

# Imagine Bloomington

## Workshop Ten 04/21/2012: Bell Trace Survey Comments

**Total Attendance: 17**

### **Question 1: Relationship to Bloomington**

Local	10
Visitor	0
Transplant	7
Commuter	0
Personal	0

### **Question 2: Demographics**

Pre-Baby Boomer	10
Baby Boomer	5
Generation X	2
Generation Y	0
Personal	0

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

hard to drive places great cultural and community events ahead of the curve in many aspects I like the bike-paths and trails transitioning home diverse stratified detached from region lively caring fairly good urban scale walkable not good enough in being elder-supportive lively crowded streets beautiful full of the arts liberal friendly more progressive than most Midwest cities unpretentious only a little bigger than I'd like recycling potential for leadership intelligent planning hopeful progressives shared vision nascent recycling programs no future zoning no visible banks no underground too many cars for students no recycling conveyors yet a utopia in the heart of the country community driven civically minded a quirky place segregated by age and economics environmental conscience culturally revolving congested busy active engaged inclusive green parks and farmers market public transit available for handicapped lively lively culture home of nobleists community benefits full of energy and enthusiasm beautiful IU campus good town and gown connections not accessible to everyone growing awareness and appreciation of all the arts college town very friendly a mix of culture progressive arts community lots to do one political party liberal student-driven activities vital-forward thinking very political a divided town exhibits growing pains poor neighborhood conditions trash thrown out wherever vibrant lots of things to do but you can't get there bus quits on Saturday early nothing on Sunday vibrant lots to do beautiful intellectual environment too many large apartment complexes

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

all ages downtown less restrictive zoning housing patterns 3 unrelated in a house definition of neighborhoods inclusive vs. exclusive comprehensive view of seniors over 60 flexible transportation better traffic flow reduce poverty more visionary more active leadership self reliance inclusive elder-supportive co-housing for the elderly and others more seats around town and area for walkers downtown senior living room cafe center more urban agriculture and edible ornamentals parking problems more access to arts for more people better pay for school teachers more public participation in local government eliminate laws creating victimless crimes move enforcing above laws (victimless) to lowest priority not many things I feel a pressing need to change better recycling establish a firm system for city-wide recycling management appropriate use of streets vehicle restrictions increased bike ped infrastructure more collaboration between town-gown improved social safety net become the regional leader in sustainable initiatives best practices remove zoning substitute separation strategy no visible banks more underground everything no cars for students recycling conveyors more places for older adults to socially congregate be actively engaged and creatively inspired a place where you see all ages living and playing together more corner grocery stores improve traffic flow make pedestrians safer protect trees on public routes prevent sprawl remodel and protect older buildings reduce speed on curving roads one or more gerontologists serving Bloomington more depending on alternative transportation fewer cars more walking biking etc. to be able to see stars self sufficient neighborhoods students housed on campus more sidewalks busses on Sunday cheaper movies within walking distance family care more emphasis on elders Bloomington is a great place to retire provide better transportation in neighborhoods have buses go into neighborhoods provide more emphasis on co-operative living enable the elderly to attend classes at IU at reduced prices or even free use neighborhood school where the elderly could get lunch get exercise east-west traffic patterns better bus routing larger area covered better intermingling of east-west residents more open campus reasonable parking prices more benches transportation access more shade on streets more sidewalks in outer area a real community calendar posted all organizations contribute a center where you can have all in one like Canada has child care while you swim visit friends better shopping opportunities especially clothing stores for women no more apartments more facilities programs for older people need better transportation for elderly more programs for middle-age people especially exercise facilities and opportunities that are low-cost make library safer cleaner outside

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

Average rating: 7.5 (low = 5, high = 10)

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

Average rating: 7.9 (low = 5, high = 10)