

# Imagine Bloomington

ImagineBloomington Workshop 10: Templeton Elementary School (4/4/2012)

## Group Notes

### Bloomington “Today” Items:

- University town
- College town (IU)
- Arts and culture
- Naturally beautiful
- Divided
- “Cool”
- Econ favorable
- High quality of life
- B-Line
- Alt. Trans
- Oasis
- Vibrant
- Walkable
- Progressive
- Trendy
- Oasis
- Community-orientated/active & involved
- Stimulating
- Democratic
- Convenient
- Pedestrian
- Liveable
- Thoughtful
- Complacent – at times
- Sometimes in denial (re: problems/income-disparity/class seg.)

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- Segregated
- Welcoming to diversity
- Gay friendly
- Music
- Artistically enriching
- Vibrant
- Effortless place to raise children
- Politically progressive
- Progressive
- Health conscious
- Healthy
- Forward thinking
- Socially invested in its citizens – priorities in right place
- Expensive housing
- Poverty too invisible
- Environmentally aware and active
- Opportunity
- Small town w/big city features
- Growing
- Friendly, open, welcoming
- Cultural affairs
- Awesome place to live

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## **Bloomington “Tomorrow” Items:**

- More useable bus system – more routes – IU/Town
- Focus on core neighborhoods for food production – comm. gardens
- ↑ in sustainability esp. P + Rec
- Better public transit options – Not fossil fuels
- More new and retro-fitting house – eco-fitting – refurbish
- More affordable access – housing
- Better access – transportation (pedi cabs)
- Ability to ‘Age in Place’ – be able to stay in home – walkability – pedestrian - bus, etc.
- Community for a Lifetime designation
- Affordable transportation for older adults
- See and address poverty
- More homeownership
- Political tolerance and bi-partisan projects
- Safe skateboarders
- # of rentals by IU students
- Less roadwork
- Better ed for all
- More real exciting opportunity for low-income kids
- Upkeep of rental property
- Accessible and affordable rentals for older citizens & DD
- Energy
- Alt. energy - ↑ emphasis
- ↑ conservation
- Less sprawl
- Promote blending localism in all ways – agriculture, arts, industry, incentivize local in all sectors
- Better local newspaper
- More inclusive decision-making in Econ. Development
- Redefine growth and prosperity – include re-develop infill – history
- Sust. Of all resources – money, water, etc.
- Collaboration
- Inclusivity
- City-County coordination
- Cons – Pres – Sust
- Additional bike lanes (infrastructure)
- Less vehicle speeding
- Openness which neither prohibits nor promotes lifestyles
- Community policing
- Safety

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- Higher density as a means of sustainability/prevent urban sprawl
- Less student concentration
- Downtown economic growth
- Responsible use of statistics
- Planning taking account funding sources – “who pays”
- More affordable housing
- Fewer 1-way St