



City of Lawrence
Douglas County
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



Horizon 2020 Steering Committee
City Commission Room
4:00 – 6:00pm
August 25, 2014

AGENDA

- 1) Approve August 11, 2014 Meeting Notes**
- 2) Presentation by Planning Staff on Open House Survey Results**
 - a. Discussion on Public Input Analysis Report**
 - b. Revisit of [ETC Survey](#) Data**
- 3) Receive Staff Memo regarding Forums and provide direction**

**Horizon 2020 Steering Committee
August 11, 2014
Meeting Notes**

Members Present: Comm. Thellman, Comm. Amyx, Lisa Harris, Stan Rasmussen, Kyra Martinez, Clay Britton, Bill Ackerly, Charlie Bryan (ex officio)

Members Absent: John Gascon, Scott Zarembo, Dr. Rick Doll

Staff Present: Scott McCullough, Jeff Crick, Dave Corliss, Mike Lawless, Todd Girdler

Others Present: Several members of the public were present.

Amyx welcomed everyone.

The meeting notes from the July 28, 2014 meeting were discussed. Motioned by Harris and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the July 28, 2014 notes. Motion passed 5-0-1. Britton abstained because he was not present at the meeting.

(Bill Ackerly and Charlie Bryan joined the meeting)

Mike Lawless, Deputy Director of Utilities gave a presentation to the group regarding Water and Wastewater Master Plans.

Todd Girdler, Senior Transportation Planner gave a presentation to the group regarding Transportation issues.

Motioned by Rasmussen and seconded by Thellman to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

Comprehensive Plan Update



Open House Survey Results



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Locations

Lawrence High School

April 16, 2014

Lawrence City Hall

April 29, 2014

Lecompton Community Building

May 7, 2014

Lawrence Aquatics Center

May 29, 2014

Baldwin City: Lumberyard Arts Center

June 4, 2014

Eudora Recreation Center

June 19, 2014

Douglas County Courthouse

June 30, 2014

Douglas County Fairgrounds

July 16, 2014



Responses

Paper

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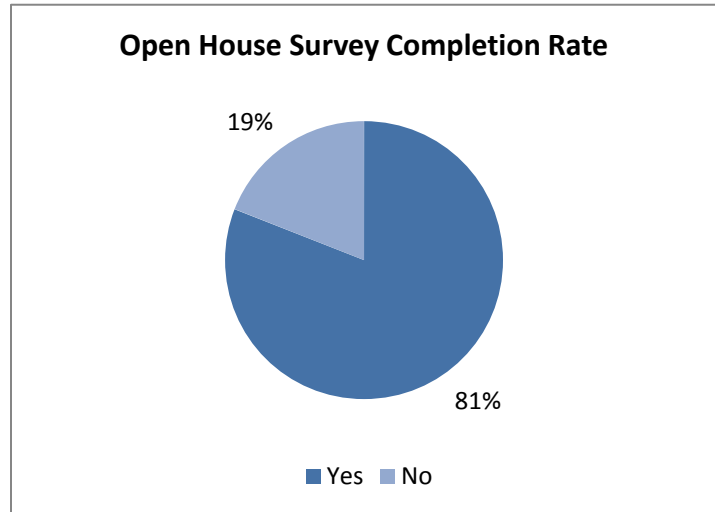
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Executive Summary

Overview

From April to July 2014, the Horizon 2020 Steering Committee and the Lawrence – Douglas County Planning staff conducted a series of Open House forums throughout the county. Additionally, the survey that was provided at the Open House forums was made available online from May 28th to August 1st. This Open House Survey was not made available online at the same time as the ETC Survey to eliminate conflicts with obtaining responses for the ETC Survey.

The Open House Survey was designed to obtain more open-ended responses, and to provide the community a space to write-in their ideas, concepts, and thoughts about the future of Lawrence and Douglas County. An addendum was specifically added for meetings that were outside of the City of Lawrence to specifically gain deeper insights and comments about unincorporated Douglas County.



Major Findings

Overall, the results from the Open House Survey and the ETC Survey are very similar in their findings. Some of the major topics from the Open House Survey include:

- Jobs & creating employment opportunities
- Maintaining agriculture & farming in rural Douglas County
- Managing future urban growth
- Protection of natural resources
- Safety of Pedestrians and Bicyclists throughout the community
- Sidewalks & Walking Trails
- Stability of Downtown Lawrence

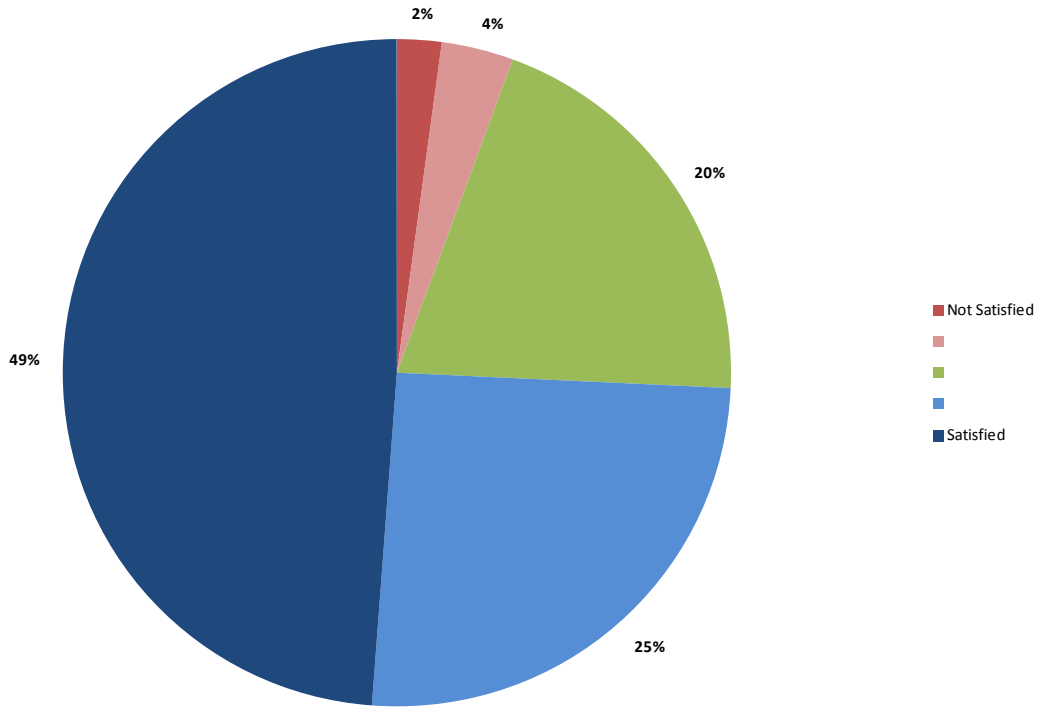
Appendix

1. Open House Results Graphs
2. Open House Survey Responses
3. Survey Instrument & Survey Boards

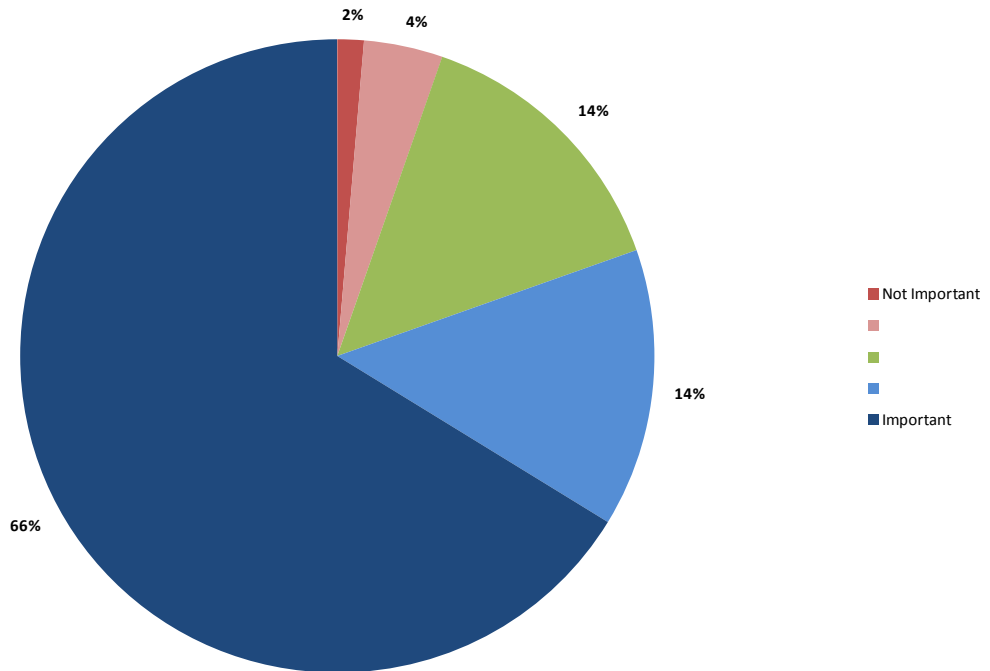
1. Open House Results Graphs

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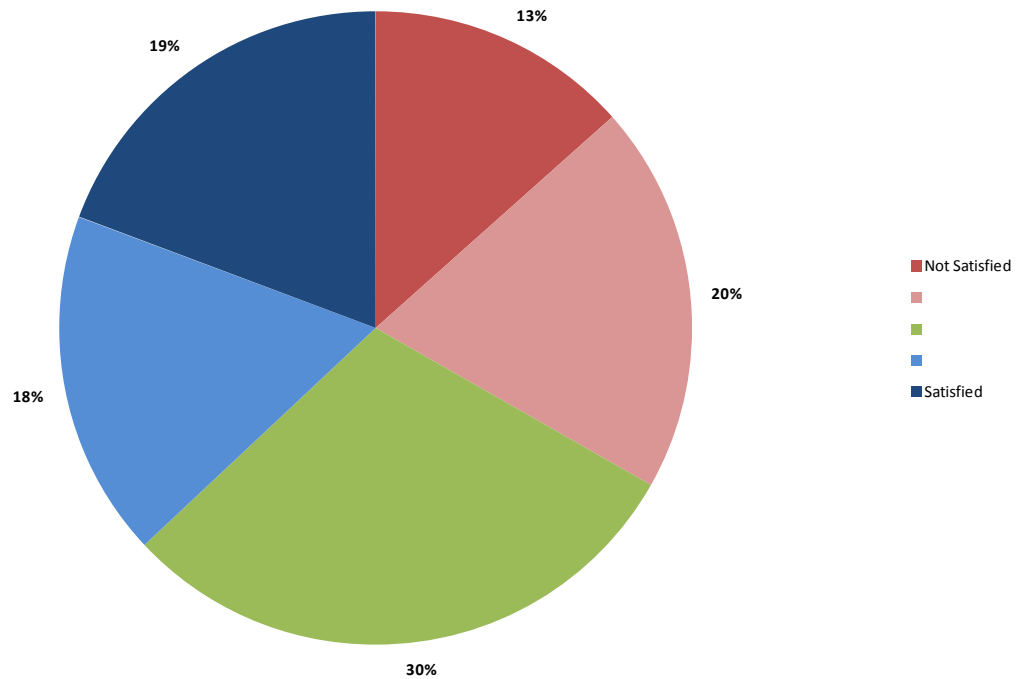
B. Are you satisfied with the character of Douglas county?



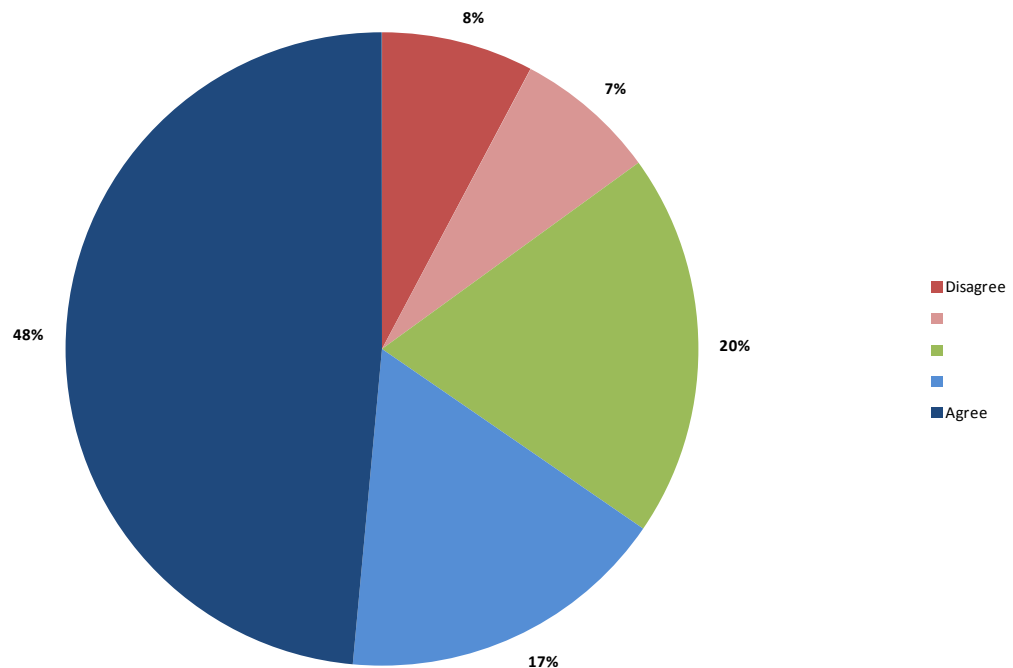
D. How important is it to maintain or expand agricultural uses in the county?



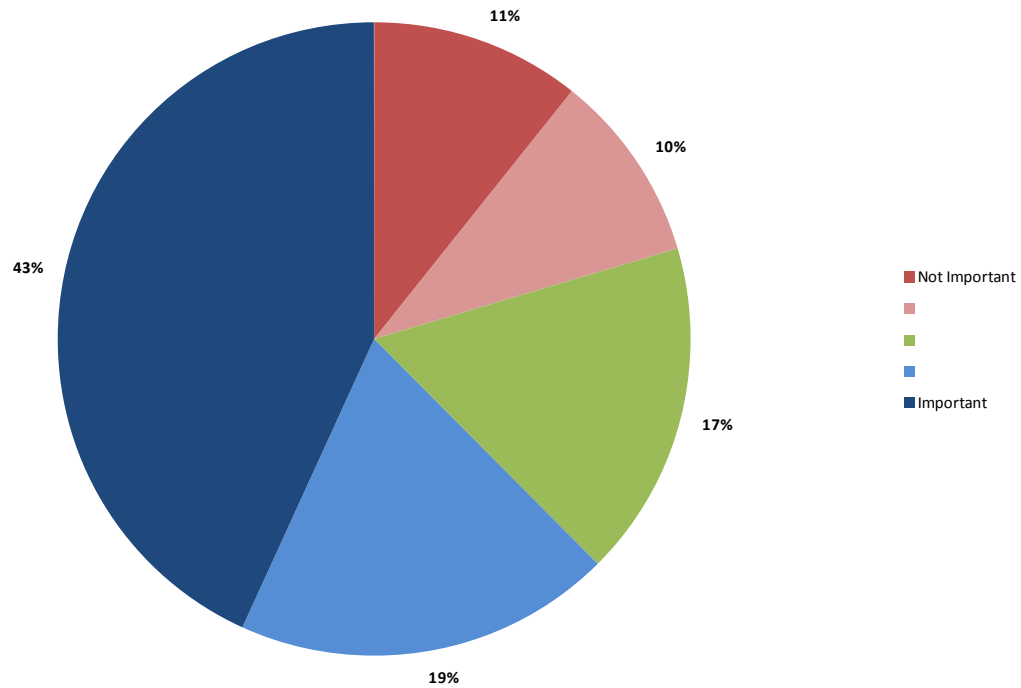
4. As Lawrence has grown over the last several decades, how satisfied are you with the type and quality of development?



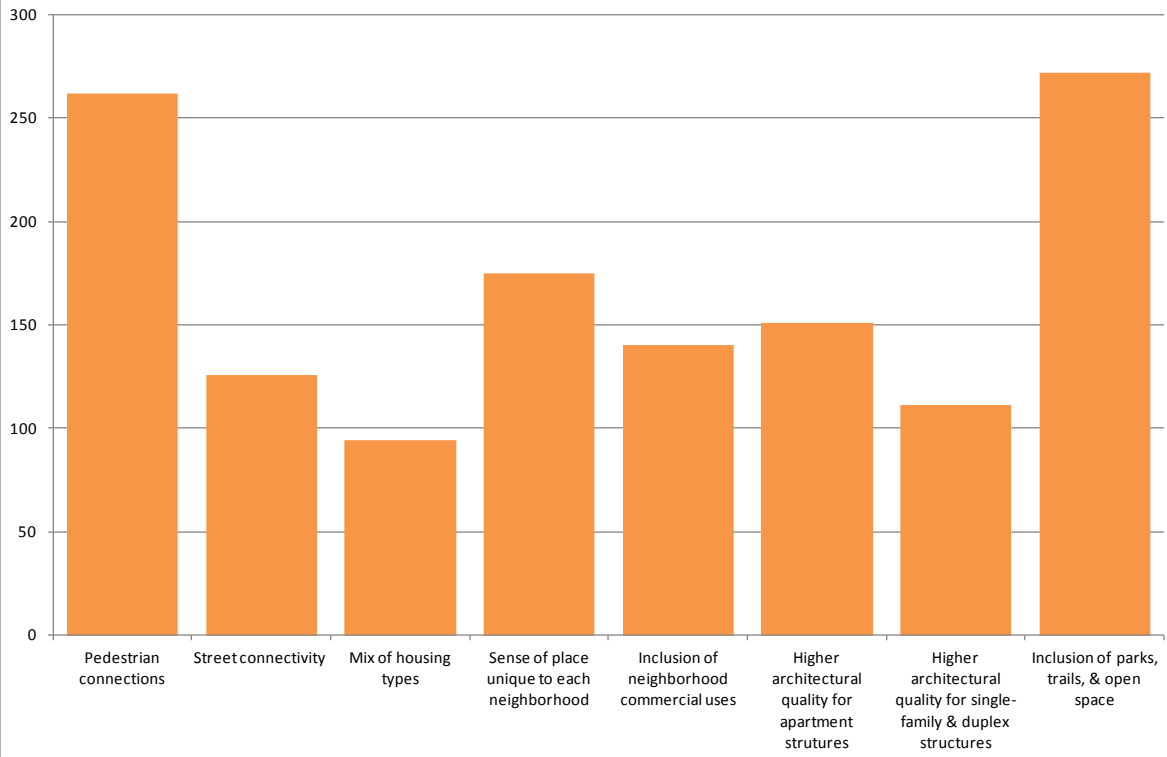
5. I believe Lawrence should grow in a denser fashion to aid in growth management.



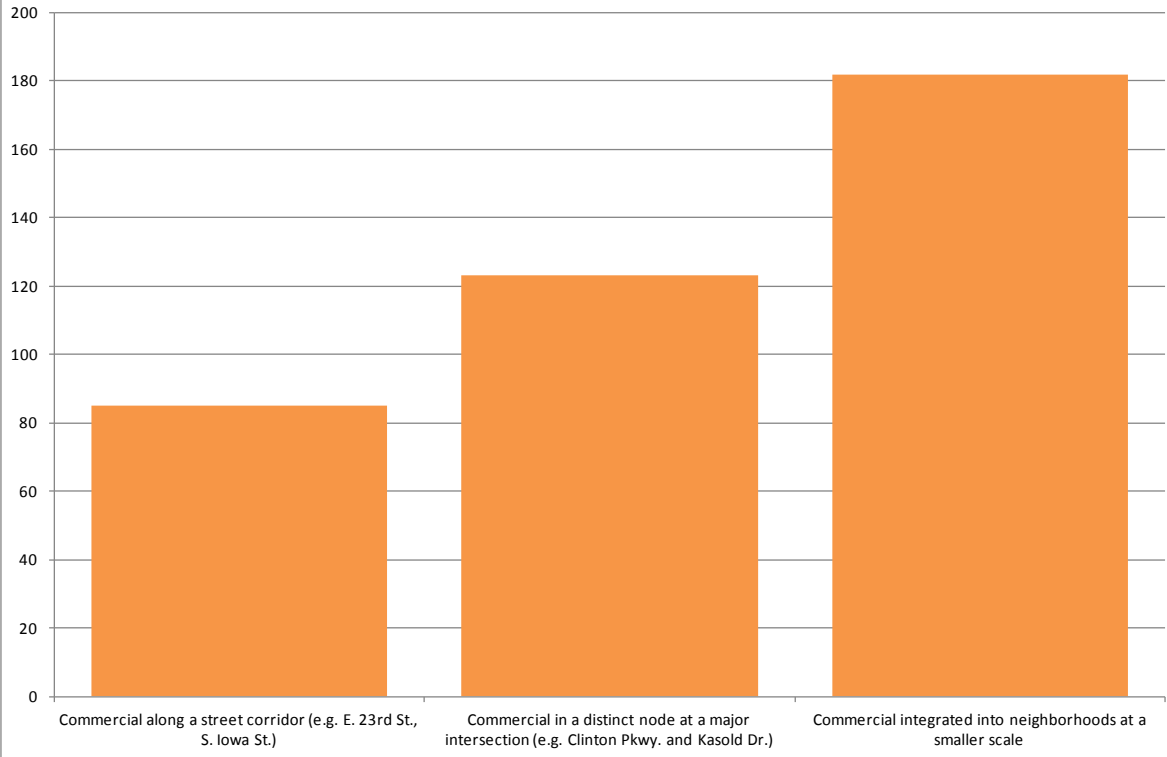
8. How important is it to mix housing types in neighborhoods (single-family, duplex, multi-family)?



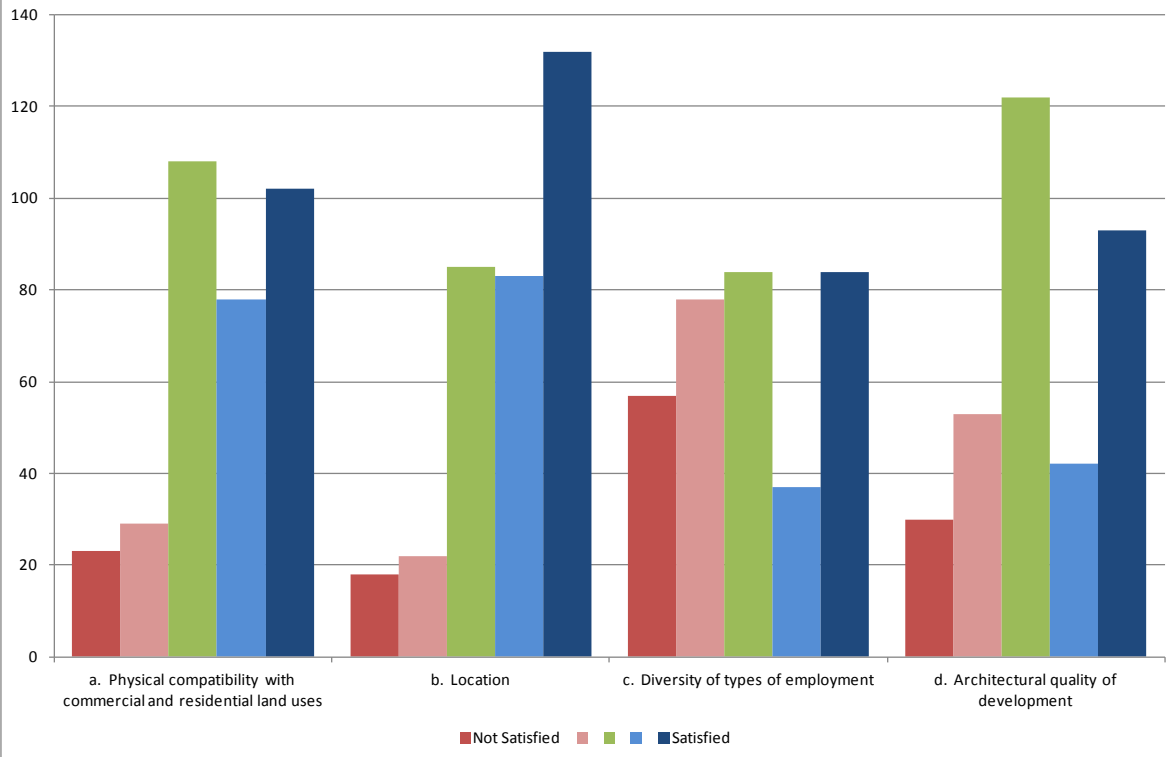
9. Which of the following do you believe need to be improved as it relates to residential development? (Check as many as you like)



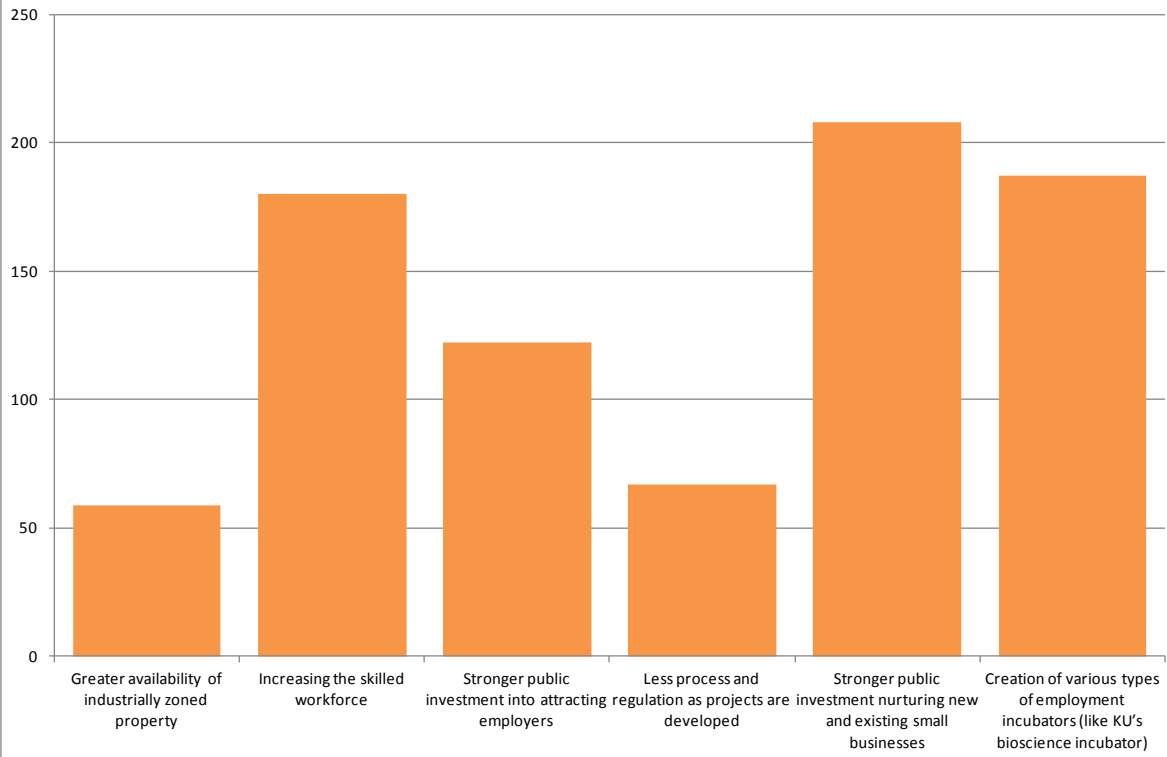
11. Which of the following types of commercial development would you prefer to see as the community grows? (Check as many as you like)



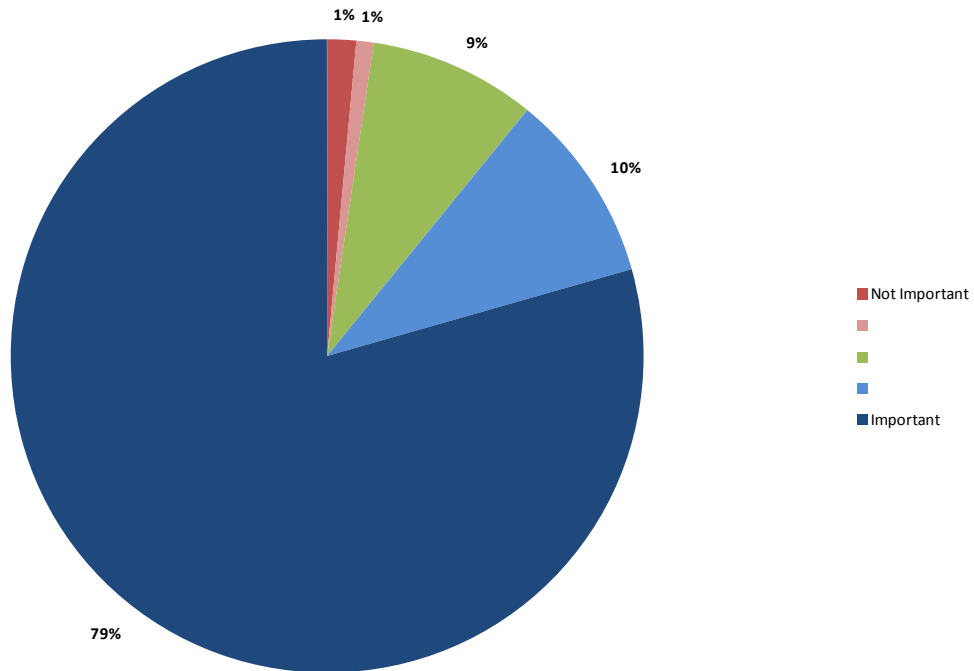
13. How Satisfied are you with the following as it relates to industrial development in the community



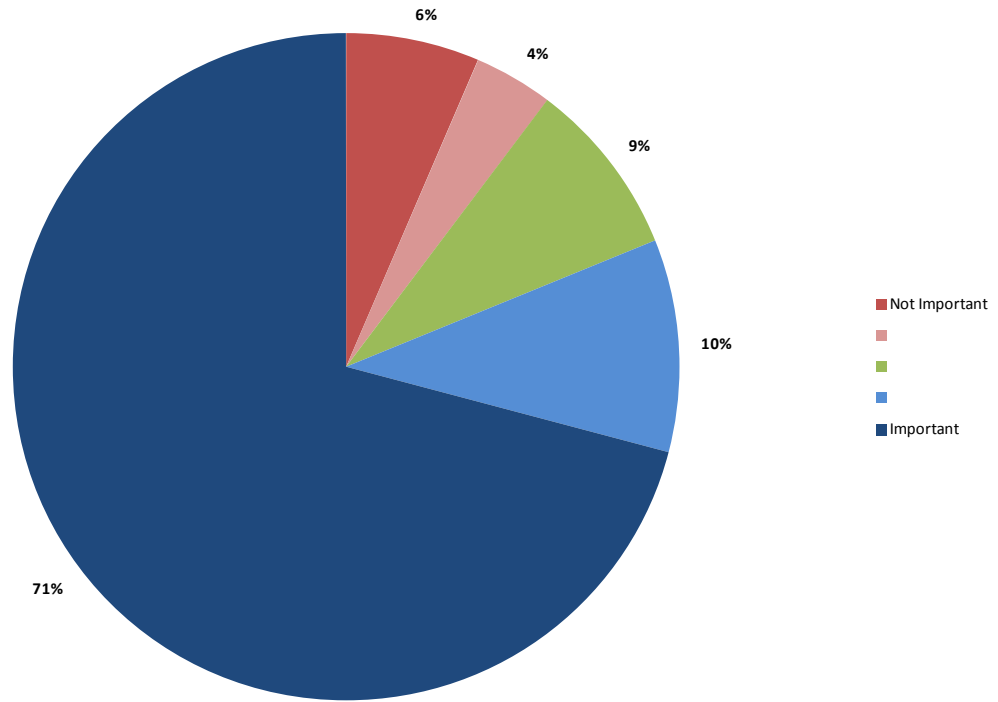
14. Which of the following do you believe will do the most to improve economic development opportunities? (Check as many as you like)



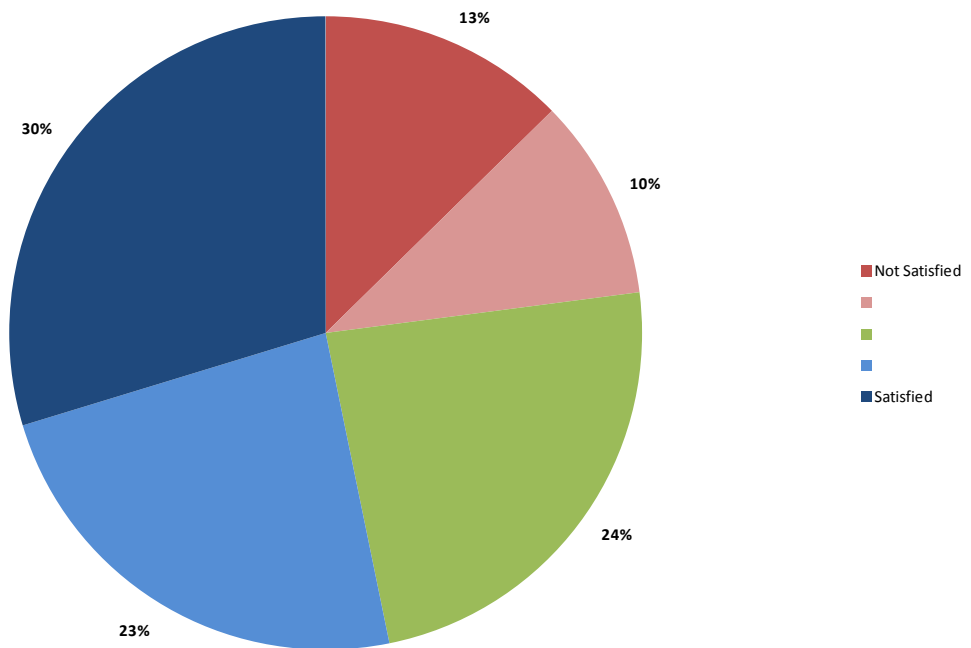
15. How important is it that development provide pedestrian, bicycle and transit options?



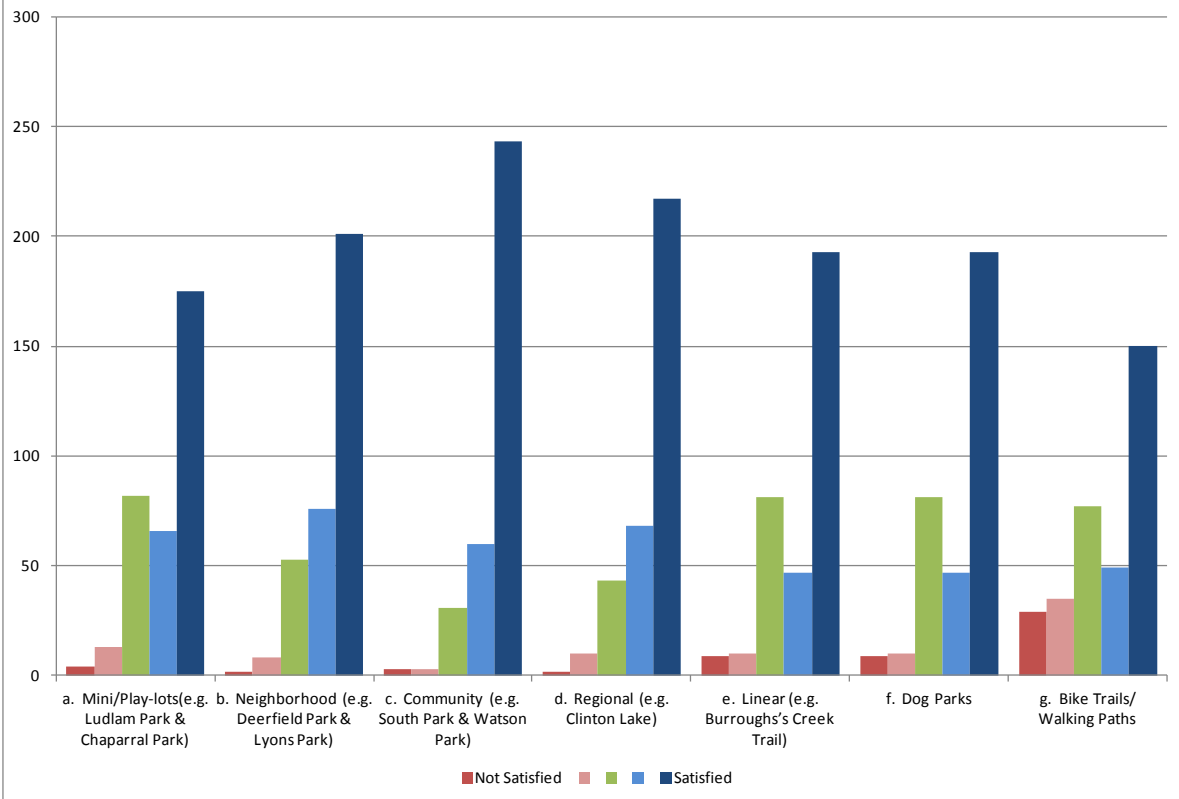
16. How important is it to be able to walk/bicycle to work?



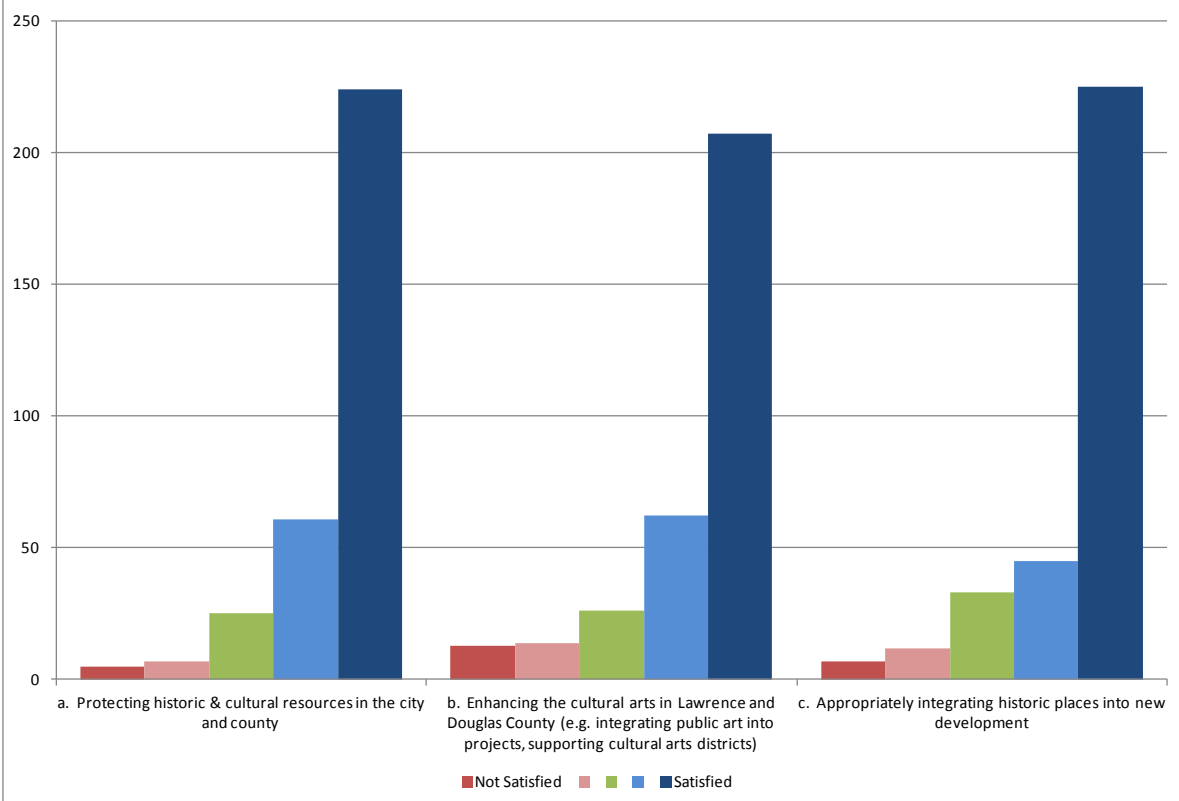
18. How satisfied are you with vehicular roadway options when traveling across town?



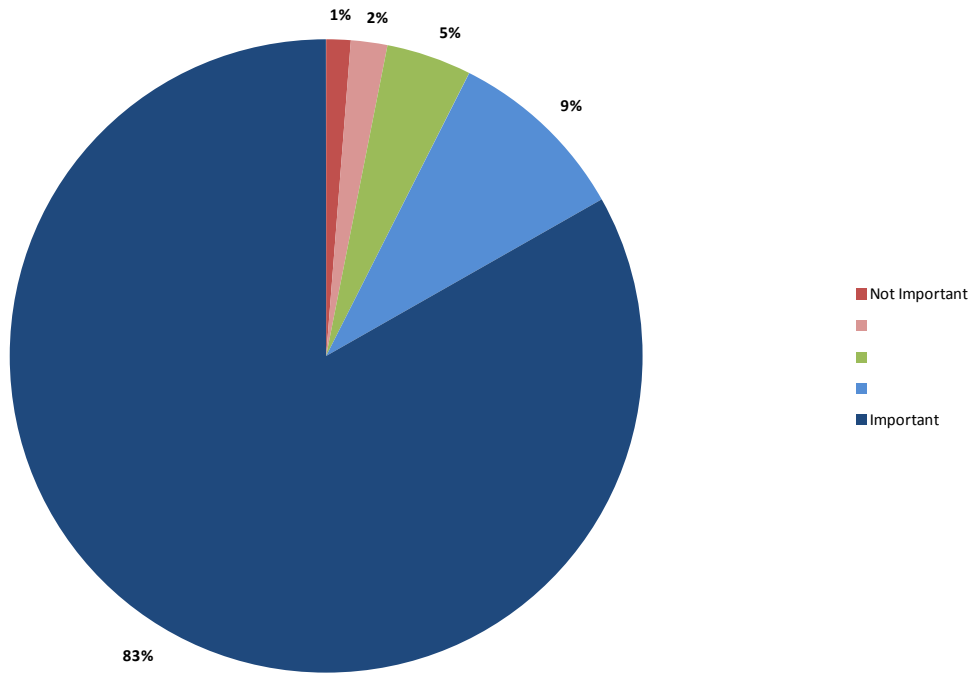
19. How satisfied are you with the following types of parks:



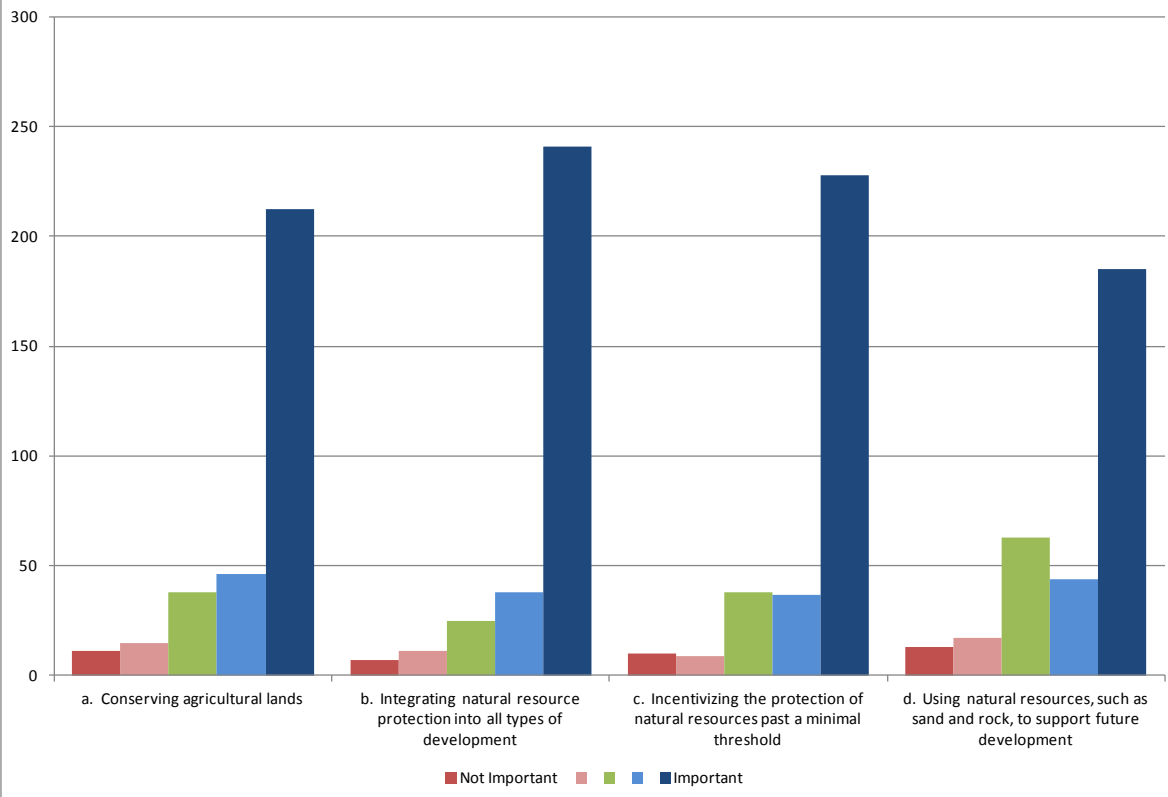
23. Rank the following in terms of importance:



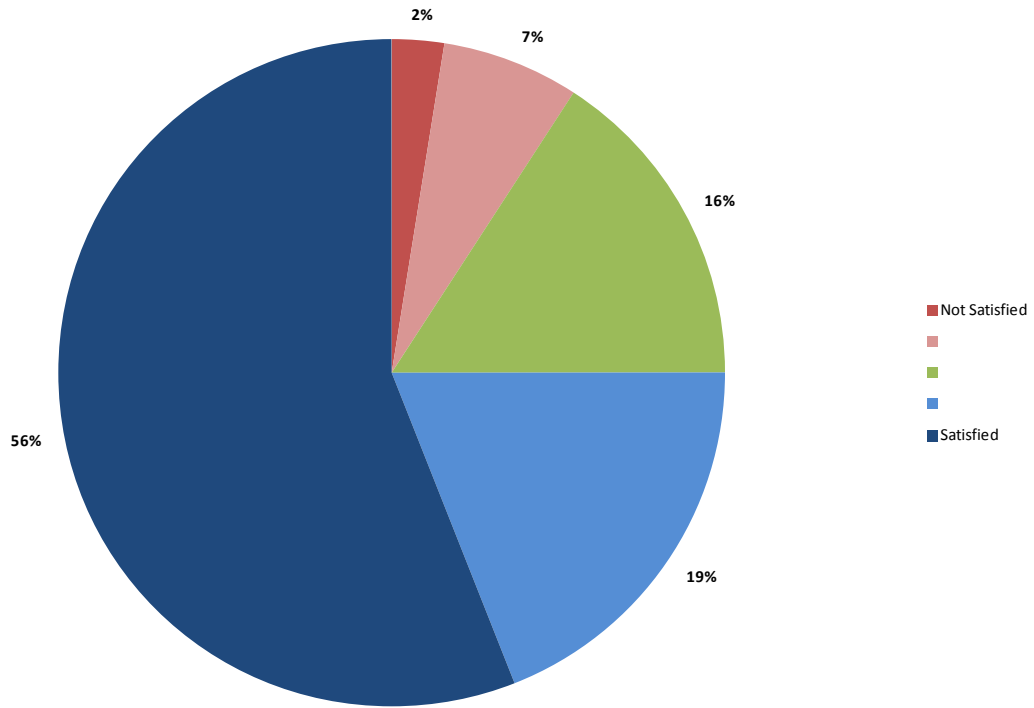
25. How important is the protection of natural resources to our community?



26. How important are the following to you, as the city grows:



32. How satisfied were you with this public open house survey?



2. Open House Survey Responses

A. How would you describe the character of Douglas County?

- 1 college town
- 2 buckling under the fear caused by the City
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- 5 rural and slowly urbanizing
- 6 Eclectic medium sized county.
- 7 Community Centered
- 8 nice county, although not enough jobs
- 9 Friendly
- 10 Reasonably good with a mix of urban, farms and open space.
- 11 The Ag Machine
- 12 Europeanized tallgrass prairie
- 13 suburban
- 14 Quirky
- 15
- 16 very political
- 17 farm oriented
- 18 Fair minded, interested in equality without sacrifice.
- 19 open
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- 21 Meets government definition of rural area, except for Lawrence; has a rural (small town/agricultural feel in most areas with a metropolitan feel and government designation in Lawrence.
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- 23 Douglas County doesn't have an identifiable character. It is simply a composite of the cities and rural areas therein.
- 24 Douglas County is a diverse county with a mix of agricultural, rural and urban land uses. However, Lawrence must continue to grow as we are lagging on economic development and job growth.
- 25 Small town surrounded by open space.
- 26
- 27 eclectic, smart and friendly - An open and engaged community
- 28 Fair
- 29 Douglas County is a great place to live, but it is overshadowed by the city and KU.
- 30 Transitional
- 31 Historic, many generations of families still living here from settlement days, farm oriented, 20th century appearance
- 32 Much more rural and conservative than the city of Lawrence, typical small towns and farm families mixed with people that are really city people wanting to live the country experience.
- 33 Green rolling hills interspersed with farm land and riparian areas. Primarily rural.
- 34 Suburban Agriculture
- 35 Clean, natural
- 36 forward thinking, the diamond of Kansas
- 37 Domiated by a government that tries to be all things to all people, and which therefore fails at most.
- 38 Douglas County has a diverse population that celebrates that diversity. We have strong

- neighborhoods and strong communities of all kinds.
- 39 Cars/trucks, guns, farm chemicals rule.
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- 42 Good mix of rural and recreational opportunities
- 43 Spots of rural beauty gradually being consumed by urban sprawl.
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- 45 A unique mix of rural and urban influences.
- 46 Too much sprawl. Attractive mix of ag, woodland/brush, ravine, Historic significance.
- 47 Liveable.
- 48 Rural / City
- 49 Clannish
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- 51
- 52 Rural county with a moderately large city.
- 53 Outside Lawrence it is a bit thin.
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- 55 Irresponsible growth
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- 57 Beautiful and diverse
- 58 Typical rural America
- 59 Douglas County has a balance of rural and urban elements. It's largest city and county seat, Lawrence, is a college town with many unique qualities. It is also increasingly a bedroom county, with many citizens commuting for work to nearby KC and Topeka.
- 60 Incestuous, good-ol-boy, inbred, developer, realtor & chambercrat driven, controlled by the "12 families who really run Lawrence"
- 61 Generally supportive
- 62 Clean, safe, friendly
- 63
- 64 Rural
- 65 Rural with strong small cities.
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- 67 It is a place that includes Lawrence. It seems nice that it's not overrun with large agriculture operations.
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- 70 Typical Kansas
- 71 rural, pastoral, beautiful
- 72 Rural traditional but appealing to no traditional residents
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- 75 Too many people. (Doesn't "character" usually refer to people's personality and values?)
- 76 mixture of rural and suburban; the suburban part is getting too much like Johnson County--too many strip malls, malls.
- 77 Expensive
- 78 Beautiful rolling hills, many trees, and still a good amount of agriculture.
- 79 A beautiful place to live with wonderful people.
- 80 Mostly rural with three small towns

- 81 Smart Bohemians who like alternative music, food, and lifestyles
- 82 Friendly
- 83 Northeast and East of Iowa St. need's reviving with the city's help. Those resident's deserve to have neighborhoods that are up to par with the west side of town. West side is thriving.
- 84 anti growth gives in to special interest
- 85 Socialist
- 86 the kingdom of heaven shrouded in pollution, fluoride, pesticides, and genetically engineered foods.
- 87 Liberal, tax and spend, taxation and spending out of control
- 88 Eclectic
- 89 Politically Democratic. We have a great manager and the board is well balanced and sensitive to social needs and ecology as well as careful with spending tax payer money. Roads are well maintained and the county and city cooperate well.
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- 91 Progressive, inclusive and caring
- 92 Good mix between rural and urban
- 93 The county that Lawrence is in. Ex-hippies in the country.
- 94 Driven by developers
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- 96 Diverse, very Midwestern, stalwart
- 97 Liberal. A little stunted in growth. Lots of dissention toward change.
- 98 Good mix of rural, suburban, town. Progressive, attractive, broad minded, everyone can find their place. Living in rural areas can feel disconnected with Lawrence, which is in many ways the center of Douglas County.
- 99 A good place to live
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- 102 Open to new ideas that seem to fit the needs and priorities of the county at large.
- 103 Unique, a bit dirty and unkept, a little too proud of its Liberal reputation, struggling economically
- 104 Douglas county has a lot of community cooperation and independence through agriculture.
- 105 Just as it should be..rural. Hard working farmers making the most of it.
- 106 I don't leave the city of Lawrence often. And when I do it is usually to go to another county or state, not to the rest of Douglas County. This is probably my loss. I did go once or twice on the farm tour and that was great.
- 107 Welcoming, with diversity including arts, music, reading, and country
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- 110 Suburban
- 111 Hugely independent, strongly connected to the land, the earth and the elements; strong sense of ethics and loyalty to family
- 112 good blend of rural & urban development
- 113 Pastoral with limited commercial use and proper mix of residential areas
- 114 semi-urban
- 115 Douglas County is a unique community, serving as both a "bedroom" community to Kansas City and Topeka, acting as a university town, and preserving a substantial amount of "small town" character.
- 116 evolving to address urban sprawl, highway expansion, suburban development and agricultural diversity

- 117 Diverse
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 119 Family friendly & conservation minded
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 122 It is a rural-suburban mix
 123 Laid back, attractive, sufficiently commercial, nice communities, accessible services
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 125 Unique; progressive
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 127 Fresh
 128 agricultural, 4H focused beautiful (Vinland Valley)
 129 A suburban and ag mixture
 130 Vibrant
 131 Eclectic - mix of college, elderly, urban hipster, rural conservative.
 132 It has a wide variety of activities and kind people
 133 Rural with one "large" town -
 134 Changing and not necessarily for the good.
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 136 constantly in state of cover up, catering to ku
 137 Small town feel, nostalgic
 138 Unsure
 139 Interested in intelligent and creative pursuits and as well as offerings to that end. Preservation of the past.
 140 It is better maintained than some places in this state.
 141 Don't know
 142 Nice combination urban and rural with excellent soil for food production
 143 Fragmented, not unified in purpose. Driven by the development community.
 144 Politically and morally corrupt
 145 Largely rural except for the Lawrence metropolitan area and growing smaller towns
 146 influenced by bio-region historically and by Lawrence as the primary urban center...strong contrast of Lawrence/Baldwin City with smaller towns in income/political perspective..
 147 Rustic Kansas
 148 good cultural quality of life with rural nature
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 151 Pretty good but could be better.
 152 eclectic community
 153 Douglas County consists of the vibrant City of Lawrence, and a few smaller towns, surrounded by primarily open spaces dedicated mostly to agricultural practices. I think it's unfortunate that the ECO-squared process did not succeed in identifying critica
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 155 o.k.
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 157 Douglas County has become very urbanized.
 158 Vibrant, cultural, traditional
 159 Slowly but surely become the all star cookie cutter bedroom community.
 160 Less and less farming and more rural residential

- 161 Beautiful, tree covered hills and valleys; unlike what most of the rest of the country when they think of Kansas.
- 162 Community-oriented
- 163 excellent
- 164 mix of urban and rural.
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- 166 unsure/no opinion
- 167 Peaceful.
- 168 Warm, open and inviting
- 169 Average Americana
- 170 Dynamic
- 171 Too busy for a country setting.
- 172
- 173 very good
- 174 A nice place to live but not really offering worthwhile employment opportunities
- 175 Dependent on academic agenda.
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- 177 It is a community-centered area, even outside the city limits.
- 178 vibrant
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- 180 a nice mix of ag and commercial
- 181 decent
- 182 behind on park and nature area improvement
- 183 Define your terms in describing Douglas County. Is it just the unincorporated areas of the county or does it include the city of Lawrence? By itself Douglas County does not come across as progressive and seems to lack leadership.
- 184 A county consisting of very diverse populations
- 185 rural with some eyesores
- 186 Mix of small town and rural
- 187 Number of small farms with no long range planning
- 188 I am not as familiar with the county overall, but it includes a mix of developed areas, farming, and parks/recreational areas
- 189 Rural, but not too rural. Accessible. Friendly (for the most part). I like the agrarian feel of Douglas County.
- 190 clean, friendly open spaces
- 191 I am not sure how to describe the character of the county. I do like that the county seems to be cleaner than others.
- 192 I would not describe it as unique, it is like other incorporated parts of the region.
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- 194 rural small-town mix
- 195 Pleasant
- 196 Caring
- 197 Playful, energetic, preparing for the future
- 198 A semi-rural county anchored by a major institution of higher learning
- 199 Community
- 200 Progressive heart in Lawrence but still retaining a solid rural feel outside Lawrence.
- 201 Bedroom communities with some agriculture
- 202 Beautiful rolling hills and some useful agricultural ground, but not a major producer (compared to

other Kansas counties) of crops.

203 Beautiful village, with much going on.

204 Accepting of all.

205 small town charm that is getting to big

206 A community responsive to critical thinking and new ideas., willing to act on progressive proposals tht will serve the most vulnerable as well as those of means.

207 familial

208 Small town community feel with progessive views.

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210 As with many counties there often seems to be divergent goals for the primary population center and the unincorporated areas. I believe outsiders often think of Lawrence/KU when they think of DGCO, but this is not entirely accurate.

211 Unique

212 A progressive mecca in a state drowning in tea.

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215 happy open minded community

216 I think of as semi-rural -- rural enough for those who want to free of the bothers of living in a densely populated area while retaining easy access to the benefits of a densely populated area. I think of most such residents as comparatively affluent.

217 A medium size city in a rural county that is becomins suburbanized

218 Laid back

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220 Rural, small towns scattered in

221 diverse

222 eastern side could use quite a lot of paint

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224 eclectic

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226 Not much of an identity, defined solely by the presence of the city of Lawrence.

227 Our county's character is shifting rapidly, primarily urban now and confused about embracing the safe, cloned character of Johnson County while wanting to hold onto the historic places and landscapes we have here.

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229 I feel that Lawrence is Douglas County and recieves the most attention and growth (although I'm not necessarily interested in growth in Lecompton)

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232 Diverse insofar as housing an dproperty values. Growing at a moderate pace except for road/highway development

233 Very diverse and possalove

234 A unique mixture of rural and urban and interestingly culturally diverse, but slow to deal with issues of poverty.

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236 Douglas County is a geographical location that is important because of its history, physical beauty and commitment to diversity and education.

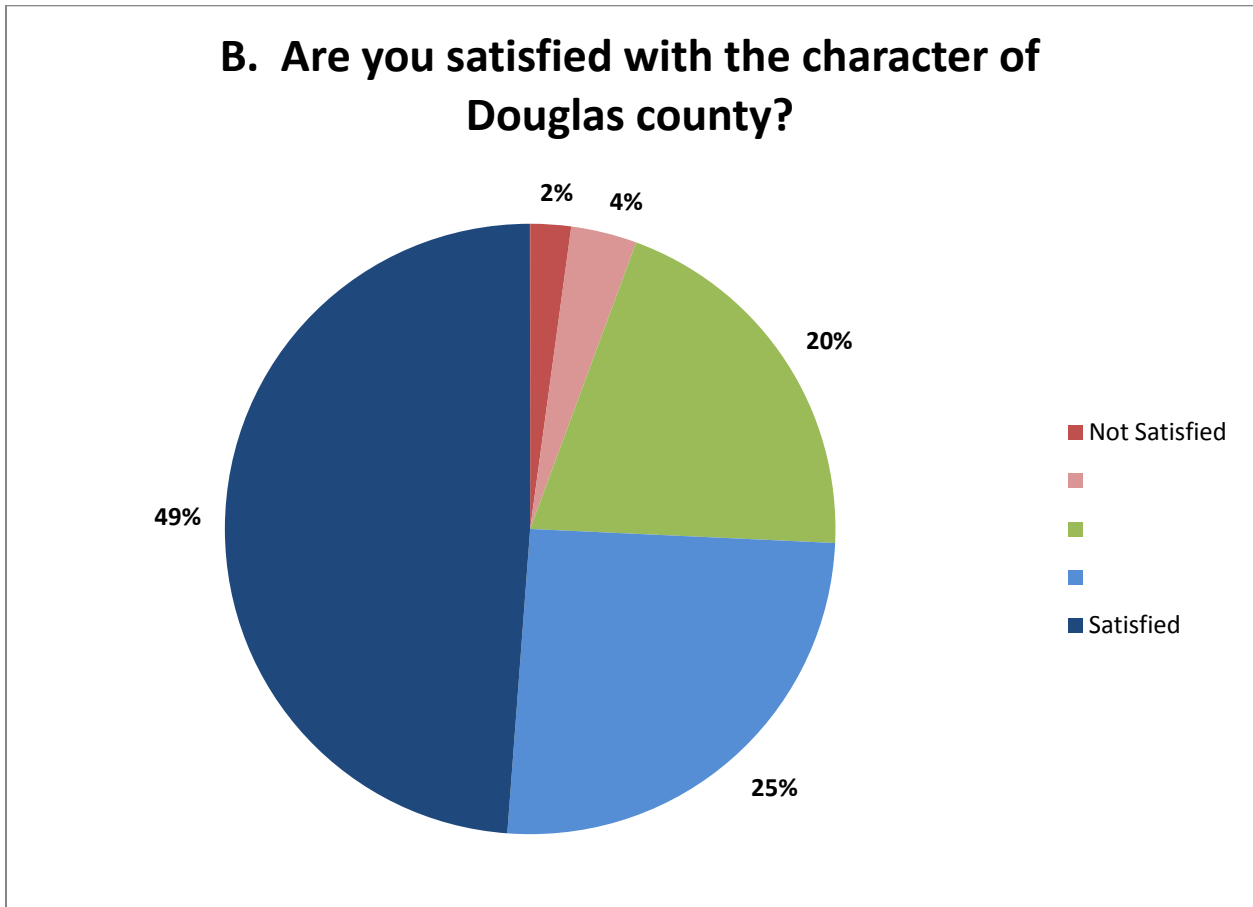
237 a good mix of rural and urban areas

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- 239 Liberal and open minded.
- 240 Highly attractive to educated, cultured persons
- 241 families that want more space around them
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- 244 Liberal, diverse, small town, college town, open-minded, tolerant (when I think of Douglas County I only think of Lawrence)
- 245 small town, local
- 246 Vibrant, creative, diverse, progressive for Kansas
- 247 Struggling to compete with other communities for industries, which employ a number of people in the long-term/not just temp jobs.
- 248 Rural w/ Lawrence @ its core
- 249 Diverse community of people for all walks of life who care about the future of this area. A bit of everything.
- 250 Mixed, rural, urban-lite, political and socially moderate, rich in resources - agricultural, historical, waterways
- 251 Lawrence has a small town feel but has many amenities of a larger community
- 252 Mix of suburban & ag land
- 253 Mix of urban and rural. City has a small-town feel. Vigorous exchange of people and ideas 2 location between KC & Topeka & KU.
- 254 An eclectic mix of rural and urban structures, people, and ideas
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- 256 Active, Festive, Awesome
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- 258 Probably same as Lawrence - Blue dot in red state - cares about the people and the environment
- 259 Progressive, pragmatic, mixed (politically)
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- 261 Dominated by Lawrence. the smaller communities need to market tourism to Lawrencians
- 262 Rural surrounding small town America
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- 264 Less Portlandic than I would like - too Midwestern for my taste (I'm from and have always live in Lawrence)
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- 267 Friendly but with everything offered in bigger cities. Open-minded to all people (agricultural with a big city flair)
- 268 Finally progressive with traffic problem and bypass
- 269 Basically rural/urban with one metro area (Lawrence)
- 270 Rural, quaint, lacking good paying jobs
- 271 A nice mixture of urban and rural with the urban increasingly encroaching on the rural with sad results
- 272 A growing community that many would like to live
- 273 Combination of farming/rural communities and businesses
- 274 nice mix of urban and rural areas. Recreational area could be better developed. Sometimes we feel like an after thought in Lecompton. River and Lake Development
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- 276 Mix between farming, college and city
- 277 Bipolar. It is a county where I can live on my quiet private farm at night, work in a research

university during the day, and then dine in a main-street setting
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287 Way better than Johnson County!
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296 Progressive, forward looking, livable.
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298 Fun, Adventurous, Open Minded
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300 Active, Atheliticity, Fun
301 Great, swell
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305 Progressive Kansas college with rural aspects
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314 Once you get past the gentrification and sprawl the county is a remarkably nice rural farmland.
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324 not sure

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- 327 Liberal, open minded, accepting. Intellectual, stimulating, worldly. Diverse, but with a strong sense of community.
- 328 diverse
- 329 Unfortunately, sprawling with development.
- 330 Rural but becoming more urbanized.
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- 334 overbuilt, too little environmental protection, too little concern for quality of life issues and food security
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- 336 Friendly. I love the neighborhoods. I'd like them to continue to grow in walkability and bike-ability.
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- 340 Progressive, community oriented, historical
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- 342 rural, agricultural
- 343 rural, agricultural
- 344 a blue dot in a red sea
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- 348 A good blend of rural and urban.
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- 350 Lawrence-centric? Highly taxed property relative to surrounding areas?
- 351 A vibrant environment for physical and intellectual growth.
- 352 Interesting and Varied
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- 355 Mixture of rural and urban
- 356 rural / farmland / local / sustainable
- 357 rural and academic
- 358 Can't put it into words but it isn't negative.
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- 360 hip and fun with a mix of country
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- 368 Rural diversity with good infrastructure.
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C. If you are not satisfied with the character, how would you want to change it?

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- 2 Return more of its independence
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- 5 Scale back the future urban growth area
- 6 Ensure that the growth is done in a planned manner that includes the input of all fellow residents.
- 7 Difficult to find good paying jobs and as a homeowner, difficult paying such high taxes
- 8 better wages so people can live comfortably
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- 10 Satisfied, but concerned about the lose of farm land and open space to creaping sprawl and farmetts.
- 11 See smaller farms that raise produce for local consumption as opposed to large scale corn

- manufacturing.
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- 13 create more walking and bicycle connectivity county wide. Concentrate building in city limits. Preserve green areas. Encourage forestation and small scale agriculture.
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- 16 improve voting percentages
- 17 less crime
- 18 More collective actions, less big development leading the way.
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- 21 Offset change in unincorporated development/emphasis on subsidized gentrified amenity development with emphasis on better basic infrastructure development, affordable housing for the majority of working households who cannot afford current development.
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- 23 I'd like to see it as a connected whole, presenting itself in a way that unifies the towns and unincorporated areas in a way that people can identify with.
- 24 Lawrence must continue to work to shed the image that we are hostile to new commercial and residential growth. This misperception is very harmful to our job growth and economic development efforts.
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- 27 Better street maintenance (for older areas) and create sidewalks on each street that are well maintained (to encourage bike riding and walking within the community).
- 28 Focus on working together as a community to better ourselves mentally and physically.
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- 30 Better balance
- 31 Update, get into the 21st century as far as ideas, improvements and presentation
- 32 There has been a good balance between pro- and no-growth factions for many years, but the pro-development faction seems to have taken over to the point where quality of life and environmental concerns are simply discounted. This trend worries me.
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- 34 I would prefer more agriculture built toward serving the needs of our local population and surrounding areas with more produce.
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- 37 Less security theater, fewer police armored vehicles, fewer police with machine guns, more volunteer opportunities without invasive financial background investigations.
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- 39 Increased organic farming practices, more respect and appreciation for bikers and walkers/runners, and diversity of crops.
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- 42 nothing at this time
- 43 Limit or eliminate the development of residential property on small acreages, e.g. 5-acre, subdivisions.
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- 45 don't know; just try to maintain.

- 46 Define wild corridors, network of trails, create wild erosion barriers along all streams.
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49 Add some better paying jobs. KU jobs only go to insiders.
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53 More farm stands, more park/prarie/wetland/wildlife-preserve
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55 Stop destroying the natural environment
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60 It can't be changed, the 'people who run Lawrence & by default Douglas county' wouldn't allow
change to upset their \$cheme\$ & dream\$. Been that way since the 1960s
61 Inclusive of more diverse voices
62 Be know for embracing holistic medicinal healing and well-being
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71 I would like to see more open space or public space with trails
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76 less focus on strip malls and big box stores, more focus on and support for family owned
businesses, local businesses, local farms, parks, infrastructure that promotes walking and biking
77 I would stop raising property taxes on the people that actually live here and charge a tax on
tenants of all the apartments in this town.
78 Stop the spread of non-agricultural residences outside of the city limits. Stop city sprawl.
79 Less sprawl.
80 I would prefer the county to assist more in reducing the sprawl of housing on the outskirts of
Lawrence
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83 Revamp the older or rundown parts of the city.
84 expand more growth for industrial
85 Removing fluoride from the water supply. I, and several others, do not like forced medication.
86 Remove fluoride. Label genetically engineered foods - better yet - ban them state wide. If you
really wanted to help with dental hygiene, you would add iodine to the water supply. Not a
neuro-toxic carcinogen. There are no "acceptable levels" for my kids.
87 Stop tax increases and live on a balanced budget.

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92 Do not want to see Douglas County or Lawrence as extension of Johnson County.

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96 If anything, I would want to broaden our horizons of what is or is not acceptable in our community. At the same time, part of our charm is our small-town feel and I worry that over-expansion threatens that ideology.

97 See a more positive and cooperative attitude within the community.

98 Better fire protection in rural areas, ability to vote in Lawrence City elections if you have a rural Lawrence address.

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102 I like the openness, but believe our county is inclined to expect centralized answers to needs at the expense of personal initiatives.

103 I wish people would take better care of their properties in Lawrence. It seems that many homeowners and landlords are negligent with the upkeep and appearance of their properties. I would also like to see our economy begin to thrive one day.

104 I hope to see increased small farms and local producers

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114 awareness of both the agriculture importance of the county as well as the urban; ag often is considered to be secondary in decisions

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116 have a creeping feeling that Douglas County is becoming Johnson County with a large lake and that is the last thing I want. Better development constraints that work to deliver progress but not "same as" Johnson County

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122 Preserve wildlands and farm land

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- 133 Less focus on Lawrence as "Douglas County" and ensure that resources are channeled towards the rural as well. Less development and sprawl in Lawrence would be smart.
- 134 Try to think out side the box when it comes to construction and the impact on the traffic, stores and more
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- 136 less catering to ku and more to the residents mire job opportunity with higher pay, less crime, less hiding the crime
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- 138 More focus on job creation and less focused on incidental details.
- 139 Less interest on sprawl, more interest on renewable resources. Better planning and adherence to H2020.
- 140 Move it out of Kansas
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- 143 Blend rather than compete community mission, goals, and objectives.
- 144 Remove the city manager
- 145 Limit the establishment of rural residences that require public safety and utility services
- 146 increase support of land owners on conservation, increase opportunities for county residents to have access to resources of KU and HINU
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- 150 No genuine planning. The current 20/20 is ignored more than followers . Either follow the plan or do not spend the time to rewrite it.
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- 152 Address the recent increase in crime and homelessness
- 153 The ECO-squared process did not succeed in identifying critical open spaces that deserve permanent protection.
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- 158 Be more open to growth
- 159 Restore the downtown to its' once strong economic stature with fewer drinking establishments and more family oriented
- 160 Fewer homes per acre and ex[panded farmland
- 161 I would like to see it attract more residents who want to start and grow businesses here.
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- 166 unsure

167 We need more commercial, retail, and industrial growth to rebalance the disproportion of taxes from homeowners to commercial, at least in the city. We need more options here so that residents don't have to drive out of county to spend their money.

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169 More growth re industry. More retail - more choices

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171 Put food store north of river and a hardware store.

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174 I want to see the county, city and private sector develop an honest plan with metrics for attracting quality jobs to the area. Everything done to this point is essentially a joke. Lawrence is the most educated community in Kansas. It should be leverage

175 No comment.

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181 business zoning within neighborhoods

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183 Perhap merge city of Lawrence and Douglas County into one operating form of government.

184 Both city and county elected individuals, including staffs, need to work better together for the good of the entire county.

185 Protect greenspace and require industrial projects to incorporate greenspace into their plans

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187 Less government in private issues on the farm property

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192 I do not want to necessarily change it or leave it the same, I believe that specific uses should be evaluated on a case by case basis.

193 historic sites cleaned up, more outdoor activities

194 more full wage jobs outside of KU

195 I would like for its programs to be more progressive so that they live up to the progressive reputation of the county.

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197 More bike paths, less homeless bums

198 Denser commercial development and an end to sprawl - urban growth boundary.

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201 More jobs in Douglas Co., so fewer people would commute to Shawnee, Johnson, and Wyandotte

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203 See "F"

204 Maintain existing infrastructure

205 less development

206 Not fully satisfied. Need to continue to provide sound reliable informtiwiht a focus on the needs of the broader population over the profit oriented developers who, too often determine

directions, in projecting the future

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208 Too many condos, high rise apartments now that are taking away from the community feel.

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210 We need consistent and clear communication between the various public bodies on goals (i.e., this update to Horizon 2020).

211 More environmentalism, less commercialism. People come to Lawrence because it is unique and different. If we put a Starbucks, Applebee's, and cookie cutter apartment buildings on every corner then we look just like Johnson County. No thank you.

212 Fewer Mexican restaurants downtown. There are more than enough already.

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217 Halt the conversion of prime farm land to other uses and restrict the suburbanization

218 Give back to the common people. Stop building things we don't need (Rec center, Parking Garages, etc)

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222 The numbering of roads outside the city are incomprehensible!

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226 More family oriented as opposed to student oriented - cost of living, local businesses, crime prevention, etc.

227 We must do the difficult work of looking far ahead and planning for all the incremental shifts from climate change. This will only happen with political pressure from concerned, engaged citizens since the short election cycles do not reward our elected le

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229 I would like to see more activites for young adults/young people in the nature of dirt bike parks, drag strip and other alternative activites - unless you like to drink or hang-out at establishments for small children, what is there to do?

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234 There needs to be less focus on drawing and pleasing people who contribute more economically (the wealthy, students, big businesses) and more on including and supporting those who lose out to economic interests (the inadequately housed, the poor).

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236 I would love to see more public parks and bicycle paths

237 less restrictive development in the rural areas

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- 243 Require larger minimum-acreage requirements for the building of houses.
- 244 Overall, its ok for Kansas. However, have traveled to other places and lived elsewhere it would be nice to have more things to do in the county, while still keeping Lawrence's small town charm
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- 246 More affordable housing, less sprawl/less density unless it is infill, more bicycles and pedestrians improvements- dedicated funding
- 247 I am concerned for public debt -whys the debt load totally unmanagable?
- 248 More opportunities for open partnership, not having Lawrence be in a bubble within the county, ex- more county-wide community events
- 249 Although I'm satisfied w/ most aspects of the character I believe there are several opportunities to work together to enhance and sustain the character of Douglas County
- 250 Pay more attention to resources - uses and preservation
- 251 I like the character, I just we can sustain it.
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- 256 Less road construction
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- 259 It would be nice to be more egalitarian, sensitive to the poor and lower class
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- 261 More pedestrian/bike trails, green space, affordable housing
- 262 Incorporate more connectivity for bicycles and pedestrians
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- 264 More open ideas to change the status quo of a Midwestern city. Install more bike lanes, change traffic laws to encourage bikers. Give incentives to live in and around downtown - develop in East Lawrence. Stop sprawl
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- 268 Be more open to the needs of east side Lawrence
- 269 More emphasis on Lecompton, Eudora, and Baldwin areas. Recognition as important communities in their own right - not just appendages of Lawrence.
- 270 Want to see more opportunities for good paying employment for 20-30 year olds
- 271 less encroachment of the urban into the rural, less agribusiness, more small scale farm food production, more public land in the county
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- 273 More emphasis on small communities and their values.
- 274 More acknowledgement/attention to rural communities
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298 I love it! That's why I live here!

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300 More bike trails, bike parking, bike lanes

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314 I'm not satisfied with the gentrification and sprawl. There appears to be no planning when building in the county, especially south of town.

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324 Community dialogue places are needed. So many people are thinking about work, their home life, that we are disconnected from our neighbors. From the time we leave school until we can go to the senior center, we get isolated in our homes.

