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## Envision Cookeville 2017 Status Report

### **ENVISION COOKEVILLE 2016**

In December 2015 Cookeville City Council announced the creation of a long range visioning process for the City. **Envision Cookeville** was developed to provide citizens an opportunity to articulate what they value about the municipality and to develop a consensus on a vision for the future. The planning endeavor was designed to be completed in a number of phases.



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### PHASE I IDENTIFYING ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The first phase of the visioning process involved soliciting input from the public regarding five (5) development factors that will affect the future of the City of Cookeville. These development factors were:

- (1) Public Infrastructure;
- (2) Community Facilities and Public Services;
- (3) Community Growth and Development;
- (4) Quality of Life; and
- (5) Natural and Cultural Resources.

Participants were asked to identify issues, opportunities, and concerns for each of these factors. The most frequently identified issues or concerns for each of the five (5) development factors were as follows:



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## PHASE I RESULTS

### **PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Address storm water/flooding/drainage issues
- Expand options for fiber optic, broadband and cable services
- Coordinate street improvements with the placement of overhead powerlines underground
- Build additional bicycle lanes
- Address traffic flow issues
- Increase parking in the downtown area
- Construct new sidewalks/repair existing sidewalks



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## PHASE I RESULTS

### **COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES**

- Keep taxes low
- Build a dog park
- Build a new police station
- Enhance codes enforcement
- Build an aquatics center/water park/pool
- Build a convention/event center
- Provide curb-side recycling



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## PHASE I RESULTS

### **COMMUNITY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

- Develop community branding/marketing/tourism plan
- Protect single family residential areas
- Redevelop old mall area
- Promote redevelopment of dilapidated/deteriorated areas
- Expand retail development
- Promote vibrant downtown district (business and residential)
- Redevelop Fairgrounds property



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## PHASE I RESULTS

### QUALITY OF LIFE

- Restrict number of signs and billboards
- Enhance gateway entrances to the city
- Develop more youth/family/community events
- Increase recreational facilities (parks, sports fields, etc.)
- Develop greenways and trails
- Establish city-wide beautification program
- Place all overhead wire underground (electric, telephone, etc.)



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## PHASE I RESULTS

### **NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

- Promote and develop green spaces
- Develop cultural/visual arts center
- Address homeless issue
- Create pedestrian mall on West Side (Broad Street between Cedar and Walnut)
- Create and promote music, visual and performing arts events
- Preserve waterfalls and natural areas (wetlands, sinkholes, caves, etc.)
- Preserve historic areas and structures



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### PHASE II CITIZEN SURVEY

The next phase of the visioning process was the completion of a random survey of Cookeville residents relative to the findings from the first phase. 500 surveys were distributed to randomly selected households within the corporate limits of Cookeville. A total of 192 surveys were returned, which is a response rate of 38.4 percent.

The 2016 Citizen Survey consisted of six (6) sections. In the first five (5) sections participants were asked to rank from 1 to 7, with 1 being the most important, seven (7) issues under each of the five (5) development factors identified in Phase I. A sixth section asked residents to indicate whether they would be willing to pay additional taxes to address a particular issue.

The results from the 2016 Citizen Survey are presented in the following:

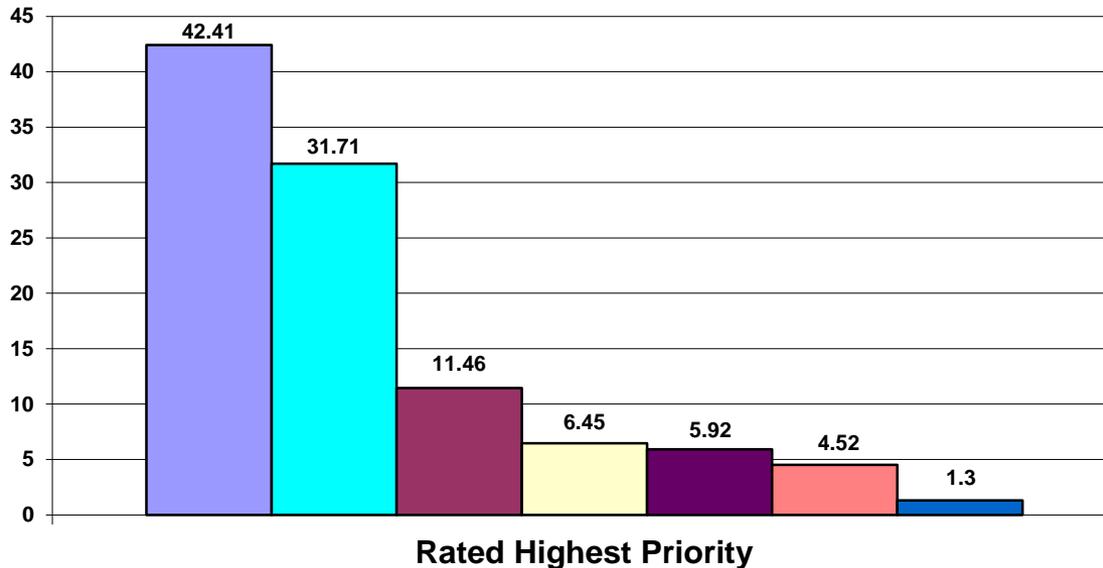


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## PHASE II SURVEY RESULTS

Issues most frequently ranked number one:

### Public Infrastructure



- Traffic Flow
- Stormwater/flooding
- Expand fiber, cable options
- Overhead Powerlines
- New Sidewalks
- Downtown Parking
- Bike Lanes

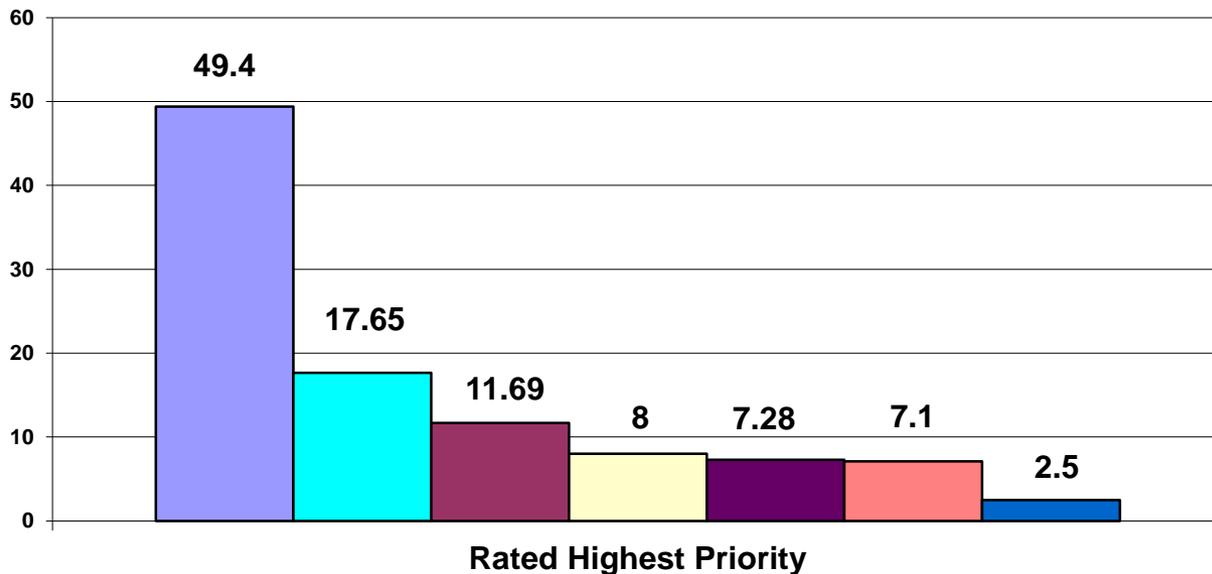


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## PHASE II SURVEY RESULTS

Issues most frequently ranked number one:

### Community Facilities and Public Services



- Keep Taxes Low
- Curb-Side Recycling
- Aquatics Center
- Convention Center
- Codes Enforcement
- Police Station
- Dog Park

