVILLE CITIZEN SURVEY FINAL REPORT

This document is intended as a report to the Cookeville City Council and Cookeville Planning Commission on the results of 2010 Cookeville Citizen Survey.

Purpose and Intent of Survey

Citizen surveys are recognized as an excellent means of obtaining public input in the community planning process and gauging how well the public perceives a community is doing in delivering services. The primary purpose of the 2010 Cookeville Citizen Survey was to obtain the input from residents regarding several planning and development issues. The intent was to utilize the results of the survey in the update of the city's Comprehensive Future Land Use Plan.

Survey Methodology

In 2003 the city completed a citywide survey of its residents. Surveys were distributed to more than 12,000 households and a response rate of approximately 20 percent was achieved. While a 20 percent response rate is respectable for this type survey no inferences could be made from the results. In order obtain a more accurate representation of public opinion it was determined that the 2010 survey would be a random sample survey.

Statistically sampling a population by randomly selecting residents is widely accepted method of obtaining public opinion from which inferences can be made. To quantify how closely the results of a sample survey reflect the opinions of the entire population, survey researchers generally cite a 95% confidence interval. The 95% confidence interval indicates that if 100 samples had been taken of the same size population then the results of the survey would have been within the same range 95 times. The 95% confidence interval is dependent only on sample size. The National Research Center, Inc. illustrates the relationship between sample size and precision (the 95% confidence interval or margin of error) as follows:

SAMPLE SIZE	MARGIN OF ERROR
100	+/- 10%
300	+/- 5.5%
400	+/- 5%
800	+/- 3.5%
1,000	+/- 3%

To obtain a margin of error of 10% or less it was determined that a minimum sample size of 100 should be obtained. Assuming a typical response rate of 25%, a total of 400 surveys were distributed. The population from which these 400 households were randomly selected consisted of 12,791 residential utility customers with addresses located within the corporate limits of Cookeville. Each customer was assigned a random number by utilizing the random number generator option in the Microsoft Excel program. This process was repeated five times to maximize the random selection.

Format and Content of Survey

The 2010 Citizen Survey consisted of 16 questions and a general comments section on five (5) pages. A number of different versions of the survey, in terms of content and specific questions, were considered. The City Council, Planning Commission, City Manager and Planning Department completed several months of review before a final version was agreed upon. The Cookeville Planning Commission officially recommended for the completion of the random survey on January 25, 2010 and the Cookeville City Council authorized it on February 4, 2010.

A copy of the survey form as distributed is included in Appendix A. It consists of the following categories of questions:

Quality of Life

In Question 1, citizens were asked to rate the general quality of life in Cookeville. Four potential responses were sought: very satisfactory, satisfactory, unsatisfactory, and very unsatisfactory. Participants were asked to provide only one response.

Most Attractive Area/Neighborhood

In Question 2, citizens were asked to identify what area or neighborhood of the city they considered to be the most attractive.

Least Attractive Area/Neighborhood

In Question 3, citizens were asked to identify what area or neighborhood of the city they considered to be the least attractive.

Community Characteristics

In Question 4, citizens were asked to rate 22 community characteristics. Five (5) potential responses were provided: excellent, good, fair, poor, or no opinion.

Neighborhood Changes

In Question 5, citizens were asked to rate changes in their neighborhoods in the past ten (10) years. Aspects to be rated included housing quality, housing choices, housing prices, new development and redevelopment, safety and security, provision of city services, and traffic volume/congestion. Four (4) potential responses were provided: improving, stable, declining, or no opinion.

Neighborhood Design Aspects

In Question 6, citizens were asked to rate on scale of 1 (most desirable) to 5 (least desirable) how desirable they found various neighborhood design aspects.

Types of Residential Development

In Question 7, citizens were asked to indicate whether that felt certain types of residential development should increase, stay about the same, decrease or had no opinion.

Natural Environment

In Question 8, citizens were asked to rate the importance of various natural environment issues. The potential responses were important, somewhat important, not important, and no opinion.

Development Issues

In Question 9, citizens were asked to indicate the importance of various development issues in the next ten (10) years. The potential responses were important, somewhat important, not important, and no opinion.

Like Best about Living in Cookeville

In Question 10, citizens were asked to indicate the two (2) things they liked best about living in Cookeville

Like Least about Living in Cookeville

In Question 11, citizens were asked to indicate the two (2) things they liked least about living in Cookeville

Growth Alternatives

In Question 12, citizens were asked to identify how they thought Cookeville should grow over the next ten (10) years. The options were stay about the same, moderate growth, significant growth.

Capital Projects and Services

In Question 13, citizens were asked to rank eight (8) potential projects and programs in terms of importance, with (1) being the most important and (8) being the least important.

Additional Taxes

In Question 14, citizens were asked to indicate whether they would be willing to pay additional taxes to fund any of the projects identified in Question 13. Response options were yes, no, and no opinion. If the response was yes, respondents were also asked to indicate which projects they would be willing to pay additional taxes.

City Street Improvements

In Question 15, citizens were asked to rank ten (10) potential city street improvement projects in terms of importance, with (1) being the most important and (10) being the least important.

State Highway Improvements

In Question 16, citizens were asked to rank seven (7) potential state highway improvement projects in terms of importance, with (1) being the most important and (7) being the least important.

General Comments

In Question 17, citizens were asked to provide any comments.

Distribution of Survey

The 2010 Citizen Survey and related materials were mailed to the 400 randomly selected households on April 7, 2010. The packet included a cover letter from the Mayor of Cookeville encouraging the recipient to complete the survey. The letter included instructions that the survey was to be completed by the adult in the household with a birthday closest to the date of the letter. Recipients were informed that the survey was completely anonymous and that their answers would be kept confidential.

The survey packet also included a map depicting the locations of potential city street and state highway improvement projects mentioned in the survey form. A postage-paid envelope was provided for the resident to return the completed survey. The completed surveys were returned to the Planning Department.

The Planning Department began receiving completed surveys on April 12, 2010. On April 20, 2010 postcards were mailed to the 400 randomly selected households reminding them to complete and return the survey as soon as possible.

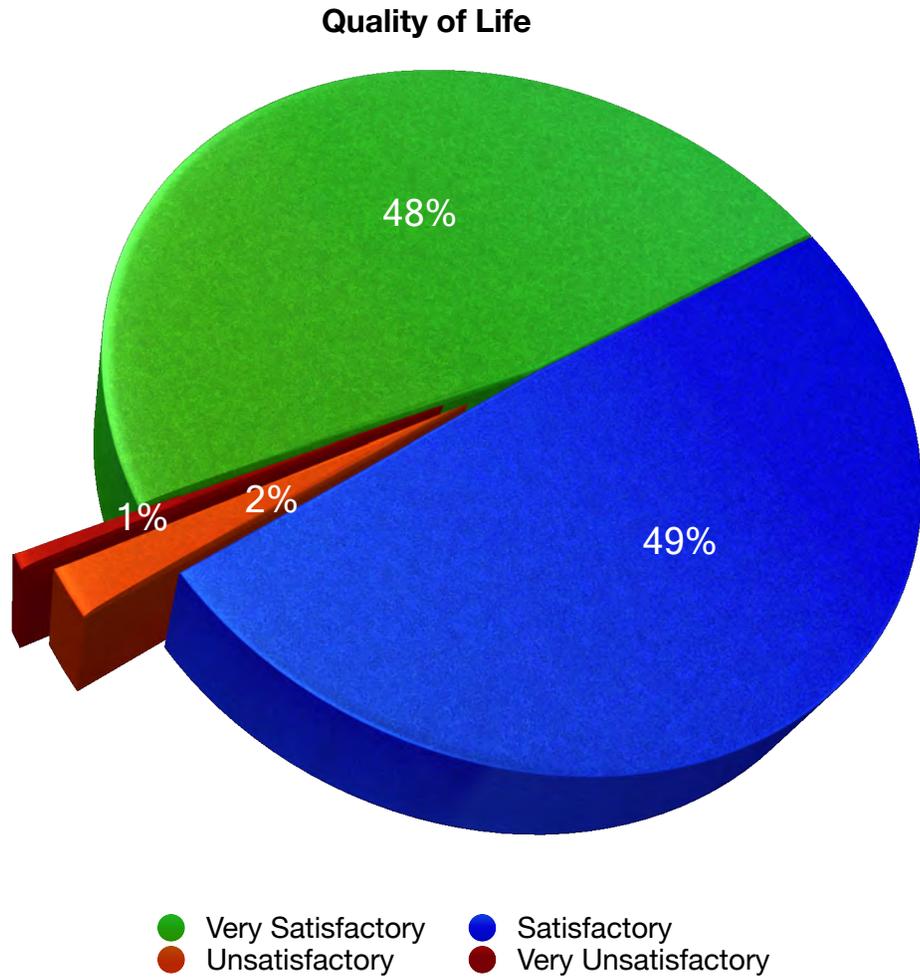
Survey Results

Completed surveys were accepted through April 23, 2010. A total of 154 surveys were returned. This represents a response rate of 38.5 percent. According to the National Research Center, Inc., typical response rates for similar type surveys range from between 25 and 50 percent.

The staff of the Cookeville Planning Department compiled and tabulated the survey responses as the surveys were returned. A complete summary of survey responses is provided in Appendix B of this report. A general overview of the survey results by questions is presented in the following sections.

Question 1: Quality of Life

Of those responding to this question with an opinion, over 97 percent of respondents indicated that they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of life in the City of Cookeville. Less than three (3) percent of respondents indicated that the quality of life was unsatisfactory or very unsatisfactory.



Question 2: Area/Neighborhood Considered Most Attractive

More than 30 areas or neighborhoods were identified by respondents as being the most attractive. The areas or neighborhoods most frequently identified as being the most attractive were Dixie Avenue at 24 responses, Downtown/Square at 19 responses, and North Maple/Lowland at 14 responses. A complete list of the areas or neighborhoods considered most attractive by respondents is provided in Appendix C.

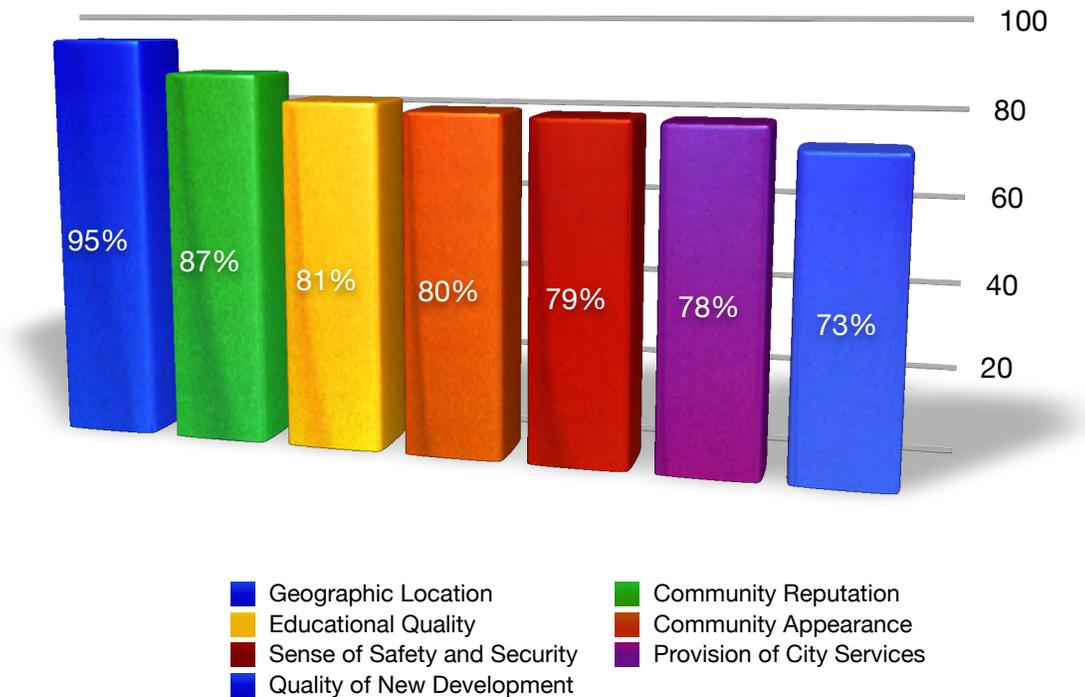
Question 3: Area/Neighborhood Considered Least Attractive

More than 30 areas or neighborhoods were identified by respondents as being the least attractive. The areas or neighborhoods most frequently identified as being the least attractive were Highway 70/West Broad at 33 responses, west of North Willow at 25 responses, and north of the TTU campus at 20 responses. A complete list of the areas or neighborhoods considered least attractive by respondents is provided in Appendix D.

Question 4: Community Characteristics

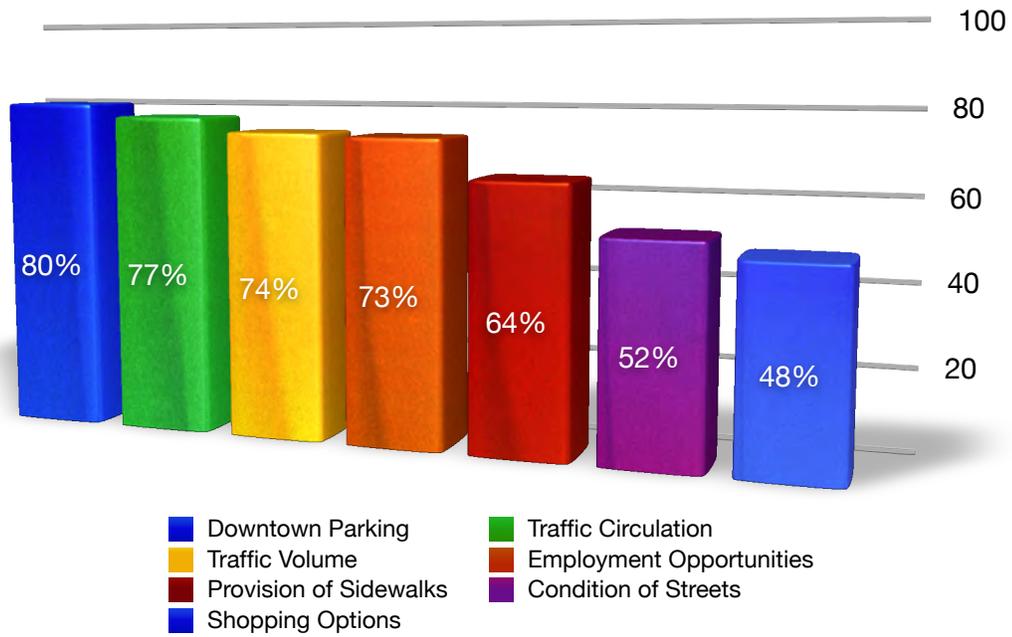
The community characteristic most often indicated as excellent or good by respondents with an opinion was geographic location, at 95 percent. Geographic location was closely followed by community reputation at 87 percent as the characteristic most often indicated as excellent or good. Other characteristics highly rated as excellent or good were educational quality and opportunities at 81 percent, overall community appearance at 80 percent, sense of safety and security at 79 percent, and provision of city services at 78 percent.