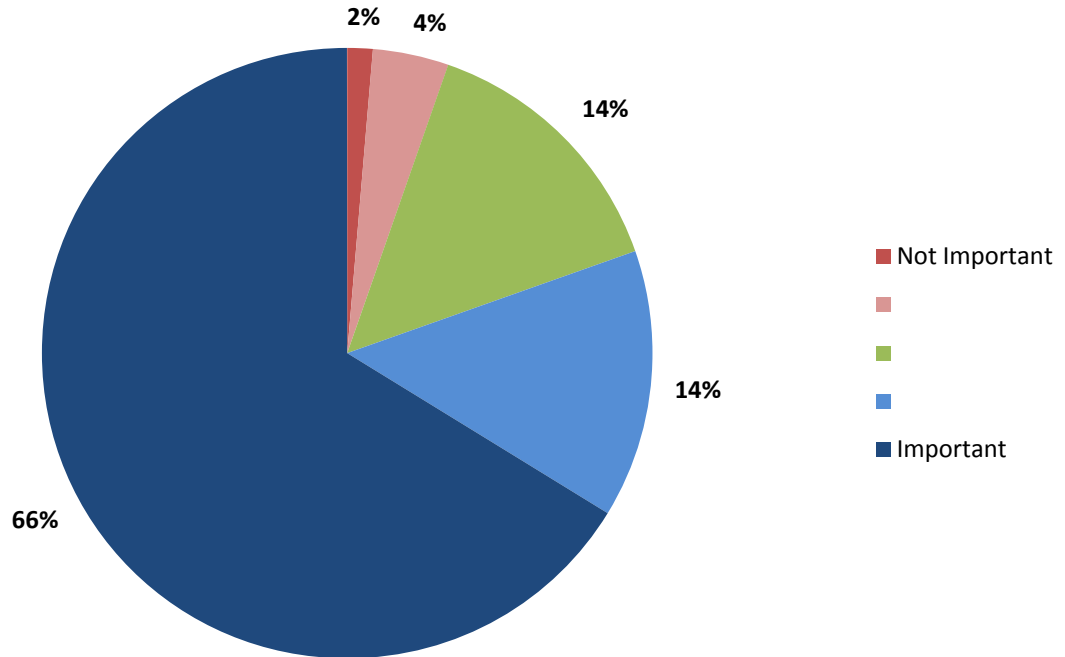
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327 I worry that the close mindedness of other parts of Kansas may be seeping into the county.

328 less crime
329 More vigorous preservation of open space, prime farmland, and rivers and streams.
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334 protect areas not yet developed; stop building and attend to questions of water quality and
quantity for the future
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336 I'd like to slow the traffic within the neighborhoods and increase walking/bike riding
infrastructure.
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342 Build a stronger, healthier food and agri-biz economy as well as recreational -river rec., bike/hike
paths, while preserving native prairie, woodland areas
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348 I would like a comprehensive plan to stay in place or be improved for a good mix of cultural,
historical, green, and human uses for county.
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368 Be more business friendly
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D. How important is it to maintain or expand agricultural uses in the county?



E. Why is it important to not important to maintain or expand agricultural uses in the county?

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- 2 Forced uses of land results in bad outcomes. If it remains feasible, it will happen. If burdens or incentives are artificially placed on the land you are not smart enough to know the concomitants from such actions and it will necessitate further failures
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- 5 once land goes out of agricultural use it never goes back into agricultural use
- 6 The city has been growing and its usage needs to reflect that urban enviroment.
- 7 Economic growth
- 8 If we lose all of our farm ground, what are people going to eat?
- 9 Sustainable organic farming is an asset to the community, but not farming that uses too many chemicals and depletes the water supply.
- 10 If current level of agriculture is not maintained, the rural nature of the county will slowly erode.

- 11 Expansion is unsustainable given current and future drought conditions, farms need to rely on smaller and more diverse crops that are less water intensive.
- 12 agriculture is no longer the highest and best use of all rural land.
- 13 Increases chances for survival during disruptions and anticipates decreases in global food availability in the future
- 14 Local food
- 15 This question is poorly written. Free market should dictate land use, not regulation.
- 16 Determine the best use of the land for all residents
- 17 it's an important food supply
- 18 The farther distance we are from food sources, the worse off our community is. We need sustainable agriculture available to everyone.
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- 21 Land, especially arable land, is a nonrenewable commodity. Agriculture can be a marketed product and agritourism has grown in Douglas County
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- 23 To protect our ability to grow our own food to the extent possible, to maintain economic diversification, and to maintain open green areas.
- 24 I think there are already adequate resources and emphasis being placed on agricultural uses in the county. Any further efforts would most likely involve placing artificial constraints on land use.
- 25 Because local growers spend money in the local economy. Also, with future scarcity of fossil fuels, maintaining a healthy, sustainable local food supply will add to the county's food security.
- 26 Douglas County has agricultural land of great quality; it should not be destroyed
- 27 Maintaining agricultural uses IS important, but expansion should only occur if the land was previously used inefficiently.
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- 29 Agricultural use is important for the farmers in the county.
- 30 Create a comprehensive and enforceable plan and follow it. Agriculture fits within that plan not in isolation
- 31 It's the Heartland...it's what is done here
- 32 This area of the state has growth potential for locally grown produce and other food and fiber production. Paving over highly productive agricultural land is a sure route to eventual starvation.
- 33 We need to create and foster a local food economy and reduce dependence on foods that have to travel a long way to the plate. Sustainability is very important and will be more so as time goes by.
- 34 It is very important for economic development to increase agricultural uses.
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- 37 You can't grow enough food on parking lots and shopping malls.
- 38 Fresh, locally grown food is important, and so is supporting family farmers vs corporate farming.
- 39 Important to continue to grow healthy, local food.
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- 42 With Global Warming upon us, we need to be able to sustain life in a 'local' sense and giving attention to agricultural usage in rural areas is a must
- 43 Eliminate any tax concessions and discourage the use of prime agricultural land for crops such as corn, soybeans; and give tax concessions and encourage a return to truck farming. Supply our food needs locally, not fuel ethanol.

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45 So we don't become Johnson County; strip malls and box stores take away from the reason people move here in the first place. Once you lose that rural feel you can't get it back. I wish the sale barn was still in town.

46 Ag uses bring in more money and provide more jobs and do a better job of conserving the environment than residential or commercial uses.

47 People need to make a living.

48 Maintain the quality and character of the County

49 Never thought about it

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52 Since about 70% of the county is rural and already agricultural as well as a lot of fertile soils, it would seem to be the most beneficial use of the land.

53 It is important to have small farms, slow food, more farm to town, market, plate ... etc

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55 We need farm land

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57 To provide food for people

58 Keeping good agricultural soils productive will be increasingly important with rising fuel costs and population growth. Locally sourced food will be increasingly important.

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60 Because the county needs higher paying manufacturing jobs that would allow a family to LIVE here.

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62 It's important cause we have good soil-we should use it to grow not build

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64 It's good to have local food to eat

65 Because we need to sustain our local food production, keep a healthy habitat for creatures great and small and for the development of recreational venues that enhance our environment.

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67 I would like the general plan to encourage small, local agriculture, but discourage factory farming or large agricultural operations that would have more pronounced environmental impacts.

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70 People are always going to need to eat, and the more local products we have the better for us, the environment and the farmer.

71 We want to encourage local farming as more responsible farming than relying on corporate farming

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75 Food is more important than gentleman farmers and their 5-acre plots.

76 It is important to maintain/expand ag uses to provide food and local agricultural goods for residents rather than relying on imported or out of state goods. We have excellent fertile ground in many parts of the county--it should be used for food prod.

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78 Local foods reflect a big part of the character of Douglas County. I want to have more access to healthy local foods.

79 Access to healthy local foods is becoming more important.
80 To avoid sprawl of residential and commercial uses that could be located in Lawrence.
81 I don't know much about agricultural uses, but I think the farmers market and restaurants who serve local food is an important part of any community -- whether in Douglas County or in Cook County (Chicago)
82 Local food is good for the planet and its inhabitants.
83 It is important to expand to be better in the future thru agricultural awareness, increased profit's for farmer/ranchers and the city.
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85 Farmers do a great job of self management. Plus it seems like our government favors big corporations such as Monsanto, Bayer, etc.
86 Looks like a typo. haha... Agriculture has been hijacked by Monsanto. We don't want their poison any more. Food and seed sovereignty must be ubiquitous across the NATION.
87 The county is divided between urban and rural, agriculture seems to be thriving.
88 Unsure
89 We are a rural state with a rural culture which we treasure while we become more urbanized.
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91 It is important to sustain the availability of fresh, healthy foods at affordable prices.
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93 Agriculture is the lifeblood of humanity. Globalization may not last forever. Have a strong agricultural industry means we can better feed our citizens.
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96 A large part of our county depends on agricultural resources to exist and/or make a living. It would be negligent of us to ignore that population.
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98 Open spaces and agriculture help define us, important to be able to produce more of our own food, tired of developers gobbling up land to make \$.
99 Keep healthy food close
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102 The agricultural community provides a balance to the city and university's influence.
103 It is a resource that should be maximized.
104 Because we are unique in that way that many people here value local and organic. We can be an example to surrounding areas as how to expand local small economies
105 Unless there is a decline in the present use of the counties agricultural resources I don't see a need for change.
106 Small farms selling locally is part of what makes Douglas County special.
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110 It provides diversity in population and job creation.
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112 Existing AG areas are adequate.
113 Not possible near obvious metropolitan area
114 economic considerations makes it very important to acknowledge the agricultural uses and how they integrate into the whole county plan
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116 Because that's what keeps the green space
117 It is important to expand agricultural use to give people the option of buying local foods and also
exporting those food and animal feeds.
118 We need to ensure that Douglas County has a sustainable and local food system. It is important
to avoid giant, monocropped, industrial farms.
119 Buying & eating local is by far the healthiest option, and keeping our community healthy benefits
everyone
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122 It is important to maintain local farms to assure quality and support wildlife
123 this is an agricultural area and should be kept as natural as possible
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128 focus on locally grown food
129 Ag uses in county important for economy and tourism
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132 Loss of green space is not healthy.
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134 If you use agricultural for the good. I just saw them destroy a field for the progress of the city.
Saw a small woodland destroyed with no thought of the aftermath.
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137 I believe local agriculture and local food are very important and that we need to expand wisely,
i.e. avoid expansion into the wetlands or other culturally significant areas.
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139 It isn't. Our land used for growing food is a valuable resource.
140 Food is expensive. Excellent agricultural opportunities here.
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142 Expanding agricultural uses but not monoculture uses promotes food security in our
communities.
143 Diversity provides strength and understanding.
144 We are surround by plush farm land
145 Agriculture is the linchpin of Kansas. Douglas Co. has many areas where soils are excellent for
growing crops
146 Very important to consider "food hub" and other ways to increase/support local accessibility to
local food whilc supporting growers - increase awareness historically of region's diverse
agricultlure and build on that
147 Local Food, and a prime part of our rural economy.
148 locally grown, preferably organic, food is crucial for our local community
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151 If "agricultural uses" means family CSA farms, fine. No corporate farms, however.
152 local food should be subsidised so the average Lawrencian can afford to eat local
153 For the most part ag uses help keep our air clean and with proper land-conservation practices,
they also prevent pollution of lakes, rivers and streams. This is especially important to prevent

siltation of Clinton Lake, which provides drinking water.

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155 people need to eat

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157 It is no longer economically feasably for FULL-TIME farmers to purchase additional land due to the urbanization of Douglas County. Agriculture production needs smaller acerage to produce higher yields with advances in farming technology.

158 As agricultural business grow outside of traditional farming, Douglas County has the opportunity to attract new business ventures that would fall into this category.

159 Promoting local "farming" over corporate farms is and will become a major economic factor as "Local" becomes the driving factor.

160 Better use of public infrastructure in more densely populated areas

161 Agriculture, while important to the state of Kansas, is not necessarily the highest and best use of ground around a research university with our geographic advantages for shipping and travel.

162 We need to pay respect to the farmers who grow non-GMO food.

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164 Douglas County has incredible soil, so it's a waste of a valuable local resouruce to reduce agricultural uses. Urban gardens (like Lawrence's Common Ground) and retaining some land for agricultural uses in DougCo will help support local food initiatives.

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166 It is important to at least maintain the agricultural aspects of our county to maintain prosperity for local farmers and encourage a better relationship between citizens and food.

167 Ag should be maintained, but not neccesarly expanded. It is a big part of our history though, but it doesn't provide the resources that our communities most need.

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169 Kansas has plenty of farm land and douglas county needs a bigger tax base via retail, manufacturing and residential. Taxes are too high - commercial rates are obscene

170 One must eat and I would prefer to eat locally produced foods.

171 It's our history, and a bases for our income.

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173 it is important to keep a good balance with agriculture and development

174 We need to face the reality of Lawrence's proximity to Kansas City/Topeka and the growth headed this way. I love farm to table and local produce, but this may not be the best use for the property.

175 No opinion.

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180 i just want to limit sprawl

181 to maintain, as an important part of the economy

182 for us it brings in money and services and i would like to see more improvements

183 Agricultural provides a reliable, consistent economic basis to support county endeavors.

184 First determine whether agricultural uses or commercial uses are in the best interests of the citizens, to include the business community.

185 Agriculture currently drives much of the economy. Haphazard zoning changes are not smart in the long run.

186 Other areas are more likely to be future agricultural centers, while Douglas County becomes

more developed as a bedroom community for KC

187 expanding agr in the county is not important to the betterment of Kansas

188 I'm not sure what you mean by "expand agricultural uses" -- but to me, climate change is a huge unknown and sustaining land for small farms close to cities, growing food to sell at farmer's markets and the like are important for a sustainable future

189 The agricultural aspect of the region contributes to the county's "small town", friendly aspect. On a more serious note, access to locally produced food is important for our community.

190 It is somewhat important, but not the top priority

191 I think using green space for expanding agricultural use is important. I am against the use of GMO and chemicals.

192 Agriculture is an important part of our community, but it is not the only part. It should not be needlessly destroyed, but nor should it be blindly used to stop future development. Balance is required.

193 more small, multiple use farms.

194 expansion of town centres is not the answer when trying to maintain character, but employment is more important in general

195 The people in this county appreciate buying locally produced food, and it reduces our city's carbon footprint to grow our food locally.

196 Jobs, tourism, land use

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198 Lawrence is a better place when the rural landscape is preserved and/or used for high-quality local agriculture, while the city of Lawrence can maintain its current borders as it grows and prospers.

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200 It's some of the best farmland in the world so any other use must be a damned good one.

201 Nice to see sustainable farm practices develop in DG Co--this could set us apart & on the vanguard

202 Inside the UGA, the priority should be to bring agricultural properties to a higher and more productive use, consistent with objectives to add jobs and diversity the tax base

203 Plants and ag. enhance the characters of residents

204 support local growers

205 keeping good mix is healthy for all

206 Increasingly we are seeing the value of maximizing the potential for food grown locally. This saves on the costs of nutritional food, reduces transportation costs and delays in delivery affecting the quality of food, makes us more aware of the importance

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209 I think it's very important to protect prime farmland from development and to support local and sustainable agriculture.

210 I'm not sure it's realistic to expand agricultural uses, but we should make every effort to maintain/preserve the prime agricultural land in the county.

211 Without agriculture, we cannot eat. However, the agriculture that we need should be diverse and take into consideration the ecosystems that it impacts. We can't grow 1 crop on acre upon acre and pump the soil full of chemicals - this is not sustainable.

212 I like the idea of community gardens all over the county. Small farms are few and far between and I like to support them over Monsanto.

213 Quality farming soil is a strong asset for Douglas County and we should be focusing on our strengths through sustainable farming

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216 I see it as of dwindling importance to the economy.
217 Protect prime farm land and make rural products convenient to the city as people become more environmentally aware. Also protect rural recreation options.
218 Expanding agricultural is a great idea
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220 I could write a paper on this. In sum, we really need to localize food production all over--not just the county, but the country. We're not investing enough in alternative fuels, and we're going to pay for it with the food supply unless more people grow it
221 maintain, especially those who use less chemicals, aids in healthy air quality and options to buy locally grown food
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224 local food production, green areas, sense of ballance
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227 Feed ourselves, save and enrich the soils, open land filters water, healthy foods, employment, etc. Very important.
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229 Home grown foods for a local & natural resource - Ag business is importantn and large ag farms can employ decent amounts of poeple. Jobs=People=for the county
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232 The individual farmer should be encouraged and allowed to produce crops without being over regulated by the Federal government, specifically the EPA
233 Let the free market take care of itself. Don't be restrictive on expansion
234 Agriculture is part of the county's economy, and some people depend on it.
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236 Local farmers have helped to shape this community, and residents are able to consume products that are grown and developed in the immediate area.
237 I believe that the interest in locally grown food will grow - adds to the economy and the vitality of the community
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239 It is important to assist local farmers and the farmer's markets, buying locally and eating locally grow produce helps small farmers with sustainability.
240 The soil is productive and local produce is the wave of the future.
241 We need to be careful not to use agriculture as an "excess" to keep improvements/developments from happening at the airport area.
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243 Population will continue to grow for the foreseeable future; unchecked conversion of food-production land to residential/commercial development is a long-term dead end.
244 I spend most of my time in Lawrence so I am not sure what agricultural benefits Douglas County has
245 People enjoy local produce but it should not come at the cost of limiting the city's commercial growth
246 Ag is important part of the local. Economy- local foods - open & green space are also important
247 Important- once farmland is "developed"- it become unavailable for agriculture. With local

agriculture there is less need to depend on other communities and transportation // we become less dependent on others

248 Encourage and expand agriculture uses, local food production and access

249 The agricultural uses w/in the county are part of its history and my concern is if we don't make intentional efforts to maintain/expand it could be lost.

250 Let the market decide, if the demand is there, especially on local food, then expand.

251 I think it is important to have a relationship with land and food sources, but the agricultural way of life and economies is not sustainable on a large scale.

252 Plenty of ag land in surrounding area

253 More need for locally-sourced food and economic value of prime farmland

254 To maintain balance referred to in "A" above

255 Its important because large part of population and the community rely on our agriculture as a mean of living such as income and/or eating healthy and organic and/or "local"

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258 Don't know - like to keep some land natural

259 We have tremendous resources in our land that stand to serve us well into the future. Development will not necessarily give us the long term benefits

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261 We need to be able to feed ourselves rather than importing our food

262 A part of the fabric of the county thats important to maintain

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264 We need to lead the state in urban agriculture

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267 we need our natural resources of food and trees to sustain life and a healthy ecosystem

268 It is a vital part of our health and our input to this community and outside of here

269 There is a need for fresh meat & veggies. Children need exposure to rural life to gain a more complete education.

270 Local food production is important because purchasing products in our community helps keep money in our community.

271 because food produced via corporate agriculture is not healthy on people or the environment. because we have such good soil. because shipping food is hard on the environment

272 Agriculture is important but especially if not more so is economic development. There is agriculture land that because of its location would be great industrial sites. Agriculture alone cannot support the township

273 Farming is important to everyone who uses the products and we all do.

274 We need to value our agricultural areas

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276 To protect our character

277 The local population appreciates the mix of pastoral and urban opportunities

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287 Too much concrete makes for a crappy city - no wildlife, parks, local produce, etc
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298 More people moving in - We need more food and better healthier food. Non GMO is great! We
need to sustain ourselves!
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314 Agriculture, especially small family farms, is what makes this part of the country livable. Note, I
said small family farms, not big agribusiness corporate farms whose owners have no ties to the
county and community.
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324 Economic development, food sources, life and vitality.
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327 The Farmers Market and local farmers are a critical element of what makes Douglas County
unique.
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329 It will become vital to be able to produce food locally.
330 It's part of our identity & economy. That said, I'd like to see family farms being maintained &
expanded. Not so much the out-of-town corporations.
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334 food security will ultimately be a local or, at best, regional matter.
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336 I'd like more agriculture within the city on small scale. Cooperative plots or smaller operations.
I'd like to see the nursery on 15th street be revitalized in some way.
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340 locally grown food is an important part of what makes the county a nice blend of urban and rural.
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342 We've got the best soil in the world here and the best people to care for it and use it to feed the
local community. With the hosting of events like the Mother Earth News fair, we are poised to
become a center of progressive growing technology/practices
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local community. With the hosting of events like the Mother Earth News fair, we are poised to
become a center of progressive growing technology/practices
344 maintain natural habitat and agricultural use, development with less impervious surfaces, local
mitigation when necessary (not elsewhere in the state)
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348 It is part of the cultural heritage of this place. Also, we have a good local food base here, and this
must be supported and improved.
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350 In order to foster food sovereignty, ag use - including small-scale - should be promoted.
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355 It IS very important!
356 for sustainable living
357 great soil - natural rainfall - do NOT need more ticky-tacky residential or commercial
development!
358 To provide more organic fruits and vegetables for resturants and schools, farmers markets.
359 Times change, the status quo may or may not be appropriate
360 need to maintain it for food.
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368 A good rural mix is important.....Family farms are a stabilizing factor to the surrounding insanity.
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F. What are two issues facing Douglas County that should be addressed in the updated comprehensive plan?

- 1 sprawl and the growing socio-economic divide between east and west
- 2 The concept of infill in a County
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- 5 the unchecked growth of Lawrence into agricultural areas, and the threat of island annexation into areas closes to Lawrence
- 6 Growth areas of the county and proper determination of how that growth should be guided.
- 7 taxes taxes taxes. Not enough of a tax base so homeowners get hit hard. Employment opportunities. Too much Welfare
- 8 1. seniors: better transportation to Dr's appts, etc. and housing aimed at seniors 2. education other than KU - technical schools and expanded community college classes. KU isn't oriented for the non-traditional student
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- 10 Ex-urban spawal from Johnson County and fragmentation of farmland and open space.
- 11 Drought warning, cost of living
- 12 Identify major vehicle transportation routes and then upgrade the cross sections to for more forgiving cross sections. Second is maintaining stream flow water quality.
- 13 Preservation of agricultural land (especially type one and two soils in the flood planes.) Focus on water conservation, reuse, etc.
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- 15 Regulatory burden
- 16 improve relations between City and County. One of the two are wrong about the unequal support...
- 17 loss of agricultural land, water issues
- 18 Commercial Growth; Water availability.
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- 21 Affordable housing (also transitional housing) & a mechanism for offsetting large commercial & housing development that receive zoning/infrastructure/financial benefits with a mandatory amount of affordable housing or contributions affordable housing fund
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- 23 Over-reliance on fossil fuels and its cousin, sprawl.
- 24 Lack of primary jobs in Lawrence and encouragement of increased commercial and retain development in Lawrence.
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- 26 avoidance of development not close to existing developed areas
- 27 1. Developing infrastructure for growing community while maintaining current resources and structures 2. Creating opportunities for local businesses and farms and marketing the benefits of

supporting the local community (with students).

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30 A comprehensive traffic plan matched to a comprehensive and enforceable growth plan.

31 Allow wanted businesses to build here and listen to the people who have good ideas, although, mostly, contrary to what the leaders want to hear or try

32 1) Balanced growth: rational approaches to economic development that include quality of life issues like clean water, healthy food, arts and culture, educational opportunities, and community relationships as well as jobs. 2) Cost of living.

33 We need to avoid over-suburbanization and focus on creating more density in the already developed areas. Avoid excessive subdivision sprawl which destroys farm land and requires new roads and infrastructure that we can't afford to maintain.

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37 water, and jobs (not service sector jobs either).

38 Our 125 bed homeless shelter is full, and there's no transportation from there to the center of town, where jobs are.

39 Crop diversity and organic practices.

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42 traffic and reduction of taxes

43 Zoning - discourage urban sprawl with restrictive zoning. Prohibit the use of prime agricultural land for industrial development. Encourage historic preservation.

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45 buying local and independent farms; small agricultural businesses.

46 sprawl. ag runoff.

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48 Appropriate land use

49 The rental inspections and adding better paying jobs,

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52 Wide spread housing developments.

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55 Stop the paving and growth in Northwest Lawrence

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57 Sediment filling of Clinton lake and low water level (lack of control over water level)

58 Overdevelopment of prime agricultural land and better integration of county and city govt.

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60 Taking care of existing infrastructure & getting the city of Lawrence to go to an independently elected mayor & a ward system instead of an antiquated 100 year old popularity contest of an at-large elected city commission

61 Protection of rich agricultural ground

62 The lack of community colleges / vocational schools for certification - thanks for the new bus system but our kids shouldn't have to go JCCC

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64 Resources should be used to promote less development, and add more support and depth to

current uses

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70 Potholes in roads and uneven roads
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72 Preservation of our precious farmland, sustainable energy use
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75 Water policy and development beyond the current city limits of Lawrence and Baldwin City.
76 1-Increasing/maintaining agricultural use, 2-supporting local, family owned businesses
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78 1. Keep the environmental chapter from being watered down. Douglas County needs to protect
its natural environment. 2. Stop allowing exceptions to zoning.
79 Better city planning, and keeping to our environmental values.
80 Sprawl and Sprawl
81 Availability of mental health resources. A food store in North Lawrence.
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83 What will the city do for the less fortunate area's of town. What will the city do to bring more
job's to Lawrence.
84 industrial zoning more ammenities for industrial growth
85 Fluoridated water and cease all activity related to UN Agenda 21. It's un-American.
86 Fluoride in the water supply. Pesticides causing colony collapse disorder of our honey bees.
87 Taxation. Balanced budget.
88 More affordable housing options for middle income seniors, sidewalks, making the community
age friendly so older adults can live in their homes as long as possible.
89 Bridges in need of improvement and maintenance. Limit tax increases with more taxable
business development.
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91 Universal design for new homes and more low to middle income housing
92 1- Unsightly entrances to Lawrence (K-10 East and North 2nd are nasty looking and give bad first
impression). 2 - Poor and neglected street surfaces, curbs and sidewalks in older areas of
Lawrence (east of Iowa) St.
93 Water use and Engery production
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96 Access to human resources (food, shelter, healthcare of all kinds) for those in need and
preservation of the quality of life for everyone in our community, not just those who can afford
to pay for it.
97 Reasonable, thoughtful growth, with an idea to look at other areas besides the Western part of
town; research other ways to increase revenue without increasing taxes on the community
98 Help local growers protect and develop prime growing land. Be thoughtful about how we're
growing so that we don't erode from the inside out as we keep developing outward.
99 Increased bicycle infrastructures.
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- 102 Traffic flow, and planning to enhance economic opportunity throughout the county.
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- 104 Un-necessary business expansion (specifically over the wetlands) which is opposed by many including those who should have rights to that land.new development when there are so many empty business buildings throughout town.
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- 106 Development on the west side of Lawrence. Over-dependence on cars due to lack of safe bike lanes , poorly maintained sidewalks, and lack of benches or shade/shelter at most bus stops.
107 Not allowing unlimited growth of urban, industrial complexes, and encouraging more leisure use of existing waterways, etc.
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- 111 maintain and expand agricultural uses in the county, balancing these interests with development.
112 Balance preserving the character of thwe county with urban needs.
113 Water,sewage as inevitable city expansion occurs
114 encroaching of urban uses into the county; water rights
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- 116 urban/suburban sprawl and expansion of agriculture that supports sustainability and small farm success
117 Dealing with the drought and the use and conservation of water resources.
118 Long-term sustainability (as opposed to short-term profits) and maintaining the wild areas.
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- 122 Preservation of wildlands and farms, and transportation
123 the destruction of the south east wetlands is a travesty which has brought shame to our community. Green preservation should supersede development.
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- 125 Poverty & job creation; Access to healhy, affordable food
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- 127 Land is being taken away from wildlife/farmers to make a highway. That is an issue in my book.
128 not sure
129 Infrastructure. Services
130 Neighborhood schools need to be protected from state decisions to cut education.
131 Road expansion - especially 23rd Street (access to KC) and improve access points to I-70 (access to Topeka) AND encouraging more business to be based in Lawrence.
132 The Senior Center is not user friendly and/or accessible. The infrastructure is changing to a less friendly environment.
133 Containment of "growth" in Lawrence into the rural / undeveloped land. Need to preserve green space!
134 Think about the construction! Rome was not built in a day but they think if they change every street at the same time, the town will appreciate it, NOT!
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- 137 Wetlands conservation; drinking water security
138 Overgrowth of mulit-residential housing and housing prices.
139 Access to outdoor exercise and indoor activity close to all neighborhoods. Less tax relief for

private developers.

140 Affordability for all.

141 Don't know

142 Food security and public and pedestrian transportation

143 1. There is no mention of the quality of life, blending of goals and objectives. 2. How will the plan strengthen our sense of community!

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145 Preserving prime agricultural lands. Limiting the expansion of rural residences not associated with farming.

146 support/increase "infill" of Lawrence to suspend outward growth and increase use of alternative energy in businesses and homes, etc.throughout county

147 Farmland conservation and water resource management

148 1. Stop urban sprawl by corporate developers (e.g., Rock Chalk Park that voters should have decided). 2. Investigate EMF radiation harm caused by "smart" utility meters.

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150 Roads and residential controls.

151 Maintaining or increasing undeveloped land and restricting five acre exemptions.

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153 Maintaining class one soils in North Lawrence for agricultural use. Preventing blight in older areas that must compete with new apartment complexes.

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155 extreme low income housing is virtually non-existent

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157 The comprehensive plan is too restrictive in it's preservation of privately held property.

158 The process for which to start and expand a business (too cumbersome), and making resources and funds available for start ups

159 Restoring the sidewalks throughout and incorporating additional shared use paths throughout. People are seeking high paying healthy communities. Shopping is not near as important as outdoor neighborhood exercise opportunities.

160 20 acre minimum resident requirement and allowing the farmers to farm with out EPA restrictions

161 Increase our commercial tax base so we can continue to enjoy the amenities we all love. Attract and inspire entrepreneurs and business leaders to locate and grow their businesses here.

162 Lack of sidewalks & effective crosswalks on busy streets.

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164 preserving native landscapes on the south end of Douglas County, and river access/crossings.

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166 roads, several roads are in need of repair.

167 We need better transportation options, and I believe the completion of the SLT will help this greatly.

168 Water quality and quantity and incentives for further economic development

169 Escalating taxes. Eliminate the excessive regulations and hoops one needs to locate build, or rebuild something in Douglas county

170 Better roads and better jobs.

171 The old policy's stationS, parking

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173 less ugly development

174 Zoning must be addressed that doesn't introduce additional risk, but encourages, rather than

detracts from business that might want to move here. Ecodevo activities need to have real metrics like job creation after five years to earn an incentive

175 Fiber Optic Connection Infrastructure

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177 the planning for growth so that it is in line with values of the community and dg co moves forward in synch with the city of lawrence

178 economic growth and education

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180 empty office buildings , city water supply

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182 create a nature and education park out of the pickney swamp

183 Lack of economic growth opportunities and limited opportunities to raise revenue to support county services.

184 1. Too much commercial zoning going on, spreading out the uses of property throughout - not good. 2. Government officials are spending too much time looking at ways to spend money rather than looking out for the financial interests of all citizens

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186 Responsiveness to new business/jobs opportunities. University/community connections, more than just sports

187 development of single family in the county without being 20 acres minimum requirement building permits easier to get and more friendly to the private individual

188 first and foremost is global warming, also water

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190 the "feel" of being in the country is greatly diminished by the encroaching highway system-- growth and expansion need to be strictly regulated.

191 Polarization of the poor and the well off. Developers being allowed to control the growth of the city, receiving large incentives, and using tax payers funds to do so.

192 Soil protection trumping other agricultural land use and the rigidity of the comprehensive plan during the planning process.

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194 traffic (integrated car, public transport, bicycle and pedestrian uses) and employment (boosting technology sector)

195 Renewable energy expansion and better care of animal issues (such as implementing trap-neuter-return for feral and stray cats, which is a humane and effective cat colony management method in use in many counties in the United States).

196 Tourism, downtown expansion

197 Travelable infrastructure, get rid of the city buses

198 How to maintain the unique qualities that Lawrence possesses without slipping into the culture of mediocrity that plagues most small towns in the American Midwest (i.e. value local businesses over national and international businesses, etc).

199 City growth into the county. Consider city+county funding for the public library.

200 Non-existent or myopic "planning," perhaps best exemplified by the row of driveways (some not yet installed) on the east side of E 1600 Rd just south of N 1000 Rd. These homes (most yet to be built) should share ONE entrance to E 1600 Rd.

201 Nurture sustainable farming and attract complementary industry for increased economic growth

202 Establishing reliable and well defined areas for commercial, industrial and residential growth; ensuring that development in the county is not unreasonably hindered by "environmental" policies, which policies should be minimal inside the UGA

203 Please fence off part of Burcham or Veteran's park for a dog park. Animals roam, owners chat. Look at photos of Sept. "Pet Plunge" if you need

204 Keeping Douglas County separate in vision from Johnson & Shawnee

205 ugly development and take over of established neighbor by developers

206 1) The value of "intergenerational" development and making the community "affordable" for all.

207 Transportation and senior activity

208 Leave family neighborhoods the way they are for those that want that type of living area

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210 Rate and importance of incorporation; development and appropriateness of wind power expansion.

211 1. Unwanted urban/commercial sprawl 2. Sustainable agriculture (this affects everything from the quality of Douglas County's air, soil, water, etc.)

212 I like the direction we are going in, but the expansion of Lawrence westward is getting out of hand. So much beige.

213 Focus on sustainable local farming and food production and the smart development of the Urban core of Lawrence through added density.

214 affordable housing and gentrification

215 roads. development

216 Coordination with the municipalities. Encroaching suburbanization.

217 Restrain sprawl. Conserve water resources.

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220 Ban the sale of fireworks county-wide, more transportation options between smaller towns like Eudora and Lawrence or Overland Park

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222 Better bike routes, east-west ----

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224 forward looking to curb excessive development, environmental pollution

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226 Crime prevention (especially theft/robbery and drunk driving), affordable housing

227 Preservation of historic structures, viewscapes, stories of all-rich and poor and recognizing that this work brings jobs, education and pride to our community. Second, making community decisions based on more than economic gain.

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229 Over population/too many apartment buildings/rentals, not enough jobs that are long-term sustainable employers

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232 Continue increase in population. Increase in the desire for water meters when building homesites in the county

233 Wastewater and drinking water so that Lawrence can grow south of the Wakarusa River

234 Affordable, quality housing and community building

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236 Better roadways for cyclists and motorists to share. Specifically HWY 1055 between Baldwin and Lawrence. At time this area becomes unsafe for both to share. Douglas Co. Lake could be improved with a park and sidewalks connecting to Baldwin City

237 Maintain the historic character of downtown and original townsite neighborhoods, preserving agricultural lands

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- 239 Maintaining downtown's viability and regulating sustainable growth for local businesses.
- 240 encourage safe and sustainable development of apartment complexes; ensure adequate public parking in university neighborhood
- 241 How jobs fit into the counties devel. plan
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- 243 Expansion of city borders; failure to zone for greater residential density within the city, esp. around the KU campus; too many KU students have to live far from campus.
- 244 recycling (door-to-door would be nice to have), more streetlights in Lawrence
- 245 Emissions from future major roadways and industrial facilities, limiting effects of urban sprawl around parks and lakes.
- 246 Promoting biking and walking for transportation- better integration of transportation planning and site design
- 247 Residential Development in the rural areas of the county- removing ground for agricultural uses as well as the demands of residential use for services. Expansion or development of public transportation between the cities of the county.
- 248 Expansion of Lawrence, comprehensive/connected nature of county as a whole community. Demand for local products/food
- 249 1. Having appropriate and well planned land for business to come to Douglas County (Industrial).
2. Balance of protecting the history & cultural aspects of our community while working hard to create opportunities for the future.
- 250 Preserve open space, attract business
- 251 Access to technology - wireless infrastructure. Local centers for personal improvement, for example wellness centers, educational centers,
- 252 Increased sprawl in rural areas
- 253 Regional transit, esp. KU traffic: less trips and VMT. Alternative transportation.
- 254 Make Lawrence more attractive to business. Maintain rural character or unincorporated area
- 255 As always - commercial development - where guidelines, as well as being open to new developments. As expansion/population is moving out west, trying to control sprawl. Preserving agricultural land as community develops to west and south.
- 256 Bike access, traffic flow
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- 258 Don't know
- 259 Green space & environmental impact
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- 261 Aging infrastructure, enhance tourism of local history, increase public land for increased natural areas
- 262 Bicycle & pedestrian lanes connectivity
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- 264 Our economy should not be focused on growth, it should focus on sustained profit. Focus on the building of a long term infrastructure - 80 years - rather than economy of housing construction cheap
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- 267 The K-10 bypass and how it will change the traffic and economy and the need for affordable housing for young families & students
- 268 East side needs shopping and grocery stores
- 269 Expansion of industry into outlying area to enable more even tax base.

270 Lack of jobs for 20-30 year olds
271 1. water, both quality and quantity. 2. limiting both retail and housing projects. We do not have the population growth to meet the # of projects proposed.
272 Economic development which grows jobs and helps provide revenues.
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274 Preparing and planning for Rock Chalk Park development - keeping key folks involved such as school districts
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276 More industry
277 Border creep. Major facilities developed outside of walking distance of central resources - necessity for long-term, high-cost public transportation operations.
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287 More bike lanes/paths. Block Mass. from 6th to 11th to cars - make it totally pedestrian (like Pearl St. in Boulder)
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296 We need to be proactive about designing infrastructure in preparation for less availability of fossil fuel. We need to be very wary of the lure of homogenizing, pell mell growth and development which destroys both the character and health.
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298 More bike lanes! Coordinated construction on roads, so we always have a decent alternate route - Not all construction at the same time!
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300 More jobs
301 City should consider removing all cars from Mass St. Walkin mall with more parking on New Hampshire & Vermont. Also way more liquor. More bars and restaurants on Mass St
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305 Sustainable growth
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314 Sprawl and sprawl.
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324 Neighborhood centers and schools, safety and health.
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327 Retaining the historic uniqueness that draws people here. Avoiding a West vs East divide in
Lawrence.
328 improved walkability and biking ability for everyday life and better pedestrian area crime
prevention
329 Climate change, water supply.
330 Am not sure.
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336 Walkability and creating sense of community within the neighborhoods.
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340 1. The county that holds the state's largest university doesn't have the best public schools? Why
not? 2. Facilitate growth in a sustainable way that retains the character and values of the area.
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342 A GREEN BELT around the city. We should not be putting major industrial/retail developments
south of the S.Law. Trafficway or North of I70 in river floodplains
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344 limit retail and residential growth in an effort to maintain natural habitats and agricultural use;
school system and budget per child
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348 Balance in supporting current uses in sustainable way, maintaining sensible infrastructure and
mixed uses.
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350 Mill-levy?

- 351 Maintain sustainable environment through water (wetlands, natural growth) and pollution management.
- 352 Affordable housing, transportation
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- 356 locations of future agricultural land / locations of future farmer's markets and educational events and tours
- 357 better pay at jobs that are here. Preserving rural characteristics of county.
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- 359 Development, residential and industrial
- 360 green space in the city, safer bike lanes
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- 368 No growth movement and inflated tax and land prices
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1. How would you describe the character of Lawrence?

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- 2 overbearing incompetence that lacks vision. Every "laterst" program is implements without any long term vision. Vision such as 20/20 is routinely ignored or exempted.
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- 5 bi-polar: a worldly atmosphere surrounding KU, and Johnson County like with unchecked housing development
- 6 Eclectic medium sized city.
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- 8 very liberal
- 9 Open minded
- 10 Unique with something for everyone.
- 11 The Gentrified Hipsters and the Middle Class
- 12 A college town with a solid business community
- 13 College town/ increasingly a bedroom community.
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- 16 extremely political
- 17 liberal, youthful, vibrant
- 18 Liberal and independent minded, but with too much big development leading the way

- 19 growth averse
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- 21 part metropolitan, part smaller community, part larger suburban style sprawl; an artsy community
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- 23 A progressive university community that aspires to offer above-average quality of life, but can't always deliver on that aspiration.
- 24 University-centered, growing and diverse community.
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- 26 eclectic
- 27 Exciting and excepting
- 28 Finicky
- 29 Lawrence is wonderful city inspite of high taxes and a city commission that is controlled by a few developers.
- 30 Hopelessly muddled
- 31 Riding on KU's tail. Presented as a welcoming, safe community but is not and tries too hard to retain downtown, ignoring profitable businesses that have expressed interest in expanding here
- 32 Quirky, fun, lively, more liberal than the rest of the state, but still surprisingly conservative, combative in ways that may be frustrating for some but often result in good balance between quality of life concerns and strictly financial/econom concerns.
- 33 Strong in history and character. Unique, well-defined older neighborhoods surrounding a great downtown and university. Other, outlying new subdivisions with good roads and pedestrian infrastructure.
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- 36 fun, active, atristic, musical, educated, ecentric, community driven, a place to spend my silver and golden years
- 37 A city of environmental extremists which goes out of its way to wage war on motorists, for revenue enhancement, and undue spying (LPR).
- 38 Lawrence is a friendly, open community, full of creative, kind, compassionate people.
- 39 Healthy community wannabe crossed with "don't tell me what to do, who cares if we're well."
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- 42 Backwards
- 43 A liveable small town threatened with the loss of the qualities that have made it such by the constant drumbeat of Chamber-types for life-quality defeating growth.
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- 45 Diverse, unique, exciting, active, family oriented.....
- 46 progressive, historic, diverse, educated, tolerant, but overdeveloped and unwalkable and otherwise somewhat poorly planned, land use largely controlled by the development community. The university administration is a largely unreachable power unto itself.
- 47 Getting to be like a large city.
- 48 Vibrant/history/character
- 49 A bunch of angry people.
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- 52 Moderate sized community heavily influenced by a large university.
- 53 nice, energetic

- 54 small town, lacking services and retail options but with unique college influences
- 55 Irresponsible growth
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- 57 Caring and supportive of schools, arts and library
- 58 Still somewhat unique, but trending in a bad way toward becoming more like a KC suburb.
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- 60 Shallow & uppity
- 61 Artistic, inclusive, but too expensive.
- 62 Educated / Open to new ideas and cultures but yet rooted in Kansas and all that; that entitles-The history / Jayhawks / FreeState
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- 64 Interesting
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- 67 Great
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- 70 Liberal and Home
- 71 unique, quasi-urban, vital, progressive (except for lack of bike paths and walk ways)
- 72 Attractive place for a diverse population
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- 75 Busy but with many many opportunities for enjoyment.
- 76 Changing from quirky, unique, a place where people want to visit, shop, live to a cookie cutter version of a suburb like parts of Johnson County.
- 77 Accepting
- 78 I like the parts of the city that are built on the grid, with sidewalks on both sides of the street. It has a real home feel to it. The "Johnson County" part of the city and its ubiquitous franchises is boring and wasteful.
- 79 Nice downtown with great historic neighborhoods, bordered on the west by typical sprawl, cup-de-sacs, and franchises.
- 80 Slowly growing college town
- 81 Typical College Town
- 82 Fun, quirky, intelligent, liberal, progressive, culturally diverse, tolerant, friendly, proud of its history, and crazy about KU and basketball.
- 83 Lawrence is one of a kind and a great place to live.
- 84 anti growth dont do enough to encourage more business
- 85 Welcoming
- 86 Lively, friendly, and
- 87 Liberal, tax and spend, taxation and spending out of control
- 88 eclectic
- 89 Vibrant and culturall with an excellent university and a strong downtown area inthe face of periferal shopping centers. Downtown residential development should help anchor the downtown.
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- 91 Progressive, caring, and inclusive
- 92 college-oriented (which is good).
- 93 Generally known as the liberal, progressive community in Kansas

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- 95 Open minded and accepting.
- 96 Small-town charm with big city dreams
- 97 Liberal and laid back
- 98 Open to new ideas, attractive, progressive, focus on the environment, fitness, and the outdoors, commitment to sustainability, good place for families, the arts, music, fun!
- 99 Awesome
- 100 Vibrant, independent, colorful
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- 102 Quirky. A bit eccentric. Not certain whether to embrace change or hold to tradition.
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- 104 Liberal, inclusive, diverse
- 105 Lots of fluff and not much substance.
- 106 Offbeat, artsy, lots of cultural opportunities, but not nearly as bike or pedestrian friendly as it could be.
- 107 Diverse, tolerant, rich in culture. Too allowing of development by realtors, builders
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- 110 Eclectic yet stagnant and intolerant of growth for new business.
- 111 short-sighted
- 112 Progressive
- 113 Beauty and people friendly
- 114 often times, arrogant in its view of itself as an enlightened city; progressive in its attitude toward different ideas
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- 116 It's becoming Johnson County except in a city setting
- 117 A combination of liberal and conservatives with very few moderates.
- 118 Independent, creative, and a little bit rebellious and rough around the edges
- 119 Energetic, Artistic, & Friendly
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- 122 It is a commuter town.
- 123 A great funky town with a unique character, where individuality is accepted and preservation of both the environment and a suburban life style is prized.
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- 125 Caring, educated, progressive, a thriving community
- 126
- 127 Funky
- 128 anti-economic development friendly, quirky, interesting, artsy, intelligent, liberal
- 129 Quirky mix of old and new.
- 130 Unique.
- 131 Helpful, Hardworking, Hippie
- 132 There are many kind, caring people who misunderstand the needs of their disabled persons.
- 133 Paving over all green space, ruled by rich developers with a beautiful vibrant downtown
- 134 Selfish, don't think of the people that pay the taxes!
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- 136 small town
- 137 Diverse weird small town urban awesomeness

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139 Forward thinking in education, health and environment.

140 We are more open than a lot of communities to different lifestyles & ideas.

141 Eclectic

142 Formerly funky and now getting over corporatized

143 Fragmented by competing interests.

144 Politically and morally corrupt

145 Older neighborhoods, especially those near the KU campus, are becoming slums through the dramatic increase in rental properties.

146 politically "progressive" in relation to state political stance, majority educated (but, not aware of positive aspects of rural Douglas county or rest of state) tendency to be "self righteous" in relation to rest of state

147 Uniquely itself

148 Mid-sized cultural university town that offers good quality of life

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150 Owned by a few developer family's.

151 Funkiness resisting idiotic development.

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153 A vibrant, friendly and caring community, with a very special downtown area. It also reflects having KU in its midst which provides not only educational opportunities, but also cultural as well. Lawrence is one of the best places we have ever lived.

154

155 too much sports and not enough employment opportunities

156

157 There are natural geographic features that play a strong role is deterring where growth occurs. It has been orderly.

158 Vibrant, cultural, open minded

159 Friendly yet the crime rate is moving higher which comes with growth. Larger cities are the perfect example.

160 Aloof. the vocal minority feels like they should run the city. There is a big difference between smart growth and no growth.

161 Lawrence is a progressive, cosmopolitan and intellectual community with a proud history and a thriving culture.

162 Community- oriented

163

164 small town with big city amenities.

165

166 welcoming, progressive, attractive, supportive

167 For the most part, splendid, although stressed. While there are many wonderful services we enjoy here, many are concerned with the sustainability of them without putting more and more pressure on homeowners.

168 Diverse, artsy and alive

169 It's not as special as you like to think

170 Quirky

171 Too busy

172

173 very good

174 Lawrence is of an evolving character right now. There are parts of it that are quaint, and other

- parts that need serious redevelopment.
- 175 Robust
- 176
- 177 friendly, concerned about citizens, looking for growth but not at the expense of the college town closeness and character.
- 178 unique
- 179
- 180 typical midwest college town
- 181
- 182 charming
- 183 Active, semi-progressive but catering to many special interest groups.
- 184 A community spreading out too far in all directions, rather than supporting and protecting the downtown district.
- 185
- 186 A teenager with lots promise for a successful life
- 187 lot of people packed in small spaces. No good transportation plan for the number of people in the town
- 188
- 189 A small town without being too small. A good community. Somewhat progressive.
- 190 it has many amenities of a big city, but has mostly maintained its small-town feel.
- 191 Unique, a destination for culture, art and a little peace and quiet.
- 192 As a very culturally alive place to live, but stagnant in that certain elements in town do not want any growth and fight against all types.
- 193
- 194 small-town friendly with a strong college twist
- 195 Unique and pleasant
- 196 Unique
- 197 Active, progressive
- 198 A high-quality small town
- 199 Vibrant-Active
- 200 An oasis of reason in a desert of willful myopia
- 201 Half funky, half "suburban" or manicured. Getting more and more car-centric (hence suburban feel)
- 202 I choose to live here because it offers the perfect mix of quality of life and business opportunity, but that opportunity is not made available to everyone who seeks it. Not everyone's children will be able to live and work here when they grow up, sadly
- 203
- 204 Accepting of all
- 205 good
- 206 A fairly progressive community that has too often been directed to the advantage of the "advantaged" residents
- 207 snooty
- 208 Family community --- Natural, healthy focus
- 209
- 210 Lawrence is a very UNIQUE community and provides many opportunities for both natives and visitors that do not exist in the immediate area.
- 211 Please see answer to A above.
- 212 A progressive mecca in a state drowning in tea.

213
 214
 215 welcoming
 216 Quirky and comfortable.
 217 A university city too obsessed with growth.
 218 College town. Underpaid and overpriced.
 219
 220 Small-town but growing, a little spot of blue-purple in a sea of red
 221 very diverse
 222 really great small town!
 223
 224 diversified
 225
 226 Friendly, welcoming, relatively diverse- student centric- heavy emphasis on local business
 227 Struggling
 228 Small town feel with the vibrant downtown. (too much sprawl far east and west) university
 feeling with the ebb and flow traffic during winter/summer
 229 Fun town - kind of conceded - a nice community to visit-definitely built around KU - expensive,
 terrible drivers and horrible construction projects that impede driving. Getting through town
 sucks!!
 230 Young, liberal and open
 231 Progressive and tolerant. Concerned about education
 232 Diverse and welcoming!
 233 Very diverse, just like the county.
 234 Complex
 235
 236 Lawrence is a wonderful place that promotes diverse thought and local business.
 237 great downtown and good neighborhoods... sprawl on the edges
 238
 239 Open minded and liberal
 240 Highly attractive to educated, cultured persons
 241 Diverse & a bedroom community
 242
 243 Confused and dated.
 244 See Part A. The one thing I don't like is the sprawl in West Lawrence. It seems very segregated
 (gated/fenced in housing communities next to strip malls & plazas). It breaks up the community
 feeling you get from downtown and I don't like to travel to it
 245 college town, liberal for the midwest
 246 The best place in Kansas.
 247 A very attractive place- many programs and opportunities to be involved and participate
 248 Liberal, community minded, fairly accepting, fairly diverse racially and very diverse economically
 249 Small town feel w/ urban characteristics, resistant to change, diverse perspectives
 250 Urban-lite, mixed urban/suburban, excellent attention to historical
 251 Lawrence has the feel of a small town with many of the amenities of a larger community
 252 Suburban college town with character combined with Johnson Co. suburban
 253 Small town w/ dreams of growing up, but not too fast
 254 Upscale, liberal minded college community
 255 Historical, Artistic, Unique, Community

- 256 Active, proud
- 257 Diverse, bedroom community
- 258 Cares about its people and the environment
- 259 Forward thinking
- 260 Quirky, eclectic, unique, interesting- you have old mixed with new, and while some of the new could have been incorporated in a better manner it is light years ahead of other places I've lived or been.
- 261 Economically rich but wealth and power concentrated with few people. Too much new building instead of reuse or renovation
- 262 Small town America with strong influence from major university
- 263 Very creative diverse community that is reflected in the character of Lawrence
- 264 See page 1
- 265 Downtown and north Lawrence have a neighborhood feel, but much of the city feels sprawled and suburban
- 266 Little big town. Value history and culture of community.
- 267 Open-minded, global view, friendly and festive, people take pride in their homes & hometown sports
- 268 It seems people in trailers are being pushed out. Maybe approach landlords with better upkeep instead of displacing tenants
- 269 Progressive, cultural, business and educulturally-oriented - (keeping away from balance of county)
- 270 Cultural, interesting, full of good products to purchase
- 271 University town with liberal thinking. There is diversity and tolerance for all lifestyles. There is a social conscience that embraces the "common good". Diversity and creativity are especially encouraged. However, there is a greedy tendency to overbuild.
- 272 A city that has protected its identity which many people are jealous
- 273 A college town catering to students.
- 274 Diverse, well-educated
- 275
- 276 college town
- 277 Urban in the east and cookie-cutter suburban in the west
- 278 Small own feel in a University Community
- 279 engaging
- 280 Small town quality east of Iowa, relative ease in getting places not during rush hour, great diversity of people
- 281 Small city that tries (kinda)
- 282 Academic, liberal politically, interested in the arts. Pride in community, its history, contrations the majority however are rather detached from the community
- 283 The feel of a welcoming and inclusive small city with ample opportunities for art, theatre, music, public forums, educational programs. The quirkiness and uniqueness of Lawrence is a major factor in its charm.
- 284 An diverse Midwestern university town that is "full of itself" with elected officials that consistently cave in to "developers"
- 285 Very diverse @ all level's. Most unusual
- 286 Lacks confidence and vision. Not equipped with skill and toolsto make projects work. Especially mixed use. Land use policies are very conservative. Development opportunities are overly mananged, studied and delayed. population growth rate from 2000-13 ave
- 287 Funky & awesome!

- 288 We are fortunate to have a vibrant downtown, which we must ensure continues that way. We show clear signs of sprawl - not all of it seems to have been thought out.
- 289 Rowdy
- 290 divided, almost like two city
- 291 Divided - inegu table; too commercial. Fiesty - spirited
- 292 Small town feel
- 293 Progressive/diversified
- 294 A town that wants to grow - but doesn't capitalize on the opportunities
- 295 A unique community based town. Emphasis on local community and experences available. Lawrence is loved for it's uniqueness, not its convenience.
- 296 Progressive, forward looking, livable.
- 297 Still retaining some of the rural agriculture/charm of Kansas while being a metropolitan area that has had a unique identity fuelled by the university and arts community
- 298 Fun, Adventurous, Ourdoorsy, Open Minded
- 299 Smart, vibrant, tolerant of all life-styles, very little violent crime
- 300 Young artsy & athelitic educate
- 301 Very nice
- 302 Lawrence is parochially-minded; wanna be big city and wanna be small town; Lawrence is ideally situated to have a picturesque urban core and cultural center (downtown) and maintain major education/research/athletic university.
- 303 Quirky - charming - unique - accepting - liberal
- 304 Eclectic
- 305 Progressive Kansas college
- 306
- 307 Unique, diverse, creative; however, needs to address needs of low to moderate income housing needs
- 308 eclectic, liberal
- 309 Friendly, creative, safe, interesting
- 310 Vibrant, but mostly a car oriented city.
- 311
- 312 Diverse, liberal, progressive, expressive, artistic, green-focused
- 313 College town atmosphere with pressure to develop in ways that potentially conflict with the historical character.
- 314 Lawrence is ideologically and monitarily split east / west starting between Meadowbrook apartments and Kasold drive. This needs to change as it leads to improvements out west at the expense of improvements in East Lawrence.
- 315
- 316 Unique, vibrant college town
- 317 Suburban for large part, but some close neighborhoods in places. City full of interested people doing a lot of projects (eg art, music, politics, etc)
- 318 I believe we still have a vibrant down town. I would hate that to be destroyed. I would like to make Lawrence more bikeable and pedestrian friendly.
- 319 It seems that Lawrence is moving more and more towards being a city of automobiles, wide roads and parking lots
- 320 Interesting and funky. Do feel that some small group of people have more power than other small groups. But that is everywhere.
- 321 Unique for the state of Kansas, similar to other college towns. Urban sprawl detracting from Lawrence's best qualities. Getting to be a bit to big for optimal livability. Arts a strength.

- 322 Fairly progressive in regard to political thinking compared to the rest of the nation; very progressive politically compared to the rest of Kansas communities. Lawrence is a community of activist-minded individuals.
- 323 livable, stimulating, enlightened
- 324 liberal and inviting, having great schools, with great public servants
- 325
- 326
- 327 See above
- 328 diverse
- 329 Still with a cohesive city-center but losing it to outside development, both in the suburbs and downtown.
- 330 Trying to become a combination of Boulder, Colorado & Lenexa, KS. Sold it's soul to KU sports programs.
- 331
- 332
- 333 Eclectic. Land/ED related. Limited development opportunity although that is changing with Venture Park. Still battling to be viewed as business-friendly but I think that has improved some.
- 334
- 335 Similar to other college towns. Unique from the rest of the state. Fueled by the arts and the sustainability movement.
- 336 Family friendly, positive community.
- 337 Progressive in the arts culture environment and healthy life style
- 338 Lawrence is a warm inviting community of a mix of rich artsy, historical and entertainment opportunities to get involved, raise children, work and live
- 339 Diverse, vibrant, health-oriented, arts-oriented, college town with a healthy downtown
- 340 Progressive and community oriented. Historical.
- 341
- 342 Progressive, cultured and diverse, artsy and liveable!! Let's keep it that way!
- 343 Progressive, cultured and diverse, artsy and liveable!! Let's keep it that way!
- 344 nice college town in the midwest
- 345 Funky and progressive college town with a vital downtown and essential green belt. A healthy and vibrant place to live.
- 346 Lawrence has a unique character and strong sense of place in part of the city. It is also diverse. It is growing to be a generic town that works and feels the same as any suburb in Kansas City (ie Lenexa, OP, Olathe)
- 347 Sprawled, excessively dependent on single occupancy autos, on fossil fuel energy, and on most food being from 1500 miles or more, but willing to consider alternatives.
- 348 A unique regional blend of art and culture in a livable city with a vibrant downtown and great neighborhoods. A wonderful community.
- 349
- 350 KU-centric, tax incentives for developers are the norm :(
- 351 Quintessentially American with international flavors, old time values and global perspectives through the University, Schools, international students and citizens.
- 352 Diverse and interesting
- 353 There are really 3 Lawrence's. Remains of the rural town, the new settlers from 1970's-1990, and suburbia from 1990 to present.
- 354 Lawrence is diverse, from eccentric to homogenized depending on where you are.
- 355 Collegiate, arts-oriented, liberal, creative

- 356 unique - in that we have some big city amenities, with a highly educated and cultured population, and yet still maintain a small town local community feel
- 357 academic, forward-thinking, preserving good things, liberal-thinking
- 358 Cultural, however Need more positive venues/activities geared towards teenagers.
- 359 Arts great downtown
- 360 progressive with encroaching sprawl
- 361 Charming, friendly, somewhat eccentric, socially liberal, tolerant, very smart/educated, almost cosmopolitan w/ small town feel
- 362 Lawrence is a bedroom community with a split personality. It contains a mix of walkable neighborhoods and auto-oriented sprawl.
- 363 It is vibrant, local, conscious of social and environmental issues, and growing. A large player in the community is KU & students.
- 364 Sprawled, excessively dependent on single-occupany autos, on fossil fuel energy, and on most food beingrom 1500 miles or more, but willing to consider alternatives.
- 365 College community small commercial/industrial transportation & distribution beginning interconnective transportation
- 366 A city that is "owned" by developers, landlords, non-resident residential property owners, and the Chamber of Commerce.
- 367 Down to earth/friendly/liberal town. Just the right size
- 368 Liberal /
- 369 Progressive, rooted in its rich history. Culturally diverse, university town, intellectually & culturally vibrant. Ties to farming community.
- 370 Vibrant, artful, respectful of divergent points of view, relaxed, liveable, friendly, looking to the past while looking to the future.
- 371 Vibrant community with a diversity of commercial and residential developments. Ranges from downtown in an urban core to quality suburbs. Provides a suitable living environment for all types of residents.
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- 373 Proud, college graduate out in the real world, seeking its place, trusting some of the wrong people and trying desperately to appear confident.

2. Would you like that character to change, and if so, how?

- 1
- 2 Start by making government employees get a job and stop pretending they know what "business" is like.
- 3
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- 5 limit the number of houses being built on the fringes of the city
- 6 Ensure the tax money is spent on necessities rather than on unneeded wants.
- 7
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- 9
- 10 Would not like the character to change.
- 11 More understanding of the diversity of each part of Lawrence
- 12 No change

- 13 More fully developed local economy, diversified businesses, small scale fruit and vegetable farms, more downtown residential development, less suburban sprawl.
- 14
- 15
- 16 Improve voter turnout.
- 17 maybe a little more oriented to older people - more bike friendly, better public transportation
- 18 Yes. Less developers dictating what we need
- 19 I would like to see the city be more acceptive of commercial growth
- 20
- 21 Only iin ways that encourage the residing homegrown businesses & artists, to continue to make Lawrence a unique draw
- 22
- 23 The character is fine as is. We just need to deliver on our aspiration to offer high quality of life to more citizens.
- 24 Lawrence needs to encourage the growth of primary jobs and encourage the growth of commercial, industrial and retail development. We are falling behind our rival cities (KCK, Olathe, Lenexa, etc.) because we have failed to encourage and welcome growth.
- 25
- 26 No--it is what makes Lawrence a delightful place to live
- 27 Yes, it would be great if we could market our ideas to the surrounding areas. It currently feels very isolated (within Kansas) and if people can't find an opportunity in Lawrence they often leave the state.
- 28 Somewhat. Continue to work together for the good of the community, not just that in the small bubble of a neighborhood that you live in. Get acclimated with others in Lawrence, not just your area.
- 29 The city commission needs to be more responsive to the concerns of citizens who live east of Iowa Street.
- 30 Develope a focus, a plan (enforcable) and an achyievable, affordable schedule to implement it
- 31 Let KU be KU and focus on attracting better business for the city revenue, jobs and progression. Be known for something else besides KU
- 32 Not really, although I hope never again to see what gives every appearance of under-the-table dealings resulting in no-bid contracts and questionable work as has been the case with the bypass/6th street debacle. It looks like City corruption.
- 33 Yes, I would like to change the character to add a cohesive network of urban trail and other pedestrian infrastructure. I would change the character by adding a layer of walkability and bikeability that we currently lack.
- 34
- 35
- 36 would like for drug houses and gangs to be non-existent in Lawrence...
- 37 Fewer speed traps, fewer roundabouts, speed bumps, more parking, more road lanes, timed traffic lights. less "art", less arrogant commissioners smoking bongos.
- 38 only to increase compassion
- 39 I would like the desire for a focus on well-being to be the norm.
- 40
- 41
- 42 Have the commission not be geared towards giving tax breaks to developers who have the money to pay taxes!
- 43 Yes, Quit subsidizing commercial real estate development. Turn economic development over to

- someone with some common sense and just a small amount of talent (something the Chamber clearly lacks).
- 44
- 45 More pedestrian friendly; less emphases on growth and more emphasis on maintaining our unique character.
- 46 Walkable, rideable, sustainable city. reputation for energy efficiency and environmental sensitivity. Attractive location for retirees.
- 47 Keep the good that we have
- 48 No
- 49 Bring better jobs here so they don't have to drive so far to make a decent wage.
- 50
- 51
- 52 no
- 53 more downtown parking, more connection to North Lawrence, more riverfront activity
- 54
- 55 Save the natural environment
- 56
- 57 Get stronger... Be a leader
- 58 More infill development with consideration for existing housing stock in the infill. Study what draws and keeps people in Lawrence and reinforce that.
- 59
- 60 Taking care of existing infrastructure & getting the city of Lawrence to go to an independently elected mayor & a ward system instead of an antiquated 100 year old popularity contest of an at-large elected city commission
- 61 I would like to see a better living wage.
- 62 Embrace new medicinal research regarding all kinds of herbs-Let the Holistic well-being approach be supported-whereby supporting our local farmers more.
- 63
- 64 In general, no, but it's getting way too big
- 65
- 66
- 67
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- 69
- 70 Have even more young people involved in the town so they can feel like they have something to do and that it's their home.
- 71 more transportation options such as bike paths and walking paths
- 72 No!
- 73
- 74
- 75 no
- 76 Yes, to promote the things that make this place unique; not necessarily the same as the past, but unique in a current way.
- 77 No
- 78
- 79 Get back to square blocks with alleys.
- 80 Become a community more focused on protecting and preserving the economic health of its existing neighborhoods

- 81 No!
- 82 More cow bell.
- 83
- 84 more anixation of industrial land and block special interest groups from preventing that
- 85 No
- 86
- 87 If you want to attract people and business, the growing taxation has to stop.
- 88 No
- 89 We are on the right tract with downtown development and the likelihood of new companies locating in the east side business park where Farmland Industries used to be.
- 90
- 91
- 92 Less big box crap. Less national chains. More local business. Neighborhood, walkable commercial areas.
- 93 I would like the character of Lawrence/Douglas County to be more true in practice than in the abstract.
- 94
- 95 I'd like it to stay that way.
- 96 I appreciate the small-town mindset of Lawrence, as well as some of its more urban sensibilities. I would love to see more city resources directed towards equalizing the quality of life for everyone, instead of polarizing it.
- 97 NO
- 98 Feels sometimes like developers run this town but don't give back what they should. More thought given to equality across the whole town to help ease the east/west divide that is both real and perceived.
- 99 Keep it going.
- 100 There has been a trend in Lawrence where a lot of corporate businesses are coming in and pushing out the local businesses. I do not like this.
- 101
- 102 I would like to see a more stable community with planned growth for residential and economic interests.
- 103
- 104 No, I would like to see more inclusion of diversity and less large development
- 105 The city needs to be more ballanced. There needs to be something the city can hang it's hat on besides the university and the home/apt. construction industry.
- 106 Stronger public transportation, dedicated bike paths separate from traffic, well-maintained sidewalks and trails for pedestrians.
- 107 Thoughtful development, with \limits on folks like Compton, who has taken over Vt. for his development of another tall building in downtown.
- 108
- 109
- 110 A fair and balanced decision -making group that will consider the needs of the majority and not the few with narrow and specialized desires
- 111 Longer term goals and vision for the beauty and value offered by the unique character of the county
- 112 no change needed
- 113 No
- 114 a more realistic view of what is needed for all aspects of the city instead of following trends

- without clear visioning of this community
- 115
- 116 the disparities in income are becoming more and more apparent, thus the Johnson County descriptor. More affordable across incomes housing options that aren't all apartment complexes, better in fill of all neighborhoods.
- 117 More moderates.
- 118 I don't particularly want that to change.
- 119 No, I love the character of Lawrence
- 120
- 121
- 122 Build better sidewalks and bike lanes; connect walkways and bike lanes; Add SAFE crossings across the SLT
- 123 Restrict development, continue to restore and revitalize downtown, limit urban sprawl, maintain green and natural areas for our children's future.
- 124
- 125 No
- 126
- 127
- 128 move a bit more moderate, not quite so liberal---be more econ devo friendly
- 129 No
- 130 No.
- 131
- 132 I want to see more safe housing for people who are aging and/or disabled. I would like to see patio homes with yards.
- 133 Stop developing! Incorporate beautiful green space into planning. Expand public transportation
- 134 First, when someone calls, actually take the time to listen and answer the questions. Treat our citizens of Lawrence with respect. We do pay the taxes around here.
- 135
- 136 better jobs, better wages
- 137 I would like to avoid excessive urban expansion
- 138
- 139 Better and more thoughtful planning.
- 140 Not at all--have traveled the world prefer it here.
- 141 No!
- 142 I would like to see better infrastructure for local commerce and community building
- 143 Various interests supporting each other.
- 144 Absolutely! Remove the city manager and stop the corruption within the city
- 145 Lawrence should adopt City Codes that closely regulate rental properties in the city, particularly those in neighborhoods close to the KU campus.
- 146 Increase openness of KU and HINU to residents (KU/HINU go out to residents in presentations/hospitality (examples: open HINU museum for special presentations and have faculty go out - KU become more welcoming to residents, i.e. parking for Spencer/Spoone
- 147 No.
- 148 Stop suburban sprawl and maintain unique character (vs. imitating Johnson County). Stop giving away tax abatements and enforce those that haven't met their side of bargains.
- 149
- 150 Redevelop the inner core.
- 151 Hell, yes. Wiser elected officials and a less pro-development staff would be a start.

152
 153 It would be great if more local jobs would be available that pay more than minimum wages.
 154
 155 more living wage jobs
 156
 157 No.
 158 Be more open to growth in untraditional ways
 159 No matter how many law officers a community has criminal activity is impossible to manage
 because crime must take place first.
 160 The greater population and majority should be asked how they feel.
 161 I love our character, but am concerned that we must grow by 30 - 50,000 employed citizens over
 the next 20 years to remain vital. A stagnant bedroom community won't be able to sustain itself.
 162
 163
 164 no changes.
 165
 166 I would not like the character to change unless it's expanded on. Increasing accessibility to
 transport, the bus should run on Sun and should run longer hours to accommodate those who
 rely on it to get to and from work, and more access to community garden
 167 We need to be more open for economic development, not just locally, but nationally. I'm
 concerned that our image is permanently damaged nationally.
 168 No...Lawrence is great as it is
 169 more choice of retail. With choice I do not have to go to Topeka or KC. Mass st retail is a total
 waste of space for the average person/family that calls Lawrence. Mass st is geared towards KU
 students
 170 No.
 171
 172
 173 no
 174 Violent crime needs to be reduced. The City and County need to make it easier to rebuild the
 eastern half of the city, perhaps as an affordable housing initiative.
 175 No
 176
 177 I'd like a focus on preserving a college town feel with a vibrant downtown and less expansion to
 the west
 178
 179
 180 i like Lawrence
 181
 182 no!!
 183 Less catering to special interest groups and listen to the mainstream residents - many of which do
 not work in this community.
 184 Quit zoning properties in all directions for the benefit of special interests, rather than
 maintaining what currently exists.
 185
 186 Accept the chain stores and restaurants but keep them in design and outskirts, like the northwest
 Walmart.
 187 better transportation on other roads beside mass , 23rd street, 6th and Iowa

188
189 I wish our community was more progressive, more accepting of "new" - but proven - ideas for
infrastructure and cultural development.
190 it is, unfortunately, changing somewhat already--I find that bothersome. I would rather see it
keep the small-town feel, as that is what has set Lawrence apart from other cities its size.
191 Providing more incentives for artists to live and work here. Providing more art and cultural
emphasis. Providing more art and cultural funding. Providing art and cultural tourism.
192 Yes, I would like to see the various cultural life of the city stay vibrant, but still allow the city to
grow.
193
194 no
195 It needs to actually meet the progressive reputation that it has in the Midwest.
196 No.
197 no
198 Denser commercial development, better public transit, and less big box development
199 No
200
201 More walkability, more community public spaces
202 Job creation leading to robust geographic expansion to the borders of the UGA and population
growth
203
204 Better Infrastructure in older parts of Lawrence
205 no
206 A community that responds to the needs of its broad intergenerational diverse population in
terms of income, age, ability etc.
207 more inclusive of outlying communities within the county
208 NO --- Too many large scale stores and apt building are strangling the small business and
farmland
209
210 I think we need to prioritize how we allocate funding (and in many cases IF we allocate funding)
to preserve Lawrence's unique character.
211 Please see answer to C above.
212 Fewer Mexican restaurants downtown. There are more than enough already.
213
214
215 no.
216 I'd like the community's aesthetic to bend toward modernism over ersatz historicity. New library
(good) vs. Oread Hotel (bad).
217 Stop struggling induce faster growth.
218 Yes. I'd like it to be run FOR the people, not the developers
219
220
221 better education for those choosing crime or those struggling with homelessness to live a less
stressful life
222
223
224 no
225

- 226 More family oriented as opposed to student oriented - cost of living, local businesses, crime prevention, etc.
- 227 More voices in decision making: i.e. women, people of color, all ages, blue collar & under/unemployed. 5 white men on City Commission reflects the power base. At least there is a woman on Cty. Commission.
- 228 less "cookie cutter housing tracts
- 229 Just like Lawrence to be more mindful of surrounding communities, more green lights - Yes I would like the character to change - less snobby people, just because there is \$ available, doesn't mean you should spend it (too many roundabouts)
- 230 It is becoming more corporate and less oriented to quality of life
- 231 Would like to see more investments in sidewalks and bicycle lanes, building and maintenance.
- 232 Not sure.
- 233
- 234 It seems like the focus has been on drawing more money and recognition to Lawrence (Rock Chalk Park, SLT development, building projects at KU), but we need to be better stewards of what we have, including the people who fall through the cracks.
- 235
- 236 No
- 237 less sprawl
- 238
- 239 More local businesses, increase in the use of alternative energy sources
- 240 More hiking and biking paths.
- 241 I would like to create jobs for those who work outside of Lawrence so they can work here.
- 242
- 243
- 244 It would be nice to have more things to do in town. Example: shopping malls, family fun center. I think these might add to the city's shopping/entertainment options.
- 245
- 246 Improved options for transportation, less cars. More local jobs- living wage
- 247 Less emphasis on liquor
- 248 Making housing, services more accessible to lower income individuals- less handouts, more handups! Programming geared towards KU term change
- 249 I would like to see a more unified vision of Lawrence. A place for people to live, work, and play
- 250 Maintain urban, downtown, historical aspects
- 251 I am not sure this character is sustainable. The desire for additional amenities continue to grow while the tax base seems to shrink
- 252 1. Fix deteriorating infrastructure of old parts. 2. Increase downtown high density development
- 253 Lawrence should embrace its role and place at the center of a large metro area, not a bedroom community between two cities.
- 254 no
- 255 No changes - just expand character throughout new developments in city areas. Should keep Lawrence feel not look like Anytown, USA. Improve gateways to city to "look" like Lawrence.
- 256 More activities to choose from
- 257 No
- 258 Nothing
- 259 Less concerned with short term gains by developers promising economic benefits that don't actually help anyone but the wealthy
- 260 No. I love Lawrence's character- it's part of why I was so keen to move here when the

- opportunity arose.
- 261 Yes, less unemployment, more jobs in local infrastructure improvements. Renovate existing buildings instead of building new
- 262 No
- 263 No
- 264 See page 1
- 265 More neighbor stores and less large shopping centers
- 266 No
- 267
- 268 I like the fact landlords will be regulated by the city
- 269 Recognition and inclusion of other cities and townships
- 270 I would not like to see anymore expansion westward towards Clinton Lake
- 271 no, however, I think growth for the sake of growth threatens the character of Lawrence. We should be able to prosper better if we love what we have rather than having what we love. Wanting more and more and bigger and better will doom us.
- 272 no
- 273 no
- 274 no
- 275
- 276 no
- 277 Housing development should not look like storage units for humans. Have some character.
- 278
- 279 None
- 280 I have few complaints except for the growth particularly west of Iowa which reminds me of Johnson County
- 281 I would like for Lawrence to be more inclusive, not just focused on the needs of the wealthier citizens
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- 283 NO!
- 284 We must put sustainability first in all decisions. We must not give tax abatements to firms that abandon the city. We must rejuvenate East Lawrence housing.
- 285 NO
- 286 Change "no growth policy character" of the city and county. Make policies innovative, flexible, & inviting. Evaluate a project's density, intensity, and compatibility by site design policies and standards.
- 287 No. It's a great mix of weird & fun & caring & friendly.
- 288 A unified vision for supporting arts and urban culture downtown, with appreciation for own classic midwest style. Controlled growth along corridors where infrastructure can support
- 289 Yes!! more respect
- 290 yes. It would be nice to work on a plan to unite East and West Lawrence a bit more and provide more equity. Plan parks west, better businesses east. Work to integrate the city better
- 291 Less divisiveness - less cookie-cutter development
- 292 Innovative detination to live and work and open a business
- 293 No
- 294 more growth oriented - but smart growth
- 295 It is critical for this character to remain - becoming another Johnson County suburb is a community killer.
- 296 More green space; transportation infrastructure which includes bicycles and foot traffic, similar

to Portland, OR.

297 It already is; the cultural arts plan is a good idea but as expressed in documents and executed thus far gentrification is occurring. There has been loss of agricultural land and density that is evolving - accommodating traffic

298 No - except if we could help the homeless people into jobs and homes

299 Our leadership is too regressive, especially in terms of development and economic policy, they need to stop gentrifying neighborhoods

300 More bike lanes, bike paths, more bike parking downtown

301 Nope

302 No- the above described character should be preserved, maintained, enhanced

303 Absolutely not!

304 Nah - that's why some people live here

305 No

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307 explore and address needs for safe, efficient, affordable housing

308 no

309 not really. except affordability

310 I would like to see people able to walk/bike more safely.

311 NO

312 More focus on the centralization of the downtown retail district. Also, more focus on bicycle and pedestrian accessibility throughout Lawrence.

313 Not substantially but development and growth will occur regardless. It needs to be measured and thoughtful.

314 Remove the ideological split and make people understand that someone isn't an untermensch just because they live in a 100 y/o stick built home and not a tickie-tack McMansion.

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317 Create a more neighborhood feel in each part of town. Especially through walking, biking, connected park system, smaller neighborhood markets

318 I would like to see more infill. I am disappointed at seeing vacant buildings on Iowa near corner of Clinton Parkway. This is happening while we are still spreading west. Why?

319 I would like to see a city that focuses on all citizens, and enhances their transportation options, including walking and biking as well as their recreational experiences.

320 I would like it to keep its character but allow for growth without sprawl

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322 Would like to see city & county commissioners listen to & respond to voters when an expensive &/or important decision is made that potentially effects the entire community, ie: Rock Chalk Park, theproposed police headquarters

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324 no.

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327 No changes beyond ensuring that it is sustainable and protected.

328 less crime

329 Emphasis on locally owned businesses; public entities such as schools and library.

330 The character I'd like to see (small family businesses) seems to be a done deal. Downtown has more and more chains replacing mom & pop businesses & the west and south are primarily big box / chains.