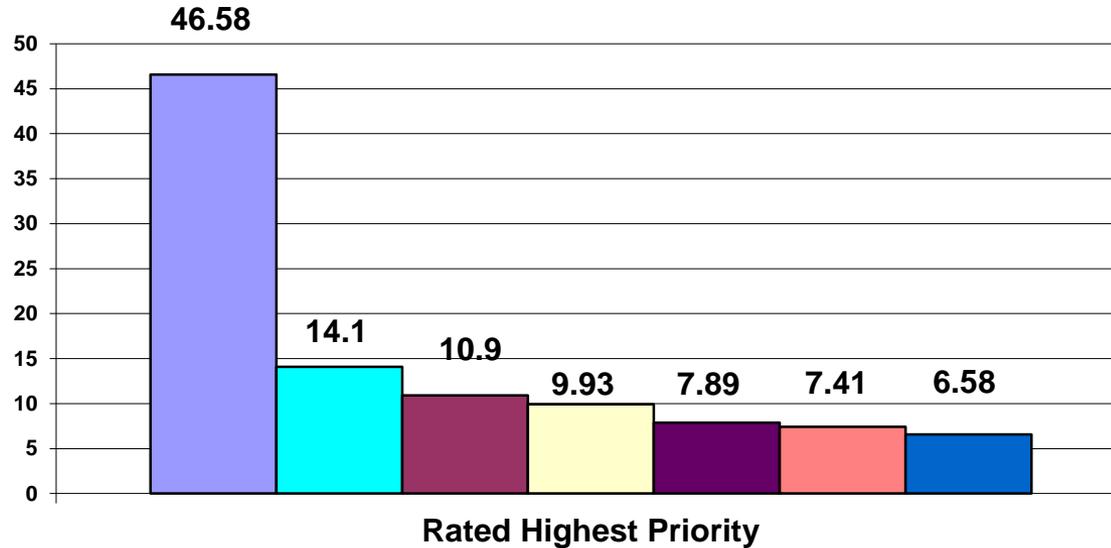


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## PHASE II SURVEY RESULTS

Issues most frequently ranked number one:

### Community Growth and Development



- Protect Single Family
- Redevelopment of Dilapidated Areas
- Redevelop Old Mall
- Vibrant Downtown
- Expand Retail
- Community Branding
- Redevelop Fairgrounds

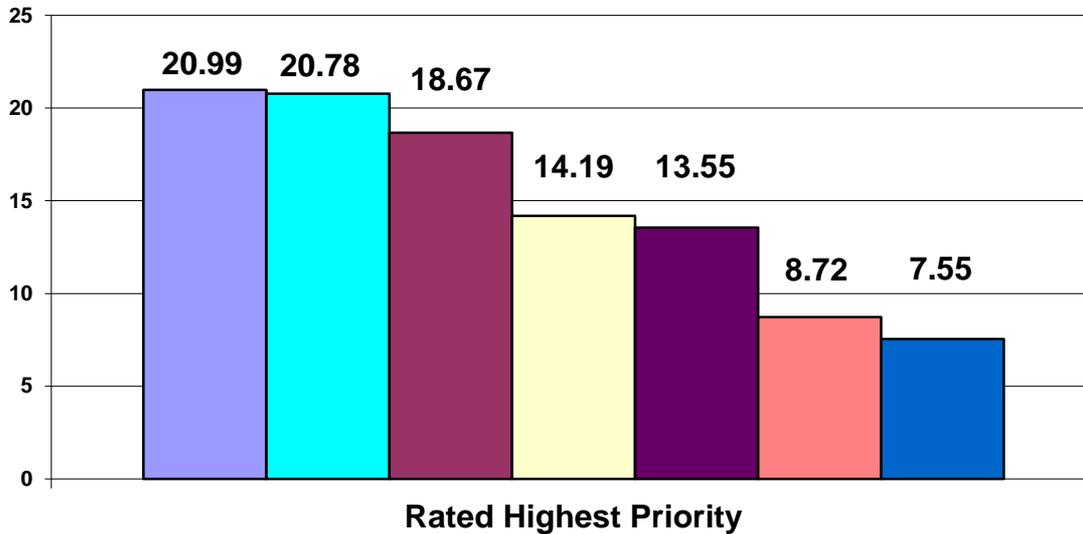


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## PHASE II SURVEY RESULTS

Issues most frequently ranked number one:

### Quality of Life



- Restrict Signs and Billboards
- Place Overhead Wires Underground
- Greenways and Trails
- More Community Events
- City-Wide Beautification Program
- Increase Recreational Facilities
- Enhance City Gateways

