

Imagine Bloomington

Workshop Ten 04/04/2012: Templeton Elementary School Survey Comments

Total Attendance: 15

Question 1: Relationship to Bloomington

Local	12
Visitor	0
Transplant	3
Commuter	0
Personal	0

Question 2: Demographics

Pre-Baby Boomer	2
Baby Boomer	8
Generation X	4
Generation Y	1
Personal	0

Question 3: Describe themes and phrases about Bloomington TODAY (running list)

- convenient
- stimulating
- civic participation valued
- appreciates beauty
- complacent at times
- thoughtful
- progressive
- sometimes in denial about problems - poverty
- usually far-sighted
- sometimes a little arrogant or intolerant
- welcoming to diversity
- environmentally aware and active
- artistically enriching
- socially invested for care of citizens
- opportunity
- Bloomington is a small town with big city features
- Bloomington is growing

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- Bloomington is friendly and open
- Bloomington offers a lot culturally
- Bloomington is welcoming
- investing in the future
- arts are a priority
- trails important to community
- alternative transportation important to community
- growing business climate
- naturally beautiful
- intellectually vibrant
- boldly innovative
- divided
- confused
- progressive mid-sized city
- health conscious friendly
- healthy
- forward thinking
- trendy
- active
- involved
- generally good hearted
- somewhat in denial about income disparities
- easy to get around - you live near downtown
- oasis
- cultural
- democratic
- growing
- defy
- not sufficiently conservation minded
- community oriented
- walkable
- lots of trees
- lots of entertainment
- family oriented
- university town
- high quality of life
- walkable
- I love the B-line
- awesome place to live
- gay friendly
- good music scene
- expensive housing
- a city with it's priorities in the right place

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- effortless place to raise children
- vibrant
- active community
- politically progressive
- health conscious
- poverty is too invisible
- awesome public library
- active farmers market
- downtown surrounding neighborhoods are nice for walking
- trees
- active but also often inefficient private welfare sector
- oasis
- cool
- college town
- progressive

Question 4: Describe themes and phrases to CHANGE about Bloomington (running list)

- limit sprawl
- promote localism in all ways
- sustain people in place
- break down silos
- reduce auto dependency
- more green space
- more creative ideas and collaborations - economic development
- more affordable performance venues for artists
- more effective productive town-gown collaboration
- good coordination partnering with county government about services development programs
- more town and IU collaboration - bus routes
- refurbish neighborhoods by limiting rentals
- enforce rental property - owner values for upkeep of property
- less roadwork
- better timing
- taking care of what we have instead of more new buildings
- change how much rental property can be occupied by IU students
- more bus routes
- transportation flexibility - Sunday
- less road work
- better education for all
- more real exciting opportunities for low income kids
- stop I69
- IU freshman stay on campus

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- not having neighborhoods between bars and housing
- being able to address graffiti
- more community policing
- openness which neither prohibits nor promotes lifestyles
- planning which takes into account the funding streams required
- responsible use of the statistics gathered in public forums
- higher urban density as a means of sustainability
- more affordable accessible housing
- better accessible transportation options age in place community for a lifetime designation
- affordable transportation options for older adults
- more service jobs outside IU and Cook
- more recognition of importance of historic preservation
- a better local newspaper
- better planning
- less auto-dependent
- better schools
- less development
- more green
- conservation of energy solar energy
- opportunities for jobs for all skills
- conservation of water
- support for entrepreneurs in alternative energy
- additional bike lanes
- dedicated bike infrastructure
- separated bike lanes from road
- downtown economic growth
- infill development
- more alternative energy
- more useable bus system
- focus on core neighborhoods for food production
- funding for community gardens
- an increase in sustainability practices especially in the parks and recreation department
- better public transit options - non-fossil fuel
- more new retro-fitted greenhouse eco-building
- see clearly and address issues of poverty
- more home ownership
- political tolerance
- bipartisan projects
- skateboarders with safety equipment
- more bike and walking paths
- pedestrian-friendly intersections

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- improve public education system
- less motor vehicle speeding
- more affordable housing
- less student-dominated areas of the city
- fewer one-way streets
- better network of bikeways

Question 5: Overall feelings about Bloomington TODAY on a 1 (negative) to 10 (positive) scale

Average rating: 8.5 (low = 5, high = 10)

Question 6: Overall feelings about Bloomington's FUTURE on a 1 (negative) to 10 (positive) scale

Average rating: 8.3 (low = 5, high = 10)