Community Characteristics most often Rated as Excellent or Good



Availability of downtown parking was the most often indicated community characteristic listed as fair or poor, at 80 percent of respondents with an opinion. Traffic circulation at 77 percent and traffic volume 74 percent were the next most often indicated community characteristics shown as fair or poor. Employment opportunities (73 percent) and the provision of sidewalks (64 percent) were the next characteristics most frequently indicated as fair or poor.

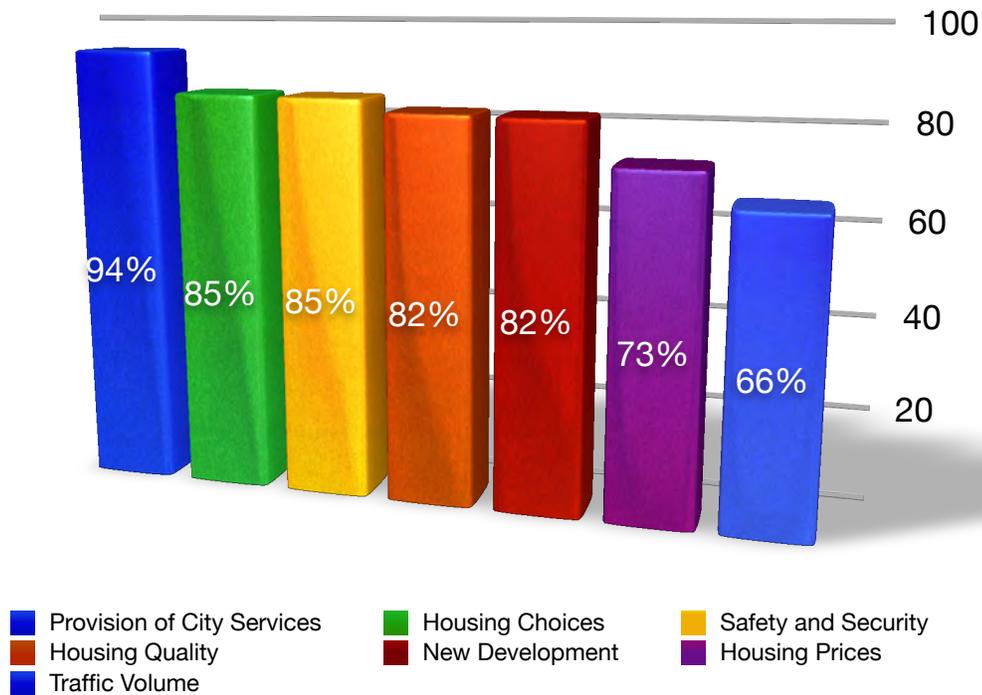
Community Characteristics most often Rated as Fair or Poor



Question 5: Changes in Neighborhoods

All eight (8) categories in changes to neighborhoods were indicated by a majority of respondents with an opinion as being stable. The provision of city services was indicated most frequently as the change in neighborhoods remaining stable or improving in the last ten (10) years (94 percent of respondents). The change respondents with an opinion most indicated as improving in their neighborhood was housing quality at 16 percent. The change respondents with an opinion most indicated as declining in their neighborhood was traffic volume at 35 percent.

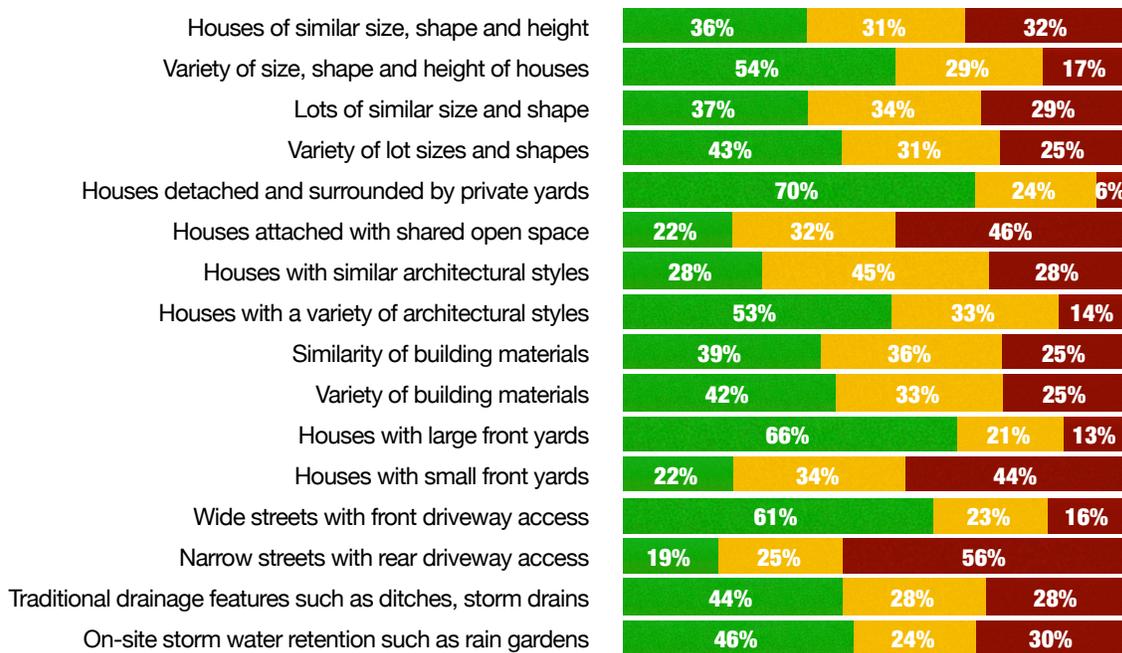
Neighborhood Changes Improving or Remaining Stable in Last 10 Years



Question 6: Neighborhood Design Aspects

The neighborhood design aspect most often rated as desirable by respondents with an opinion was houses detached and surrounded by private yards with 70 percent indicating it as first or second most desirable. Houses with large front yards, at 66 percent, was the only other design aspect found by a majority of respondents with an opinion as being first or second most desirable. Narrow streets with rear driveway access was the neighborhood design aspect most often rated as least desirable with 56 percent of respondents with an opinion indicating it as fourth or fifth most desirable.

Most Desirable Neighborhood Design Aspects *



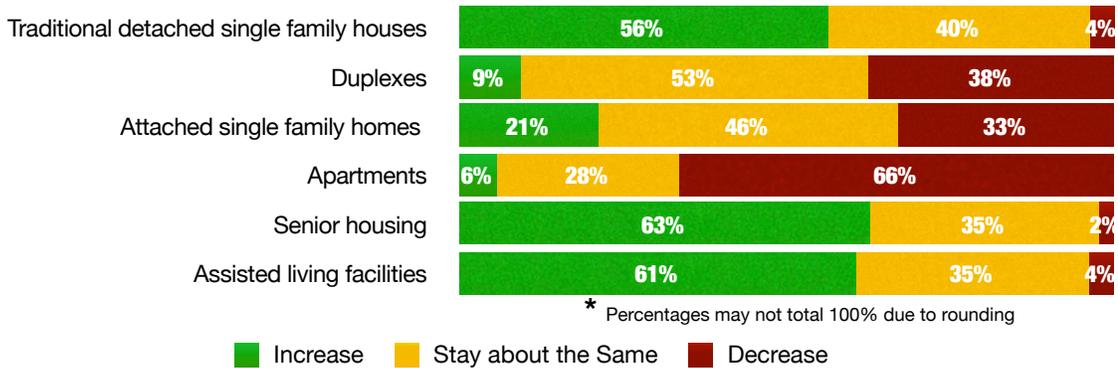
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■ Rated 1 or 2
 ■ Rated 3
 ■ Rated 4 or 5

Question 7: Residential Development Types

In excess of 60 percent of respondents with an opinion indicated that they would like to see senior housing and assisted living facilities increase in the future. A majority of respondents with an opinion also indicated that they would like to see traditional single family homes increase as a residential development type in the future. Apartments were indicated by 66 percent of respondents with an opinion as a residential development type they would like to see decrease in the future.

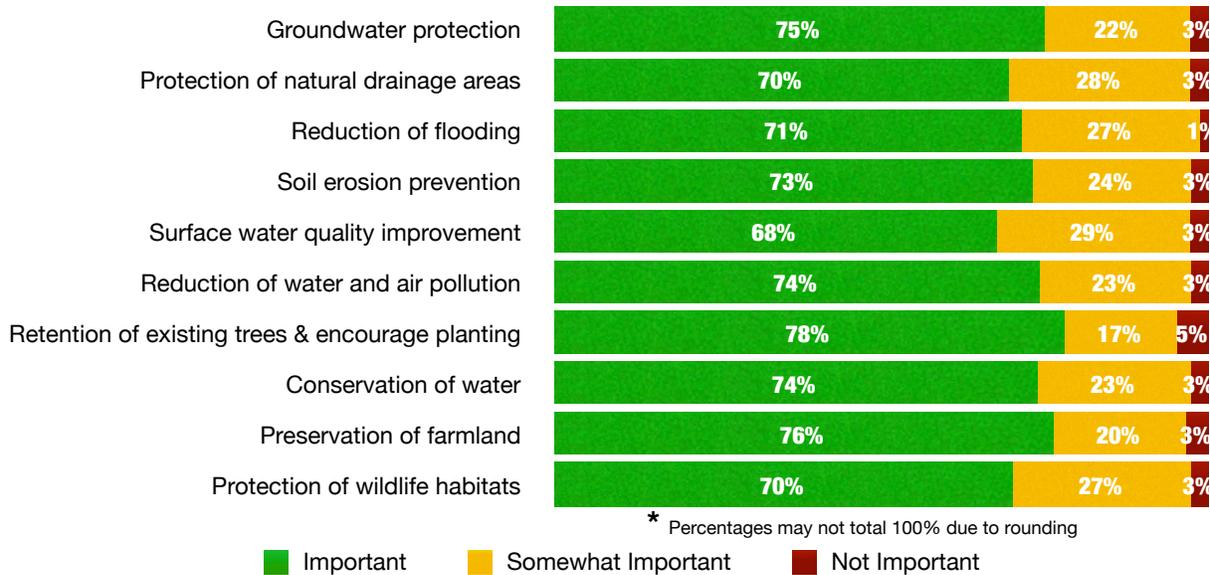
Future Residential Development Types *



Question 8: Natural Environment

All possible options under natural environment were indicated by at least 68 percent of respondents with an opinion as being important. The retention of trees and encouragement of tree planting, at 78 percent, was the aspect of the natural environment selected by respondents with an opinion most frequently as important. Reduction of flooding at 98 percent was most frequently identified by respondents with an opinion as either important or somewhat important.

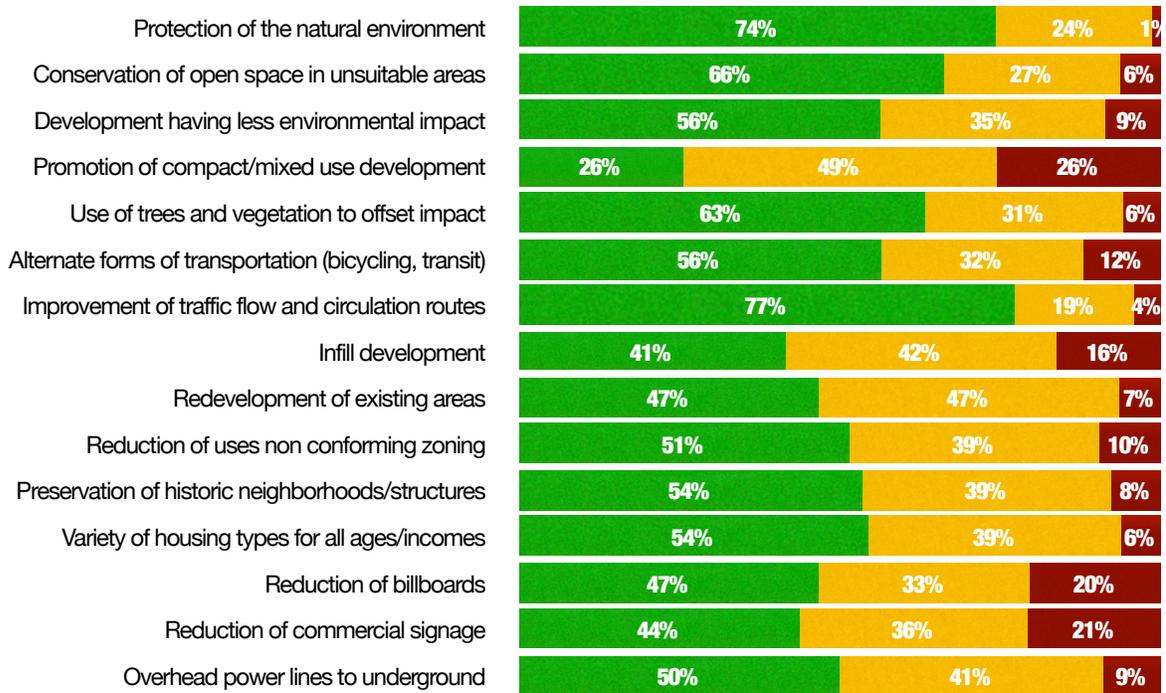
Natural Environment *



Question 9: Issues of Importance over Next 10 Years

The issue most often rated by respondents with an opinion as important in the next ten (10) years, at 77 percent, was improvement of traffic flow and circulation routes. The second issue most often found as important at 74 percent was protection of the natural environment. Only one (1) percent of respondents with an opinion rated protection of the natural environment as not important, the lowest of any issue. The issue most often indicated by respondents with an opinion as not important was promotion of compact/mixed use development at 26 percent.