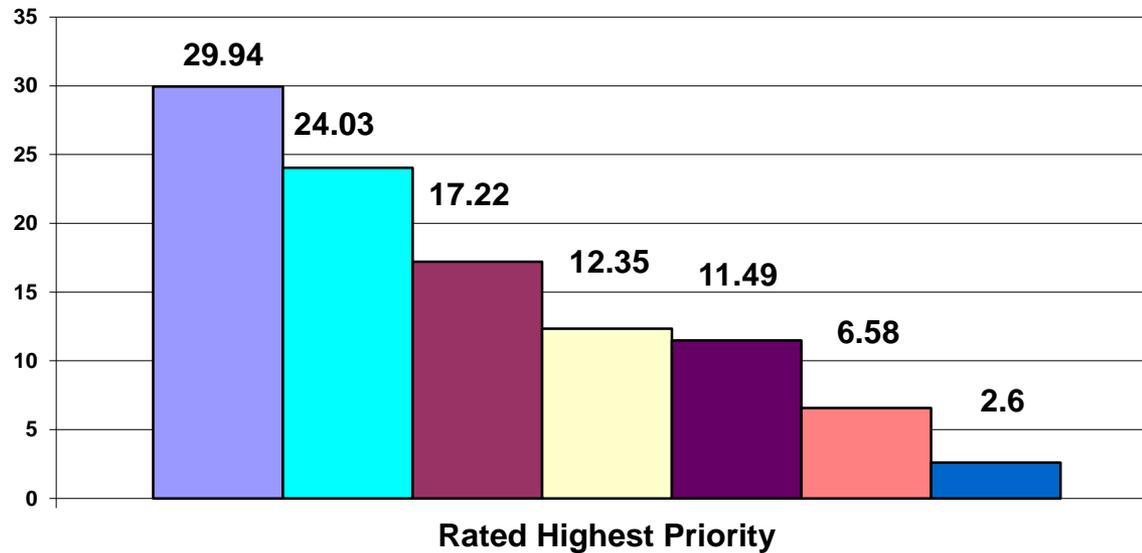


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## PHASE II SURVEY RESULTS

Issues most frequently ranked number one:

### Natural and Cultural Resources



- Homeless Issue
- Preserve Natural Areas
- Preserve Historic Areas
- Develop Green Space
- Create Music Events
- Pedestrian Mall
- Cultural Arts Center



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## PHASE II SURVEY RESULTS

### **Priorities by Weighted Score**

To more accurately determine priorities survey responses were ranked by a weighted score. The weighted score was derived by utilizing a point system based on where a particular issue was ranked by a respondent. Scores were weighted 7 to 1 with a score of 7 points for an issue rated the highest priority down to a score of 1 point for an issue rated as the lowest priority. The total points are then divided by the number of responses to provide the weighted score. For example, if one person rated *address traffic flow issues* as the highest (1) choice, and another placed it as their sixth (6) choice, it results in a total of 9 points (7 points for the highest priority and 2 points for the sixth priority). The average of this choice, or the weighted score, would then be 4.5. Utilizing weighted scores the overall top 15 rated issues are as follows:



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## PHASE II SURVEY RESULTS

Priorities by Weighted Score:

<b>OVERALL ISSUES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Address Traffic Flow Issues	5.61
Keep Taxes Low	5.48
Protect Single Family Residential Areas	5.42
Address Storm Water/Flooding/Drainage Issues	5.23
Promote Redevelopment of Dilapidated/Deteriorated Areas	4.91
Preserve Historic Areas and Structures	4.73
Preserve Waterfalls and Natural Areas	4.61
Develop More Youth/Family/Community Events	4.61
Address Homeless Issue	4.6
Provide Curb-Side Recycling	4.58
Establish City-wide Beautification Program	4.24
Develop Greenways and Trails	4.24
Promote Vibrant Downtown	4.17
Increase Recreational Facilities (Parks, Sports Fields, etc.)	4.08
Build an Aquatics Center/Water Park/Pool	4.04



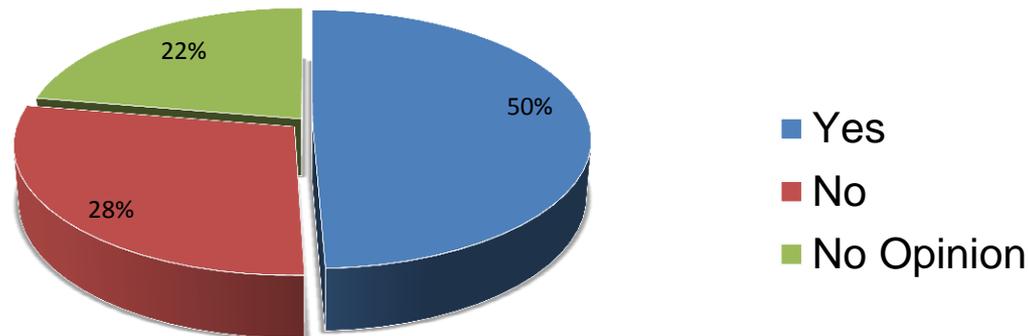
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## PHASE II SURVEY RESULTS

### Additional Taxes

Of the 166 survey participants responding to the question whether they would be willing to pay additional taxes to address a particular issue, 82, or 49.4 percent indicated that they would be willing to pay additional taxes. The number of respondents opposed to paying additional taxes was 47 or 28.3 percent. No opinion was indicated by 37 of the participants (22.3 percent).