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- 333 Improved infrastructure, particularly w/ technology - high speed fiber - not sold on Wicked though. More interested in Google. Need that infrastructure to attract tech sector.
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- 335 No
- 336 I'd like some areas to feel safer, especially in the evenings. The walking trail just that goes through the East side could feel safer. Some of the streets are not well lit or really lit at all.
- 337 No
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- 339 More local employment opportunities, more bike/ped facilities like a connected trail loop with spoked to major destinations
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- 342 I would only want Lawrence to increasingly value and put money into what we already have - soil, native prairies, a great river, history, culture, the arts!!
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- 344 would like lawrence to gain some independence from KU, not keep school and other activities/events tied to KU's academic year and athletic activities
- 345 No
- 346 I would like Lawrence to stop growing as a KC suburb and start growing as a unique community that has a sense of place. A feel that you know you are not in Overland Park.
- 347 We need to build our strength on community resource and skill sharinf rather than consumption-driven unsustainable economic growth. We need to power down.
- 348 I want to see development and change and growth done with better consideration for the unique culture and history and community we have.
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- 350 Promote in-fill, downtown growth, reduce instances of incentives for developers and shift these resources toward small business.
- 351 No: Lawrence has grown beautifully in the 45 years we have lived here and we hope to watch it grow in the years ahead.
- 352 I like it as it is but would like to see even more programs for people who cannot afford food and shelter
- 353 You can't change the past. What I'd like to see is more integration and understanding and interactions so we understand each other better.
- 354 Accentuate that diversity - what it cannot be is a new Johnson County, but that is the direction west Lawrence is heading.
- 355 I like it the way it is.
- 356 no, I think it's great
- 357 No.
- 358 Not really, just evolve in a more positive way.
- 359 Expand the arts and walk ability of neighborhoods
- 360 built up, not out
- 361 Do not want it to change to auto-dominated suburbia dystopia, big box hell
- 362 All residents should have access to services and opportunities via bicycle/walking, good jobs, and housing options.
- 363 No

- 364 We need to build our strength on community resources and skill sharing rather than consumption-driven unsustainable economic growth. We need to power down.
- 365 More emphasis on pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to entire county and surrounding communities
- 366 The City Commission should protect and enhance the quality of life of neighborhoods instead of turning them into "student slums" for the benefit of rental property owners.
- 367 No change, we don't want or need to become Topeka or Kansas City
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- 369 Preserving the character of Lawrence as described above, is vital to the uniqueness of Lawrence.
- 370 Lawrence is exceptional as a small-ish, midwestern town- but as we continue to grow (and we could be accepting of growth, because that perpetuates vibrancy) we need to be more open to trying new things, thinking bigger and broader.
- 371 I want to avoid a top-down management of growth and development. There is no one size fits all method for commercial and residential growth and development. I think we are on the right path.
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- 373 Relax, look around & learn, be open to ways of growing & maturing that don't harm you or others, realize that the old models of government will not work for the environmental & cultural shifts that are upon us.

3. Describe your vision for Lawrence and Douglas County in 20 years.

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- 2 A City that stops wasting my time seeking input it will ignore and is only sought so it can check a box.
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- 5 Respectful of our agricultural heritage and resources, and more white collar jobs so that we're not a bedroom community.
- 6 A continued growth that ensures the residential aspect of the city is maintained. A growth of business areas that compliment residential growth of the city with proper limitation/slowing upon the development of additional multi-family living units and apartments.
- 7 A lake resort would be great for tourism
- 8 Better suited for seniors; housing, transportation. More jobs that pay a decent wage.
- 9 More affordable housing in the older West Lawrence type style. Green space and unique options so all the houses are not the same. Less like the developments in the new expanding west Lawrence. More regulation of student and low income housing landlords. A continuing emphasis on affordable public transportation and accessible arts and culture programs. Many art, theatre and music events are too expensive for the average person or family.
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- 11 The governments of the City of Lawrence and Douglas County need to take effective steps at working together and minimize the inefficiencies present within both organizations. Whether it be unnecessary employees pulling substantial salaries while delivering little to no value in their work output, or the archaic methods of conducting government business while ignoring the technological advances of the 21st century. We need to get with the program to make Lawrence and Douglas County a hub for creative and tech oriented young people to want to stay. A place is

only as good as the young adults who wish to contribute to its future.....and now they are dropping like flies out of here.

- 12 About the same as now. Lawrence will be larger due to private sector growth. Douglas County will be more suburban. Plenty of opportunities for conflicts between city folks that have relocated to rural Douglas County and their agricultural producer neighbors.
- 13 I would like to see a community on the forefront of sustainable development. Aspects include land and water conservation, wise use of high quality soils for small scale agriculture, fully developed pedestrian/bicycle connectivity including pathways that do not share space with cars and trucks, more downtown diversity in businesses (not just bars and restaurants). More quality residential opportunities downtown, less suburban development (sprawl), integrated public transportation, development of commuter rail between Topeka, Lawrence, Kansas City and perhaps other cities, high(er) rise apartments downtown with rooftop gardens, permeable sidewalks and parking lots, more diversified water retention infrastructure including canals and urban ponds, increased efforts to plant trees of all kinds while discouraging suburban style fescue lawns. I could go on.
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- 16 Unhampered growth. Ease restrictions. Make it attractive for development and treat all developers equal
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- 18 A continued, sustainable big-picture viewing area. Leading the state in terms of progressive actions to better all citizens and provide access to services and aid for all.
- 19 A large, modern metropolitan area with easy access to neighboring cities. Large recreation areas with adequate commercialization to invigorate the city's economy and attract area residents to recreational activities.
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- 21 Better cooperation between institutional, public and private entities to encourage enhanced educational opportunities, a plan for award better consideration to local entrepreneurs (such as Free State Brewing) with products that put Lawrence in the public eye, rather than spending on speculative projects that often do not meet income, IRB/TIFF, or job/job wage projections. Developing any proposed district to balance current neighborhood/residential use with proposed redevelopment.
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- 23 I would like to see a city with mixed use developments that allow us to build vertically instead of sprawling outward. The city/county should have an active transportation network that allows folks to get to jobs, school and other everyday destinations by bike, on foot, or with assistive devices. Builders should be required to use universal design that supports people of all ages and abilities.
- 24 In 20 years, I would like to see a cluster of new retail options in northwest Lawrence near Highway 40 and K-10 along with a continued expansion of the retail hub at 33rd and Iowa. This will increase our community's retail pull factor and consequently our sales tax and property tax revenues. In addition, we should continue to encourage denser development in the downtown area to encourage more residents to move downtown, which will gradually bring about a higher level of diversity in the downtown retail options. Finally, we should avoid top-down efforts to manage or control growth and instead embrace the commercial and residential growth that will naturally occur through the market. It is no secret that Lawrence is continuing to grow west with new neighborhoods being built in the area along K-10 from Highway 40 up to Bob Billings Parkway. This is an attractive area for new residents and any efforts to control "sprawl" will only

end up making land more expensive in Lawrence and will discourage families from locating here. The leaders of our community should embrace the diversity of our housing stock and not discourage growth at the fringe of our community because this growth will help increase the economic vitality of our community.

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26 Thoughtful downtown development and careful expansion into the county.

27 As the university is such a major employer and provides a large part of the population, it would be great if students were more involved in the community (besides restaurants, bars and shopping). They should be active in the community: create businesses, volunteer and purchase property (pay taxes and get a Kansas driver's license, etc.). I see more involvement in the community and more opportunities for local businesses and farmers. I really like the ways the community is growing the past few years... more parks, community events, volunteer opportunities and class/educational opportunities. Keep going in that direction - don't go the generic community route with big restaurants and box stores where no one knows each other and there is no loyalty or understanding of the community and it's history.

28 I see Lawrence as a community that people continue to desire to live in. Walking trails, parks and more throughout the city connecting us all!

29 I hope the city does not put the bus hub at 21st and Iowa. There has to be another location that is not near neighborhoods. My vision for the city would include dog parks in the city limits. There should be an outdoor pool on the west side of Lawrence. It is ridiculous that a town this size has only one outdoor pool. There should be a street east of the city limits on K-10 that connects to downtown. 23rd and Massachusetts should not be the main southeastern entrance into Lawrence. This should have been years ago. Brian Jimenez needs to be replaced as Code Enforcement director. He is ineffective and inconsistent in monitoring and enforcing city code. I hope before the next 20 years, that the City of Lawrence uses contractors who put in better streets. The streets in Lawrence have been bad for several years. Thank you.

30 Living clusters connected by good roads (and bike trails and public transportation to shopping and civic clusters. I see us moving away from the "downtown" centric notion to include all citizens in a comprehensive concept.

31 Folksy is cute if there is something behind it. The majority of the downtown, that seems utmost to the city leaders, can survive on it's own and prosper if the businesses are sustainable and worthwhile in the first place. Grow the city and county by bringing in businesses that will serve the communities, bring in needed jobs and bring it all into the 21st century. More focus on what the people that pay for the county and city want and need.

32 A thriving mixed community that has good outdoor recreation opportunities, including biking/hiking trails and good sidewalks everywhere, good public transportation, arts and culture opportunities for all ages, and enough affordable housing that people do not have to live in Topeka and commute to work in Lawrence. Agricultural land uses need to be protected from city sprawl, especially our most productive land, the cities should build up instead of out, which is a positive aspect of current downtown Lawrence developments. Growth needs to be controlled and aimed at smart growth instead of profit taking by unscrupulous developers who may build inferior structures that simply do not last. Housing needs to be affordable, public transportation is critical, light rail between KC and Topeka and the Douglas county communities would be ideal. Accessibility to clean water and healthy locally grown food is important. We need to consider whether growing ever larger and sprawling all over our good rich earth is actually sustainable.

33 Lawrence's downtown and older neighborhoods will be stable and thriving with a good mix of affordable and market rate housing, groceries, retail, restaurants and business. Mixed uses will rule the day to allow live/work/shop/play in close proximity. The city will be ringed with a fully

connected bicycle loop. The neighborhoods will all be linked to the loop with an off-street pedestrian and bicycle greenway network. The community will be healthier and happier. Newer commercial areas (i.e. south Iowa) will begin to include better mixed-income residential amenities in near proximity and will also be more pedestrian/bicycle friendly.

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36 I would like to see more county financial support for children, aging/elderly, disabled and mentally ill programs and providers of care. I see a need to continue to adequately fund the Douglas County Extension office- so many great programs- there needs to be a set budget.

37 A functioning 4-lane divided bypass, efficient motorways, absence of artificial "traffic calming", moving beyond the myth of "speed kills". A government that actually listens to constituents and hears constituents, instead of merely tolerating everyone's two minutes. A city which perhaps finds no compelling reason to fluoridate the water supply if the constituents don't want it. A city with regulations that address risks which cannot be managed any other way, but does not regulate in a way that creates barriers to free enterprise. A city with a fire department that does not think extension cords in good repair are an unacceptable risk, and does not think that a fire extinguisher that is 13 months old is a public hazard. A city that, if it must issue building permits for replacement water heaters, actually goes and inspects afterward, without being hounded into it. A city and county that lets Ham Radio Operators do their thing, without arbitrary and capricious height restrictions, and which does not seek to outlaw mobile use of radio while outlawing cell-phone-texting. Not MORE government, but rather BETTER government.

38 I'd like Lawrence to be a place where all people earn a living wage if they work full time. I'd like there to be health care available to all citizens of Douglas County. I'd like to see an increase in services to low income people and people with physical and mental disabilities, I'd like Lawrence to be more inclusive of these people, with more free activities. I'd like to see the Arts Center grow and for their classes to be more affordable - I've been priced out of Jewelry class, and I make a decent living. I'd like to see more funding for local social service agencies like Van Go and the Social Service League. I'd like Lawrence to grow up and not out, perhaps using some sort of urban growth boundary. I'd like there to be more low income housing, and I'd like the bus system to become more efficient and effective so that people with cars will want to use the bus system to get to work because it's actually easier. I think giving giant tax breaks to big corporations to move here is a big mistake, they just move away when someone else offers them a better deal. I think the idea that people are going to come to Lawrence for conventions or for giant sporting events is ridiculous, and I think we need to focus on making the city more livable for the people who live here, rather than building things like the Riverfront Mall - total failure, big expense, environmental degradation, now houses a hotel and a low income health care facility - or that strip mall that was supposed to be an "outlet mall" and such a big deal in North Lawrence, which now houses the DMV, a church, and quite a few empty storefronts. These things were expensive follies, and I think we should not follow them with more expensive follies. I love the landscaping along second street, it looks great next to the motorcycle stores, tattoo shops, and car part stores. And hey, I'm a North Lawrencian, so fancy it up. But the idea that people were going to WALK from downtown to that mall by I-70 to shop was preposterous. Why? We've got a great downtown, let's focus on expanding that up and around on New Hampshire and Vermont Streets. I'd like to see us preserve our historic buildings and the charming character of Lawrence, rather than focus on making rich people richer when we make policy.

39 That all laws, practices, events, etc., are designed with the well-being of citizens in mind.

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- 42 I think that there will be some growth in the area, but to the detriment of residents. The need for jobs is very high on the list. Not just jobs for highly educated researchers, but low income people to - on a living wage! If taxes keep increasing, it will make it even more difficult than it is now to survive on a minimum wage job.
- 43 Growth does not pay it costs - poorer quality of life, higher taxes. KU will continue to decrease in enrollment (unless it can convince the other universities in the state to close) as this world moves away from campus-based education. Hopefully Lawrence will do no more than maintain its present population. Few can honestly deny that Lawrence was a better place to live when it was big enough for one high school, but not two. Once it tips over the 100,000 mark, it will differ very little from Johnson County. A good argument can be made that the failure of Lawrence to attract new industry (in addition to the ineptness of the Chamber) is the "Johnsonification" of it. The more we become like Johnson County, the less reason there is for businesses wanting that environment to move here.
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- 45 More public transportation, bike lanes, safe pedestrian sidewalks, no development along the new SLT; safer 6th street and 23rd street; more forethought on road construction scheduling.
- 46 Design for walk and roll. no new cul-de-sacs. sidewalks everywhere. places to sit down every three blocks. wildlife corridors. no more downtown highrises. No more sprawl. No more overdevelopment leading to stressed shopping centers and decaying rental housing. Planning staff that makes independent, professional, incisive recommendations. Continuing East side improvement. New Kaw bridge between Lawrence and Eudora. Merger of city-county government leading to lower taxes.
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- 48 Preserve the history and the personality, particularly Downtown
- 49 Better jobs. Make the roads wider so that you don't have to sit behind someone at a light if you want to make a right turn. Also spread your retail outlets out to other places besides South Iowa and West 6th street.
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- 52 A healthy economy with industrial and white collar jobs available not only in Lawrence but also in Lecompton, Eudora, and Baldwin. Continued effort to protect agricultural resources.
- 53 expansion north and south, expanded riverfront park, more festivals & markets
- 54 A clean and beautiful community with care of its green space and expanded retail services to attract more shopping and tax dollars to be spent in our community
- 55 Sad for the land
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- 57 Continued support of schools. Innovative replacement of infrastructure. Expansion of sidewalks and bike paths in order to support bike commuting and close knit neighborhoods.
- 58 A city and county where everyone pays their way, not just the powerless taxpayers who can't swing sweetheart deals with the commissions. Realize people still want to move here, we don't have to give the world away to promote development.
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- 60 I'm getting out of the city of Lawrence, the county of Douglas & the state of Kansas as fast as possible due to the aforementioned answers plus the fact that the state of Kansas is so far conservative republican right that there's no hope of a working person's family being able to afford to live in Lawrence Kansas anymore.
- 61 More jobs, better living wage. More support for local nonprofits that are working toward these goals.

- 62 More health clinics , massages , herb shops , focus on exercise but yet open to the sophisticated world of technology-Something like S.F. - Berkeley without all the political BS. Build a Community College PLEASE-coming from CA I can't believe this little wonderful town does not have one-JCCC is so far away. KU should have a community college to support there college like UCB they opened Berkeley Community College about 4 yrs ago and it's blowin up !! this would give the kids something to look forward to in terms of education-sports, jobs, somewhere to hang out, dances etc. - Everyone can't afford KU now do they qualify. Meanwhile these kids are left behind with the only option JCCC and 40 min ride and some can't afford this. This is Douglas county's only downfall - no community college - Ban PIT BULLS - its not the dogs but the types of owners they have that make them have a bad rep, but one all it takes is one mistake and more damage can be done as oppose to a German Shepherd getting lose.
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- 64 We support with our time and resources the good things to promote quality in our lives and we stop expanding which dilutes our resources.
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- 67 I would like to see Lawrence continue to develop its independent, creative, self-motivated attitude. We moved to Lawrence because of its local, thriving community - it's a place that doesn't need to copy other cities or become more cookie-cutter.
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- 70 More places and locations where teenagers and college kids can have fun. Make Lawrence more young people friendly.
- 71 I would try to halt urban growth or urban sprawl. More apartments in the central area would be great.
- 72 A place that uses its resources wisely to balance growth and preservation of our natural endowments. A place where diverse people can earn a living wage and live the lives they choose. A place that does not tolerate the current "food desert" that is eastern Lawrence while allowing overlapping grocery stores in the west.
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- 75 I like Lawrence as it is. So, minimal change and no tax increases. It is a great place to retire, but retirement often means fixed income. I hope KU will become a quality institution, and get back to providing a quality general education, as opposed to this KU Core. Traffic patterns are a problem, so public transportation is important. Urban sprawl must be stopped. If there is not one already, a water line link between the two water plants is needed. Clinton Lake may well be dry by 2034.
- 76 I would love to see Lawrence be known as a progressive, unique, "hip" Midwestern town that promotes and fosters local businesses, makers, artists, growers, agricultural producers, and other "off the beaten trail" aspects of a town. I would also like to see better relations with the KU community including educating students on basic etiquette of being a good neighbor--simple things such as not trashing yards and picking up after dogs. I would also like to see more police enforcement of DUI and other simple things that make a civilized community. I would love to see the parks and recreation activities such as band concerts, classes, and festivals continue or expand. More bike paths and better enforcement of driving to make cycling safer. I'd also like to see a continued and expanded focus on historic preservation in town.
- 77 I would like to see other areas of the town being treated better. West Lawrence is where all my tax dollars go and I don't live on that side of town. I live in North Lawrence and it is really hard to walk my dogs safely due to insufficient sidewalks. Many times I have to walk in the middle of the

street and put myself and my pets in danger. It would be nice if there was a closer grocery store for us and for the East Siders. I have many friends that live on the far east side of town and have quite the drive just to go to the grocery store. Maybe stop making so many damn grocery stores in one area (6th and Wakarusa) and put them where they are really needed. I know that I am just a lowly NoLaw resident but I would like to see my tax dollars spent on something that actually benefits me and the other Sandrats.

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79 The same physical foot print that has increased in density and walkability.

80 I would like to see the City adopt growth management strategies that would help to restore the balance between the pace of growth of real estate supply and the pace of growth of demand for that real estate. If the city continues to allow real estate supply to grow faster than demand for that real estate it will continue to harm older neighborhoods as older properties suffer from declining values, to harm older commercial districts as older properties will be unable to successfully compete for tenants, and to harm the downtown as it competes with sprawling new commercial centers on the perimeter of the city.

81 Same character but with enhanced human services, more environmentally sustainable practices, and a commitment to keeping downtown vibrant. Public transportation to Kansas City and Johnson County will be critical. Availability of mulch-generational housing (nursing homes connected to day care center would be a start) for those who are permanent residents.

82 I hope it doesn't change very much. I hope it doesn't grow much bigger. I hope it continues to embrace and encourage sustainability, green living, healthy lifestyles, and value locally produced products. I hope it remains a great place to raise children. I hope it will be a great place to live in retirement too.

83 A thriving town were people flock because of equality and opportunity. Business is good and people are happy and recreation is abundant. Lawrence will be a model for how other city would like to be. A place with low crime and hard working people who are proud to reside in this great place.

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85 Civil unrest and depression if UN Agenda 21 is furthered in Lawrence.

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88 Economic development in this community is driven by an exclusive few who hold the power and the purse strings. While it is exciting that this group is growing this community and making it better for everyone, I would like to see in the future a broader involvement from entrepreneurs.

89 We will be even more vibrant with an active business community but balanced with improved residential areas designed to meet the expectations of the Baby Boomers. Hopefully the University will grow but there will be a better balance with other business sources and broadened tax base to support our desires. There needs to be more opportunities for good income employment.

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91 Strong business development in business parks. Strong retail on Massachusetts Street. Senior Center to take a leadership role in making Lawrence a retirement destination as well as a portal of information for access to senior services.

92 Improved infrastructure (streets, curbs, sidewalks, utilities). Local owned businesses intact and thriving. Lawrence and Douglas County a unique and self-contained community and not an extension or bedroom-community for Johnson County or KC. KU and KU campus growing and thriving. If national chains move in they are forced to be build thoughtfully and appropriately.

93 I would like Lawrence to become a tech hub for the midwest with 100s of entrepreneurs making

use of the smart and talented people that pass through KU. I would like Douglas County to become known for smart agricultural practices and to have specific agricultural resources that are done better here; this would be akin to Napa Valley or Kobe Beef, but something distinctly Douglas County.

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95 More focus on decreasing the ever widening gap between East and West Lawrence. It's like having two different towns in one and they both have very different agendas and goals. Plus PLEASE STOP building huge buildings downtown. It's ruining the feel of Mass. Street. Now instead of seeing the sky or sun, it's just giant shadows from these mammoth buildings that people don't really use. And while they try to "match" with the aesthetic of downtown, it all starts to look so cookie cutter and lacking any thing diversity.

96 A town that has maintained its dedication to taking care of its own, whether that be a multi-million dollar investor or the recovering addict sleeping in South Park. A town that has increased its support of its resources and developed a well-respected shelter for those experiencing homelessness, facilities equipped to deal with a variety of mental illnesses, adequate low-income housing, etc.

97 I would like to see the City maintain the quality of downtown, and work toward more walkable neighborhoods. Quit creating roundabouts as the end to every issue. Maintained vibrancy of the artistic community and positive relations with both KU and Haskell.

98 More bike, pedestrian, public transportation friendly. More underpinning and support for local food systems. Recycling and composting made so easy and common place that's it's easier to do this rather than make garbage. Incentivize recycling by charging people for trash pick up based on how much trash they put out. Closed pedestrian areas (like downtown). School gardens totally supported by Lawrence business partners. Enclosed Farmers Market. Lawrence would be recognized nationally for its sustainability practices and policies.

99 I want to see increased emphasis on cycling, pedestrian and public transport. More money needs to go to each of these areas.

100 Revert back to more local-based businesses, restaurants. Make it harder for corporations, big box stores, etc. to come in, and if they do, don't give them tax breaks.

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102 A place to raise stable families who are inclined to stay in the area once they mature. This requires a balance of schools, services, shopping, entertainment, and economic growth that will attract others and retain those who live here.

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104 I see a community that could be more self-sufficient through local agriculture and expanding local markets. I would like to see more organic agriculture and more environmental protections. Improvement of water supply. I would like to see continued expansions of school programs and after-school programs. More bike routes. More buses.

105 Far more middle class job opportunity.

106 Continue doing what Lawrence and Douglas County do well. Limit big box stores. Support local businesses and local farmers. Become more sustainable through increased support of walking, biking, and taking the bus. Consider closing part of Mass St. to become a pedestrian mall (as in Boulder or Iowa City). Pay teachers more to attract the best.

107 Selective growth, maintenance of existing structures, ways of incorporating outer development with the richness of downtown and KU

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110 Healthy blend of business growth in all areas. Friendly to businesses that will provide jobs for the

people of Lawrence.

- 111 Balancing growth while maintaining the character and centralized character of the area. Lawrence is not Kansas City nor Overland Park and shouldn't try to be. Lawrence can and should increase its focus on green technology, use of parks and recreation areas to increase participation in outdoor activities, more bike lanes and recreational parks for multi-use. The DANGER is turning Lawrence's future over to developers who have short-sighted interests that are not in the best interest of the community nor the county. Keep Lawrence (aka Larry-ville) from becoming Compton-ville.
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- 113 More of same but better infrastructure investment and apartment controls
- 114 Lawrence: Good infrastructure with streets that are maintained well and with clear thought of usage; "affordable" housing with variety of options beyond apartments and larger houses; increase in public transportation; variety of options in stores, including grocery stores and daily living services in all areas of the city; County: farmland usage encouraged by water rights and pesticide limitations (not completely removed, just better plan); development not taking high quality farmland; smaller cities/towns enhanced by good transportation and infrastructure; daily living services plus extras encouraged to open in these locations
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- 116 This is the place I came to retire...from 30 miles away in Topeka. I want a smaller town that has vibrancy, represents all segments of society, and doesn't become Johnson County.
- 117 More emphasis on attracting new business and jobs and persuading people who live in Lawrence and Douglas County to shop and spend their money in those places. There should be much more awareness and debate on climate change and what people can do to minimize the damage from it. People think that the water we have is infinite and it isn't. We need better regulation and usage of water resources.
- 118 I would like to see more sustainable practices in the county. More development of communities rather than suburbs. There is no reason why there can't be another "downtown" area developed in west Lawrence- to improve walkability and decrease strip malls. Safe bike routes. We need to think about what the future holds for the next 100-200 years and start working toward it. Do we need to think about alternative energies? Maybe we can attract wind farms on the outskirts of town. Or encourage passive solar home construction. Are we thinking about techno-utopias in 150 years? Lets start training people without skills in basic computer sciences and attract some start ups. Or begin by attracting google fiber. I realize this is all very easy to say. But I also realize it is very easy to look at short-term gains in terms of profit and population growth without thinking about long-term sustainability. Speculation on the needs of our people in 200 years is purely that, speculation. But moving toward some of these ideas can distinguish us from other communities who are more interested in how they can convince the next Menards to move into town.
- 119 I would like most of Lawrence to stay as it is, but would love to see more businesses based here. I love living here, but the only way that I can afford to live here is to work in KC.
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- 122 Building better sidewalks and bike lanes would do more to promote Lawrence as a retirement community. Preserving wildlands and farms would also help. The redevelopment of East and North Lawrence is better than paving over more farmland in West Lawrence.
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- 125 All residents thrive (earn a living wage and lead healthy, happy, and meaningful lives).

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- 127 Funky and fresh-always with new people, new ideas, fresh perspectives. GREEN
- 128 Maintain high quality K-12 education; grow STEAM programs with the new tech ed center; continue to provide wide variety of cultural options, protect downtown district
- 129 More job opportunities in manufacturing and tech jobs. Better transportation connections to KC and Topeka
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- 131 I would love to see Lawrence develop as an urban center between KC and Topeka and let other communities specialize in agriculture. I would love to see Lawrence become an "Overland Park West" in that it is known as a premier hub for businesses to be centered - perfectly situated between the capital and KC. I'd love to see food trucks, which are an essential ingredient in a vibrant, connected urban core and a wonderful avenue for small businesses to thrive. I'd love better shopping (if we had a Banana Republic, an Express, and a quality movie theatre in this town, I would never leave).
- 132 Things are changing so rapidly, that I am having difficulty visualizing Lawrence and Douglas County in 20 years.
- 133 Everyone has access to a job that pays WELL, green space is preserved, the arts continue to be a strong feature of Lawrence, cookie cutter homes are not paving over beautiful green space.
- 134 I have call numerous times about the construction and development of 31st street. I have been passed on to various folks. None of them would listen or answer the questions. Always vague! Came into the City Hall to talk with them and again, the run around and then he walked off. I don't think the city has the capability to actually listen to it's patrons. We live here but take what the City has to dish out. I don't think that is fair considering that Lawrence is the most expense place to life in Kansas. I can pay and pay but get no service in return. By the way, it would really be nice if someone from City Hall would say they would call you back, they actual would. If I did that at my job I would be fired and don't I pay part of their wages being a tax payer??? If you want to fix something, how about the pay system for the water bill. How about putting a grocery store on the southwest side of the city. Just DO NO HARM which that has come and went. But do try to learn
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- 136 Quit pretending that the only thing in lawrence its ku
- 137 I want my children to grow up in a town that feels safe; I feel that expanding too much makes Lawrence less safe. I want to focus on preserving and nurturing what we already have here: culture, art, nature, and history. I want historical areas like downtown and the wetlands to be protected. I want to maintain our commitment to quality public education. Expand property tax base by reducing public subsidies to new development, e.g. Rock Chalk Park, apartment buildings, and new commercial development. Limit the use of industrial revenue bonds for new development.
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- 139 A healthy city that uses factual based city planning guidelines that are geared for optimal livability for all - environmentally conscientious, sustainable growth policies, more redevelopment versus sprawl, healthy outdoor and indoor facilities, tax relief for lower and middle class, increase minimum wage, preservation of history and historical structures, continued expansion of the arts and beautification.
- 140 Keep it safe. Emphasize life long learning. Health & wellness physically & mentally should continue to be celebrated. Keep downtown local & friendly. Keep guns & knives off the street Continue being smoke free. Mecca for sharing information on climate change, innovations. Quality of life for all.

- 141 My vision is for Lawrence and Douglas County to maintain its eclectic and unique character with increased racial and ethnic diversity increased economic development and a more open and positive relationship with KU and the Athletic Dept.
- 142 Intentional greenways and limiting urban growth with green belts and revitalization of urban areas, similar to Portland. Increase in community gardening efforts and preservation of natural resources (such as the wetlands south of town, which are being damaged by new roadways). CHECKED GROWTH. Sensible, community-oriented growth rather than corporate growth. Re-use of corporate sites for businesses relocating to Lawrence. Grocery stores in the East and North food deserts, and revitalized or new community centers in both (the new West community center is going in soon -- after that, we should have one in North Lawrence and work on improving services in East and South). More pedestrian and biking paths. Cease using 24D along public roads and the levee.
- 143 Development that enhances residential. Residential that enhances business. Capacity for growth. Livable city. Quality of place. More balanced emphasis on multimodal transportation. Less emphasis on vehicular transportation. More innovative city design. Nodal planning rather than focusing on just downtown. With retail/business nodes, there would be less time driving and less need for more or wider streets. Implementation plans for updating design in established neighborhoods.
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- 145 Lawrence should be developed according to sound, best urban planning practices, not the whims and avarices of developers, landlords, and non-resident property owners.
- 146 The city and county would be a "demonstration" of how being "local" in food and business does include an appreciation of region and national issues through a media that informs the citizens. A city that has diverse housing that is not decided by a small group of developers and a city that is more "dense" in use of land with support for public transit/bicycles, etc. in construction. A city that attempts to support community "hubs" that bring residences together. Minimum wage would be increased along with ample affordable housing. Education would be accessible to all, including technical/vocational. Water for city/county would come from sources that have been encouraged to literally go "upstream" and prevent run-off along with support for less use of water for lawns, etc. It would be a city that uses extensive alternative energy, particularly solar for homes and businesses. The Kaw River would be appreciated by thoughtful development next to it - not overbuilding on edge, but expanding accessibility to it.
- 147 To strengthen it's character through stronger, unique architectural use and continue to be a great place to live.
- 148 Caring, compassionate, grassroots-driven community that prioritizes its public citizens above private corporations and promotes democracy.
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- 150 Spend less with the Chamber and more on infrastructure maintainance and tax control. We do not need a fancy police building or a police force that believes it is the Army.
- 151 Still being a proud outpost in an embarassing state. Lawrence will continue to be a magnet for artists and innovative entrepraneurs (and the underpaid and over-educated).
- 152 Job opportunities would support the cost of living in Lawrence. Everyone could afford local food. Keep Lawrence safe, crime is rising rather than receding Decriminalize marijuana Increase public transit system Support local mental health maintenance and prevention
- 153 Lawrence will continue to be its unique self, compared to the rest of the state. Rampant expansion of the city into rural areas of the county will be restrained by using planning tools available to accomplish that goal. Citizens will value and preserve open spaces for their historic, recreational and health-related benefits. We will take the steps necessary to make North

Lawrence a "food hub" producing foods for local and regional markets. As development occurs, trees will no longer be bull-dozed and burned. Instead they will be selectively cut and those ground into mulch and either used on site or given to the city to provide to Douglas County citizens for their use. City-owned properties will use native plantings and developers will be encouraged to use native trees and other plants optimal for providing habitat and forage for pollinators and other animal species. We will continue to utilize sustainable development as much as possible.

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158 Synergy- the ability to partner the city, county and private businesses and citizens to share resources to make our infrastructure stronger, and attract new business.

159 1. Become higher income lower cost of living 2. Learning to share existing tax dollar sources instead of increasing taxes 3. Lawrence to be known as a city without a slum = maintaining older neighborhoods 4. Being able to slow down instead of build build build for the sake of build build build which increases the budgets and taxes(user fees/rates/ fines etc etc etc). Being able to pull back on New thus providing the necessary attention to neighborhood issues and/or neglect.

160 Larger developments are common so they can include some amenities. People don't have to drive to Topeka or KC to work. Tax base has something other than apartments/homes to support it. We are really able to feed off the university and develop some good quality employers to create some jobs and industry.

161 I would like for Lawrence to embrace growth so that we can proactively plan appropriate infrastructure and policy for a population of 30 - 50,000 more citizens who work and play here. With so many of our current highly compensated citizens leaving town every day to work in KC or Topeka, we are already losing the engagement of the next generation. We should emphasize and consistently support well organized private and public economic development efforts.

162 Less apartments in residential areas, more attention paid to foot traffic and crosswalks, more community gardens in every neighborhood.

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164 in greater DougCo, a mix of landscapes - forest, wetlands, agricultural - with good access to smaller towns in the county (Eudora, Baldwin). an economy grounded in innovation and tourism, support for start ups - tech but also other business start ups. DougCo has the potential and vision to be a local food hub - we can set up infrastructure (canning facilities, large freezer storage, meat processing) to serve farmers from around the region. many of these facilities are closing elsewhere in Kansas, opening an opportunity here where we have proximity to farmers as well as good access to larger markets like KC & Omaha

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166 I would like to see Lawrence become more of a self-sustaining community. Invest in renewable energy as a standard, increase transportation, a commitment to multiple community gardens to support healthy eating. Expand housing and learning programs for underprivileged families, and eliminate slum areas before the pulsation expands causing them to expand (insure people have access to housing that they can afford, and that is safe and habitable, there are homes and trailers that appear to be on the verge of collapse that are silk being rented to low income people who have no choice but to except unsafe living conditions)

167 Lawrence and Douglas County is a destination today, and we need to make sure that it still is in 20 years. People need to be able to come to Lawrence, and spend a few days exploring downtown, the warehouse arts district, Rock Chalk Park, KU, and shop on South Iowa and W 6th.

- They should be able to get to Clinton Lake and find useful, clean, and beautiful space along the lake to enjoy, and should find Baldwin City as a beautiful bedroom community of Lawrence, Topeka, and Johnson County. We need to continue to grow, and we need to be smart about it.
- 168 I would like to see Lawrence become the Midwest mecca for film, art, music and culture. Through a town and gown partnership, we have the unique opportunity to develop the talents of our young people and then keep them here to help us build and expand this culture. Lawrence must work hard to maintain the timbre of its downtown core while expanding its geographic and economic base on the North, East, Northwest and Southern boundaries. North and East provide an opportunity for industrial growth. South and Northwest provide an opportunity for retail growth. We must determine what causes Lawrencians and their dollars to leave town and attempt to bring those products and services into the community. The county should be focused on further agricultural development and the creation of sustainable living solutions. This includes perma-culture, earth-ships, community gardens and training facilities for individuals to learn how to work and live in this environment.
- 169 My vision, or the reality. Reality is nothing is going to change. Vision - seeing Lawrence in my rear view mirror for the last time. Vision - Lawrence and DC have the opportunity to be awesome. Reality - 20/20 and a "we know best" mindset among our commissioners and volunteer leadership will ensure that never happens
- 170 Lawrence must start offering real career opportunities to be able to retain our brightest young people. I see Lawrence as a high-tech center in Northeast Kansas that makes it possible for natives to stay around and earn a living wage. The town will become accessible to more than just those who drive cars. This means accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists, those without cars and for those in wheelchairs. Downtown will remain the cultural and business center of the town.
- 171 A greatly improved new law building, bike paths to get our children off the roads.
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- 173 less ugly development, taking long time residents in older neighborhoods into consideration when looking to future development..
- 174 In 20 years, I would like to see Lawrence holding its own economically. It should have a strong and diverse employment base. All of the stakeholders should be actively working in one direction to help the City/County move forward rather than looking out for self-interest. I'd like to see the City actually go to a true elected Mayor type of government with City Council oversight. I'd also like so see Lawrence be self sustaining in terms of agriculture produced and consumed here. Downtown will utilately transform over to an entertainment district since that is what is in process now. I'd like to see County and City governments truly working for the benefit of the populace rather than focusing on their own pet projects.
- 175 I see Lawrence and Douglas County becoming a competitive city in Information Technology. Expanding Fiber Optic data speeds for commercial and residential use will support Net Neutrality and bolster the economy.
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- 177 Controlled growth so downtown remains the city's strength while expansion occurs in an even manner along the outside areas instead of so much building occurring in the west only.
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- 180 Smart growth. Maintain the uniqueness of our downtown. More trails and green space. Better public transportation.
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- 182 have not thought that far
- 183 Need more professionally oriented career jobs and make sure they're not attached with KU.

More than 25% of working adults commute to Topeka or KC metro area to work. Most jobs are tied to retail or service industry. Nothing wrong with recruiting industrial jobs to town although business snobs believe they're too good to get their hands dirty working in a factory. Lawrence needs all spectrum of jobs as many won't/can't afford to go to college so fill these jobs and keep people working in their hometown and expand property tax base. Transportation systems will need enhancing to handle volume with particular emphasis on upgrading and expanding Lawrence Municipal Airport to handle the larger business jets that use the airport daily for business trips and recreational events, i.e. - KU athletics.

184 A fabulous community but elected officials and city staff are not looking out for the benefits of all citizens. I seek a strong downtown business, entertaining, and retail area. Just look at Topeka, Kansas if one wants to see what commercial zoning throughout the city can do to a downtown area - disastrous. Look what happened to three major shopping centers when all the business went to Wanamaker. Protect the interests of the arts and entertainment groups, as well as maintaining and improving the methods of getting to these areas, i.e. bus routes, better control of street signals, and fewer apartment building permits. Way too many apartment complexes spread throughout the city, with better financial data obtained from the developers to see if the need exists or the developer can perform.

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186 Keep the size manageable, so quality can be maintained.

187 I would like to see the county to grow in more single family homes. The size of the lots to be back 10 acres minimum. The access points need to be review based on major roads and intersections. Not all roads need to have restriction to access the county roads.

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189 I would love for Lawrence to retain its "small town" character. To do so will require thoughtful planning that eschews large urban development centers, and caters to the development of neighborhoods and the relationships we have with each other as neighbors.

190 I would like to see downtown Lawrence retain its vitality that has kept it going strong, when other cities have emptied out. The strict growth regulation that was in place for many years kept downtown Lawrence from falling prey to the big stores that would ruin the feel of the downtown area. I think the commercial growth around town has been mostly okay, but south Lawrence is beginning to feel like part of K.C., which is not what I think most people want Lawrence to feel like. There's something to be said for capping commercial growth in favor of maintaining the size and feel of our community, even if that means people will travel to KC or Topeka for certain things. There are more important things that developing MORE stores and businesses that can make money.

191 A destination location for art and culture. (It already is for KU basketball, which is fabulous.) A place where artists flock to live and work. A place where movies are made, music tours, performances happen and visual art is all around. The city maintains the unique feel that is Lawrence, while having more opportunities for art, cultural, learning, technology, and entrepreneurs.

192 By allowing the city to grow, I mean that the city should have an eye to primary jobs as much as tech jobs. Employees of blue collar jobs buy necessary items just like high income earners do and the city gets the added benefit of bringing in new money to the town. I believe that this can happen while not fundamentally changing the character of the city. The chemical plant in North Lawrence is a good example. Most people do not even know it is there, do to them being a good corporate citizen.

193 A community that embraces the local native american heritage, more incentives for small local farms, more outdoor activities and green spaces (i.e., board walks through wetlands not gigantic

- roads and highways, bike paths), public shared bikes (like in NY city), and historical sites (i.e., homes) in great condition.
- 194 Limited population growth, growth in full wage employment (technology etc, "smart" jobs), linked to but not necessarily dependant on KU.
- 195 First, the shelter (Lawrence Humane Society) should be relocated to a more centrally visited area of town and expanded in size so that it is better able to become a truly No Kill shelter by increasing adoptions. Furthermore, we need more bike lanes and more renewable energy deployment. Feral cat trap-neuter-return should be implemented. The city should work more closely with the University of Kansas on pilot-scale projects to increase the city's sustainability too.
- 196 A healthy and vibrant city that attracts families, young people and tourism dollars.
- 197 Thriving downtown, high-end technical job markets, easily walkable and rideable
- 198 How to maintain the unique qualities that Lawrence possesses without slipping into the culture of mediocrity that plagues most small towns in the American Midwest (i.e. value local businesses over national and international businesses, etc).
- 199 Working together- handling city growth and county interests carefully and thoughtfully.
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- 201 Increased awareness of walkability and bicyclist safety. Satellite branches for the library
Encourage cultural elements to move to other areas of Lawrence, not just downtown Maintain healthy education system More community gardens
- 202 Lawrence, particularly northwest Lawrence, grows and expands to accommodate new jobs and new opportunities, while infrastructure improves to meet the added demands of more population. Redevelopment of portions of Mass, New Hampshire and Vermont to add better parking access and amenities, strengthening downtown and preserving its status as a regional draw in tourism and retail dollars. Continued expansion around Rock Chalk park to create another regional draw. Continued development of South Iowa and SLT connections creating new commercial centers. A diversified retail base to truly enable Lawrence shoppers to "Start here" and "finish here" too.
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- 204 Better infrastructure, streets/alley maintenance, bike paths & street/alley lighting
- 205 more green space for children and adults, less development
- 206 A progressive community where everyone feels there is a place for them, . . . where everyone who wants/needs work can find employment with livable wages/salaries, . . . where people feel safe in their homes and neighborhoods, . . . where a priority is placed on quality of life for all, not just the few, . . . where people feel they are listened to by the elected officials and major decision makers, . . . where everyone has access to affordable social, educational and health resources.
- 207 Transportation to help with the needs of the ever growing senior population. More opportunities for folks from Eudora, Baldwin, and Lecompton to be included in Douglas County Senior Services
- 208 Stop letting a few "favorite" business men get all the contracts and make the choices for Lawrence. Let the people of Lawrence have a say in their neighborhoods. Stop raising taxes for large scale things that only benefit a few of the residents (sports center/KU things).
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- 210 It is extremely difficult to see 20 years down the road. However, I would like to see Lawrence/DGCO maintain its character while becoming a more diverse business community. There is a perception that (outside of KU) we are becoming a bedroom community. Those who claim to foster eco-devotion need to look at businesses that have succeeded in the area and why they have succeeded. It is particularly important to look at businesses that have not received

public help since it is always preferable for the market to determine growth. I also concerned that the options for affordable housing in Lawrence are becoming fewer. Increased residential options in the city are a good thing, but we need to ensure that we do not drive people out of their neighborhoods in the name of progress.

- 211 I would love to see an investment in local seeds, native plants, preserving the local wildlife population when it comes to agriculture in Douglas County. Chemical pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, etc. harm our water, soil, and the animals trying to co-exist in the ecosystem. The only positive thing to come from conventional agriculture is profit for the farmers, but at what cost? I would also love to see more of a focus and investment in "mom and pop" businesses. All of the cities around us are full of the same chain stores and restaurants. Let's keep Lawrence unique by encouraging local people to become entrepreneurs who open businesses that draw people because they aren't the same as what other cities already offer. Downtown Lawrence, and specifically Mass. Street are great, but I've heard of so many businesses failing because they couldn't afford the high rent on buildings that are not well maintained or well managed. I happen to work downtown in a building such as this where an out of town property management company can't be bothered to make even the most basic of repairs but the rent keeps going up. I understand that profit is important and of course everyone wants to make as much money as possible. Unfortunately, you can't eat money if the conventional agricultural system fails. Also, what will happen to the city of Lawrence if the divide between the rich and the poor continues to grow?
- 212 I'd love it if the landlords would paint and maintain their houses in the Oread and on Connecticut. These main arteries are some of the first things people see when they come here, and many houses that are currently shabby and run-down looking could be made to look quite lovely.
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- 215 to remain a downtown centric community. to be bicycle and walking friendly. easy to commute to other cities. improve job market for those with college degrees.
- 216 I would like to see moderate and reliable economic growth. I would like prevent the suburban spark from jumping the gap from Johnson County -- in the way that it did with Olathe 30 years or so ago. I would like to see reduced dependence on private cars.
- 217 As fossil fuels are used up and become more expensive, Lawrence and the County should lead in ways to use energy more efficiently and develop solar energy. This will mean a more compact city and neighborhoods with a variety of services so we no longer must drive to South Iowa and west 6th street for so many goods and services. Emphasis should shift to walking and bicycling.
- 218 In 20 years, I would like to see our town thrive due to smart building, and budgeting. Build things we NEED, not things we want. Stop subsidizing building projects, and lower taxes for the citizens.
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- 220 SEPARATED PROTECTED BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE. NOT bike-lane-protected parking like on Lawrence Avenue between Princeton and Trail Road! NOT mixed-use paths where people walk their dogs and toddlers and rollerblade--but separate, curb or wall-protected lanes exclusively for the use of bicycles or other pedal-powered vehicles (please note my exclusion of motor bikes, electric scooters, and mo-peds). We need to encourage more people to get out of their cars and walk, bike, or bus to work, and the ONLY way this can be accomplished is by making it safer for people to do so. Continue investing in alternative fuel sources for city vehicles and buses. When petrol-gasoline is 15 dollars a gallon in 2034, hindsight will not replace investing in 2014! HOAs banning vegetable gardens, wash lines, and mandates green lawns will be illegal. Everyone will a patch of land will have a garden. Massachusetts Street between Sixth and 13th Streets will be pedestrian-only. People-scaled urbanism is a great thing.

- 221 More opportunities for everyday healthy living through less driving necessity, more safe outdoor exercise options for all ages
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- 226 I'd like to see Lawrence really crack down on the prevalence of theft and robbery that is taking place- for the city and police to view this issue as a serious one and begin actively pursuing and punishing people who perpetuate this issue in our community. I also feel that the cost of living in Lawrence and Douglas County is alarmingly high due almost solely in part to the inaccessibility of affordable housing options (particularly rentals) and that the rent costs do not reflect quality, family suitable housing. Often times your choice is to pay drastically inflated rent for a clean, suitable house or rent within your budget a house that is not up to code, falling apart, unhealthy, dilapidated- etc. There needs to be some sort of major change in the way landlords are held accountable for their rentals and a way to prevent large groups of students from overtaking and destroying the affordable rentals in the city.
- 227 We have returned to the River Kaw. Water is cleaner to sustain all the creatures, feed the crops and enable our jobs/industries. Everyone will understand our watershed, including plants, animals-the life-giving effect. More neighborhood schools including pre-existing ones. Haskell Indian Nations University is now shown the same respect, deference and inclusion that KU always enjoyed. Local minimum wage has increased to a living wage. Visual , performing-all arts will be considered legitimate employment and supported (\$) by the local community. Inclusive zoning is required to mix low/mod and middle/upper people. All new construction (public, commercial and private)is built so anyone with a disability can enter the first floor and use an accessible bathroom. Our Waste management, water, sewer, etc. produces energy with methane, bio-miracles to help power this place.
- 228 Continue upgrading downtown and doing fill-in development. Stop building more retail and fill what we already have vacant first.
- 229 No more developing west on 40 highway or Farmers Turnpike but growth in other directions would be fine. Need to develop an area for job opportunities that will be long term (like create an area where large companies like Farmland would want to build. And Lawrence is the most expensive community to live compared to surrounding communities except Johnson County.
- 230 A vibrant downtown w/grocery and a wide range of locally owned businesses.
- 231 Improvement in traffic flow, eliminate congestion. (Expecting some improvements with SLT completion) Attracting higher end department stores, eg. Macys and Dillards. Attract businesses that would employ residents - less commuting.
- 232 Continue to encourage new business and new home construction.
- 233 Smart growth that does not desterb what downtown house but still for people who wish to live and work there.
- 234 Continue valuing and contributing to the arts, education, and the economy, but also make the necessary efforts and sacrifices to make sure everyone has a decent opportunity to live a full life. There would be plenty of quality, affordable housing for even people who work minimum wage. Minimum wage would be a living wage. No communities would be isolated by geography, economic status, culture, or language. There would be no slums because everyone could afford a better place to live. There would be no bad parts of town because officials and community members would care about investing in all areas. There would be a grocery store in north Lawrence instead of 15 grocery stores at 6th and Wakarusa! Traffic projects would be planned in ways that wouldn't trap us to one route south in the summer. People could come to Lawrence,

get a decent job, have a decent place to live, and have the other resources they need for healthy relationships, bodies, minds, and souls.

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236 I would like Lawrence and Douglas County to continue to support education, local business, and the arts while increasing its commitment to the physical environment - parks and roadways.

237 A vibrant downtown, good looking neighborhoods, schools that kids walk and bike to...

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239 More local businesses, less dependence on foreign oil, a thriving downtown, city more bike friendly, less bars and a more diverse downtown including more art galleries.

240 A place where comprehensive transportation is available to all citizens, especially bus loop routes that circle the town.

241 good paying jobs for those that want to work here. Community activities to keep the community together.

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243 Too many city policies are appropriate for a small college town. We are no longer a "college" town. We aren't even any longer a "town;" we're a small/moderate-sized city. Policies such as the development restrictions within a 200-foot radius around historic buildings impact modernization negatively. Save individual historic buildings, you bet. But there's nothing wrong with modern alterations, or even new modern buildings, right next to these historic structures. Towns frozen in time are interesting to visit, but I have no desire to live in such a town, nor do the great majority of Lawrence residents, I believe.

244 I would like the town to make use of its riverfront - perhaps build restaurants and more trails. Also- stop building apartment complexes next to shopping plazas next to more apartment complexes. And better recycling.

245 Lawrence still growing, but the rate will plateau soon?

246 Strong, local economy, conscious to mental & physical health of community members. Empowered and thriving.

247 Development of programs and activities which are so unique out of town folk will be drawn to visit.

248 A thriving community/partnership with whole counts to meet our growing needs

249 A community that has grown in a sustainable manner and has protected the history and culture of the area.

250 University continues to feed both. More infill growth, more businesses that employ

251 I would like to see us grow to about 120,000 while still maintaining the character of the area. We need to add/expand more jobs in the area.

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254 Reasonable, well planned growth

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256 Less car traffic downtown, healthier activities

257 Similar expansion while maintaining the diverse creative community

258 Will add people and business - more located in town - bio related

259 I'd like this to be a place where homes are affordable and have enough green space around them for personal land use

260 I'd like to see Lawrence stay compact and avoid sprawling out and out. It should work to maintain its character, continue improving its public transportation & bike infrastructure.

261 More public land, improved to be diverse native habitat, empower minority voices to diversify community

- 262 Continued controlled growth with emphasis on green space and ease of mobility
- 263 More job opportunities to include people who do not have the desire or opportunity to get a 4 year degree.
- 264 A vibrant and "upward building" downtown. Go European style.
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- 266 Choices that allow city/county and sense of community to thrive. Choices that promote well being of entire community. Choices that prevent urban blight and urban sprawl.
- 267 An example to other communities of environmental care and what can happen if a city cares about all of its people
- 268 I know it's soon but love to connect with people train to Kansas City.
- 269 Lawrence restoring and redeveloping towards the east and north. Slow growth west until vacancy rates in existing areas is small.
- 270 A thriving cultural community with good businesses and opportunities for 20-30 year olds to be employed.
- 271 Lawrence will have a nice balance of a vital, vibrant, healthy, urban core and limited sprawl into the county. More small scale local food production and distribution. The county would be famous for artisan foods.
- 272 Continue the present. Promote goals which tries to produce a happy medium between preserving agriculture and economic development.
- 273 Be more aware of historic buildings and keeping them intact.
- 274 Diverse, well educated and forward thinking
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- 276 More industrial to provide good paying jobs. All roads paved.
- 277 Walkable subcenters of activity connected by public transportation with no more than 15-minute headway
- 278 More employment opportunities for all. Factory jobs, technical jobs, service jobs, education jobs, professional jobs
- 279 adopting; balancing change
- 280 Preservation of downtown and historical buildings inc. emphasis on our history in the older parts with growth more sustainable neighborhoods with less sprawl
- 281 more affordable, more walkable and bicycleable. Riverfront would become attractive and well-used
- 282 Maintain the agricultural uses of the county, especially produce. Resist sprawl - more urban density of housing and less reliance on cars.
- 283 Creative infill (not gentrification). Expansion of literary and artistic values - keep downtown the core
- 284 Westar plant converted to natural gas. Absence of jobs not paying a living wage. More use of bus and bike transport.
- 285 Be prepared for all types of growth.
- 286 Lacks confidence and vision. Not equipped with skill and tools to make projects work. Especially mixed use. Land use policies are very conservative. Development opportunities are overly managed, studied and delayed. population growth rate from 2000-13 average a new 765 people a year. Below national average for annual population growth. Change "no growth policy character" of the city and county. Make policies innovative, flexible, & inviting. Evaluate a project's density, intensity, and compatibility by site design policies and standards. Example, challenge projects with a path to more density/intensity if it provides or advances a city/county goal, like "a network of trails and parks." The local economy should be improved. Expansion of Hwy 59, development of Lawrence Trafficway and expansion of city sewer treatment plant are

projects that will generate new industry and business. Employment opportunities will be created and PURCHASING POWER for the area increased.

- 287 Minimal changes
- 288 I'd like to see things not much changed, but better supported.
- 289 More tech jobs - less travel to KC area for employment
- 290 Have less spread and work to find more room for new business in more core of city. Work better to zone for walkable areas west.
- 291 Family & elder-friendly, local business friendly, pedestrian and bike friendly
- 292 sustainable vibrant community, diverse
- 293 Probably will get much larger, but I would like for it to still have a "small town" feel
- 294 A thriving, interesting place to visit, or live, or retire
- 295 I would love to see Lawrence maintain it's unique status as an open and locally based Kansas gem. It should still be on the list of top wonderful small towns in the US - not on lists of towns with the greatest growth or expansion
- 296 An integrated bicycle transportation infrastructure similar to Portland OR which will enlarge our carrying capacity without massive new outbuilding to accomodate more auto traffic. "Qualitative development" like we are seeing in east Lawrence, instead of quantitative expansion as demonstrated and proposed on South Iowa and in the vicinity of the SLT.
- 297 A cultural arts community that reflects current diversity, local entrepreneurial enterprises that are encouraged jobs if they showcase Lawrence creates 215 entry jobs and wages
- 298 More bike paths that connect the entire city across & around. Bike lanes in more streets. More home grown food and open minded to better local food
- 299 We take the lead with progressive politics and express true democracy, safe & affordable housing, transitional housing with co-ops
- 300 Get across town using motorized & other types bike walk skateboard
- 301 Living in the best city in Kansas!!! More people.
- 302 Downtown/OWL/E Lawrence/N Lawrence are a unified community with equal parts entertainment/residential/retail and business/office. Suburbs continue to develop, yet are linked with urban core via multi-modal transport.
- 303 Lawrence needs to grow sensibly and accommodate the needs of all it's citizens and taxpayers.
- 304 Growth west and east, with a revitalization of downtown
- 305 Growth based on sustainable principles. Embracing light rail hub between Topeka and Kansas City metro. More green space on the city and denser urban areas downtown
- 306
- 307 A city w/o threat of gentrification - especially in historic ease Lawrence wide
- 308 forward thinking
- 309 Progressive, innovative, creative, open, friendly, safe, affordable
- 310 Vibrant, active a place where my kids will have many safe transportation options and good jobs.
- 311 Business for more people of color
- 312 Focused on green energy, sustainability, increased access for bicyclists, and providing growth opportunity that maintains the current character of the Lawrence community.
- 313 An area which avoids growth for growth's sake just to accomodate the pressures to continually expand.
- 314 I see: * more sustainability, * renewable energy (in spite of Big Oil, ALEC and the Kochs), * a vastly expanded public transportation system (buses), * neighborhood gardens, * better jobs instead of low-wage jobs designs for college students (you have no idea how hard it is for someone to make it on a low-wage job and depend on tips. * a better relationship between KU and the town. It used to be town and gown, now it's gown over town. * affordable housing

instead of \$800 dollar-a-bed 4-room apartments designed just for college students. * a better relationship with Haskell. Haskell is a jewel and the city needs to go to bat with BIA for its funding.

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316 A vibrant, pedestrian and bike friendly community.

317 A city that I would vacation in.

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319 I would like to see more green space, walking, bicycling trails. I believe that the girl scout camp is an ideal to aim for and we should have more environmentally friendly green space.

320 Mecca for interesting food production, innovative retirement options - keep the downtown intact. Smaller intergenerational areas - know this happens naturally but it can be supported by keeping schools open - even as residents age - by changing boundaries because neighborhoods revitalize as we die off or move away.

321 Is there enough water in 20 years? Perhaps a static state city without growth, with stable employment, 10% of the cars, bikeable, URBAN agriculture provides 40% of city's food. Population is cut in half due to re-ruralization due to oil scarcity.

322 A community that is welcoming and engaging for all ages. More job opportunities for young & older, full-time & part-time positions.

323 Widespread organic farming No GMO products Sustainable agriculture and accommodation for wildlife Bicycle paths to provide good alternatives to driving Preservation of existing green spaces, and adding more

324 Increased public transportation, low income housing and cheaper "houses" that are smaller. Money spent on the eastern side of Massachusetts street so that the "ghetto" terminology changes to a much more positive set of language terminology.

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327 The Poehler Bldg development needs to be a model for future development. Greater density, reuse of existing neighborhoods. I am a fan of Hobbs Taylor lofts and the two high rises. They will keep things vibrant. North Lawrence could be a focus of growth, rather than continuing the expansion West. Also, the revitalization of the east side of Lawrence along K10 is magnificent and could become more than just an industrial park.

328 safer, better communication between community members, more improvement of historical areas for mixed uses

329 Commitment to preservation of open spaces and ecologically significant lands and waterways. Strong career jobs available in locally owned businesses, including manufacturing, and in government. Generous funding from all levels of government for education, including KU and Haskell U; for culture; for social services; for public safety. Government, not private, management of public services. Downtown as city's soul, not just restaurants, bars, and t-shirt shops. All areas of town accessible by walking, biking, and public transit; de-emphasis on the personal automobile. Reduction in nonpervious surfaces.

330 More big box / chain stores. With the observation of farm land being for sale along K 10 on the east of town, I expect that the margins of Douglas County & Johnson County to be growing together but not touching... yet. The water ski lake will be gone. Growth in Pleasant Valley (great view of Lawrence). Businesses built along the SLT. Baldwin will be expanding. More growth north of the river. A friend of mine who owns a business north of I 70 told me that he has been approached by developers to sell his business so that a hotel can be built on his place. Still some rural areas around but mostly south.

331 To create economic development opportunities To stimulate job growth To have city government

stop back and allow free market forces to not have artificial limits or restrictions placed on them by city government

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333 High speed, high tech community with job opportunities in a broader range of areas. Enough jobs to accommodate all the KU grads who want to stay. Thriving entrepreneur segment. Innovative, creative, progressive.

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335 I hope the city and county put a limit on the physical growth so that our character and resources remain intact.

336 I'd like the neighborhoods to have slower traffic, feel safer, have more walkable and bike rideable paths (and wider). The traffic on 19th Street from Iowa to Harper should be slower and have a better bike path. The neighborhoods need improved and additional sidewalks. Learnard currently has no sidewalks (at least not from 19th to 15th).

337 More bike and walking trails that promote leaving the car behind. Strong local commerce and a well educated/trained workforce.

338 Lawrence and Dg Co to be a unique community that offers opportunity to enjoy the arts, education, dining, entertainment, and quality employment in a manner that reflects the quality and character of the people who live there.

339 Same as 1 & 2 with a strong historic & land preservation ethic, a strong agricultural economy based around our high quality soils, a diverse downtown that is not an Aggeville or Westport.

340 Lawrence/Douglas County needs to become a beacon of community and public education done in a fiscally responsible yet progressive way. This will in turn help drive community and employment growth (families go where schools are good), which should be done in a way that builds upon, but doesn't disrupt the local flavor of this historic community.

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342 I see a fantastic system of bike/ped trails that circumnavigate the city, as well as a green belt that encompasses the floodplains of the Kaw and Wakarusa, preserving natural areas and increasing outdoor recreational activities. Included in that green belt are small agricultural, family and community farms and orchards. We host a vast array of annual events, fairs, music, arts as we do now! I see a vibrant arts community and preserved historic districts centered around downtown, keeping neighborhoods safe and affordable for all. It goes without saying that we want a strong govt. and services, maintained infrastructure. I also hope we can create living wage jobs and keep it affordable for the vast number of farmers, artists, musicians, etc., people who make Lawrence what it is!

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344 be an even nicer college town in the Midwest, without nameless strip malls, huge parking lots for malls and car dealerships, fewer developers getting away with breaking rules/laws and getting only a slap on the wrist for it (or nominal fine).

345 I would like to see even greater vigilance to protect downtown and surrounding agricultural areas from runaway growth. I would like to see it become a place where local organic growers make a

living selling food to residents. I would also like to see the University academics get the attention, appreciation, and financial help they need.

- 346 I would like to see the diversity grow, more arts & culture, use smart growth strategies when growing, more transportation options (our population is getting older and younger people like active transportation)
- 347 See question 2
- 348 We would build on our ability to live a sustainable life, bicycle and pedestrian-friendly, supportive of the many cultures present and setting policy with culture and history in mind. Support for current businesses and care used in incentives given new development. Affordable housing throughout city. Support of arts for all. City schools vibrant throughout and embracing a comprehensive learning plan. Vibrant neighborhoods that are walkable, with good sidewalks and streets in excellent maintenance. Support for small businesses and neighborhood businesses as well as innovative larger industries and employers. Consensus-building on new projects and community undertaking.
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- 350 Transparency in allocation of resources and project approval. Whether exactly accurate or a complete view, it is widely held that commissioners and developers are able to push their agendas without a fair amount of democratic process. Rock Chalk Park: was this really a no-bid process? The city and county should answer to that and work to dispel the notion that certain developers can and do demand and receive unfair advantages. Bikability, walkability are wanting, as are a majority of roads - particularly in E. Lawrence.
- 351 With its University and unique flavor, I would see Lawrence become a major University City on the order of Oxford, Cambridge (G.B.) and Harvard and Princeton in the centuries ahead. There is much to be gained by our University of Kansas built on the model of a Greek acropolis rising up from the rational Roman city grid with Massachusetts Street as our cardo. There is considerable charm to be enhanced in the century ahead in the various neighborhoods surrounding Mount Oread.
- 352 Variety of social and cultural events. Continued emphasis on downtown opportunities. More attention to food, housing. Preferences for local businesses instead of "big box" stores.
- 353 A place where our natural history is integrated into a city/county with good paying jobs; where development is not exclusive of historic & cultural conservation.
- 354 Maintaining and furthering this area as the state's center of thought arts and culture. (Let me reiterate - not Johnson County)
- 355 I'd like to see way way more bike routes, and have Lawrence be way more pedestrian- and bike-friendly. It would be great to have grocery stores and other amenities in walking distance of ALL the neighborhoods, especially the ones in the core of the city. I would like there to be lots of small thriving family farms.
- 356 I would like to see Lawrence have some more big city amenities with regards to more options when it comes to retail shopping and grocery shopping (such as a Whole Foods). I have lived in bigger cities and miss having those amenities and I don't like driving to K.C. to shop. I would prefer to shop and spend my money in Lawrence. I would also like to see more activity options for teens and families (in addition to all the sports stuff), such as an indoor skating ring, an outdoor skating rink, go-karts, miniature golf, bocce ball courts, etc. I hope Lawrence's population continues to grow and doesn't become stagnant, so that it will then allow for these amenities to come here. I hope the population growth includes all age groups, and not just college students which would then require more apartments. I hope Lawrence is able to attract more jobs (more better paying jobs for well educated people) so that Lawrence can continue to thrive and keep people here. Many people come here to live, but don't work here. It's hard to

find a well paying job in Lawrence. I don't want Lawrence to become a bedroom community. I also hope that the city becomes more developer friendly so that development will actually come here. I believe that there should still be development standards, if fact the city should consider making developers pay more for certain things (other cities have development fees and make developers pay for infrastructure, utilities, and roads, etc.) and also require higher standards for architecture and landscaping for residential and commercial. I would like to see the riverfront area be developed. I've visited cities such as Savannah, Georgia and Asheville, North Carolina where they have development along their riverfronts and it's amazing. These places have made these riverfront areas very much a tourist attraction as well as an artistic community location, which is fantastic. I have been to other cities such as Austin, Texas where the city is thriving and so much development is going on, but it's not a free for all. The development is cool, eco-friendly, sustainable, unique, and beautiful. Austin has thought out how to build up and how to build out. They have also thought about lots of outdoor common areas and spaces and made them beautiful. I would like to see Lawrence think about where to put future common / open spaces where people can gather and spend time together. These spaces need to have greenscapes and hardscapes, seating, trees for shade, outdoor lighting, covered areas, open air areas, playground areas for kids, adult places - such as bocce ball and chess tables, green space for dogs, walking paths, etc. There also needs to be more artwork incorporated into these common/open spaces. I would like to see more events, concerts, festivals, etc. that bring people to Lawrence. More art galleries and more restaurants. Again, Austin has many of these. I consider Lawrence a smaller version of Austin. I don't want Lawrence to become as big and have all the people and all the traffic that Austin has, but I think Lawrence could learn a lot about how Austin does things. Austin seems to be very developer friendly, but yet it maintains it's motto of "Keep Austin Weird" and it's also concerned about lifestyle and living healthy. I think Lawrence needs to develop in a fashion that keeps sustainability in mind and also healthy living (with regards to open spaces, gathering places, bike paths, walking trails, Clinton Lake, more swimming pools, and access to local, organic foods). I think agricultural tourism is a huge thing that should be explored more. I think development around Clinton Lake should be explored (again look at development around lakes in the Austin area). I think new residential development should try to be steered towards the more traditional style of grid streets, beautiful and unique single family residential homes (with garages in the back), narrower streets, and lots of trees, rather than the suburban model. There also needs to be consideration for a major thoroughfare (highway) through the heart of the city or on the edges of the city somewhere. It's great that the South Lawrence Trafficway is finally being completed, but it's weird that as Lawrence grows, there isn't an option of a speedway of some sort to get from one side of town to the other. It takes 20 minutes to get from Clinton Park to East Hills Business Park. This is something Lawrence really needs to look at and consider (this is something that Austin did not develop well, their traffic is awful and they didn't plan for it).

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358 Better walkability/bikability, no more bars and limited tall buildings (maybe limit them to 5 floors only).

359 Make west Lawrence more like downtown. Have for affordable condominium living available close to downtown

360 not to have houses packed all the way to clinton lake

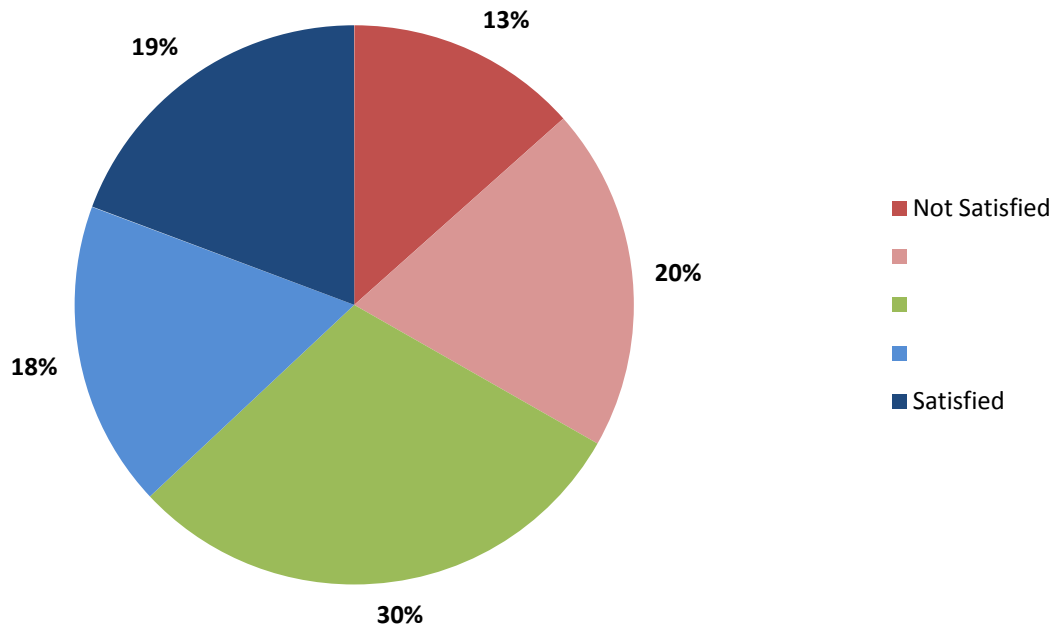
361 I understand the importance of economic vitality, but the charm I described earlier should always be considered to attract young professionals with money and education.

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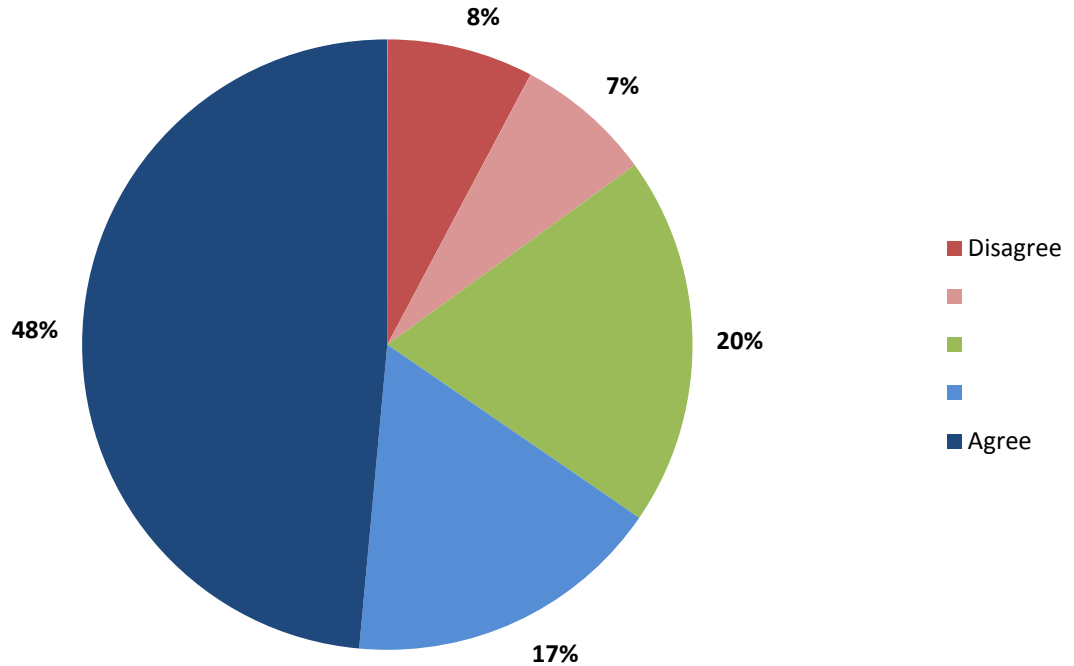
363 Even the new areas remain true to the core feel of the city - conscious, connected, and local

- 364 See Question 2
 - 365 More green space
 - 366 The area should have better public transit and pedestrian facilities. City growth and development should be according to sound planning and not developer greed. Neighborhoods should be protected from rental property degradation.
 - 367 Growth within - there are a lot of vacant buildings in the city that could be put to good use if the right business were attracted here
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 - 369 Culturally & intellectually vibrant, emphasis on preserving unique historical & environmental legacy while pursuing sound economic development. Agricultural & natural area preserved.
 - 370 Still vibrant, artful, respectful of divergent points of view, relaxed, livable, friendly, looking to the past while looking to the future- but with increased accessibility to transportation and services and food, and with more artfully thoughtfully planned space for gathering and creating, not juts art but thoughts for the future :)
 - 371 Growing community that is more open and inclusive to all types of new development. Embraces a wide range of employment and housing options to appeal to a diverse audience. Creates more of a retail destination to increase our retail sales pull factor.
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 - 373 We have returned to our rivers and educated ourselves about our watershed and the water immigrants that will be moving here. We made decisions with a broader criteria, mental/physical health, environmental impacts, cultural & educational benefits- beyond the economic value only.
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4. As Lawrence has grown over the last several decades, how satisfied are you with the type and quality of development?



5. I believe Lawrence should grow in a denser fashion to aid in growth management.



6. Give us an example of a city you have lived in or visited where you think growth has been managed well?

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- 2 No. You will pick and choose programs from that City rather than doing your job here and figuring things out.
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- 5 Chicago
- 6 Austin
- 7 Overland Park Kansas, Denver Colorado, Breckenridge Colorado
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- 10 Burlington, Vermont
- 11 Portland, OR
- 12 Columbia, Maryland
- 13 San Francisco
- 14 Portland, OR
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- 16 Overland Park, lived there
- 17 Lincoln, NE

- 18 Don't have one...
- 19 Naperville, IL
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- 21 Boulder, Colorado or Burlington, Vermont
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- 23 Boulder
- 24 These questions are obviously skewed to encourage respondents to advocate for denser growth patterns. If we want to compete with other cities, we will need to aggressively grow like Olathe, Lenexa, and KCK.
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- 26 Madison WI, Boulder CO
- 27 Many cities in Europe are managed well - You have dense city populations with great public transportation that are spotted throughout rural farmland and forests with recreation and small village goods.
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- 29 Overland Park, Denver
- 30 Been in many - growth almost always ends up being managed to reward and punish various groups. Teston VA and Columbia Maryland among others come to mind but they are dated.
- 31 Kansas City, Missouri
- 32 I have not been in a city that I thought managed growth well.
- 33 Not sure - I liked Indianapolis' urban and older suburban areas because they are connected to an urban bike trail system. This encourages people to fix up older homes and discourages new subdivisions.
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- 37 The very concept of managing growth is an anathema to a free society. Yes, Lees Summit seems "nice", but are its citizens free?
- 38 Portland
- 39 Portland, OR, maybe.
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- 41 San Diego, CA
- 42 Wichita and Derby KS
- 43 Unfortunately very few have done that. One really has to look abroad for examples of cities that have managed growth well.
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- 45 moved here from Johnson County 20 years ago and thought I was in Heaven; now it just seems like Johnson County. Wah!
- 46 Boulder
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- 48 Fort Collins, Colorado
- 49 Don't know
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- 52 Boulder
- 53 Corvallis, OR
- 54 Mason OH
- 55 ?