Issues of Importance over Next 10 Years *



* Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding

■ Important
 ■ Somewhat Important
 ■ Not Important

Question 10: Things Liked Best about Living in Cookeville

Respondents mentioned more than 30 things they liked best about living in Cookeville. Location/convenience/accessibility was the most frequently thing identified by respondents as what they liked best about Cookeville. Other frequent things identified were small town/right size/small town with amenities (38) and friendly people (34). A complete list of the things respondents liked best about living in Cookeville is provided in Appendix E.

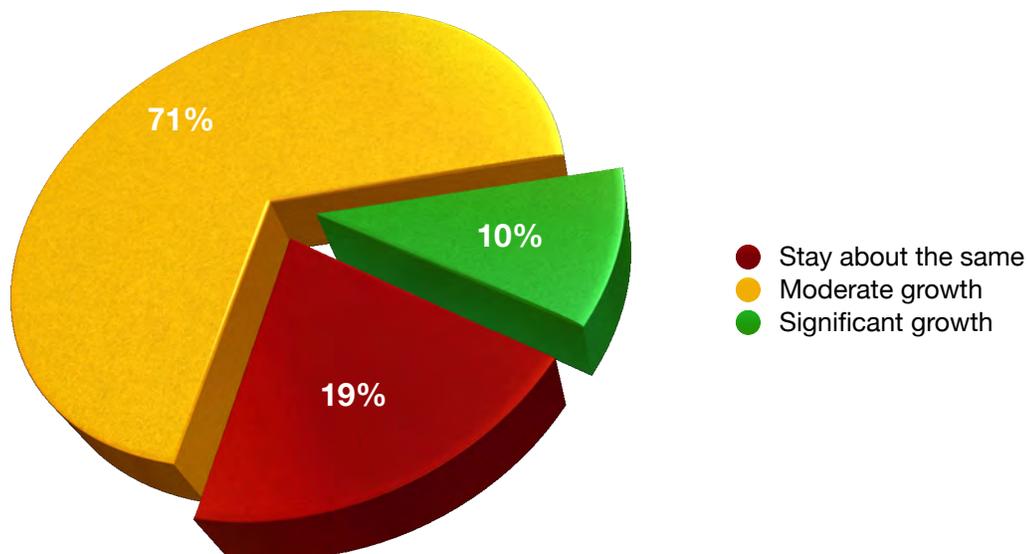
Question 11: Things Liked Least about Living in Cookeville

More than 50 things were identified by respondents as something they like least about living in Cookeville. Traffic and traffic related issues were the most mentioned, indicated as a thing least liked about living in Cookeville by 41 respondents. Lack of shopping options (27 respondents) and condition of streets (18 respondents) were the next two most frequently mentioned things least liked. A complete list of the things respondents liked least about living in Cookeville is provided in Appendix F.

Question 12: Growth Alternatives

The majority of respondents, 71 percent, identified moderate growth as the alternative best describing how Cookeville should develop over the next ten (10) years. Less than 19 percent of respondents thought the city should stay about the same over the next decade and approximately ten (10) percent thought the city should grow significantly. Approximately seven (7) percent of the respondents did not complete this section of the survey.

Growth Alternatives

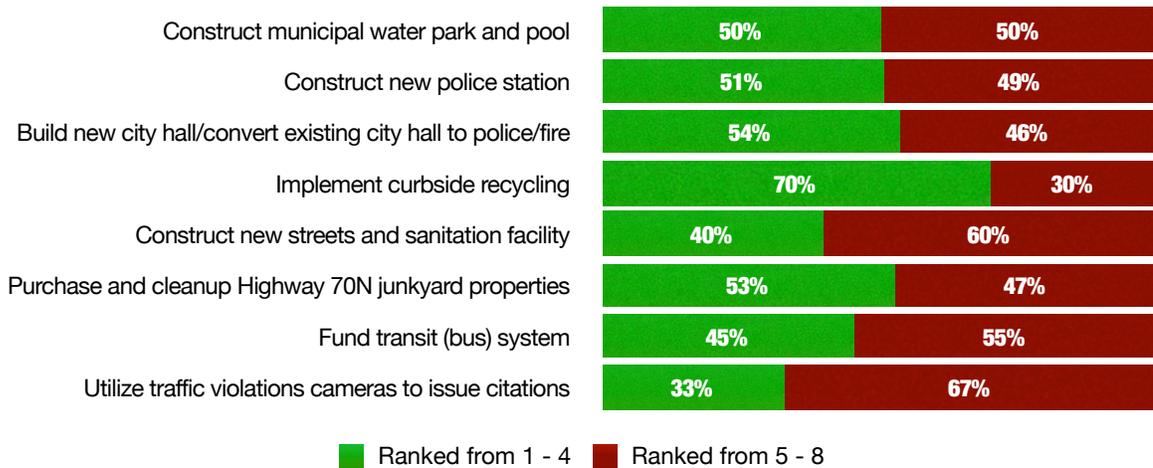


Question 13: Potential Capital Projects and Services

Curbside recycling was by far the highest ranked capital project or service indicated as important by respondents. Nearly 70 percent of respondents ranked the implementation of curbside recycling in the top four in terms of importance. The construction of a new city hall and the conversion of the existing city hall to a safety building (police and fire) was the second most frequently indicated project or service ranked in the top four in terms of importance at 54 percent.

The utilization of cameras to issues citations for traffic violations was the lowest ranked capital project or service. Over 67 percent of respondents ranked this potential project in the bottom four in terms of importance. Other capital projects and services most often ranked in the bottom four in terms of importance were constructing a new facility to house the Public Works Department (60 percent) and funding transit (bus) system (55 percent).

Ranking of Capitol Projects and Services



Question 14: Additional Taxes

Approximately 25 percent of respondents indicated that they would be willing to pay additional taxes to fund projects or services identified in Question 13. Over 44 percent of respondents indicated that they would not be willing to pay additional taxes. Approximately 25 percent of respondents had no opinion and six (6) percent did not respond to the question.

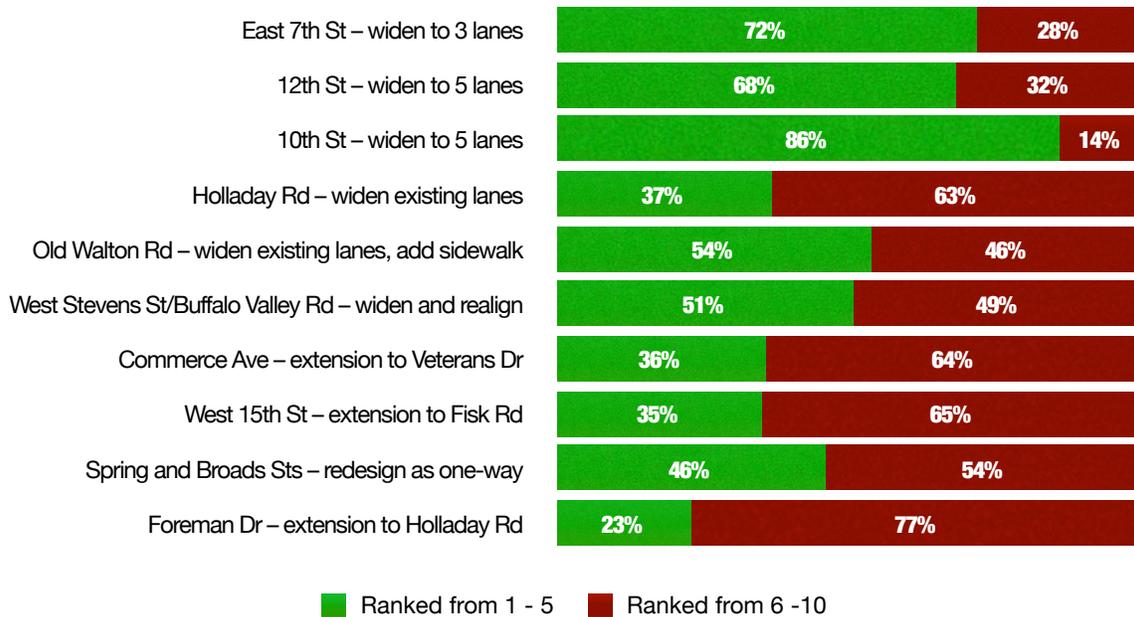
For the respondents indicating that they were willing to pay additional taxes for a specific project or service, the project or service most indicated was curbside recycling at 72 percent.

Question 15: City Street Improvements

The city street improvement project identified as most important by respondents was the widening of East 10th Street. Over 85 percent of respondents ranked widening East 10th Street in the top five in terms of importance. Other city street improvements ranked as important were the widening of East 7th Street, top five of 72 percent of respondents, and the widening of West 12th Street, top five of 68 percent of respondents.

The city street improvement identified as least important by respondents was the extension of Foreman Drive to Holladay Road. Approximately 77 percent of respondents ranked this street project in the bottom five in terms of importance. Other lower ranked city street improvements were the extension of West 15th Street to Fisk Road, bottom five of 65 percent of respondents, and the extension of Commerce Avenue to Veterans Drive, bottom five of 64 percent of respondents.

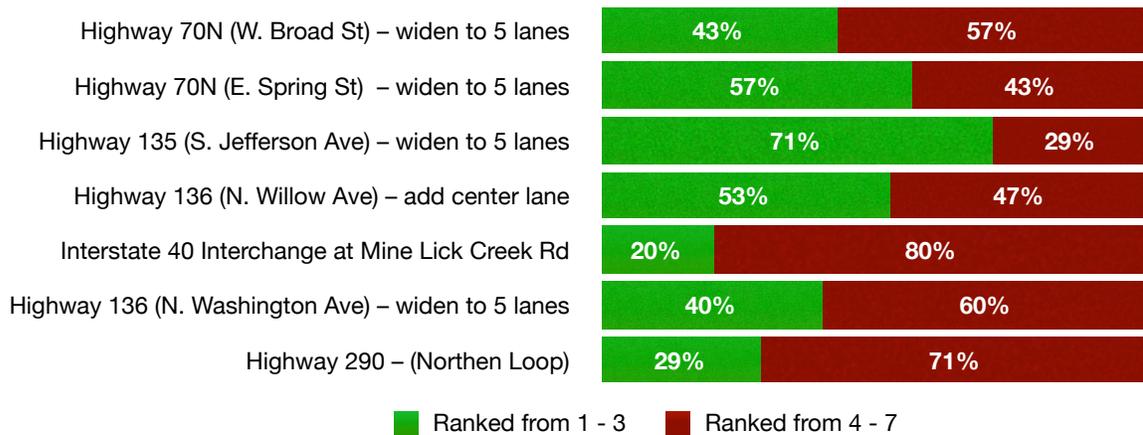
Ranking of City Street Improvements



Question 16: State Highway Improvements

The state highway improvement project identified as most important by respondents was the widening of South Jefferson Avenue (State Highway 136) from Interstate 40 to State Highway 111. This project was ranked in the top three in terms of importance by 71 percent of respondents. More than 50 percent of the respondents ranked widening Highway 70N (East Spring Street) and adding a center lane on North Willow Avenue (State Highway 135) in the top three in terms of importance.

Ranking of State Highway Improvement Projects



Question 17: Comments

A total of 78 respondents provided general comments. A complete list of all comments is provided in Appendix G. Topics receiving the most frequent comments were as follows:

- Specific street improvement requests mentioned 11 times
- Appreciation for survey mentioned 10 times
- Codes/codes enforcement mentioned 9 times
- Great place to live mentioned 8 times
- Need for more sidewalks mentioned 8 times
- Wise use of tax monies mentioned 8 times
- Complimentary of city/city employees mentioned 7 times
- Need for more trails/bike lanes mentioned 6 times
- Need for recycling mentioned 6 times

Summary

The 2010 Cookeville Citizen Survey was the first random survey of its type undertaken by the municipality. Surveys were randomly distributed to 400 households and 154 surveys were returned. The return rate of nearly 40 percent from this survey compares favorably with similar type surveys nationwide; however, it would not be accurate to state that the survey results can be used as a true reflection of the entire city population. The 60 percent of survey recipients that chose not to respond may have different opinions than those who did respond. A non-response bias is particularly relevant when the received responses are evenly divided. While the non-response rate negates the possibility of stating with some certainty that the survey results accurately reflect public opinion, the responses do have some significance. Some of the more noteworthy results were:

- 97% of respondents with an opinion rated the quality of life in Cookeville as satisfactory or very satisfactory
- 98% of respondents with an opinion indicated that the protection of the natural environment was either important or somewhat important in the next 10 years
- 94% of respondents with an opinion indicated that the provision of city services had either improved or remained stable in their neighborhood in the past 10 years
- Over 78% of respondents with an opinion rated the sense of safety and security and the provision of city services as good or excellent
- 80% of respondents with an opinion rated the availability of downtown parking as fair or poor
- 78% of respondents with an opinion rated the retention of trees and the encouragement of tree planting as important (highest rate aspect of natural environment)
- 77% of respondents with an opinion rated traffic circulation as fair or poor
- 74% of respondents with an opinion rated traffic volume as fair or poor
- 71% of respondents with an opinion chose moderate growth as the best alternative for how Cookeville should grow over the next 10 years
- 68% or more of respondents with an opinion rated every natural environment aspect as important
- 66% of respondents with an opinion indicated that they would like to see apartment developments decrease in the future
- 48% of respondents ranked widening East 10th Street as the most important city street improvement project (highest of any street project)

- 41% of respondents ranked the utilization of cameras to issue citations for traffic violations as the least important capital project or service (highest of any project or service)
- 40% of respondents ranked widening South Jefferson Avenue from I-40 south to State Highway 111 as the most important state highway improvement project (highest of any highway project)
- 38% of respondents ranked houses detached and surrounded by private yards as the most desirable neighborhood design aspect (highest of any design aspect)
- 32% of respondents ranked the implementation of curbside recycling as the most important capital project or service (highest of any project or service)
- 25% of respondents indicated that they would be willing to pay additional taxes for certain capital projects or services

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Appendix A



2010 CITIZEN SURVEY

The City of Cookeville is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan, which serves as a guide for the future development of the City. Your views on the issues facing the city are vital to this planning process. Please take the time to complete and return this survey.