### Willing to Pay More Taxes





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### PHASE II SURVEY RESULTS

#### **Ranking of Issues Requiring Public Expenditure**

Survey participants were asked to rank issues that may or may not require the expenditure of public funds. For example the issue of addressing the traffic flow will likely require the use of tax dollars to complete street improvements, etc. while addressing the issue of protecting single family residential areas would more likely involve the adoption of policies or regulations. To assist with potential budgeting, the highest ranked issues likely to require the expenditure of public funds are as follows:



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## PHASE II SURVEY RESULTS

### Ranking of Issues Requiring Public Expenditure

<b>ISSUES REQUIRING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Address Traffic Flow Issues	5.61
Address Storm Water/Flooding/Drainage Issues	5.23
Provide Curb-Side Recycling	4.58
Develop Greenways and Trails	4.24
Increase Recreational Facilities (Parks, Sports Fields, etc.)	4.08
Build an Aquatics Center/Water Park/Pool	4.04
Place All Overhead Wire Underground	3.96
Build a New Police Station	3.95
Construct New Sidewalks/Repair Existing Sidewalks	3.89



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

# STATUS REPORT UPDATES



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### **PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **1. Address traffic flow issues**

*Progress report:*

TDOT Transportation planning grant received in 2016 to complete a traffic flow and traffic signal synchronization study. The study is to be completed by fall of 2017.

#### **2. Address storm water/flooding/drainage issues**

*Progress report:*

Stormwater regulations/ordinance revised in 2016/17 to address pre-existing sites and to lower applicability from 10k to 5k square feet in efforts to mitigate flooding.

#### **3. Expand fiber, cable options**

*Progress report:*

Meetings with a local telecommunications provider have been held in 2017 regarding the expansion of fiber service in the corporate limits.



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### **PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE (continued)**

#### **4. Placement of overhead powerlines underground**

*Progress report :*

Underground utilities are required for all new subdivisions requiring street construction; Cookeville Electric currently has 220 miles of underground conductor. However; CED also has in excess of 350 miles of pre-existing overhead line. Unable to complete underground placement for all lines at this time as it is very cost prohibitive to replace existing overhead lines to underground. This would place a financial burden on Cookeville Electric and the rate payers, along with the current communication providers that have lines on existing CED poles.

#### **5. Construct new sidewalks/repair existing sidewalks**

*Progress report:*

Utilizing STP funds and TDOT Multi-modal Access Grant to construct approximately 3.1 miles of new sidewalks along East Spring Street and Interstate Drive. The Public Works Department completes repairs to hundreds of feet of existing sidewalks every year.



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### **PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE (continued)**

#### **6. Increase Parking in Downtown Area**

*Progress report:*

Downtown parking study initiated and completed in 2016, downtown parking utilization study will be completed in summer of 2017. In addition the City of Cookeville is considering the acquisition and/or leasing of properties in the CBD for the purpose of providing more public parking.

#### **7. Bike Lanes**

*Progress report:*

The Cookeville Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation Plan identified the need for 53.2 miles of bike lanes and an additional 24.2 miles of bike routes within the Cookeville Urban Growth Boundary. The provision of these facilities is dependent upon funding availability.



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES

#### 1. **Keep Taxes Low**

*Progress report:*

The City of Cookeville Property Tax rate has not been increased since 2012. In 2016 the city tax rate was reduced from \$0.90 to \$0.84 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

#### 2. **Provide curb-side recycling**

*Progress report:*

Pilot curb-side recycling project in select neighborhoods is currently being considered to determine if curb-side recycling is feasible. Questionnaire to select the potential neighborhood for the proposed Pilot project has been prepared. A private company currently provides curb-side recycling to residents in the city for a set monthly fee.

#### 3. **Build an aquatics center/water park/pool**

*Progress report:*

This facility was included in the Leisure Services' Master Land Use Plan. A location for a Family Aquatics Center has been identified in Cane Creek Park. Long term budget planning will be necessary due to the cost and scope of the project.