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57 Minneapolis MN
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60 Des Moines, IA
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62 Berkeley
63 Portland, although I have not lived there.
64 Lawrence in the 1970s
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67 I lived in Hong Kong, where the city is spectacularly dense, but public transit and services are still convenient and easy to access
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70 Overland Park
71 I have lived in Boulder in the past. Boulder has definitely managed its growth well. Due to unique circumstances, however, there is too much pressure on real estate in Boulder to allow for class diversity.
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75 Portland , Oregon
76 Door County, Wisconsin and Lincoln, Nebraska
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79 I like towns that haven't put all of their energy into the outskirts of town. Cities with vibrant, walkable downtowns and walkable neighborhoods. San Luis Obispo.
80 Boulder, CO; Portland, OR;
81 Grand Rapids, Michigan
82 I'm not familiar with any city where growth was managed well. Maybe I just don't know much about growth management - done well or not so well.
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84 n/a
85 Wichita
86 San Diego. Much bigger scale but there was a lot of leg room
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89 N/A
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92 Portland OR
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95 Boulder, CO
96 Seattle
97 Portland Oregon and Seattle Washington
98 Santa Fe

99 London, the green belt
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102 Olympia, WA
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105 Clifton Park, NY
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107 Knoxville, TN
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110 Sioux Falls, SD and Duluth, MN
111 Boulder, Colorado.
112 Ft. Collins
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116 The Maryland Suburbs in the DC Metro Area and Bend Oregon
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118 Iowa City, Iowa.
119 Boulder, CO
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122 Boulder, CO
123 Ottawa
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128 Boulder, CO
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131 Southlake, TX; NOT Irving, TX
132 I cannot think of a specific city at this time.
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137 N/A
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139 Many cities in Vermont-Burlington, Montpelier. Portland Oregon.
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142 Portland, Oregon; Also Boulder County Colorado, with its legacy of green spaces
143 Rochester MN
144 Chicago
145 Santa Fe, NM
146 Portland, to some extent

147 Burlington, VT
 148 Not sure, perhaps Portland or Ashland, Oregon?
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 151 Iowa City, IA
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 153 Burnsville, Minnesota
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 158 Liberty, MO
 159 Unless one spends a fair amount of time being involved that is hard to know. A well managed community can be of any size.
 160 Manhattan, San Fransico
 161 I think growth has been managed well in Lawrence. Density is a style that some prefer, but it is not for everyone. I think people should have a choice. I personally prefer density for retail, but not for housing.
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 164 Madison, Portland OR.
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 166 unsure
 167 Greensboro, NC
 168 Columbus, Ohio
 169 Ames IA, Olive Branch MS, Grand Rapids MI, Lansing MI, Lincoln NE
 170 Portland, Oregon
 171 Don't know of any
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 174 Fort Collins, Colorado.
 175 Maize, Kansas
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 177 rochester, new york
 178 norman, ok
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 180 Des Moines Iowa
 181 Denver
 182 n/a
 183 Have lived in many cities but Lawrence always has a plan but seems to deviate from it to fit agendas at time of need.
 184 Can't think of one, but certainly not Topeka, KS
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 186 Washington, DC
 187 Columbia mo. It has growth to all sizes of the community transportation around the outside of the community
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- 191 Providence, Rhode Island. They have huge incentives for artist to live and work which has brought significant growth.
- 192 Manhattan, KS
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- 194 Potsdam (Germany) post-unification: special circumstance, preserving and modernizing a historic town center while keeping rent increases capped
- 195 N/A
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- 197 Amsterdam
- 198 Burlington, Vermont
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- 201 Can't think of one. Lawrence's respect for its downtown has served us well. Let's keep focus on unique attributes.
- 202 East Wichita along Greenwich has nodal-type corridors with a good mix of residential and commercial/office.
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- 204 n/a
- 205 Wash. DC
- 206 NA
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- 210 Unfortunately my other experience was in a major metropolitan area, so not a valid comparison.
- 211 I have only ever lived in Topeka, Overland Park, and Lawrence. The first two cities I mentioned have certainly not been shining examples of cities well managed.
- 212 Nowhere I can think of. San Francisco has been ruined by "growth".
- 213 Portland, Oregon
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- 215 st paul/ minneapolis minnesota
- 216 You may scoff -- but I'll say Boulder.
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- 220 Boulder, CO
- 221 Seattle
- 222 Boulder, CO
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- 226 Lincoln, NE
- 227 Minneapolis, Minnesota
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- 231 Prairie Village
- 232 SanAngelo, Texas

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234 I don't know one.
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236 Berea, OH. The community has made a commitment to education, local business, and public parks
237 Ft. Collins
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239 Parts of New York
240 Boulder
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244 Pittsburgh, PA!
245 no example
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247 Portland, OR and Irvine, CA
248 Grew up on the east coast in NJ- dense housing, fewer new construction and more investment in existing facilities/housing/structures
249 A small community in central KS that hasn't grown a lot but hasn't lost/degraded its population. They have done a great job of maintaining quality of life by attracting business.
250 San Diego
251 Portland, Vancouver
252 Portland, Oregon
253 Portland, OR
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256 Amsterdam
257 Minneapolis MN
258 NA
259 Flagstaff, Arizona
260 Asheville, NC
261 Seattle, WA Minneapolis, MN
262 Indianapolis
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264 Lucern, Switzerland Rome, Italy Hamburg, Germany
265 Eugene, OR Had neighborhood shopping
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268 Des Moines, Iowa grew from 200,000 to 300,000 outward along interstate
269 Omaha, NB
270 New York City, Washington DC
271 Ithaca NY
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273 Richmond, VA
274 I like Boulder Colorado downtown area
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276 Richmond, VA
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- 278 Manhattan, KS
- 279 Portland, OR; Denver
- 280 Rhinebeck NY. No franchised businesses, small town atmosphere. Portland, OR
- 281 Fort Collins, CO
- 282 Inner area of Portland OR
- 283 Boulder, CO; Madison, WI; Ithica, NY; Asheville, NC
- 284 Evanston, IL
- 285 Boston Mass
- 286 Waco, Lincoln, Lubbock, Ann Arbor, Madison
- 287 Portland; Ft. Collins, CO
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- 289 Madison Wis
- 290 New York
- 291 Burlington, Vermont
- 292 Denver
- 293 N/A
- 294 Overland Park, KS
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- 296 Portland, OR
- 297 Boulder, Colorado; Burlington VT; Providencetown, RI; Madison, Wisc.
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- 299 San Francisco - residential neighborhoods built around neighborhood commercial center but in a human scale not giant buildings.
- 300 This is the biggest city I have lived in
- 301 Not Washington DC, Portland, Boulder
- 302 1. Little Rock 2. Tulsa, OK 3. Columbus, IN 4. Springfield
- 303 Madison, WI - Ann Arbor, MI - Boulder, CO - Austin, TX - Tuscan, AZ - Portland, OR
- 304 No city grows well because the growth is left to developers/outside, economic factors
- 305 Portland
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- 308 Austin TX
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- 310 Boulder, CO - I think there are other ways to meet desired objective (walkable, bikeable although I think the UGB has inflated costs)
- 311 Dallas
- 312 Lawrence
- 313 Portland, OR
- 314 None as they all gave in to sprawl.
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- 317 Boulder CO, Seattle WA, Copenhagen Denmark (all of these cities have a lot of what I like)
- 318 Boulder Colorado
- 319 Boulder Colorado
- 320 I have not lived in one that attended to its growth
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- 322 Boston
- 323 Lyon, France

324 Bentonville/Rogers, Arkansas
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327 Portland, OR
328 Seattle
329 Growth is not necessarily a goal. Des Moines has both unpleasant suburban growth and some city center improvements.
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333 Denver
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335 Portland, Oregon put a physical boundary around the city to preserve it's natural resources, but also left plenty of green space within the city
336 Large walking paths. Abundant parks. Plenty of space for social gatherings.
337 Mission, KS
338 Palo Alto, California
339 Louiston? Louisville? Colorado
340 Think of any, well managed downtown area or revitalized area where the focus has been on community vs. commuter-ville
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342 Boulder, CO
343 Boulder, CO
344 Hamburg, Germany
345 Missoula, Montana
346 There are pockets of cities that do a good job. Example: Kansas City, MO brookside neighborhood, Mineappolis, Denver stapelton neighborhood all have areas that I like.
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348 Boulder, where bicycles and foot traffic are well-supported. Fort Collins, for appearance of new buildings and maintaining green space.
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350 N/A
351 Princeton, New Jersey
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353 None really - Lawrence may be the best
354 I can't think of a city culture that manages growth as a culture but just look at downtown Lawrence - walkable, mixed-use, vibrant
355 I don't think I have lived in a city that managed growth well.
356 Austin, Texas
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358 None - came from the East coast - Maryland and its a cest pool there with overgrowth and high traffic volume.
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361 Definitely not anywhere in Texas :) Boulder, Colorado has done pretty good job
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363 Naperville, IL
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- 365 Indianapolis particularly the downtown area
- 366 Santa Fe, NM
- 367 Steamboat Springs
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- 369 ?
- 370 Portland & Denver
- 371 I am ashamed to say Manhattan, KS. Due to new conference center, I have been forced to travel there often for meetings that I would love to have in our community.
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- 373 Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN

7. What did you particularly appreciate about that city?

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- 2 A government that was neither despotic nor condescending
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- 5 high density upscale housing downtown
- 6 It has a well balanced approach to residential and business neighborhoods.
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- 10 Progress was not judged on population growth.
- 11 The "clean" density of the city with access to transit and bike routes galore!
- 12 The growth has been well managed the downside of which is a really sterile and lifeless community.
- 13 Environmental leadership, integration of transportation opportunities
- 14 You can walk, bike, or take the MAX nearly anywhere in the city easily
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- 16 Special interest people of the loud people did not rule the decisions
- 17 More biking & pedestrian friendly
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- 19 The balance between residential and commercial areas as well as the incorporation of recreational facilities and open space.
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- 21 Growth considerations balanced for the entire population instead of one kind of development.
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- 23 A robust active transportation network that allows all ages to get around town safely.
- 24 Lawrence has a great diversity of housing options. Some residents want urban living in downtown. Some residents like the suburbs in West Lawrence. Our leadership should not be discriminating against either option. The market will guide growth,
- 25
- 26 vibrant pedestrian shopping in historic downtown
- 27 It was welcoming and lovely with beautiful old buildings that have been well cared for and stretches of forest and farmland that are accessible to everyone (you could ring the doorbell and pick up a carton of eggs or nuts, etc.) - city was connected
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30 There was some attempt to accomodate diversity, allow people to select among living
alternatives and to focus growth to control it.
31 I am from that area and the renovated Power & Light District, old Quay area and attention to
what the residents want and need are superb
32 I have been in many cities with good public transportation, and I think that is critical. My favorite
cities to visit have good public transportation, and that is why they're my favorite cities to visit
over and over again (Chicago, Bay Area, etc.)
33 Five distinct cultural districts are connected by an urban bike/ped trail system interspersed with
public art and historical markers. This is VERY compelling.
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36 I love the people and the smaller city feel of Lawrence
37 They did not allow home construction under the approach path to the airport. Smart. Avoiding
noise complaints, and providing a margin of safety.
38 They've focused on density rather than expansion, which is effective for both the environment
and for transportation. You can get anywhere in Lawrence in 15 minutes now, you can spend 90
minutes getting across Kansas City's urban/suburban sprawl.
39 Fantastic public transportation (that everybody uses), neighborhoods with stores/gas stations in
them, few big-box stores, lots of walking/biking.
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41 investment in multimodal transportation-including new bike routes, light rail, bus, good
sidewalks and pedestrian routes, increased density in downtown, repurposing of historic
buildings, emphasis on downtown!
42 Favoritism is not given to the same developers and there is more competition to build better
housing (not all student oriented) and more retail. I rarely shop in Lawrence, as the taxes are so
high and less variety of retail businesses.
43 Good public transportation, walkability, nearby countryside, convenient shopping for everyday
needs.
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46 Walkability, green space.
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48 Character
49 N/a
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52 Smart growth principles adhered to.
53 paved riverfront park, good restaurants throughout, great frontage for university (e.g., shops,
restaurants, clubs)
54 It was developed in a beautiful way with landscaping/water features included at commercial sites
and pronounced entrances into neighborhoods
55 Downtown and the lakes
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57 Miles and miles of connected bike paths where you actually went somewhere on a bike not back
and forth. Outdoor living was embraced. Green energy.
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60 The fact that it wasn't in the state of Republican Right Wing Conservative God, guns & anti-gays
KANSAS!!!!

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62 UCB building a community college despite being surrounded by many-Great support for the
student-Foodies-Holistic Medicinal Well-Being

63 One man planned the city decades ago and is credited for his vision. And the city stuck to the
plan.

64 The town feeling of it. Now it's just sprawled all over the place.

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67 I've also lived in St Louis, which is re-urbanizing nicely.

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69 I appreciate the downtown area and the sense of community and neighborhood that exists in
certain parts of the city.

70 The mall and the roads

71 the bike paths and great restaurants

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75 Limited sprawl, and built skyward.

76 Lincoln, Nebraska seems to have a very good relationship between the university and the city.
Door County has done an excellent job of maintaining the character of the area and maintaining
economic success without allowing chain stores on the island.

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79 The pedestrian holds a more important place in city life than the car-centric community that we
have become.

80 Growth management practices to protect the cities from the real estate industry that is prone to
overbuilding unless checked by growth management.

81 Revitalization of the downtown areas, excellent public spaces, increased arts availability.

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84 n/a

85 Freedom

86 They kept fluoride out all the way until 2007. so I never consumed it growing up

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92 thoughtful growth in city proper. Pedestrian-oriented

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95 They put a limit to what could be built. There weren't sprawling strip malls, housing
developments and banks on every corner.

96 Well-equipped public resources, effective public transportation, and a continuing commitment to
improving the standard of living for all.

97 The walkability of the neighborhoods. Each little suburb had all the necessary accoutrements, i.e.

grocery, restaurants, movies, dry cleaners, etc.

98 City wide aesthetics

99 The community feel of East and North Lawrence

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102 Its willingness to make tough decisions when faced with environmental and economic challenges.

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105 Retail was centrally located.

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107 Development was limited by the mountains and rivers that encircled the city and so growth happened within the existing space.

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110 Business diversity that complimented and provided funding for the arts and festivals. Clean cities, minor league sports available to all citizens .

111 Focus on green technology and care to create many green recreational areas for the denizens of the city.

112 Good balance between commercial & residential development

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116 They mandate landscaping in both residential and commerical developments. They create "town centers" in their suburban development and they have mass transit.

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118 They appeared to be densely populated throughout the town. They also had a really wonderful, pedestrians-only, downtown area. There were many different areas with local businesses outside the downtown area. They seemed to mostly avoid strip malls.

119 How accessible everything is

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122 The sidewalks and bike paths.

123 minimal development and preservation of the victorian character of the town

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128 maintains its character

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131 Southlake has managed to keep its identity, small town feel, and quality schools while growing, bringing in business, and maintaining their roads. Irving is a disaster.

132 Less urban sprawl and optimal opportunities for interacting with nature is important.

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134 DownTown-Mass

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136 football

137 N/A

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139 A sense of community provided by easy access to local businesses and entertainment, walkability, gathering places. ie. Our downtown

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142 Greenways and pedestrian access

143 City amenities for residents.

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145 The City appeared to be relatively well-planned with strict building codes that prevent the development of slums.

146 public transit, vitality of downtown and relation to river

147 Compact design, great public transportation, and stronger sense of character through architecture

148 Ashland is a distinctive cultural oasis (given Oregon Shakespeare Festival since 1935) with plenty of walkable green space (its river/creeks enhance nature); unique, non-corporatized downtown shops; its college offers intellectual stimulation

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150 Balance is the key. Sustainable growth is the long term solution not high dollar debt creating programs and projects that benefits the few.

151 Better balance.

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153 They were especially tuned into leaving trees in apartment complexes, and generally valued their open spaces.

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158 Great mix of new development, existing neighborhoods, and retail located within close proximity to each other.

159 A well managed city would allow taxpayers considerable opportunities to approve city/county projects, housing projects, retail projects etc etc etc. Taxpayers are the largest number of stakeholders in any community.

160 Quality industry and public funds for economic development

161 I love Lawrence because I can work in a densely developed downtown, but enjoy my large back yard and privacy at home. Its not broken in that regard!

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164 Portland has an urban growth boundary, so farms can exist close to the city and its markets and denser development is encouraged.

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166 n/a

167 Green space has been preserved, the commercial and retail options are welcomed and kept managed well (with design guidelines that are fair), and housing does well. There are strong neighborhoods, schools, and hospitals.

168 Rather than packing existing areas with more business and living space and obscuring residential skyline, Columbus simply annexed more territory when it needed it. Greenville, Sc has also done a good job with this.

169 choices in retail and retail not confined to a limited area - ie south Iowa and Mass St being the

only areas in Lawrence. Great growth in new businesses moving to the area
170 Accessibility of the city via bike and on foot.
171 Good police and fire, but could use more personnel for better coverage.
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173 educated small town
174 Density is good, everyone works together to make attractive projects and new developments
must be justified and blend in with the environment.
175 The expansion of their schools brought in many families.
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177 vibrant inner city, but with suburbs that did not sprawl.
178 good balance between apartments and single family homes
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180 public park system blended into development
181 communities able to form within smaller sections of the city
182 n/a
183 Cultural diversity and many opportunities to get involved.
184 Having lived in Topeka for over 50 years, I am ashamed of what happened.
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186 Maintains plenty of green space. Public transportation is awesome.
187 Good mix of apartments and single family
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191 They have huge incentives for artist to live and work which has brought significant growth.
Rather than thank the artists by raising rent and forcing them to leave, they provide tax breaks,
rent reduction, and other incentives.
192 That the city is actively looking for business to locate to the city, of all types, yet still develops the
commercial sectors in a way that is growing the attractiveness of the city, such as the new entry
corridor off of Highway 177.
193 less concrete and fences, less commercial development and more locally owned businesses
194 public parks and lakes, lively restaurant scene, bicycle lanes, historic center
195 N/A
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197 Few cars, active and conscientious people and government, progressive
198 In many ways it is very similar to Lawrence, however, it feels more walkable than many parts of
Lawrence, especially the newer developments in Lawrence. Burlington also more clearly values
community and the arts (I believe Lawrence does, too).
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202 Greater amenities (new theaters, Cabelas, churches, offices)
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205 because of the limit on buildings
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211 I cannot find a single thing to appreciate about Overland Park but I will say that Topeka seems to be doing well in the area of historic preservation of neighborhoods.

212 n/a

213 Neighborhoods and downtown growth

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215 ability to travel throughout city.

216 An intentional and comprehensive effort to maintain the unique character of the community.

217 The great variety of cultural life and options.

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220 VERY bicycle friendly--could be better, but it's a start.

221 low crime, safe, pedestrian outdoor options for everyday life and fitness

222 town was not allowed to spread into green space. Endless suburbs are distasteful. Let's curtail the growth.

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226 Quality expansion in all directions, suited to the existing neighborhoods, good business models and choices that have added to the community as a whole.

227 Commitment to the outdoors, corporate support of culture, city health and education. Deep respect for neighborhoods.

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229 they were able to capitalize on the old town charm, without over populating the town. They renovated historic buildings and homes/houses - repurposed. I would like to see some revitalization of East Lawrence!!

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231 Well maintained streets and infrastructure. Lots of mature trees. Sidewalks well maintained. Investment in parks and recreation areas. Higher quality stores and restaurants.

232 The willingness to allow growth with regards to new business.

233 The diversity of the town. Bg town, with a small town feel.

234 N/A

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236 All of the above

237 walkability, bikeability

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239 Residential area were clean, spread out enough not to feel claustrophobic.

240 Plenty of parks and open spaces--unfortunately it's too expensive to live there.

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244 It takes advantage of its 3 rivers and built trails and parks to utilize riverfront space. Also, it turned old steel mills and construction sites into mixed housing/shopping/entertainment districts

245 N/A

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247 Excellent public transportation, sustainable city, also with public transportation

248 Accessable to all needs, entertainment, transportation, etc., working with city's limitations (space, etc.) instead of sprawling

- 249 People understood and agree they need to work together to maintain all of the great things about the community
- 250 Wide range of resources- all marketed well
- 251 Great public transportation, strong quality employers, good natural resources
- 252 1: Protection of older housing stock, 2: transportation/biking, 3: Spirit of Community
- 253 Transit, bike & ped considerations, density in core
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- 256 The general happy feelings and a progressive attitude
- 257 A mix of urban and suburban aspects with a very diverse creative and economic blend.
- 258 NA
- 259 Dark sky
- 260 You can park downtown and walk everywhere- shops, food, museums- it's like a bigger Lawrence only with mountains.
- 261 Open markets are spacious, natural areas appreciated living within a local neighborhood means not needing a car - all need available in walking distance
- 262 Attention to bicycles and pedestrians
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- 264 Public transport, dense residential, Lawrence isn't a big city, however, it can build long term infrastructure
- 265 Easy bike lanes, able to do shopping near my house
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- 268 Available to all, the needs of each community within the city
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- 270 Public transit, a dense downtown, neighborhood diversity
- 271 The lack of traffic in the enter city mall provided a "commons". I like cities that provide residents with a refuge from the automobile yet encourage the promenade so residents can mingle and bond. everything one needs should be within walking distance or
- 272
- 273 No destroying trees, not as many apartments, historic values & preservation
- 274 No cars in downtown area - well maintained and numerous bike paths
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- 276 Natural beauty protected
- 277 Lawrence has lots of dense housing and commercial areas that I hate to frequent. Density can work beautifully if and only if design works with it. Promiity means nothing if it is not walkable. Density is uncomfortable unless foilage provides year-round
- 278 Old downtown was revitalized. Industrial uses that became out of oplace were revitalized into retail. Ease of navigating the city, campus area.
- 279 Upgrades. Accommodating diverse such as - "Something for everyone"
- 280 Portland: designated bike streets, small shopping areas in neighborhoods, good public transportation
- 281 More liveable, walkable, easier to bicycle
- 282 Single-family but relatively dense housing and very accessable by bicycle routes and public transit
- 283 Pedestrian friendly, vibrant downtown, diverse culture, great music scene
- 284 Excellent parks, schools, culture and recreation
- 285 The way it retains its character whilst promoting ALL types of growth
- 286 In the last 20 years these university towns have promoted diverse economic growth. They've

- created a number of small businesses, manufacturing & technology employment opportunities. Increased the population and purchasing power and have become more livabl
- 287 They both keep the charm of a much smaller town while supporting growth into a fairly lg. city (great bike life in CO - great public transit in Portland)
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- 289 Orderly planning & well maintained
- 290 walkability
- 291 Downtown pedestrian walking mall, limit on big box stores, sprawl and highways
- 292 Land Use & transportation plans are linked cohesive and take a long view (50 years)
- 293 N/A
- 294 The traffic - busy but easy to get around - the retail opportunities - the business opportunites - a well respected community and provides many opportunities for its residents, both business and pleaseure
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- 296 Bike transportation infrastructure, distinctive neighborhoods with local eateries and business; very practical mass transit system. Emphasis on the arts, local food.
- 297 Forward thinking. The best of Lawrence without the traffic; in case of Burlington, emphasis on walking paths and biking. A walking "Mass St" in Masidon and Burlington. Good affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization plans that have land trust
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- 299 The financial district has the skyscrapers and that is the oldest and least populated part of town. Smart, vibrant, tolernat, distinctive neighborhoods something for everyone
- 300 Live music, lots of fun bars, good restaurants, the swimming pools, the parks, looking forward to Rock Chalk Park
- 301 Art, biking, dogs, music
- 302 1 & 2. Investment in urban core, connected to suburbs 3. Incredible commitment to world class architecture 4. Relentless pursuit of business & industry investment that pays for urban core enhancement,connectivity,meaningful architecture & placemaking
- 303 These cities encourage diversity and offer ameneties for all ages, socio-economic groups and cultures
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- 305 Mix of high dense area and green space
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- 308 arts development
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- 310 being able to walk, bike, and bus and dirve safely anywhere with the WHOLE family regardless of age or ability
- 311 There is growth for all races.
- 312 Recently, the focus on public transportation refocusing retail to the downtown district, and thoughtfulness toward sustainability
- 313 Tried to develop with a plan to maintain good environmental aspects of the area. The planning process at the time seemed to accept the idea that slower growth is not necessarily a bad thing.
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- 317 Connected park system, walking, biking - face to face communication lots more than having to drive everywhere, neighborhoods markets

318 Being able to move safely on pathways all over town.

319 You can go anywhere in the city by bike in 15 minutes. It is very walkable also. Bikes and Pedestrians don't have to cross traffic as there are under-passes.

320 A city I have visited that I enjoyed is Seattle - preserving the old while retaining its character - and having modern conveniences - public transport, etc.

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322 Revitalization of older or historic properties and neighborhoods

323 Public parks, beautiful walkways along the two rivers, beautiful bridges, municipal cleaning crews to accommodate the trash created by the tourists. Recycling bins everywhere.

324 Money from the wealthy Walton family making community improvements, job growth, tourism

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327 Converting warehouses into housing and providing combined work and living areas has been done well

328 public spaces and parks available and safe

329 Downtown: skywalks, neighborhood improvements, farmers market, government buildings; green belt surrounding much of city.

330 Interesting question. What "did" I appreciate vs. What "do" I appreciate. I did appreciate the support of small businesses & industry. I did appreciate less traffic. I did appreciate a quieter town.

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333 Like LoDo and the green space

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335 It clearly values as natural beauty and resources and prioritizes sustainability

336 It just felt friendly and inviting. The sense of community drew me in.

337 Encouragement of residents to enjoy the city and use of the community facilities and businesses

338 Careful planning, quality architecture of bldg, streets, parks, transportation. Lots of work put into planning process.

339 It has a diverse and vibrant downtown area and a strong trail system with neighborhoods built along it.

340 community and ability to be outside, walk, etc.

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342 Green belt by design and car-light emphasis

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344 buses run every 10 minutes (not every 40 minutes).

345 It's appreciation for people's absolute need for quick access to the natural world at city edges coupled with a vital urban core with healthy foods, arts venues, and shopping.

346 Variety of housing, transportation, high density, walkable

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348 Both had wonderful city parks, green spaces, bicycle lanes and paths.

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350 N/A

351 The interrelations of an 18th century university with the last third of the 20th century

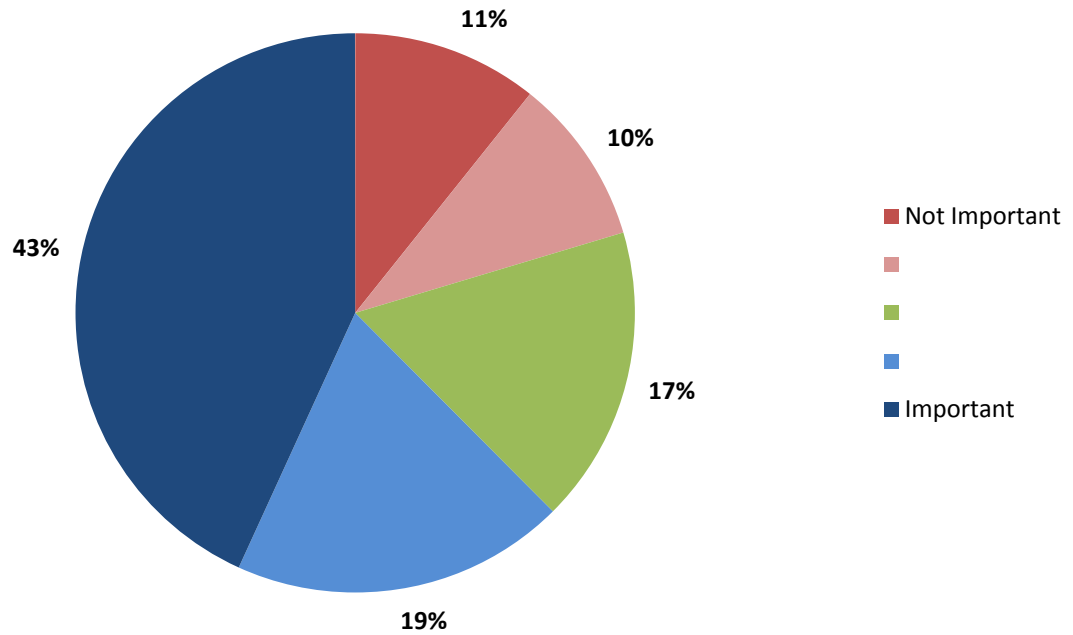
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353 I like our 2020 Plan; sticking to it is hard, but somewhat done successfully

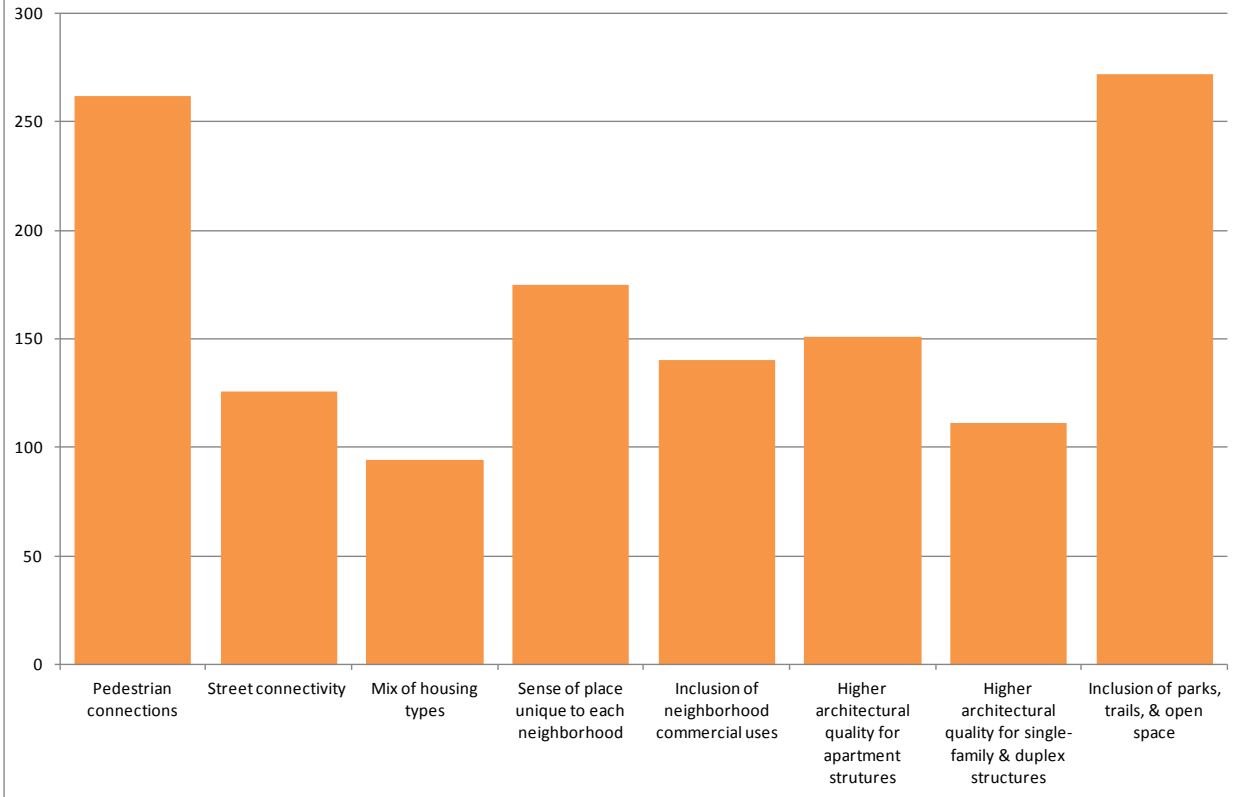
354 Pockets of many cities are amazing. Parks around downtown Minneapolis, Brookside/West Plaza in KC, walkable, open to public spaces, mix of business/living

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- 356 the city center is thriving, development is booming within the main heart of the city (and it's surrounding area), the architecture is unique and interesting, there has been thought to the layout and beautification of streetscapes and common open places
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- 358 Nothing.
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- 361 Very walkable - local culture appreciates outdoors and seems to understand importance of supporting local business
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- 363 A centralized downtown with other hubs of activity away from the town's center
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- 365 Emphasis on rebuilding downtown for arts, culture, and green space
- 366 There seemed to be strong, consistent code enforcement
- 367 Green space
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- 369 ?
- 370 On both cities, light rail/train transit has been or is becoming key. And in Portland, planned neighborhoods with access to healthy food and activities within walking distance.
- 371 A new conference center, new hotels and a growing mix of retail options on the east edge of the community are stealing conferences, events, and jobs away from communities like Lawrence.
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- 373 Great public transportation, commitment to the health & necessity a walk/bike networks, great recreation & cultural opportunities, wraparound outreach to new immigrant communities, restorative justice programs, industry/corporate support for the arts.
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8. How important is it to mix housing types in neighborhoods (single-family, duplex, multi-family)?



9. Which of the following do you believe need to be improved as it relates to residential development? (Check as many as you like)



10. What do you like best about your neighborhood?

- 1 access to k-10
- 2 Nine is a worthless push poll. None of those things can be implemented by a code. They must arise from the populace itself. Stop making Lawrence so expensive to develop that it can only be a bedroom community. Instead, encourage businesses, which will in turn facilitate greater employment for a population that will bring with it certain expectations. You cannot impose those upon an employer because the employer will simply go somewhere else.
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- 5 I live in the County, so I like to be away from the hustle and bustle of city life.
- 6 It is well planned; however, this is due to the HOA and not to city regulations.
- 7 large lot size, close to retail
- 8 It's an older neighborhood and we all look out for each other. The lots are bigger than the newer houses being built.
- 9 green space, gardens, enough space for people to feel ownership.
- 10 A very good mix of all types of housing, socioeconomic classes, commercial and parks/open space.
- 11 East Lawrence - walking or bike access to Burroughs Creek Trail and many local parks such as South Park, Brooks Creek, Hobbs Park, etc The diversity of residents in East Lawrence.
- 12 It is quiet. Access to the rest of the community is good. Good neighbors. Crime is not an issue.

- Good streets and public services.
- 13 Immediate availability of bike path and greenspace.
- 14 Proximity to downtown
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- 16 Let development or business thrive or die. Don't dictate there possible downfall or success. Maintain what we have. Too much is spent oiling the squeaky wheel. Learn to say NO.
- 17 Neighbors know each other & meet out on the sidewalks & each other's yards to talk.
- 18 It's a semi-private neighborhood with only one way in/out, which reduces through traffic, noise, etc. Enjoy that we have walking paths nearby on three sides. Enjoy that commercial districts are no more than 1-block away. Enjoy that do NOT have large apartment complexes in the immediate neighborhood, although are near by. Neighborhood is mix of owner-occupancy and single-family rentals. Like that.
- 19 I don't like my neighborhood. I haven't tried to sell my house because it is worth less than I paid for it.
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- 21 Mixed residential housing styles, mostly single family (except where houses are rented) but close to arterial streets with commercial shopping. A sidewalk network that is better than many neighborhoods in Lawrence with walking proximity to downtown and KU. Not a plethora of density caused parking problems;
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- 23 It's proximity to the KU campus, downtown, schools and shopping.
- 24 I appreciate my neighborhood because it is exactly what I want in a neighborhood. It is a single-family neighborhood in your classic "suburbia" mold. Diversity is a great thing. If I wanted to live in a denser neighborhood or in an urban setting such as downtown, I would have that option in Lawrence. However, I am extremely offended by people who use the term "suburbia" or "sprawl" to describe my living situation. These are subjective terms and carry negative connotations when used in this manner.
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- 26 I live outside the city limits. It still feels rural, reasonably quiet, and beautiful, but with the new Highway 59, less so (noise).
- 27 We have a nice mix of renters and home owners, but not many families (as we have no sidewalks or parks near our house). I would like more diversity and more resources for homeowners to repair older homes. I think the older homes really provide a lot of the character of the city (not cookie cutter). There used to be grant opportunities for homeowners to repair and make their homes more efficient. It would be great if we could help develop those types of programs. I would be open to having more big stores if they provided resources to their community (our community). As long as it was ongoing and needed. My neighbors are pretty communicative, so that makes life easier. We can ask for help moving things or loan them a cup of sugar. When my daughter fell off her bike one of our elderly neighbors came out to make sure she was alright and offered to fix her bike. I am glad to have neighbors that are helpful and wish we could get rid of some of these rundown rental properties that are unsafe and lower the appeal of the neighborhood for families.
- 28 It is close to walking/biking trails, Clinton lake and the elementary school.
- 29 The neighbors
- 30 The neighborhood has a subtle sense of community. The people who live here share common values and a sense of pride in their property. They help each other while respecting differences.
- 31 I live N of Hallmark, W of Michigan, E of Black Hills and S of I-70. Not much traffic. Live in a cul de sac. The homes are mostly even in size and price. Our neighborhood is quiet, calm, without rental

- houses or individuals who cause problems.
- 32 How walkable it is, that I can walk to work without needing to drive or use Lawrence's spotty public transportation, that it is close to walking/hiking/biking trails and eating establishments.
- 33 I live in close proximity to downtown. I can walk or bike to work, to the grocery store, to the hardware store, and to downtown. I like the proximity to Burroughs Trail but I wish it was better connected with similar well marked and safe trails to other parts of the city.
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- 36 mature trees, nice well maintained homes, the sidewalks, active lifestyle, good neighbors, lots of wildlife
- 37 That I can, if I need to, walk 5 blocks to a place to buy food and whatever. That I am only two stopsigns away from a real road (which is only one stop sign too many - should be a yield sign). That the house that was populated by loud drunken teenagers selling pot has been sold to nice quiet law-abiding pillars of the community. That none of the many helicopters that fly overhead all day long are city police. That, unlike other neighborhoods where I have lived, the street actually gets plowed when we have 4+ inches of snow, within 24 hours. That my neighborhood has no covenants and restrictions that decimate property values.
- 38 Ah, North Lawrence. The garden soil, the increasing population of North Lawrence Lesbians, the facebook page dedicated to finding lost dogs and explaining loud noises. The mix of business places and housing, walking to the neighborhood restaurants, the basic safety of the neighborhood, the way neighbors look out for each other and talk to people they don't know, the strong neighborhood association. The fact that I can afford to live in a nice, safe place that is close to nature and beautiful. The mighty Kaw, the Union Pacific Depot - the fact that it is a public space that's affordable to rent, I got married there, the staff were great. I even love the grain elevator and the trains. I love my 110 year old house, still going strong, sturdy enough to last another hundred years, unlike the growth in New West Lawrence, which I predict in 20 years will be a crumbling slum.
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- 41 I live downtown. I like the mixed use properties and the new buildings going up in the area at 9th and New Hampshire. The hope is that increased density will bring more services to the area. Being able to catch a bus or walk to work is fantastic.
- 42 Elementary school next to a park, walking paths are well maintained, close access to K-10. We need a grocery store on the southeast side of the city though....growth west is ridiculous....
- 43 My neighbors. You pretty much get a mix of housing types in Lawrence. Just the nature of a college town. Whomever designed, approved, or had anything to do with the military barracks complex on West 6th Street (just West of Walmart) ought to be really proud of themselves. It just doesn't get any worse than that.
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- 45 Well, I actually live on the best block in East Lawrence. I consider my block my neighborhood. I appreciate that all of the homes are single family homes. I wouldn't mind a mix of housing types if they were consistent within the block. One block for single family homes; one block for student housing; one block for apartments; one block for duplexes, one block for commercial, etc. I would like to see new construction designed to better fit the existing homes in the neighborhood.
- 46 Trees.
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- 48 Clean, single family, quiet

49 That no one bothers me for the most part and it is central to everything.
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53 trees
54 not much (houses are cookie cutter, not well lit, side walks are narrow and there isn't an appealing entry or any amenity outside of DeVictor Park and Langston Hughes
55 Quiet
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57 Sidewalks on both sides of road, diverse architecture
58 A park within walking distance, decent sidewalks and lighting.
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60 Nothing
61 No outside street access. Nice trees, safe family area
62 It's full of old timers, working families and students but not riff raff !! It has neighborhood bars, day cares, pre-schools, KU speakers can be heard-love the music and roars of the crowd. KU events spill over in my Old West Lawrence neighborhood and I like it - We have tons of dogs as well.
63 I don't like much about Fox Chase. It is quiet and relatively safe and the residents care for their homes and yards. But it was built by developers without much care. All the houses look alike: like big box stores with a veneer of brick or stone pasted on the front. The trees were not chosen carefully. (Someone I know saw them planting the trees: a truck drove by and tossed two random trees onto each lawn, not even bothering to choose a matched pair.) There is no variety in price range. One cannot find a mix of larger and smaller homes.
64 My neighbors and the fact that we are neighborly to each other. However, a lot of single family houses are being rented out which does not foster folks becoming good neighbors to each other.
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69 I like the sense of neighborhood and easy access to trails, such as the Levy trails.
70 It's very unique and I don't think there are any crack houses near so that's great.
71 The unique blend of various architectural types and the great trees.
72 Established single family houses where neighbors know and care about each other
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75 We are lucky. We live in an upscale neighborhood with easy access to shops that supply our basic needs: a variety of restaurants, grocery stores, liquor stores, dry cleaners, etc. are all within walking distance. Crime is low, neighbors are friendly and of various ages and nationalities, and the houses are well-maintained.
76 The family-oriented nature of it and the "front porch" mentality that residents have. In general, most neighbors know each other, are friendly, and are interested in keeping the neighborly aspect of our area intact.
77 We bought our house in North Lawrence in 2010 and we love the sense of community. I walk down the street and people are friendly.
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79 Walkability as defined by walkscore.org. Lawrence receives a score of 37 overall, but my neighborhood receives an 85. Sidewalks on both sides of the street, walkable destinations, and

- 20 mph speed limits all help.
- 80 Trees. Historic homes. Walkability to parks and downtown. Alleys for car storage and trash storage permitting homes to have front porches and not be dominated by garages.
- 81 People: The sense of activity and engagement by neighbors with each other and Lawrence. Environs: Interesting architecture, homes with gardens.
- 82 North Lawrence feels like a small town, but the conveniences of a city are not too terribly far away, although we do REALLY need a grocery store! At least we have the Iwig store. Neighbors are neighborly, and look out for each other. The crime rate is low. The soil is awesome, and yards are big. The homes don't all look like they were cut with the same cookie cutter. Streets are straight. It's easy to find your way around.
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- 84 neighbors quiet
- 85 I don't like it very much because of my neighbors. There is a lot of crime in our area. There is not a lot of personal space because the walls are so thin in our complex.
- 86 nature is intertwined and thrives on this part of town.
- 87 Neighbors try to know each other and take care of their property.
- 88 It is geographically located to businesses that I can walk to, and it is close to a biking/walking path
- 89 The diversity of Old West Lawrence
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- 91 Diversity, sidewalks and accessibility to grocery stores.
- 92 Older yet updated homes. Most are well maintained. Closeness to KU campus and Downtown Lawrence.
- 93 I like the community of our neighborhood. It is nice knowing and talking to our neighbors. Being in an older neighborhood, we also have a mix of house styles and sizes. I like the lot sizes too. Further west, lot sizes tend to be too big and houses spread out. I also like that most garages aren't front and center in our neighborhood.
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- 95 It's quiet and peaceful. I feel like my children are safe when they play outside. It's close to downtown so we can walk lots of places. The trees are tall and none of the houses match but they are all well cared for.
- 96 I live in North Lawrence and I appreciate its calmness and how neighborly it feels. Many other neighborhoods try to include its residents in a collective group, but I think that it largely depends on the diversity of housing type. We have had so many complexes arise in recent years that it inhibits cohesiveness in neighborhoods. I also appreciate the NoLaw dedication to growth but not overwhelming growth. I think the development happening at 19th and Mass is going to create a lovely new neighborhood (butcher shop, bakery, maybe a candlestick maker?) because the new businesses are directed at the neighborhood instead of other places.
- 97 Walking distance to a grocery store.
- 98 Live in the country
- 99 The community feel and being close to downtown.
- 100 I live by Cordley, and I like my neighborhood. The development at the 19th and Mass area has been very nice. I like the limited number of large apartment complexes in the area. I like the houses, most of which are quite old. I worry about areas close to campus, especially the proposed apartment complex at 11th and Mississippi. While Berkeley Flats isn't the nicest apartment complex, it provides *affordable* housing close to campus. The new building will drive up costs there, causing students who need affordable housing a lot of problems. I don't think of Lawrence as an exclusive place, but rent prices here are super high and they continue going up. This is troubling and will make it harder for Lawrence to continue growing. It will limit

the type of people who can come here.

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102 It's a quiet street at the back of a neighborhood. It has ample green space, access to a recreation center, and shopping nearby. The neighborhood is mostly single family dwellings, and has a relatively stable population of people who demonstrate pride in their homes and yards.

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104 I like being near parks and I like houses that have big yards. I like the diversity of my neighborhood.

105 Few neighbors.

106 the people, the neighborhood association, close to campus and shops, good access to bus, bus shelter for rainy days, diversity

107 I live in the country with access to downtown within 10 minutes. I like being able to see the moon and stars at night

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110 No college apartments are close. A quiet neighborhood. Schools within walking distance. A stable neighborhood with no rentals.

111 Distance from congested traffic.

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113 Beauty and quality with NO mix of rentals etc

114 It is an older neighborhood with a mix of architectural styles which draws a variety of people to the neighborhood. It is close to needed amenities. It is a very walkable area. That said, it has changed due to a mixing of housing types; from mostly single-family, owned homes to a mix of owned and rental houses. It has changed the dynamics of the area and not to the positive. Having a mix of residential, duplexes and apartments is not necessarily a good idea as the reasons that these different types are chosen are not necessarily conducive to a neighborhood.

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116 It is 20+ years old with mature trees and landscaping. The neighborhood is a mix of ages and apparent income levels; very white however. It is quiet, it has easy access to campus and to needed commercial sites.

117 It is close to South Park and a church and downtown. It is is quiet. It is on a bus route. It has a Community Center where people can go to exercise and play basketball. It has a mixture of single family homes and apartments and it is kept up with the houses being repainted as needed and lawns kept mowed. It is easy to take advantage of all the events that are scheduled at South Park.

118 I love that I can easily walk to Dillons. There are some very beautiful old houses. I live in a weird complex that involves two houses and a triplex- and I like how I can interact with my neighbors easily.

119 That even though we don't have any kind of HOA everyone still takes good care of their property & respects everyone else's.

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122 Our neighborhood is an undistinguished housing mix build in the 70s.

123 Trees, green spaces, proximity to the wetlands, decent roads

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125 Walkability, green space, pool for common use

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128 My backyard

- 129 Green space. Service
- 130 There is a neighborhood school, trees, parks, and some bicycle paths.
- 131 I love the nature trail immediately behind my house. Love it.
- 132 I do not like anything about my current neighborhood. It is unsafe and unsupportive. I would like to see a reduction in slumlords, drugs and litter.
- 133 Walkable! A trail is nearby to exercise/walk the dog, strong sense of community.
- 134 I use to love my neighborhood. I lived on a cul-de-sac with piece an quiet and the love woods across my house where I could watch the wild life come into the field that was reserved as green safe. But NOW, the woods are gone, the wild life are gone, because their homes have been destroyed, the piece and quiet gone, because of the construction of 31st. Every morning I wake up to the banging and the beeping of the machines destroying my loving neighborhood. I have to deal with the dust in my house and scenery is gone and all I get told by the City, is we will get back to you. I have asked point blank if they will put back some of the trees they destroyed, no! In the future I will good to listen to traffic and the noise but what is worse, I get to see it. Did I meant the view at night I have, it is beautiful. Its at the edge of town with no lights so watching the stars if beautiful. I'm sure that will go away to with most likely street lights. So to cap this off, my neighborhood, the reason I bought my house and have lived their for almost 15 years, is now a nightmare and the City can't even have the disency to return a call. SHAME ON YOU! ALL OF YOU! I understand growth but with no compassion for wildlife and nature. NOT IMPRESSED AT ALL!
- 135
- 136 My backyard
- 137 North Lawrence almost feels like its own little town. I like that neighbors make an effort to communicate important neighborhood information with each other. North Lawrence has a nice mix of businesses, parks, and trails. I just wish it had a grocery store.
- 138 Proximity to I70 and access to running/walking trails.
- 139 Easy access and walkability to downtown and the many services it offers. I have a sense of community and pride in my neighborhood and feel I have a connection and identity to the larger city.
- 140 It's walk ability. It's safety. Trees
- 141 I appreciate the history and unique housing stock in my neighborhood. Front porches help give a real neighborhood feel.
- 142 The incredible sense of community. It really is the best neighborhood in Lawrence.
- 143 Our neighborhood is walkable. Retail is two to four blocks away, but separated from residences. Groceries, hardware, restaurants, drug store, ...The only downside is the lack of sidewalks.
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- 145 The redeeming feature of my neighborhood is the large apartment complex that does not tolerate loud parties, trash, or residents who disrupt the peace in any way. It is also a well-landscaped complex. There a more owner-occupied residences, but the rental properties, particularly those infested with feral KU students, remain a detriment to the neighborhood quality of life.
- 146 diversity of homes/incomes, older trees, openness of neighbors, close to retail downtown and in neighborhood (live in east Barker neighborhood)
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- 148 Close enough to walk to KU, parks, grocery stores, and basic needs/retail outlets; lots of mature trees offer beauty, shade in hot summers; strong neighborhood association that promotes social community;
- 149 we all know each other and watch out for each other

150 Street access and quiet
151 Everything. OWL is the dream community I was fortunate to find and am willing to fight to maintain its character.
152 Beautiful old architecture, cobbled streets, and sense of community. East Lawrence feels like a neighborhood where people know and help each other. When I lived in west Lawrence the only time I interacted with neighbors is if I went over and introduced myself. I also love the ability to walk/bike pretty much anywhere I need to go.
153 It is very stable, has large mature trees, and everyone is very friendly and helpful. It's also convenient to shopping, etc. When we first moved to Lawrence I was surprised at how easily I was able to go downtown to the library, post office, etc. and get back home within a very manageable time frame. That's part of the reason why we chose to stay in Lawrence when we both retired.
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155 safety
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157 I like that there are varying housing styles and types. I do not think it is the City's/County's prerogative to determine the "architectural quality" of homes. Many of these features are determined by the price point. To dictate architectural quality is elitist and negatively affects affordable housing.
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159 Still close enough to downtown for walking and biking. The neighborhood association is alive and well. The old growth trees. Neighbors work together for the most part. It's quiet.
160 Little crime, good schools, close to large walking sidewalks. BTW, 34% is not much over 20 years. That is not 2% a year before we compound it.
161 I love my neighborhood because we have very large lots, so we have personal privacy, but we also have a strong sense of community, our kids can play in the cul de sac or driveways and we gather often. Many of my best friends are also my neighbors. There is a shared sense of responsibility for planting and maintaining trees and landscaping. Our sidewalks are great, but our street is badly in need of repaving.
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163 I like the mix in economic status and diversity. I also love the walkability, although there could still be improvements.
164 a feeling of community and smaller, neighborhood identity that complements Lawrence as a whole.
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166 I like that there are numerous walking trails, that it is child friendly, and very close to schools.
167 The people are super, and people take care of and improve their properties. We are walking distance to Quail Run Elementary, and a couple parks as well, which is very nice.
168 It is quiet and peaceful without a lot of traffic.
169 It's character even though the development is only 20 years old.
170 It's unique character and proximity to downtown.
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173 very neighborly, working class, lots of trees, artistic
174 My neighborhood is close knit and feels like neighborhood from the fifties. Neighbors talk to each other, help each other and genuinely care about each other. They don't come home at the end of a day and stay inside their house. The houses are of variable character so that not every house looks like all of the others. The streets are in fairly good condition.

175 I live next to a free recreational facility.
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177 It is stable and friendly.
178 the mix of people
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180 quiet, low traffic, access to main artery (6th St)
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182 it is a very nice and quiet place considering
183 I live in an older neighborhood in southeast Lawrence. Enjoy living on a street with traditional single family residences although our street lacks sidewalks and could use more street lights. From our street, we have easy access to major east-west arterial street then onto major north-south primary streets. We are close to retail, entertainment and grocery shopping. In 19 years, we've only had two incidents on the street requiring police interaction. Prior to current address have lived on streets with major duplex developments - large volume of car traffic, overcrowded populations and frequent crime activity. Lawrence should cap the number of permits granted for duplexes and zone apartment complexes away from traditional residential development. More emphasis should be directed to developers on building affordable single-family residences and not shoehorning duplex developments into limited land use for higher profit margins.
184 Living on a private street, no sidewalks, limited overnight parking on the street, protecting each other's rights and taking pride in how our properties look, including landscaping and yard maintenance.
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186 Lots of trees.
187 I do not live in a neighborhood. In the county I like the distance between homes and quiet surrounding.
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189 The elementary school (Prairie Park), the Nature Center and the path around Mary's Lake.
190 the spaciousness of the yards, while still feeling like a neighborhood
191 The community.
192 I like the community feel of my neighbors and the proximity of the grade school my children attend.
193 nothing, its sterile and no one talks to one another. Would like to move closer to town but the old homes that have been kept up nicely are hard to find
194 quiet residential neighborhood, dead ends, no through traffic
195 I live close to downtown, so I can walk to many businesses and I can access services and my workplace easily without driving a long distance. My neighborhood has lots of trees and is close to parks. It is a nice place to live and to enjoy what Lawrence has to offer.
196 The Barker Neighborhood is socioeconomically diverse and that makes it wonderful.
197 Light traffic, friendly neighbors, quality homes
198 It is close to the University.
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200 "Heart of the city" right next to downtown. Quiet street but close enough to hear the bands playing downtown.
201 Funkiness--it has a distinct, unique feel--but the neighborhood is very run down, codes are never enforced, slumlords rule, abandoned homes are left to decay, and walkability is zero (no sidewalks at all). Cheap to live there, but also nearly impossible to sell again once you buy. Seriously, there's a school bus packed with trash and cats on the corner. Who would want to invest in this neighborhood?

- 202 I can walk out my front door and onto a sidewalk that connects to a park, and can take my young child for a walk. Easy access to bike trails. This is in northwest Lawrence. I wish stretches of Harvard west of Wakarusa between Deer Run and Wakarusa had speed humps - people tend to speed through there which is dangerous with all the children on bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc.
- 203
- 204 proximity to downtown. historical buildings
- 205 wonderful working class neighborhood where most people know each other and watch out for each other, good school, lots of trees, close to downtown, our old house.....
- 206 I live in a neighborhood close to the University. I like having easy access to downtown Lawrence as well as the university resources. As a retired KU faculty member this has greater importance for me than for those not so directly connected. In addition we live in close proximity to other persons with similar interests, as well as close to KU students which provides a sense of intergenerational relationships.
- 207 More open - not back to back housing
- 208 NO mixing of housing types!!! Single family areas are important to single families. We need to remember the children and let them be in neighborhoods with other children, not college students!
- 209 I'm in the Barker neighborhood, and I like being able to go downtown or to campus on foot or by bike.
- 210 The people - we look out for each other without getting into each other's business. In terms of layout/structure I like the fact that commercial areas are accessible without being an impediment.
- 211 We are close to a park and an elementary school.
- 212 The look and feel and of course the people. We are a close-knit community and are proud of our block.
- 213 Proximity to downtown
- 214 It's distinct personality and the passion people have for preserving its history.
- 215 i can walk everywhere. close to downtown. easy to get to K10 / I-70. The history. Hobbs Park.
- 216 Economic and (to a lesser extent) social diversity.
- 217 Mine is a single family neighborhood with a mix of house styles and economic levels (not including McMansions.) There is increasing cooperation among neighbors about matters affecting the neighborhood.
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- 220 High-density, with good (not great) access to stores and services. On multiple bus routes. Safer to bike through. Close to parks and downtown. Close to the University. Fairly charming.
- 221 Although we have no sidewalks in front of our homes the neighbors still maintain a friendliness and watchful eye on each other. There are many more families with children and a higher need for safe walking options and increased lowering of speed limits on narrow neighborhood streets. Even 5MPH on street with no sidewalks would help the children walking to school, pedestrian shoppers, dog walkers and very elderly walkers who cannot drive.
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- 224 quiet
- 225 Location: near high school and university, walking distance to shopping, park available, friendliness of neighbors (neighborhood association), mix of ages and family types
- 226 I live in East Lawrence and like the sense of community that comes with living in the area. I also appreciate that East Lawrence contains a variety of housing types that accommodate people of

varied income levels. Additionally, the proximity of parks, activities, and businesses is well planned. I'd like to make a note that I think North Lawrence is unfortunately suffering from several issues that need to be addressed immediately by the city- the food dessert issue taking place in North Lawrence is completely unprecedented and uncalled for in a city that is thriving economically the way Lawrence is. Additionally, the issues of crime and theft in North Lawrence are being virtually ignored and there needs to be some large scale plan to protect the families and property in North Lawrence.

- 227 Live and let live. Very little beige. Walkable, bikable. Residents respect the history of the neighborhood told through houses, bldgs. spaces, alleyways.
- 228 Open, green space - parks, walking trails
- 229 The size of my yard (It's very large) and my neighbor can't seen in my bedroom window - also, no homeowner associations with strict rules and crap like that. I know all my neighbors it awesome.
- 230 Old well taken of home
- 231 Diversity of houses (architecturally) and good landscaping. Friendly neighbors.
- 232 It's in the county
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- 234 I like that there are houses, apartments, and duplexes all in one area near 23rd and Louisiana. I like that it is mostly residential but that two grocery stores, other stores, restaurants, and two universities are all within walking distance. I like that when the roads aren't under construction there are several options for driving out of the neighborhood. I like that most of the property seems to be maintained. I like that it stays pretty quiet despite being near two important streets. I like that there is an elementary school, a middle school, a high school, and a couple of parks within a family's walking distance.
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- 236 It is quiet and located conveniently to many enriching opportunities.
- 237 the sidewalks on both sides of the street, great old houses, lots of people and activity (and I do live next to one of the most beautiful gardens in Lawrence...)
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- 239 That there are still a few remaining single family dwellings.
- 240 We are within walking distance to KU and downtown. The houses are mostly well maintained.
- 241 close to where I shop, close to schools
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- 243 Vibrant. Lots of energy, largely due to KU students. Central location: close to KU, downtown, shopping.
- 244 I live near Checkers Grocery store and like that I can walk to the store, dining, KU, or even downtown if I want to
- 245 Very close to downtown and university, very active
- 246 Walking distance to grocery and parks and schools. And connectivity.
- 247 Close to central Lawrence, on bus routes a few blocks from hospital, library, Amtrak, Post Office (not dependent on automobile)
- 248 Quiet, feels removed from traffic. Family-oriented, but accessible to downtown, shopping (though no grocery store) and parks.
- 249 Safe place to live. Access to non-residential places. Residents care about their neighborhood.
- 250 open space
- 251 Location of parks and sidewalks. Availability of commercial options.
- 252 Mix, age, proximity to downtown
- 253 Proximity to grocery and other services & goods
- 254 Open areas, street connectivity to arterial.

- 255 Green tree has many walking trails and pedestrian connections. Promotes health and socialization.
- 256 Quiet, little traffic, diverse neighbors, no apts
- 257 Connectivity to downtown via pedestrian and bicycle routes
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- 259 Mixed housing stock, proximity to schools and downtown, many large lots (Barker)
- 260 Wide sidewalks along a busy road make me, as a pedestrian, feel safe using it. I also like the proximity of bus stops nearby; however, this may be because I live near a busy intersection.
- 261 Walkable, safe I can see the stars in my backyard because there isn't a lot of light pollution
- 262 Burroughs Creek Trail connectivity
- 263 I enjoy the diversity of the neighborhood- the fact we watch out for each other even though we might not be friendly.
- 264 North Lawrence - No law. F*** the police.
- 265 I know my neighbors
- 266
- 267 People care about their homes and family and are friendly - we are close to park and trails for walking
- 268 Friendliness, nice park
- 269 ease of travel
- 270 East Lawrence has a nice mixture of refashioned homes and green spaces with cheap rent. Also, downtown is nice and nearby.
- 271 I live in East Lawrence in the Barker neighborhood. I love having a grade school and middle school nearby bringing with it a rich mixture of young families with children as well as elders. I love the proximity to the Burroughs Creek Trail and the neighborhood's mature tree cover.
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- 273 Quiet & few neighbors
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- 276 We have a farm. Love our neighbors.
- 277 Privacy and nature. I live on a farm.
- 278 Quiet neighbors, open space
- 279 Space. Access to amenities
- 280 Sunset Hill NA. Can walk to my church, the Merc, Centennial Park, KU. Meadowbrook apt complex is way too big @ their latest addition. The green space is missed and was needed for the residents there too
- 281 It's homeiness
- 282 Big trees, close to downtown, close to schools
- 283 Like the Cheers Bar - everyone know your name. Folks share information and resources
- 284 Close to downtown, I-70, fully integrated in terms of age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, etc.
- 285 It is old! You cannot produce that today
- 286 I only have to drive 3 miles (cross 1 collector and 1 arterial street) to get groceries and gas
- 287 No H.O.A, great yard space
- 288 My neighborhood has a mix of housing types and socioeconomic demographics. That, to me, is a healthy neighborhood.
- 289 trees
- 290 proximity to the lake. Affordable housing, quick access to Topeka & KC.
- 291 Access to shopping; mix of housing types and style
- 292 Diversity, proximity to campus

- 293 On the farm - open space! :)
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- 295 Walkability, sense of neighborhood character, residents concern for well kept property
- 296
- 297 Diversity of income; housing styles; walkability; near neighborhood retail but removed from higher density commercial; near parks and trails
- 298 How we all get along with a mixture of ages and sizes of families and races are mixed and lots of space. Many trees.
- 299 Small scale buildings, older housing stock that encourages community across alley and next door, safe and affordable, something for everyone
- 300 The park in front of my house
- 301 Neighbors, safe
- 302 Close to schools, parks, shopping, freeway
- 303 Complete sidewalks - diversity of age groups - close to downtown
- 304 Green spaces
- 305 Walkability, close to grocery and downtown. Liberal neighbors
- 306
- 307 I like its homey of a city. History - the passion is the people for honoring the preceding generations - diversity - not homogenized
- 308 location of modern conveniences
- 309 access to open space, mix of socioeconomic
- 310 It's proximity and ease to get to husbands work (I work from home). My husband can cut through west campus to get work. My neighborhoods otherwise is okay
- 311 The people and the house.
- 312 The closeness of the community, the rustic/traditional feel, and accessibility to downtown.
- 313 very low density and open areas
- 314 We look after each other and offer help when we see someone needs it. We all look after or check on older members of our community. No covenants. We're close to the bus line. We talk with each other.
- 315
- 316 Proximity to downtown, and influx of younger (late 20s/early 30s) residents.
- 317 Backs up to West Campus (woods and trail system)
- 318 Close to university and the center of town
- 319 It is separate from through streets and distinct neighborhood people know each other and walk the streets.
- 320 Trees, quite - nice people, safe
- 321 Old East Lawrence. Its historic/neighbors collaborate/arts, music & fun are close at hand/culturally unique/its not overly sanitary and boring/mix use neighborhoods w/ local business/bike friendly/varied architecture
- 322 quite & private; natural plantings
- 323 The woods. Many of the trees were cut down to accommodate the building of a new fraternity house, but mercifully, some woods are left. We see wildlife and are renewed by the surrounding nature.
- 324 Grocery store convenience; access to public bus route; access to downtown and KU; connectivity to churches; spring/summer/fall weather (not winter). Would like more local television to connect us to one another.
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- 327 Being able to walk to a destination such as a store or restaurant rather than walking in a circle without any place to go. The fascinating stories each neighbor has about their life, where they have traveled to, what they are reading.
- 328 neighborhood group congeniality
- 329 Houses fairly close together, interactions among neighbors on the front porches, in front yards, and on sidewalks. Well-maintained older structures. No covenants requiring conforming practices, such as banning the hanging of laundry or front yard gardens. Walkable to grocery stores, hardware stores, banks, parks, etc.
- 330 Live in the Barker neighborhood. Love it! Walkability. Interesting small businesses opening up. Neighborhood Assn. Mix of houses w/ Babcock Place is nice. Benefits the neighborhood. Neighbors know each other. Not many rentals. People keep their property cared for. The Community Theater Building now has a vibrant church that is becoming inclusive w/ out neighborhood. Really really like it here!
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- 333 Green space, bike trails, connectivity
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- 335 Much of the surrounding natural environment has been preserved, it's not very commercial, it has character
- 336 We just moved to the Barker neighborhood. We absolutely love it so far. We love the growing businesses in the neighborhood from Alchemy Coffee, Hank's Charcuterie, and the improved Dillon's. I appreciate the active neighborhood association and the community interest in improving the neighborhood for all. This is definitely an up and coming neighborhood and we're excited to watch (and) the community grow in more positive ways.
- 337 Being in the country
- 338
- 339 Porches, walkability, mix of ages, grocery store nearby, farmers market, friendly neighbors
- 340 We recently moved to the Barker neighborhood. I was not anticipating the benefit of being able to walk to many conveniences such as the grocery store and some local shops (Cottins, etc.). Incredible benefit and we should be encouraging this more across our community vs. sprawl. Also like the mix of architecture in the neighborhood, though have to take the various levels of upkeep with a grain of salt.
- 341 fds
- 342 Walkability, accessibility to downtown and river trails. Historic homes and character, mature trees, good people.
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- 344 proximity to Downtown; able to walk to many amenities and activities in town.
- 345 I most appreciates its proximity to downtown and the university and that it is easy to walk and bike, which encourages not only a small carbon footprint but also neighborliness and connection. Also, I value its alleys, which provide places for slower transportation and neighborly connection. Also, I like the absence of unnecessarily harsh rules from Home Owners Associations that prohibit things like clothes lines. I love the diversity of housing types as well, which allows for a diversity in ages and income levels.
- 346 Connectivity to neighbors, neighborhood relationships
- 347 Friendly neighbors, food growing, small and modest homes, walkable and bikeable, parks, schools, small businesses.
- 348 There is a grocery store and other small businesses nearby, and new shops opening. The

neighborhood is walkable. We have a mix of rental and owner-occupied with more of the latter. People are invested in the community. People look out for each other. We have lots of old trees. We have a diverse neighborhood and a multigenerational neighborhood. We have a neighborhood school that is being cared for and remodeled.

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350 Access to downtown and neighborhood parks.

351 Barker Neighborhood retains the charm of the early decades of the 20th century: front porches that foster conversations with neighbors walking by, lawns and gardens, individual houses, all different, different style, a great place for walking, Cottin's hardware store as a pillar of our neighborhood (the piano at the front door, the market on Thursdays), the gravel driveways and chain link fences (cf. Alferd Packer Memorial String Band's song "East Lawrence"), the responsive emails of Barker Neighborhood. Our children walked to Grammar, Junior High, and High School from our home, older neighbors died, and young families with children bring laughter and joy to our diverse community. We have lived in the same house on Massachusetts Street for 45 years and plan to stay in our home as long as we possibly can. We are very pleased with the new Dillon's and recent small commercial developments around 19th and Massachusetts. We're pleased to see certain houses upgraded and look forward to new neighbors who will help us all to grow as a neighborhood.

352 Access to green spaces, walkability.

353 Access to bike path on K-10; access to commercial options at 6th & Wakarusa and downtown

354 I live in country. What is best is that our neighbors are more connected to each other than any city I have lived in.

355 Great mixture of people. I know TONS of my neighbors.

356 It has good schools, it's close to shopping and my daily errands, it's also close to the highway and close to Clinton Lake / Park and it's trails.

357 Quiet. No loud apartment complexes.

358 Neighborhood association, lots of trees, quite street where people often like to walk down.

359 Walkable, sidewalks, mature trees, houses of don't look like cookie cutters

360 can take walks in safety

361 Walkable, unique homes, I actually see my neighbors, close to commercial district

362 Walkability proximity to trails, parks, and some retail amenities, diversity of residents, incomes, and housing choices, neighbor interaction.

363 My current neighborhood is close to the bike trail to Clinton Lake -that connectivity is good, but I'd like more connectivity to retail.

364 Friendly neighbors, food growing, small & modest homes, walkable & bikeable, parks, schools, small businesses

365 Connectivity of trails

366 Recently, the rental residences seem to be fewer on my street. The apartment complexes across from my home is well-maintained and doesn't tolerate tenant misbehavior.

367 Open space!! I live on 13 acres

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369 Historic homes - proximity to KU

370 We live in the villas on the west side of town, Bob Billings & Bobwhite. We certainly don't have a mix of housing types. But we have a nice mix of ages among neighbors, very quiet, relaxed, friendly, easy access to green space. Sure would be nice to have a neighborhood restaurant, grocery, coffee shop, etc close by!

371 I believe in a range of housing options. I like suburban settings and single-family homes. It is a great place to raise my kids. Please don't restrict my choices to more dense and less suburban

options.

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373 Live & let live attitude, people who realize that everyone needs a roof over their heads regardless, no pressure to paint, primp, conform so as to be boring, loving sharing, friendly community.

11. Which of the following types of commercial development would you prefer to see as the community grows? (Check as many as you like)



12. Downtown is a mix of employment, residential and shopping/eating/entertainment uses. What would enhance Downtown and its relationship with the rest of Lawrence?

- 1 evening hours are a must - shoppers are workers and we all work until 5. Open at noon and stay open until 8 pm.
- 2 More push poll questions. Why bother with these when you simply ignore the districts and zoning anyway?
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- 5 fewer bars
- 6 I believe Downtown is a jewel and needs to be maintained rather than changed.
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- 8 affordable shopping
- 9 more accessibility for disabled. more affordable events and affordable parking.
- 10 I wouldn't change the current mix.
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- 12 more of the same with more residential opportunities
- 13 Bicycle and walking path connectivity away from automobile and truck traffic (independent pathways)
- 14 Closing mass street and making it a pedestrian mall like Boulder
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- 16 Tax equity
- 17 Fewer bars, a convenience/drug store such as Walgreens
- 18 More shops, less restaurants/bars. Getting awfully heavy on the eating/drinking establishments and less on the shopping experience.
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- 21 Affordable housing close to downtown, and more opportunities for unique local retail that doesn't sell food, alcohol or high dollar clothing
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- 24 We need more people living downtown, which will reinvigorate the shopping and retail scene. Downtown is too focused on restaurants and bars at the current time.
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- 26 Keep a healthy mix. We have enough eating establishments and bars. More affordable shopping. Grocery store.
- 27 Keep businesses on Mass Street (lower rents or offer incentives to local business owners) and surrounding blocks - more affordable shopping
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- 30 Down play it as the center and disperse ammentities in clusters and convenience shopping near underserves neighborhoods.
- 31 Nothing. Leave it alone. If the businesses are sustainable they will survive. Too much emphasis is placed on that area already.
- 32 More retail. It seems to be getting saturated with eating and drinking establishments and needs some re-balancing with unique local retail shops, NOT major retailers.
- 33 Better bike/ped connectivity and better access to historical information, markers/wayfinding
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- 37 Fewer bars, less violence after KU games, still need more parking.
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- 39 A pedestrian mall.
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- 41 Better pedestrian access from East Lawrence, less parking on Mass, a downtown circulator free bus to get people around, more services such as a major drug store or grocery.
- 42 better availability of free parking; don't go downtown much because parking is a nightmare
- 43 As much as I like downtown, it would be nice for the commercial establishments there to stop whining and asking for handouts. It has been an amazingly resilient downtown. Obviously nobody knows why or they would bottle it and sell it.

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45 fewer drinking establishments; more start up businesses, not national franchises. Bring back
Esquina!
46 No more high rise.
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48 Maintain Downtown personality... excellent at the present time
49 Stores that cater to someone besides college kids.
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52 continue to have exciting venues downtown.
53 more parking, more days of farmers market, better bike routes to downtown
54 connectivity and expanded (and explained) parking
55 More art
56 a grocery store
57 TRADER joes, More independent shops (lower rent for mom and pop shops)
58 More general retail, a grocery store. Fewer bars without food, more restaurant/bars.
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61 A grocery store
62 I think it's just perfect the way it is. It's a good mixture now. More exciting than Telegraph Street
in Berkeley CA-Get some herb shops
63 Encourage more stores that are not restaurants to locate downtown. Get a Trader Joe's down
there.
64 Fewer bars
65 Keep a mix of retail and entertainment with attention to the needs of pedestrians and bike riders.
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67 I love downtown, and located my business there. I'd love to see it grow and become denser, to
become the 'center' of lawrence even more.
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69 easy access to downtown, better public transit and biking paths.
70 More retail shops
71 More apartment buildings
72 A grocery store and a drugstore downtown
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75 The Downtown is a special place. Keep it by limiting urban sprawl, e.g., the Walmart on 6th.
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79 Absolutely.
80 Enhance its capacity to attract investment into vacant and under-utilized development by
restricting the pace of growth of retail space away from downtown.
81 Less specialtiy stores, more stores that those who live in the neighborhood could walk to to buy
dinner, pick up groceries, have small convenience store (mini-Target)
82 I love it just the way it is. The addition of parking garages was a great idea.
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86 Honestly, get a guy to power wash the sidewalks or something. It looks pretty gross and smells like homeless people. I'll do it. Hire me.

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88 Easier parking, fewer homeless people begging on the sidewalks, decorative sidewalks that are better maintained and easy for older people to walk

89 Residential will help this relationship.

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91 More free events

92 Strict architectural standards and review for all new and remodeled buildings. Any new parking be in garages (no surface lots).

93 It's footprint needs to grow beyond Massachusetts St to include more surrounding streets. More peripheral parking. The parking garage near the library is a great additions. Making Mass. St. more pedestrian friendly would be nice too.

94 More open space/ as a park

95 Staying true to the heart of it and not over building around it.

96 Sensitivity to its diversity of uses, encouragement for local businesses, and a grocery store!

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98 Easier flow to downtown, sometimes too traffic bottlenecked. Close Mass Street to make it a pedestrian area.

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100 In the last 10 years, we've had two (third in the works) high-rises go in. One (7th and NH) is pretty much empty. Not sure about the other. Why keep building when spaces are already there?

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102 More stable commercial establishments. There is too much turnover. Downtown has a sense of unfamiliarity due to new businesses that seem to flame out.

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104 More trails and greenspace. An indoor permanent farmers market. Better bike lanes (specifically Tenn. and Kentucky----very dangerous but necessary to travel)

105 We gave up downtown to the under 25 age group too long ago to try and change it. Just leave it alone.

106 a pedestrian mall or plaza-type space on Mass Street (closed to cars)

107 Less restaurants, more movie houses and the parking is now being addressed

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110 Downtown is no longer the downtown I grew up in. It is only an entertainment and bar district. It is not welcoming to the older folks in our city. They are afraid to go downtown. We need more police presence and more control over the drunks at night.

111 Make Massachusetts Street into a walking promenade rather than a street with parking.

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113 Continued emphasis on beauty of downtown

114 A better blend of types of shopping/eating/entertainment uses; less emphasis on uncommon.

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116 well....parking....damn it....but this is it until mass transit is better

117 I think it is fine the way it is.

118 It would be nice if it had more employment uses- not just service- but more tech jobs. I do love the entertainment uses though. We hang out there a lot.

119 More/better parking options. Many appointments & other business requirements take more than 2 hours. Not everyone that goes downtown goes there just to shop & eat.

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122 There are minimal bike paths that connect Downtown with other parts of Lawrence. A route west would help a lot.
123 better parking, or restricted vehicular traffic. More pedestrian friendly.
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125 Better connectivity, better parking
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128 keep it the way it is
129 Parking. Better access to shopping in evening
130 More events! Close off the main street, and have street festivals like Madison, WI and Memphis, TN.
131 Better shopping -even if that means more chains.
132 The parking situation could use some improvement. It is difficult to use the downtown businesses because of the lack of parking.
133 Less corporate businesses so that the shops/dining etc are unique, more communal spaces where folks can hang out, better transit system
134 You sure don't need a hotel but I guess that is going in downtown
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137 Make it a car-free area, so people can walk, bike or take a bus but not drive in the downtown area. Bring in local, unique businesses.
138 Grocery Store
139 More shopping. Perhaps incentives to rent space downtown.
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142 Less corporate stores and more locally owned stores.
143 More pull for adults other than entertainment.
144 More parking, restaurants
145 Another good men's clothing store. There are too many trees along Massachusetts St. and too few benches, most of which are dominated by panhandlers and buskers. Snow and ice removal from Massachusetts Street sidewalks is pathetic. Too many outdoor patios
146 more retail/residential, less eating entertainment -
147 Become more of a daily shopping destination than a niche destination.
148 More unique, non-corporatized shops with lower, more affordable rent; less bars, fewer high-rise tower buildings that block sun; maintain historic structures
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151 More local retail and less food service.
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153 I think Downtown Lawrence is great!
154 app of the stores in map format
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157 Obviously, Downtown is awesome the way it is. Leave it alone! The market will determine what the commercial mix should be.
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- 159 Fewer drinking establishments with an Old Navy, LLbean, Social Service League (special rental rate), an exclusive LEGO store, Apple Store, Sony Store
- 160 Larger buildings to support major chains of retail.
- 161 A major chain tenant, like a Crate and Barrel or a Pottery Barn in place of the Antique Mall. A Trader Joes or Dean and DeLuca would also be nice - maybe where Borders was.
- 162 Community gardens
- 163 Grocery Store
- 164 lower commercial rents to allow new downtown businesses to start more easily, replace the large, single level paved parking lots with more development. parking garages are more efficient.
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- 166 Unsure, down town is great.
- 167 Shut down Mass Street to traffic, have Vermont and New Hampshire as the main streets. Landscape the street, and have live art, live music, and places to rest or eat on Mass St (similar to downtown Boulder).
- 168 More parking
- 169 The bulk of the current employment is low paying restaurant and bar jobs. Retail is not geared towards the avg family that lives in Lawrence long-term. The bizarre people and things you see downtown discourage me from taking clients to the downtown area
- 170 I think it's pretty darned good as it is. Perhaps less entertainment and more eating/shopping.
- 171 Less eating places.
- 172 Large plaza area or commons area to be used for variety of entertainment and recreation
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- 174 Clean up the party mess that happens every evening. Make it truly a friendly place to be at all hours.
- 175 Include more bicycle paths.
- 176 Public use areas such as parks, shade, and benches. Mini-parks (bench, shade, shelter, trash can, possibly drinking fountain) at some of the bus stops (throughout Lawrence would be a big plus!
- 177 more residential use, grocery and other community needs for employees
- 178 bring in larger more anchor merchants (ie a dillards like store to anchor with weavers)
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- 180 tougher enforcement of parking rules and pedestrians use of crosswalks, and drivers yielding to those in crosswalks
- 181 maybe more expansion onto New Hampshire and Vermont
- 182 more bike and other festivals
- 183 Recent investment in new construction in downtown will reinforce its image as the epicenter of downtown. Downtown does nice job of promoting entertainment and cultural activities that bring residences downtown. Sometimes on weekends downtown is TOO busy.
- 184 More retail establishments where affordability is prevalent. Some owners require too high rental per sq. ft.
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- 186 Easier parking
- 187 more parking to get to the downtown
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- 189 More of the same. I love Downtown Lawrence.
- 190 DON'T allow big corporations, like hotel chains, to build in downtown. It needs to keep its mix of small local businesses.
- 191 Permanent artwork, and more artwork around the area.
- 192 Traffic on that street is bad. Making it a walking mall, i.e. 16th Street Mall in Denver, would make

it able to have more people down town and more pedestrian friendly.