1. How would you rate the general quality of life in Cookeville? (Please check only one response)

- Very Satisfactory
 Satisfactory
 Unsatisfactory
 Very Unsatisfactory

2. What area/neighborhood of the city do you consider to be the most attractive?

3. What area/neighborhood of the city do you consider to be the least attractive?

4. Community Characteristics: *Please rate the following as excellent, good, fair, poor, or no opinion.*

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Geographic location	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Community reputation	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Educational quality and opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Employment opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Environmental quality	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Overall community appearance	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Sense of safety and security	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Provision of city services	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Quality of older development	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Quality of newer development	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Availability of parks and open space	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Shopping options	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Access to affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Variety of housing types and pricing	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Upkeep of yards/properties	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Upkeep of structures (houses/businesses)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Condition of streets	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Provision of sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Availability of downtown parking	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Traffic volume	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Traffic circulation	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Street lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>				

5. Changes to **your neighborhood** within the last ten years: *Please rate the following as improving, stable, declining or no opinion.*

	Improving	Stable	Declining	No Opinion
Housing quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing choices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing prices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New development or redevelopment of properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety and security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provision of city services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic volume/congestion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Neighborhood design aspects you find desirable: *Rate the following on a scale of 1 (most desirable) to 5 (least desirable) or no opinion.*

	1	2	3	4	5	No Opinion
Houses of similar size, shape and height	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Variety of size, shape and height of houses	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Lots of similar size and shape	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Variety of lot sizes and shapes	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Houses detached and surrounded by private yards	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Houses attached with shared open space	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Houses with similar architectural styles	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Houses with a variety of architectural styles	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Similarity of building materials	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Variety of building materials	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Houses with large front yards	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Houses with small front yards	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Wide streets with front driveway access	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Narrow streets with rear driveway access	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Traditional drainage features such as ditches, storm drains	<input type="checkbox"/>					
On-site storm water retention such as rain gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>					

7. In the future, I would like to see the following types of residential developments: *Increase, stay about the same, decrease or no opinion.*

	Increase	Stay about the Same	Decrease	No Opinion
Traditional detached single family houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duplexes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attached single family homes (townhomes, condominiums)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apartments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assisted living facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify _____)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Natural Environment: *Please rate the following as important, somewhat important, not important, or no opinion.*

	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Groundwater protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protection of natural drainage areas (streams, wetlands, sinkholes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduction of flooding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soil erosion prevention	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surface water quality improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduction of water and air pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retention of existing trees and encouragement of tree planting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation of water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preservation of farmland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protection of wildlife habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. In the next ten (10) years, how important to you are the following issues: *Please rate the following as important, somewhat important, not important, or no opinion.*

	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Protection of the natural environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation of open space in areas unsuitable for development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promotion of development having less environmental impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promotion of compact/mixed use development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use of trees and vegetation to mitigate development impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternate forms of transportation (walking, bicycling, transit)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improvement of traffic flow and circulation routes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development of existing vacant properties (infill development)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Redevelopment of existing residential and commercial areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduction of uses that do not conform to existing zoning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preservation of historic neighborhoods/structures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provision of a variety of housing types for all ages/incomes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduction of billboards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduction of commercial signage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Placement of overhead power lines to underground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Please list two (2) things you like best about living in Cookeville

1. _____
2. _____

11. Please list two (2) things you like least about living in Cookeville

1. _____
2. _____

12. Of the following growth alternatives, which best describes how you think Cookeville should grow over the next ten (10) years. (Please check only one response)

- Stay about the same
 Moderate growth
 Significant growth

13. The City of Cookeville is considering several capital projects and services. Below is a list of potential projects or programs. Please rank these projects or programs from 1 to 8 in terms of importance to you with (1) being the most important and (8) being the least important.

PROJECT	RANK
a. Construct municipal water park and pool	
b. Construct new police station	
c. Construct new city hall and convert existing city hall to safety building (police and fire)	
d. Implement curbside recycling	
e. Construct new facility to house Public Works Department (streets and sanitation)	
f. Purchase and cleanup junkyard/auto salvage properties on Highway 70N (W. Broad St)	
g. Fund transit (bus) system	
h. Utilize cameras to issue citations for traffic violations (speeding, running red lights)	

14. Would you be willing to pay additional taxes to fund any of the projects identified in Question 12?

- Yes
 No
 No Opinion
 If **Yes**, please list project letters: _____

15. The City of Cookeville is considering completing several city street improvement projects. Below is a list of potential street improvement projects. (The project locations are depicted on the enclosed map). Please rank these projects from 1 to 10 in terms of importance to you with (1) being the most important and (10) being the least important.

MAP #	CITY STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	RANK
1	East 7 th St – widen to 3 lanes from Willow Ave to Peachtree Ave	
2	12 th St – widen to 5 lanes from Washington Ave to Mississippi Ave	
3	10 th St – widen to 5 lanes from Washington Ave to St. Hwy 111	
4	Holladay Rd – widen existing lanes from Lee Seminary Rd to Buffalo Valley Rd	
5	Old Walton Rd – widen existing lanes, add sidewalk from Hudgens St to Neal St	
6	West Stevens St/ Buffalo Valley Rd – widen and realign at W. Jackson St	
7	Commerce Ave – extension to Veterans Dr	
8	West 15 th St – extension to Fisk Rd	
9	Spring and Broads Sts – redesign as one-way in the downtown area	
10	Foreman Dr – extension to Holladay Rd	

Appendix B

1. How would you rate the general quality of life in Cookeville?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very Satisfactory	46.80%	72
Satisfactory	48.10%	74
Unsatisfactory	1.90%	3
Very Unsatisfactory	0.60%	1
No Response	2.60%	4

2. What area/neighborhood of the city do you consider to be the most attractive?

See Appendix C for a complete list of responses.	Response Count
<i>answered question</i>	136
<i>skipped question</i>	18

3. What area/neighborhood of the city do you consider to be the least attractive?

See Appendix D for a complete list of responses.	Response Count
<i>answered question</i>	136
<i>skipped question</i>	18

4. Community Characteristics: Please rate the following as excellent, good, fair, poor, or no opinion.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion	No Answer
Geographic location	47.4% (73)	39.0% (60)	3.9% (6)	0.6% (1)	3.2% (5)	5.8% (9)
Community reputation	26.0% (40)	59.7% (92)	11.0% (17)	1.3% (2)	0.6% (1)	1.3% (2)
Educational quality and opportunities	29.9% (46)	38.3% (59)	13.6% (21)	1.9% (3)	3.9% (6)	12.3% (19)
Employment opportunities	3.2% (5)	21.4% (33)	46.8% (72)	20.8% (32)	6.5% (10)	1.3% (2)
Environmental quality	9.7% (15)	46.8% (72)	24.7% (38)	2.6% (4)	1.3% (2)	14.9% (23)
Overall community appearance	5.2% (8)	73.4% (113)	18.8% (29)	1.3% (2)	0.6% (1)	0.6% (1)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion	No Answer
Sense of safety and security	13.6% (21)	61.7% (95)	18.8% (29)	1.3% (2)	0.6% (1)	3.9% (6)
Provision of city services	13.0% (20)	61.7% (95)	18.2% (28)	2.6% (4)	2.6% (4)	1.9% (3)
Quality of older development	5.2% (8)	42.2% (65)	31.8% (49)	6.5% (10)	7.8% (12)	6.5% (10)
Quality of newer development	10.4% (16)	56.5% (87)	20.8% (32)	3.9% (6)	7.1% (11)	1.3% (2)
Availability of parks and open space	18.8% (29)	43.5% (67)	25.3% (39)	4.5% (7)	4.5% (7)	3.2% (5)
Shopping options	10.4% (16)	40.3% (62)	38.3% (59)	9.1% (14)	1.3% (2)	0.6% (1)
Access to affordable housing	10.4% (16)	42.2% (65)	27.3% (42)	3.9% (6)	11.0% (17)	5.2% (8)
Variety of housing types and pricing	13.0% (20)	50.0% (77)	24.7% (38)	3.9% (6)	6.5% (10)	1.9% (3)
Upkeep of yards/properties	4.5% (7)	48.1% (74)	34.4% (53)	5.2% (8)	2.6% (4)	5.2% (8)
Upkeep of structures (houses/businesses)	3.9% (6)	53.2% (82)	33.1% (51)	5.2% (8)	1.9% (3)	2.6% (4)
Condition of streets	3.9% (6)	42.2% (65)	36.4% (56)	13.6% (21)	0.6% (1)	3.2% (5)
Provision of sidewalks	1.9% (3)	32.5% (50)	40.3% (62)	20.8% (32)	3.9% (6)	0.6% (1)
Availability of downtown parking	1.9% (3)	16.2% (25)	42.9% (66)	30.5% (47)	2.6% (4)	5.8% (9)
Traffic volume	1.9% (3)	23.4% (36)	48.1% (74)	23.4% (36)	1.3% (2)	1.9% (3)
Traffic circulation	0.6% (1)	20.8% (32)	44.8% (69)	27.3% (42)	0.6% (1)	5.8% (9)
Street lighting	7.1% (11)	59.1% (91)	25.3% (39)	5.2% (8)	1.9% (3)	1.3% (2)

5. Changes to your neighborhood within the last ten years: Please rate the following as improving, stable, declining or no opinion.

	Improving	Stable	Declining	No Opinion	No Answer
Housing quality	14.3% (22)	60.4% (93)	16.2% (25)	5.2% (8)	3.9% (6)
Housing choices	9.1% (14)	64.3% (99)	13.0% (20)	7.1% (11)	6.5% (10)
Housing prices	9.1% (14)	53.2% (82)	23.4% (36)	9.1% (14)	5.2% (8)
New development or redevelopment of properties	13.6% (21)	50.6% (78)	14.3% (22)	14.3% (22)	7.1% (11)
Safety and security	9.7% (15)	69.5% (107)	14.3% (22)	1.9% (3)	4.5% (7)
Provision of city services	10.4% (16)	76.6% (118)	5.8% (9)	3.2% (5)	3.9% (6)
Traffic volume/congestion	7.1% (11)	51.9% (80)	31.2% (48)	4.5% (7)	5.2% (8)

6. Neighborhood design aspects you find desirable: Rate the following on a scale of 1 (most desirable) to 5 (least desirable) or no opinion.

	1	2	3	4	5	No Opinion	No Answer
Houses of similar size, shape and height	11.7% (18)	16.2% (25)	24.0% (37)	11.0% (17)	13.6% (21)	17.5% (27)	5.8% (9)
Variety of size, shape and height of houses	18.8% (29)	24.7% (38)	23.4% (36)	11.0% (17)	2.6% (4)	13.6% (21)	5.8% (9)
Lots of similar size and shape	8.4% (13)	19.5% (30)	26.0% (40)	12.3% (19)	9.7% (15)	15.6% (24)	8.4% (13)
Variety of lot sizes and shapes	12.3% (19)	22.1% (34)	24.7% (38)	13.0% (20)	7.1% (11)	12.3% (19)	8.4% (13)
Houses detached and surrounded by private yards	38.3% (59)	18.2% (28)	19.5% (30)	3.2% (5)	1.9% (3)	10.4% (16)	8.4% (13)
Houses attached with shared open space	5.2% (8)	12.3% (19)	26.0% (40)	13.6% (21)	23.4% (36)	14.3% (22)	5.2% (8)
Houses with similar architectural styles	4.5% (7)	17.5% (27)	35.7% (55)	11.7% (18)	10.4% (16)	13.0% (20)	7.1% (11)
Houses with a variety of architectural styles	21.4% (33)	23.4% (36)	27.9% (43)	7.8% (12)	3.9% (6)	10.4% (16)	5.2% (8)
Similarity of building materials	9.1% (14)	21.4% (33)	27.9% (43)	12.3% (19)	7.1% (11)	13.6% (21)	8.4% (13)
Variety of building materials	15.6% (24)	17.5% (27)	26.0% (40)	9.1% (14)	10.4% (16)	13.0% (20)	8.4% (13)
Houses with large front yards	21.4% (33)	31.8% (49)	16.9% (26)	7.1% (11)	3.2% (5)	11.0% (17)	8.4% (13)
Houses with small front yards	5.2% (8)	13.0% (20)	27.9% (43)	17.5% (27)	18.8% (29)	11.7% (18)	5.8% (9)
Wide streets with front driveway access	22.7% (35)	24.7% (38)	17.5% (27)	8.4% (13)	3.9% (6)	14.3% (22)	8.4% (13)
Narrow streets with rear driveway access	3.2% (5)	10.4% (16)	17.5% (27)	16.9% (26)	23.4% (36)	19.5% (30)	9.1% (14)
Traditional drainage features such as ditches, storm drains	13.0% (20)	22.1% (34)	22.7% (35)	12.3% (19)	10.4% (16)	10.4% (16)	9.1% (14)
On-site storm water retention such as rain gardens	13.6% (21)	16.9% (26)	16.2% (25)	11.7% (18)	8.4% (13)	26.6% (41)	6.5% (10)

7. In the future, I would like to see the following types of residential developments: Increase, stay about the same, decrease or no opinion.