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<b><u>CITY OF COOKEVILLE, TENNESSEE</u></b>				
<b><u>SCHEDULE OF TAX RATES AND ASSESSMENTS</u></b>				
<b><u>JUNE 30, 2016</u></b>				
	<b><u>Tax Year</u></b>	<b><u>Tax rate</u></b>	<b><u>Assessed Value</u></b>	
	2016	.84 per 100	822,493,881	
	2015	.90 per 100	745,993,796	
	2014	.90 per 100	738,211,161	
	2013	.90 per 100	718,327,143	
	2012	.90 per 100	699,534,122	
	2011	.85 per 100	691,237,550	
	2010	.87 per 100	659,223,510	
	2009	.87 per 100	656,978,714	
	2008	.87 per 100	640,260,446	
	2007	.79 per 100	619,049,296	
	2006	.79 per 100	605,586,006	
	2005	.88 per 100	520,822,737	
	2004	.88 per 100	510,293,044	

## 2016 Property Tax Rates

### Municipal Tax Rates/ Cities > 14,500 population

County	City	Special Dist	County Rate	City Rate	Sp. Dist. Rate	Total	Population	City School
FRANKLIN	TULLAHOMA		\$2.36	\$2.61		\$4.97	18,655	yes
ANDERSON	OAK RIDGE		\$2.59	\$2.52		\$5.11	29,330	yes
DYER	DYERSBURG		\$2.65	\$2.37		\$5.02	17,145	
HAMILTON	CHATTANOOGA		\$2.77	\$2.31		\$5.07	167,674	no
SULLIVAN	BRISTOL		\$2.58	\$2.25		\$4.83	26,702	yes
GREENE	GREENEVILLE		\$1.66	\$2.22		\$3.88	15,062	yes
BLOUNT	MARYVILLE		\$2.47	\$2.17		\$4.64	27,465	yes
SULLIVAN	KINGSPORT		\$2.58	\$2.07		\$4.65	48,205	yes
HAWKINS	KINGSPORT		\$2.53	\$2.01		\$4.54	48,205	yes
MADISON	JACKSON		\$2.15	\$1.96		\$4.11	65,211	no
SHELBY	GERMANTOWN		\$4.37	\$1.93		\$6.30	38,844	no
SULLIVAN	JOHNSON CITY		\$2.58	\$1.89		\$4.47	63,152	yes
WASHINGTON	JOHNSON CITY		\$2.38	\$1.87		\$4.25	63,152	yes
CARTER	JOHNSON CITY		\$2.45	\$1.83		\$4.28	63,152	yes
SHELBY	COLLIERVILLE		\$4.37	\$1.78		\$6.15	43,965	no
BEDFORD	SHELBYVILLE		\$2.52	\$1.77		\$4.29	20,335	no
BRADLEY	CLEVELAND		\$1.87	\$1.77		\$3.64	41,285	yes
SHELBY	BARTLETT		\$4.37	\$1.62		\$5.99	54,613	no
MAURY	COLUMBIA		\$2.82	\$1.44		\$4.26	34,681	no
HAMILTON	EAST RIDGE		\$2.77	\$1.42		\$4.19	20,979	no
MONTGOMERY	CLARKSVILLE		\$3.07	\$1.24		\$4.31	132,929	no
RUTHERFORD	MURFREESBORO		\$2.68	\$1.21		\$3.89	108,755	yes
HAMBLÉN	MORRISTOWN		\$1.76	\$1.20		\$2.96	29,137	no
JEFFERSON	MORRISTOWN		\$2.35	\$1.20		\$3.55	29,137	no
ROBERTSON	SPRINGFIELD		\$3.09	\$1.20		\$4.29	16,440	no
SUMNER	GALLATIN		\$2.50	\$0.99		\$3.49	30,278	no
RUTHERFORD	LaVERGNE		\$2.68	\$0.95		\$3.63	32,588	no
DAVIDSON	GOODLETTSVILLE		\$3.92	\$0.90		\$4.83	15,921	no
SUMNER	GOODLETTSVILLE		\$2.50	\$0.90		\$3.40	15,921	no
RUTHERFORD	SMYRNA		\$2.68	\$0.88		\$3.56	39,974	no
PUTNAM	COOKEVILLE		\$2.73	\$0.84		\$3.57	30,435	no
SUMNER	HENDERSONVILLE		\$2.50	\$0.76		\$3.26	51,372	no
WILSON	LEBANON	LEBANON SSD	\$2.52	\$0.61	\$0.38	\$3.51	26,190	no
MAURY	SPRING HILL		\$2.82	\$0.59		\$3.41	29,036	no
WILLIAMSON	SPRING HILL		\$2.04	\$0.54		\$2.58	29,036	no
SEVIER	SEVIERVILLE		\$1.86	\$0.50		\$2.36	14,807	no
WILLIAMSON	FRANKLIN		\$2.04	\$0.42		\$2.46	62,487	no
WILLIAMSON	FRANKLIN	FRANKLIN SSD	\$1.85	\$0.42	\$0.83	\$3.10	62,487	no
WILLIAMSON	BRENTWOOD		\$2.10	\$0.36		\$2.46	37,060	no
WILSON	MT. JULIET		\$2.52	\$0.17		\$2.69	23,671	no



