



Planning Group 2

Citizen Ideas Packet

Introduction

During the first phase of Envision 2030, more than 1,000 Cumming-Forsyth County citizens described how they want their community to look and work by the year 2030. Over the course of 15 meetings, they offered their ideas and images, which were captured on flip charts. We transcribed the answers and entered them into spreadsheets, where they were sorted by topic. The ideas and images relevant to your planning group are contained in this packet.

Your group's assignment

1. Show how the Cumming-Forsyth County community can become a community of lifelong learning.
Givens:
 - Lifelong learning extends from pre-school to retirement ages.
 - Forsyth County should be regarded as one of the best school systems in the country.
 - Forsyth County should host a superior four-year college that offers post-graduate courses.
2. Show how the Cumming-Forsyth County community can establish arts, cultural and other institutions that help residents explore the world around them.

Idea categories

There are two categories of citizen ideas in this packet. First are ideas that, we believe, relate directly to your assignment. Second are ideas that may relate to your assignment. Some of these categories are shared with other planning groups (because we think they may be of interest to them as well). Where we've given these ideas to other groups, we've indicated the group numbers in the parentheses.

Primary Ideas: We think ideas in these categories are most relevant to your planning group:

- Education
- Human capital (shared with group 1)
- Culture (shared with groups 1, 3, 4)

Secondary Ideas: We think many of the ideas in these categories may relate to your planning group's work:

- Diversity
- Leadership
- Image/distinctiveness (shared with groups 1, 3, 4)

How the ideas are organized

In the fall Vision Meetings, we asked participants three questions:

- What makes Cumming-Forsyth County an ideal community in the year 2030?
- What do we need to preserve among things that already exist today for that vision of the future to come true?
- What do we lack today that we would need for the vision of the future to come true?

We also asked participants to let us know which ideas reflected a consensus of their group's thinking, and which ideas they felt were the most visionary, or "out of the box," ideas.

To stay consistent with that format, we organized the ideas in this packet so that you will first see the ideas participants identified as the "visionary" ideas. Those ideas will be followed by the things participants felt needed to be preserved, then those that are lacking. We are also including the "consensus" and "out of the box" ideas at the end.

Note to citizen idea readers

Please read through all the ideas in this packet before the first Work Session on Feb. 6, highlight those you think are most significant or thought provoking and be prepared to lead a discussion about the citizen ideas.

Visionary Ideas

The ideas on the following pages were offered by participants in response to the following scenario and question:

It is 2030. Time magazine is sending a reporter to Cumming-Forsyth County to do a cover story on how this community came to be regarded as the “model” or “ideal” mid-sized community in the country – the community other mid-sized communities around the country want to be like.

What will Time magazine say in its 2030 article makes Cumming-Forsyth County such an ideal community?

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
1	1	High-tech school system	Education	
1	2	Community and 4-year college	Education	
1	2	Adequate number of K-12 schools	Education	
1	2	Schools	Education	
1	2	Partnership: Technology business / Public education (Technical schools, incentives for High Tech business to come to Forsyth County)	Education	Leadership
1	3	First rate education	Education	
1	3	Partnership: University systems integrated with businesses	Education	Leadership
1	3	Partnership: University satellite schools / Public school systems	Education	Leadership
1	5	Better environment to attract good quality teachers	Education	
1	6	Universities	Education	
1	6	Performing arts education	Education	
1	7	Learning oriented facilities: schools, colleges, literacy centers, libraries	Education	
1	7	Education with variety	Education	
1	7	Intellectual infrastructure: Attracting quality businesses and employees and entrepreneurs / Higher education	Education	
1	9	School system utilizing parks more	Education	
1	9	Broaden partnership with universities	Education	
1	9	Continue expansion of Lanier Tech	Education	
1	9	Continue to expand mentoring programs and non-profits / more knowledge in the community (involvement)	Education	
1	10	Superior educational system	Education	
1	10	Continue our excellent libraries	Education	
1	10	Safe buses with aides for schools	Education	
1	10	More funding for school programs	Education	
1	10	More funding for teacher supplies	Education	
1	10	More funding for school nutrition programs	Education	
1	11	Education	Education	
1	12	Education - Magnet schools	Education	
1	12	K-12 and College Campuses (education wise)	Education	
1	12	Partnerships: Corporate / education center / botanical garden to provide greenspace and proved jobs / education - like Johnson & Johnson in Tampa, FL	Education	Economic Development