	Increase	Stay about the Same	Decrease	No Opinion	No Answer
Traditional detached single family houses	49.4% (76)	35.1% (54)	3.2% (5)	4.5% (7)	7.8% (12)
Duplexes	7.8% (12)	44.2% (68)	31.2% (48)	9.7% (15)	7.1% (11)
Attached single family homes (townhomes, condominiums)	17.5% (27)	37.7% (58)	27.3% (42)	7.1% (11)	10.4% (16)
Apartments	5.2% (8)	24.7% (38)	59.1% (91)	5.2% (8)	5.8% (9)
Senior housing	51.3% (79)	28.6% (44)	1.9% (3)	9.1% (14)	9.1% (14)

	Increase	Stay about the Same	Decrease	No Opinion	No Answer
Assisted living facilities	50.0% (77)	29.2% (45)	3.2% (5)	11.0% (17)	6.5% (10)

8. Natural Environment: Please rate the following as important, somewhat important, not important, or no opinion.

	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion	No Answer
Groundwater protection	68.2% (105)	20.1% (31)	2.6% (4)	6.5% (10)	2.6% (4)
Protection of natural drainage areas (streams, wetlands, sinkholes)	63.6% (98)	25.3% (39)	2.6% (4)	4.5% (7)	3.9% (6)
Reduction of flooding	64.9% (100)	24.7% (38)	1.3% (2)	3.9% (6)	5.2% (8)
Soil erosion prevention	68.8% (106)	22.7% (35)	2.6% (4)	2.6% (4)	3.2% (5)
Surface water quality improvement	61.0% (94)	26.6% (41)	2.6% (4)	3.2% (5)	6.5% (10)
Reduction of water and air pollution	70.8% (109)	22.1% (34)	2.6% (4)	1.9% (3)	2.6% (4)
Retention of existing trees and encouragement of tree planting	73.4% (113)	16.2% (25)	4.5% (7)	2.6% (4)	3.2% (5)
Conservation of water	69.5% (107)	22.1% (34)	2.6% (4)	2.6% (4)	3.2% (5)
Preservation of farmland	70.8% (109)	18.8% (29)	3.2% (5)	3.2% (5)	3.9% (6)
Protection of wildlife habitats	65.6% (101)	25.3% (39)	2.6% (4)	3.9% (6)	2.6% (4)

9. In the next ten (10) years, how important to you are the following issues: Please rate the following as important, somewhat important, not important, or no opinion.

	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion	No Answer
Protection of the natural environment	71.4% (110)	23.4% (36)	1.3% (2)	1.3% (2)	2.6% (4)
Conservation of open space in areas unsuitable for development	61.0% (94)	25.3% (39)	5.8% (9)	3.9% (6)	3.9% (6)
Promotion of development having less environmental impact	50.0% (77)	31.2% (48)	7.8% (12)	5.2% (8)	5.8% (9)
Promotion of compact/mixed use development	20.1% (31)	38.3% (59)	20.1% (31)	18.2% (28)	3.2% (5)
Use of trees and vegetation to mitigate development impact	55.8% (86)	27.3% (42)	5.2% (8)	3.9% (6)	7.8% (12)
Alternate forms of transportation (walking, bicycling, transit)	54.5% (84)	30.5% (47)	11.7% (18)	1.3% (2)	1.9% (3)
Improvement of traffic flow and circulation routes	72.7% (112)	17.5% (27)	3.9% (6)	1.3% (2)	4.5% (7)
Development of existing vacant properties (infill development)	36.4% (56)	37.0% (57)	14.3% (22)	8.4% (13)	3.9% (6)

	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion	No Answer
Redevelopment of existing residential and commercial areas	41.6% (64)	41.6% (64)	5.8% (9)	6.5% (10)	4.5% (7)
Reduction of uses that do not conform to existing zoning	44.8% (69)	33.8% (52)	8.4% (13)	10.4% (16)	2.6% (4)
Preservation of historic neighborhoods/ structures	49.4% (76)	35.7% (55)	7.1% (11)	1.3% (2)	6.5% (10)
Provision of a variety of housing types for all ages/incomes	51.3% (79)	37.0% (57)	5.8% (9)	3.2% (5)	2.6% (4)
Reduction of billboards	41.6% (64)	29.2% (45)	18.2% (28)	7.8% (12)	3.2% (5)
Reduction of commercial signage	38.3% (59)	31.2% (48)	18.2% (28)	9.1% (14)	3.2% (5)
Placement of overhead power lines to underground	43.5% (67)	35.7% (55)	7.8% (12)	9.1% (14)	3.9% (6)

10. Please list two (2) things you like best about living in Cookeville

See Appendix E for a complete list of responses.	Response Percent	Response Count
First Line	100.0%	146
Second Line	94.5%	138
	<i>answered question</i>	146
	<i>skipped question</i>	8

11. Please list two (2) things you like least about living in Cookeville

See Appendix F for a complete list of responses.	Response Percent	Response Count
First Line	100.0%	138
Second Line	85.5%	118
	<i>answered question</i>	138
	<i>skipped question</i>	16

12. Of the following growth alternatives, which best describes how you think Cookeville should grow over the next ten (10) years. (Please check only one response)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Stay about the same	17.50%	27
Moderate growth	66.20%	102
Significant growth	9.10%	14
No Answer	6.50%	10

13. The City of Cookeville is considering several capital projects and services. Below is a list of potential projects or programs. Please rank these projects or programs from 1 to 8 in terms of importance to you with (1) being the most important and (8) being the least important.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Rating Average	Response Count
Construct municipal water park and pool	16.3% (23)	13.5% (19)	9.9% (14)	10.6% (15)	10.6% (15)	10.6% (15)	5.7% (8)	22.7% (32)	4.46	141
Construct new police station	10.1% (14)	13.0% (18)	11.6% (16)	15.9% (22)	15.2% (21)	11.6% (16)	9.4% (13)	13.0% (18)	4.49	138
Construct new city hall and convert existing city hall to safety building (police and fire)	8.0% (11)	12.3% (17)	13.0% (18)	20.3% (28)	15.9% (22)	12.3% (17)	5.8% (8)	12.3% (17)	4.54	138
Implement curbside recycling	32.2% (46)	14.7% (21)	18.2% (26)	4.9% (7)	6.3% (9)	5.6% (8)	9.1% (13)	9.1% (13)	5.63	143
Construct new facility to house Public Works Department (streets and sanitation)	2.9% (4)	6.5% (9)	13.0% (18)	17.4% (24)	19.6% (27)	14.5% (20)	12.3% (17)	13.8% (19)	3.94	138
Purchase and cleanup Highway 70N junkyard properties	25.4% (36)	12.7% (18)	7.7% (11)	7.0% (10)	9.9% (14)	6.3% (9)	14.1% (20)	16.9% (24)	4.77	142
Fund transit (bus) system	10.5% (15)	11.2% (16)	15.4% (22)	8.4% (12)	6.3% (9)	14.0% (20)	16.1% (23)	18.2% (26)	4.14	143
Utilize cameras to issue citations for traffic violations (speeding, running red lights)	10.7% (15)	8.6% (12)	8.6% (12)	5.0% (7)	5.0% (7)	10.7% (15)	10.7% (15)	40.7% (57)	3.36	140

14. Would you be willing to pay additional taxes for any of the projects identified in Question 12?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	25.30%	39
No	44.20%	68
No Opinion	24.70%	38
No Answer	5.80%	9

14b. If Yes, what project letters?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Water Park and Pool	23.10%	9
New Police Station	10.30%	4
New City Hall	20.50%	8
Curbside Recycling	71.80%	28
Public Works Facility	7.70%	3
Cleanup Junkyard Properties	33.30%	13
Bus System	17.90%	7
Traffic Cameras	10.30%	4

15. The City of Cookeville is considering completing several city street improvement projects. Below is a list of potential street improvement projects. (The project locations are depicted on the enclosed map). Please rank these projects from 1 to 10 in terms of importance to you with (1) being the most important and (10) being the least important.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Rating Average	Response Count
East 7th St – widen to 3 lanes from Willow Ave to Peachtree Ave	16.8 % (22)	9.9% (13)	13.0 % (17)	16.8 % (22)	15.3 % (20)	5.3% (7)	3.8% (5)	4.6% (6)	2.3% (3)	12.2 % (16)	6.43	131
12th St – widen to 5 lanes from Washington Ave to Mississippi Ave	11.4 % (15)	22.7 % (30)	18.9 % (25)	7.6% (10)	7.6% (10)	6.8% (9)	5.3% (7)	7.6% (10)	6.1% (8)	6.1% (8)	6.64	132
10th St – widen to 5 lanes from Washington Ave to St. Hwy 111	47.8 % (64)	17.9 % (24)	10.4 % (14)	4.5% (6)	5.2% (7)	3.7% (5)	0.0% (0)	3.7% (5)	0.0% (0)	6.7% (9)	8.22	134
Holladay Rd – widen existing lanes from Lee Seminary Rd to Buffalo Valley Rd	4.7% (6)	1.6% (2)	4.7% (6)	9.4% (12)	16.4 % (21)	12.5 % (16)	14.8 % (19)	11.7 % (15)	10.9 % (14)	13.3 % (17)	4.55	128
Old Walton Rd – widen existing lanes, add sidewalk from Hudgens St to Neal St	9.2% (12)	6.9% (9)	18.5 % (24)	10.0 % (13)	9.2% (12)	6.9% (9)	9.2% (12)	6.2% (8)	6.9% (9)	16.9 % (22)	5.48	130
West Stevens St/ Buffalo Valley Rd – widen and realign at W. Jackson St	6.9% (9)	9.2% (12)	9.2% (12)	11.5 % (15)	13.8 % (18)	12.3 % (16)	10.8 % (14)	14.6 % (19)	1.5% (2)	10.0 % (13)	5.52	130
Commerce Ave – extension to Veterans Dr	4.0% (5)	5.6% (7)	4.8% (6)	7.1% (9)	14.3 % (18)	9.5% (12)	13.5 % (17)	15.9 % (20)	8.7% (11)	16.7 % (21)	4.47	126
West 15th St – extension to Fisk Rd	3.1% (4)	5.5% (7)	6.3% (8)	5.5% (7)	14.8 % (19)	13.3 % (17)	12.5 % (16)	14.8 % (19)	11.7 % (15)	12.5 % (16)	4.55	128
Spring and Broads Sts – redesign as one-way in the downtown area	19.3 % (26)	12.6 % (17)	5.2% (7)	4.4% (6)	4.4% (6)	5.2% (7)	4.4% (6)	8.1% (11)	5.2% (7)	31.1 % (42)	5.15	135
Foreman Dr – extension to Holladay Rd	4.0% (5)	0.8% (1)	3.2% (4)	6.3% (8)	8.7% (11)	6.3% (8)	4.8% (6)	15.9 % (20)	14.3 % (18)	35.7 % (45)	3.32	126

16. The City of Cookeville is considering requesting the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) to complete improvements to several state highways. Below is a list of potential state road improvement projects. (The project locations are depicted on the enclosed map). Please rank these projects from 1 to 7 in terms of importance to you with (1) being the most important and (7) being the least important.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Rating Average	Response Count
Highway 70N (W. Broad St) – widen to 5 lanes from downtown west to city limits	14.8% (20)	11.9% (16)	16.3% (22)	20.0% (27)	17.8% (24)	8.9% (12)	10.4% (14)	4.18	135
Highway 70N (E. Spring St) – widen to 5 lanes from downtown east to Interstate 40	21.3% (29)	16.9% (23)	18.4% (25)	13.2% (18)	14.0% (19)	9.6% (13)	6.6% (9)	4.63	136
Highway 135 (S. Jefferson Ave) – widen to 5 lanes from I-40 south to Hwy 111	40.3% (56)	18.0% (25)	12.9% (18)	11.5% (16)	5.0% (7)	5.0% (7)	7.2% (10)	5.33	139
Highway 136 (N. Willow Ave) – add center lane from Broad St to 12th St	25.9% (36)	15.1% (21)	11.5% (16)	14.4% (20)	14.4% (20)	10.8% (15)	7.9% (11)	4.6	139
Interstate 40 Interchange at Mine Lick Creek Rd – new construction	9.1% (12)	4.5% (6)	6.8% (9)	8.3% (11)	10.6% (14)	19.7% (26)	40.9% (54)	2.7	132
Highway 136 (N. Washington Ave) – widen to 5 lanes from 1st St to 10th St	17.3% (24)	12.2% (17)	10.8% (15)	10.1% (14)	21.6% (30)	12.2% (17)	15.8% (22)	3.94	139
Highway 290 – extension north of city to State Highway 111 (Northern Loop)	13.4% (18)	8.2% (11)	7.5% (10)	10.4% (14)	11.2% (15)	20.1% (27)	29.1% (39)	3.25	134

20. Please provide any general comments you would like to share below.

See Appendix G for a complete list of responses.	Response Count
Respondents who shared general comments.	79
<i>answered question</i>	79
<i>skipped question</i>	75

Appendix C

2. What area/neighborhood of the city do you consider to be the most attractive?

Response Text
Maple Street
Old historic homes of Dixie / The square around dulce and Maddux
Rebecca Place off Bunker Hill
Maple and South Maple
maple/ old ky rd / old kentucky place / chattsworth
Tech
Northeast
Downtown, Depot, S. Maple Ave.
Old Part of town, Depot
south cookeville
east side
TTU Campus
Brookside
East side of Cookeville
Downtown, lowlands and over by capshaw
Old Kentucky Road Area / East Side
Old Ky Rd area from 10th to hwy 70
Surrounding Tech
Dixie Avenue
Downtown
mine - blackburns fork
Downtown
Oaklawn Area
Around the train station, hospital, east side
Southwest area
Tech Campus
Dixie - Jefferson Washington
Lowlands
South of Capshaw School
Dixie Ave
East
Stone Hinge
North East
West Side & Cane Creek Park
Downtown/ and the Depot or Washington Ave.
Historic N. Dixie
Downtown, Old Kentucky Rd (from E. Broad to E. Spring St)
Dixie Ave
Northeast
South East side
Golf Course
The square & Capshaw woods
Lowland - Mt. Vernon - N. Dixie to 6th
Depot Area
Cane creek park
Walnut Ave North of Fairground St. - Actually I like all areas of Cookeville
Dixie (between 1st and 7th)
Hudgens/South Maple
Dixie Avenue Historic Area
many areas are very attractive
Difficult to say because there are so many neighborhoods
South Dixie
Historic Part of Dixie Avenue
Crowne Point Subdivision, Down town Cookeville
I like areas around downtown until you get to those locations that are down trodden close to the hospital & TTU
N. Washington
Old Kentucky
older neighborhoods with mature landscape and groomed homes