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### **COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES (continued)**

#### **4. Convention Center**

*Progress report:*

Private developers continue to pursue the development of a convention center/hotel in the Cookeville CBD. Preliminary plans for the facility have been reviewed by the Planning and Public Works Departments.

#### **5. Enhance codes enforcement**

*Progress report:*

The Codes Department is being more proactive in enforcing code by finding violations before they are reported by citizens. In some instances violators are being cited to City Court. Please note, City Court is used as a last resort to correct the code violation.



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### **COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES (continued)**

#### **6. Build a new police station**

*Progress report:*

A Needs assessment has been completed and presented to City Council. The assessment was also presented in a “town hall” style meeting to the public in November 2016. Currently engaged in a land search for the proposed facility.

#### **7. Build a dog park**

*Progress report:*

The Leisure Services’ Master Land Use Plan identified a potential location for a dog park in Cane Creek Park. Research is currently being done on costs as well as evaluating other dog park operations and potential obstacles and challenges for the identified site. The development of a dog park will be included during the FY17-18 budget request. Access is currently available to the Roger & Marion Moore Dog Park with a membership fee, located at the P.E.T. Care Campus.



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### **COMMUNITY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

#### **1. Protect Single Family**

*Progress report:*

Protection of single family residential properties is a high priority for the City of Cookeville. This protection is primarily provided through the enforcement of the Cookeville Zoning Code.

#### **2. Redevelopment of Dilapidated Areas**

*Progress report:*

The Cookeville 2030 Plan identifies several areas in the city in need of redevelopment/revitalization. Amendments to the Zoning Code, such as the establishment of the RAO overlay district, have been adopted to promote and incentivize redevelopment of dilapidated areas.

#### **3. Redevelopment of Old Mall**

*Progress report:*

While the City of Cookeville supports and encourages redevelopment of the Cookeville Mall property located on Neal Street, it is privately owned which limits the city's direct involvement.



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### **COMMUNITY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)**

#### **4. Promote Vibrant Downtown District**

*Progress report:*

Approved closure of alleys in 2017 for development of hotel/convention center. Many events and opportunities for citizens and visitors are available in the downtown area, including CPAC, Slide Cookeville, Fall Funfest, and numerous concerts and activities in Dogwood Park. The recent announcement of SAIC to locate in the CBD will have a major vibrant impact on the downtown area.

#### **5. Expand Retail Development**

*Progress report:*

It is anticipated that construction of the Shoppes at Eagle Point will begin in fall of 2017. The Planning, Codes and Public Works Departments have met with several developers in 2017 regarding other large retail developments.



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### **COMMUNITY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)**

#### **6. Community Branding**

*Progress report:*

The Cookeville Visitors Bureau along with the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce have worked to establish branding for our community.

#### **7. Redevelopment of Fairgrounds**

*Progress report:*

The Fairgrounds are owned by Putnam County and there have been recent discussions by the County Commission regarding selling the property for redevelopment.



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### QUALITY OF LIFE

#### 1. Restrict Signs and Billboards

*Progress report:*

Signs and billboards are regulated through the Cookeville Zoning Code. This Code caps the maximum number of billboards that may be located within the city at 121.

#### 2. Place Overhead Wires Underground

*Progress report:*

Underground utilities are required for all new subdivisions and for all new commercial and industrial developments.

#### 3. Develop greenways and trails

*Progress report:*

The Cane Creek Mountain Bike trail is a new addition to Cane Creek park amenities. Cane Creek Park continues to accommodate many on the scenic trail around the lake, providing an outlet for walking, running or biking around the park. The city also completed and opened the 4+ mile Rail Trail that extends from the Depot Museum in downtown Cookeville to the park in Algood.