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1	13	Schools K-12 (if we don't improve this, recruiting industry is very tough)	Education	
1	13	Expansion of offerings in Forsyth of North GA College / Gainesville College (satellite campus)	Education	
1	13	Partnership: businesses in the county and the school system (skills taught to reflect needs of businesses)	Education	
1	14	Quality education	Education	
1	14	Children's Activities	Education	
1	14	Better opportunity for higher education (Lanier Tech, et. al.)	Education	
1	14	Photo 5: Schools that were built for the future (little or no trailers)	Education	
1	15	Well-funded schools	Education	
1	15	4-year university or college	Education	
1	15	FoCo schools continue to be one of the best in the state/country	Education	
1	16	Higher education (4-year college) and lower education	Education	
1	16	Education (overplan for population growth)	Education	
2	1	Small school environment experience	Education	
2	1	Major University - 4 year graduate programs, with teaching hospital, with large medical community, biotech included "clean"	Education	
2	1	Large library as a community center - youth center, café included	Education	
2	2	Schools - college	Education	
2	3	Kids being well educated and having lots of opportunities in life (leaving here)	Education	
2	3	Education - keep, don't rest on laurels	Education	
2	3	Registration at schools - less paper, more electronic	Education	
2	3	Centralized education complex -- all in 1 building / 1 place: Customers/students can pick, but all at one location -- Businesses, restaurants, office space around the education complex	Education	
2	4	Top 10 -- best education system in the nation and maintaining excellence -- youth programs including youth centers / camps -- utilize natural assets/ resources to enhance youth experience - lake, mountains, camps -- alternative school calendar	Education	Human Capital
2	4	We need something concrete as a base -- ie college, cultural arts, technology center	Education	Culture
2	5	Create a research center	Education	
3	1	World-class school system	Education	
3	1	School impact fees	Education	

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3	1	Schools integrated into the community	Education	
3	2	Quality education (better than average pay for our teachers, internships, college)	Education	
3	2	Internships for students	Education	
3	3	Commitment to education - including secondary - innovative education programs	Education	
3	3	School center (geo.) communities	Education	
3	3	Education - quality education, secondary, etc.	Education	
3	4	4-year University / college (keep graduates interested in staying here)	Education	
3	4	Maintain k-12 education	Education	
3	5	Classroom sizes and ratios acceptable level - smart planning, develop schools	Education	
3	6	Require developers to donate land for schools / greenspace	Education	Recreation
3	6	Developers required to donate money for specific school needs	Education	
3	7	Major university	Education	
3	7	Seniors / teens / education (primary to post secondary) / family / environment / healthy lifestyle / educated population	Education	Quality of Life
3	8	Schools keep up with growth	Education	
3	8	Higher education - continuing education / Lanier Tech expand to more community-based	Education	
3	9	Upgrade existing schools, facilities and build on it	Education	
3	9	Continued to stay ahead of growth in school system while keeping standards high	Education	
3	9	Brought college campus	Education	
4	2	Change in education through accountability and future counseling	Education	
4	3	Measure our educational system as against international standards	Education	
4	3	A university or satellite college - to help keep the local young people in community - to be used to attract people to community - to assist in economic development	Education	
5	1	Presence of a university system - 4-year college, professional development, "communiversity" - community backed university	Education	
5	1	Communiversity	Education	
5	2	Known for educational system as model to others	Education	
5	3	Keep high quality schools	Education	
5	4	Maintained school quality - student/teacher ratio less than or equal to approx 20 (ask kids, ask teachers)	Education	