Cane Creek Park
most areas
south maple
north-East
Loweland
North Dixie threw Tenn. Tech
capshaw woods
white plains area
Maple and North dixie
East Spring Street
Dixie Ave
Lown Oak, rebecca Place, Hillsdale, Hillwood
Rebecca Place Subdivision
the hospital in general
Square Area / Old town Area (drama center etc)
Loweland
Old KY going around town to 10h Street from I40 to starting at Neal street.
I'm not sure - hard to pick a particular area -
Dixie Ave
Dixie Ave Area
Depot
there is just not one most attractive, we have a lot that are spaced out
Dixie Avenue / Loweland Area
East Cookeville (east of north washington & S. Jefferson
south maple
Stonebridge / Chattsworth
Washington ave area (south of 10th St)
N. Dixie / n. washington / S. maple / Woodlawn area
Downtown / home on Washington
Residuenal Area
Washington Ave between downtown and 12th street
Cookeville - west Side downtown
Maple Street - nice houses shaded by trees
Lowelands (or Dixie between 1st & 7th Streets)
Older parts of town around the square
Cane Creek Park Area
North Washington / Dixie
Maple Area
South Maple
Old town
White plains
off bunker hill rd / Hillsdale Dr
Cane Creek Park
Loweland, Old kentucky Rd area out to algoood
White Plains
Central to town
Jefferson St & lots of homes all over the area.
maple ave / broad street area
The square; TTU campus; the Depot area - much improved
Lowland / North east Cookeville Area
Dixie avenue and those you've protected from development
Unanswered
Unanswered
The historic Homes on Washington
Green Acres
capshaw woods
North maple area.
Several subdivisions
Between broad and 10th, washington to old old kentucky
inner city

south maple street
city rd, leading to Algood area
Tennessee Tech University
Dixie Historic, Downtown, Depot
North Dixie Ave, North Washington
Downtown Sq.
Area of dogwood Park & Drama Center & Cane Creek Area
Jefferson Ave
Parts of north maple area & dixie avenue between broad and road that goes in front of TTU nursing bld.
North East
Tech Campus
square
Lowlands
North east
10th St & Old Ky Rd areas
Maple

Appendix D

3. What area/neighborhood of the city do you consider to be the least attractive?

Response Text
10th Street
The area of western broad street, mainly where it intersects w/ 9th
Washington Street (North)
Dixie Avenue (North)
Kenway Street where the rental properties are. The old Gaw produce on Dixie is an eye sore.
west spring / west 12th
Jere Whitson Rd or housing on Willow Ave
west
Broad Street west of Willow
West 3rd to West 10th
by CHS
not that familiar with all areas
west side
Carr Rd.
8th Street
Close to TTU
going toward baxter near co-op or toward hilham
South Willow Surroundings / Near I-40
west Cookeville area (HWY 70 + Willow ave west towards baxter)
Any Trailer park
N. Willow
around carr ave.
Reataurant Row
Lower Spring Street
northwest area
North of TTU
Trailer parks on 20th street, Free hill Rd;
Chestnut & surrounding area
Around Bob's Body Shop (West Broad)
Around Hospital - Wendy's - Willow West
North and West
Crack Alley #rd and Chestnut
West
the apartment building close to TTU
North of Tech - 12th st. to Jere Whistson
Red Light area on Chestnut Street
West of Willow
North West
West Side Railroad tracks
Trailer Parks and cheap apartments
N. of Broad St. - West of Willow - S. of 9th street over
Area Around Brown Avenue
Garrett Ave Area
West of Willow north of Spring Street
Most o city North of 12th Street, esp Carolina ave.
Jere Whitson
West of Willow Ave - Highway 70 Area
any property can become unattractive when pride in ownership and personal responsibility are absent
Probably the congested inner city & around TTU neighborhoods that house many families and students.
4th thru 9th street (13)
Around the old stock barn
20th avenue from N. Washington to the industrial area and down North Washington from 10th Ave to the high school.
I like areas around downtown until you get to those locations that are down trodden close to the hospital & TTU
Off of Willow
Franklyn and Chestnut
Spring st area & houses by hospital
North of Tech
new to the area!!

Trailer Parks
would be personal choice
Anyplace west of willow
North Cookeville, Around Jere Whitson School
old nashville hwy
west end of Cookeville
West of Willow
From west Broad & Spring Street west to city limits
all west Cookeville
3rd & Chestnutt
Some of the older subdivisions, not unattractive, just older
the highway of 111 all the way
Old run down properties scattered about
Area where broad and spring come together - Bumbalough's service repair area
West of Willow
West 70 - from 4th to C/C Camp - South Creek Area from Isom Lane toward rear
E Spring? - junk car area - overall very clean town.
Tech area all run down housing & [upward pointing arrow] crime apartment [0 with slash through it] kept up.- !
Old Mall Area
Area Near Jere Whitson
Hwy 70 - junk yards! (136-S-improving)
E. Stevens Street, due to a lot of people use it for a cut through to willow, not attractive to drive through.
North of Tech / North of West Broad & West of Willow Ave.
North of West Broad, west of willow
west broad
Wildwood / Crack Alley
Willow Ave Area Tech Sports fields & Buffalo Valley rd.
West Triangle
Going down Broad / 70 Everything looks worn down and not taken care of.
Housing Project Area
By Jackson Ave & Willow "projects" and by willow & 7th by pawn shops
highway 70 toward Baxter
Community surrounding the Jere Whitson Area
S. Jefferson, S. Willow (north of interstate)
South of I-40
West Broad
Jere whitson
West of Stevens Street
West side of willow
sycamore side of town
I have not encountered a bad neighborhood
7th St. N.
around Jere Whitson school / west of willow avenue
Southwest
west of town
W. of cookeville. Junk Yards ect.
scenic dr. area
Signage on South Jefferson
Chestnut avenue area
Just about everywhere - over developed - too much trashy rental property
70W the junkyards
West Broad
tennessee tech
Jackson street area (i.e. too much business activity concentrated in one (1) area!)
Older section near downtown
north of city center north of 12th st
hwy 70
coming off 111 leading into South Jefferson Ave
West Broad Street because junk yard, car lots

West 70 Junkyards
Apartment Complexes that look like penal institutions
319 Chestnut Ave
North Dixie between 12th st. and Jere Whitson
around 8th st. behind wendy's on willow
Hwy 70 between coop and city limits
behind broad where TIS BBQ was.
several areas toward high school trailer parks,etc.
residential west of hospital (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th St)
walmart
around the hospital / TTU
West
Jere Whitson area
west US 70
North of 12th Street

Appendix E

10. Please list two (2) things you like best about living in Cookeville.

1	2
Small town with modern amenities	Artsy feel and fun local activities
The native businesses developing in the downtown	Feels safe and more secure than other towns
Cost of Living for some people	Friendly environment
Available resources - eating, shopping	Proximity to interstate
location in respect to nash/knox/chatt.	University town
Parks, recreation	restaurants
accessibility of everything	good choices in a small community (shopping, education, entertainment)
Small town Feel with large town ammenities i.e. dining, shopping, education...	Location - easy access to nashville, knoxville, etc...
Location	Conveniences
Cheap (Living Cost)	Not too large of a town
small town	security
availability to most things you need	the people and the low crime rate
people (friendliness)	environment
Cost of Living	Cane Creek Park
safe, clean and friendly city	Affordable living costs
Dining out places	Shopping
safe stable community	cost of living
The proximity of other large cities.	TTU / opportunity of education
small community with everything I need	location
The School and colleges	The Parks
small town feel	history
small town with easy access to larger cities of knoxville, nashville, chattanooga	Easy access to several state parks
good people - beautiful family leaving	good schools
Easy to get around town	College town influence
Convenience	Location
People	Location
Natural Beauty	The People
small town friendliness	Many, many things to do all the time, no one should be board.
Would like to see more arts development / Arts are improving	Location is close to bigger metro areas / but retains smaller town feel
People	Lakes
Park Development	Street Improvements
Area	The Country around Cookeville
Quality of Life / Health Services	Educational Opportunities
Climate	People
Small Town Feel	City Services - Garbage, Trash, Street, Utilities
Geographic Location - surrounding area - outdoors	smaller size / less traffic than major city.
The people I've encountered are very friendly	Lack of traffic congestion
close distance of travel to any Cookeville attraction	city cleanliness - very little litter and trash
closed to nature	clean air
friendly	comfortable
Overall town like Feel	Community Spirit
more affordable then most cities	my family and friends are here
Availability to shopping and Hardware	Availability to 12 Step Groups
The people - The beauty of the area	The Locate of Cooke to Nash - Knox - Chatt - the Highways (111) Nothr - South & East and West I40
Education opportunities	small community
Park's	Churches
Size & friendly people	the trees & beautiful rolling hills
Ease of shopping	Cultural Diversity
Chicken Wings	Pizza
Convenience and Access to Shopping	Climate
Neither too small nor too large	safe and quiet
Size of Town	Ease of access to local government services

Your in a city, but real close to the outdoors	The cleanliness of the city & upkeep of roads
It a small town	The people
weather/climate	available shopping
climate	generally the population is very friendly & congenial
Smaller town living	Access to health care and hospital
Small town atmosphere	Don't have to go out of town to shop
The poeple, never met better people anywhere	The beauty of the city.
good sense of community	having a good hospital nearby
small town feel, big town services & amenities	low cost & taxes
Love open spaces	Friendliness of people
hospital	TTU
town size & safety issues	schools provided and location
small town atmosphere but sufficient services	University influence
The parks	Tenn. Tech
lower utilities	good police
small town feeling	having a college in town
The people	
cultural opportunities	reasonable taxes
Easy access to I-40	most comfortable living for the cost
Born and grew up here	Churches
all kinds of businesses & stores	good people
Nice people	Location of everything
Security, minimal crime compared to other places	School system
shopping	recreation
Quality of life; Geographic Location	Cost of Living; people
Dining choices	Educational choices
Size	Climate
Convenient	Convenient
Educational Facilities	Cost of Living Rates
Location	
Clean town - excellent City services	I feel safe - quiet & peaceful
people are friendly	
size	affordability
location (geographic)	Be small enough but having pretty much what you need without going to larger city!
the current size of Cookeville - Geographic location	Quality of Life - excellent medical facility-CRMC
Central location between Nashville & Knoxville	Variety of shopping & dining options
Friendly atmosphere	
I feel safe living right in town.	love the school system
Location	School system
People	Safety
school system	available to anything you need and want
Location	
Central Location with easy access to the countryside	Generally quiet and peaceful place to live.
Temperate climate	Small Town
Very nice community	Good variety of shops/ stores in area
Born here and lived here	All family live here - great place to live
I can quickly & efficiently get to all areas of town.	Proximety to state parks
Lower property taxes	No state income taxes
Attention to community development projects such as support of educational goals by highlands & school system!	Quality of life for downtown / historic preservation
Smaller than a big city but not a small town	cost of Living
City seems to be progressive, responsive to citizens; low crime (relatively)	Natural beauty of area
Cost of Living (Houses, Taxes)	Safety - Children/Schools
Large city services in a small town	Great connectedness among people groups
beauty and cleanliness of area	big enough but not too big
people	cost of living
Plenty of activities	Central location to large cities, state parks, lakes
Friendly	Peaceful

Perfect Size - safe place to live	Good restaurants & social surroundings
Southern Hospitality/ Clean City	City employees are polite and helpful
small town atmosphere / friendliness of people	cost of living
Crime rate	Affordable living
Shopping - lots of stores	schools
Cane Creek park	Easy access to anywhere in town
abundance of available community activities	very caring & safe community
small town atmosphere	friendly people
I've lived here 65 years & I don't like anything about it anymore - it's overdeveloped & just isnt home anymore	
People are friendly	taxes are fair
Convenience to most things (shopping, hospital, and medical services)	
small town but good hospital	churchs available
safety	environment
Lots of places to eat	good climate
smaller population	good city services
Relatively low property tax rates	access to health care
freindly people	open rural areas
Affordable housing	Scenery
good location	friendly people
small town feel	have university
utility bills are all on one bill (water and electric) (great)	affordable living within reasonable cost
Education	Security
Convenience	Nice place to live
the accessibility to and support for music and the arts	still maintains a small town feel
born here	clean city
Friendly	Variety of Educational & Shopping
location	small town fell
It is semi-rural	It is reasonably clean
cheaper rent	
small town atmosphere	w/ large city development
I want it to not grow anymore! - Big enough still small town	You can get mos places quickly and its safe most of the time
you don't travel far for all shopping / compact city	perfectly situated between Nashville / Knoxville
small town	low crime
the town Square	farmland close to town
people	schools and churches
Close to Nashville & Knoxville without all the problems of big cities (traffic , etc)	Small townn feel, lots of choices in schools
People	TTU