193 more shops for local artist and unique restaurants

194 that is the mix that is needed

195 More nearby housing and a small general grocery store

196 More local, less chains. More museum/gallery.

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198 Increase density and expand this character a bit further than just Mass street.

199 keeping the mix, not letting food or bars dominate

200 REAL comprehensive bike paths providing access

201 Walking and biking trails connecting from other parts of town. This would ease the parking problems, too.

202 BETTER PARKING. The 900 block of New Hampshire will be greatly aided by current and planned developments there. To be an effective draw for retail, the parking needs to be easy during peak times.

203 It is already wonderful.

204 better/safer sidewalks/bike paths in adjoining areas. Street lights

205 less street people

206 At the moment I have no clear suggestions. I ned to listento

207 better parking. Lots of parking is closed during events

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209 Any increase in employment opportunities in the downtown area would be nice to see.

210 The downtown area became much more vibrant once the restaurant/nightlife sector become more prominent. In regard to residential I am concerned that we are headed toward a gentrification of development around the downtown area.

211 New investors and/or property managers who care about diversity, the environment, and sustainability.

212 A grocery and a drug store would be a good start. There's nothing like that down there anymore, just restaurants and bars.

213 More housing and a convention center

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215 more places to park bikes. close mass street off for pedestrian / walk ability. more events downtown.

216 Expanded public transport. A greater variety of kinds of businesses.

217 Increase density modestly without disrupting the adjacent neighborhoods.

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220 Make it pedestrian only, deep-six free parking for everyone who is not there to work, free parking for employees of business Downtown and the city, KEEP THE BUS HUB DOWNTOWN, a grocery store on the east side would be great, too

221 Brighter night lighting, pedestrian signals at busy, confusing intersections (for example 11th and N.H., more bike police patrol

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224 love downtown as it is

225 Frequent and more convenient bus service to downtown from the rest of Lawrence!

226 The planning of downtown has been really satisfactory for me as of late

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228 fewer bas that are not part of a restaurant. no more high-rise buildigns. Close bars at 1am not

- 2am to reduce drink induced crime events
- 229 better access and parking - downtown is unique - quit trying to chage it! I like it the way it is - don't fix what isn't broken - The library and parking garage is a huge upgrade to downtown
- 230 More retail and fewer bars & restaurants
- 231 Providing stores and restaurants that would attract and serve the established citizens of Lawrence in addition to the student population.
- 232 Additional hotel/conference space
- 233 Maintain the way of currently is going. The new parking grages are going to be a big help as more and more people want to take part in the downtown and what it has to offer.
- 234 Free parking! At least free parking for employees. It is ridiculous to expect employees to work downtown generally for minimum wage or less and then pay for parking. The parking downtown leaves a lot of people annoyed.
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- 236 I love downtown Lawrence and would change very little. I think the parking garage has helped.
- 237 more neighborhood shopping
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- 239 I discussed that earlier.
- 240 Continued support for institutions like the library and art center.
- 241 pedestrian walkways & behcnes instead of Mass. st going our way thru
- 242 closing off parts of mass to be pedestrian only
- 243 More residential, more restaurants, a small grocery.
- 244 When I think of downtown, I think of shopping and eating. I don't think of it as a big source of employment beyond service/retails jobs. Perhaps attracting new businesses would be beneficial.
- 245 Expanding commercial growth on streets adjacent to New Hampshire and Vermont.
- 246 Less parking for cars. bus hub downtown. less street dining.more bike parking/less angled parking. try back-in angled parking. downtown grocery. affordable housing downtown
- 247 Promote as a safe walking area
- 248 Love it as it is!
- 249 Continue to provde a balanced mix of uses. I believe protecting the historical character of downtown while expanding by infill development will enhance its relationship w/ the rest of the community.
- 250 Expand, increaes diversity of businesses, high quality residential lofts (Owned/condos)
- 251 Expand to the north. Great opportunity to use the river as a central location and spread to the north. I also think expansion along 9th to the east would be preferable
- 252 More residential, fewer college focused bars
- 253 More jobs downtown, more residential downtown
- 254 More residential such as "lofts" below grade parking
- 255 I don't think downtown needs to change or move away fromthe modelits currently following, butI do think other areas of Lawrence should follow that model. "Mini" Mass Streets throughout the city.
- 256 A few block just for foot traffic, cafes
- 257 Better connectivity to other areas of Lawrence via pedestrian or bicycle access
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- 259 Fewer bars, more local businesses
- 260 More affordable downtown living spaces, more varied retail. Downtown does great with the variety of restaurants, but the retail kind of all seems the same.
- 261 Pocket parks w/ natural habitat, desirable trees to replace bradford pears
- 262 Ease in connectivity via transit bicyclest pedestrians

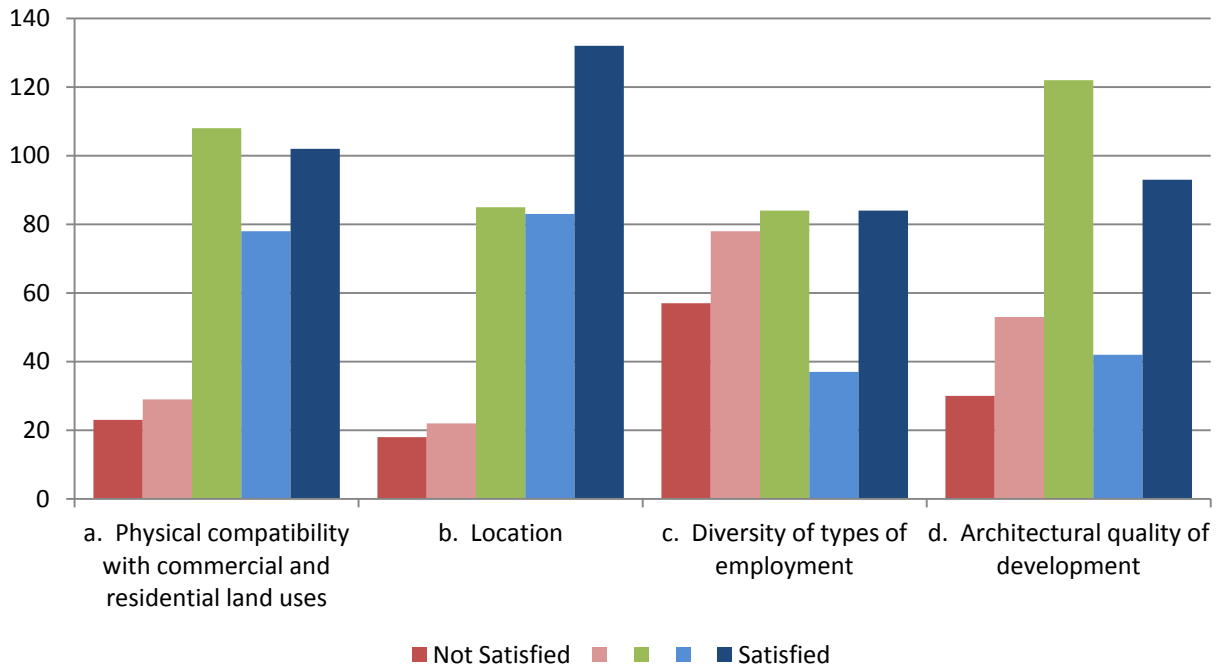
- 263 You are kidding, right? Lawrence has protected the downtown experience as an ongoing priority.
- 264 More residential living that is affordable and a good downtown grocery store
- 265 not sure
- 266 Fewer chain stores. Balance between retail, restaurant, and bars
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- 268 Parking, free
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- 270 No comment because I love downtown. DO NOT tear down the nice two story row buildings on Massachusetts.
- 271 Less cars. I would like to see designated parking for automobiles on the edges of the downtown, with several, central, designated streets offering free, hop on/hop off, trolleys for those who are mobility impaired.
- 272 All of our family members from out of state cannot believe what a prosperous downtown. My only concern is the number of eating establishments there are not the business to sustain all the high rise apartments.
- 273 Fewer bars
- 274 No cars and increase parking around the perimeter
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- 276 Lawrence has a pretty downtown.
- 277 Transit service on 15-minute leadways among activity centers!
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- 279 Parking integration. Better security
- 280 Greater access to public transportation to downtown
- 281 If downtown were less noisy and less pricy
- 282 increased retail and somewhat less restaurants and bars
- 283 More retail establishments open at night, a downtown grocery store, a riverwalk area similar to that in San Antonio
- 284 Quit building so much high rise stuff
- 285 1: A conference center 2: supermarket
- 286 a mixed use development district with performance policies & standards that allow substantially more height density and intensity. an improvement to all sewer water and infrastructure would also help. establish impact density policies that allow any develop
- 287 Make it strictly pedestrian - like Pearl Street. More ppl. walking, more patrons, more street performers, less danger, food trucks could come in, Final Fridays and the Mass St Mosey could be easier, more frequent, more ppl if they have the whole street.
- 288 Fewer bars/more restaurants; retain green space and open space downtown! Keep enough free parking downtown that it can compete w/ South Iowa for shopping
- 289 STOP the highrise development
- 290 More shopping at night. Working families can only eat downtown. Better parking
- 291 Safer pedestrian and bike access; fewer bars and chain stores; appropriate architecture and preservation of historic buildings. Appropriate SCALE.
- 292 Better bus access, to Kansas City. Also, senior housing
- 293 fewer bars
- 294 Downtown used to be the major retail center here and now its not. The city should recognize that and build downtown for more "boutique" restaurant, retail, and bar atmosphere - let the retail development build elsewhere closer to residences
- 295 Downtown is such a critical element of the Lawrence Community. It is vibrant with a mix of all populations - families, college kids, seniors, etc., it is critical to protect the local small business

- that deive this. Mass St. and other local amenities mus
- 296 More green space, parks; bicycle friendly access
- 297 Make affordable housing, actual nuts and bolts retail
- 298 More outdoor activities blocking off Mass Street for outdoor activities more - outdoor eating areas
- 299 No more tall buildings, be careful of residential and commercial gentrification downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. No more private parking. better value of historic structures. better transition between downtown and east Lawrence
- 300 Keeping the outdoor swimming pool open until at least Labor Day!! Please turn the temporary library into either a grocery store or a health club.
- 301 A walking mall on Mass St like Pearl St in Boulder. Parking on New Hampshire St & Vermont. More restaurants & bars downtown. Ford trucks too.
- 302 Multi modal connectivity from suburbs to core
- 303 More retail businesses - a grocery store
- 304 More parking, Mass closed as pedestrian walkway
- 305 More living space & grocery
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- 307 Less high-rise unattractive corporate buildnigs that do not blend/compatibility with over unique historic buildings - anything that takes away from Lawrence's heart & soul.
- 308 easier way of getting downtown - transportation
- 309 Keep as muc free parking as possible. Be sure there are affordable places to rent to live there.
- 310 A grocery store, parks more accessable, improved sense of space. Better bike infrastructure to (so I can bike not drive)
- 311 Places for seniors to shop.
- 312 More parking (which is nearly impossible) and perhaps more public transit opportunities (from west/north Lawrence)
- 313 Fewer high rises
- 314 more retail and cutting the property taxes. It's turning into Aggieville in some spots - this should stop.
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- 316 Bike paths and more pedestrian access to downtown. I love the shopping and entertainment downtown, but more hours in the retail would be great.
- 317 Pedestrian/bike connected to downtown; bus converge/transit center downtown; encourage multiple neighborhood center markets that are walkable and have high architectural standards (ie, don't look like your typical strip mall)
- 318 To not spread out the town. Density! Shouldn't have commercial vacancies.
- 319 The downtown is very vital and atracts visitors as well as locals. I think less bars are needed.
- 320 Public transportation - seems like the focus is moving away from downtown to serving campus and other areas - not to bring folks downtown. Also parking - when there is an event - it would be good if buses could transport on 10-15 min schedule from remote
- 321 Pedestrian only Massachusetts Street. Affordable real estate for grassroots, arts and community focused non-profit enterprises. No more gigantic hotels! Incentize walking & biking instead of promoting car culture with parking garages.
- 322 Increasing places to sit & enjoy; contine the mixed use plan
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- 324 low income services; higher wages; freebies and discounts; no sales tax shopping days per year
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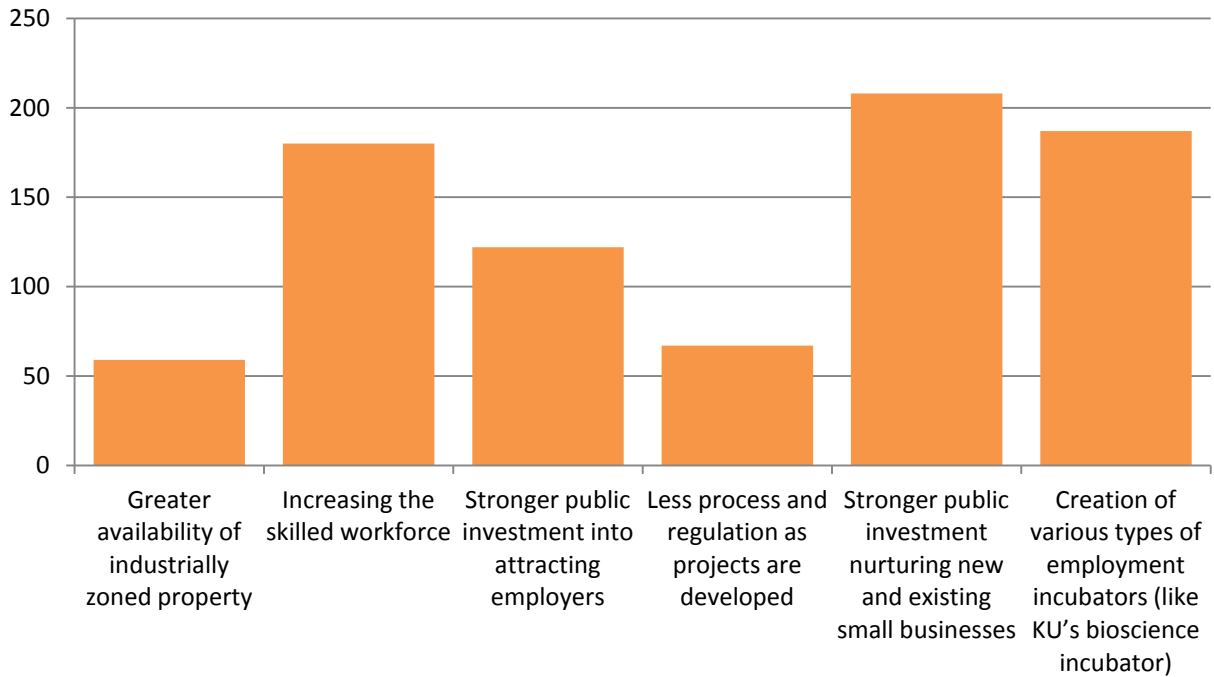
- 327 Keep it safe after dark. Continue to add parking.
- 328 better police presence by walking and bike patrol
- 329 Public spaces.
- 330 Am not sure... friends who live west of Kasold often don't come to downtown. They get what they need near where they live. Downtown is where the city still has its "groove". Keeping businesses that supports that image to bring people in.
- 331 More restaurants encouraged, free parking for two hours & then car must be moved, less boutique type stores
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- 333 I love downtown. I work, shop, and play downtown. However, I would like to see downtown be viewed as one of many community assets. Downtown should work with other community assets to elevate our entire community.
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- 335 I like it as is.
- 336 I think the growth in housing in the area will help businesses thrive. The increased parking and new library are also wonderful additions. I think traffic on Mass St. should be slowed a bit which would help give it a more community feel.
- 337 Maintaining the historic element of West Lawrence and reducing student house rentals
- 338 Needs to continue to be the center of arts and community events while including the unique neighborhoods to be a unique part of bigger central event.
- 339 Limit on # of bars- the more bars, the more noise and crime- and downtown becomes less attractive to live in or be in at night. Downtown crime spills over to other parts of town too- gas station robberies, etc.
- 340 Parking improvements have helped. Continue to ensure proper mix and commercial locations that support residential (food, etc.).
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- 343 Fewer bars, a real grocery store like a Merc satellite
- 344 addition of shopping that people need on a daily basis - grocery store/supermarket, pharmacy/drug store
- 345 More stores that offer real goods, such as drugstore, for instance. Fewer restaurants.
- 346 I would try to recruit more businesses (employment) to downtown to give the businesses located a base of people to shop/eat during the day as well as at night.
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- 348 Downtown grocery added. A mix is good. Maintain that. Support for current businesses and incentives to keep rents reasonable. Grants to remodel historic buildings.
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- 350 LPD foot and bike patrols being present to discourage rowdy behavior/underage drinking and to make sure families and individuals feel safe.
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- 352 Fewer bars, more locally owned clothing, furniture, hardware stores.
- 353 A grocery store (could shop there when downtown). More personal services.
- 354 Transportation and the encouragement of that type of development everywhere
- 355 More parking!
- 356 more of everything - more retail, more restaurants, more art galleries and shops, more events / festivals, more employment, and also a grocery store, more places to live and more parking spaces
- 357 a grocery store

- 358 Postive Teenager venues.
- 359 Affordable condos in 5 block radius of downtown.
- 360 pharmacy and grocery stores
- 361 That's tough - everyone wants more parking but where would you put it. One totally radical idea would be to make the entire downtown a car-free zone (not sure where you would put the cars) but then use street space for food carts, kiosks, etc.
- 362 Lower rent, additional service-oriented businesses, maintenance and restoration of historic character, increased night-time safety, building height limits
- 363 Better parking options - like the new garage
- 364 Safe & convenient bicycle boulevards to downtown, curtail or ban autos on some streets to create public plazas, jitney, pedal taxis, integrate the riverfront into downtown.
- 365 Trails pedestrian bicycle connectivity to rest of Lawrence
- 366 It should have more "real" stores such as a grocery, men's apparel, and an auto fuel station. Easy public transit access to downtown.
- 367 Close off the street like Boulder Colorado. Make it a walking mall atmosphere
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- 369 More retail - mass transit between Mass St. & residential. Develop more river-oriented attractions - tilize the river to its fullest. More pedestrian access to river.
- 370 Downtown is a gem. We've always been hesitant to create other employment/residential/shopping/eating/entertainment areas elsewhere for fear it would "take away" from downtown. With growth there will be more need for those pockets of vibrant mixed use are
- 371 I think we need to continue to promote large-scale residential development in the downtown area. This will lead to a more robust retail environment and more employers looking to locate operations downtown. Downtown simply needs more residents.
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- 373 An affordable grocery store, more housing for elderly- the Riverfront Mall could be partially retrofitted for senior housing- accessible, elevator, escalator, parking- more affordable shops for "real" people & some free outdoor spaces for kids & families.
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13. How Satisfied are you with the following as it relates to industrial development in the community



14. Which of the following do you believe will do the most to improve economic development opportunities? (Check as many as you like)



14. Other

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- 2 OMG, please read your own "options" and see that they are all tools to implement the very thing killing business interest in Lawrence. Start by unwinding your ill informed social engineering
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- 5 Lawrence is not an industrial hub so we should be concentrating on white collar job creation.
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- 13 Maintaining top educational institutions and creating opportunities for gifted "creative class" individuals to develop their careers in Lawrence and Kansas.
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- 16 If a commercial store has done their reasearch and says they can thrive in lawrence, don't tell them they are wrong
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21 Local Entrepreneurial grants
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30 Manage what comes but not with my tax money!!!!!! Make an attempt to balance the types of
commerce Stop protecting the existing status.
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32 Critical is that existing small businesses get support. There is a lot of support for starting up a
small business, but then it's just on its own with very few options to help it survive hard times
and grow in good times.
33 Make Lawrence the coolest, most walkable, bike-friendly, prettiest, historical center in the
midwest. Places popular for tourism are also popular for business.
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37 No absurd "architectural wuality" requirements for business willing to locate here and bring jobs.
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42 job creation for those without degrees from college
43 None of these are necessary or desirable. The realtor who has filled the office building on
Wakrarusa (a few blocks south of Billings) ought to become the ecodevo guy. No subsidies
needed. He has brought in nearly 100 good paying jobs.
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46 enhance quality of life for retirees--public transit, handicapped-friendly housing design rules;
support local food movement; support local energy
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49 Quit spending money on stupid things like turnabouts and building stuff that is just going to be a
taxpayer suck (Rock Chalk Park)
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54 a known incentive plan
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57 Dump brown back.

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60 Stop handing out tax breaks to the Fritzes, Comptons & other well connected local developers & chambercrats that have run the city of Lawrence since the 1960s
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62 Legalize Medicinal Marijuana - Be the leader in research
63 KU is the only employer in my field (Information Technology). The university does not compete with industry on salaries, so it does not do IT well, in any department I have encountered.
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67 I have a web-based business, and we chose our location based on quality-of-life and the city's attractiveness - not because of any tax or incentives available.
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72 More quid pro quo in tax incentives, as in, we will give you a tax break if you locate a grocery store in eastern Lawrence
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79 Improving the existing infrastructure.
80 Change in economic development leadership. Lawrence needs to be led by skilled professionals rather than staff of the Chamber of Commerce who lack training and expertise in the field.
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87 Lower property taxes
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93 Investment in gigabit speed Internet would be a big boon for the community if done in the next couple of years. It is a short-term investment that will yield mid-term growth and long-term relavency.
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101 stop subsidizing the greed of a handful of already-rich developers (doug compton, fritzels, etc)
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104 larger permanent local farmers market (indoor development possibly by river or something) to
encourage small business start up
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116 recognize that if you want to be a retirement community you better have more levels of
supported living that don't cost \$3000-\$5000 per month.
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122 A living wage
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130 Public investment in public projects. Less public money for private projects.
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139 Maintaining good schools and education is critical.
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145 Less focus on tourism and more on substantive employments that pay living wages
146 increase of minimum wage
147 Capitalize on the already present strenghts of our local economy, not just piggyback on KU
148 Partner with KU entrepreneurs more closely and hire its graduates as interns and involve/train
less skilled labor force.
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157 Economic Development opportunities have been presented to the City. The City drives them
away with overly restritive REGULATIONS.
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159 More focus on the arts such as the Int'l Ballet Competition,the art industry = plenty of
revenue,more cycling competition(where there are cyclists there is money)
160 An absolute must is city wide money for economic development. Sales tax, property tax, hotel
tax, whatever. And a specific plan for where that money is going. (Unlike the school bond)
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164 support for regional food hub infrastructure.
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167 Let's tell the world that Lawrence and Douglas County is open and welcome to new business.
Let's sell what we all know is so good here!
168 Special incentives for locally owned and operated businesses
169 Lower the taxes on commercial and industrial properties. These businesses employ people that
pay property and sales taxes. More new business equals more employees equals increased tax
revenue.
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171 Transport to KC and Topeka via bus.
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175 Expanding Fiber Optic Data Speeds will improve economic development in Lawrence.
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182 supporting our arts and makerrspaces
183 Stop overregulating/coding for business startups and we don't need to subsidize KU any longer
for incubators.
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191 Strong public investment into art and culture and entrepreneurs which will attract employers, skilled workforce, and help nurture new and existing SMALL business.
192 All type of business are important. Creating too narrow of a focus, say on biotech, limits the capability of a city to utilize opportunities as they arise.
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202 We can't assume that the new Venture Park will be a catch-all for future businesses. It's not a great location in terms of "cool" factor for new corporate headquarters, for example. Need more options.
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206 Creation of LABOR incubators. The emphasis tends to be exclusively on "business" incubators and there needs to be both.
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212 Skilled jobs are scarce here. Many people with good skills have to freelance.
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224 neighborhood groceries are needed in Lawrence may not bring about large amounts of money but are needed
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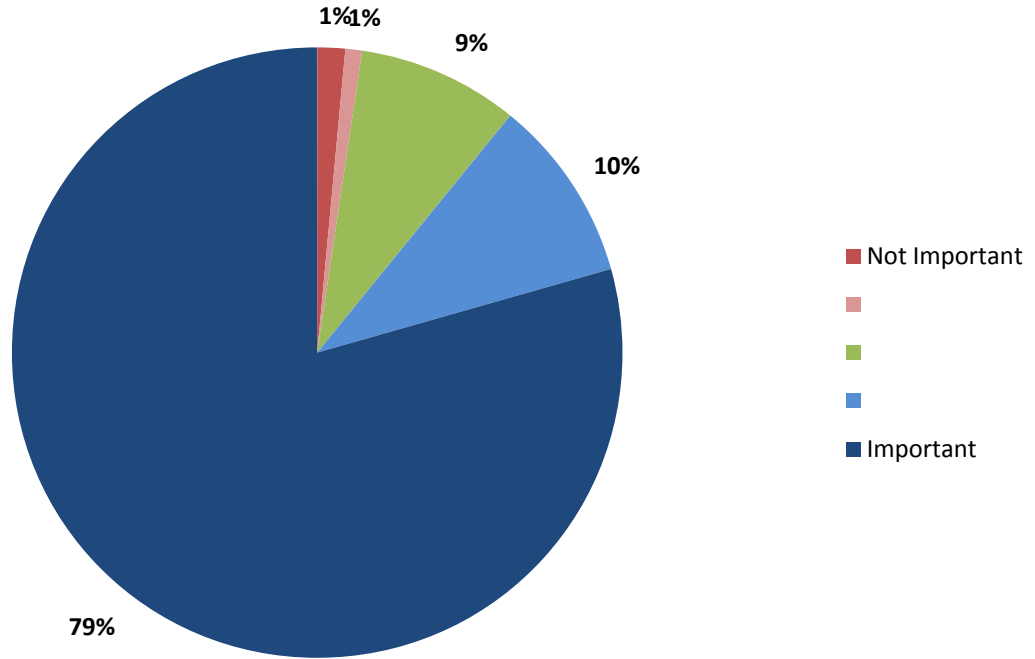
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228 Chamber of Commerce has not given Lawrence what we need as a city even though our tax dollars are paying them to do so
229 I think repurposing industrially zoned property and making smarter choices/investments. Instead of build it & then someone will come. Maybe offer great areas available for growth & expansion& East Lawrence
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233 Why are there so many delays for inspections in the city? I know of several places, that have waited months for inspections. This is not a good plan to continue if you want new business to open in Lawrence.
234 Support employees - support their rights and invest in their education and growth.
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237 nurturing ALL existing businesses
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246 Create a livable community where people WANT TO LIVE
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248 I like having most industry on the outskirts of town but am concerned about accessibility in terms of employee transportation to these locations (do buses run there at what hours?)
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250 Support development in North Lawrence. Market activity on Clinton/Kaw
251 Yes but KU bioscience incubator not serving as incubators, serving as low cost office space
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259 Affordable commercial property for developing small businesses
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261 Persuade taxpayers to support infrastructure improvements. Create jobs to rebuild infrastructure
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- 270 Raising wages for small scale ag workers
- 271 trade schools for our high school students & graduates. Green energy industries & associated product fabrication. Distribution centers for local food and associated food products
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- 276 All are very important
- 277 None of these questions can be answered without having a vision. What economic sectors does Lawrence want to develop? The strategy develops that vision. The business community should be surveyed to determine what businesses will naturally grow here
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- 285 Sell Lawrence to the world it has many advantages which need to be more widely marketed.
- 286 Relax the "round hole - round peg" policies. Move to performance standards and policies
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- 288 People come to KU, they love Lawrence and they want to stay here. You need to leverage that highly-educated & skilled workforce. Also, grow the workforce needed for industrial jobs.
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- 291 Limit the use of public incentives to ONLY appropriate industries (eco-friendly, living wage)
- 292 Connectivity, Bus Access
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- 294 Don't respond negatively to large retailers wanting to come to the city or county
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- 297 less gentrification
- 298 Increase the pay scale so we have less people commuting out of town
- 299 fiber internet, recognition that most new jobs come from existing small business. stop giving tax breaks to developers - equal playing field for all.
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- 302 Maintain high regulation in exchange for rapid approval and/or public investment
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- 307 More variety and economic opportunities. We have enough service and entertainment employment
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- 310 Make Lawrence live up to its expectations/image of walkable/bikeable & vibrant so people such as

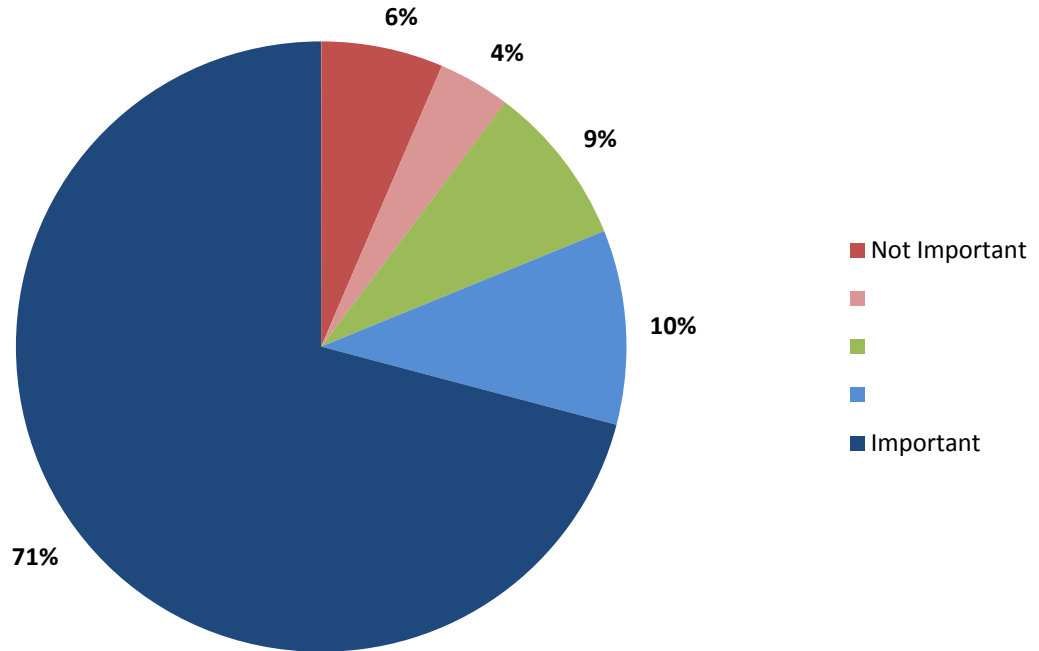
our friends (who moved to Oregon) aren't disappointed by what they find.
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312 Focus on employing college age students in career readiness opportunities/intern/externships
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317 More desirable city to live in. Cities like Boulder, Portland, etc, naturally attract business
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319 NO. We don't need to give tax breaks for businesses.
320 invest in Dr Domeis New Cities and work with Senior Center on attracting new retirees
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329 Local economy.
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333 Streamlined processes that are relevant, make sense and are easy to navigate. Technology
infrastructure. Must have high-speed availability.
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340 Public schools and overall education opportunities. I think the question is how do we make
Lawrence such a compelling community that employers naturally gravitate here.
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343 Emphasize what we've got - arts and ag
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346 Creating Lawrence as a unique place to be. If Lawrence keeps looking & feeling more like Johnson
County we will never attract good businesses. The businesses might as well go to JoCo where
there is a larger pool of employees, more amenities in closer prox
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352 Housing and work for the middle class
353 More consistent evenly applied regulation as opposed to "less regulation"; less burdensome and

more manageable would be desirable
354 Invest in infrastructure and school system
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358 Also investment nurturing new and existing small businesses.
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361 Educate public - if they love Lawrence they need to buy local. And taxes are fine. Don't listen to
old people bitching.
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364 utilize prime farmland for food growing economic development NOT for industrial economic
development
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15. How important is it that development provide pedestrian, bicycle and transit options?



16. How important is it to be able to walk/bicycle to work?



17. If money were no object, what transportation improvement would you make in the next 20 years?

- 1 commuter connection to Johnson County
- 2 Wow. I want a Space Shuttle. See notes above.
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- 5 light rail from Lawrence to Johnson County
- 6 Maintenance of the roads.
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- 9 Licensing and training bike riders so the streets can be shared safely. Disabled and senior accessible options to enjoy the outdoors. Many sidewalks are so degraded a person using a walker, cane or wheelchair can not use them.
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- 11 Small rail
- 12 multi-use path connectivity throughout the community
- 13 Highly developed bike and pedestrian pathways away from auto traffic. Recreational and storage canals between Wakarusa and Kaw rivers
- 14 Max like trolley system that was cheap/free and operated during hours people actually need it up to and including past 10pm

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- 16 Expand bus routes along new routes. like Harvard road.
- 17 Better bus system and separate bicycling commutor paths
- 18 Light rail between KC and Topeka, with stops at major business parks.
- 19 expansion of current east-west routes
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- 21 DEdicated and interconnected bike and walking paths with possibly some sort of hig speed train to connect to NE KS communities
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- 24 Realistically, 90% of the population will never be able to walk or bike to work. Whether you like it or not, cars are here to say and our transportation funding needs to be focused on providing an effective network of streets.
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- 26 More buses, taxis, more availability outside the city limits. Buses to Baldwin, Ottawa, Eudora, KC
- 27 More bus routes (at all hours) and better train routes leaving Lawrence (specifically Lawrence to KC)
- 28 Better access along major roads for biking and walking. More incentives to do so!
- 29 Improve traffic flow and synchronize traffic lights.
- 30 Clean up the mess we have. It takes me longer in Lawrence to go 5 miles than it did to go twenty in Northern VA or Los Angeles.
- 31 Not interested
- 32 Light rail in the region that connects the cities and directly connects to local public transportation (buses, trolley cars, etc.).
- 33 A fantastic system of off-street urban trails/linear parks, bike lanes, bike tracks, etc... to connect all parts of the city to primary destination centers, schools, etc...
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- 37 Tear down the barriers to the flow of traffic: Traffic calming, undersize roundabouts, speed humps, speed bumps, physical obstructions, overuse of stop signs, stop letting kids play in the street. .
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- 39 a comprehensive trail systems to allow bikers and walkers to get anywhere safely. And a better public transporation system.
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- 41 More busses running more frequently, downtown circulator busses, new transit center, fewer cup de sacs and more grid street layouts so that we don't have to all pile on 23rd.
- 42 commuter rail between Lawrence and Johnson County/Topeka
- 43 Pedestrian, bicycle, public transit - Money is an object. All of these will ultimately save money.
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- 45 small car lanes; bicycle lanes on major streets (23rd; 6th; Iowa); bus lanes; parking for small cars; safer pedestrian crossing at major intersections
- 46 complete bike and pedestrian systems leading everywhere; free bus service within 2 blocks of each residence
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- 48 Trolley connecting KU and Downtown
- 49 More taxi services, and services to go to KC airport. Maybe a rail to Johnson county.

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52 complete K-10, complete 15th st interchange with SLT
53 trolley to Clinton Lake
54 connect the east let of the slt to I70
55 Buses and bike trails
56 much better bike routes, light rail to kansas city
57 Connect bike pathways. More amtrak service!!!!
58 Widen every sidewalk except in historical areas. Finish incomplete sidewalks, i.e. Princeton Blvd.
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60 Use more concrete than asphalt when renovating existing roadways to add longevity regardless
of cost
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62 I would have system like BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) -it would go all the way to Denver
63 Increase the bus system coverage. Make bike lanes everywhere, especially going west to east.
There is no good way to bike from Wakarusa to Mass.
64 Bike lanes everywhere
65 Walkable sidewalks in every neighborhood and bike paths throughout our city. Too many of our
neighborhoods are plagued with crumbling, uneven, deteriorating sidewalks. Many of our
intersections are dangerous and put pedestrians at risk of injury.
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67 Dedicated bike lanes on Mass from 23rd to 11th. A light rail line from Topeka > Lawrence >
Downtown KC.
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69 Better bicycle options, the city is fairly unfriendly to bicycles. Dedicated bike paths that would
connect the city, widening roads to allow for protected bike lanes on major roads.
70 Build better roads and make sure the roads can actually handle the population of the town
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72 More routes for the T, more bike lanes, sidewalks that people can actually walk on in the eastern
part of town
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75 I am not sure. But, as we age, I see more clearly the value of the bus system. But, as of now, I do
not even know the frequency of its schedule.
76 More and safer bicycle lanes/routes
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79 Improve all existing sidewalks and add sidewalks to neighborhoods that lack them.
80 Complete streets (bike lanes, walkways, lanes for non-traditional vehicles, etc.)
81 Light rail to KC
82 a bike trail system that connects to most of the city, improved pedestrian sidewalk system,
replace all the city's diesel buses with electric buses, make major thoroughfares (e.g. 23rd St, 6th
St., Iowa) include 2 lanes in each direction plus turn lanes.
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87 Money IS an object, but some in Lawrence think that it is NOT an object.

- 88 Interconnected pathways that are specific for alternative modes of transportation, such as golf carts, mopeds, bicycles that enable people to get around town without a car.
- 89 All residential areas would have good walks and there would be small service businesses within walking distance.
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- 91 More bus routes with smaller buses for less used routes
- 92 Mass repair and replacement of road surfaces, curbs and sidewalks in older parts of Lawrence. City-wide fiber internet access (such as Google).
- 93 I would build a trolley that connected KU's west campus to the main campus to downtown. And then expand it to go to South Iowa and West 6th. That would give Lawrence a very distinct, romantic feeling.
- 94 Bike paths small number with more routes
- 95 A train system from Lawrence to Kansas City and even to Topeka.
- 96 A metro! More buses! A monorail! Something that makes getting from point A to point B less of a math problem. Or a car share program, something that encourages mobility in all community members.
- 97
- 98 Bike system where you could rent bikes at stations all over town, many more pedestrian connections, pedestrian overpasses at Lawrence's busiest intersections
- 99 Increased infrastructure for cycling and walking
- 100 More bike lanes, more buses and routes
- 101 24/7 public transportation-friendly entire city, not just a few streets with buses that stop running at 6
- 102 Improve/increase east-west traffic corridors, time stoplights to traffic flow.
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- 104 I would like to see faster public transport like the ski-lift style box cars they use in some other cities
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- 106 Dedicated bike lanes separated from moving vehicles by parked vehicles. Improved bus stops with shade trees and/or shelters and with benches.
- 107 More frequent buses, with good connections to other lines
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- 110 Invest heavily in a mass transit system that is easy to use and goes all over Lawrence.
- 111 light rail and subway train system
- 112
- 113 Improved quality of roads streets and maintenance
- 114 advantages to using public transportation, options for using public transportation
- 115
- 116 a bus system that ran everywhere people live and work
- 117 Have just one bus system for Lawrence and make it easier for seniors to use it.
- 118 I would love to see a rail system that moves between the KC area, Lawrence and Topeka. Like Chicago's CTA rail system. A smaller system within each city and a larger one in between.
- 119 Make the SLT 4 lanes all the way, with only entrance & exit ramps, no cross streets. Add another section to the SLT, taking it from K10 up to I70 in the east side of Lawrence. Also, require a "round-about driving test" in order to get your car registered
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- 122 A bicycle friendly community with safe streets. Add connectivity and lower speed limits.
 123 train or monorail to reduce the need for cars in the city and surrounding communities
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 125 More bus stops, more frequent schedule people without other transportation options can
 depend on
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 128 Comprehensive bicycle, pedestrian accessibility, ease of use
 129 Light rail to kC and Topeka
 130 More bike & pedestrian paths. A route that basically circled Lawrence would be heavily used. In
 my wildest dreams? Commuter trains to KC and Topeka.
 131 I would love to see a light rail system like San Francisco has.
 132 I would have the buses running 24 hours per day every 20 minutes and they would be available in
 all areas of town.
 133 public transit that covers the entire county AND gets people to and from Topeka and Kansas City
 134 Streets that you can drive on in Lawrence.
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 136 free bus
 137 Bring back the downtown streetcar system to enable downtown to become car-free. Connect
 neighborhoods with streetcars.
 138 Mass transit between Topeka and Lawrence and Lawrence and Kansas City
 139 Sidewalks on both sides of the street. Improved public transportation.
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 142 Light rail to other major cities and throughout town
 143 Complete sidewalk network with innovative design that works for pedestrians.
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 145 Improve sidewalks in the older neighborhoods close to KU.
 146 bicycle access increased greatly and light rail for city and out into county
 147 Expand public transportation so people could live anywhere in Lawrence without a car.
 148 More non-polluting busses
 149 monorail
 150 Connectivity a Roos the city
 151 More bike paths
 152 light rail, quick transit
 153 More small buses that require less fuel to operate.
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 155 more bus routes
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 157 Walking/biking trails throughout the City. Although, it's disappointing that bicyclists frequently
 don't use them but will opt for the street.
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 159 several hundred miles of shared use paths. Lawrence is lagging behind.
 160 Commuter train to downtown
 161 Uber will make private car transportation the most efficient mode. We could provide vouchers
 to those who cannot afford it and stop running expensive underutilized buses in circles.
 162 Grants to long-term residents to help purchase a low-emission car.
 163 Sidewalk improvements and more biking/walking trails

- 164 a pedestrian and bike only bridge between the 8th Street levee access in NoLaw and East Lawrence
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- 166 I would increase the bus to stop at each stop at least every half hour and to run from at least 5am- 12 am 7 days a week. I would increase sidewalks to make pedestrian travel easier. I would invest in low emission vehicles upto and including electric and
- 167 The best, smoothest roads in Kansas.
- 168 Light rail connecting Lawrence to Topeka, Wichita and Kansas City
- 169 Get rid of the emp T. Put that money back into street maintenance.
- 170 More bike and pedestrian trails.
- 171 Bus
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- 174 Rail connecting Lawrence to Kansas City
- 175 Above or below ground public trains.
- 176 Transition from large buses to a larger fleet of small buses covering greater ares. Sell day passes on the buses.
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- 178 increased transit service -- it shouldn't take 60 minutes to get across town....
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- 180 more buses running to shorten the wait at stops
- 181 lightrail type system along a few main roads
- 182 n/a
- 183 Your planning staff have completed ignored rail and aviation as viable transportation sectors. You have a great municipal airport that needs upgrades. Do you know that you have an airport?
- 184 Better transit system.
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- 186 Commuter train system to KC and then around KC
- 187 Improvements to the major roadway
- 188
- 189 Full implementation of Complete Streets in all regions of the city, encouraging bicycling, walking and public transportation, as well as automotive travel.
- 190 animal-friendlier roadways so fewer wild animals are hit
- 191 The ability to get through or around the city quickly with an overpass. It seems that the city is intentionally making it difficult to travel through the city causing frustrations. At least lights could easily be set to allow traffic through quickly.
- 192 Create a street corridor on the north side of town so that 23rd Street is not the only way to get from one side to the other without constant turns.
- 193 more public transportation + increased hours and traffic lights timed better, great bikes paths and shared city bikes
- 194 more buses, bicycle lanes and bicycle roads, more dead end streets for cars with pedestrian and bicycle through-paths
- 195 Solar roadways; more bicycle lanes; a funicular to move people easily up Mount Oread from lower areas
- 196 HSRail to KC, local trolley
- 197 Intramural bike/walk pathways, benefits for those who walk/bike, penalties for unnecessary large vehicles
- 198 A good street car system.

- 199 More biking trails county wide- i.e.: a bike path from Baldwin City to Lawrence.
- 200 Dedicated bike paths that provide adequate separation of bikes and motor vehicle traffic. The present "system" is a cruel joke, especially when the "bike path" simply disappears when most needed -- where the traffic gets heavy. See 9th at TN/KY.
- 201 Install sidewalks and repair the broken ones!!
- 202 That's tough because KU creates a big road block in terms of east/west transportation. Corridors like 6th and 23rd need to hum along so that people can get east and west, so maybe adding lanes? 2-lane roundabouts = many fender benders
- 203 Would be super to provide more east-west corridors to ease traffic on 23rd.
- 204 return east lawrence roads to brick. improve alleys to be drivable.
- 205 more buss times and routs
- 206 Expanding public transportation into the evening and weekend hours.
- 207 mass transit into topeka and kansas city
- 208 Repair roads with better quality material so it doesn't have to be torn up every single year.
- 209 More bike lanes, especially wider bike lanes to make it easier to get around town.
- 210 If money were no object I would seek ways to make the east/west transit more user friendly. The north/south transit continues to be smooth. I realize this is a minor thing, but please stop renaming small stretches of streets. It drives visitors nuts.
- 211 Safer biking routes. More places to lock up and store bikes. As an example, it would be great if there was a covered space inside of parking garages where people could lock their bike.
- 212 Light rail from downtown to the sports village boondoggle, South Lawrence shopping area, Topeka and KC.
- 213 Improve integration of multi-modal complete streets with sidewalks and bike trails
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- 215 bike lanes everywhere. bus service for free.
- 216 Light rail and inter urban rail.
- 217 A more complete network of bus lines with smaller buses and frequent service. As it is I do not use the bus service.
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- 220 Separated bike infrastructure as described previously in every neighborhood, on every arterial. Biodiesel or other alternative fuel buses. Light rail to KC and Johnson County. No more dead-end sidewalks! Sidewalks on both sides of every street.
- 221 more sidewalks where no exist, more bike paths to destinations where work and necessities such as groceries
- 222 Bike access, east-- west.
- 223
- 224 street cars or trams
- 225 I would like bus service to be free and much more convenient. This would do away with many traffic problems, including parking.
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- 228 Due to limited east/west and north/south corridors, buses need to have routes through neighborhoods
- 229 Tear out roundabouts - put in traffic controls that work better (longer red lights at some intersections is a problem. Complete K-10!!
- 230 Greater bus coverage
- 231 More and safer bicycle lanes and sidewalks. Light rail between Topeka and Kansas City.

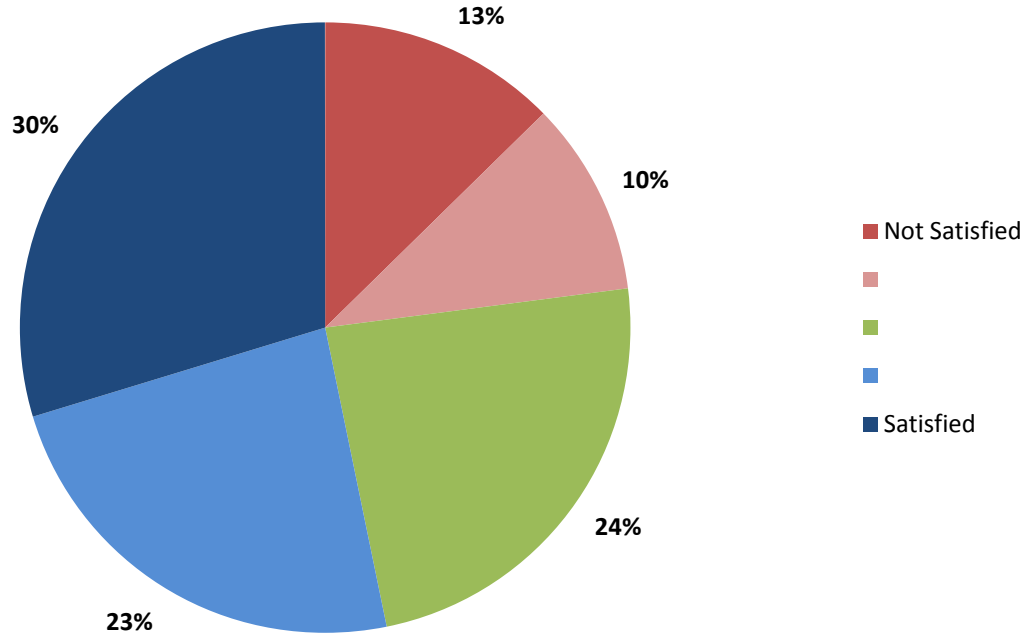
- 232 Unsure
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- 234 Expand bus service. Make it free to Haskell students. Offer it on Sundays. Expand it in the summers. Equip the transit system enough so it can support the whole city instead of mainly catering to KU.
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- 236 Public transit connecting cities
- 237 Streetcars
- 238
- 239 More bike paths, and maintain the buses.
- 240 Light rail from Topeka to Kansas City with a station in Lawrence.
- 241 a bridge over campus or a tunnel under campus
- 242 Tram system in Lawrence, also to neighboring towns and to KC
- 243 More bike/hike trails. Much better public transit, which means a lot more buses, running much more frequently. "Trolley" line running down Mass. Street, from 23rd at the south to I-70 at the north.
- 244 Better bus system!
- 245
- 246 Road diets on Kentucky/Tennessee/Connecticut to add bike lanes- development of 5th and 21st as bicycle blvds. Complete sidewalk gap fill, improved ADA ramps
- 247 Tram service on major thoroughfares and to KU
- 248 Bicycle lanes on all major roads in Lawrence - buses running to more locations at more times of day
- 249 Ability to safely walk/bike anywhere in town
- 250 Public transportation throughout Douglas County
- 251 Light rail from Topeka to Lawrence to KC and MCI
- 252 1) system of bike lanes, 2) bust stop structures, 3)trolley between KU and Downtown
- 253 Passenger rail TOP-LAW-KC-OP-LEAV
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- 256 More bike paths, direct routes, benefits for less car travel
- 257 Connectivity throughout the city via bicycle, transit, and pedestrian access and less focus on individual vehicles.
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- 259 Light rail
- 260 Realistically- road paint I can see. It's really hard to see in the rain. Big dream- high speed rail with a stop in Lawrence.
- 261 Eliminate S. Lawrence trafficway to restore Haskell wetlands
- 262 Bicycle & pedestrian paths
- 263 More bike/walk trails, also bike/walk to interior of town, not just outskirts.
- 264 Bike lanes in every major street - not like 9th - parking lanes street side of bike lanes
- 265 Dedicated bike lanes
- 266 Expand bus lines and hours. Build bike lanes.
- 267 More buses to KC
- 268 Connect KC & Lawrence with people mover (train)
- 269 blacktop all township roads, get rid of roundabouts
- 270 Train system to Kansas City
- 271 regional passenger rail

- 272 remove the roundabouts
- 273 extend bus routes
- 274 Better bike/pedestrian paths - less congested roads through Lawrence - SLT
- 275
- 276 All roads in county paved
- 277 See page 8.
- 278 A bridge over the Kansas River from Noria Road to 9th Stree in North Lawrence connecting K-10 to 24-40 and the turnpike
- 279 Better integration of all the above, and flexibility for growth
- 280 fewer parking garages for greater incentive to us public transp.
- 281 City would take responsibility for sidewalks and improve them.
- 282 significantly expanded bus service
- 283 Sidewalks on every street - bus system extended (more routes, extended hours)
- 284 Compressed natural gas powered bus, taxis, city trucks
- 285 Increase city wide bus service
- 286 Improve sewer, water, storm management, trails, parks, and transit especially south and west
- 287 Light rail, commuter trains
- 288 (Light rail to KC & Topeka) Widen streets to allow more bicycle traffic
- 289 improve streets
- 290 More trails, better busing options
- 291 Sidewalk infill or repair
- 292 Electric street car
- 293
- 294 Quit investing in roundabouts - everyone stops at them
- 295 Light rail options throughout the city & to popular destinations
- 296 Fully integrated bicycle transportation infrastructure
- 297 connected bike paths and trails; rails shared by NE KS communities
- 298 Trolley, bike lanes, monorail
- 299 light rail connecting neighboring cities, trolley down Mass Street, pedestrian bridges over river (yes, plural bridges)
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- 302 More rail connections to industrial land, connect (via multi purpose paths) west and east,north and south
- 303 Bus transport 24/7
- 304 Bike paths along every major street
- 305 Light rail to Kansas City
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- 307 casch 15
- 308 local tram/subway
- 309 light rail connecting Lawrence to Topeka/KC
- 310 Multi-use paths, narrower roads (for pedestrian saftey)
- 311 More buses
- 312 Bicycle safe streets
- 313 Expanding mass transit & more bicycle options
- 314 electric busses
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- 316 Better sidewalks and pedestrian paths around town.

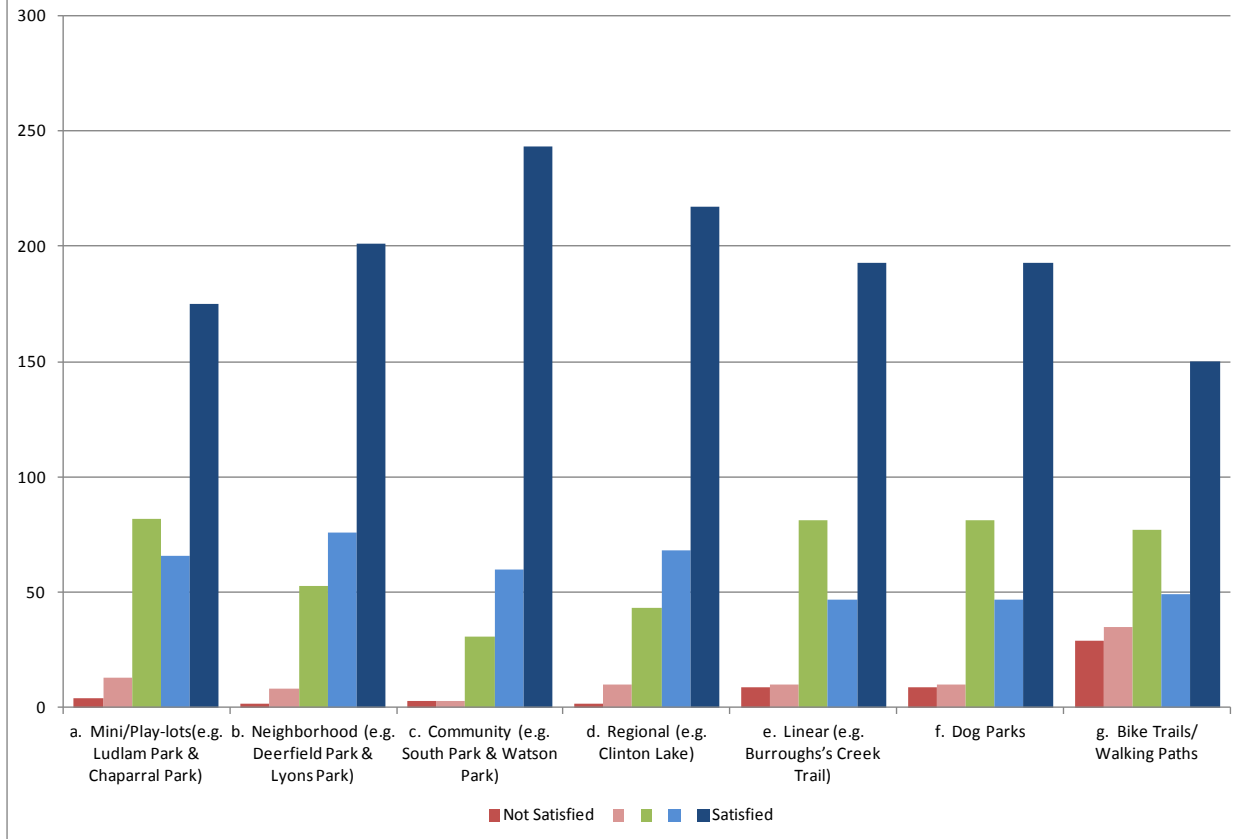
- 317 Connected park system w/trails for running, walking, commuting, biking, etc.
- 318 Overpasses/underpasses. Not so much concentration on autos
- 319 Bike routes should be separate from auto traffic and should provide connecting bike/pedestrian paths
- 320
- 321 Increase motor vehicle taxes, create dedicted bicycle-ways throughout the city. HALT growth altogether.
- 322
- 323 less pollution from automobiles and buses. More sustainable energy sources
- 324 Smaller automobiles in the city limits; rental sites for bicycles and smaller cars.
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- 327 More and better sidewalks
- 328 safer streets by including sidewalks where none exist
- 329 Frequent routes, geographically comprehensive public transit.
- 330 Get smaller buses; the big buses are ineffective. Too big for a small numbers of riders. Safer bike lanes; they tend to be too narrow. Time stoplights so they flow with each other. Keep using roundabouts to increase smooth traffic flow.
- 331 From all areas of town a bus route should be no more than 4 blocks
- 332
- 333 6th Street flyover!!! need a better connector from downtown to West Lawrence neighborhoods
- 334
- 335 Cicycles and pedestrian infrastructure
- 336
- 337 Subway/train to popular locations in the Kansas City/Johnson County
- 338 Improve bike lanes, pedestrian walkways and connections
- 339 Retrofit many streets to "complete streets" or build a much more extensive trail system.
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- 343 Complete streets - bike-safe streets connected by a thorough network of trails around the city. More regular and extensive bus transit.
- 344 increased bus service to at least 4x/hr per route, so that it is really a viable option for people to use on a regular basis
- 345 Revitalization of Amtrak and light rail or bus connection between Kansas City, Lawrence, and Topeka.
- 346 Street car
- 347
- 348 A safe network of biking and walking paths, sidewalks replaced, introduced, or improved not on the individual homeowner's "dime".
- 349
- 350 More sidewalks and bike lanes. "Jersey" style barriers to safeguard pedestrians along busy/fast routes.
- 351 Public transportation
- 352 More frequent buses. Also, a bus or train connection with Kansas City, especially for the elderly who cannot drive.
- 353 Connect bicycle paths, expand sidewalks to be bike paths on major streets
- 354 High speed rail between KC and Topeka with multiple secondary rides in and around Lawrence

- 355 I would expand public transportation--more routes, more frequent busses, and many more dedicated bike routes.
- 356 bicycle lanes everywhere on all streets / a rail system all around Lawrence and the surround counties and also to K.C. and Topeka / a highway through the middle of town - one going east and west and one going north and south / a highway around the edge
- 357 streetcars
- 358
- 359 More bus routes
- 360 bus routes that are more direct - straight shoot down the major roads (19th etc)
- 361 Continue to improve trails, walkability. Public showers for people who bike places, continue the T
- 362 Development of shared-use paths seperated from roadways
- 363 Bike only streets/neighborhoods
- 364 Build a safe & convenient bicycle TRANSPORTATION system
- 365 Public transit to connect city
- 366 Better bus service
- 367 More bike paths/running trails/parks
- 368
- 369 Better mass transit in the city & reaching into the county.
- 370 Introduce a light rail transit system, connecting downtown with outlying residential & commercial industrial areas, and then connecting Lawrence with KC & Topeka.
- 371 it is already happening. Finish K-10 bypass through SLT.
- 372 It is already happening. Finish K10 bypass through SLT.
- 373 Monorail (as in the proposed Austin plan), bike bridge over the Kaw to N Lawrence, accessible to wheelchairs & strollers.
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18. How satisfied are you with vehicular roadway options when traveling across town?



19. How satisfied are you with the following types of parks:



20. Which of the above types of parks would you like to see more of as the community grows?

- 1 Neighborhood parks
- 2 The kinds that do not serve as an excuse for more hand-wringing over your stretched resources in taking care of them
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- 5 more mini play lots
- 6 Neighborhood parks
- 7 another wading pool on the west side of town with longer hours like the one at south park
- 8
- 9 Linear and walking paths.
- 10 Neighborhood parks
- 11 Bike trails/walking paths
- 12 multi-use paths
- 13 Linear parks associated with bike and pedestrian pathways
- 14 Would like to see more dog parks inside the city
- 15
- 16 small open spaces for neighborhoods. IT does not have to be developed or a huge park.
- 17 asphalt running or walking trails. Loose Park in KC just resurfaced their paths with an awesome

material - kind of like a running track material
18 bike trails/walking paths and/or linear parks.
19 Neighborhood parks
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21 bike/ walking trails
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23 Biking trails that connect to everyday destinations such as schools, workplaces and shopping.
24 Very satisfied with our park system.
25
26 Even more neighborhood parks. More rural-area parks
27 More accessibility to walking paths and more community parks
28
29 walking paths, dog parks in city limits
30 A balance as the community grows (if it does)
31 Finish what was already approved...on N Iowa perhaps ?
32 e,g, c
33 Linear Parks, Bike Trails, Walking Path by a wiiiiiiiiide margin.
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36 I like all the parks, regional parks are really great
37 NONE! We have enough parks. Perhaps too many parks. Too much teaching kids that the only route to financial success is through athletic scholarships and pro sports.
38 more mini/play and community parks
39 bike trails/walking paths
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42 Neighborhood Parks
43 It is a pity that you didn't explain to the City Commission before it undertook Schumm's Folly that recreational opportunities are needed throughout the community, not just at the NW corner of town.
44
45 smaller dog parks and more of them; linear parks for getting around town; bike trails and walking paths to edge out obesity. Most everyone can walk a little; easy and infinite health benefits.
46 linear, paths and trails. Vest pocket parks and resting places.
47
48 Neighborhood parks
49 Don't care
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52 more linear and bike/hike trails (connected)
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54 walking paths
55 Community based
56 Neighborhood
57 Bike and walking paths HOWEVER. They NEED. To connect !!
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59
60 Bike/walk/dog

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62 swings
63 More neighborhood parks in new neighborhoods.
64 Bike trails, neighborhood parks
65 Small neighborhood parks.
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67 The linear and neighborhood parks are really, really great.
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69
70 Neighborhood
71 Linear
72 Small green spaces
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75 I do not want the community to grow. Growth in population is the source of our (and the world's) problems. More summer recreational playground programs are needed for our current children.
76 bike trails/walking paths
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79 Biking/Hiking trails that connect with each other to encircle and criss-cross the town.
80 It is important that the City continue its policy of providing neighborhood parks in close proximity to all residential development.
81 Bike/walking trails
82 Bike trails/Walking Paths
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87 Bike trails and walking paths
88 Clinton Park and Rotary Arboretum connect with a walking/biking path. I love that!
89 neighborhood parks
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91 Bike trails and walking paths
92 Linear Parks. Walking and bike trails.
93 Bike Trails
94 Neighborhood green spaces
95 all
96 Development of the Riverside dog park (or at least a semblance of maintenance) and improved bike access on busy roads.
97
98 Connecting trails that made it possible to move from one destination to another, as opposed to trails that are destinations for people who want to recreate (although these are important too)
99
100 Dog park within city limits. The one at Clinton Lake is great, but it's a jaunt to get there.
101
102 I think we have a great balance.
103

- 104 food garden parks... orchards
- 105 all of the above
- 106 A fenced dog park closer to town for small dogs only. More mini/play-lots and other small neighborhood parks. Even a small space with a couple of picnic tables.
- 107 Diversity within larger parks, with theater in the summer, music, etc.
- 108
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- 110 Family Parks
- 111 regional parks
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- 113 Satisfied
- 114 small parks in neighborhoods
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- 116 need accessible parks for persons with disabilities of all ages
- 117 Dog parks and walking paths.
- 118 More bike trails and walking paths! I really like that I can get from east Lawrence to 23rd without huge amounts of danger, like I would if I had to take the streets.
- 119 Neighborhood & linear
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- 122 There needs to be more connectivity between the existing parks for walking and biking.
- 123 neighborhood and community parks
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- 125 Walking paths
- 126
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- 128 bike trails/walking pathes, rec center on west side of twon
- 129
- 130 All. I'm partial to bike paths.
- 131 Nature trails around neighborhoods.
- 132 I would like to see more parks like Clinton Lake.
- 133
- 134 Both dog parks and Neighborhood parks
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- 137 Dog parks, walking paths.
- 138
- 139 More open space.
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- 141
- 142 Open, multi-use space with bike and walking trails
- 143 Neighborhood parks. More options for toddlers.
- 144
- 145 Those that serve as green space in dense neighborhoods and commercial areas.
- 146 linear neighborhood, community
- 147 More soccer field
- 148 neighborhood parks
- 149

150 Require developers to provide park space as part of the planning process
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152
153 Linear trails/walking paths that follow along creeks and streams -- like Johnson County does.
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157 Bike trails / walking paths
158 Neighborhood and community
159 g. Bike Trails/ Walking Paths
160 Hiking
161 Walking Paths and Bike Trails should continue to be included in future development. A balance
of all of the above.
162 Bike & walking trails
163 More of all parks, they should be made a priority. Even just areas of green space. More parks
with picnic areas that can be rented and include amenities, similar to Lyon's park
164 linear / paths should be both recreational and support commuters.
165
166 neighborhood, mini, walking
167 Neighborhood
168 options c and d
169 Current park situation/growth pattern is fine
170 Bike trails and walking paths
171
172 Connectivity of trails and bikeways throughout the community
173
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175 South Park
176 Play areas, especially water play. Another pool (north Lawrence could really use one!) and some
spray play areas would be terrific additions to Lawrence. We need to spread these out, though,
not concentrate them all downtown.
177
178 bike trails / walking paths
179
180 linear
181 linear
182 bike and nature parks
183 Neighborhood parks
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186 Family fun centers (golf range, baseball hitting, putt putt, go carts)
187 Neighborhood Parks
188
189 Linear and bike/walking trails/paths
190
191 Enhancement of all parks and specifically a sculpture park or parks in either existing areas or new
areas.
192 Like to continue to see all types as they all are great attributes of the city.

193
194 bike trails / walking paths, and connecting them much better
195 Community; dog parks; bike trails
196 More water activities in parks.
197 bike/walk paths and parks
198 I think Lawrence does a good job with the parks system. I would like to see denser, more thoughtful development near the existing park infrastructures.
199 Trails & Bike/Walking paths
200
201 More walking paths, and small fenced dog parks in town
202 More of the same as we expand
203 The only dog park is at Clinton Lake!!! No one goes to North dog park, too isolated and scary! We need at least 3 neighborhood dog parks. I will help pay for fences!!
204 connection of walking trails between neighborhoods
205 neighborhood parks and green space
206 More green space
207 walking paths
208
209 Linear. I love Burrough's Creek Trail. I use it mainly for exercise, but it's also a useful pathway that connects my neighborhood to downtown, and makes it easy to get there by bike.
210 Ideally it would be cool to have vibrant neighborhood parks. I realize it is difficult to place these in existing areas.
211 Community and neighborhood parks.
212 c, e, g
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215 parks are always an asset. more is not a bad thing. more bike paths.
216 E and G
217 Neighborhood mini-parks and walking paths.
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220 More neighborhood parks.
221 Dog parks with fencing, poop bags, trash cans, lights for night, more lit bike trails and walking parths
222 Please, please, could we have several in town dog parks. These enhance friendliness, as well as benefits our pets.
223
224 neighborhood
225 We have incredible park service! the Park and Recreation department is outstanding.
226 Walking paths/hiking trails
227 Bike Trails/Walking paths
228 dog parks
229 Bike trails/walking paths - made on dirt - not concrete
230 Neighborhood open space
231 Bike paths and
232 More trails for biking, walking, etc.
233
234 neighborhood parks and bike trails/walking paths

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 236 More bike trails/walking paths
 237 bike trails/walking paths
 238
 239 Dog parks and neighborhood parks.
 240 Connect trails they way they are in Overland Park, so you can walk or bike without having to stop
 for traffic.
 241 walking paths
 242 B, C and G
 243 Bike and walking paths.
 244 walking paths
 245 Regional/Community
 246 bike trails/walking paths/linear parks with transportation connections
 247 Parks featuring unique activities (such as Centennial Park offers)
 248 More dog parks and walking paths/bike trails
 249 Bike trails/walking paths
 250 Bike trails - for running/jogging
 251 I think our parks are a strength of our community
 252 West seems to be under-parked more than anything
 253 Linear, community
 254 neighborhood green areas
 255 Community & dog parks
 256 Through/linear bike paths
 257 Linear, trails, large community
 258 Multi use parks band concerts etc
 259 Linear
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 261 More like Martin Park and Prairie Park - native habitat w/ trails
 262 Bike trails/walking paths and linear
 263 All
 264 communal gardens
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 266 Bike trails and walking paths
 267 Dog parks and walking trails
 268 Walking paths, bike trails
 269 walking trails
 270 Linear
 271 linear
 272
 273 Bike trails & walking paths
 274 Clinton Park area developed
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 276
 277 N/A
 278 river parks and pocket parks
 279 neighborhood
 280
 281 linear, bike trails/walking paths, neighborhood parks

282 expand safe bike/walking paths
 283 Pocket parks
 284 Linear
 285
 286 bike trails and walking paths
 287 Bike trails
 288 More linear and trails/paths
 289 community & bike trails/walking
 290 bike trails, neighborhood parks
 291 Open space like Baker wetlands - low maintenance wild lands
 292 Childrens play area, splash parks
 293 South and Watkins
 294 neighborhood and regional
 295 bike trails/walking path - particularly when they serve to connect destinations
 296 All of above. These are indicators of community health.
 297 See comments walking trails are better than disappearing bike paths
 298 More bike trails
 299 dog park on far east side of town
 300
 301 More bike stuff
 302 Bike trails, walking paths
 303 Mini/play lots - neighborhood community
 304 Biking/walking
 305 All
 306
 307 Watson
 308 bike trails/walking paths
 309 more trails & paths connecting housing areas
 310 The dog park is very busy - maybe one more central (I guess this could be an issue through)
 Would like to see interconnected multi-use paths
 311
 312 Dog parks, neighborhood
 313 More linear and bike/walking trails
 314 community and neighborhood parks
 315
 316 Bike trails and walking paths
 317 Linear
 318
 319 Haskell/Baker wetlands and other green space that is undeveloped except walking/biking paths
 320 needs to fit the need - may be mini - play-lots and/or neighborhood
 321 Community orchards, farm parks that grow food. Biking and walking paths, nature corridors and
 reserves
 322 more walking trails
 323 bike trails and walking paths
 324 Events for people to talk...what can I do in the park...I need activity.
 325
 326
 327 Walking paths

328 fenced dog parks for small and large dogs separated with clean up supplies
 329 Linear, so that one could commute off roadways via bicycle.
 330 More "pocket parks" where people can gather to increase sense of connection in neighborhoods.
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 333 Pcket parks in neighborhoods
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 335 Bike trails/walking paths
 336 More small dog parks. I only know of the one out at Clinton Lake and I don't like having to travel
 so far.
 337 More neighborhood activities: basketball, frizbee golf, miniture golf
 338 Bike trails/walking paths
 339 Bike trails/paths, more mini parks
 340 I think the neighborhood parks should continue. the small play areas seem to be afterthoughts.
 341
 342
 343 More natural, outdoor rec use parks - as in bike trails, river trail system. Not so much the mowed,
 manicured lawn parks.
 344 neighborhood parks
 345 Preserved riparian areas and more natural type easements. Places kids would want to get lost in,
 maybe even build a treehouse.
 346 Bike trails and walking paths
 347
 348 Riverfront development, continue and increase all of the above types.
 349
 350 Neighborhood.
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 352 Trails, especially labeled nature trails.
 353 Linear; long enough to get some real exercise
 354 More dedicated bike/walk trails that connect places, not just go around them.
 355 Bike trails & walking paths
 356 I'd like to see "all" neighborhoods have mini/play lots and also have neighborhood parks (only
 the old neighborhoods have these) / there also needs to be community parks on the west side of
 town
 357 Community, neighborhood
 358 Bike trails / walking paths
 359
 360 safer bikes trails in straight shots across the city
 361 Continue walkability/bike lanes/etc. Expand Linear! Levee is great
 362 Add additional linear trails, wide trails that connect people with parks, services, and employment
 363 Neighborhood parks
 364 Need bicycle TRANSPORTATION, less spent on bicycle recreation
 365 BCDEG
 366 Bike trails and walking paths
 367 Linear trails
 368
 369 Linear, walking paths. Community
 370 Wow! All of them...? I think access to nature is so very important to the health of a community.

Really love the trails connected to DeVictor Park.

- 371 Very satisfied with parks system. Rock Chalk Recreation Center will fill a huge need for youth sports & recreation.
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- 373 All 3, some combined, flat water features for kids to cool off safely.

21. What would enhance the parks system?

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- 2 They are good, and currently underused. Allow wiffle ball in parks
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- 5 better public awareness of parks
- 6 Nothing, it is executed quite well.
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- 10 More family oriented as opposed to ball fields and group sports facilities.
- 11
- 12 Keep park assets clean and safe
- 13 Water features such as ponds, canals, etc that could also function as water storage for the city
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- 16 better mowing and weed control
- 17 It is pretty good as is
- 18 Little Public Libraries in the parks for accessing free books while there.
- 19 better equipment, more parks, open recreation areas
- 20
- 21 SMaller interconnected parks with less high dollar maintenance infrastructure
- 22
- 23 Our parks system is great. The only thing that would make it better is bikeways to popular destinations.
- 24 Nothing.
- 25
- 26
- 27 More than just a lawn and some playground equipment - Think Big! Butterfly gardens water features with canoe rental and lots of information about local animals and plants.
- 28
- 29 community input
- 30 Better maintenance
- 31 Security cameras in parking lots
- 32 Better upkeep, perhaps better policing to prevent vandalism, which seems to be on the rise.
- 33 Pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, shade structures, places to sit, historical markers and way-finding.
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- 36 make sure they are patrolled for safety

37 longer hours.
38 well maintained play equipment, swings for adults, more art projects
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41 Better pedestrian access to them! Can't use a park if you can't get to it.
42 More sidewalks leading to the parks in neighborhood
43 More parks
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45 i think the city does a pretty good job; no specific suggestions.
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48 We have excellent parks
49 Don't know
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52 More connection from trail to trail and destiny connections.
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54 consistent wider walk ways that are well lit
55 Maintance
56 No more rubber tire mulch, it contains toxic chemicals and can be harmful if ingested by kids
57 More shelter houses
58
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60 An infusion of the tax funds the city commission gave away to the Fritzel & Comptons & etc.
61
62 more wading pools for kids
63 Get rid of that rubber bark under swing sets and jungle gyms.
64 It works pretty well right now.
65 Hiking and walking paths.
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70 Better play equipment and better places to picnic
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72 Connecting the trails
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75 See above.
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79 I would aggressively maintain the current park system, and keep sprawl to a minimum, thus not requiring new parks.
80 More funding for maintenance and landscaping.
81 Food
82 Post history, background information, namesake, and/or neighborhood for park visitors to read interesting tidbits about the location.