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### **QUALITY OF LIFE (continued)**

#### **4. Develop more youth/family/community events**

*Progress report:*

Leisure Services currently offers 23 annual special events that are considered family friendly, 17 of which are free. The events include everything from festivals to historical discovery, to entertainment, to youth specific. Current listings of events are available through the department's website. In addition, Leisure Services partners with other organizations to provide community wide events such as an Easter Egg Hunt, Fall Funfest, Slide Cookeville and many more.

Leisure Services staff are researching other communities to identify potential family-friendly special events that should be considered as possible additions to and/or replacements of their current offerings.



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### **QUALITY OF LIFE (continued)**

#### **5. City-wide Beautification Program**

*Progress report:*

The Cookeville Zoning Code requires landscaping for all new commercial and industrial developments. An Urban Forester was hired by the City in 2017 to work with residents, developers and community organizations. Gateway beautification projects were completed in 2016 and additional areas are being considered for future projects.

#### **6. Increase recreational facilities (parks, sports fields, etc.)**

*Progress Report:*

A \$400,000 grant award was received to design and construct a skateboard park at the former Park View Pool location- currently awaiting a grant contract, expecting a firm selection and the design process in the spring of 2017. The Heart of the City playground was opened in 2016.



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### **QUALITY OF LIFE (continued)**

#### **7. Enhance City Gateways**

*Progress report:*

Small areas of landscaping were completed along I-40 at exits 286 and 287. Meetings held with TDOT regarding enhancing other areas. The Community Appearance Committee headed by the Chamber of Commerce has developed plans and identified the challenges of gateway improvements. Most of our gateways are along state highways where the City has limited control.



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### **NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

#### **1. Homeless Issue**

##### *Progress Report:*

City officials, in 2016 and 2017, have met with numerous advocates for the homeless to develop means to address the issue. A Community Benevolence committee made up of numerous organizations and places of worship was established and continues to meet monthly at City Hall in an effort to provide resources.

#### **2. Preserve waterfalls and Natural areas**

##### *Progress Report:*

Leisure Services maintains two designated "Natural Areas", City Lake and Ensor Sink, and a third undesignated natural park- Capshaw. A study of the water quality, aquatic life and natural degradation of the City Lake Natural Area should be completed in fall of 2017. A task force has been formed of representatives from the Save our City Lake organization, USGS, TWRA, TDEC TTU Department of Biology, and the TTU Water Center to study and recommend options for the future of City Lake. The City assisted with funding for the establishment of the Cummins Falls State Park and supported the 2017 establishment of the Window Cliffs State Natural Area.



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### **NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES (continued)**

#### **3. Preserve Historic Areas**

*Progress Report:*

The City of Cookeville has three (3) official Historic Districts: North Dixie, East Broad/Freeze Street and the Cream City Historic District. The Cookeville Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) is evaluating having these districts placed on the National Register. The HZC supports the establishment of additional Historic Districts in the City.

#### **4. Promote and develop green spaces**

*Progress Report:*

Included in the Cane Creek Park Master Land Use Plan is the identification of adjacent property (this is green space that is currently used as pasture) that could be acquired and added to the park. Staff has engaged in discussions with the property owner for their desires and to request a purchase price. In conjunction with TWRA, USFWS and Putnam County Master Gardners, we have identified approximately four acres of land within Cane Creek Park to preserve as pollinator fields. The native grasses and wildflower fields will attract bees, butterflies, and other pollinators in our area, helping to protect our environment and local agricultural systems while utilizing currently unused areas of the park.



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### **NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES (continued)**

#### **5. Create and promote music, visual and performing arts events**

*Progress Report:*

Numerous music and performing arts events are presented at the Cookeville Performing Arts Center and Dogwood Park Pavilion. Leisure Services facilities are in use over 300 days per year, (some of which are rehearsals and not open performances) More input is sought from the public as to the type and number of musical, visual and performing arts that would be most appealing and would satisfy the intent of this recommendation, or if additional promotion or better ways of disseminating information on the current offerings is needed.

#### **6. Pedestrian Mall**

*Progress Report:*

There are no present plans to address this issue which would involve the closure of portions of Broad Street.



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## PHASE III IMPLEMENTATION

### **NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES (continued)**

#### **7. Develop Cultural/Visual Arts Center**

##### *Progress Report.*

Will require extensive future planning, recognized as a major expense item that will require future budgeting, as well as property acquisition or designation of existing property or facilities.



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# Questions?