Appendix F

11. Please list two (2) things you like least about living in Cookeville

1	2
Could use some more different kinds of stores or a nice mall.	Not a lot of stuff to do fo kids other than drink and go to movies.
The manhole covers in the middle of the roads	Narrow overcrowded traffic on willow near TTU
Too Much Traffic!!	No Shopping Malls!!
Too many apartments going up - please limit this	College rental properties are not maintained - have become college slum areas - see houses on kenway. these are supposed to be zoned as single family dwellings - but not enforced.
Lack of bike trails	Lack of city sponsored outdoor events
not enough family entertainment	high turnover of residents
Little too far from the airport (BNA)	Nothing else really - maybe better drainage in N.E.
Lack of Name brand retail options i.e. Target, Gap, Publix	Lack of sidewalks and amount of traffic
Taxes	Illegals
Traffic Signals	Traffic Signals
traffic	quality of roads
The roads coming into my development (The Reserve) Rail Road Tracks - streets need improving	No major retail shopping Dev - such as Dillards - Macy's or Proffits - No Target
no mall	
Shopping Options	Activities / Night Life
limited choices in shopping/services/entertainment	lower education ratings
Crime	Traffic congestion on Jefferson, Willow, & Interstate Drive
lack of diverse local restaurants and shopping	Cookeville mall needs serious attention. Used to be a town highlight, now it is embarrassing
many undisirable views on S. Willow / Old mall	Signage / Commercial Also Jefferson
city traffic	jobs
The Roads downtown	5 oclock traffic
grafiiti	expansion of hospital
No Target Supercenter (not a fan of walmart)	Great Rail lines w/no rail system to Nashville, knoxville, or chattanooga in place.
the drugs	confusing lights by brown ave.
Few shopping options	Not enough major entertainment activities
Taxes	Illegal Aliens
It is getting too many people. (Overcrowded)	We need more industry for job security.
Traffic	Lack of planning
Too many apartments going up.	My tax money going to pay for incorporating water, sewer, etc to apartments in newly annexed areas - (and schools)
Affordable Development in Westside / Downtown Areas	Not walkable enough / Would like it more like Asheville
Loss of Manufacturing Jobs	Lack of Zoning
Need Public Swimming Pools	To Many Apartments
Traffic	JOB Opportunities, Chamber of Commerce Does Nothing [does nothing is double underlined] to bring New factorys or JOBS.
Traffic Problem	Wasting money building 3 lane roads when everyone knows a 5 lane is required, ie, 10th street about 10 yrs ago.
Job Market	Sports Programs for Seniors (None). No recreation programs for seniors.
Traffic Flow	Zoning - Too many Real Estate, Builders, Developers on boards - should be open to more lay people.
This town is very boring. Lack of culture & diversity.	Ckvl is trending towards sprawl / development & the city gov't & businesses seem interested in developing the outer edges of town. Need focus on environmentally friendly development.
Shopping here is very limited!	there is very little in constructive past time or places where teenagers can hang out.
lack of diverse live entertainment	bicycle friendly traffic planning
employment opportunity	not more choices for shoping (missing target store)
it attention to recycling	

traffic is heavy in the morning and afternoon	
No curb side Re-cycling	Traffic on Friday
small and like of Dept. Stores -	No liquer stores - we need the taxes!!
need more natural areas / bikepaths etc.	Traffic is horrible on major roads - not enough good jobs available - to many apartments
Road's	Trash on the side of streets & roads
Traffic	Cookeville [Mall] is a vacant eyesore that needs to be demolished.
deer	dog packs
No sidewalks or shoulders on roads	Unable to buy wine in supermarket or (and) absence of liquor stores
no sidewalks in many areas	Cookeville is growing & traffic congestion is increasing
Traffic on Willow & 10th street around 4	The drug problems
mexicans invading community	to many apartments
drug related crime	
Access in and out of Jefferson/I40 - fast food	Condition of some of the streets
Shopping centers are scattered	not enough shopping stores. to many restaurants
The roads, I think you need more help with them	Yards, people need to take more pride in their yards and clean up the junk
limited shopping (I hate walmart !!)	limited availability of good jobs
Traffic flow east to west	old mall is eye sore
No sidewalks!!	Target Store!! None!!
over abundance of apartments	re-zoning seems to favor apartments and commercial development
motor traffic amount	adequate parking some area
Lack of Park space (i.e. open, green, attractive)	Walmart and the people it attracts
To many apartments	to many duplexes
not having sewarge in city	roads could be improve
no shopping malls	need more job opportunitys in Cookeville Everything is moving out - we have more retail than good paying jobs
over emphasis on sports	
Inconsiderate and wreckless drivers	free of break ins related to gangs and drugs
High taxes for people on low income	litter problem
the street and traffic controls	about city buying & uprooting families that have lived there for a lot of years.
Speeders on Dixie	Council doesn't listen to citizens [Underlined listen and citizens]
lack of big retailers like Home Depot, Target, etc	Only 1 public swimming pool
traffic is too heavy	no jobs
Becoming too regulatory	money spent unwisely - need better roads & less parks
Low number of senior living places	Traffic Congestion
Traffic Increase	New School Location
Growing Crime Rate	Menial job opportunities for jobs
grafitti just increasing & city doing nothing	
I cannot think of any negative about how town is run	
Cookeville city service ignore ["ignore" double underlined] Sherwood Subdivision.	Pave Sherwood subdivsion streets. Finish Friar Tuck Cul De Sac ! [last sentence is double underlined.]
Senior citizen accomodation - streets beyond center	Residential mixed use neighborhoods - Education
Lack of asking and listening to the citizens - too much emphasis on what contractor & builders want.	Too many "strip malls" & shopping development that look cheap - and thrown up quickly using every available area - in Nice areas makes cookeville look cheap & ugly. And don't get leased! Sit empty.
crime and increased drug activity	growth rate
Willow Ave after it rains. It does not drain well.	Not enough community events
Yes - the population that doesn't work - claims to be disabled / many generations	1. Forms sent by a committee that didn't think this through 2. has more time on their hands than I 3. doesn't know their mailing list?
People running traffic lights	driving around the square, it's so tight.
Lots of road surfaces need improvement	Lack of entertainment opportunities for teenagers
Lack of manufacturing jobs	Sewer services still not available in my neighborhood.
traffic	bad streets

Small town politics	No good paying jobs
Have to drive toward nashville/mount juliet area for larger department stores; would be great to bring large dtores to Cookeville, bass pro, target, etc.	Too many places where apartment buildings are being built north washington, towards quinland lake - is example.
Need for public transportation - cross country (** TRAIN TRAVEL)	Many [underlined] sidewalks to support and encourage pedestrian walking.
Not a whole lot of things kids can do here.	Hospital is terrible. Would rather drive to Nashville.
too crowded	
Traffic tends to get congested (narrow, crowded roads)	Lack of variety of shopping.
no shopping i.e. Target, Anne Taylor better clothing	No "whole food stores", Low rated schools.
10th street traffic	Sidewalks / "delay on greenways" such as rails with trails.
Randon congestive traffic	Use of non-motion changing traffic lights
County is not as progressive as city (Putnam County Commission)	Limited employment opportunities
No "Kids Kingdom" or good park in town	Good/New community pool
Signage and Billboards make us ugly	Limited shopping options, Lack of walking & biking (fitness) areas
day of the "good ole boy" mentality need to go	
traffic	increase crime rate
Justice system	Good ole boy system alive and well
politics in education & teaching/admin. position	POLITICS!! We need a Target!!
Hard to improve the best.	Anex, do not clutter
quality of the education/jobs	backwarding thinking of people
Law enforcement crooked (Sheriffs Dept)	Stock Yard on Main Street
no mall (indoor)	
traffic	
	Some areas of city need to be redeveloped to match overall tune of the rest of the town.
Traffic is sometimes very congested	
Traffic at willow/jackson intersection	
limited shopping	nightclubs too close to residential areas ex: club jet on 10th street
everything - especially city politics	you bend and break rules - when is moogie going to pave his parking lot?
Traffic at Lunch time and going to work around Tech	Children need more opportunities
traffic	no good jobs
the housing of prisoners from other counties	the ineffectiveness of Chamber of commerce to recruit new quality businesses.
traffic conditions	messy yards
Traffic	Permits for yard sale, etc.
Not enough choices for phone & TV service providers	
traffic	
South jefferson ave has no "dollar store"	littering coming in on main highways leading into town - trash throw into ditches
Boring town	
Can't think of anything I don't like	
lack of funding for the schools	limited shopping
Traffic	junkyards, car lots
not enough affordable single home dwellings.	
traffic volume on main roads (willow jefferson)	need tigher codes for construction (builder's)
City has too many lights on streets and businesses	City does not fund employees to enforce zoning laws or violations.
no jobs	
traffic	too many apartments
Traffic is getting worse	too many people coming here and narrow roads
lack of cooperation between city, county, and other groups	the huge highschool
any vacant lot is filled with more apartments	lack of jobs at both professional levels & manufacturing / industrial levels
Street repair	roads
Watching county commission rob our schools each year.	"Good ol' boy" government - city and county.
Budget Issues	

Appendix G

17. Please provide any general comments you would like to share below.

Response Text
Cookeville is a great city. I do not think we need to change much, just make little improvements here and there.
#13 on the map is something that must happen. Very difficult to navigate especially for new tech students.
Cookeville definitely needs more places to shop at such as Gap, American Eagle, Abercrombie, Victoria Secret, etc... Cookeville has nothing & a lot of people buy in other cities when Cookeville could be making the money
We need more lanes on Jefferson and Willow due to the traffic!
Thank you for allowing me to participate in this survey. I have had several concerns for quite a while. thanks for allowing me to share these.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please limit the # of apartments going up - especially on rural farmland. 2. Require rental properties to be kept in good condition (ie yards, buildings, homes). Fine the owners that will not do this. this is especially true wehre Tech students are moving into older residential areas. Beer bottles and trash are everywhere. 3. Make it standard policy that furniture, etc. be kept off porches and cars that are not working be placed out of site or removed completely. Also - cars should not be allowed on grassy areas on rental properties. This further denigrates the issue of rental properties. 4. No northern connector loop within 10 miles of city limits.
Thanks! [Signed by survey participant. Removed for anonymity]
Keep "Adult" entertainment out of our town.
It would be nice see green initiative such as capture parking lot runoff into garden, recycling (maybe even a recycling center here), Efficient street lighting. Stuff that will make Cookeville more efficient and help quality of life.
Whenever we have rain our yard floods the drainage drains need to widen and the ditches need to widen. To much development for ditches - something needs to be done!!! We live in the bilbrey park subdivision.
thank you for allowing my input. I hope to always live in this area.
I am concerned by the continued construction of new apartments and shops. Many of the newer stores remain unoccupied and are an eyesore to the community.
It Would be nice to see growth in natural health areas: more yoga - pure yoga - teachers/studios. Natural Homeopathic Specialists and the like. Not enough choices in these areas.
More city/county incentives to install energy/water conservation (installing rain collection barrels, solar panels, on demand water heaters, etc.) would be nice.
It would be nice to see incentive to get the downtown area come back to life. It is such a great historical area w/ great potential.
Utilizing the railways & offering full service to other towns and cities would be fabulous, maybe with annual pass purchase option.
Higher standards of tree conservation when developing land, especially homes/apartments etc.
There is several drainage issues on maxwell when hard rain falls. also needs mor lighting - pot holes need filling - cheaper dump pick up out in blackburns fork / plunk whitson area.
other than that -- pretty good job!
The court systems need improvement to include equal justice for all.
You can make some of the people happy some of the time. But you can't make all of the people happy all of the time
Even with it's faults, Cookeville is a great place to live!
Thanks
North Cookeville needs more diverse businesses and less apartments your developing everything South but nothing north.
I love living in Cookeville. I have had several opportunities to leave. Yet I choose to live here. I would love to see Ckvl model after Asheville, N.C. More diverse & happy where everyone seems to get along.
Before we "add to" and start "improving" things lets stop and take a hard look at where we are. Is ALL money being spent WISELY Sre these things really necessary who is Accountable Ask WHY?
After that we can start Improving with new stuff
Thank you for this. This makes me realize "I" need to be more involved in how we all live. I do have a voice
I THINK THE CITY NEED TO SPEND TAX DOLLARS on PROJECTS THAT ARE NECESSARY. TIMES ARE TOUGH NOW AND People WANT There TAX Dollars Spent WISELY Not a WASTE LIKE WATER PARKS, BUS SERVICE AND SO ON. MAYbe the City Needs to try to Recrute SOME INDUSTRY, fACTORYs, OR SomE thing that WOULD CREATE JOBS. AS For Question 13, A police Station WOULD be the most inportant thing on that List.
There IS A LOT of Waste In my OPINION. A WATER pARK and bus system (The New ONE WE HAVE IS A TOTAL [total is double underlined] WASTE of MONEY) ARE TOTAL UNNECESSARY. CamerAs ON TRAffic Light are another WASTE of money. The Lights IN this town Need to be timed so you don't Have to Stop AT EVERYone of them. A New City hALL WOULD be NICE, but do we Need it? I KNOW WE Don't Need ANymore tAXES [taxes was double underlined] [Switches in case are the same as written on the original survey document].

Three lane roads are better then two lanes, but they are not the answer to the traffic problem. You have to have road space for vehicles.

A parking garage should top consideration for the hospital staff, patients & visitors. It should have all weather connections to hospital.

Hospital Campus needs bigger & more sinage. Assume you are a stranger, at night & evaluate the signs.

I don't think the city has any responsibility to clean up Bob Hill's or anybody else junk yard. Require the owners to do it.

COOKEVILLE IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, Don't Screw it up! Thanks.

- would like to see: curbside recycling, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, scooter/motorcycle parking, bike racks, city bus funding.
- would like to see push for environmentally positive development. LEED certified buildings, mixed use developments, etc!

It's quiet and peaceful but I was surprised when my garage door was vandalised after only being here 1 1/2 years. Very surprising & apparently the vandals can't be caught.

More industry to Come to City so our Children wont haft to go somewhere else to find a good paying job.

I feel our city government is well qualified to handle any of these matters.

The new jail issue - the best place for it in my opinion is off South Jefferson Ave - behind Budweiser warehouses an behind of the TDOT center on Ferrell Drive. There is 6 to 8 acres that has electric, sewer and could have gas to it - it is level land no neighborhood to be a problem - it is not 5 minutes to the courthouse - and the price would be very reasonable.

So you have location, location, location, no one to complain - and all of the utilities that are need water, sewer, gas, and electric. Large area for the building and enough land for outside areas for the inmates - we could built one that is large enough that we could house inmates from other countys and also for the state.

Thank you for giving me this chance - I love Cookeville - a great place to raise a family -

Would like to see less apartment development and more emphasis on single home dwelling. Traffic is quite bad for a city of this size believe poor planning has and is the major cause
more enforcement of city codes
more activities for youth i.e. pools skate parks, etc.
would like to see curb side recycling implemented
more citizen involment in decision making
Fire City Manager he's an ###

I would really like to see less trash on the streets & roads, also I would like to see improvements to what I have listed below.

Sidewalk's for public & seniors
more bike lanes
improvements on roads that need it not on the ones that don't its a waste of money!
more nature trails for kids & adults
trashy areas cleaned up.

"Thank you"" so much I hope that we can make a better Cookeville for our kids and ourselves.
"God Bless"

1- More and better sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians and others who are in wheelchairs as I have seen many near accidents for those who are handicapped and those who cannot afford a car and have to walk to their jobs or go shopping.