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88 connecting them. water, rollerblading trails
89 We have an outstanding park service now.
90
91 more benches
92 Actually do something with the neighborhood parks. Water Tower Park is in our neighborhood
and there essentially is nothing there except for two swings - no benches, no nothing).
93 Having a comprehensive bike trail that connected more of Lawrence with few interactions with
cars.
94 Recycling bins for plastic, glass, etc
95 nothing. i love the parks.
96 more shelters and general maintenance
97
98 More, better and equal play equipment at all parks
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102 Lighting along trails near residences.
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104 orchards
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106 More clean up of broken glass, etc. More planting of native plants. No pesticides. More natural
materials in playlots.
107 Performance events
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110 More trees, flowers , walking paths,
111 money committed to developing green spaces into areas that attract and draw people to use
them.
112
113 Better maintenance
114 small parks in neighborhoods
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117 More diversity in the things that kids can play on.
118 clean up days.
119 More accessibility. We have a great walk/bike path that runs along SLT from 6th all that way to
the lake, but you can't access it from the neighborhoods that are right next to it.
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122 Safe sidewalks and bike lanes so that people would not drive.
123 community access to walking trails, swimming pools, and community gardens
124
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128 more neighborhood focused rec centers/access
129
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131 More modern play equipment like the stuff by Lawrence High (looks like modern art but my kids love it).
132 It would be nice to have easier access to the parks.
133
134 Keep the parks cleaned and maintained.
135
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137 Limiting use of glyphosate and 2,4-D herbicides
138
139 More outdoor recreation opportunities.
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142 Eliminate pesticide use completely
143 Updating and maintaining existing neighborhood parks.
144
145 A readily accessible map of the system
146 increase playground equipment
147 A waterfront riverpark to maximize our natural ammenity
148 More trees (replant what's damaged by storms), greater varieties of low maintenance shrubs and perennials
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153 More use of native plantings. Less mowing if possible.
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157 More athletic fields for organized activities. Fewer buildings.
158 Accessibility
159 g. Bike Trails/ Walking Paths and more beautiful landscaping
160 Selling beer at the CLSC.
161 We have a great parks system
162 Bathrooms, water fountains, & community gardens.
163 More diversity among parks to make each one a unique attraction to bring people to all areas of the city. Play areas with natural materials, splash park, other unique amenities
164 more bike trails, extend the Burroughs trail and add similar trails that connect with other parts of town.
165
166 trees, shade
167 An overall freshen up of the space
168 Recreational rentals, food service
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170 More green space, more parks.
 171
 172 More trails and bikeways
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 174
 175 Picnic Tables
 176 More benches/picnic tables/outdoor grills. Being spread out more so every neighborhood has places with kids' play equipment, picnic areas, and places to play frisbee or fly kites.
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 180 a larger budget
 181
 182 no comment
 183 Investment in property to provide green space in certain development scenarios.
 184 More rest room facilities throughout the paths/trails.
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 186 Less expensive to go to Cliniton Lake. Restroom facilities at parks, clean and safe.
 187 Better roadways to get and out of the parks
 188
 189 Events, ease of access, location
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 191 Public artwork.
 192
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 194 connecting them much better
 195 Community gardens and pools with no entrance fees
 196 A splash park!
 197 inter-connected
 198 Public art.
 199
 200 bike access
 201 More pocket/play parks and small fenced dog parks
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 203 Dog parks
 204 n/a
 205 more trees
 206 Involving volunteers from seniors to youth in development and creative maintenance activities.
 207 hiking trails
 208 Enforce dogs on a lease law in parks ---- people bring their dogs on a lease then take them off in the park. Not everyone likes/trusts dogs
 209 More areas with native vegetation. More water fountains.
 210 I am satisfied with the current parks.
 211 Some parks do not have enough shade. More trees need to be planted when a park is developed.
 212 Better weather
 213 Complete trail system to connect parks throughout the city
 214

- 215 accessibility.
- 216 Connections to transportation and to commercial districts
- 217 Better distribution among neighborhoods.
- 218
- 219
- 220 Provide bus service to Clinton Lake Park (directly, as pedestrians and cyclists have been injured/killed crossing the busy road between existing route 9 and the lake), and a pedestrian bridge at same intersection
- 221 More bike patrol, lighting
- 222
- 223
- 224 restrooms, shade trees, and more nature centers
- 225 Just keeping up the good work.
- 226
- 227 Expand Hobbs park to the East, add low water features for kiddos, artist-designed/built benches, bat boxes, etc.
- 228 signs and bags available for picking up dog refuse
- 229 can we bring back the old fire engine from south park and make a pay at your own risk park with antiquated play equipment... like teeter/totters, merry go-round and the space ship from Broken Arrow. THAT would be cool!
- 230 Continue no spray
- 231 Lighted public tennis courts with backboard for practice
- 232 A rest area here and there with facilities
- 233 the city does a great job in maintaining our parks
- 234 I love the parks, but maybe more investment for maintenance.
- 235
- 236 Trails connecting cities and lakes to one another.
- 237 connections
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- 239 More options for children.
- 240 More trails
- 241 restroom, shelters & gazebos at the park
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- 245 Bodies of water, more vegetation
- 246 Build parks with shared use paths to connect to transportation networks for bike/ped access
- 247
- 248 More small parks in neighborhoods, well lit builds communities. More community gardens in or near parks and neighborhoods- in vacant lots
- 249
- 250 MORE! (Never too much)
- 251 Additional recreation options - controlled bike paths, climbing walls, boat rental
- 252
- 253 Connectivity w/ trails
- 254
- 255 More equipment for kids - more options at each park, maybe a small fishing pond park
- 256

257 Total connectivity (non-vehicular)
258 ?
259 Soft trails - there's too much concrete!
260
261 Buy more land to increase public park lands restore native habitat
262 connectivity
263 Activities geared to increasing physical health at no cost.
264 More volunteer/reward systems - communal gardens
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268 Good bike trails
269 More attention to Baldwin, Eudora, Lecompton areas
270 Educational signage
271 acquisition of more parkland
272
273 More parks & more open space
274 Resort and convention offerings
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277 N/A
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279 parking
280 Please get the Polaris missile OUT of Centennial Park, or label it appropriately so people don't think it is a rocket to the moon.
281 if the trails/paths were extended & connected. Riverfront improvement could make a significant difference
282 More natural area such as the trails north of the river
283 more picnic areas
284 more car parking
285 Make use of natural areas before losing them to development
286 develop a trail system along the Wakarusa River to observe a wildlife preserve
287
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289
290 trails connecting main ones
291 less sport-focus, more attention to harmony with nature and conservation
292 New play structures at Water Tower Park
293 Picnic Shelters
294 Lawrence does a great job with beautification of the parks - the grass, flowers, equipment is great!
295 continued upkeep
296 Bicycle interconnectivity
297
298 More bike trails, less poison ivy and snakes
299 ?
300
301

302 Maintenance enhancements and especially bicycle connections from outlying areas
303 Pedestrian walkways. community garden spots
304
305 Park guide that includes trails, restrooms and water fountain locations
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307 More green space
308 safety
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310 connectivity
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312 More available, proximity
313 Lawrence has a pretty good parks system. More trails parks in the county & smaller cities may help the county as a whole.
314 better solar-powered lighting, more dedicated green spaces that can't be sold to developers
315
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317 Deciduous trees around play equipment. Connect with linear parks
318 More open space
319 More green space and pedestrian/bike paths separate from automobiles that connect. More green space. More green undeveloped areas.
320 More seating and covered shelter areas with fountains - more walking paths in the parks
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324 Mulch that isn't burning hot like at South Park children's area. Suggested times to visit and gather to learn and dialogue.
325
326
327 More vegetation
328 more police presence
329 More experience of nature.
330 They seem fine.
331 Cooperation w/ churches, schools, etc by deeding over unused costly to the city park areas to those organizations. For example Lawrence Heights Christian Church would like to have the part of Peterson Park on sw corner of Peterson & Iowa
332
333 Smaller dog park in town, in addition to the one at Clinton. Zip line in park. Outdoor aquatic center on west side.
334
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336 I'm really happy with the parks. More picnic table at some of the parks would be nice, especially at South Park. I'd love more walking paths or trails.
337 Parks are very well maintained. Continue inviting landscape and flowers
338 Connectivity between some - not practical for all
339 Connectivity with trails or bike lanes, maybe marked to show the lanes connect parks.
340 walking/bike paths between them. more trees in some.
341
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- 343 Preserving more natural areas in a simpler way. Trails, not lawns. Better access to the KS river and education center for it.
- 344
- 345 Less manicuring and lawns in areas that don't them, such as Clinton Lake. It would save the city money and make the places more appealing to children and adults alike.
- 346 Park system is working and should continue to grow as Lawrence grows
- 347
- 348 More funding for maintenance of fountains and trails. Expand on support for organic plantings and drought-tolerant and native plantings.
- 349
- 350 ?
- 351
- 352 More wildflower, bird walks.
- 353 More walking trails
- 354 More non-vehicular connection between
- 355
- 356 more of them, more trees for shade, more seating options, more play areas, artwork within the parks, water integrated into the parks
- 357
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- 360 more benches, small businesses near them
- 361 How can we get private industry to help support these public projects or how about making sure developers keep green space & walkable sidewalks.
- 362 Control of invasive species native plants, stream restoration, additional fenced dog parks (in East Lawrence), better maintenance of community centers, more landscaping in small parks, a sculpture park, more exercise machines.
- 363 Connected by trails
- 364 A network of wildlife corridors without human infrastructure
- 365 Connectivity shelters organized activities
- 366 A small park at the northeast corner of Bob Billings Pkwy and Crestline.
- 367 More walking paths
- 368
- 369 As earlier stated, more natural ungroomed public areas for hiking, riding, etc.
- 370 Additional venues for concerts and gatherings and artmaking. More murals. Integrate green space into commercial & shopping, not keeping parks separate from other areas.
- 371 Very satisfied.
- 372 Very satisfied.
- 373 Fruit trees in all parks for public picking- healthy food, interactive art pieces- there are so many fun ones that local artists could build for us

22. What would enhance recreation trails?

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- 2 nothing. Let the people use them. Oh, or you could force their use by installing toll booths on each road
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5 better public awareness
6 Nothing, it is executed quite well.
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9 Safety education. Bikers do not always respect pedestrians.
10 Less concrete paths and more natural type surface trails.
11 concrete along with soft bed "hiking" trails in the city
12 More of them and more connectivity between community destinations.
13 Trees and other planting including fruit trees. Keeping natural habitat (in other words not
overdeveloping in natural areas.)
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16 to much of a user define use
17 Running and walking paths need to be made of some material other than concrete.
18 Mile Markers along all.
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23 They are fine, but again, we need to switch the focus to support more utilitarian trips.
24 Nothing.
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27 Beautiful landscaping that attracts birds and other animals, safe lighting, connection to "wild
places" with information about the history of the area!
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30 Parking
31 Not interested
32 Simply more of them. There cannot be too many.
33 Pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, shade structures, places to sit, historical markers and way-
finding.
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36 I think they are wonderful, a loop around all of lawrence to equal 26.2 for marathon...
37 motorized access.
38 I'm ignorant here, not in good enough shape to mountain bike or walk on rough terrain. Maybe
some recreation trails with sidewalks that are accessible to people with difficulty walking or on
scooters?
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42 Ask the people more of what they want
43 More trails
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45 connectivity
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48 Adequate signage
49 Don't know
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52 unknown
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55 Maintance
56 Additional resources for maintenance
57 Connected trlls
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60 An infusion of the tax funds the city commission gave away to the Fritzels & Comptons & etc.
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64 Making sure on a daily basis that the trails are clear of glass and trash
65 We need more, well maintained.
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69 Bike trails being more widespread and not just limited to the edge of town (clinton lake and levy trails). Bike trails shouldn't just be for recreation but available for commuter traffic and allow them to get off the road.
70 More of them
71 more of them
72 Connecting them
73
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75 I am not familiar with that many of the trails. But lighting would be good for some of them. People would feel safer walking before sunrise and after sundown.
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79 If they connected with each other. I envision being able to run a marathon solely on city trails.
80 More funding for maintenance and landacaping.
81 wider
82 Post rules of etiquette along the trails (e.g. bikes pass pedestrians on the left, and announce your presence before passing, etc.)
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88 connecting them. Having a small beverage stand on the trails so bikers/walkers can stop for a beverage and a rest.
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91 benches
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93 Keeping them maintained.
94 Plant and name trees and shrubs
95
96 More maintenance
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98 Connections!
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102 Benches and water fountains.
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106 Just need more and more connectivity between them.
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111 more connectivity.
112 restroom facilities
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117 Having automated vehicles small enough for the paths that would enable all to use the trails and
see the plant and animal diversity that is in Lawrence.
118 clean up days. Get he community involved. Make a party out of it. Or at least provide some water
and ice cream for afterward.
119 Extend them into the neighborhoods so that you don't have to go to them to use them.
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122 Connectivity
123 wild flowers, natural wetland preservation, interpretation signage on trails
124
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128 more of them
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131 Make them wider so there's more room for bike and pedestrians.
132 The complexity of the trails needs to be clearer.
133 More of them!
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137 Limiting use of glyphosate and 2,4-D herbicides
 138
 139 Wider trails.
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 142
 143 Not interested.
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 145 Keep them clear of trash and plants that puncture bike tires.
 146 extend current trail to surround city
 147 Stronger interconnections
 148 not sure; all good at present
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 151 Better bike paths
 152
 153 Attempt to connect them together.
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 157 It would be nice to have more of them.
 158 Accessibility
 159 water supply
 160 Good maintained hiking trails.
 161 We have great recreational trails.
 162 Bathrooms, water fountains, & community gardens.
 163 Dim lights at night would be nice to improve safety, maybe they could be solar
 164 more of them, create them in loops so people don't have to double back (like the levee trail)
 165
 166 trees, shade
 167 Nothing, the one close to my house is great (the McGrew Nature Trail).
 168 Insect control, guided nature walks
 169 Why, people still choose to run in the middle of the road
 170 More of them.
 171
 172 More benches and water fountains at various locations along trails
 173
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 175 Dim path lights
 176 Frequent "rest areas" for people who are trying to improve their health but not there yet!
 Shaded benches and availability of water refills would make these trails much safer.
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 180 more of them
 181 more connectivity between various trails
 182 too much to list
 183 Keep them safe, well lit, well marked and look at bike patrols or emergency call boxes for help.

184 See #21
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 187 parking lots
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 189 Connectivity with other trails.
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 191 Public artwork.
 192
 193 more trails
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 195 Historical signs
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 197 more interesting attractions/stops, more trails
 198 Better access.
 199 More access to water- bottle fillers
 200 integration with bike paths
 201 The Burroughs Trail is awesome. Love that trail!
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 204 defined paths
 205 more trees
 206 The same as in #21.
 207 less muddy
 208
 209 Additional trail information online, including detailed maps.
 210 I have limited experience with the rec trails, so deferring on this question.
 211 Don't know.
 212 Better weather
 213 Multi-modal transportation trails, bikes, strollers, skateboards, walking, running, etc.
 214
 215 more more more.
 216 Not sure.
 217 More connections.
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 220 More. Make them practical--connect them to other trails. Create a trail superhighway across town.
 221 more bike patrol
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 223
 224 restrooms, restrictions of wheeled
 225 More of them accessible to wheelchairs, etc.
 226
 227 history, plant and animal signage
 228 satisfied
 229 A dirt bike riding and ATV trail at Clinton Lake Also a put-put gold arcade and go kart track! like what used to be on South Iowa

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231 More!
232 Same as above.
233 Keep them maintained
234 Make more
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236 Connecting trails with cities and lakes.
237 more trails separated from the roadways
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239 Make sure they're well maintained.
240 More networked connections between them.
241 restrooms & benches
242
243 Extend and link current bike/walking paths to form a circle around the city. Then work on better access to this circle from interior locations. Bike routes that share streets with cars are too dangerous.
244 more trees to provide shade
245 They're good
246 build trails to standards! 10 foot paved
247
248 Extend them so can travel from one end of town to the other (north/south), (east/west)
249 Connectivity w/ other parks and trails
250 Continued maintenance, mile markers in smaller increments
251 I think they are great!
252
253 Connectivity, esp @ SLT trailhead to east
254
255 Great job at keeping recreation trails clean and neat!! Always feel safe.
256 Diversity, choices
257 Accessibility and materiality. Incorporating art destinations within the park connectivity.
258 Adopt complete street program in the entire city
259 Gravel paths
260 River trail isn't lit so it's ideally only usable when in broad daylight- not sure I'd use it early in the morning before work or in the evening after work unless it's summer.
261 Regular maintenance & promote use
262 connectivity
263 They are nice.
264 More use
265 More connectivity across town rather than just parts
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268 If money no object paved trail, but not possible
269 Grants to develop in areas outside Lawrence
270 Educational signage
271 connectivity
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273 Additional water fountains & rest or exercise areas
274 Better maintained trails

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277 N/A
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281 Same as # 21
282 separate bike-pedestrian trails from roadways as is done in Sweden. Separate lanes for bikes and pedestrians
283
284 don't know
285 Use existing natural areas
286 separation from streets when possible
287 More of them to get around town easier
288 More of them, intreconnectedness
289
290 running path in addition to biking path (softer)
291 The ability to WALK to them and not have to drive!
292 Maps, adversiting
293
294 a bit wider paths to accomodate both bikes and walkers (with dogs)
295 more connectivitiy - easier access points
296 Bicycle interconnectivity
297 interconnected trails as much of city as possible
298 Less snakes and less poison ivy
299 ?
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301 Beer
302 completed connections
303
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305 More of the that link through neighborhoods
306
307 more of them
308 saftey
309 connecting them
310 That they also be for TRANSPORTATION
311
312 They are actually quite good
313 See #21
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317 More. Better connecting ... it is fun to walk/bike somewhere where you can also get some work done.
318
319 More green undeveloped natural areas.
320 seating, see above - water stations

321 Greater connectivity with other trails. Connecting with interurban and interstate trails, eg: katy trail

322 Being sure they're maintained and safe for people to walk alone (well-lit & vegetation cut back from the sides of the trail)

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324 Safety. Nothing secluded. Guides on the trail at certain times so people feel safe.

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327 Connectivity and extension

328 more police presence

329 More of them.

330 As a single female.... am always concerned about personal safety.

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333 Continuing with connectivity. Doing a great job.

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335 As a runner, I would like another non-concrete trail besides the river trail, levy & lake trail (but also realize it's good for trails to be accessible to all abilities)

336 Sporadic benches or even exercise equipment, like pull up bars. I've seen some with recommended workouts at measured stops. :)

337 Signage encouraging use (more use)

338 marking and grooming

339 Drinking fountains, big shade trees

340 access to parks in a loop.

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343 More connectivity, signage, maps, education.

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345 Leave the wild alone as much as possible.

346 More connected

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348 More connections and expand throughout city.

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350 ?

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352 As above.

353 More connectivity; I don't like to risk my life biking from West Lawrence to downtown

354 More of them

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356 have them all be connected to each other, have them all be the same material, have them be wide enough, have big trees that provide shade, have outdoor (nighttime lighting) and also seating along the way

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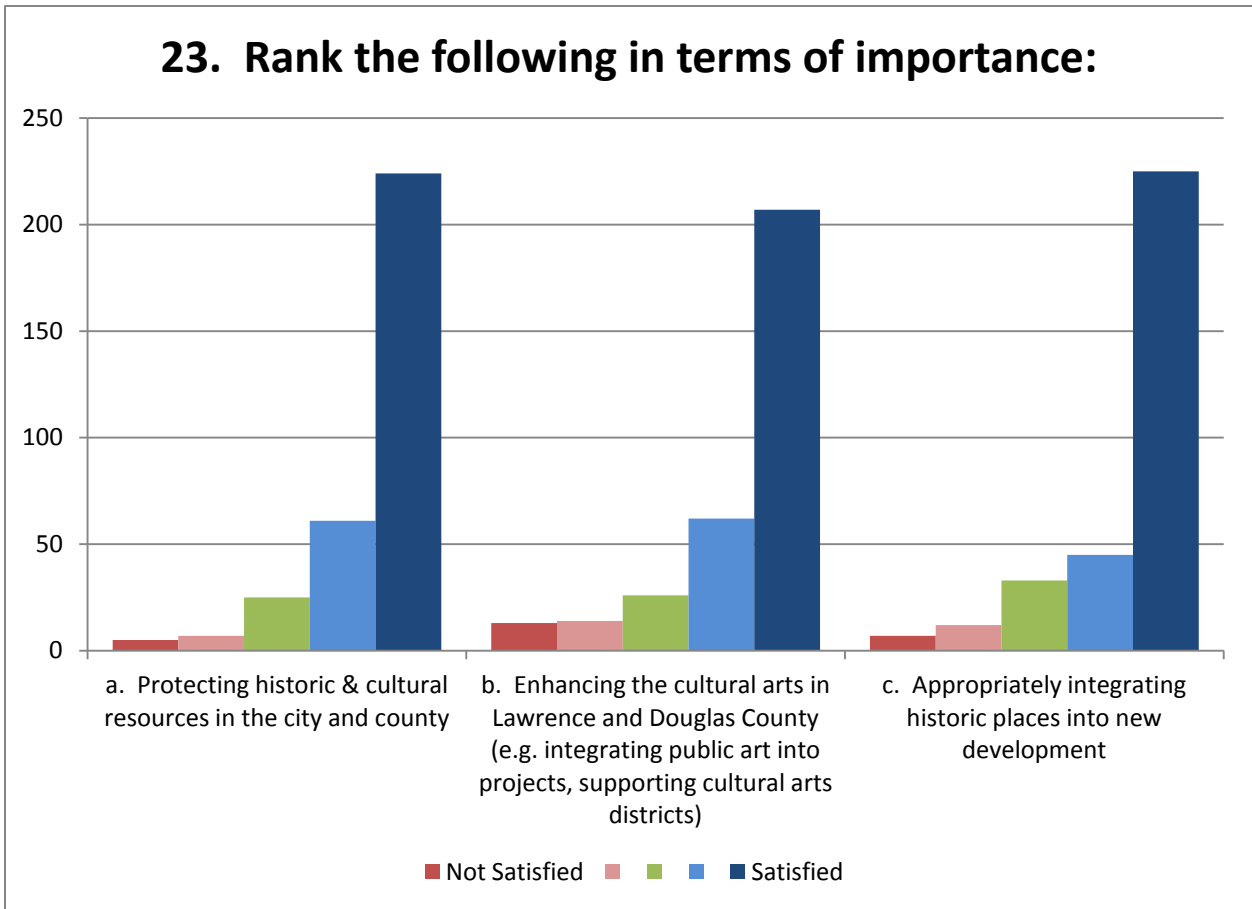
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360 more

361 Public should be educated that these great parks/trails are not free. People take it for granted.

362 More of them; additional dog waste stations, native vegetation, pet water fountains, pet waste

pickup education program
 363
 364 Are you going to ask about bicycle transportation anywhere in this plan?
 365 More of them longer use with low impact lighting
 366 Good, well-maintained surfaces
 367 A circular path around the city
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 369 ?
 370 Benches along the way- I love the memorial bench I encounter that simply says "rest and
 renew"...such a delight
 371 Very satisfied.
 372 Very satisfied.
 373 See above. More fishing areas, educational/historic/horticultural/cultural signage.



24. If you only had 1 day to visit Lawrence & Douglas County, what/where would you visit and why?

- 1 KU museums - if you want culture in Lawrence, you go up the Hill.
- 2 23 is more push polling for exactly what is stifling progress in Lawrence. I do not grant you a veto. In answer, Black Jack battlefield

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- 5 KU because of the architectural quality of the buildings Lecompton because of its role in pre Civil War America
- 6 Downtown. This is due to the great shops and dinning that are located there.
- 7 Clinton Lake
- 8 Explore KU and the downtown area.
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- 10 Downtown Lawrence because of the diversity of available attractions and one of the three lakes (Clinton, Douglas County or Lone Star) because of the water related recreation available.
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- 12 Kansas River Valley because it is geologically interesting.
- 13 Downtown (Massachusetts St) and KU campus
- 14 Downtown of course
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- 16 I would take the local trolley to do a historic review of the city. oh wait we do not have any transportation to promote the history of Lawrence.
- 17 Downtown for farmer's market, for shopping & for food. Campus for the beauty & architecture. Theatre Lawrence for a play.
- 18 The Booth KU Basketball Hall of Fame, because I'm a HUGE fan. The KU Watkins Museum for local history and information. The local cemeteries because cemeteries are fascinating places. Downtown Lawrence for the shopping, the history and the locally owned restaurants.
- 19 Allen Fieldhouse. I am a basketball fan
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- 21 Enhancing cultural & public art is important if it is done properly and does not result in the type of gentrification that most often occurs with these projects.
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- 23 Mass. Street, South Park, and the KU campus.
- 24 Downtown and KU. I think these are the major cultural institutions in our community. I would also visit Clinton Lake as this is a huge recreational asset for the community.
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- 26 Wells Overlook, Signal Oak Hill, Black Jack Park, KU's Natural History Museum, Spencer Museum of Art, Clinton Lake, Riverfront area, Downtown (Mass. St.)
- 27 I would visit the campus (Spencer Museum of Art and Natural History Museum), I would check out Downtown and get a meal and I might head out to Clinton Lake if it was nice out or the train station/visitors center for a map of the area and local attractions I hadn't thought of.
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- 30 Lawrence historically is know for the raid. I would take better advantage of that. We also have many entertainment venues - perhaps more than make sense.
- 31 KU Museum of Natural History. It's the best attraction in the entire county
- 32 Downtown Lawrence, Watson Museum, Black Jack Battlefield by Baldwin, KU Natural History Museum, Kaw River and/or Clinton Lake hiking/biking trails
- 33 Downtown and East Lawrence. I do wish there were better access and recreation options along the south bank of the Kansas River. We should encourage river-based tourism, kayaking, hiking, running etc... Downtown and East Lawrence are fun, quirky, urban, eclectic and have one of everything I need/want. Pretty much everything I like. If we added better access to the river we would also have an excellent geographical feature to add to the history and urban feel.

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- 37 The Lawrence Municipal Airport, because that is the only place in Lawrence where, until the TSA and the BCP and FEMA and the NSA get there, a person's dreams can still actually take flight.
- 38 I would go downtown for the shopping, eating, and people watching, I would visit Spencer Art Museum for the permanent and traveling exhibits. I would walk or bike the levee and watch the river for its great natural beauty. I would eat at local restaurants that serve local food like Wheatfields and Free State, I would buy local milk and honey at Iwig. I would go to the Farmer's Market, and I would go to a local bar and see a local band and dance. I would go to the Lawrence Barn Dance Association dances.
- 39 South Park/Mass Street.
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- 41 Natural History Museum (first place I ever saw a dinosaur), Watkins Museum (great display about Quantrills Raid), Free State Brewery (beer!), Spencer Museum of Art (the Rosetti), Mass St. (just a great place to hang out)
- 42 KU-Allen Field House
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- 45 Trails at Clinton Lake; campus; downtown; east lawrence; Kansas River. Don't know why exactly.
- 46 Liberty hall, free state brewery, Mass ave, Spenser museum, natural history museum, old west lawrence. You didn't ask about new development. We need a Black Jack visitor's center and a Quantrill's raid visitor's center.
- 47 city cemeteries for history lesson
- 48 1. Downtown 2. KU
- 49 The antique stores along Mass street, because I like antiques.
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- 53 Spencer Museum, Mass Street, riverfront park
- 54 Downtown Lawrence-to experience the diversity in one place
- 55 Spencer art museum
- 56 Downtown Lawrence, KU campus
- 57 Best survey question so far.....visitor center and Mass St ... History and local flavor
- 58 KU Campus, Downtown Lawrence, rural Dg County out to Lone Star Lake.
- 59
- 60 Allen Fieldhouse, then I'd get the hell out of Lawrence before somebody talked me into the tourist clip-joint know as Mass. street
- 61
- 62 KU because I like judge a city by how their educational institutions are maintained. As I stated before at a University or College; is where you'll find entertainment for all ages. You can catch a Play, play kickball on one of the fields, swim, walk around and have a picnic, take pictures, go to the library, museum, you can attend a football or basketball game. The things to do are enlist. Plus now you can eat and enjoy the view at the Oread Hotel.
- 63 Wheatfields, the natural history museum, the Spencer museum, and the campus at KU.
- 64 Downtown for the atmosphere and great variety of restaurants, Watkins Museum for their great exhibits
- 65 Carnegie Center, the installations in the great room and murals in the entry way really tell the

story of our state and our community. Lawrence is a city of rich history that goes unnoticed. Every neighborhood has a story to tell.

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67 I lived in other cities and came back to visit Lawrence, so I've done the '1 day trip' many times. With one day to be in Lawrence, I've spent almost all of it downtown - meeting clients at downtown offices, shopping, eating, meeting up with friends / neighbors.

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70 Mass Street because that's what everyone talks about

71 the Spencer Museum of Art and the levy trails

72 Mass Street for its unique mix of history, interesting retail, and places to eat

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75 It depends on the season. In the spring and summer, I would visit lakes and ponds. In the fall and winter, I would spend time in Downtown Lawrence and probably visit some of the museums at KU.

76 The farmer's market to see what is locally produced and to see what the community values; Free State Brewery to try beer that is only made right there; if it was winter, the levee or Clinton Lake to see bald eagles; downtown retail establishments that carry locally made goods that can't be found anywhere else.

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79 I would stay at the Halcyon House and visit downtown and the historic neighborhoods.

80 Downtown for its history, walkability and economic vitality. KU campus for its importance to the community as its leading institution.

81 The Natural History or Art Museum at KU

82 Downtown, Mass St. from 6th St to South Park. It's a happening place with interesting shops, great food, great park, interesting sights.

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87 Mass street and the University campus

88 mass street because I can park and walk to the various businesses

89 Museum of Natural History, Watkins Museum. and Haskell Museum

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91 Tour KU campus and Spencer museum and stay at the Eldridge Hotel and walk Mass Street to see museum and local color.

92 Would spend day strolling Downtown.

93 I would visit the Natural History Museum and Spencer Art Museum. They are treasures to our community. Unfortunately, the NHM is in desperate need of expansion and remodeling. Lawrence lost an opportunity to solidify its place as an educational destination when Overland Park opened the Museum at Prairie Fire. The inattention to the NHM as a community resource and a tourist draw is Lawrence's and KU's biggest mistake over the past 30 years.

94 Haskell museum and spencer

95 Mass Street for the shopping and food. The new library because it's going to be awesome! The Spencer Art Museum, the Natural History Museum and the Watkins Museum because they are great places to take kids. The pool because the kids love it.

- 96 Depending on the time of year, I'd suggest going to visit historical sites like Black Jack Battle site or Lecompton. Lawrence's downtown is a great draw, you can't beat walking down Mass St. If it was a nice time of year, going out to the trails on Clinton Lake near the levy and dog park. If it wasn't nice out, visiting Watkin's museum or Free State!
- 97
- 98 Downtown Lawrence for its distinctive personality and flavor of our community. KU Campus for its beauty and contribution to our community. The Kaw because it's so Lawrence and the levy trail is easy, scenic walking.
- 99 Downtown and campus. They are the two unique areas of our city.
- 100 Downtown, Clinton Lake. Downtown has a lot going on: Park-adjacent, arts, food, shopping. Clinton Lake is nice and relaxing.
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- 102 I'd go to Clinton Lake to get a view of the area, visit the south Iowa commercial area, drive across KU campus, visit downtown, view the river, and then look at the hospital and the new Rock Chalk park. I would be attempting to get a feel for the area, see the open spaces as well as the residential, recreational, educational, and commercial areas. My visit would be to familiarize myself with the physical environment rather than the culture or economic aspects of the city.
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- 104 I would go see the wetlands because they are ecologically and culturally important. I would go to the lakes (Clinton and Lonestar) because they are beautiful. I would go to the farmers markets because we have a great rural/ producing community as well.
- 105 The university. If you're not into civil war history that's about it.
- 106 Probably downtown Lawrence, including the historical buildings in that area.
- 107 Downtown (walk around and maybe a KU museum), the KU lands Northeast of town. Why - because downtown is wonderful especially on final Fridays, and the KU lands are beautiful and give a sense of the uniqueness of NE Kansas.
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- 110 Downtown and University of Kansas
- 111 Downtown Massachusetts Street because of the architectural and historical density; natural history museum and Douglas County museum; sites that are important to "Bleeding Kansas" and the role of Lawrence in the underground railroad during the early parts of the civil war.
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- 114 Downtown. It has both historical and eating/shopping/entertainment opportunities.
- 115
- 116 the historical museum and art museum
- 117 Mary's Lake to see the water fowl, the river front to relax by the river and the trees, downtown for shopping, a meal, an ice cream cone and some soda pop.
- 118 Downtown Lawrence while it was hot out and Clinton lake when it cooled off.
- 119 Mass Street. I has everything, history, art, food, shopping, parks
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- 122 Downtown and East Lawrence. A walk on the levee in North Lawrence would also work.
- 123 can't limit it to just one. would go downtown, Haskell, and KU.
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- 125 Mass Street, because it's the center of the community, lots of unique places to visit, love to shop and dine there.

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- 128 Visitor's Center, Downtown, eldridge, Old West Lawrence, DG CTY museum--anything related to the amazing history that we have here--because it was so instrumental to the civil war
- 129 Downtown.
- 130 I take people to the Free State Brewery and a walk downtown. Everyone loves downtown Lawrence.
- 131 Free State Brewery, Silas & Maddie's, KU, and the Granada.
- 132 I like the Lawrence Public Library because of its computer classes, wide variety of DVDS and helpful librarians. I like Clinton Park because of the picnic area and eagles. I would visit Liberty Hall for their DVDs and movies.
- 133 Downtown Lawrence! Food, community, south park, friendship park, the river....
- 134 Downtown Lawrence, the overlook and Clinton Lake. You get to see the city and what the town is about on Mass, the overlook gives you a beautiful scenery view to show that Kansas isn't flat, lol. Lastly, to Clinton Lake to show that we have some place to go to relax.
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- 136
- 137 Downtown, museums, wetlands, and KU. These areas represent the core nature of Lawrence.
- 138 Mass Street
- 139 Downtown and the surrounding core area which offers the most culture, interest and activities.
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- 141
- 142 The University and its environs, especially the museums.
- 143 I'd visit the museum to get a sense of the community.
- 144 Campus
- 145 Massachusetts Street, KU campus-Dyche Hall, Spencer Museum of Art, Allen Fieldhouse.
- 146 HINU Museum and Spencer Museum along with grounds on both campuses, downtown area and Watkins Museum. I would want to get a sense of the history of the place.
- 147 Mass St. and KU. They're the only unique places in town and they both have strong architectural quality. The rest of Lawrence, especially 6th Street and Wakarusa, 31st and Iowa look just like Olathe and Topeka. Nothing to see there, move along.
- 148 Downtown window shopping and restaurants (just to see what's artistically unique and enjoy nutritious meals); hiking Clinton Lake Park or Kaw River levee (to see bald eagles) or Wells Overlook; visiting museums (Watkins History, KU Spencer or Dyke, Haskell Cultural Center); creating art or participating in theatre workshop at Lawrence Arts Center (Van Go); attending theatre at KU, Theatre Lawrence, or other venues; enjoying seasonal events (Farmer's Market, July 4th at Burcham/Constant Parks, Master Gardener tours, Haskell powwows and Art Fair, South Park Arts/Crafts fairs, JCC Blintz Brunch, Christmas tours of Old West Lawrence homes, antique shows, ETC!)
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- 151 Watkins Museum
- 152 University, old East and West Lawrence; architecture and history Explore Quantrill raid memorabilia Freestate, everyone loves beer...right?
- 153 I would try to visit the following: Signal Oak Hill, Rice and Brydenthall Woodlands, Clinton Lake, the KU Field Station, some of our local nurseries, KU's Museum of Natural History, and end up the day in downtown Lawrence at Free State Brewery.
- 154

155 Haskell Cultural center...because it holds a lot of history...we cannot see the future without
 looking at the past

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157 I would visit Downtown because it is the nucleus of the City. Downtown has a great
 entertainment experience, both day and evening. I also would visit Clinton & Lone Star Lake
 areas as they are Douglas County's recreational spaces and are beautiful.

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160 KU campus and Memorial Stadium to take in a football game. I love the Arts and support them
 privately. It should not be put into a public development plan.

161 KU, specifically Allen Field House and the eventual home of the Rules of Basketball. These are
 the most widely recognized, relevant, iconic treasures we have to market. I am extremely proud
 of our heritage as a free state, and we do a great job of promoting it, but it is not a priority for
 future generations of travelers. We should be leveraging the fame and fortune of KU Athletics to
 promote tourism and economic development.

162 The Arts Center & Clinton lake. 1) you get a taste of downtown Lawrence & get to see great local
 art from all ages; 2) you get to see the beauty that lies on the outskirts of town, away from the
 noise of traffic, and out of sight from commercial interests.

163 Downtown and cultural arts district in the summer. That is the area that is unique to Lawrence
 and area is so vibrant and exciting in the summer.

164 downtown Lawrence - it has a mix of entertainment, shopping and dining options; it has the new
 (and beautiful) Lawrence Public Library; it has the river; and it's close to the Burroughs Trail
 which is great for longer walks or bike rides.

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166 Downtown, because it has a little bit of most things that I would want to see, do. I would also
 visit some of the museums on campus.

167 Downtown, because it offers the most diversity for one day (hotel, food, shopping, arts) in a
 concentrated environment.

168 Downtown Lawrence would be the first stop. The Eldridge Hotel, Weavers Department Store and
 the Watkins Museum are the three downtown treasures with the most historic and cultural
 significance. This plus a walking tour of the homes of old west Lawrence.

169 Eagle Bend. It's become a good golf course because of the head greenskeeper

170 I'd spend my day in the downtown and historic neighborhoods surrounding downtown.

171

172 Downtown and KU campus

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174 I would visit downtown. It provides access to many different activities and entertainment modes
 in close proximity.

175 I would travel Massachusetts street to get some good eats!

176 Probably the art galleries and South Park. Maybe the train station.

177 The KU natural history museum and then Allen Fieldhouse. They are special attractions with
 items not found anywhere else.

178 mass street - lots of variety and activities

179

180 downtown. It is our most interesting feature in my opinion

181 downtown, as it seems to be the most vibrant part of the city outside of the university

182 n/a

183 Would check out downtown, visit KU Hall of Athletics at Allen Field House. My itinerary would

depend on advance planning to learn about Lawrence attractions. I view Lawrence as a participation type of destination, i.e. - playing sports or watching a sporting event vs long walks of historic homes, arts or our small community museum.

184 Downtown Lawrence and the university campus.

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186 Downtown, for the shopping and people watching.

187 KU History

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190 Clinton Lake offers the best recreational sites.

191 Downtown Arts District, Warehouse Arts District, Spencer Museum, galleries, Downtown Lawrence Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, shops. Because arts and culture are an important part of any community, and make an area worth living in.

192 I would visit downtown, the museums, the Hill and drive some neighborhoods. That is the best way I can think of to see the different parts of the city.

193 Downtown

194 Mass street: to get feel for life in town, with a walk along the Kaw (currently too difficult on S side of river) Oread Hotel top deck: for the view then a walk through KU

195 Downtown Lawrence because there is a lot to do and great restaurants, and the University of Kansas. Maybe the Natural History Museum and the Douglas County Museum too.

196 Spencer, Watkins, Free State, LimeStone, South Park.

197 Downtown Lawrence, KU campus, Clinton Lake. Each unique and beautiful in it's own way.

198 Mass street and the university - because these areas are the hearts of the community.

199 Bike LRF trail Walk, shop and eat downtown walk Jayhawk Boulevard Visit Clinton Lake Go to movie at Liberty Hall

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201 Downtown and the river levee trail Very pretty, and I enjoy walking and being outside. The outdoor seating downtown draws me there. I support public art if it's good. If Lawrence invests in public art, they need to fund at a level that attracts high-caliber artists. That red monster in front of the Arts Center is horrible, but because the artist is a big donor I worry that East Lawrence will soon be littered by that level of art. I'd rather have trees and sidewalks.

202 KU campus, Mass Street, Clinton Lake. Equal parts food, recreation and sightseeing.

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204 watkins historical museum, KU, walk downtown. downtown area is so unique as it is still thriving. city needs to keep its support.

205 downtown town for shops and museum and restaurants, maybe Clinton lake for bird watching and a swim.

206 The library , the historical museum and the downtown parks

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208 Downtown --- unique buildings and fun small businesses + nice park to sit and relax

209 The KU campus, including the art and natural history museums, and downtown for food and live music.

210 Downtown Lawrence because of the people/vibrance and historical significance. KU because of the architecture and museums.

211 I would visit the museums and art spaces of Lawrence and Douglas County because those are the places that interest me. Also, I would see a movie at Liberty Hall because it is a locally owned theater that shows unconventional movies.

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- 213 Mass. Street
- 214 Mass. Street/Liberty Hall/ Watkins Museum/Court House Heart of the city's personality and history
- 215 downtown. allen fieldhouse. many of our great restaurants and live music venues.
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- 217 I would spend it downtown because of the variety of arts and cultural locations, the varied architecture and the variety of food and beverage choices.
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- 220 Massachusetts Street and Old West Lawrence. Very beautiful, charming, Main Street Americana kind of feel. The most appealing part of Lawrence to anyone 25+ who doesn't care about sports. The history is really interesting and should be played up more on a permanent basis.
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- 222 1. Old north Lawrence. 2. KU 3. Waterfalls by Clinton Lake
- 223
- 224 Old West Lawrence neighborhoods, KU campus, and downtown. Why? for the feel of community, historic value and friendly businesses.
- 225 The KU campus, including the Dole Center and the Natural History Museum and the Art Museum, the Arts Center, the downtown area restaurants and shopping, the historic neighborhoods.
- 226 Downtown- Massachusetts St, and KU Campus. Both embody the history and "feel" of Lawrence.
- 227
- 228 Focus on downtown corridors and KU museums
- 229 Watkins Museum of History,old train depot in N. Lawrence & KU natural history museum. Then to Lecompton to Lane University and Constitution Hall - I enjoy historic buildings/museums and museums that have timeline of cool engineering developments (civil war=guns=cool)
- 230 KU, Downtown
- 231 KU Museums or Mass St. or Parks
- 232 Downtown - the reputation of being vibrant
- 233 Natural history museum, Watkins Museum, Allen Fieldhouse and downtown Lawrence and Old West Lawrence.
- 234 I would visit my friends, and I would get ice cream at Syllas and Maddy's.
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- 236 I would tour the local historical sights and universities.
- 237 downtown & South Park - our signature, the riverwalks - and it possible to canoe...
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- 239 Downtown to get a sense of Lawrence as a town.
- 240 KU Natural History Museum
- 241 Dole Center, Spencer Museum, Downtown
- 242 Downtown + Natural History Museum
- 243
- 244 Downtown Mass Street because there is dining and shopping. Clinton Lake because it is very pretty.
- 245 KU campus, downtown area
- 246 KU, downtown
- 247 Watkins Community Museum- good location for an overview of Lawrence/Douglas Co. history
- 248 Downtown - great food options, very walkable Campus - historic buildings, walkable, picturesque Clinton Lake - large "natural" area to explore
- 249 Downtown, KU, Clinton Lake

- 250 Downtown, of course!
- 251 I would want to visit downtown and then see of our major sites - Lied Center, Allen Fieldhouse, etc.
- 252 KU/Downtown
- 253 Watkins, South Park, Wells Overlook, Spencer, River Trails, Mass St.
- 254 KU history, downtown - historic and entertainment
- 255 Mass St. is has everything in one spot - history, arts, shopping, and dining
- 256 KU, Freestate, river trail, Liberty hall
- 257 Downtown, parks, and the University
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- 259 Reuter organ - old world craftsmanship, Bowersock Power Co - old style green energy, South Park city band concert
- 260 Downtown, Mass St, East Lawrence, Old West for the buildings and great food.
- 261 Ivan Boyd Prairie, Baker Wetlands, Lawrence Public Library
- 262 Museums & Arts Center & Historic area
- 263 Cider Art Gallery- Downtown. Because we have some of the best chefs and artists in the nation.
- 264 Liberty Hall, Historical, beer, entertainment, local businesses
- 265 Downtown, it's vibrant and where my visitors have most enjoyed
- 266
- 267 Dole Center or Lecompton Territorial Capital Historical sites rich in heritage
- 268 KU, Spencer Museum, Downtown, I love History, quaintness of downtown, KU, seeing art
- 269 Historic Lecompton sites many original structures where history actually occurred.
- 270 Downtown because there are places to eat, drink, and have fun
- 271 East Lawrence and the urban core because it is vibrant and holds so much history
- 272 The river road and historic sites in Lecompton.
- 273 Museums and parks for historic value.
- 274 Natural History Museum, Allen Fieldhouse, Clinton Park
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- 276 Lecompton museums
- 277 Mass St. because it has a diversity of activities.
- 278 Mass St., KU Campus
- 279 Mass St. - its uniqueness and diversity it attracts
- 280 Watkins Museum, Art Center, the Spencer Museum of Art
- 281 friends
- 282 KU, Arts Center, Watkins Museum, Free State Brewery
- 283 Downtown Public library Historical museums
- 284 KU's natural history museum, Dept Visitors Center
- 285 Main Street/Clinton Lake. Main Street is so unique. Clinton Lake is interesting to see a large lake in the middle of the USA
- 286 The KU campus, The KU campus is the flagship development for the area
- 287 Downtown, Clinton Lake, KU, North Lawrence
- 288 KU campus, county courthouse, walk downtown! Why- the flavor of the place, the atmosphere, the historic buildings as part of the modern fabric.
- 289 KU
- 290 Downtown, South Park
- 291 Pollinators Mural, wetlands (RIP)
- 292 Downtown is the best amenity.
- 293 Downtown both Historic and New available to visit

- 294 downtown, KU campus, Clinton Lake - 3 very different styles
- 295 Mass St - unique, local shops and businesses, KU buildings
- 296 Downtown--for food and entertainment; Wakarusa wetlands
- 297 Mass St, Freestate Brewing especially historic neighborhoods around downtown and building such as Watkins, community building East & Old West 1800s housing styles. Also KU & some parks such as South.
- 298 The river trail, restaurants, Clinton lake, the KU art museum, historical museum
- 299 Downtown, KU museums
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- 301 Mass St
- 302 Spencer Museum- art & architecture, Mass St- shopping & lunch with cultural and historic landmarks, KU Biological Field Station- an incredible meditative nature experience in 1 hour!
- 303 Mass Street
- 304 Lawrence Visitors Center - walk downtown - to South Park
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- 307 Liberty Hall - Watkins Historical Museum, Mass St (so expensive. if what this city means -
- 308 Downtown - its like no other place in the country
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- 310 Downtown because it is a nice place to be.
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- 312 Downtown or Allen Fieldhouse
- 313 Museums
- 314 Spencer Art Museum (isn't it obvious) Douglas County Museum The Library Aimee's Coffeehouse to eat.
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- 316 KU's campus. We have a beautiful campus and the natural history museum is great.
- 317 Downtown, restaurants & activities. It is the only unique place in town.
- 318 Downtown
- 319 Downtown/Mass St.
- 320 1) Dole Center - KU Campus, 2) Museums, etc. Watkins, 3) Watkins, 4) restaurants
- 321 Kaw River - its the heart of any city, or at least it used to be. Beauty downtown - out of the habit of it. Bridenthal (KU) Natural Area - an amazing old growth forest in Douglas County.
- 322 Downtown Lawrence
- 323 Spencer Art Museum, a treasure Kaw River, could be improved with beautiful walkways which would not disturb the nature Lawrence Arts Center, a thriving artistic scene K.U. Music, Dance and Theatre productions Haskell University, the wetlands
- 324 Senior center/pool/downtown area.
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- 327 Downtown, because it's atmosphere is both historic and vibrant
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- 329 Watkins Museum to gain sense of history of the founding of the place. Walk along Kansas River to gain sense of city siting. Walk across Kansas University campus, the most significant employer in the city; visit Art Museum and Natural History Museum. Eat at Free State Brewing Co. and shop at Weaver's, examples of local enterprises.
- 330 Haskell University - there's nothing like it anywhere in the country & the information / history it carries is an important part of American History. Dole Institute. Spencer Museum. Sadly, don't

know much about Douglas County other than Lawrence & Baldwin. Don't know what gems are in the smaller areas that I'd find.

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333 Allen Fieldhouse. I'm a sports fan and love the history of that building.

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335 Bike path by the river, farmer's market, the percolator art gallery because my priorities are nature, local food & neighborhood arts. And downtown of course.

336 Definitely Mass Street: Free State Brewing Company, India Palace, Mass Street Soda Shop. There are so many wonderful places to stop in on Mass Street.

337 West Lawrence & Downtown

338 Downtown Lawrence, Kansas University, Art Museum or art district, Old West Lawrence and dine at a unique Lawrence restaurant.

339 A drive in southern Douglas County (beauty), a drive & meal & shop downtown (amenities, history), a drive through the University (beauty, history), a walk in one of the older neighborhoods (beauty, history)

340 Downtown. It's vibrant and alive area that shows the heart of this area.

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343 Downtown restaurants and Liberty Hall. The Spencer Museum of Art and Art Center- world class. The Haskell-Baker Wetlands - the best natural area close to town, or is was, I should say. The river trails. The new library!! A full day, I know!

344 Mass Street retail and restaurants; Clinton Lake

345 It used to be the wetlands before it had road construction going through it. I would was wanted to visit there because it heartened me that in just a 30-minute bike ride from the urban core, I could find rich diversity of flora and fauna. I loved living in a place the placed a value on the other-than-human life in our community.

346 Mass Street, Spencer Museum, Allen Fieldhouse I would go to these places because you can't go to these in any other town/city. There is only one Mass Street, one Fieldhouse, etc

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348 I love Clinton Lake and the Park there. I would visit the Natural History Museum, downtown Lawrence, the art galleries, the Watkins Museum. I love the things that are unique to here, to this place. I love the downtown. I was born here and remember going downtown to Weavers and the downtown theater and such. I would try to fit in a walk along the river. Burcham Park.

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350 Downtown, KU campus, Clinton Lake as they seem to be the most attractive and well developed areas.

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352 Spencer Museum of Art, Watkins Historical Museum, a Lied Center Concert. (We do not feature enough classical music or theatre for me, and I can no longer travel to centers of art and music.)

353 Constitution Hall & Museum in Lecompton. Have taken many friends & family there. Second on my list is the Blackjack Battlefield

354 The historic sites around the city associated w/ Bleeding Kansas and Lawrence's role in abolition and the civil war.... (but it doesn't really exist yet)

355 Natural history museum Watkins museum Spencer Art gallery They're all great.

356 Downtown, KU Campus area, and Clinton Lake area. Downtown is so unique in that it's an old style downtown area, but that it's still lively and thriving which you don't see often. I'd go downtown because there is eclectic shopping and good places to eat (Final Fridays is a great day

to go downtown with all the artwork). I'd go to the KU Campus area because of the architecture and landscaping - it's beautiful. I'd go to the Clinton Lake area for the outdoor activities - boating, canoeing, kayaking, walking or biking through the trails or just laying on the beach.

357 Natural History Museum

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359 KU, downtown, old west Lawrence, Watkins historical museum, Lawrence visitors center

360 downtown - food, museum, parks. Haskell - museum

361 Run on a trail, downtown shopping/restaurants & museum at KU

362 You want to know about historic resources, cultural sites, not restaurants, yes?

363 Mass St - variety of activities, places to eat, and architecture

364 Bowersock Mill, historic Haskell Row, Reuter Organ, downtown, Wakarusa Wetlands (pre-destruction)

365 Campus museums, Dole Center, Watkins museum, history of area

366 Massachusetts Street and Allen Fieldhouse

367 Clinton Lake

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369 KU - Dyche Museum, Mass St. stores & restaurants, Watkins History Museum

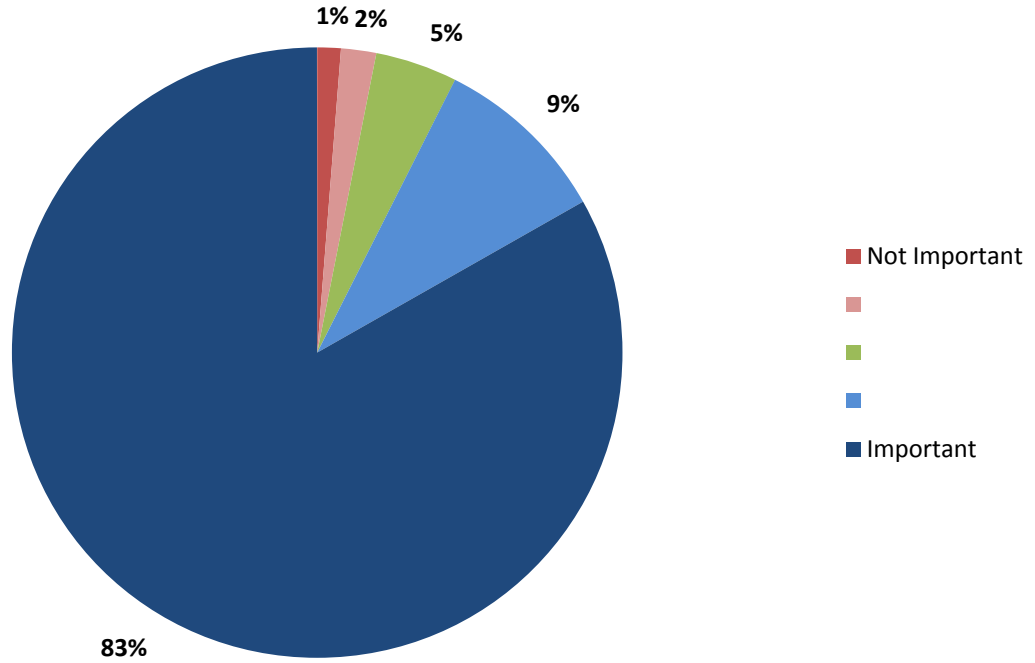
370 Mass Street, South Park, Watson Museum, Clinton Lake, Prairie Park Nature Center, Lawrence Arts Center, Spencer Museum of Art (wow- busy day!)

371 Clinton Lake and Downtown. Two biggest assets to this community for tourism.

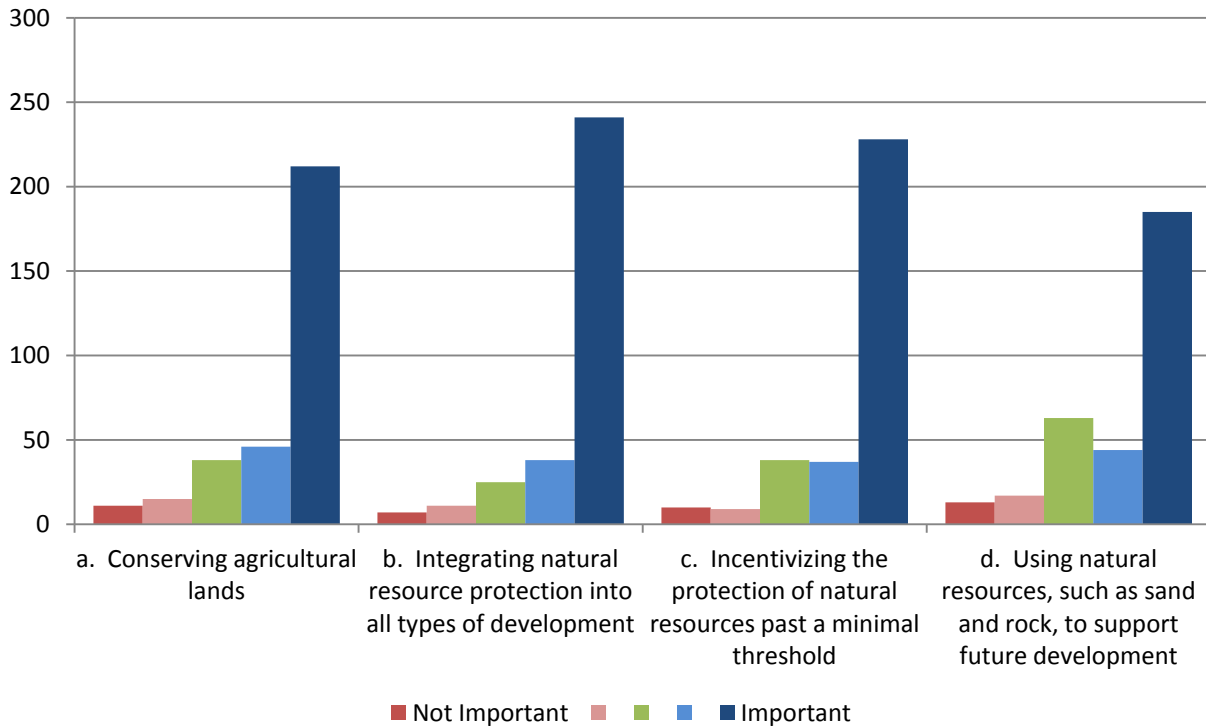
372 Clinton Lake and downtown. Two biggest assets to this community for tourism.

373 The river, the new Library, the Haskell Cultural Center & Museum, eat downtown at a locally owned restaurant, drive through the oldest neighborhoods, finish up at the Gaslight Tavern listening to local tunesters.

25. How important is the protection of natural resources to our community?



26. How important are the following to you, as the city grows:



27. What would you like to see done to protect our natural resources?

- 1 shifting all future projects toward green and sustainable materials and maintenance
- 2 Not your role. Dont push poll my personal interest in protection and preservation as a mandate for you to exercise power.
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- 5 Raise water rates on large consumers - the more you use the more you pay.
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- 9 no further commercial development in the wetlands.
- 10 Enhance protection measures.
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- 12 Identify them first so we know what the protection possibilities are
- 13 Don't over develop. Don't destroy natural wetlands. Maintain habitat for animals. Concentrate residential areas in order to keep most of the county land less developed.
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- 16 More pesonal involvement by interested groups, not publically funded.
- 17 Would like to see the river cleaned up & made recreation friendly

- 18 The most possible without impeding future development. Incorporate natural resources into the development, rather than destroy or replace.
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- 23 More infill development and multi-story buildings rather than using more and more undeveloped areas.
- 24 Nothing further. I think it is already difficult enough to get approval for new development in our community.
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- 26 All of the above. It should be a priority.
- 27 More information about what those are and how to protect them - media and community events and information - ways to get involved (what can we do?)
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- 30 If I fully understood exactly what you mean I might be able to answer. It sounds like more government money to accomplish an unstated goal.
- 31 Don't know
- 32 Smart growth, not growth for growth's sake alone. REAL environmental impact assessment for each project, with actual punishment for violations and a willingness to just say no to projects that will ultimately damage our quality of life.
- 33 Remove sand dredging on the Kansas River. Be very careful about managing urban sprawl.
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- 36 Wetlands (natural preserve), the Kaw River (keeping it clean) and Clinton Lake are top on my list.
- 37 Stop listening to environmental extremists.
- 38 Clean up the Kaw. Someday I want to boat in the Kaw, swim in the Kaw, fish in the Kaw, and eat those fish.
- 39 Water rationing during dry years. At least for car washing and grass watering.
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- 43 Sand and rock? Did the Pennys pay for this to be included? Minimize their exploitation.
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- 45 well, don't pave the wetlands for one but that is done so we must move on. Stormwater is a big issue. Wildlife corridors are also important.
- 46 require wildlife/erosion belts along all major streams. Create wildlife corridors. Create a free cat-spading program.
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- 48 Doing OK
- 49 Don't know
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- 52 the above.
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- 55 Stop developing natural spaces

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57 Focus on water pollution and projects that work against invasive species
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62 See to that they are not exploited
63 Don't let the developers do every single thing they want.
64 Resources dedicated to see that our natural resources are protected
65 Put into place policies that protect our environment.
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70 Reduce harmful fuel emissions
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72 Ensure permeable surfaces, reduce use of non renewable energy, encourage use of renewable energy for all
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75 No more development beyond the current city limits.
76 Implementation of land/historic preservation programs
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79 Leaving a sustainable community for future generations.
80 Slow sprawl into the county
81 Wholesale recycling.
82 Do we have a city arborist? Can we require the utility companies to hire arborists to trim trees near power lines? The company that Westar hired for that purpose this year is mutilating trees and bushes in ways that don't even make sense.
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89 Allow them to co-exist
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91 Keep green spaces to be owned by city or county
92 Limit sand and gravel operations along Kaw. Limit huge crappy big box development.
93 Water is our most precious resource. Limit consumption and pollution.
94 City limit on residential water use before a major crisis
95 Less building for building's sake. It seems like there are so many new housing and apartment developments being built but no real need for them.
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98 Thoughtful development. Protect prime farmland and open spaces.
99 No more salt used in the winter on roads

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102 A practical approach. The resources are important, but they can't drive every decision.
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104 Stop the wetlands developments. keep dirty sectors off the river.
105 Re-fit Westar.
106 Planting of native plants and avoidance of herbicide and pesticide to support wildlife. Also create long corridors of natural spaces through the city.
107 Keep the developments from misusing.
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111 Keep the use of them managed by green technology interests rather than pure profit-driven interests.
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116 quite letting cornfield field developers do NO landscaping of both the common areas and the residential lots. Mandate lots and lots of landscaping that is native and drought tolerant
117 Find a way to make people more aware and knowledgeable of the scarcity of resources and the need to use them better.
118 We have to keep some areas wild. Preferably close to the Kaw river.
119 Stop building new further & further out & start rebuilding all of the old crap that's already in place. Iowa south of 23rd is a great example of this.
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122 Restrict roads to two lanes, and reduce speeds.
123 keep your paws off the wetlands and encourage their maintenance and growth
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128 not sure
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130 Keep private developers away from Clinton Lake.
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132 Teaching people to respect natural resources.
133 Build green, if we build at all. Be more thoughtful about development.
134 As much as possible
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137 Stop use of glyphosate and 2,4-D herbicides; make investments in safe drinking water sources; preserve what is left of the wetlands.
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139 Not build on them. Less sprawl.
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142 I would have liked to have seen no South Lawrence Trafficway.
 143 De-emphasize vehicular transportation.
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 145 Strictly prohibit the use of artificial turf in all development.
 146 not call them "natural resources".....contain growth of cities/towns in county. advocate upstream
 prevention of silt into water
 147 Prevent development in ecologically important land and prime farmland
 148 Stop suburban sprawl! Do what's possible to decrease/stop water and air pollution of Kaw River
 and Westar electric plant.
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 151 Less river dredging
 152 utilize more renewable energy
 153 Have the city use conservation easements to protect open spaces.
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 155 stop the wetland development now
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 157 Landowners are doing a GREAT job of protecting the natural resources on their private property.
 Local gov. should not be involved.
 158 Educational resources incorporated into these areas (ex. signage, centers, etc.)
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 160 Reclaim water for irrigation
 161 I think we are a community which values natural resources very highly at this point. This is not an
 area where we need additional regulation
 162 Solar energy should be harnessed on all government buildings.
 163 require inclusion of natural green space with developments
 164 establish set areas within the county (around North Lawrence, between South Iowa and Lonestar
 Lake) that are reserved for agricultural uses.
 165
 166 increase the use of renewable energy sources, solar, wind, water. incentives their use.
 167 I'm not a professional in this area, so whatever is recommended for protecting the natural
 resources works for me.
 168 Eliminate possibility for destruction of wetlands. Establishment of re-forestation programs
 throughout the county. Creation of additional waterways.
 169 Our rules and regs are already over the top. We need more common sense
 170 Set aside more green spaces for community use.
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 174 I want to protect them, but I don't want to go overboard either
 175 Host a Protect Our Natural Resource parade.
 176 Incorporate solar-powered street lighting, especially for parks and trails. Increase recycling and
 reclamation. Adjust zoning to make building non-traditional, energy-efficient, "green" housing
 possible without difficult-to-obtain permits.
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182 to preserve and educate all of our city about what some areas can provide
183 I think the city has zoned protection and preservation well enough.
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186 Use federal money
187 Farm land is not a natural resource a better definition on natural resources
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191 Stop using pesticide, herbicides and other harsh chemicals that go into our land and waterways.
192 It would depend on what people define as natural resources, but they should be recognized and
conserved to a point, but not such that we kill development all together. Also, putting soil above
all else adds to the image of not being business friendly.
193 protect natural areas that people can visit including native american sites
194 support residential solar power in town, solar and wind energy in rural areas
195 A minimum LEED certification level for all new construction and environmental impact
assessments performed for new construction
196 Stop building roads over protected lands.
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198 Halt the sprawl of suburban development.
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200 Think seven generations...
201 Building and development with sustainability in mind
202 Use of open space (encouraging but not punitive), integration of parks.
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204 unclear
205 please do not develop Clinton Lake try and keep poison farm run off out of Kaw
206 Reduce encroachments of roads and intrusive developments
207 less littering
208 More trees planted in neighborhoods (shading and soil erosion)
209 Greater use of renewable energy and green building, especially for public buildings.
210 Ensure that critical resources and their protection are part of this plan (and that it is enforced
appropriately).
211 I would love to see a ban on pesticides and lawn chemicals in Douglas County. Education/public
awareness could be raised about the conservation of water.
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213 Sustainable development of riverfront, creative management of growth
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215 continued to not fuck with our ecosystem.
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217 Zoning to protect them.
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220 Conservation of wildlife areas, more water-efficient standards for new construction and
remodels, more investment in less-polluting methods of energy production, incentivation for off-
grid power supplies
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222 There is much diversity on chemical use, oil extraction, etc. Must we wait a thousand years for agreement?

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224 restrictions on large company growth

225 Proper zoning and planning.

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228 Development regulations to protect these resources from strictly corporate interestes

229 more in recycling, less building, more repurposing vacant homes - community sergice or chain gangs cleaning up the side of the roads, picking up trash, etc...

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231 City or County funded recycling programs. Investment in alternative energy and LED street lighting.

232 Steps should be taken but not at the expense of growing business and jobs for the citizens.

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234 Stop selling them out for big developments.

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236 Better recycling program

237 additional work on water returned to the river sensitive lands "set asides"

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239 Protect Clinton lake and the surrounding environment and also the Kansas river.

240 Keep dredging out of the Kansas River.

241 don't cut down existing trees in new developments just because they are old. don't plant trees under utility wires.

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243 What in the world does the question "Using natural resources....to support future development" mean???

244 More awareness of what our natural resources are. I am not sure I could name most important resources in Lawrence and Douglas County

245 Appropriately isolate them when necessary

246 Support for green energy, -local foods, -less sprawl, more open space, -less concrete

247 Encourage more public transportation and denser development

248 more parks with protected area (marshland, prairie, etc.)

249 Balance of creating opportunities to wisely use NR and incentivising land owners to protect NR

250 Focus on North Lawrence. Make better use of River & Clinton Lake to heighten awareness of value

251 I think this is important but has been too much of a concern in the past.

252 1) protect rural and ag lands from urban sprawl development

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257 Development being respectful (as feasible) to maintain natural resource areas or utilize local resources

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259 Slow down the massive development projects

260 Ensure that the protection requirements for developers are enforced and those that don't compy are penalized. I've lived places where this happends and everyone says "oh well"

261 Education

262 Water protection green spaces protected and increased

263 Fine corporations for polluting the river.

264 conservation designation

265 Preserving them whenever possible

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269 direct expansion to decaying parts of city before expansion outward

270 Stop building towards Clinton Lake!

271 environmentally oriented planning

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273 More effort in using more of our natural resources & passing laws for their protection.

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276 Keep the Federal government out of our business. Let locals set stds.

277 Zoning that recognizes the agriculture treasure of the Kaw River Valley. Landscape architecture that acknowledges and addresses Lawrence as an urban heat island - foilage shading and drought tolerance

278 Natural resources should be used wisely for the benefit of the whole community

279 make it a critical element of any new or renewed development, especially commercial and industrial tracts of land it impacts

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282 develop more trails & possible camping north of river and west of the bridges. Avoid destruction of particularly attractive natural areas (such as the wetlands!)

283 Stop building highways through wetlands

284 Eliminate urban sprawl

285 Be aware of any pending changes that would impark the above

286 Provide incentives. For example, trade opportunities to secure land for trails and parks along the Wakarusa in exchange for development opportunities along Hwy 59

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288 We need to be really careful about the rivers and wetlands - they are dynamic systems. I'd advocate for sufficient buffer regions in zoning.

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290 Planned growth and limiting industrial business to Douglas County

291 Adopt the environmental chapter and impliment it! Enforce protection and sensitive area/land

292 Density, transit options, water restrictions, increase energy efficcency requirements

293 Good judgement

294 Allow some freedom to developers - with encouragement to protect natural resources, especially to get past zoning, etc.

295 Protection ordinances for our valued resources must be put in place and held to- granting a variance for everything elminates the effectiveness

296 Emphasis on muscle powered transportation infrastructure; Expand and connect current conservation preserves, parks and wild areas

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299 The older buildings that used materials found locally such as walnut, limestone, etc are still the

best construction we have in our city. start using and incentivising renewable energy on all buildings.

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302 Identify/set aside smaller, genuine pockets of resource areas and be willing to devote public funds to those while allowing freer development of less significant pockets of resource area. Possible create a "natural resource" or "park land enhancement" fee

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304 Protect the Kaw as a recreational source

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307 Less reckless development

308 not sure

309 Protected corridor along river, wetlands, buffer zones

310 Better land use planning, fewer parking lots

311 Stop building for awhile and fix our streets and parking lots.

312 Awareness to impact on native species, rivers, creeks, lakes, etc. Green energy initiatives. Promoting public and bicycle transportation.

313 Require a high level of scrutiny as to potential adverse impact to our natural resources particularly to sensitive areas such as watershed areas, north Lawrence, and north of north Lawrence.

314 Clean up the Kaw, limit chemicals on farms draining to the river

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317 Open space - wetlands/river are special resources that are under utilized. Nice trail system like KU Biological Preserve north of airport and Clinton trails... it would be nice to have some close to town, eg arboretum in West Campus, work w/ various group

318 Using more land undeveloped, when we should be filling in.

319 The importance of undeveloped natural areas need to be recognized. The environmental and health contributions of these areas need to be recognized. More natural/undeveloped areas

320 Keep community aware of what we have - why we need to respect it. (ex. Type 1 soil). Work with other agencies to buy or setup programs to save/preserve natural resources

321 Water rationing; incentivize small farms that grow food for humans; stop urban growth outwards completely; more prairies and Caegts in conservation easements; education about natural Douglas County from early age for students;

322 Continuing to encourage the placement of rural properties and land into trust to protect plant and animal species for generations to come.

323 Making it a priority in all development considerations.

324 Water conservation and breathability.

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329 Collectively agree to sacred lands and waterways not available for development.

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333 Corporate responsibility in sustainable business practices, including building projects.

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- 335 Recognize the need to limit growth - we cannot continue to grow exponentially and still preserve our natural resources
- 336 I'd like to see us continue to care for our beautiful old trees and continue to plant more for the future.
- 337 Plant more trees/water conservation
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- 339 Develop vode to support the Environmental Chapter in comp plan, more land conserved for open space and agriculture
- 340 education what is at risk so steps can be taken to preserve and enhance.
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- 343 Work harder to support clean water efforts through groups like Friends of the Kaw.
- 344 prevent approval of development projects with high-density residential complexes; prevent and large-scale strip mall development with excessive impervious surfaces and more hotel space than necessary
- 345 Less emphasis on road building and more emphasis on maintaing what we have and on mass transit options. Tax incentives to those involved in local organic agriculture to ensure local food security in the future.
- 346 A review of current policies and make any updated changes that reflect the current times especially as it relates to water.
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- 348 Ensure enough green spaces. Plan building that takes into account floods, maintaining wetlands, not building in certain areas of flood plains.
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- 350 Treat this issue like a high priority.
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- 352 Avoid big development projects, especially in floodplains and on farm land.
- 353 Integrating development into natural areas appropriately; less development in more sensitive areas; more development where there are fewer natural & cultural areas of significance
- 354 Reduce vehicle traffic
- 355 I don't really understand what c and d mean.
- 356 I don't know
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- 360 more paths and paths connecting them so people use them more
- 361 Keep recycling program! Make it easier to recycle electronics, etc. Right now too damn cumbersome
- 362 Fund the protection of all remaining native prairie sites in the county, protect historic woodlands, protect agricultural soils, develop with density and infill to limit sprawl, use less land, & to create a more walkable, transit serviceable city & county
- 363 Green requirements for new buildings - natural light, CFLS, waste
- 364 Groundwater protections from fracking, sand pits, and nitrate fertilizer infiltration. A tree preservation ordinance with heavy penalties, removal permits, and replacement requirements
- 365 Clean up and utilize increase awareness
- 366 Better erosion prevention and very limited use of herbicides and pesticides. More use of native plants. Encourage landscaping that uses plants requiring less water.

- 367 No heavy industrial parks!!
368
369 Connectivity between natural areas. Preserve natural areas in developments, incentivize preservation on private lands - more "Natural" parkland. Take steps to reduce sprawl. Mass Transit
370 I wish I knew what to say here, because it's quite important! Preserving resources is easier than regenerating them!
371 Placing too much emphasis on conservation will limit the amount of land that can be devoted to new commercial, industrial, and residential development. Market should dictate where development is located.
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28. Moving forward, what is the most important way the community can enhance its sustainability?

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2 Creating more jobs so as to sustain its interests
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5 we need to look at conserving our water uses
6 Ensure we utilize the best technology to enhance sustainability
7 Good Paying Jobs.
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10 Don't base sustainability on economic and population growth.
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12 Enhance economic development for with less and less jobs there is less and less community to sustain.
13 Emphasize sustainability rather than growth. Develop the concept of Optimal.
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16 Control housing costs
17 Provide good jobs for young people - both high school & college grads
18 Focus on infrastructure and in-filling population. Focus on the blighted districts and stop building out on the edges. We'll end up with a hollow hole in the middle.
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21 Water infrastructure; incentivizing affordable housing
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23 By taking steps to decrease its reliance on fossil fuels.
24 Educational efforts.
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27 Solar and hydroelectric power - more affordable options - energy efficiency programs and resources - how-to / do-it yourself classes or information fairs - home tours

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30 Exactly what is a sustainable community???

31 Give up the current and past mindset, listen to the public. No community ever folded because they added to what they already had.

32 Support established local businesses in ways similar to how we throw money (tax incentives and other support) at large new developments, consider long-term consequences.

33 Encourage redevelopment and infill development rather than sprawl.

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36 continue to provide public transportation, sustainable yards, housing and businesses- work with Douglas County schools KU to help teach sustainability to student body

37 Water and sewer and roads

38 Meet the needs of the people who are here, and not try to turn Lawrence into Johnson County or KC.

39 Water is/will be a huge issue--we need to talk about it more and educate people.

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41 Promoting non-automobile transportation, preserving greenspace, denser growth not sprawl

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43 A very green building code, more dense zoning requirements, real money (instead of token amounts) for pedestrian and bicycle ways, and creative public transit

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45 buy local

46 stronger energy standards for new development. Create incentive for zero net energy buildings. Free and ubiquitous public transit.

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48 Think!

49 Don't know

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55 Enhance environment/natural

56 Support renewable energy options, neighborhood focused development, walkability/bikeability

57 Dump brown back

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62 Education and a good law enforcement-keep the drugs out-stop criminalizing marijuana and support local beer makers

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64 Getting businesses in town that pay good wages and provide good benefits

65 Develop policies that promote creative approaches to development.

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- 70 Use local resources and reduce trash output, more recycling
- 71 bike and walking paths, urban garden spaces,
- 72 Make it so everyone who wants it can use wind, solar, geothermal energy
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- 75 Quality health care for the mature and education for the young.
- 76 Food security.
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- 79 Don't allow developers to dictate what gets built and where. Keep them to the same codes and zoning laws that govern the rest of us.
- 80 Growth management.
- 81 Recycling, new housing that is energy efficient. Solar powered street lights.
- 82 Set up requirements to incorporate sustainable, green, environmentally friendly building practices and features in any new construction within the community.
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- 89 More job opportunities
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- 91 Get citizens involved and enthusiastic
- 92 Build and develop in such a way to limit dependency of cars.
- 93 Disallowing GMO crops. Incentivizing green energy production at the household level.
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- 95 Encouraging recycling, home gardening and biking& Walking.
- 96 Don't let making money become more important than living in a sustainable, green space.
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- 98 Appropriate policies and staff whose job it is to help monitor and be the voice for sustainability.
- 99 Encourage cycling and walking
- 100 I can't believe it took us until 2014 to get curb-side recycling through the city.
- 101
- 102 Make the city more attractive economically while preserving its livability.
- 103
- 104 Not destroy our wetlands, encourage organic agriculture.
- 105 More middle class jobs.
- 106 Build more densely and support walking, biking, and public transport.
- 107 By thoughtful use of existing lands, resources with progress for all Lawrentians.
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- 110 It should provide a diversity of jobs and provide a safe, crime free environment
- 111 balance growth with preservation of unique culture.
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- 114 encouraging of participation and making options easy

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116 make developers replicate the neighborhoods that people in older parts of Lawrence love
117 Promote diversity.
118 Using more permaculture-esque principles in its development.
119 Make Lawrence more accessible & bring in more businesses/jobs
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122 Restrict roads
123 moderate development, keep things local and provide small business friendly policies and
protections
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128 not sure
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130 Renewable energy sources.
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132 I like the Douglas County Extension Center. They have gardening classes for people in all walks of
life. I would like to see more opportunities for extension center.
133 Water usage, green building.
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136 jobs
137 Encourage "green" building codes (specifically to commercial development). Find ways to
incorporate solar projects (Solar Roadways).
138
139 Improve what we do have. Redevelop and remodel. Don't allow unnecessary retail. Recycle.
Grow local. Create new energy resources.
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142 Stop playing to the pocketbooks of reckless developers
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145 Very active recycling program, a campaign to prohibit littering directed toward KU students
146 increasing solar energy use and more efficient transportation, rewarding sustainability in
arch/building/historic preservation
147 Make it the centerpiece in all aspects of our development.
148 Recycle, reuse, reduce (especially electronics)
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153 Enact wise public policies to encourage sustainable practices: recycling, efficient transportation,
open space preservation.
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- 157 Sustainability should be attained through the planning of access to utilities.
- 158 Not duplicating services and combining resources
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- 160 Curbside recycling with glass. Not having a house on every 5 acre tract.
- 161 Attract and support entrepreneurship and employment opportunities.
- 162 Solar energy, wind turbines, & planting more trees... especially along 6th street and 23rd street.
- 163 improve walkability
- 164 a developed bike commuter system
- 165
- 166 increase the incentives for the use and incorporation of alternative energy sources. Increase community food gardens.
- 167 Correct the tax base, where commercial and industrial taxes carry the homeowners, instead of the other way around as it stands today.
- 168 Community gardens and more alternative housing choices that lessen use of natural resources
- 169 Common sense
- 170 By encouraging sustainable building.
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- 174 Have good modes of public transportation and an employment base spread out within the community so that people can live close to work
- 175 Crack down on crime and reinstate homeless/unemployed into society.
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- 180 dredge Clinton Lake
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- 182 n/a
- 183 Protection of water resources, i.e. - lawn watering restrictions, investment in home conservation measures.
- 184 Living in a community that is affordable without constant tax increases to support questionable projects that can be put on the back burner.
- 185
- 186 Plan
- 187 More industrial business
- 188
- 189 Improve alternate modes of transportation besides automotive.
- 190 using/converting to renewable energy sources
- 191 Make sure that whatever actions are made that we are able to sustain the community, the nature and livability of the area.
- 192 Recognize that sustainability is not just about food, but all aspects of life and business.
- 193 self sustaining homes and businesses
- 194 enforce better insulation codes to reduce energy use, improve recycling
- 195 More renewable energy deployment and more locally grown food sold in Lawrence
- 196
- 197 Less apartments, and more homes
- 198 Densify the city, increase public transit, create a quality system for bicycling, increase

- sustainability standards for new works of architecture - take advantage of the architecture school's presence
- 199
- 200 Tax the hell out of products that waste our natural resources, e.g. anything "disposable."
- 201 Encourage environmental building, sidewalks, walking & cycling
- 202 Secure a reliable water supply. County regulation of non-agricultural uses. Not a major city concern.
- 203
- 204 energy efficiency of renovations, new construction. recycling of old materials
- 205 making recycling easy especially paint, pesticides etc
- 206 Focus on resources for youth and families as well as the rapidly increasing senior/retired populations.
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- 209 Continued support for greener transportation options including public transportation and improved paths for biking and walking.
- 210 Protect and secure the water supply (Kaw and Clinton Lake).
- 211 See my answer to question 27.
- 212
- 213 Economic sustainability
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- 215 recycling. better power options.
- 216
- 217 Work toward the transition from the automobile to walking, bicycling and public transportation
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- 220 Get off the gas pump! Encourage the use of alternative fuels. Set an example by committing to replace city vehicles as they break down with alternative-fuel, electric, and non-motorized vehicles.
- 221
- 222 Educate people, especially about water. Why water your lawn when rain is prevalent?
- 223
- 224 Wish I knew
- 225 Planning!
- 226
- 227
- 228 Quit gobbling up prime farmland and wetlands. We could be the truck farming hub for the midwest in that part of our culture was protected and enhanced
- 229 Up number of community gardens, focus on repurposing/remodeling vacant/abandoned houses and old buildings (would really like to see some "re-birth" in East Lawrence (reduce Hispanic gangs and meth!!)
- 230 Encourage "Buy Local"
- 231 Provide local employment to decrease commuting, provide better retail options.
- 232 Increase the availability of jobs
- 233 Don't put so many road blocks up for new business to come into town. Jobs create a bigger tax base and helps everyone
- 234 Make recycling easier. How about recycling dumpsters for all apartment communities and recycling bins for all houses?