2 - a law that is enforced with a moving violation and heavy fine for driving while texting or using a cell phone.
Note: The only 2 accidents that I ever had was from people using a cell phone hit me while I was at a red light & #2 I was stopped at a stop sign. Driving cell phone users are as dangerous as a drunk driver. I started driving in 1957 and no accidents until cell phone became a common use in cars. no phone call is so important that people put their life and other peoples lives in danger. If you want to talk Pull off the road. Park and Talk all you want.

The City should be looking for ways to save tax dollars and reducing taxes right now. When the economy improves we can then start looking at things like water parks and bike trails.

Spring and Broad did not work the other time it was tried - just a big mess.

Old Walton Rd should be widened from Hudgens to Heritage Point.

Police Station - for a town the size of Cookeville, we need substations to have all areas covered for quick access.

We need to protect the investment on real estate by enforcing zoning statutes. We own another home on Denton Ave (removed address to protect surveyee identity) and until recently it was a well kept neighborhood. the house next door at Denton is rented to Guatemalan families and has no less than 8-10 cars parked in the front and back yards. Our property has decreased in value substantially because of this.

Keep up the Good work!! Thank,s
"Keep up the good work"
Thank you

Many of the areas noted I have no opinion as I never travel in some of these locations.

I'm sure the people who live in the areas have a better opinion.

How many houses & businesses will be effected by theses road widening projects - I understand and agree that progress is necessary, but consideration also needs to be made to those effected.

I think in all Cookeville is a very nice and attractive city, the people, the scenery, the road's are a little rough but I'm sure it will all come together, I worked for the city doing seasonal work and my opion I think you got a great crew of guy's working there who gets thing's done (Public Works) so thats why I believe everything will work out, you just need more help. Thank you for choosing me I hope I was helpful in your survey.

[Signed by Survey participant]

Make people clean up their property. Examples: multiple broken down vehicles - dilapidated structure on their property. junk in yards & front porches.

*I was recently looking at a home to buy. I loved the the home. It was older but nice. next door was a run down very old - rusty trailer with a junky yard. I wouldn't take the house if they gave it to me. It's a shame how one or two run down properties can lower the property price and potential.

Also, if you are planning on growth a second high school may be considered. the one we have is overpopulated now. When the budget for city and county schools are done the schools are held hostage for tax increases

budget police and safety first then schools. Hold "fluff" projects for last or never if there isn't enough money

Cookeville is a great town. I have lived here 19 years and my family for the last 200.

Let's keep in that way

I feel I am not qualified to answer 11-17 as I am new to the area but I would like to see more recycling and sidewalks.

also people need to heed red lights here... sometimes it can be very dangerous at intersections.

Bus routes are great if people will use them - maybe need to make service very cheap or even free! This would cut down on the number of cars and road usage.

Bike paths would be a great improvement!

Side walks needed in many places

More open park space and completion of dogwood park would be great.

every one inside city limites should have sewerage

Now is not the appropriate time to plan future city expenditures when we do not know whether the worst impact of the recession is yet to emerge. During this turbulent time in our economy we should insure that the city already has the monies needed for projects projects before planning or beginning projects. the city should be cognizant that its citizens are suffering from the effects of the recession and should not consider asking its citizens for more monies at this time.

Existing streets and roads need repair or updates. More homes are built but roads are not considered for the additional traffic.

I-40 Exit 288 south offers land for sale on east & west sides withing a 2 mile area. Highway 111 is just north of Chattanooga VW plant. We have good access to Nashville & Knoxville so why not go south and and attract new jobs for our community.

I have tried for for 2 years to get the lines painted from holiday church around 2 curves below it on mine lick creek road. There are 2 curves below the church then are 2 curves, one a long one that you can't see the long curve and there is a subdivision at the end of the curve on the left. There is a lot of fog down there & you cannot see any markings especially after dark. I use the road quite a bit and they need to be repainted.

I think you out to make a 1-way by the courthouse now. Traffic is awful around it.

We do not anything on west Cookeville to speak of now. Doctors, buildings, schools and vacant lots. [Indistinguishable word] cars and the rest are parked cars. Some people have lived here 50-6 yrs - including me.

I hope you can read this. I can't write as good as I used to.

Thanks.

A friend of mine is a city employee, he tells me they haven't had a good raise in years. He also said when an employee retires the pay is dne with your 5 best years, so if no one gets a raise before they retire your HAD.

1. Quit building parks and museums
2. Improve Roads
3. Keep taxes low

Keep costs down

Code enforcement in the annexed lands on South Jefferson. Personal properties in South Creek all deplorable. They are overgrown, junkie, and homes stay in unsightly disrepair. There also needs to be a traffic light @ Pigeon Roost Road & South Jefferson. With the new school campus being opened this year, getting off of Pigeon Roost will be more difficult than it already is. During peek hours it takes untold minutes to merge into North Bound South Jefferson.

Lets take control of graffitti. Cover up quickly. Atlanta requires property owners to do this.

I visited towns in E. Tenn for over 2 yrs. - different towns. I am from Tenn. moved to Seattle, Wa 16 yrs ago, I always knew I wanted to return to Tenn. As a senior I wanted to find a clean peaceful place to spend my final days. After many trips to E. Tenn I was on my way back to the airport & stopped in Cookeville. I felt I had found home. After making many trips from Seattle I found my home on Bilbrey Park Dr. 3 yrs. ago.

You propose curbside recycling - you can't even pick up Brush + Leaves.

Statement of goals & objectives is good but an undelying plan to achieve goals & objectives is lacking & mandatory. I see no plan to raise the money to do all these wonderful dreams. We need to bite off one at a time with a plan to achieve same.

I cannot choose between the road improvements, I know that most people will choose to improve an area they DO NOT live in - I do not want streets widened in my area - While Cookeville has its share of traffic problems - I do not want to become an all multiple lanes "small" town. Most of the time traffic is not that bad - just certain days & times of days. I & my family love cookeville however I have watched for years while older structures (and trees, farms, etc.) have been torn down only to construct shanty like retail businesses that look cheap and sit for years and never even fill up. (i.e. - spring street (new const. down from square, the "Mall", K-mart center). I've watched these go up all over town, along with horrible BILLBOARDS sticking in your face everywhere you turn! While there is more shopping than before the stores here are smaller versions so there fore don't carry as much and then don't have what you need when you need it. Housing - Hard to find AFFORDABLE [double underlined] housing - overpriced! and I am tired of everywhere you look there is apartment complexes! I know there is Tech but gee - give us a break with these contractors - I think they are the ones with full pockets!

Thanks for asking!
How much input will these surveys really have on the planning process? I hope more than 20% actually get back to you.

Would love to see a traffic light at E. Stevens St. & Walnut St. also enforce that no "big" Truck down that street.

Instead of parks and sidewalks spend some money on employees and equipment. It is hard to maintain a city this size with junk. And employees are struggling to maintain at home with the pay scale the city operated on. How can you enjoy a million dollar park when you can't buy food.

Will Dogwood Park bring new buisness or create jobs for people to work and support a family? Also look at the recent annexations they will take forever to pay-out if they ever will. The water 7 electric depts pick up more customers more area but did they get any equipment of personal.

The council is a joke they never vote with the majority of the public they vote with the money.

There is a significant need for traffic signals at the Quinland Lake / HWY 111 Junction. the volume of traffic makes turning onto HWY 111 or off of HWY 111 is very hazardous. In addition the bend travelling from the south towrds this junction needs to be eliminated and the road straightend.

I have heard a new parking lot for the library will be built across the street from the library. This is a bad idea. has anyone thought about the danger of crossing the road with young kids? - Plus having to cross the road in bad weather with books? would have been a better use of space to build a new library parking lot, where the land for cotton-eyed joes was converted into a park.

* Make Cookeville Walk friendly. Cookeville needs many[double underlined] sidewalks and bike trails to promote pedestrian walking. Avery trace needs sidewalks from spring down to school.

Public transportation [Both underlined] needed from Cookeville to other cities and states. - TRAINS [underlined]

Bus service should be encouraged[double underlined] in Cookeville.

recycling made easy - (pick-up service)

STRICTER DUI CONVICTIONS AND *PUNISHMENTS (Zero tolerance)

Affordable[underlined] senior housing - assisted living facilities.

I think there are too many pawn shops, billboards make the city look run down and poor. There should be more city services such as walking trails. recycling at curb side this would encourage a healthier life style. It would also be nice to have a bike path. the city is also missing a night life, better shopping, target, Ann Target, Best Buy. The roads also need to be updated to accomodate the traffic flow. the definitely needs to be left hand turn lanes, there seems to be many serious accidents that could be prevented. Cookeville is a well known city in Tennessee and could have so much to more to offer than just a walmart.

City County Project! - * I would like to see more attention and support given to our library downtown. I have lived here since 1976 and the children's library hasn't been expanded much since then. I had my children at the library many times in the past years and was surprised that it was remodeled with interactive stations, computers & more books, staffing etc...

- * Sidewalks & greenways needed
- * Clean-up 70 to the winery
- * More support to small business owners with a "shop locally" campaign.
- * Recruit a Target
- * Tear down old mall and reuse this prime location - work w/ landowner. This the Gateway of our community from I-40

Need to have turning lane on willow between Broad and W 12th.

I have small children so that is obviously my focus. I don't know firsthand the shape/crowding of our civic buildings. I don't know the solution for 10th street but I know something has to be done.

I am absolutely againt widening N. Washington from 1st to 10th. In my opinion the homes in this area are part of the charm, appeal & history of Cookeville. To take away their lawns or homes altogether would be a travisty.

When the park view pool was closed. A large number of families were left with no place to swim. the community Center pool is not designed for small children.

The sidewalk projects seemed to have stopped. Add more side walks. Sidewalks on the south side of 7th are in great need of repair, such as peachtree and walnut.

Fraternity houses around Tech need to provide more & effcient parking for their members.

You are doing a great job! Continue!

The speed limit on Jefferson is too slow!

It's not what you do or don't do, it is who you are in this county!

<p>1. Dogwood Park can wait until our local economy is better. Keep it as a grassy field until then.</p> <p>2. Rails to trails project = BAD IDEA. Wouldn't bring in much \$. Who wants to look at the backside of a trailer while biking down the mountain.</p> <p>3. Business owners need to do a better job keeping their properties looking good. My business is one of the best looking in town. I keep it that way because it says something about who I am and the city as well. Need an incentive for others to do the same.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>
<p>Cookeville limestone is trying to change the zone to move large equipment into the quarry. The homes nearby are being damaged. Some people have health problems & pollution is bad. Please keep this from taking place and ruining the area where its located.</p>
<p>I hate to see the construction of ghetto type apartments allowed in the city. Every Complex needs sufficient size of green space and play area plus a meeting area.</p> <p>The signage allowed in town is an eye sore that visitors often speak negatively on.</p> <p>Certain individuals are always getting approval of boards that normal proposals are refused.</p> <p>I would like to see even greater co-op between city and TTU. The best industry we have is more students. The city should seek ways to improve areas around TTU. We have allowed ghetto type of constructions. This area needs plans for future growth.</p>
<p><u>Cookeville Sucks!!</u> (with underlines underneath)</p> <p>Power lines and billboards are unsightly [<u>underlined</u>] in Cookeville. Too much concentration of business activity in Jackson street area.</p> <p>concerning #12 you do not need to stay the same, but grow as to meet the demand. what I like about living in Cookeville is you have not grown to fast, you are meeting the needs of the people. Cities need to be more conservative with tax dollars not to over spend putting extra burdens on home owners (being times are not so good.)</p> <p>Lookout for people and the people will look-up to you as being conservative and responsible leaders of the community.</p> <p>This will keep businesses growing and coming to Cookeville along with the great college you have. I think Cookeville is a great place to live. Just maintain what you've got and keep it up because, Cookeville is a good place to live.</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>That our city government would keep thier promices that they made to the people.</p> <p>Very difficult for traffic to enter 10th St. from Chocolate Dr. Without being in the line of traffic. Areas of trees or shrubery blocking line of vision when entering some streets.</p>
<p>1. Traffic noise (Semi's, loud mufflers, racing , garbage trucks @ 4:00 a.m. and sheer volume 24/7 are rapidly destroying quiet neighborhoods adjoining Lowe ave. Whole areas are being severely impacted by both noise and air pollution at levels not present in Cookeville previously.</p> <p>2. Animals running loose everywhere - without tags or supervision of any kind. Obviously the laws regarding pet ownership are viewed with a wink and a nod toward enforcement of laws already in place.</p> <p>3. The staff in city hall and county offices are ... unfairly... polite, courteous & helpful - they are short-staffed and underpaid. Both the city council and county commisioners should be ashamed.</p> <p>4. We do not think we should have a city manager running our city, a city manager is not accountable to the people. Bad Idea!</p>
<p>haven't live here that long</p> <p>Older neighborhoods are declining due to existing houses beens used for rental properties for more than 1 family (TTU Kids)</p> <p>Sidewalk from Kenway to Washington along Free Hill Road.</p> <p>I think the city of Cookeville does a great job on most of the work they have to do and I am proud to be living in Cookeville. I have never in the 12 years I have lived here called and asked for anything that it has not been corrected or repaired or worked on in a reasonable amount of time. the complaint I would have if any is traffic - our town is growing faster than we can get our roads ready. 10th street is a mess at 3:00 at life goes on - and if that's all that happens were blessed.</p> <p>Thanks.</p> <p>no projects i.e. bus service or pool, should be initiated when they can't pay for themselves. Yes, they are nice to have, but the cost ALWAYS falls onto the people who do not use those services, usually via more property tax.</p>
<p>Would love to see the bike trail finished</p> <p>N. Washington is residential - I drive this road everyday & pull out onto it during "rush hour". It is not a problem & and does not warrant tearing up a neighborhood so that people can speed even faster down this road. Maybe you should patrol fr speeders more.</p> <p>When is the new downtown park going to be finished? Work on it seems to have stalled.</p> <p>The city should do more to further the construction of the new library.</p> <p>Please do something about all the gang grafitti in the downtown area. It is unattractive & makes it feel unsafe.</p> <p>Give street repair people a new job</p> <p>Provide sewer to every resident in city.</p> <p>Use good sense when a annexing property into the city.</p> <p>Thank you for your wonderful leadership!</p> <p>We love our city - balanced sustainable growth is the key in my opinion.</p>