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- 236 Continue to support education and the arts. Promote lakes and build more trails.
- 237 eat more local fruits and vegetables
- 238
- 239 Regulate large commercial/industrial development.
- 240 Make Lawrence less dependent on cars.
- 241 create jobs so people can work and live here
- 242 Having a PLAN!
- 243 Allow wholly modern buildings--architecture and features--to coexist with historic buildings.
- 244 Increase public awareness of sustainability programs and plans
- 245 More recycling options downtown and on parks. More solar panels
- 246 promote biking and walking, recycling
- 247 Support recycling, property taxes discourage maintenance of older properties and those of lesser income
- 248 Focus on enhancing what we already have, our strengths
- 249 Employment opportunities. Balanced tax base
- 250 Focus community on value of sustainable energy development
- 251 Preserving opportunities for economic development that matches the desire for amenities
- 252 Protect/Improve aging area of city
- 253 Reduce car travel within and in/out
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- 256 Higher quality jobs, few big industry, promote downtown, tax breaks/incentives for local business owners
- 257 Maintain a growth pattern that encompasses the current diverse and creative bedroom community feel.
- 258 Things like complete streets - arts- to continue to attract people because they want to live here
- 259 Slow traffic by not expanding streets - encourage more gardening for food
- 260 Recycling. As a renter I have to cart it all somewhere else and this is after finding someplace in my small apartment to collect it all.
- 261 Empower minority voices, promote amenities like Lawrence Public Library and Martin Park, Prairie Park
- 262 Job growth culture enhancements
- 263 Jobs
- 264 Urban farming and communal gardens, supporting local bus, creative affordable living
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- 268 Provide jobs and good homes, keep taxes low
- 269 more light industrial activity
- 270 Support local energy, food, and fuel initiatives
- 271 save our soil for food production and protect the water table by limiting industrial use of water for irrigation
- 272 An understanding that economic development is important for residents to live in the lifestyle they desire. This means all agricultural land cannot be preserved.
- 273 Increasing employment opportunities. Preserving historic sites and values. Providing more green space.
- 274 Provide good leadership and listen to people

- 275 By attracting businesses
- 276 More high paying jobs
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- 279 preserve options to growth, adoptability of the overall infrastructure
- 280 Energy saving for exterior lighting. Conservation of water usage
- 281 more affordable housing, more jobs; more & better cared for (as city responsibility) sidewalks, more attention to older parts of town, connected trails
- 282 Keep this an interesting, stimulating, enjoyable place to live
- 283
- 284 Stop giving away the store to every developer. AND, charge realistic development fees to new projects
- 285 Tell the world what Lawrence can offer.
- 286 Dont get locked into one policy mantra. develop policies that allow flexibility and problem solving options. Civic leadership and staff should put themselves in a position to consider scarce development projects that can improve the area and create jobs
- 287
- 288 Get a vision, stick to it. Focus growth wisely
- 289 good clean jobs that pay well
- 290 Planned, managed growth
- 291 Get people out of their cars and walking - on bikes. ROAD DIETS!
- 292 Reliable bus route to KC; require xeriscaping on all city land; affordable inter-generational housing
- 293 Affordable housing, jobs
- 294 Apply incentives
- 295 Slow our fringe growth - I don't believe more apartme complexes at the outskirts of town is beneficial. Increase public transit opportunities. Support initiatives such as recycling/grey water for landscape, etc.
- 296 Qualitative development and increased green space.
- 297 Concentrate on basic nfrastructure improvements generally well paying local jobs, affordable housing for workers including inclusionsary zoning and accessory housing
- 298 More bike trails = less car and destruction of roads and area
- 299 RENEWABLE ENERGY
- 300 Ask more open ended questions on this survey
- 301 More bike stuff
- 302 Profound incentives that demand profound preservation methodologies
- 303 Stop building highway through wetlands
- 304 Since we have so many elementary schools - tie in recycling/sustainability to each school
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- 307 Access on affordable housing for families and households and transitional living - focus on our low income & seniors
- 308 community involvement
- 309 people need to have decent jobs with livable salaries and safe affordable housing in Lawrence, with appropriate amenities and schools in their neighborhoods
- 310 Allow people to be less auto dependent by making it safer and more efficient to do something else
- 311

- 312 Focus on ecological and environmental impact of all development.
- 313 Require development & proposals to demonstrate sustainability long term and improve the quality of the area. Refuse to approve growth for growth's sake proposals.
- 314 capitalize on the recycling, solar panels on city / county buildings
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- 317 single-stream recycling (and availability of trash/recycling around town). Denser, more efficient growth. Bike/trail system
- 318 We need another outdoor swim facility. This is obvious if you drive by pool downtown in summer.
- 319 Move to support less polluting energy sources in autos and other energy sources. Support alternative energy and move away from traditional fossil fuelage, support solar, geothermal, walking, biking
- 320 Keeping creative, productive people and businesses here! Use its unique agricultural environments to become a "showcase" of what innovative people can do with great soils, decent climates and access to markets
- 321 Stop growing the city! Stop driving & owning CARS. Energy audits and deep energy retrofits for all houses & businessees
- 322 Historical architectural presrvation. Preserving/Including green space in new development site's and in remodeled neighborhoods (including the Warehouse Arts District)
- 323 Supporting education and training, integrating bicycle pathes into the everyday life of Lawrence, widespread organic farming, leaving room for green spaces,
- 324 Community gardens and agriculture.
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- 329 Protect water supply, not grow beyond water supply.
- 330 Jobs are always an issue - they are all over the country, obviously. I make my living doing 2 jobs. Am self employed as I couldn't find a regular full-time job. Not unusual anywhere in the U.S. right now.
- 331 Allow market forces to dictate without artificial restrictions being imposed
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- 333 Appropriate infill projects. Planned growth that promotes primary jobs. Attracting high-tech firms that require a variety of employee levels
- 334
- 335 Look to other communities that are leading the way, make it a priority, stop letting enormous apartment complexes into the city
- 336
- 337 To maintain a diverse and welcoming culture
- 338 Continue its unique character offering a quality of life very few communities can match
- 339 Create & maintian walkable neighborhoods close to employment
- 340 ensuring reasonable green building codes/preserving green space/trees and encouraging recycling become a part of our community without pricing out new development.
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- 343 Protect and preserve our water and soil resources! Educate!
- 344 maintain/increase agricultural use; increase incentives for solar energy and other environmentally

- sustainable energy
- 345 Create a outer belt/limit for growth and maintaining natural and agricultural areas.
- 346 Grow the city using smart growth strategies, good public transportation, density, connectivity
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- 348 Understand ecology and integrate into planning. Support local food and businesses, creative reuse, support alternative energy, recycle.
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- 350 Community gardens/kitchens.
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- 352 Consult citizens more openly about large construction projects.
- 353 Not getting caught up in the moment; see where all proposals fit into the long term picture
- 354 Reduce waste created by built environment by implementing real green strategies, not just "LEED-ish" checklists
- 355 Recycling, more solar and other green power technologies.
- 356 I don't know
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- 360 build up not out
- 361 Community engagement (like these meetings) as town grows. Do not let developers have the upper hand on how neighborhoods develop
- 362 Develop dense, walkable neighborhoods, provide energy efficiency assistance
- 363 Extend recycling services to new developments, especially apartment buildings on west side of town
- 364 Think and plan for ECOLOGICAL sustainability, NOT sustainable development or sustained growth (both of which are impossible on a finite planet)
- 365 Protect and increase connectivity and diversity
- 366 Use locally grown foods. Find ways to produce electricity that relies less on coal.
- 367 Waork with the neighborhoods that are involved instead of trying to push a preplanned agenda for developers. Working together will work smoother in the future.
- 368
- 369 Be more selective with types of development. Be mindful of destroying native habitats. Educate the public on various aspects of sustainability. Community gardens - walkable neighborhoods and bike lanes
- 370 Working together and coming to consensus to grow mindfully, knowing that good growth is important- we do need to attract commercial and industrial business to enable use to do other things we want to do.
- 371 We need to grow our tax base. A more prosperous community will lead to higher tax revenues, which will provide more public resources to spend on parks, open space, and conservation.
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- 373 Broadening our decision making, codes, etc to embrace green methods, thinking long-term, supporting grass roots efforts already in the community.

29. Are there things about Lawrence/Douglas County that you really like and would like to see more?

- 1 more small shops. Mass Street used to be interesting, now it's just bars and restaurants.

- 2 downtown
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- 5 the mix of people & ideas that KU brings to Lawrence
- 6 No
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- 8 more family entertainment; miniature golf, drive-in theater, etc.
- 9 KU involvement with the community. Supporting social services, volunteering, fundraising, inviting families to enjoy KU events.
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- 12 Be a community that allows the people therein to reach their economic potential.
- 13 Medium sized community, college town, up to now, good educational system and city amenities
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- 16 festivals, fairs, community things for all citizens.
- 17 Pretty accepting and inclusive. I like to see new local businesses open up, such as coffee shops & bike shops
- 18 Majority of townsfolk are friendly and engaging. Open minded and willing to try new things.
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- 23 Excellent parks, good schools, strong sense of community and shared destiny.
- 24 More commercial and industrial development, which will create new jobs and economic development opportunities.
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- 27 Art, Art, and more art - the more I see the more I want. Final Fridays should be all encompassing! All retailers should have a resident or monthly featured artist and provide refreshments and a social atmosphere.
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- 30 The availability of KU
- 31 Stand behind the claims already made, do not make it so hard for homeowners to renovate their homes and stop passing on the taxes to the public when the new businesses can afford them.
- 32 The thriving arts community has been a true pleasure the past few years, but my most favorite thing about this community is the amount of outdoor recreation it offers. It would be nice if, for example, sidewalks were maintained and kept clear.
- 33 I really like Clinton Lake and I really hate the idea of a convention center/hotel or other commercial uses there. I would like to see the type of trail system that Clinton has happen along the south bank of the Kansas River.
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- 36 I love the flowers and sculptures downtown, I love the stores downtown and the different kinds of classes offered by the parks and rec
- 37 Love the airport. Would like to see runway 15/33 extend to 7,000 feet someday.
- 38 Parades downtown! We've got the cutest Downtown in the world, I'd like to see another high

wheel bicycle parade.

39 Love the efforts being made to improve our community from a health standpoint. Would love to see us qualify as a Blue Zone.

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41 Downtown, parks, walking paths

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43 In spite of all my bitching, Lawrence is still a good place to live (and needs to protect that). Even the bad guys wear white hats.

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45 Pedestrian and bicycle activity. Families walking.

46 Political activism. Unique local services that cultivate larger markets.

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49 Not really

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52 open space protected thru conservation easements.

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55 Taking care of what we have

56 community events, support of the arts and education, parks and rec

57 Connected paths = connected people

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62 Churches Chicken

63 The nurturing and encouragement of local agriculture is great. Let's see nurturing of back yard agriculture (gardens, chickens, beekeeping) and. Let's see reduction of herbicides and pesticides in residential lawns. Education is everything.

64 The rural-ness of Douglas County be supported and valued

65 I like our downtown, our parks and our great neighborhoods. I would love to see the Arts District expanded and become a place that draws art lovers.

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70 Mass Street-like places

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72 Mix of history, culture, diversity, innovation

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75 Why assume "more" is good? If I like Downtown Lawrence, why should more of it be good.

76 Basically, the things that you can only find here, the things that make this place unique. To do that you have to support the PEOPLE that do/make those things.

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79 I like the historic nature of our city and county. I would like to see more developments like the

Poehler Lofts.

80 Healthy existing neighborhoods and commercial districts.

81 High end restaurants

82 Yes. I like the idea of community gardens, and would love to see a food park developed here in Lawrence, something along the lines of the Beacon Food Forest in Seattle.

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88 public art sculpture and historical preservation

89 Band Concerts, Farmer's Market

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91 Yes, community spirit

92 Many things I like, too numerous to mention...

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94 Interest in sustainability

95 More community activities and festivals.

96 Effective trails within city limits. More community gardens or green spaces

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98 Businesses that are responsible, local, aesthetic, generous, good employers, contributors.

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102 I like the way the city/county work together to preserve what we have while endeavoring to improve our opportunities for the future.

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104 I love the environmental diversity and those who protect it. I would love to see more organic agriculture and educational developments

105 very friendly

106 Lawrence Art Center, library, youth sports complex, parks, outdoor activities, downtown shops, neighborhood gardens, farmer's market

107 Jazz offerings.

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111 nice people

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114 the size of the communities; the variety of the communities

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117 Cultural and architectural diversity.

118 I love final Fridays. I think the Free State Festival looks very interesting and am excited to see it. I like the Art Walk. I like the bike path in East Lawrence and I love the Levy pathway and Clinton Lake.

119 Clean, well kept neighborhoods & parks

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122 Downtown has been very successful as well as the Prarie Park nature center and the Bouroughs
Creek trail
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125 Yes! Natural beauty, trees, walking paths and trails...
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128 not sure
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130 Bike friendly areas.
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132 I want to see more community computer classes.
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137 Small, local businesses, preservation and promotion of historical areas/information.
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139 Grocery stores where needed and of moderate size.
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142 More neighborhood access to locally-grown, fresh produce and more community gardens
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145 More owner-occupied residences in the older neighborhoods around KU.
146 interest in becoming a "Food Hub" and increasing sustainability in action and advocacy
147 Spread the public arts program throughout the community and county, not just Mass St.
148 Community-wide events that bring us together (e.g., July 4th).
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153 The ability of the commissions to work in a non-partisan way for the betterment of the city and
county.
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157 Personal property rights.
158 Our efforts to maintain good asthetics on our buildings, public areas and enhancements
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160 City expanding our infrastructure in an responsible way. Waste water and potable water treated
in a green way.
161 Of course! It is a fabulous community. I would like to see more of everything. Downtown should
expand to the other side of the river, up 9th Street and all the way down 23rd.
162 I like downtown, the bike/walking trails, & dog parks.
163 embracing the unique population and continued value of the arts
164 trails like the Burroughs Trail, expanded programs like Common Ground

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166 I love the diversity and would love to see more cultural centers.
167 Retail options.
168 The downtown, old west Lawrence and KU are all unique sub-areas with their own individual culture. We need to create the same unique feel to areas of new construction.
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170 It's character.
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172 Preserving vistas and great views of lands. More access to Kansas River
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175 I really like the free Holcom Recreational Facility. I'd like to see more improvements to it.
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182 n/a
183 Like the ability to transition from urban community to rural landscape in a few minutes.
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187 more industrial for workers in this area
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191 Artwork and protection of culture.
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193 love the historical homes, farmers market, art, south park activities
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195 Downtown restaurants, historical signs
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197 parks, trees, more city sponsored activities (downtown festivals/concerts)
198 The communities overall attitude, farmers' markets, somewhat dense residential neighborhoods (older part of town).
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201 Our parks system is wonderful!
202 Keep current landscaping and tree requirements, don't expand upon.
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204 saving the old buildings in east lawrence. ensure new construction blends with existing neighborhood
205 Green spaces
206 Expanded library resources across the county--satellite libraries
207
208 Focus on family neighborhoods, farmers markets, small businesses
209 I love all the public support for the arts including events; art installations; murals; etc.

- 210 Yes - more small and independent/start-up businesses. A true market economy would work well here.
- 211 More diversity of businesses, housing, etc.
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- 214 Concern and support for people in great need. Support & honoring of arts and history. More support/interest in ALL neighborhoods
- 215 i love our community. continue to be open minded to alternative forms of transportation and the wellness of our community.
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- 217 The variety of cultural opportunities, music, art, drama, history. Also the variety of architecture both public and private.
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- 219
- 220 The bus system here is astonishing for a small midwestern city. More comprehensive coverage would be fantastic--longer hours and Sunday routes would be just great.
- 221
- 222 Farm markets. Open farm visits in fall. And of course a few in-town dog parks.
- 223
- 224 buildings and new businesses building in styles that fit the surrounding residences and old feel of Lawrence
- 225 More bus service! Let's cut down on the number of cars that need to be on the streets.
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- 228 More maintenance free neighborhoods for seniors
- 229 I think the shops in North Lawrence are great. The Lecompton community has really pulled together in the last 2 years through PRIDE. I would like to see help from Douglas County to remodel the community building
- 230 Outside dining, Emphasis on Quality of Life
- 231 Diversity of culture, but need much more.
- 232 The friendly atmosphere and the diversity of the culture.
- 233 I would like to see more blue collar jobs in the area. I would rather not have to have so many of our residents drive to Topeka or KC to work. Keep the jobs local.
- 234 Community partnerships, like those between non-profits, churches, government agencies, schools, universities, and other groups.
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- 236 Cultural events programs
- 237 the Burroughs trail, garden sites, original townsites neighborhoods revitalized
- 238
- 239 I love living in a college town, access to Clinton lake and the river and our downtown.
- 240 I like the people, who are public spirited, kind, and intelligent. They are here for the long haul.
- 241 i like the theatre Lawrence, the lied center - I like the museums - see the cultural activites such as the mexican fiesta by St. Johns
- 242 I would like to see Lawrence development be driven by smart thinking not developers.
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- 245 N/A
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247 More public transportation to KC and Topeka // When I first came to Lawrence one could take a bus to Royals games

248 active downtown, arts scene, COMMUNITY EVENTS

249 Infill development that fits in w/ the existing character of the area

250 Again - Waterways are vastly under-appreciated - Kaw and Clinton

251 I think a major change is coming with regard to technologies and education. We need to be able to retain our workforce and our community as technology advances. Without an infrastructure for this we will lose opportunities.

252 large scale development

253 Development of more parks along rivers

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255 Unique business and art throughout the city and county

256 Parks, activities, small business

257 More walkability with a creative (art) music or economic nodules

258 Caring people - good government

259 Green space! Organic (grass roots) community events

260 It has a sense of place and a sense of community that I'd like to see maintained. I love all the old houses so ensuring their protection and perhaps some incentives to help owners maintain and rehab them would be nice.

261 Wetlands

262 Community activities, cultural & arts @ LDC & LHDS

263 I love the new focus on arts and commerce.

264 Unique local businesses

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267 Garden areas - community

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269 like active downtown area. Final Fridays

270 Local farms

271 open spaces, protection of the urban core

272 The sound planning that has taken place over the years

273 Downtown Lawrence is quite charming and it would be carried throughout the city. Many communities in Douglas Co. are unique & charming & should concentrate on that.

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278 employment opportunities

279 More variety in restaurants! Like seafood. More police and first responders

280 really great job with city landscaping, benefits to small businesses

281 ethnic diversity

282 Parks & Rec. does a good job. Most of the county is rural-agricultural. Farmers markets are a big hit.

283 More enforcement to clean up blighted areas, roundabouts at major intersections, buses

284 Excellent city airport, nice riverfront

285 Everything appear's to be fairly well balanced in all areas, more growth tell the world what Lawrence can offer.

286 more diverse employment opportunities in Lawrence and Douglas County, I want Lawrence to

become a FREE STANDING city.

287 I love how we support local businesses

288 We are fortunate to have a friendly, walkable downtown where there is access to arts events, historic places and places to meet friends, enjoy a meal, etc. We just need to be sure whatever other growth we have does not detract from that.

289 historic preservation

290 Community Planning. Health policies. Following Complete Streets

291 Open space, outlying farmland, quirky neighborhoods, public art

292 Festivals, Parades, Art Walks

293 Preservation of open green space and farmland. Also, opportunities for input is great and important

294 More positive proactive growth - its inevitable so why not structure it to be more positive

295 Support small local businesses. Continued connection of community to the university

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297 less gentrification that not all residents can afford. More emphasis on affordable housing. more entrepreneurial approval and encouragement of local business that cultivates Lawrence such as good wages like Freestate Holdings

298 Bike trails & outdoor activities, live bands

299 better access to the river and across it for exploring, pedestrian bridges. preserve existing affordable housing around downtown

300 Keep the downtown pool open til midnight once a month in the summer time

301 More bike stuff

302 Genuine high-quality museum development

303 Small family owned businesses

304 community gardens, school gardens

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307 green space - focus even more on local artists, musicians, creativity that is our not manipulated by corporates for their own interests

308 local small businesses

309 variety in neighborhoods

310 More Multi-use paths connection, downtown like development

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312 The focus on controlled, well planned growth is important. (To avoid an Overland Park type disaster)

313 It has good urban qualities but tries to maintain its rural roots and character.

314 Downtown Lawrence,

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317 I like art, music, historic work at current level. More outdoor (bike/walk trails!)

318 Vibrant downtown extremely important

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320 More cooperation w/ county-city-university. The great restaurants w/reasonable prices

321 Public natural areas, Kaw River, Unique neighborhoods, bike paths, community orchards, small farms that produce local foods

322 Parks & walking trails. Improvement of the appearance of the North Lawrence corridor as it leads into downtown, before you cross the bridge

323 Love downtown with its mix of arts, film, dining, library.

324 Neighborhood schools.
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328 lower speed limits when there are no sidewalks, 5 to 10 mph
329 City-maintained parks and trails.
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331 Variety of restaurants is here. Would like to see more variety encouraged. For example,
encourage an Elephant Bar franchise to open a store here, a Red Robin to open here, etc
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333 Recreation opportunities. Biz dvlpmt projects that are happening around the downtown core.
Warehouse Arts District.
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335 The arts are strong and the local food system is strengthening - these are positives
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337 Downtown events. Dog days. JoCo buses
338 Planning development well with conseration for transporation, integrating unique character,
quality of construction, green spaces. Following the plan and not allowing developers to change
the agreed plan.
339 Bike/pedestrian facilities, outdoor swimming opportunities, neighborhoods with porches and
alleys, newer commercial areas that are well designed and landscaped
340 Shifting to a more community/walking/biking friendly environment. If i wanted JoCo, i'd have
moved there.
341 sad
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343 I think I've mentioned them all - food growers, arts, history, outdoor recreation
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345 The town and gown relationship and the business opportunities it creates. The close proximity of
natural areas. The abundance of locally grown food. The emphasis on health and outdoor fitness
opportunities. Parks to gardens. The healthy downtown.
346 Keep increasing the arts & culture. Keep downtown growing and prospering
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348 We have folks in city government working toward more sustainable practices. We support our
heritage. We are integrating arts and culture into our community even more.
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350 N/A
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352 The downtown, cultural resources although we could use more, senior services.
353 More downtown events that let people from here and elsewhere enjoy themselves
354 Yes! The ability to experience natural rural life then engage in culture w/ a worldwide
perspective. Protect that.
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356 More events at KU and The Lied Center and downtown, more festivals, concerts, etc./ more retail
shopping options / more restaurants / more parks - green space / more jobs
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360 food and arts

- 361 I've said it all! Lawrence rocks! Keep it that way.
- 362 Trails, stream restoration, historic preservation
- 363 Like the community gardens! Would love to see some outside of downtown
- 364 Our open-mindedness and sense of inclusion, our agricultural heritage, our participatory democracy
- 365 More community arts events
- 366 Newer sidewalks are very good. Sidewalks should be improved in the neighborhoods around the University.
- 367 Community college/trade/tech school. Research facilities - not industrial parks.
- 368
- 369 Love the diverse makeup of people. Love the rich history & the impact of the university on the town. Locally owned stores & restaurants - great parks & roadside landscaping
- 370 Lawrence/Douglas County is really beautiful. I love that we can still see the stars at night, and that it's to walk and bike and enjoy being outdoors. I also love the cool architectural projects undertaken by Dan Rockhill's classes, etc. Green building.
- 371 Growth of retail choices that will improve our retail pull factor. Excited about future projects, which will help me spend more of my money in the community.
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- 373 Smart, fun people, easy access to outdoor public spaces, more color, less beige, compassion towards people who are disenfranchised.

30. Are there things you don't like and would like changed?

- 1 more small shops. Mass Street used to be interesting, now it's just bars and restaurants.
- 2 23rd street
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- 5 we're not an industrial hub so less emphasis on industry and more emphasis on creating white collar employment
- 6 No
- 7 Yes, the sidewalks in my neighborhood are very dangerous. The kids and I trip at least once on every walk
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- 10 Too many small National chain retail stores.
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- 12 Don't stifle entrepreneurship. Better bike and ped transportation options. This is improving.
- 13 Too much suburban sprawl. Public transportation could be much better (including connections to other cities in Kansas and Missouri.
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- 16 Why continue to hand out money to special interest groups when the budget is suffering. Let the citizens support what they want to have.
- 17 Still quite a few vacant strip mall locations although that seems to be decreasing.
- 18 Less big power brokers of developers influencing path forward -- the Fritzels, Schwadas, Comptons, etc.
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23 Sprawling development dominated by fast food restaurants. This reinforces sedentary living and poor diets.
24 Reversing the perception that Lawrence is hostile to new development and growth.
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27 I want more sidewalks and better lighting in all areas of town. Just to keep everyone safe - possibly build better pedestrian areas around 23rd street and Iowa (Iowa is pretty good between 23rd and 15th).
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30 Small groups driving what we do
31 Quality and delivery of water is terrible, need more law enforcement personnel and more facilities for them, need a bigger and better animal shelter, quality and maintenance of roads are terrible, need more community facilities for indoor sports, need mor
32 The community remains focused on the individual driver of automobiles. Many close calls with drivers who just don't see walkers or bikers make me want to see enforcement of existing crosswalk laws and etc.
33 I'm afraid of letting residential developers gobble up land to build cheap housing. We should incentivize redevelopment in existing neighborhoods. Redbud lane area for example. This area seriously needs some attention.
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36 another grocery store on the east side of town
37 The police state mentality, the big government mentality, the LPRs and other warrantless invasions on ordinary citizens
38 I'd like some doctors to move back toward downtown. Why do they all have to be on Wakarusa?
39 I don't like the plethora of unhealthy restaurants--there are more going up all the time.
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41 Sprawl! Westside of Lawrence is pretty awful.
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43 Government decision making is pathetic. A handful of developers and Chamber-types run rough shod over common sense. City staff and elected officials seem incapable of gathering data, expert opinion, and then analyzing options, before acting.
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45 too much traffic. Bring on the SLT and don't have any stoplights on it. People will stop; we don't have to force them.
46 development community domination of planning process.
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48 Ignoring land-use plans
49 Another movie theater (cheap movies), less sports bars, a Costco, better paying jobs.
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52 More cooperation between city and county and between Lawrence and Lecompton, Baldwin City, and Eudora.
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54 I'd like to see us consider a different political process in which we have a consistent mayor rather than a revolving door

55 Development of northwest Lawrence

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57 Disorganized road construction projects....

58 I don't like the constant handouts to the already wealthy developers. Businesses should shoulder their own risk, stop socializing the risk while privatizing the reward.

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60 Stop giving away tax breaks to the Fritzels & Comptons & etc.

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63 Developers make ugly neighborhoods. Developers are making downtown more ugly.

64 Too much expansion - stop doing it

65 The sidewalks are pathetic, we must improve them. Traffic intersections dangerous for pedestrians and bike riders.

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72 Too many tax incentives for big developers without requiring something in return

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75 I have never understood why we pay our school teachers less than they do in the surrounding towns and areas, e.g. Blue Valley Schools. Raise teacher pay. WE lose good teachers because of low pay, and quality education is essential to a town.

76 Yes, development of prime agricultural property for industrial and/or retail or uses other than agriculture.

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79 Most of the sprawl west of Kasold is the same old humdrum development that you can see in Anywhere USA. Get back to square blocks with alleys.

80 New unneeded subdivisions and commercial centers that sap the economic vitality out of older neighborhoods and commercial districts.

81 Bad sidewalks and streets in some neighborhoods....seems like East and North Lawrence never get repaired.

82 Although I like the fact that we have a hazardous household waste center, I wish we didn't have to call ahead and make an appointment. I wish we could just come during hours of operation and drop our stuff off.

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87 Property taxes are out of control

88 I hate roundabouts!

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91 Negativism by some citizens at public meetings or in media
92 Slightly off subject but really not - get rid of our poor, regressive, anti-KU, State Governor.
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94 Low wages
95 Over building
96 The restrictive ideas about where art should and should not be and what is or is not art.
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98 Ugly businesses, like some of those on South Iowa (Payless Furniture) that pull our community
down while not contributing anything. Walkable sidewalks everywhere!
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100 Stop building unnecessary huge buildings downtown. Stop allowing so many track homes and
large apartment complexes to be built in West Lawrence. More varied types of housing.
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102 I'm concerned about growing blight and crime. Lawrence is not as safe as it was.
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104 destroying the wetlands
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106 Maybe too much growth too fast to the west. Too car-dependent. Also a school system that loses
its best teachers due to low pay.
107 Rampant commercial development, including housing
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111 Less reliance on developers to determine the landscape of the area
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114 city often appears to be favoring certain builders; monthly utilities rates increase; influence of
trends instead of what may be the best solutions to issues or concerns
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116 get off that sports are the end all and be all for anybody who lives here.
117 The way that a few people own so many properties, rent them out and then don't keep them up
and the way that a few companies keep getting all the new construction bids.
118 I really hate that we lost the Wetlands.
119 More even distribution of basic shopping & other necessities (gas, groceries, etc)
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122 There should be a walkway/pedestrian mall along the south side of the river
123 23rd street needs to diversify to allow both commercial and green spaces. the same with Iowa. I
would love to see a Walmart next to a park not next to a Target, Best Buy, and Home Depot.
Less cement and more green space.
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125 Poor sidewalks
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128 not sure
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130 Bike hostile areas.
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- 132 I hate multifamily, poorly built apartment complexes without yards. I want to see more affordable single family houses with yard.
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- 134 Try to save trees and wildlife as we move forward
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- 136 jos, and crime
- 137 The use of glyphosate and 2,4-D herbicides; the current and future development in the wetlands; no grocery store in East/North Lawrence.
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- 139 I would love for the city to follow city guidelines and codes and have fewer variances and exceptions to them. Say "no" more often.
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- 142 More safe pedestrian and bike through-ways and more recycling access of more items (though curbside in October is a big step, thank you!)
- 143 Mood swings between business and residential.
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- 145 The iron-fisted control developers, landlords, and non-resident property owners have over the City Commission
- 146 insufficient news coverage in print/TV, etc...need community radio
- 147 Bland, generic, corporate, thoughtless architecture that detracts from our community, making us look just like everywhere else in Topeka/KC
- 148 SLT destruction of Wakarusa wetlands (done deal). Rock Chalk Park and other west Lawrence developments may create yet another stormwater disaster of Yankee Creek watershed unless mitigated in advance..
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- 153 Too much ownership/control by one developer.
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- 157 I think the Environmental Chapter in Horizon 2020 is an over-reach of government's authority.
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- 160 Pan handlers and dead beats downtown. Yard sprinklers watering the street.
- 161 We need more strong leaders with a vision of a vibrant, healthy economy. We spend too much time debating the protection of our current treasures, and not enough building future ones.
- 162 We need more trees along busy streets like 6th, 23rd, & Iowa.
- 163 suburban development west
- 164 better access to the river, more connected trails along and over the river, more development along the river.
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- 166 I don't like that there are residences for rent that are unsafe for habitation.
- 167 There are parts of our community that look blighted. Let's clean up 23rd St, and keep the medians and parks and other public areas mowed, let's encourage residents to take care of their properties, and let's enhance the entrances to our town.

168 23rd Street between Iowa and Mass is an eye sore and needs overall planning and re-development

169 We are ruled by an excess of academic diarrhea

170 Lack of career opportunities.

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174 I would like to see more turnover in the management of City/County government. Change is a healthy thing. We bring too many people up from the ranks and don't bring new ideas (ie current city mgr)

175 I don't like seeing pan handlers on streets who ask for charity.

176 Require apartment buildings and other multi-unit housing to provide on-site recycling bins as well as the standard dumpsters.

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182 n/a

183 Get a new city manager that is professionally trained in city management and a political hack

184 Too much special interest to specific neighborhoods, i.e. Old Lawrence, East Lawrence district.

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187 less government rules

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191 Funds going to developers rather than artists and others who are making our community better and more attractive through culture and art.

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195 The bike lanes end abruptly in many places and need to be extended properly.

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197 City bus system, less apartments, street quality

198 Most of the development in western Lawrence, all of the soulless big box development along Iowa, 6th Street, and 23rd Street.

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201 Traffic planning seems bizarre. Tired of fighting for every little thing in regard to pedestrians, and the construction this year is very poorly planned.

202 Environmentally sensitive lands regulation is over-burdensome.

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204 new downtown construction does not blend with existing downtown. buildings too tall. adds more issues to solar energy usage (but i am keeping my tall trees)

205 Big development close to downtown

206 I need more time to think.

207 more inclusive of lower income

- 208 Putting money into things that are used only by a small number of wealthy residents --- focus on things that will improve the are for more/all residents
- 209 Some of the commercial stretches are both ugly and hard to navigate, particularly 23rd street and the east part of 6th.
- 210 Local entities are convinced that it is critical to "foster" eco-devo. The role of the city/county should be to provide appropriate infrastrucure and a manageable tax burden - not pick winners and losers.
- 211 Commercialism, sprawl, profit being valued above people and the environment.
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- 213 Electrical substation at waterfront should be moved.
- 214 Lack of affordable houseing and efficient and durable transitional housing. Local elected government officials who give support to developers who have little interest/regard for the unique/rich history and character of Lawrence.
- 215 if you drive a car often it is not the easiest to get across town.
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- 217 The concentration of retail stores and large, boring areas with huge parking lots. This invites driving miles for every need.
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- 220 Stop prioritizing high-volume car traffic in road construction. If you build it, they will fill it up. We're adding lanes this year and will have to again in 5 years unless some pretty radical city planning changes occur. There's only so much space.
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- 224 modern architecture=option to vote on design of new public buildings ie: new library....
- 225 Sprawl. Excessive building of apartments. Lack of concern for infrastructure of older parts of the city (sidewalks, streets).
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- 228 The need for the city commission to follow the plan. Listen to the community and no be so connected to developers and special interests such as contractors, profit-oriented groups.
- 229 The way Lawrence spends \$. I feel like the town builds because it can because there is apparently extra \$. I would like to see less new construction and more make what already exists better
- 230 Growing importance of money in politics - too much deference to developers
- 231 Insufficient nursing home beds for the needs of Lawrence, which will increase as the population ages and the city attracts retirees.
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- 233 They city takes too much time getting new businesses open. There are too many delays. This should not be happening!
- 234 We need less expensive housing that doesn't all cater to students.
- 235 Too much government now
- 236 The struggle between motorists and cyclists on HWY 1055
- 237 the bike lanes on Louisiana needs remarking with the bicyclist going contra flow, cut the trees hanging over the path
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- 239 Too much traffic congestion.

240 Lack of marked parking spaces on my street (Ohio St. in Oread neighborhood)

241 Don't like the idea that growth is not important. i've come here so we should help sustain Lawrence so the next group can move here!

242 23rd street and 6th street. Ugly and not "user friendly". Would like Tenn or Ken to have no parking and have a clear and usable bike lane. We have the opportunity to make Lawrence a pedestrian friendly place and we have not done much to improve it.

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244 There should be a better recycling program in town. There should be more street lights (especially for the student ghetto). I don't like having to drive 25-30 miles to go to a mall. A mall would be useful.

245 N/A

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247 Better use of public transportation

248 grocery stores in/near communities so more accessible to all

249 Collaboration of individuals w/ diverse perspective to find common goals/values

250 Tendency towards sprawl is not pastoral.

251 Less focus on agriculture and natural resources

252 Do not like deterioration of older areas of city

253 dry-vit

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255 Gateways into our city. Need improvement to future "Lawrence" character. Public should have "ah ha" I'm in Lawrence when drive into any gateway.

256 Fewer box stores, less apartments, less commuters

257 The disconnective nature of west Lawrence to east Lawrence

258 A little less concrete downtown - more green space

259 We are letting large developers walk all over us, giving them tax breaks and other incentives and getting little or nothing in return

260 Some intersections are dangerous and I hate trying to turn left with no turn arrow (Iowa/19th heading east on 19th turning left onto Iowa) and Iowa/Bob Billings heading west on Bob Billings heading west on Bob turning left on Iowa)

261 Dangerous roads like S. Lawrence Trafficway

262 Increase connectivity

263 The resistance to change and economic growth. The legislators, the Kansas "budget".

264 Sprawl. Growth doesn't need to be horizontal

265 I don't like the suburban sprawl

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269 I feel there is an attitude in Lawrence that only the interests of the City of Lawrence matter, not the whole county!

270 All the building towards Clinton Lake!

271 sprawl, destruction of the wetlands

272 This may not be a planning item, but few of the people I am acquainted with like the roundabouts

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274 Better travel through Lawrence - SLT should help

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277 I am very disturbed by how little the local decision makers adhere to the plan and public input.

Rock Chalk Park should have gone to the public as a ballot measure.
278 Better traffic flow. Less cumbersome regulations for land use
279 More transparency. More commitment on basic services, utilities, fire/police, etc.
280 the eyesore of the missile in Centennial Park
281 strongly wish Rock Chalk Park had never happened - but too late to change that - less pandering
to lying, greedy developers. I don't like the riverfront is ignored.
282 Long term plans seem to work until a developer wants an exception. We (rep the City
Commission) should respect the plans more.
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284 stricter controls on developers. Lawrence Police and Sheriff should be merged
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286 I don't want to see a stream of cars leaving Lawrence every morning for work and shopping in KC
and Topeka. We need to stop the "BEDROOM" community syndrome.
287 More pedestrian Downtown, fewer turn ins off 23rd St
288 Ugly apartment buildings filling whole "neighborhoods". I know we need places for people to
live, but why can't the developers put in a little effort at quality and character.
289 zoning changes that permit things that don't fit
290 Economic Development going completely to real estate and not diversified
291 Stop Building and widening roads - it increases speed of cars and impairs safety
292 Fast Drivers!
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294 The politics - its all over town. So are hidden agendas - the walls need to come down.
295 Large commercial developments are not necessary. People do not live in Lawrence for its
convenience or big-box shopping opportunities
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297 less gentrification that not all residents can afford. More emphasis on affordable housing. more
entrepreneurial approval and encouragement of local business that cultivates Lawrence such as
good wages like Freestate Holdings
298 We need to increase the level of pay and less commuting to other cities
299 no more tall buildings downtown
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302 Watkins and Carnegie aren't strong enough to garner widespread interest (weak tourism
features)
303 Sprawl - especially on south Iowa and west 6th St
304 no solution, but the panhandlers scare visitors to our city
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307 See above
308 - separation between east and west Lawrence. -support for mental health/housing
309 Let's make Lawrence the place we would be proudest of... reasonable wage job opportunities,
safe, affordable housing in vibrant neighborhoods, innovative business, active arts and culture
scene. No one would want to leave.
310 Roads too wide to walk across, sprawl style development
311 Door downtown that seniors could get into.
312 More focus on ped/bike accessibility, increased focus on repairing and maintaining E Lawrence,
allow more bars/non-food places on Mass, rezoning school district boundaries in a more sensible
fashion.

313 Slow down the urge to build up downtown with high rises.
314 willingness to let developers drive the train at the expense of the environment.
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317 Suburban "Anytown, USA" feel
318 I am not opposed to growth, just thoughtless growth. We shouldn't let developers determine what Lawrence looks like.
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320 Overall, I'm pretty happy and glad I live here.
321 Developers own the city council, usually. Stop giving abatements to big corporations (walmart) that don't provide a living wage, change city council to a proportional democracy.
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323 Building of sterile neighborhoods on the west side that have no character
324 Concrete and western expansion.
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328 lower speed limits in residential areas 5 - 10 mph
329 Squandering and destruction of ecosystems such as the Wakarusa Wetlands.
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331 Faster work done on street repair and construction. Work should be completed in days and at most week and never months.
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333 Less territorialism. More collaboration
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335 Ugly (and mostly empty?) apartments, continued growth outward, and not very interesting or local growth inside the city (Marriott)
336 I'd like to see increased walkability and bike-ability.
337 High percentage of teenage/college drinking
338 The way developers are sometimes allowed to change the plan/zoning for an area.
339 The apartment complexes out west (massive and not attractive), lack of street connectivity, very few parks out west
340 ensuring major avenues (31st, 23rd/Clinton, Bob Billings, 6th, Iowa, KY, TN) support the move through city traffic, while other streets are more people friendly.
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343 Get a handle on sprawl and unnecessary retail and grocery development and redundancy!! Do we need six grocery stores within two miles of one another really?
344 Developers in the pocket of KU and vice versa. Projects need to be properly vetted and go through proper approval processes
345 I don't like that people do not fully appreciate the wealth of knowledge and opportunity provided by academics at KU. I would like to see the city explore business and industrial opportunities with KU to develop "green" businesses based on research @ KU.
346 I don't like the current way Lawrence is growing (ie strip malls, low density). There has also been no thought in all the developments that are being built.
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348 We need to support better community dialogue and help people be a more integral part of decisionmaking. I understand the challenges with this. More careful planning and strictures on

- development that are carried through. Example: Rock Chalk sports complex
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- 350 N/A
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- 352 I would never have voted for Rock Chalk Park and think that it is reprehensible to accept only one bidder. Big downtown structures are also offensive. I would not want another mall with big, out of town stories
- 353 Build on the planning process we have; involve the development community so they see the value of conservation; involve the conservation folks so they can see the importance of integrating development in conservation
- 354 The transformation toward Johnson County suburban development as the city streets west. This has to stop or Lawrence is finished
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- 356 better options for retail shopping / better transportation - thoroughfares through the city / more bike lanes / more parks - green space with trees and seating areas / higher standards for architecture and landscaping - residential and commercial
- 357 Too many WalMarts
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- 360 sprawl toward lake
- 361 Pandering to developeprs. Increase minimum wage for service workers. Do not develop the prime farmland northwest of Lawrence.
- 362 Allow alternative, reasonable construction practices. Ensure high-quality architecture and public spaces
- 363 Am looking foward to the K-10 bypass
- 364 Fossil fuel based industrial growth economy
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- 366 Leadership that bases growth and development on sound planning principles and not cronyism and economic expedience.
- 367 Island annexing of land! You learned your lesson. No island annexation!
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- 369 Would like more locally owned businesses & fewer big box chains & 23rd Street type development
- 370 Only that we tend to think small sometimes. It's time for us to recognize this is a place where people enjoy living, and more people will enjoy living here too. We will have the capacity and the capability to do big, amazing things and set examples for ot
- 371 Negative attitude towards growth. Tired of the use of offensive words like "sprawl". We need to embrace a diversity of housing and commercial options and not control development through once size fits all restrictions.
- 372 Negative attitude toward growth. Tired of the use of offensive words like "sprawl". We need to embrace a diversity of housing and commercial options and not control development through one size fits all restrictions.
- 373 Smugness, I am embarassed by the smugness about the coolness of Lawrence I hear everywhere.

31. Are there any other comments that you wish to be taken into consideration regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update Process?

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2 see above

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5 Everywhere I go I run into KU grads who say they love Lawrence but they had to move away because of the lack of good paying professional jobs. Housing is expensive, and warehouse/industrial jobs will not pay the wages necessary to attract homebuyers to Lawrence.

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7 Please fix the sidewalks in Monterey Estates. They are very dangerous and a liability to the city. My kids trip all of the time. They are sideways with many parts of the concrete elevated.

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10 Don't let economic growth guide development.

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12 No

13 I would like to see Lawrence dedicate itself to basic sustainability principles, thus removing the pressure of perpetual growth. Growth can occur in various dimensions economically. By this I mean prosperity can be defined in many ways— some not necessarily materialistic. Clean water will allow us to prosper, for example. Old Indian proverb: "Indian build small fire. Stay warm by sitting close. White man build large fire. Stay warm by cutting wood." In the end, it is all about the carbon.

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17 I would like to see more efforts to combat the crime rate. Auto & home burglaries seem way up.

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21 The current survey often asks for a 1-5 or A through F rating without any room for explanation to qualify your choice. This leaves too much room to misinterpret data. For example one can support the arts but not the cultural arts district as currently proposed.

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24 I am very disappointed in the wording of some of the questions, which seem to be attempting to guide the participant towards a somewhat skewed view of growth and development. It is clear that the group that drafted the questions had a negative bias towards suburban development and vehicle-based commuting. I would only hope that this process is not being hijacked by a vocal minority to impose artificial restrictions on growth and development.

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27 The city should look for additional resources from the state and government (and participate in initiatives) that build better communities. Social Services needs attention and full staffing/funding and better public school system (it is not that bad - but could be better).

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32 This community is poised to capitalize on an aging Boomer population (the next one coming up is not small), but to do so there will have to be active engagement with what will attract these

folks, who will be much healthier and more active in every way than their parents were, and possibly also have more spending capability. They'll want lifelong learning, arts and culture, high quality yet inexpensive housing on one level without stairs, with wide enough doors. Such people could be a huge resource for the community in many ways, but public transportation and affordable quality housing are issues. The medical infrastructure is already in place, KU and Haskell are here to offer lifelong learning opportunities, the arts and culture options are growing and improving all the time. Provide the other two items and aging could become a growth industry for Douglas County.

33 Better bicycle facilities in the county. Wide shoulders, etc...

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36 Keep accessibility in mind for housing, walking, transportation it does make a difference

37 I'd hate to see Turner Hall at Ninth and Rhode Island become condemned and destroyed. It's a grand old building, but the cost to maintain it has been too high for the current owner. I'd love to see it become what it was originally - think of it as another park if you will, or community center. There has to be a way, and it has to make economic sense. Think harder!

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41 I have another home in another city where I plan to retire. The other city has a real aggressive plan to improve and in the plan it includes emphasis on non-automobile transportation, including a real emphasis on pedestrian access. This has been sorely lacking in Lawrence. It really gets old walking in the streets to get anywhere.

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43 It does all seem a little futile. These plans are proposed and then the developers go to work making money by gaining exceptions to them.

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45 i need to review the comprehensive plan before I can make any other comments.

46 Find ways to support participation by poor people and people with disabilities. Transparent procedures. Truly representative steering committee, not just the usual suspects. You need to address the strong distrust felt by people outside the development community. Nonrepeat players almost uniformly feel overpowered when they encounter the development juggernaut.

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48 The plan is one thing... adhering to it is another

49 Nix the rental inspections!

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55 Take care of our natural resources

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60 Why? They're just going to be ignored like comments the citizens make at Lawrence city commission meetings

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62 Community College Health and Well-Being Marijuana Research / Decriminalizing of Marijuana
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64 Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinions.
65 Please keep in mind that there are many people who walk in this city. They walk for a variety of reasons, enjoyment, economics, concern for the environment, and health. They need to feel safe when they venture out.
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67 This survey was really, really open-ended. It's hard to tell if my comments are helpful or even on topic. I can't imagine that you'll be able to get much useful data out of this.
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72 Lawrence needs to resist pressure to be "just like the rest of Kansas". We are different, and what makes us different is what makes many of us stay when frankly living in a less red state looks better and better all the time. If Kansas loses Lawrence, there may be no way to ever counter the destructive forces of ultra conservatism that are sweeping our state. Keep Lawrence Weird!
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75 I have said it throughout, but why consider growth a good thing? We have limited space and natural resources. If you thought of a town as a space ship, you would focus on sustainability rather than growth and development.
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79 I hope that the document improves, but am satisfied with the present document for the most part. I hope it actually guides our commissioners to develop our city and county in a sustainable way, and protects our Class 1 and 2 soils.
80 Representation on the steering committee is poor. Active organizations such as LAN and LWV are not represented while the real estate industry has multiple representatives. Efforts were taken to had a member to represent the health industry, but when LAN and LWV called for representation, it was rebuffed.
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82 Thanks for giving me the opportunity to speak up about this plan.
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87 City government has said that they want to attract seniors to retire in Lawrence. They also want to attract business to move to Lawrence/DG Cnty. Yet the property taxes in Lawrence continue to rise every year. Who wants to come to an area where costs are going out of control. If we want to fund new things and put them on the ballot, use sales taxes to do it, so that EVERYONE pays their share. That would make all people pause and think about approving things if they really have to pay for them. The streets and sidewalks and curbs in my neighborhood are a sorry excuse for a city. Yet this is the first place I have ever lived that did not fund these neighborhood improvements by using a benefit district to spread the cost to the people who use and benefit from the improvement. Funding it this way would let these repairs and improvements happen quicker and we would fairly share the costs.

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93 As the footprint of Lawrence grows, it would be nice to make sure we have some large nature preserves.

94 Establish minimum wage and address the well being of low income workers who keep our city going. Negotiate low cost housing options with private real estate owners.

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102 I can see the city growing to the northwest. I think the eastern leg of the South Lawrence Trafficway will bring economic and residential development to the southeast, which will help East Lawrence economically. I'd like to see North Lawrence become more economically stable and attractive for residential growth. For the last 20 years I have had to commute out of the city to maintain the level of income I had before I moved here. This factor reduces Lawrence/Douglas County's attractiveness for new residents, and can be overcome by attracting major employers who want a workable transportation system, educated workforce, progressive business climate, and favorable economic and regulatory environment.

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106 I am thrilled that there will be increased inspection of rental units. I hope that codes are enforced.

107 Call upon people from the Extension Office, the public places, like the library, to get their input

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110 There is an anger happening with the longtime residents as we watch the governing groups of Lawrence provide unnecessary perks for a few, and not for the majority.. For example, only a few will use a skate board park, and the Rock Chalk park is not open to all Lawrence citizens just for an elite few. The New library will enhance all of our lives and the new police headquarters is necessary. The kid gloves that the city is using with the Fritzell group is alarming and is the focus of Many, many informal conversations I have had. Would also like for the city to monitor the student ghetto areas of Kentucky St. And Tennessee St. There are beer bottles, trash houses left to rot. One last thing. North Lawrence needs it's own police station and fire department.

111 Please listen to all perspectives from all walks of life, not just those with financial incentives to the city.

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114 To please take all age groups into the decision making; older adults need certain considerations as well as children but are often not in the discussion of how developments are laid-out, maintained or changed. The number of students at KU affects many aspects of the Lawrence community but should not dominate the decisions. Relations have definitely improved but the

city and county should work more closely in decisions as each effects the other but often it seems that Lawrence is the only town in the county and dominates the image of the area. Yes, it's the largest but should not dominate the county.

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117 No

118 We need to think about the things that set us apart from other towns. Our art scene immediately comes to mind. If we place an emphasis on environment and sustainable growth (as opposed to short-term profits), on community gardens and alternative energy, that would make us unique from other Kansas towns (and much of the US, as well). If we consider 100-200 years into the future, then we will be doing our grandchildren and great-grandchildren a favor.

119 Please think carefully about the logistics of multiple projects. The current array of road construction makes it nearly impossible to get from one end of town to the other in a remotely timely fashion. everything is closed at once. There has got to be a better way to get all this work done.

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122 There needs to be more thought to promoting safe walking/biking routes to schools and throughout the community.

123 Neighborhood groceries, shops, services amid residential and green spaces. Places where people can walk to do their shopping and feel safe walking down their streets. Phase out big mega stores and concentrate on local, small, friendly, sustainable, and community-based development.

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125 The Community Health Assessment conducted by the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department obtained input from more than 1500 community members, and key issues/priorities included: -Access to healthy, affordable food -Physical activity -Poverty/ jobs -Access to mental health services -Access to health services More information can be found online here: <http://ldchealth.org/information/about-the-community/community-health-improvement-plan/> and <http://ldchealth.org/download/Information/About%20The%20Community/Community%20Health%20Improvement%20Plan/Community%20health%20assessment%202012%20for%20printing.pdf> Thanks!

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130 Please, no luxury hotels at Clinton Lake.

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132 The traffic crossing lights do not stay lit enough for a handicapped person to safely cross the street. Also, the cracked sidewalks in the community discourage people from getting out and being active. This would help people of all ages participate fully in the community.

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134 I understand that things change but please remember that mother nature is our friend. If we are going to destroy it we should think about this and the impact it has on the wildlife. I understand that humans have the right to consume everything with no thought but we are just passing by on this earth, let's make sure there is something for our children and their children besides concrete!

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137 Address food deserts in Lawrence. Locate grocery stores in North Lawrence and East Lawrence
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139 Use established US facts on the benefit of tax abatements and other tax breaks to private
development. We have many research departments available at KU....use them.
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142 Pay attention to the unique character and history of our town. Say NO to developers who just
want to turn fields into new housing for students. Increase the quality of construction and
management of student-aimed housing so they don't fall to pieces in five or ten years. Invest in
older neighborhoods to draw families and students back to housing stock there. Increase
walkability and bikeability of our community so people who choose to bike or walk CAN easily
reach commerce areas for groceries and other sundries. Consider continuing to improve mass
transport so it is a viable option for commuters. Protect our natural resources, including
agricultural, so we DO have a sustainable future as a community.
143 The update process should have started with a vision, mission, and goals developed by the
community. Development should follow our vision, not the other way around.
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145 The City of Lawrence needs to be dedicated to keeping neighborhoods from becoming slums
through the uncontrolled avarice of landlords, non-resident owners, and the acts of feral
student/tenants and others. This means an active and vibrant Code Enforcement staff who
travel throughout the community to identify violations and proceed to remedy them.
146 Douglas County and Lawrence have the tremendous possibility of KU and HINU and Baker being
of more support in very practical ways of improving living in the region. There is a need to
seriously address the preservation of the ecosystem, etc. in county and to advocate such in policy
at city, county and state.
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148 We need to work proactively to combat human-made climate change (droughts, floods,
tornadoes?) by persuading local utility monopolies to practice social responsibility for long-term
human health. Investigate escalating EMF radiation from "smart" utility meters, cell towers, etc.
(see emfsafetynetwork.org). Tax local corporations higher than residential property owners and
very small businesses to maintain and sustain infrastructures, public health, and schools. Do not
assume drastically increasing population growth and plan instead for relatively stable population
base.
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153 I appreciate making this survey open through the internet in addition to public meetings.
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157 Horizon 2020 has been continually updated over it's life. As a result, it is kept somewhat
updated already. I think the emphasis of the Update Process should be to reduce burdensome
regulations and focus on streamlining ORDERLY growth. We ARE GOING TO GROW. Let's plan
for it instead of assuming the update process is for the purposes of ADDING regulations that limit
growth.
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160 It should not favor one side or the other. We need new development, but it should be smart growth that allows/encourages infill development. More dense developments utilize the infrastructure better. The not in my backyarders need to be told no, this is the way we want to develop. Just because a new resident says there is too much traffic on her street doesn't mean we should not let a good development with good tax dollars slip away. There needs to be a mix of housing types in all sections of town. You can bus the service personel over to the west side. A larger sidewalk (say 20%) on both sides of the street should be allowed to be built after the improvements/structure are made. A larger sidewalk than what would normally be required. Less chance of it cracking.

161 I believe that it is important to have consistently applied standards and laws, but that private property rights and entrepreneurship should be at the core of our community. Lawrence has a look and feel which wise developers will to continue to respect, reflect and use to promote their projects, but ultimately it must be left up to those who are taking the risks and putting up the capital to make the right decisions.

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164 an economic development strategy focused on turning DougCo and Lawrence into a retirement community is short-sighted. making our county better for retirees should be only one piece of a broader strategy. other aspects can build on existing community assets - like research capacity at KU, unique soils and agricultural niches, natural resource beauty, proximity to larger urban areas (KC, Omaha) and a long-standing reputation and commitment to arts and artists - to attract more young professionals.

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166 Unsure

167 Please help make our community sustainable. We cannot continue to increase sales taxes and property taxes to carry the services that we have and need. What we need is more growth, and the right kinds of it, to carry this burdon!

168 Lawrence has the opportunity to not only be the leading city in the State of Kansas but also one of the top 50 small towns in America for culture, diversity and overall live-a-bility. We must protect our history and our values but, at the same time develop our outer periphery so that the community becomes more affordable and the tax burden shifts from the individual to the industrial base. We also must recruit business to relocate here to increase the number of higher paying jobs in our community.

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171 Get a central location for law/court/jail facility.

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175 I am very excited to see Kansas City developing Fiber Optic infrastructure through Google fiber. I would like Lawrence to jump onto the High Speed internet bandwagon. I fully support Wicked Fiber and wish they continue to grow as a company.

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178 there needs to be discussion / planning around creating more entry level homes and reduce the number of apartments.

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180 I am not a fan of the statute regarding trailers, cars, campers, and boats needing to be parked on improved surfaces on one's property. I understand you cannot have a property turned into a junk yard, but if the yard is well maintained, I see no harm. I guess I am frustrated that I see people getting away with it all over town, yet I happen to live by someone who has reported me to the city for this 'violation'. It's like, I can park a trailer in my yard for months on end, as long as I live in the 'right' neighborhood. I would just like the wording changed so that as long as the area around the object is well kept, it's fine to have a trailer in your yard.

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184 Put together a 'bucket list' and its priorities and take into consideration the overall impact of real estate tax increases, as well as other taxes.

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186 I question whether it will really impact any decisions

187 The comprehensive plan is a guide and should be used as that. It should not have to be updated each time someone has a better concept than the plan shows. This is a huge waste of time and resource to update the plan each time.

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195 Please consider ways that Lawrence could be more progressive towards companion animals. This includes more financial support for Lawrence Humane Society and a new, larger, more centrally located shelter, as well as a community-wide feral cat trap-neuter-return program that will humanely manage feral cat colonies in this county (see publications by Dr. Julie Levy at the University of Florida Veterinary School and the Operation Catnip program model of Alachua County, FL). Lawrence is progressive in many ways, but it pales in comparison to nearby Kansas City MO in regards to progressive programs for community cats and No Kill shelters for homeless pets. Thank you for your consideration.

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199 I would like to see a conversation about the county-city both funding the public library in the future.

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202 Do not attempt to redraw the map on nodal and area plans. Integrate into new plan only. Do not over-emphasize arts and culture, just enforce the laws on the books today. Industrial design guidelines are a negative to new companies, in certain instances. Emphasize job creation and planned growth.

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204 streets. bike paths, sidewalks that one doesn't trip on in the dark. sidewalks need to be level and enough street lights so one does not fall. alleys are a mess

205 Please try and keep East Lawrence a neighborhood for the families that have chosen to live there and raise their families, and grow old and not an extension of Downtown and a fun zone for the

art center and big developers.....

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209 It would be nice to see a followup survey with questions about specific proposals under consideration.

210 We need to be honest and determine whether this Plan is an actual guideline or just a document. Obviously no Plan can cover every circumstance faced by the city/county in the next couple decades. Continuous improvement should always be an option. However, if we continue to create exceptions to the Plan it serves no useful purpose and we should not invest time pretending that we are creating a useful Plan.

211 The west side of Lawrence looks like Johnson County. I have no reason to go to that side of town and that makes me sad because I want to love every part of this city.

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214 The community would appreciate a commitment with affordable/transitional housing and great regard for Lawrence in regard to escalating gentrification

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217 I would want public hearings where the results of these surveys were presented and the issues defined. On questions where 1-5 answers were asked, I wanted opportunity to explain using 2, 3 & 4 as responses.

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220 Encourage intermodality! Build park and ride lots for bus commuters. No more giant warehouse stores. A municipal minimum (living) wage. Improve services for the homeless--get them health care (medical and mental), get them jobs, get them homes. No more gigantic tax breaks for gigantic developers--give them to the little guys, instead.

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225 Efforts should be made to gather diverse opinions--perhaps random questionnaires at places like schools, grocery stores, doctors offices. They should not be too lengthy--perhaps focussing on only one topic at a time. I suspect the people who bother to respond to this survey will not be an averagely diverse group.

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228 Also, Lawrence needs moderate and lower cost housing

229 I would like to see transportation access through busing to Lecompton without new industrial or housing growth in this area. Lecompton is a unique community without much crime or drama - and I would like it to stay that way.

230 There should be stricter enforcement of Zoning & Codes with real penalties for violators.

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234 Please, please, please take the need for affordable housing seriously. Also, is there more we could do to support social services? Also, is there a way we could support a year-round farmer's

- market on a larger scale than the one at Cottin's Hardware?
- 235 More consideration to private ownership rights. Less to big gvt like zoning office -urban growth area
- 236 I would love to see a sidewalk/bike path connecting Baldwin City to Douglas County Lake. This would enhance the living experience in and around the community.
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- 240 Continue to pursue green energy technology where it is feasible.
- 241 it is bold for an average citizen to know what this is about and to know what to comment on. it might be easier to comment on specific ideas rather than think of new ideas. Somehow balance those that don't want sprawl, with those that oppose infill development.
- 242 Write a smart plan and stick to it.
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- 245 N/A
- 246 Please include bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in site design
- 247 Large events and venues generating a crowd should be accessed by public transportation // example - the Douglas County Fair- people could park downtown and take the "T" bus to the fair
- 248 No
- 249 These types of structured events on an ongoing to receive input from the community and help w/ future development beyond this review period.
- 250 More focus on North Lawrence and waterways. Walkability (per downtown) expanded.
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- 254 I really appreciate and enjoy the view of the city when approaching from the South (US 59) or East (10/70). Gateways to the city are important. Skylines are important.
- 255 Perhaps make a suggestion to developers that they contact the community to show an interest in Lawrence/Douglas County as well as making an investment in our community.
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- 258 Hang in there - KDOT stopped the Burroughs Trail - but we can do on our - connect north and east Lawrence to the downtown area
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- 261 Fix your website to allow completing survey online - I was unable to do this online because after filling out the first page it didn't accept my answers it said I had done it before but I had not yet.
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- 265 As an active cyclist it is dangerous and scary on the roads. Increasing bike lanes and making sure they are visible. Some lanes the lines are barely visible even on a bike. the bicycle connecting to North Lawrence cyclists are forced to the sidewalk which is not meant to be multi-use. So more consideration to cyclists.
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- 267 Affordable housing for all Small business incentives to encourage neighborhood shops
- 268 What will it cost us as people

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- 270 This survey is excessively long please shorten it in the future. I am unfamiliar with Horizon 2020 and no effort was taken to educate me on its goals. It would have been nice to know the city's plans instead of being asked my opinion on something I don't know about.
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- 272 I feel the area along the farmers turnpike is a prime location for industrial development. I do feel the area further north of the turnpike is a unique pristine area that I hope can be preserved
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- 277 Do not create a cookie-cutter plan. Traditional chapters ignore crossover concepts, such as interaction between transportation and ecological systems or the impact on transportation systems of putting the homeless shelter outside of downtown. If an issue is important to Douglas County give the issue its own chapter and explore all facets of the issue, including housing, transportation, economic development, ecology and so forth.
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- 279 Mandatory updating every 7-10 years.
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- 282 Developing in a way that enhances energy efficiency is a must. Avoid destruction of prime agricultural land.
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- 284 We must insure future water supplies, even if it retards growth
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- 286 This plan should allow land use category flexibility in order to take advantage of the capital outlay for the expansion of Hwy 59, the South Lawrence Trafficway and expansion of the sewer treatment system. The opportunity to attract diverse commercial, manufacturing, and technological development should be sold by civic leaders and staff to help pay for this infrastructure.
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- 290 Projects reworking older neighborhoods and buildings like Pohler lofts are better than new, urban sprawl. They make Lawrence unique
- 291 The process thus far seems flawed - ALL public comments/submitted should be received and made part of public record. Taskforce appointees represent a bias towards development.
- 292 Establishment of "Areas of Change" and "Areas of Sustainability" so development is predictable; dense, diverse, sustainable and protective of historic structures, limit development on the fringes
- 293 Please keep community informed as decisions are made and have open forums like today for input to help guide and direct the committee.
- 294 There are some people in Lawrence that want it to remain the same - they need to realize it's just not going to happen - it's similar to the human body, it doesn't stay the same either.
- 295 Growth is going to happen. However, growth simply for the sake of growth is not appropriate for Lawrence. It must be carefully considered and always taken in context with what our community is about. A few steps down that slippery slope and there is no turning back. Let the big companies and stores stay in JoCo and Topeka - we will gladly drive to them if needed in order to keep our lovely Lawrence character.

296 Thank you for making this an open process!!!

297 The diversity between per capita income and cost of living is really limited growth. Diversity of neighborhoods, retail jobs and especially affordable housing types could aid that

298 More bike trails & paths

299 Our historic core is our best and most affordable housing stock. Take care not to destroy it through gentrification

300 Bike paths that go through neighborhoods Change the name of William Burroughs Trail. That dude was a creep.

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302 1. Consider in your display/boards articulating the profoundly negative implications of not having a comp plan. 2. Consider articulating 2 or 3 of the most problematic aspects of the previous plan 3. Consider expanding the "About the update process" board statement, paragraph 3, "there is opportunity to confirm certain concepts.." in other words, for example.

303 Housing options for low income residents

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307 Again - emphasizing affordable housing. We need local and proactive attention for the future of the economic, social and environmental welfare for all of Lawrence, KS

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310 -Bike/ped wise Columbia, MO is making strides as are even many communities in Kansas and other communities in the midwest. Boise, Idaho, Sacramento, CA and many other communities are making strides, communities I like - Madison, Boulder, Portland, Fort Collins is okay.

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312 Stay green, folks! At all costs, avoid overcrowding retail like OP! Think like a bicyclist

313 I reside outside N Lawrence and was involved a bit with development- Ch 7 revisions, and development of the NW sector plan. I believe the limitations for commercial/industrial development should be maintained and the protection of the class I & II soils should continue.

314 Include a "no basis to rate" response for the forced-choice questions or allow me to leave them blank. Forcing me to make a decision on something I've never experienced is not good research. Offer the meetings on line in real time, not everyone can get back into town for the meetings and not everyone has (or wants) WOW. Along with the real time streaming, allow real-time interaction via webcam.

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320 Perhaps ask/give neighborhood groups and organizations this info - ask them to rate (or rank) what is important to them. We are NOT taking advantage of a great natural resource - our river. San Antonio for example.

321 Promote hiking, camping, bicycle camping. NO development on class 1 & 2 soils. This whole survey is based on the assumption that the city will, and needs to grow. I don't believe that growth is in the best interest of the city. If we plan for growth when do we say stop. Maybe there should be an absolute threshold that we can't grow beyond. URBAN sprawl an MEGA-citys are a sustainability nightmare. Developers will not get rich with a zero growth economy. But we might all be happier and able to survive in an age of climate catastrophe.

- 322 Continue research & planning on the development of residential and limited commercial developments around the North 2nd Street corridor, especially around Johnny's Tavern and along the river - could continue residential, recreational and commercial somewhat like the San Antonio Riverwalk. Let's be forward thinking.
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- 324 Flooding considerations; community tornado shelter education.
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- 329 I appreciate the transparent process. City of Lawrence staff do excellent jobs informing the public of meetings, information, and services available, as well as managing and running those programs.
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- 333 Would like to see a broad-based, comprehensive community visioning process focused on a multitude of issues. I think there are other areas of community development that affect our comprehensive planning that should be part of that process.
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- 335 Attracting outside business is not the answer and has been proven to not increase jobs long-term. Focus on nurturing local business and prioritizing sustainability and preservation of natural resources.
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- 337 Continued diligence to make it easy and positive to get information: websites, social media, public forums
- 338 No opinion.
- 339 Would like more in-depth discussion on key issues and trade-offs re: density. Especially in terms of quality of daily life!
- 340 Obviously, everything's a balance, but growth for growth's sake will cause more headaches and could undermine what makes the area special. If keeping Lawrence unique and a desirable place to live (not just sleep before going to KC or Topeka) is the end goal, planning should support that and find ways to plan and encourage growth that don't disrupt that.
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- 343 Please, look beyond the next 20 years in terms of preserving our soil, our water, air, natural areas. This is what will sustain us and make all the other wonderful things Lawrence has to offer possible.
- 344 It is somewhat incomprehensible to understand why this process is even necessary. Members of the community and city commissions spent incredible amounts of time and energy to create a vision and plan for Lawrence. To dismantle this is an insult to their work. Horizon 2020 is a contract the city created for what they wanted to achieve in this time, and to dismantle this is basically a breach of said contract. It is improper for the city commissions to want to change the rules so that they can accommodate the wishes of developers and other interested parties. They should insist that development is made along the lines of H2020 and what the city has envisioned for itself. If changes are to be made, then this is the time to start working on the NEXT plan, starting in 2021 for the next 20 years, taking current ideas and population and citizens' input into consideration. Don't belittle all the work that came before, just because you don't agree with this

vision.

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346 I will never understand how a city can have a theater (where people might want to go out to a nice dinner then the show) be surrounded by fast food restaurants and a car wash. It seems the city is just letting anything be built anywhere. Why are there not nicer restaurants, high density shopping, other cultural activities surrounding the theater. There needs to be more thought in where businesses are located.

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348 Develop a cadre of mediators/facilitators that work with community groups to build better, more productive dialogue. Support all kinds of housing, including more transitional, etc.

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352 I'm not sure that we need an expensive coordinator of the arts. We have lots of local talent.

353 I think it would be good to hire professional facilitators to help the various interests to agree as much as they can; learn about each other; and then fight over anything left unsolved. Don't fight over everything.

354 Who provides oversight if plan is not followed? A plan is only as good as who implements it or requires it be implemented.

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356 I think Lawrence and Douglas County have a real opportunity to keep Lawrence growing and grow in a fashion and direction that keeps it's unique, local, identity alive and still allows for beautiful, thoughtful development and growth.

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361 Look at the future - local food, high quality of life thru trails, green space, cultural opportunities - all of this attracts highly educated residents with discretionary income. Industry is important, yes, but how can we make sure those spaces are also attractive and don't gulp up prime farmland.

362 Urban design is important

363 Will this plan incorporate the K-10 bypass and the environmental protections of the wetlands?

364 Give transportation considerations much greater emphasis. Petroleum accounts for about half of US fossil fuel use. The vast majority of that is single-occupancy autos. Those are one of the largest contributors to greenhouse gases. Incorporate into the Comprehensive Plan all the recommendations from the Lawrence Peak Oil and the Lawrence Climate Plan.

365 Keep seeking input

366 Planners and elected officials should meet with neighborhood groups. KU officials and students should be included to hold them accountable for degrading the quality of life in neighborhoods.

367 It seems like the developers are in charge of the plan instead of the people of Lawrence. Now that the land institute has property in NW Douglas County you need to be very careful in deciding what should go in this area of the county. You cannot put heavy industrial parks in this part of the county or it will be detrimental to the surrounding area.

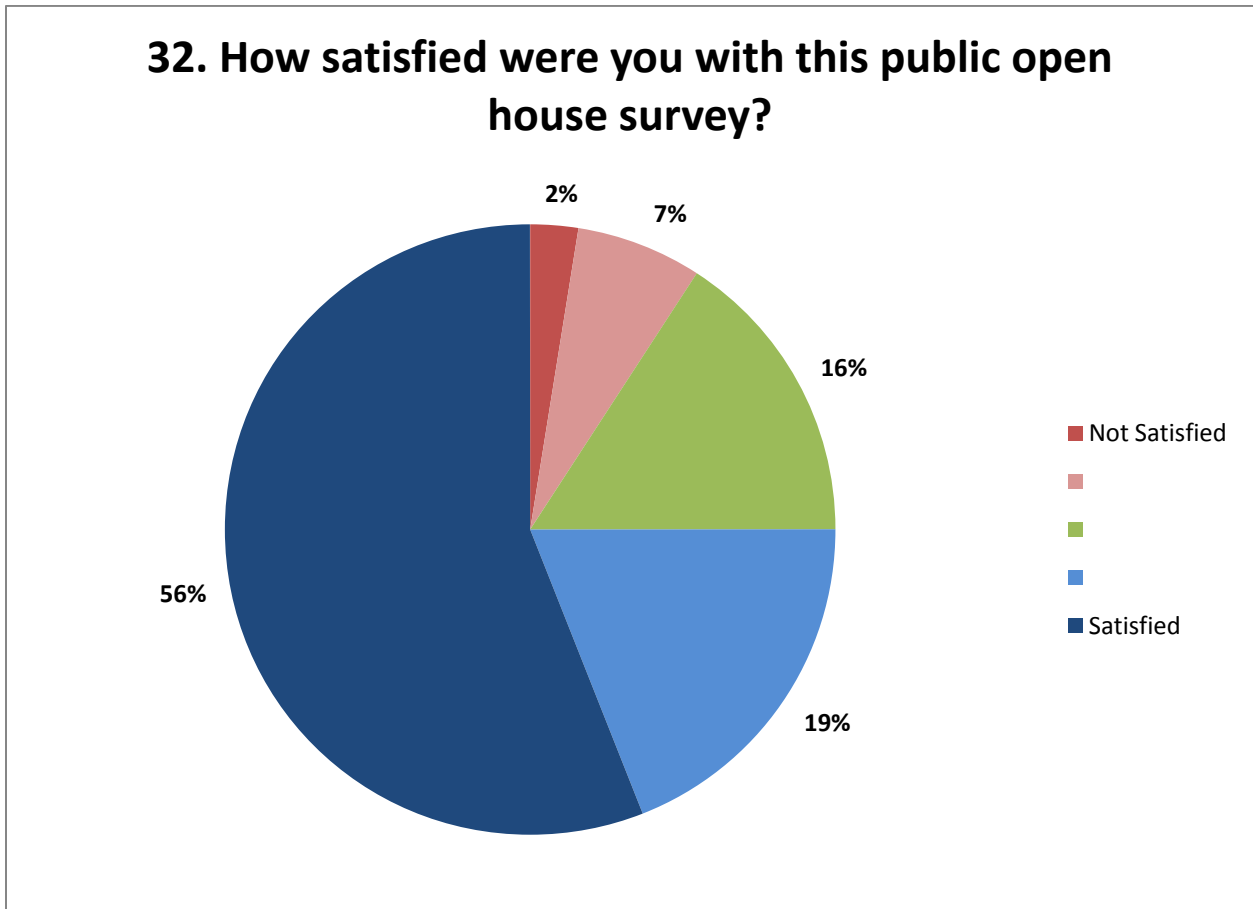
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370 I'll keep thinking but I can offer some suggestions for reading :) Christopher Alexander's "A Pattern Language" Jan Gehl's "Cities for People"

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- 372 I would just urge the steering committee to embrace diversity and free market dynamism in growth and development. Not every resident desires the same type of housing and retail options. Ultimately, local government should not control the type and amount of growth and development with arbitrary restrictions. Downtown must be revitalized and protected, but the important South Iowa retail corridor and the new areas around the Rock Chalk Park have the potential to create retail destinations that will attract residents from other communities and keep more residents shopping locally. Some residents want more dense housing options and many love traditional suburban development.
- 373 Please pay attention to the views of the League of Women Voters, They do the hard, boring work, non-partisan & are able to think long-term.



33. Is there anything we could do to improve the open house meetings?

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- 2 stop presuming that you are the solution
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- 5 More meetings
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21 Solicit actual oral comment in a town meeting setting
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24 Survey could have been drafted without biased and leading questions.
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27 shorter! I like the questions - but it took me 30+ minutes to complete.
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32 Have been unable to attend one thus far, but do plan to.
33 Some Free State beer would be nice. Just one!
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37 Sorry, I'm not qualified to answer.
38 make sure I hear about them... I don't get the paper, perhaps through neighborhood facebook
pages?
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43 Mandate public participation.
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45 no comment
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49 No
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54 this is the first time I've seen it--you might try to leverage individuals to help promote responses

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57 Shorter... Publicize
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63 I do not know about these. Please advertise these prominently in the newspaper and in city emails.
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65 Perhaps have more opportunities.
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75 ?
76 Some survey questions should have had a "don't know" response option
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79 No
80 Assure people that there will be ample opportunity to have input. It is not clear from a set of boards that the issues such as growth management will be addressed.
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92 haven't been to one, yet.
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102 I have not attended but will put the dates on my calendar.
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132 The time and accessibility of the meeting places need to be improved.
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134 LISTEN
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137 N/A
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139 I appreciate the effort!
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141
142 More opportunities to weigh in in this manner for those of us who are time and transportation limited.
143 More detailed coverage in the news. It's difficult for me to attend meetings. Maybe, televise discussions?
144
145 Include neighborhood concerns and issues in the comment and planning process.
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148 For those who can't attend, I hope that notes from all respondents may be posted on respective
websites.
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153 No -- haven't been able to attend one.
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160 I am afraid the open house meetings information will be graded as more important than the
survey.
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162 Make the presence more known via social media.
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166 Do more to advertise them
167 I haven't been to one yet, hopefully I can make it soon!
168 Make sure everyone's voice is heard and encourage people to participate by using non-traditional
means such as local digital and social media
169
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171 Don't know never knew of meeting
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174 It would be nice to be able to comment after every question. Most people won't but many of
these questions have caveats to a simple numerical answer.
175 Please announce them in advance to media.
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178 some of the questions are rather vague
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182 locations that are easy to get to via bike
183 I hadn't heard a thing about the open house meetings until informed by a colleague.
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187 Have not been to a open house meeting
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194 have never attended
195 N/A
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198 Better advertising.
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204 have not attended
205 not sure
206 Provide more examples of other progressive communities, ways in which they have incorporated
new ideas affecting quality of life for all.
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210 Survey submitted online, but very much appreciate the open house opportunities.
211 Don't know.
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217 Publicize them.
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222 I'm new in town. Where do I find current philosophy and policies.
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225 Advertise widely. Make more accessible.
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229 Mail out the questionnaire to residents, I'm sure everyone in town has an opinion but they are too
busy or lazy or unable to get around very well to come to an open house meeting
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231
232 I would have liked to see a presentation where by the public could engage in conversation with a
spokesperson and ask questions.
233 Make sure the dates and times are correct for the meetings! The website said 5-7 and its from 6-
8.
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236 All the materials and people were great. More information/advertising leading to the event
would be great.
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240 Publicize them on public radio.
241 dissapointed in turnout - is it worth coming to read 4 poster boards?? What inspires the public to
come?
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245 Light music?
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248 No
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256 Promote/advertise better!
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259 They could go to places where people are already gathered - churches, downtown, events at
parkts
260 Survey is long but I understand its importance. More interaction with people or board may be
nice.
261 Announce there w/ everyone's water bill. Too few citizens knew about this at all
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266 The overview was very general. More specific info or examples would have been helpful. I was
expecting a presentation and then a conversation with participants.
267
268 It's fine
269 Figure out how to get more participation. Good luck!
270 Educate me on plans and current projects before seeking opinions.
271
272 I think its great you came to Lecompton
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277 More analytical information would inform answers on this survey.

278 Low turnout. How to interpret some questions?
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282 a small group discussion would have helped me hone my ideas
283
284 Have a welcome statement at the start of the meeting.
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286 At the next meeting, provide update (handout) on any policy ideas that have been generated by
this open house meeting and survey.
287 Too much paperwork!
288 There are great questions here. I would have liked an opportunity to speak with other citizens in
a moderated way about them. If each steering committee member ran a small discussion group
around each of the signs with questions and people rotated
289
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291 Allow time for public to speak, record all comments
292 This only touches on critical planning issues. "How important is sustainability?" really- Do you
need to ask that question? I don't think so. What is the goal of this questionnaire? Can this
limited exercise provide a starting point?
293 As things progress, committee members share verbally at a short summary
294 Haven't developed enough yet - I look forward to the presentations
295 More process information. more staff interaction.
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297 Real Town Halls
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299 If you use specific examples regarding industrial development questions, it might help to answer
the questions
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302 Take-away item...pen, or pencil or paperclip or something as a reminder to stay tuned and stay
involved
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308 better advertisement
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310 More publicity it would be nice to reach more people
311 Talking to people.
312 Think @ having some tunes playing in the survey room
313 not at this time
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320 Wider spaces on these lines - perhaps have the questions online or in the paper so can reflect on questions prior to meeting.
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322 The questions on this survey could be published in advance of the actual meeting - in the LJW and on county and city websites; also posted in advance of the public library. That way the public could have a chance to consider how to express their wants, ne
323
324 I do not know.
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329 Perhaps provide a bit of conversational orientation and introduction, rather than only items to be read.
330 Didn't know open house meetings even occurred in this town. Tough when using the LJW as my only news source. Probably just didn't see the notices in the paper.
331 Have mini ipads to complete survey. All these surveys now have to be transferred into digital form by city cost. Why not have us do the typing onto an ipad and have it be digitally entered by us.
332
333 We're missing a huge opportunity by not actually talking to people. While surveys are easy & quantifiable, you get much better info & build more trust into the process by engaging in dialogue with citizens. I didn't get any added value by coming to this.
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336 A weekend meeting so more people can attend.
337 A graphic of current development and zoning
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339 More info on the plusses and trade-offs for different developers and options in the community.
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346 No
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348 See above comment
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350 Keep promoting them via all media channels including social media and postal mailers.
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352 Publicize them more. I am not aware of these opportunities.
353 Not really. Enjoyed the snickers bar!
354 Additional background reference asnd how existing plan has been implemented or not.
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356 N/A
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361 I appreciate the opportunities. Later in evening would be helpful!
362 Make the survey available online in order to allow more time to consider answers to the questions
363 Play music - I would be less inclined to whisper. :-) Food would be a perk, but not essential.
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366 Don't refer to them as "meetings." They are comment opportunities. "Meeting" implies and exchange of views.
367 Flexible times
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372 This was great. Very comprehensive survey. Can't wait to see where the process goes and continue to provide input.
373 Chocolate was a great idea. It's always awkward for all concerned I think. Look for better models that are working in other communities.

34. Do you have a suggestion for the new plan's name?

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2 Bucket o' Red Tape
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5 the name is ok
6 Horizon Lawrence.
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10 No
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12 No
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16 The minority Plan
17 Lawrence Tomorrow
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23 I like non jargony names. How about 2045 City/County Growth Plan?
24 Horizon 2050.
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31 Douglas County 2015
32 Just change the number, but review it a LOT more often. Things change annually, let alone over
10, 15, or 20 years.
33 Greening Lawrence 2040
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37 Horizon 20/40 - not very original, but people would know what it was all about.
38 Sustainable Lawrence by 2030
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43 "Yet Another Futile Effort To Rationalize Planning for the Future"
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45 no
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49 N/A
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52 Plan 2040
53
54 no, but a focus group to brainstorm this might be a good idea
55 Protect resources
56
57 Oh geez if we don't come up with a clever name then you will hire a consultant for BIG
bucks....ummmm Connect Lawrence
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60 Meet the new boss, same as the old boss
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62 Reaching Above Expectation
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64 Quality over quantity
65 Into the future.
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75 2020 Plan for a Sustainable Future
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79 The Future Is Now
80 I am indifferent to the name; the content is what is important.
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89 No
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102 Horizon 2050 (This provides continuity while moving the focus into the future)
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111 Lawrence in the 21st century
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116 Lawrence/Douglas County 20 years from now....we did think about it in 2014....
117 Organic Lawrence:People for Lawrence
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128 Jayhawk Nation
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132 No
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137 Lawrnece Area Wellness Revitalization Encouragement and New Community Enterprises
(L.A.W.R.E.N.C.E) 2030
138 Lawrence Future Vision
139 Something that will instill pride in our city.
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142 Lawrence For The Win 2040!
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145 Lawrence/Douglas County 2040 Community Plan
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148 Keep same name to avoid confusion.
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153 No.
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160 Develode and beyond
161 Vision 2050
162 Re-Envisioning Sustainability in Lawrence
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166 Lawrence growth and sustainability plan

167 No.
168 Lawrence Tomorrow
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171 No
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174 Joint City/County Long Term Strategic Plan
175 No
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182 no
183 Tribute to Dave Corliss' Vision
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187 no
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190 Leading by Example
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195 N/A
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204 no.
205 no
206 "Our Whole Lives" A plan for a diverse intergenerational, culturally diverse community
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210 Not anything better than "Horizon..."
211 No.
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217 Community Plan 2040
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222 Rise and Shine
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225 Lawrence for Tomorrow
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228 Vista 2050
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230 Keeping Lawrence Lawrence
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236 Douglas County Comprehensive Plan
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240 No.
241 2030 Guide to Planning
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245 No
246 Vision Lawrence!
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248 No
249 Suggest not using a specific year in the name.
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252 No year in name
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257 Encompass Lawrence
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259 Something that emphasizes sustainability ala "green future"
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268 Lawrence Has it All
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270 Seems irrelevant as long as the goals are good and achievable.
271 Resource protection plan
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273 Time Marches On
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276 Douglas Co. Improvement Plan
277 Ask grade schoolers to offer names in a competition. The plan will build the Lawrence & Douglas County that will be theirs.
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286 Lawrence: Open and Inclusive
287 Project Awesome
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291 Just DON'T pay a consultant to name it!
292 Blueprint Lawrence
293 Horizon 2040 or 2050 - however far out projecting
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296 "Designed for Health"
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298 Steve
299 Using Our Past to Guide Our Future
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301 Darth Vader
302 Bright Future Plan, Generation 2030, Incomprehensive Plan (yuk yuk)
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308 Dorothy's Dream
309 the over the rainbow plan

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312 Live Lawrence Development Plan, My Lawrence Plan
313 no
314 Horizon 2030 or 2040
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318 Moving Inward
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321 Keep-Growing-No-Matter-What-Cost-2020
322 Horizon 2050
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324 Livability and Affordability in Our Reach
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329 2050 Vade Mecum
330 No
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335 Vision Lawrence. A Smart Tomorrow. Smart Community. Vision Do.Co. Tomorrow Together,
Bright Future, Planning Together
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339 Lawrence Douglas County Preservation and Development
340 Living Lawrence
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343 Beyond the Horizon
344 Horizon 2020 2.0, because who cares about that first version
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346 No
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348 Lawrence/Douglas County Comprehensive Plan. Not imaginative, but tells what it is.
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350 Something that speaks to the promotion of self-reliance, fostering community health, and the
idea that Douglas County could develop our local resources, skills and strengths to keep dollars in
the area.
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353 Together 2050
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356 something with the word Freestate or Firebird in it
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361 Keep Lawrence Local
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366 Lawrence-Douglas Co. - 2020 and beyond
367 It is pretty upsetting when a developer can clear cut 160 acres of wooded land in the county
without some regulations. We are reactory instead of proactive!
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370 Growing for Good or Good Growing.
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372 Vision 2050
373 I think we should sell a sponsorship (like renaming Rock Chalk Park). How about Verizon 2040?

3. Survey Instrument & Survey Boards



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Please answer the following questions as you move through the stations:

County – The unincorporated areas of the county have a unique character. The following questions address issues reflected in planning for the county’s long-term future.

A. How would you describe the character of Douglas County?

B. Are you satisfied with the character of Douglas County?

Satisfied Not Satisfied
5-----4-----3-----2-----1

C. If you are not satisfied with the character, how would you want to change it?

D. How important is it to maintain or expand agricultural uses in the county?

Very Important Not Important
5-----4-----3-----2-----1

E. Why is it important or not important to maintain or expand agricultural uses in the county?

F. What are two issues facing Douglas County that should be addressed in the updated comprehensive plan?



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Please answer the following questions as you move through the stations:

Vision – A comprehensive plan expresses a community's desires about the future growth of the community. It provides the foundation and framework for making physical development and policy decisions as future populations are accommodated.

1. How would you describe the character of Lawrence?

2. Would you like that character to change, and if so, how?

3. Describe your vision for Lawrence and Douglas County in 20 years?

Growth Management – Lawrence has grown 22,305 (34%) over the last 20 years. The comprehensive plan helps guide and manage where, when, and how development occurs.

4. As Lawrence has grown over the last several decades, how satisfied are you with the type and quality of development?

Satisfied Not Satisfied
5-----4-----3-----2-----1

5. I believe Lawrence should grow in a denser fashion to aid in growth management.

Agree Disagree
5-----4-----3-----2-----1

6. Give us an example of a city you have lived in or visited where you think growth has been managed well?

7. What did you particularly appreciate about that city?



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Residential Development – Lawrence and Douglas County have traditionally been strong and desirable residential communities. As growth continues to occur it will be important to guide how and where residential areas develop.

8. How important is it to mix housing types in neighborhoods (single-family, duplex, multi-family)?

Very Important Not Important
5-----4-----3-----2-----1

9. Which of the following do you believe need to be improved as it relates to residential development? (circle as many as you like)
- a. Pedestrian connections
 - b. Street connectivity
 - c. Mix of housing types
 - d. Sense of place unique to each neighborhood
 - e. Inclusion of neighborhood commercial uses
 - f. Higher architectural quality for apartment structures
 - g. Higher architectural quality for single-family & duplex structures
 - h. Inclusion of parks, trails, & open space

10. What do you like best about your neighborhood?

Commercial Development – Commercial uses support a community’s needs and provide funding to deliver services. As population grows, there will be demand to provide additional commercial (service and retail) developments.

11. Which of the following types of commercial development would you prefer to see as the community grows? (circle as many as you like)
- a. Commercial along a street corridor (e.g. E. 23rd St., S. Iowa St.)
 - b. Commercial in a distinct node at a major intersection (e.g. Clinton Pkwy. and Kasold Dr.)
 - c. Commercial integrated into neighborhoods at a smaller scale

12. Downtown is a mix of employment, residential and shopping/eating/entertainment uses. What would enhance Downtown and its relationship with the rest of Lawrence?



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Industrial/Economic Development - Over time, the City of Lawrence and portions of unincorporated Douglas County have experienced business and industrial development and growth. As Douglas County continues to grow, there is a recognized need for more industrial and business development in order to provide local job opportunities and contribute to the regional economy.

13. How satisfied are you with the following as it relates to industrial development in the community:

a. Physical compatibility with commercial and residential land uses

Satisfied
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Satisfied

b. Location

Satisfied
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Satisfied

c. Diversity of types of employment

Satisfied
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Satisfied

d. Architectural quality of development

Satisfied
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Satisfied

14. Which of the following do you believe will do the most to improve economic development opportunities? (circle as many as you like)

- a. Greater availability of industrially zoned property
- b. Increasing the skilled workforce
- c. Stronger public investment into attracting employers
- d. Less process and regulation as projects are developed
- e. Stronger public investment nurturing new and existing small businesses
- f. Creation of various types of employment incubators (like KU's bioscience incubator)
- g. Other _____



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Transportation – As the region grows, multiple modes of transportation will be necessary – vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle, and transit(bus). A healthy transportation network is necessary to accommodate future growth.

15. How important is it that development provide pedestrian, bicycle and transit options?

Very Important
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Important

16. How important is it to be able to walk/bicycle to work?

Very Important
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Important

17. If money were no object, what transportation improvement would you make in the next 20 years?_____

18. How satisfied are you with vehicular roadway options when traveling across town?

Satisfied
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Satisfied

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Areas and Facilities – As Lawrence grows, newly developed areas will require recreational opportunities.

19. How satisfied are you with the following types of parks:

a. Mini/Play-lots(e.g. Ludlam Park & Chaparral Park)

Satisfied
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Satisfied

b. Neighborhood (e.g. Deerfield Park & Lyons Park)

Satisfied
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Satisfied

c. Community (e.g. South Park & Watson Park)

Satisfied
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Satisfied

d. Regional (e.g. Clinton Lake)

Satisfied
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Satisfied



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e. Linear (e.g. Burroughs's Creek Trail)

Satisfied
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Satisfied

f. Dog Parks

Satisfied
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Satisfied

g. Bike Trails/ Walking Paths

Satisfied
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Satisfied

20. Which of the above types of parks would you like to see more of as the community grows? _____

21. What would enhance the parks system?

22. What would enhance recreation trails?

Historic Resources – Historic and cultural resources play a vital role in our day-to-day lives, not just economically, but also in more subtle ways. Lawrence’s older structures literally provide a structural foundation for the City’s development, both past and future. The preservation of the City’s important visual history and the review of new development ensure that Lawrence remains unique.

23. Rank the following in terms of importance:

a. Protecting Historic & cultural resources in the city and county

Very Important
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Important

b. Enhancing the cultural arts in Lawrence and Douglas County (e.g. integrating public art into projects, supporting cultural arts districts)

Very Important
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Important



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c. Appropriately integrating historic places into new development

Very Important
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Important

24. If you only had 1 day to visit Lawrence & Douglas County, what/where would you visit and why?

Environment – Horizon 2020 contains goals and policies related to water resources, natural resources, and sustainability in the human/built-environment. Environmental protection is of value as the community grows.

25. How important is the protection of natural resources to our community?

Very Important
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Important

26. How important are the following to you, as the city grows:

a. Conserving agricultural lands

Very Important
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Important

b. Integrating natural resource protection into all types of development

Very Important
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Important

c. Incentivizing the protection of natural resources past a minimal threshold

Very Important
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Important

d. Using natural resources, such as sand and rock, to support future development

Very Important
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Important

27. What would you like to see done to protect our natural resources?



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28. Moving forward, what is the most important way the community can enhance its sustainability?

29. Are there things about Lawrence/Douglas County that you really like and would like to see more?

30. Are there things you don't like and would like changed?

31. Are there any other comments that you wish to be taken into consideration regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update Process?

32. How satisfied were you with this public open house meeting?

Satisfied
5-----4-----3-----2-----1
Not Satisfied

33. Is there anything we could do to improve the meetings?

34. Do you have a suggestion for the new plan's name?

Thank you for your time!

Welcome to the Open House

At today's open house, you will be asked to give input on various topics regarding the vision for our growing community. These topics will be presented in a series of stations that ask you to provide your thoughts through a series of questions on a corresponding survey. This open house is designed to be a self-guided experience, and in order for your comments to be recorded and presented to the Steering Committee **your comments must be written.**

There are no wrong answers. Comments will be shared with the Steering Committee.

Staff will be present to answer any questions that you may have.

Topic Stations



- Background
- Vision
- Growth Management
- Residential Development
- Commercial Development
- Industrial / Economic
- Transportation
- Parks, Recreation, & Open Space
- Historic Resources
- Environment



How Long will this Take?

30+
Minutes



City of Lawrence
Douglas County
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



What is a Comprehensive Plan?

What Does it Do?

The comprehensive plan is a policy guide that describes in text and displays in graphics the **community's vision** for directing future land development. A plan includes several components:

It is a **policy plan**, stating the community's desires for directing land use decisions through the identified goals and policies. It must be flexible to adjust to changing conditions.

It is long-range, considering Lawrence and Douglas County's **expected growth in the future**. Future land use maps graphically display potential development of the community.

It is comprehensive, considering issues such as **demographic, economic and transportation factors** that have shaped and will continue to influence land development in Lawrence and the unincorporated areas of Douglas County.

Why Do We Need it?

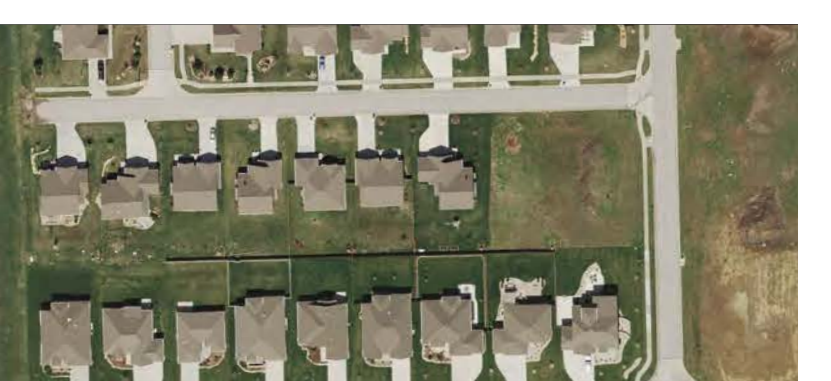
"Why" we need one: it becomes our road map. It provides the community's vision for accommodating increasing population growth in the coming years and how we want to get there.

Using data about population growth, city infrastructure, and the needs & desires of the community, the **vision for the future** of Douglas County & Lawrence is created.

How is it Used?

The city and county use the comprehensive plan to:

- **Evaluate** development proposals
- **Coordinate** development at the fringes of the county's cities
- Form the **foundation** for specific area plans
- **Project** future service and facility needs
- Meet **requirements** for federal and state grant programs



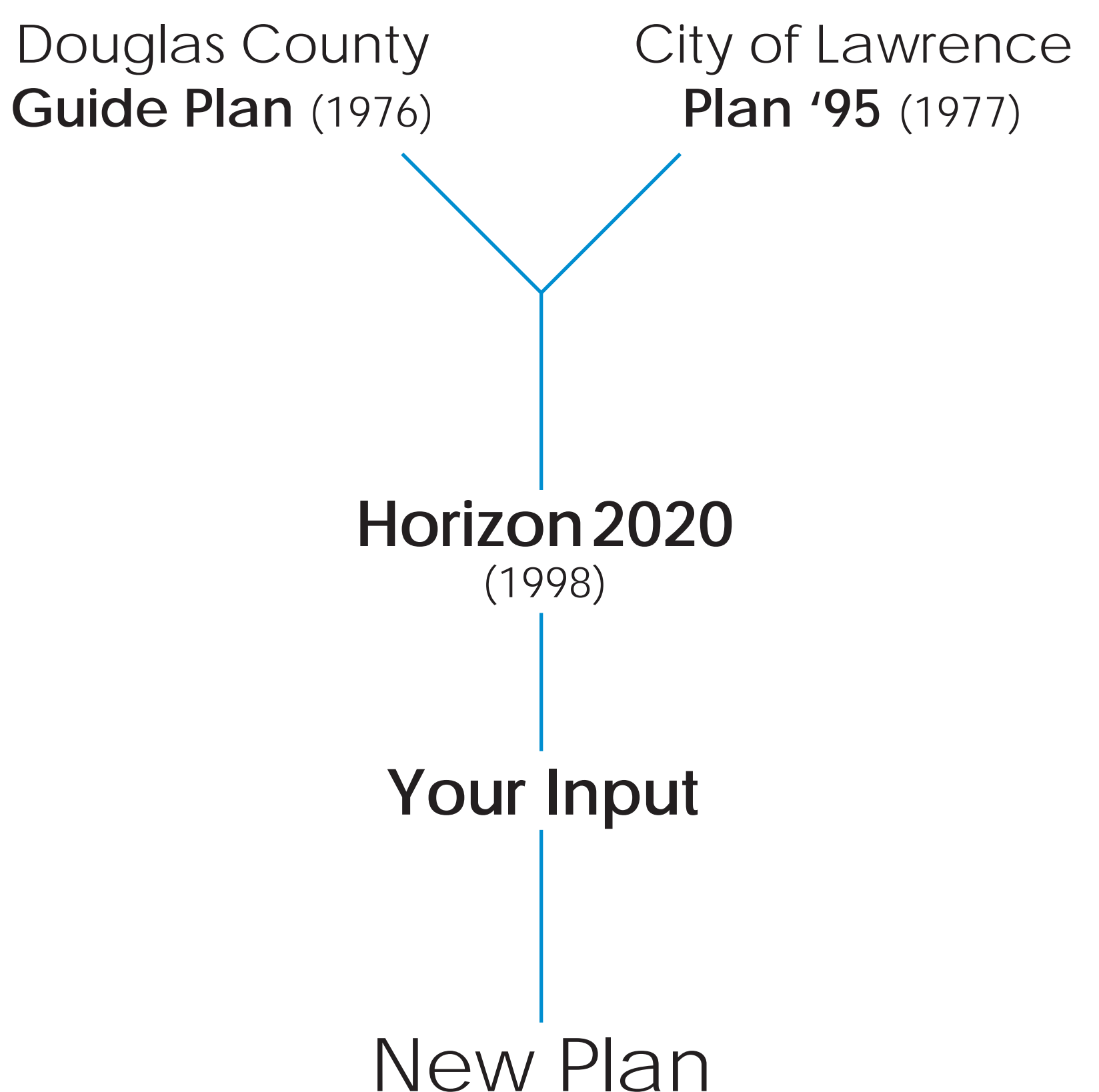
History of Horizon 2020

Adoption

Started in 1992, *Horizon 2020* was adopted in **1998** as the first comprehensive plan to govern both unincorporated Douglas County and City of Lawrence.

Amendments

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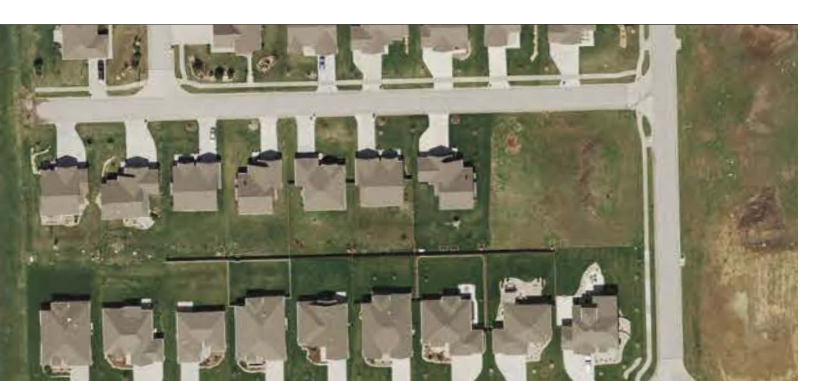


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About the Update Process

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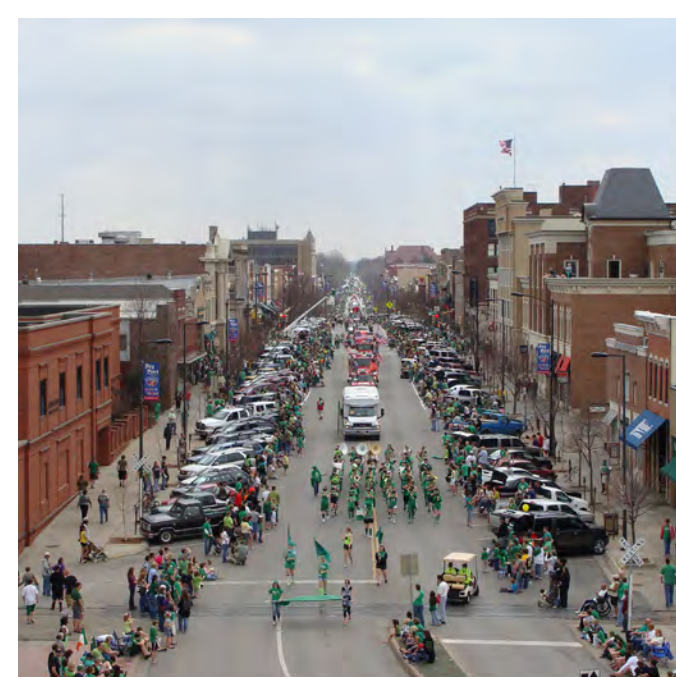
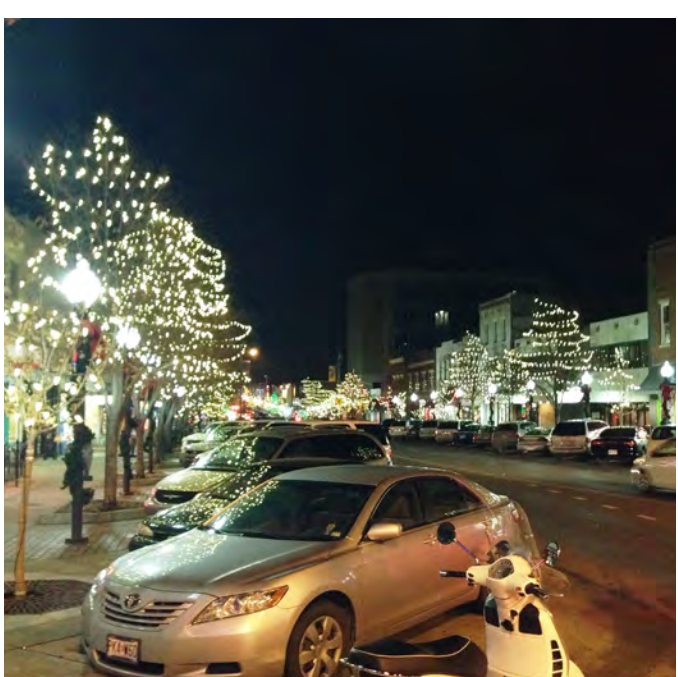
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- Chair (County): Nancy Thellman
- Planning Commission (City): Stan Rasmussen
- Planning Commission (County): Clay Britton
- Neighborhood (City): John Gascon
- Business Community (County): Scott Zaremba
- At-Large (City): Bill Ackerly
- At-Large (County): Lisa Harris
- Real Estate/Development (Joint): Kyra Martinez
- School District: Dr. Rick Doll

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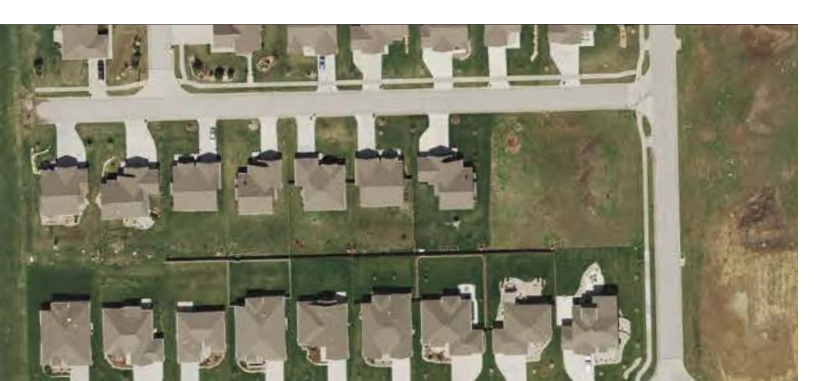
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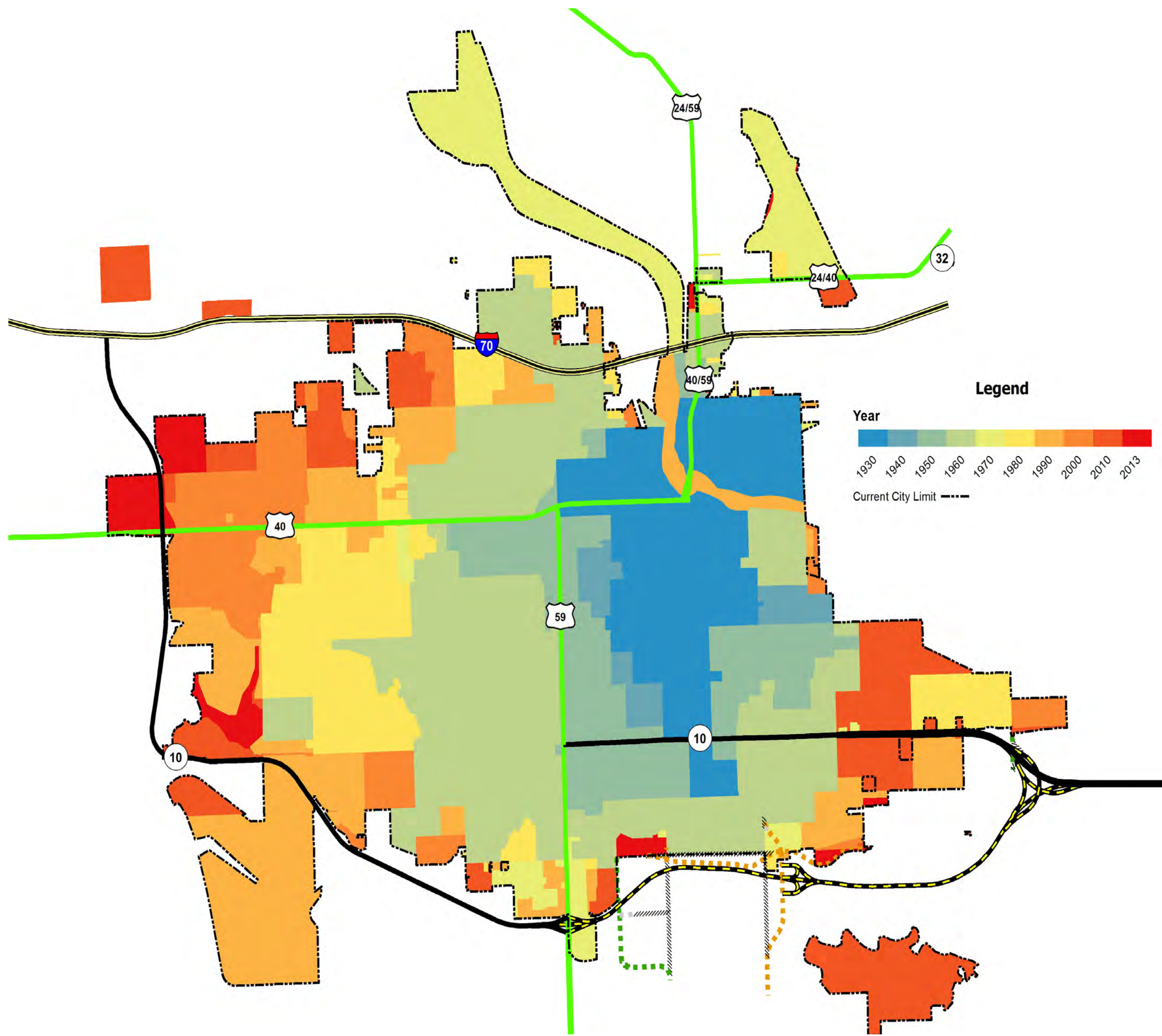


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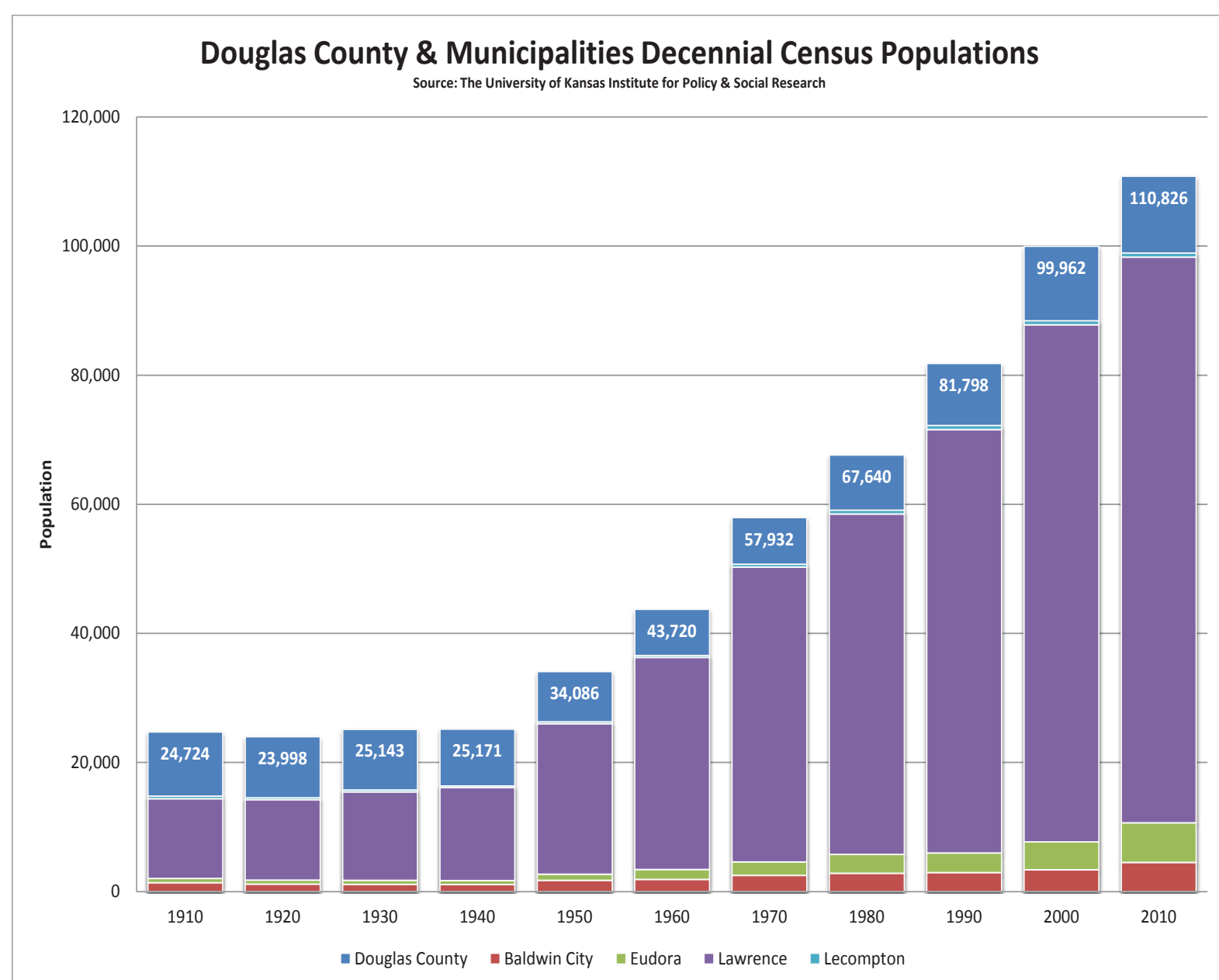


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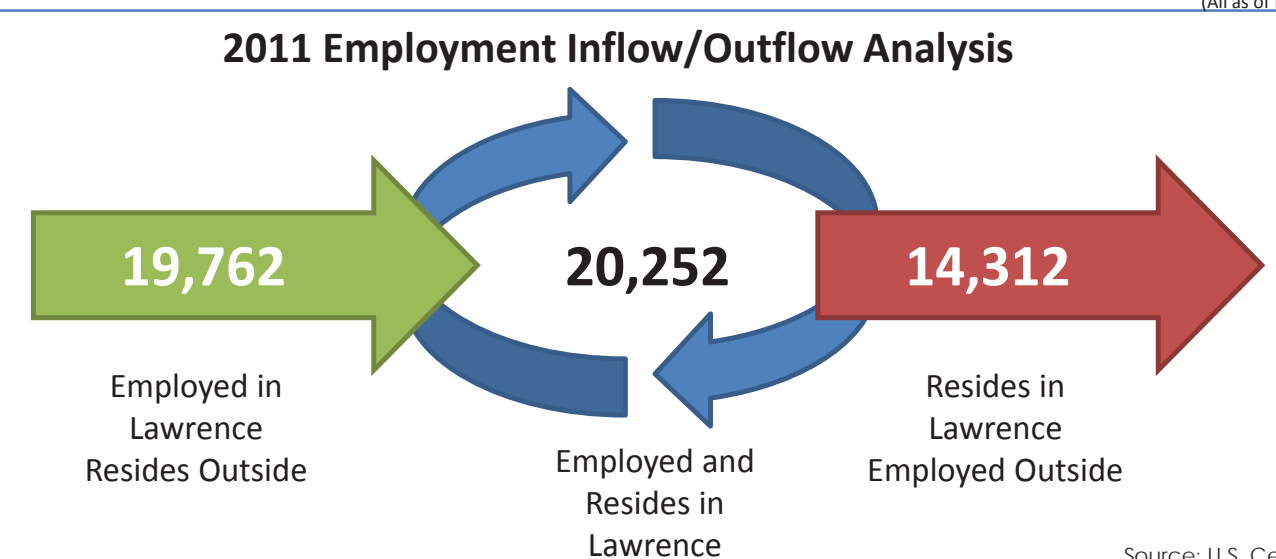
Lawrence's Growth: 1930 to Present



Growth & Demographics Today



	Douglas County	Lawrence
Total Population	110,826	87,643
Median Age	26.7	28.4
Age 65 +	8%	9%
Labor Force	65,623 (59% of Total Pop.)	52,702 (60% of Total Pop.)
2013 Avg. Unemployment	5.3%	5.6%
Owner-Occupied Housing	49%	44%
School Age Children	22,096 (20% of Total Pop.)	16,943 (19% of Total Pop.)
<small>KU Enrollment: 24,435 HINU Enrollment: 1,000+ Baker Enrollment: 940 (All as of Fall 2013)</small>		



Source: U.S. Census Bureau



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County

The unincorporated areas of the county have a unique character. The following questions address issues reflected in planning for the county's long-term future.

Question A: How would you describe the character of Douglas County?

Question B: Are you satisfied with the character of Douglas County?

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Satisfied Not Satisfied

Question C: If you are not satisfied with the character, how would you want to change it?

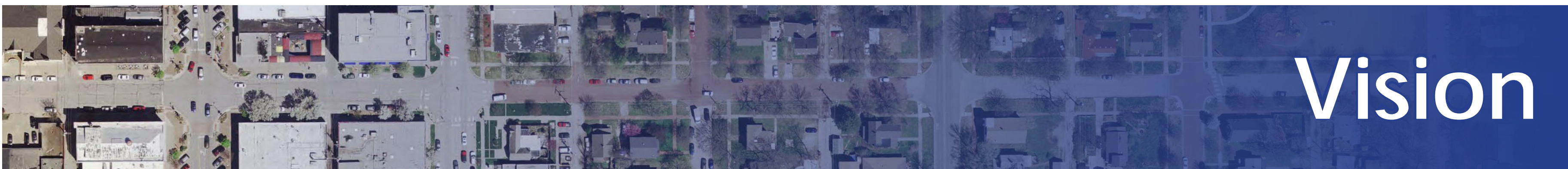
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Very Important Not Important

Question E: Why is it important or not important to maintain or expand agricultural uses in the county?

Question F: What are two issues facing Douglas County that should be addressed in the updated comprehensive plan?





Vision

A comprehensive plan expresses a community's desires about the future growth of the community. It provides the foundation and framework for making physical development and policy decisions as future populations are accommodated.

Question 1: How would you describe the character of Lawrence?

Question 2: Would you like that character to change, and if so, how?

Question 3: Describe your vision for Lawrence & Douglas County in 20 years.



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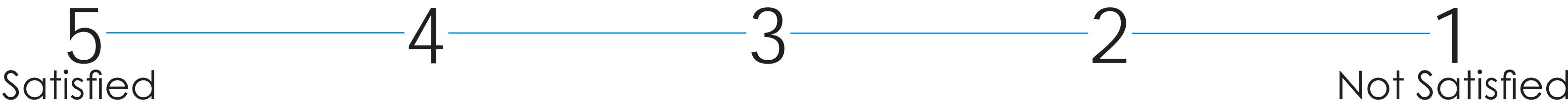




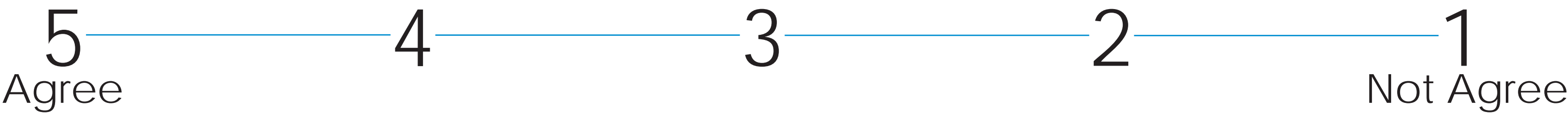
Growth Management

Lawrence's population has grown by 22,035 (34%) people over the last 20 years. The comprehensive plan helps guide and manage where, when, and how development occurs.

Question 4: As Lawrence has grown over the last several decades, how satisfied are you with the type and quality of development?



Question 5: I believe Lawrence should grow in a denser fashion to aid in growth management.



Question 6: Give us an example of a city you have lived in or visited where you think growth has been managed well?

Question 7: What did you particularly appreciate about that city?



Residential Development

Lawrence and Douglas County have traditionally been strong and desirable residential communities. As growth continues to occur it will be important to guide how and where residential areas develop.

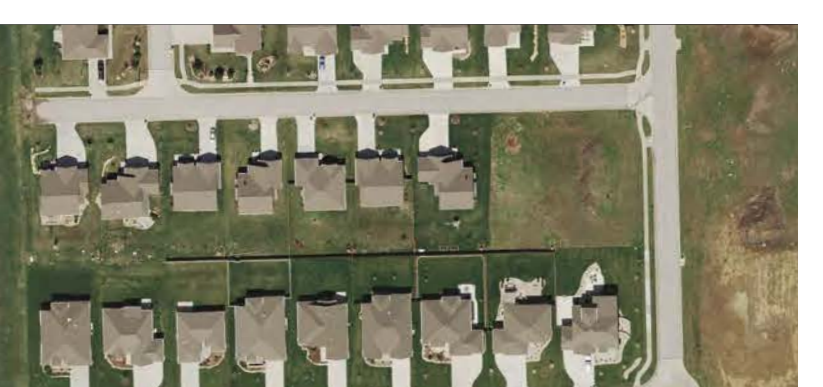
Question 8: How important is it to mix housing types in neighborhoods (single-family, duplex, multi-family)?

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Very Important Not Important

Question 9: Which of the following do you believe need to be improved as it relates to residential development?
(Circle as many as you like)

- A. Pedestrian connections
 - B. Street connectivity
 - C. Mix of housing types
 - D. Sense of place unique to each neighborhood
 - E. Inclusion of neighborhood commercial uses
 - F. Higher architectural quality for apartment structures
 - G. Higher architectural quality for single-family & duplex structures
 - H. Inclusion of parks, trails, & open space
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Question 10: What do you like best about your neighborhood?





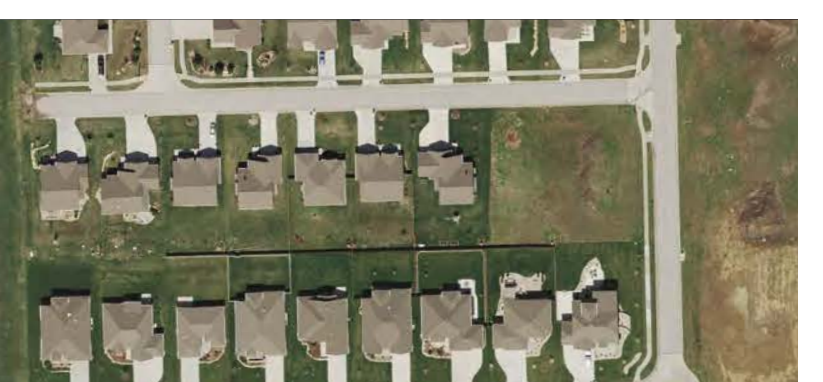
Commercial Development

Commercial uses support a community's needs and provide funding to deliver services. As population grows, there will be demand to provide additional commercial (service and retail) developments.

Question 11: Which of the following types of commercial development do you prefer?

- A. Commercial along a corridor (e.g. E. 23rd St., S. Iowa St.)
- B. Commercial in a distinct node at major intersections (e.g. Clinton Pkwy. & Kasold Dr.)
- C. Integrated into neighborhoods at a smaller scale

Question 12: Downtown Lawrence is a mix of employment, residential, and shopping/eating/entertainment uses. What would enhance Downtown and its relationship with the rest of Lawrence?



Industrial/Economic Development

Over time, the City of Lawrence and portions of unincorporated Douglas County have experienced business and industrial development and growth. As Douglas County continues to grow, there is a recognized need for more industrial and business development in order to provide local job opportunities and contribute to the regional economy.

Question 13: How satisfied are you with the following as it relates to industrial development in the community:

Physical compatibility with commercial and residential land uses

5 ————— 4 ————— 3 ————— 2 ————— 1
Satisfied Not Satisfied

Location

5 ————— 4 ————— 3 ————— 2 ————— 1
Satisfied Not Satisfied

Diversity of types of employment

5 ————— 4 ————— 3 ————— 2 ————— 1
Satisfied Not Satisfied

Architectural quality of development

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Question 14: Which of the following do you believe will do the most to improve economic development opportunities?
(Circle as many as you like)

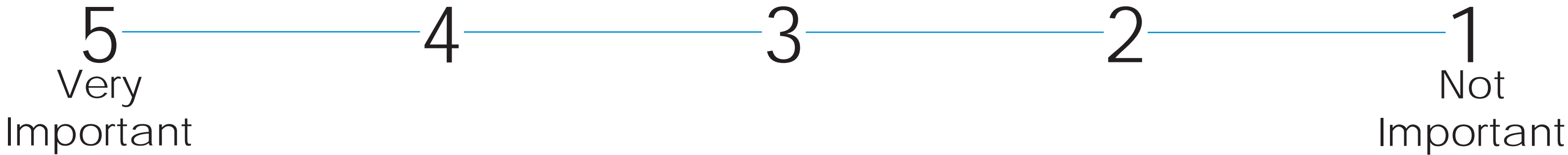
- A. Greater availability of industrially zoned property
- B. Increasing the skilled workforce
- C. Stronger public investment into attracting employers
- D. Less process and regulation as projects are developed
- E. Stronger public investment nurturing new and existing small businesses
- F. Creation of various types of employment incubators (like KU's bioscience incubator)
- G. Other (explain)



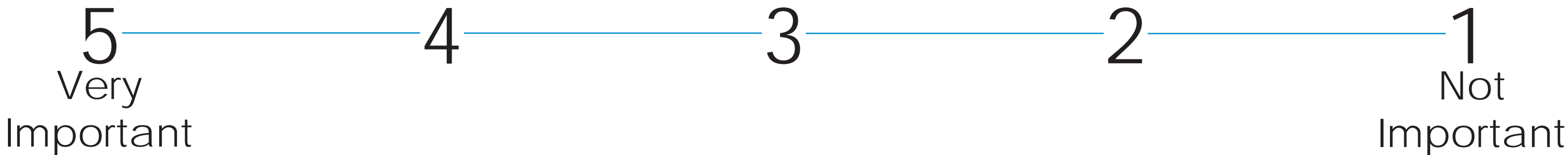
Transportation

As the region grows, multiple modes of transportation will be necessary – vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle, and transit (bus). A healthy transportation network is necessary to accommodate future growth.

Question 15: How important is it that development provide pedestrian, bicycle and public transit options?

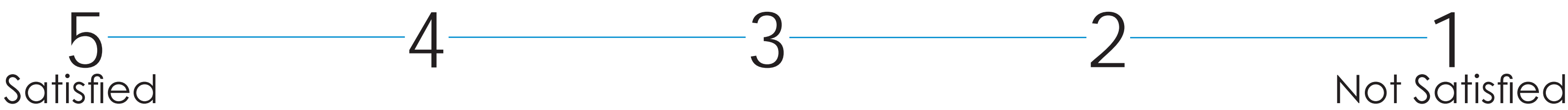


Question 16: How important is it to be able to walk/bicycle to work?



Question 17: If money were no object, what transportation improvement would you make in the next 20 years?

Question 18: How satisfied are you with vehicular roadway options when traveling across town?

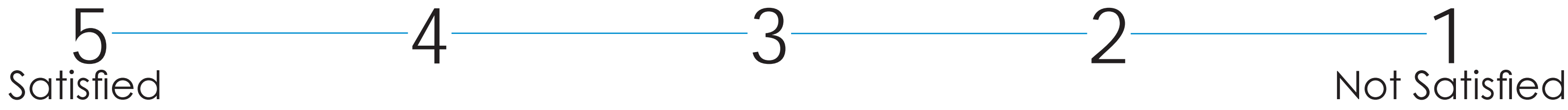


Parks, Recreation, & Open Space

As Lawrence & Douglas County grows, newly developed areas will require recreational opportunities.

Question 19: How satisfied are you with the following types of parks:

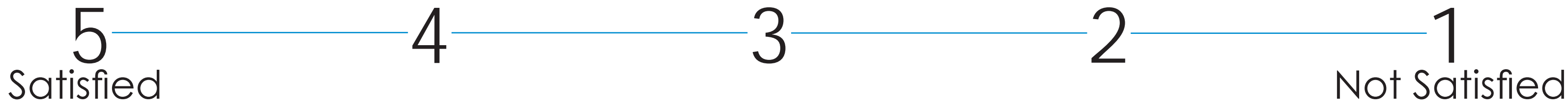
Mini/Play-lots (e.g. Ludlam Park & Chaparral Park)



Neighborhood (e.g. Deerfield Park & Lyons Park)



Community (e.g. South Park & Watson Park)



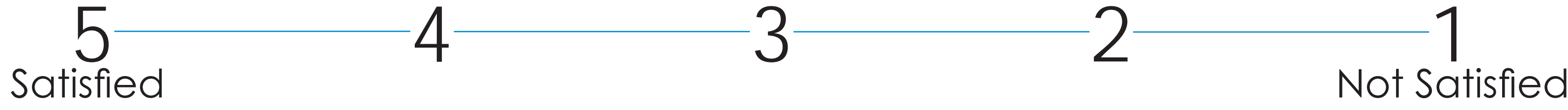
Regional (e.g. Clinton Lake)



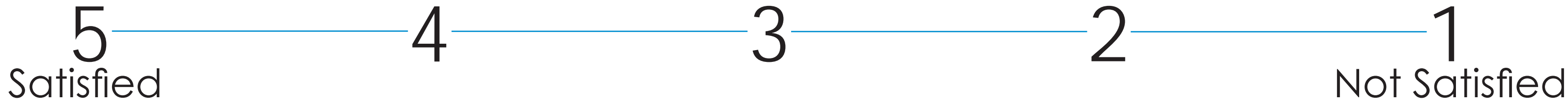
Linear (e.g. Burrough's Creek Trail)



Dog Parks



Bike Trails / Walking Paths



Question 20: Which of the above types of parks would you like to see more of as the community grows?

Question 21: What would enhance the parks system?

Question 22: What would enhance the recreation trails?

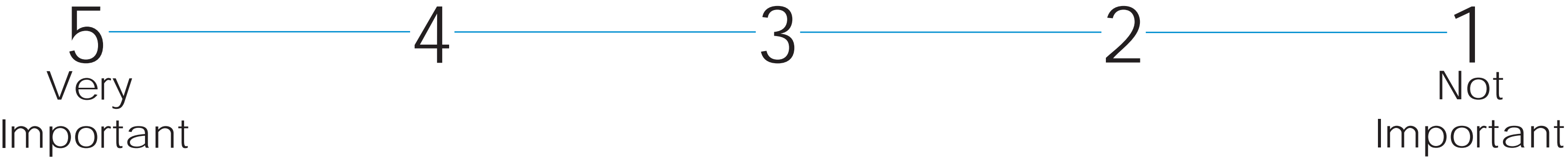


Historic Resources

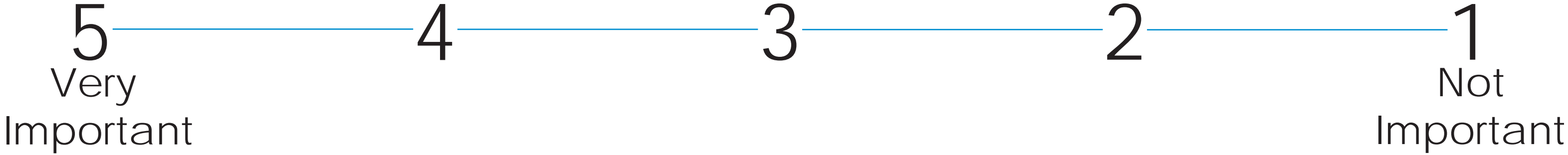
Historic and cultural resources play a vital role in our day-to-day lives, not just economically, but also in more subtle ways. Older structures literally provide a structural foundation for development in the county and city, both past and future. The preservation of important visual history and the review of new development ensure the county and the city remains unique.

Question 23: Rank the following in terms of importance:

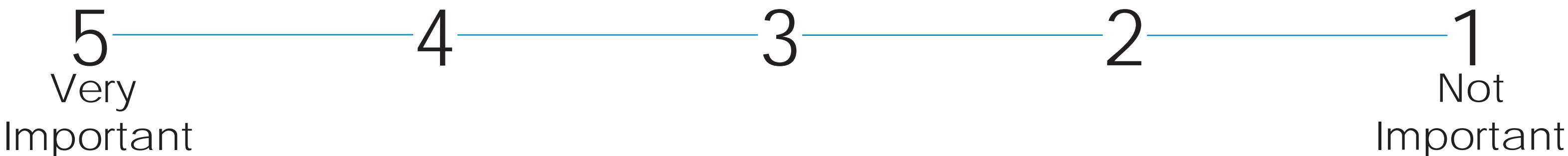
Protecting historic & cultural resources in the city and county



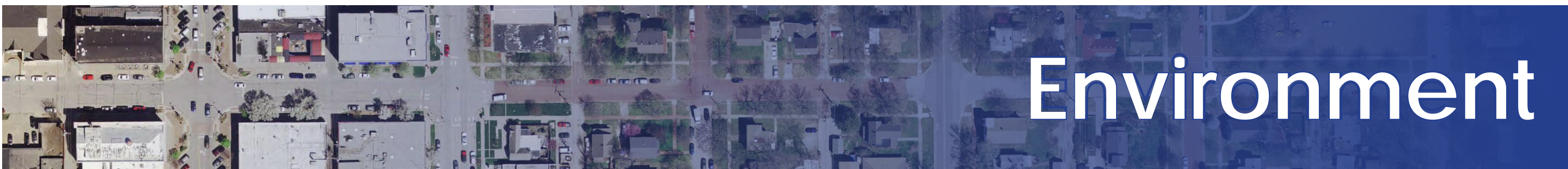
Enhancing the cultural arts in Lawrence and Douglas County (e.g. integrating public art into projects, supporting cultural arts districts)



Appropriately integrating historic places into new development



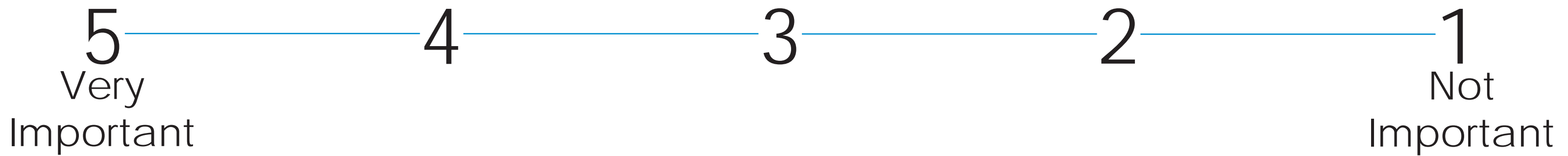
Question 24: If you only had 1 day to visit Lawrence & Douglas County, what/where would you visit and why?



Environment

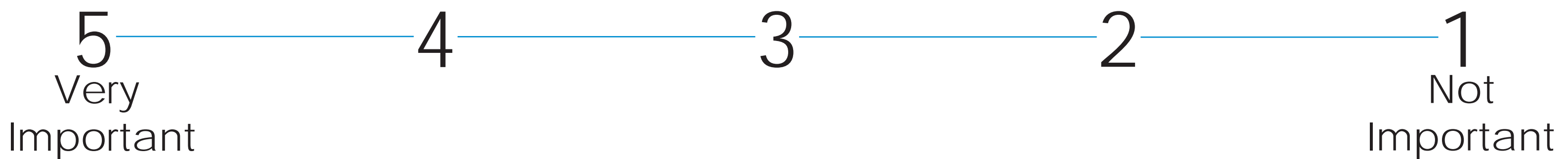
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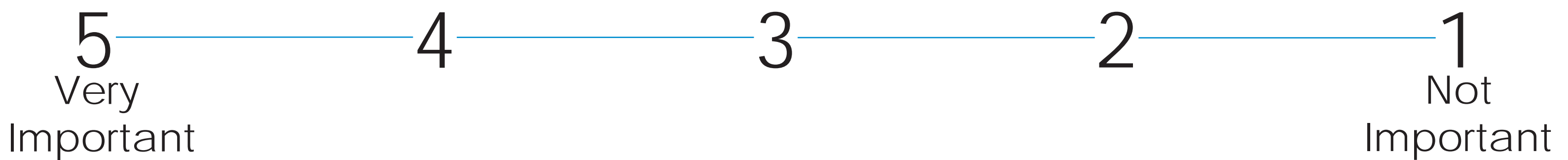


Question 26: How important are the following to you, as the community grows:

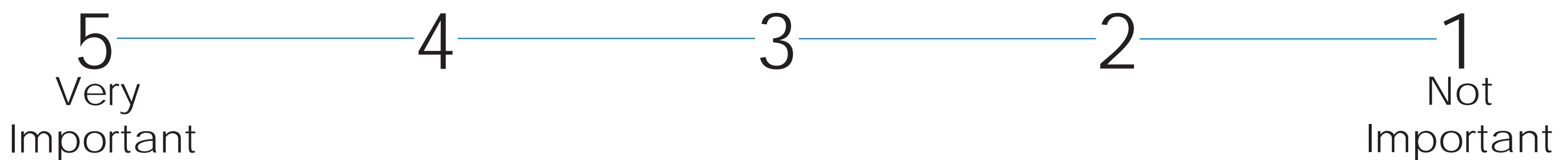
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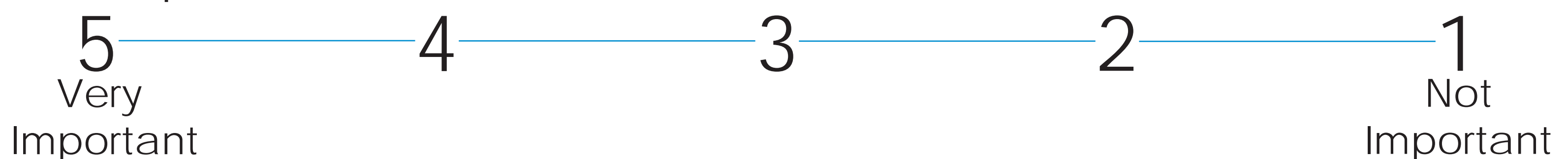
Integrating natural resource protection into all types of development



Incentivizing the protection of natural resources past a minimal threshold



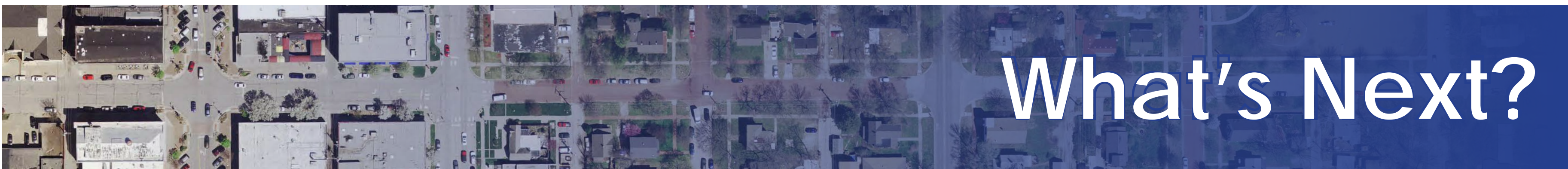
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Executive Summary

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ETC Survey

This [survey](#) was conducted by the ETC Institute in the spring of 2014 of residents of unincorporated Douglas County and also residents within the City of Lawrence. With the intent of capturing a statistically valid finding, the ETC Institute conducted a random sample of households throughout both the Lawrence and Douglas County that returned 1,046 surveys. The sample and survey was constructed to ensure the findings were both consistent with the socio-economic construct within the community and that the findings were quantitatively measurable.

Open House Survey

To provide a forum for written input, gain more open-ended comments, and compliment the findings of the ETC Survey, the Horizon 2020 Steering Committee and Planning Staff conducted a series of Open House Forums to supplement the quantitative results with qualitative input. This survey was gathered over the course of four months, both during the nine public forums as well as online.

Results

Both surveys resulted issues that the community felt was the most important. As a way to concisely identify the key issues, this report was created to provide a list of 16 of the key issues. The following analysis includes questions on both surveys that highlighted these topics, the chapters in *Horizon 2020* that speak to those issues, and staff’s professional opinion of how strong the existing *Horizon 2020* document addresses these issues.

Issue	Policy Strength in <i>Horizon 2020</i>
1 Create Employment Opportunities	High
2 Downtown Stability	High
3 Quality Housing for All Incomes	Low
4 Managing Future Lawrence Growth	Medium
5 Better Protection of Natural Resources	High
6 Sidewalks/Trails/Walking Paths	High
7 Arts & Cultural Amenities	Low
8 Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety	High
9 Utilizing Existing Retail Space	Medium
10 Small Neighborhood Retail	Medium
11 Major In-Fill Redevelopment	Medium
12 Increasing Height/Density	Low
13 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space	Medium
14 Preserving Historic Buildings & Structures	Medium
15 Expansions of Downtown Retail	High
16 Maintaining Agricultural Uses in Douglas County	Medium

Issue 1: Create Employment Opportunities

Analysis:

Description: Throughout both the Open House survey and also the ETC Survey, employment/job creation was the major issue that was a constant concern throughout Douglas County and Lawrence.

Input: Open House Survey: Question 13c, 14

ETC Survey: Question 1m/2, 3i/4, 5i, 16d

Reference: *Horizon 2020*: Chapter 7: Industrial and Employment-Related Land Use, 12: Economic Development

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **High** || *Horizon 2020* devotes an entire chapter to this issue. The main focus of existing policies and goals is principally oriented towards attracting and growing existing businesses through ensuring the availability of appropriately zoned land and other similar land use related policies, stressing the need for diverse categories of employment uses. One area, however, that could be better represented in the plan is options for funding economic development.

Issue 2: Downtown Stability

Analysis:

Description: Expressed in both the write-in sections as well as the questions themselves, this topic was a principal concern throughout the Open House process.

Input: Open House Survey: Question 12, 24

ETC Survey: Question 1c/2, 1h/2, 3f/4, 3g/4, 5o/6, 12, 16f, 15a

Reference: *Horizon 2020*: Chapter 6: Commercial Land Use, 11: Historic Resources

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **High** || The prominence of Downtown Lawrence as a commercial and cultural commodity is strongly worked into *Horizon 2020* at present, especially its place as the dominant commercial and cultural center for Lawrence. Chapter 11: Historic Resources is in need of updating with respect to the utilization of historic resources to enhance economic development and to foster our sense of place by the identification, evaluation, documentation, and preservation of historic resources.

Issue 3: Quality Housing for All Incomes

Analysis:

Description: The concern most commonly expressed regarding this issue was availability, but also geography in the community was also significant.

Input: Open House Survey: Question 8, 9c

ETC Survey: Question 1c/2, 1e/2, 3h/4, 5g/6

Reference: *Horizon 2020*: Chapter 4 (partial): Growth Management, 5 (partial): Residential Land Use

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **Low** || While the current plan does have a chapter on residential uses, affordable housing has a minimal appearance (Chapter 5: Policy 4.6). With some of the recent situations within the national and local economy, affordable housing is an issue that is both a concern within Lawrence, but also throughout Douglas County.

Issue 4: Managing Future Lawrence Growth

Analysis:

Description: This was a main concern during the creation of *Horizon 2020*, and a strong concern for both residents within Lawrence, as well as those outside of it in survey responses. This issue also dovetails with the desire to maintain agricultural uses in the county.

Input: Open House Survey: Question 4, 5, 6/7, 26a, 27

ETC Survey: Question 1c/2, 1o/2, 3p/4, 3q/4, 5d/6, 5k/6, 16b, 16e

Reference: *Horizon 2020*: Chapter 4: Growth Management, 5: Residential Land Use, 6: Commercial Land Use, 7: Industrial and Employment-Related Land Use, 8: Transportation, 12: Economic Development

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **Medium** || The significance of this issue has not declined and it showed in both surveys. While *Horizon 2020* does contain significant goals and policies towards managing growth, revisions and additions may be necessary to bring them more in-line with best practices, the current state of the economy, and the physical reality of the community.

Issue 5: Better Protection of Natural Resources

Analysis:

Description: An issue that received strong responses in both surveys, which is also seen to be of interest for both residents within the rural and urbanized areas of Douglas County.

Input: Open House Survey: Question 5, 25, 26a, 26b, 26c, 26d, 27

ETC Survey: Question 1a/2, 1l/2, 1o/2, 3j/4, 3q/4, 5d/6, 5n/6, 16a, 16e

Reference: *Horizon 2020*: Chapter 16: Environment

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **High** || The recent creation of Chapter 16: Environment provides up-to-date policy language, giving *Horizon 2020* a strong stance on this topic.

Issue 6: Sidewalks/Trails/Walking Paths

Analysis:

Description: In both surveys, residents expressed the need for more bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Input: Open House Survey: Question 9a, 9h, 15, 16, 19e, 19g, 20, 22

ETC Survey: Question 1f/2, 1i/2, 3d/4, 5c/6, 7e/8, 7f/8, 7g/8, 7h/8, 7i/8, 7j/8

Reference: *Horizon 2020*: Chapter 8: Transportation, 10: Community Facilities, 16 (partial): Environment

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **High** || Through the incorporation of T2040 in Chapter 8: Transportation, an importance is placed on the development of infrastructure for multiple modes of transportation. New efforts related to multi-modal issues were incorporated in T2040, leading to new policies for developing complete streets and other initiatives in the City of Lawrence.

Issue 7: Arts & Cultural Amenities

Analysis:

Description: A major topic of concern and/or interest within the Lawrence & Douglas County community, even though there was not a high number of questions dedicated specifically for this topic.

Input: Open House Survey: Question 10, 23b, 29

ETC Survey: Question 1j/2, 3u/4, 5a/6, 5l/6

Reference: N/A

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **Low** || While there are a few indirect policies that have an effect on this issue, there is not a set of direct policies that address the concerns and issues expressed by the respondents regarding arts and culture.

Issue 8: Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety

Analysis:

Description: While many responses see the availability of facilities as an issue, an equal, if not stronger, concern is the safety people feel while using bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Input: Open House Survey: Question 9a, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 29, 30

ETC Survey: Question 1f, 1i/2, 3d/4, 5c/6, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7m/8

Reference: *Horizon 2020*: Chapter 4 (partial): Growth Management, 8: Transportation, 10: Community Facilities, 16 (partial): Environment

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **High** || Chapter 5 of T2040 (Chapter 8: Transportation) devotes a considerable number of policies that speak to the safety of both modes of transportation.

Issue 9: Utilizing Existing Retail Space

Analysis:

Description: While not as clear in the response from the surveys, there is considerable strength in the views and desires of a sizeable portion of respondents to encourage the use of existing retail spaces before creating new space.

Input: Open House Survey: Question 12, 28, 29

ETC Survey: Question 1q/2, 3p/4, 15a, 15d, 16b, 16c, 16e, 16f

Reference: *Horizon 2020*: Chapter 4 (partial): Growth Management, 6: Commercial Land Use, 12 (partial): Economic Development

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **Medium** || There are currently many policies that speak to a more general set of policies and goals, but specifically prioritizing the utilization of existing retail space over the creation of new spaces may need to be addressed.

Issue 10: Small Neighborhood Retail

Analysis:

Description: Responses indicated that residents wanted the inclusion of small retail centers within their neighborhoods.

Input: Open House Survey: Question 5, 9e, 11c

ETC Survey: Question 3s/4, 5b/6, 15c, 15d, 16c, 16g

Reference: *Horizon 2020*: Chapter 4 (partial): Growth Management, 6: Commercial Land Use

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **Medium** || While the framework for inclusion of small neighborhood retail centers exists, locational and prioritization policies may need to be incorporated into the update.

Issue 11: Major In-Fill Redevelopment

Analysis:

Description: The topic was mentioned in both surveys in terms of importance to the community. Promoting major in-fill development utilizes existing land resources before developing undisturbed areas.

Input: Open House Survey: Question 5, 11, 12, 28, 30

ETC Survey: Question 1q/2, 3p/4, 3s/4, 11/12, 15d, 16

Reference: *Horizon 2020*: Chapter 4: Growth Management, 5: Residential Land Use, 6: Commercial Land Use, 7: Industrial and Employment-Related Land Use

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **Medium** || Policies exist that encourage and accommodate in-fill redevelopment, but may need to be reviewed to give them strength.

Issue 12: Increasing Height/Density

Analysis:

Description: Respondents of the survey indicated that they were willing to accept developments of increased heights and density.

Input: Open House Survey: Question 5, 28, 30

ETC Survey: Question 1q/2, 3p/4, 15a, 16b, 16e, 16f, 16g

Reference: *Horizon 2020*: Chapter 4: Growth Management

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **Low** || Some policies exist to allow for developments of increased height and density as an effective growth management strategy. More policies are needed to address how and where they are located.

Issue 13: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

Analysis:

Description: Provisions for parks, recreation and open space contribute to the overall livability of a community.

Input: Open House Survey: Question 9h, 19 a-g, 20, 21, 22, 24

ETC Survey: Question 1f/2, 1n/2, 3c/4, 3d/4, 3t/4, 5h/6

Reference: *Horizon 2020*: Chapter 9: Parks, Recreation, Open Space Areas and Facilities, 10: Community Facilities, 16 (partial): Environment

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **Medium** || The promotion of and provision for parks, recreation, and open space are included in the comprehensive plan but may need to be updated to reflect current amenities, trends, and future needs.

Issue 14: Preserving Historic Buildings & Structures

Analysis:

Description: An issue for both Douglas County as well as the City of Lawrence, ensuring the structures and landscapes that help define both the history and character of the community are kept for future generations.

Input: Open House Survey: Question 9d, 23 a-c, 24

ETC Survey: Question 1b/2, 5j/6

Reference: *Horizon 2020*: Chapter 5 (partial): Residential Land Use, 6: Commercial Land Use, 11: Historic Resources

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **Medium** || Chapter 11: Historic Resources is a chapter that is completely dedicated to this issue; however, it is in need of updating and revision.

Issue 15: Expansions of Downtown Retail

Analysis:

Description: In a similar line as the stability of Downtown Lawrence, the concern with the mixture of the commercial uses, with other uses, within the core is also a notable concern among a larger portion of survey respondents.

Input: Open House Survey: Question 11, 12, 30

ETC Survey: Question 1h/2, 3f/4, 15a, 15d, 16f

Reference: *Horizon 2020*: Chapter 6: Commercial Land Use, Chapter 11: Historic Resources

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **High** || The stability, and ensuring the prominence of the Downtown within the community is addressed, by encouraging and supporting the development of a broad mix of land uses, with an emphasis on retail as a major land use, the provision of parking facilities, improved accessibility, and the expansion of Downtown Lawrence while maintaining the integrity of surrounding neighborhoods.

Issue 16: Maintaining Agricultural Uses in Douglas County

Analysis:

Description: This item entails both the preservation of prime agricultural soils (Type I & II), and ensuring that the historic land use that has been the predominant feature of Douglas County for many decades is not permanently or inappropriately lost to development.

Input: Open House Survey: Question D, E, F, 5, 26a, 27, 28, 29, 30

ETC Survey: Question 1a/2, 1o/2, 1q/2, 3q/4, 5q/6, 16a, 16b, 16e

Reference: *Horizon 2020*: Chapter 4: Growth Management, 7: Industrial and Employment-Related Land Use, 9 (partial): Park, Recreation, Open Space Areas and Facilities, 16: Environment

Horizon 2020 Policy Strength: **Medium** || Due to agriculture's place and prominence in the county, there is similar prominence given to it throughout various chapters of the existing comprehensive plan. Chapter 7: Industrial and Employment-Related Land Use and Chapter 16: Environment both contain policies that address preservation of high-quality agricultural soils, but the plan may need to incorporate more policies regarding growth management/sprawl that address the economic importance of agriculture to the community.

Memorandum

City of Lawrence/Douglas County

Planning and Development Services

TO: Horizon 2020 Steering Committee

FROM: Planning Staff

Date: For August 25, 2014 meeting

RE: Public Forum Proposal

Many topics/issues were identified from the ETC Survey and the Open House Survey. In staff's opinion, 8 of those deserve more study to determine more about what the community feels on those issues. Therefore, staff is proposing to hold two forums this fall. The forums will follow a model that allows for community members to attend the session and have focused discussions about the topics in small group "table" sessions with Steering Committee members. Steering Committee members will sit at tables with community members and discuss the issues following a script of questions provided as a jumping off point for the discussion which is designed to provide more feedback on the issues. Steering Committee members and staff will then be responsible for organizing their findings and presenting them back to the Steering Committee as a whole for discussion. Staff has identified 8 issues from the Public Input Analysis Report, which would allow four topics to be discussed at each forum. Community members would be able to rotate through the tables (and their corresponding issues) throughout each forum every half hour.

Staff developed the following list of the topics for Steering Committee review:

1. Creation of Employment Opportunities
2. Downtown Lawrence Issues (stability, expansion)
3. Growth Management (including increasing height/density of developments)
4. Retail Issues (In-Fill, small neighborhood)
5. Parks, Recreation & Open Space (including sidewalks/trails/walking paths)
6. Maintaining Agricultural Uses in Douglas County
7. Quality Housing for All Incomes
8. Arts & Cultural Amenities

If acceptable, staff will work on scheduling these two forums for October and November and developing a list of corresponding questions for each topic in order to help facilitate discussions.