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5	4	More stimulating academic environment - Blend space with technology - not just boring classrooms / college, bio-tech	Education	
5	4	University research center	Education	
5	4	Education / private enterprise partnership	Education	Leadership
5	5	4-year university - brings culture and global perspective - helps education in community	Education	
5	5	Top-notch education - kids should have a great environment to learn in - stay on leading edge of technology in classroom	Education	
5	6	Expanding Lanier Tech to a 4-year school	Education	
6	1	Small community schools	Education	
6	1	4-year college	Education	
6	2	University system	Education	
6	2	Improve school system	Education	
6	2	Improved school transportation system	Education	
6	2	Smaller schools	Education	
6	2	World class school district	Education	
6	2	Develop charter and magnet schools to develop academic offerings available to students	Education	
6	3	Schools are safe and not overcrowded - excellent system including teachers, administrators and students	Education	
6	3	Technologically advanced school system - high test scores and well-performing students	Education	
6	3	Impact fees on subdivisions help to pay for schools	Education	
6	4	School Vouchers	Education	
6	5	Continue the great public school system - why a lot of people move here	Education	
6	6	University presence	Education	
6	7	Why not build our schools up? (more stories)	Education	
6	8	A university	Education	
6	8	More businesses / non-profit agencies to take high school interns to help reduce high school drop out rates	Education	
6	8	Library in north end of the county	Education	
6	9	Good education system	Education	
6	9	College - higher degrees	Education	
6	10	Higher education	Education	
6	10	Activities for student population	Education	Human Capital

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6	10	State of the art schools	Education	
6	10	Services and education opportunities for non-english speaking residents	Education	Diversity
6	10	Continuing education for retirees	Education	Health Care
6	10	Continue enlarging libraries and senior center	Education	Health Care
7	1	Better schools - without junk foods	Education	
7	2	More schools, less trailers	Education	
7	2	Bring 4-year school to the county	Education	
7	3	Encourage use of school bus with supervision	Education	
7	3	4-year university	Education	
7	4	Education - magnet school, program expansion, university	Education	
7	4	Continuing education - expansion of Lanier Tech	Education	
7	4	Continued great schools and facilities - integration of cultures	Education	
7	5	Great schools (multi-story)	Education	
7	5	College: continuing education for seniors	Education	
7	5	Expand technical college programs - combine with tourism industry	Education	
7	6	Great schools without trailers - high school build as high school / vocational high school	Education	
7	6	University campus	Education	
7	7	Schools - the best - personnel tools	Education	
7	8	Keep schools, technology - schools to be a showcase for the nation	Education	
7	8	Higher education play a more important	Education	
7	8	Impact fees for schools	Education	
7	9	Quality of schools	Education	
7	10	Schools	Education	
7	10	University	Education	
7	10	That we will have the best university	Education	
7	11	No trailers at schools	Education	
8	1	Cutting edge technology - schools	Education	
8	2	Visionary school system planning for growth	Education	
8	2	Four-year university	Education	
8	3	Less modular classrooms, better estimation of school needs	Education	
8	5	Community schools closer together: elementary, middle, high school closer together - smaller schools	Education	
8	5	Great schools	Education	
8	5	4-year college / university	Education	

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8	6	Education - grades K-4-year college	Education	
8	6	Committed to modular-free schools	Education	
8	6	School systems equipped with state of the art technology	Education	
8	7	Concerns for schools growth - using mobile units, schools prepared for any situations that might arise	Education	
8	7	School system be given impact fees from developers	Education	
8	8	More challenging playgrounds at schools	Education	
8	8	Keep up with growth with schools	Education	
8	9	Adult education opportunities	Education	
8	9	Providing educational facilities - alternative educations	Education	
8	9	More public library locations	Education	
8	9	Teacher / staffing support due to increased expectations of them	Education	
8	10	Pray back in school	Education	
8	10	Four-year college	Education	
9	1	Quality Schools	Education	
9	2	Good schools	Education	
9	2	Schools	Education	
9	3	Good schools, academically	Education	
10	5	Strong school system - with college or university	Education	
11	2	More education for grandson	Education	
11	2	New schools - lots of kids	Education	
11	3	Adult education - computer extended classes to high school students, reducing building costs for young mothers - child care	Education	
11	4	More trade education in high schools	Education	
11	5	Children boarding school in rural area should have community	Education	
11	5	Mom or dad to protect the children on and off bus	Education	
11	5	Safer busses	Education	
12	1	Vouchers and private schools for kids with disabilities, with parents able to afford the schools	Education	Social Issues
12	1	After school programs - can integrate kids with disabilities and typical kids	Education	
12	1	Integrated play group - like the rec. center idea with typical kids and kids with disabilities	Education	
12	1	Children's museums	Education	
12	2	Technical or vocational training for special needs	Education	
12	2	Smaller schools, class sizes are fine, but more schools	Education	

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12	2	All schools within walking distance, bicycling	Education	
12	2	Add community center - education, performance, recreation, all-inclusive, all access, pool, gym, sauna	Education	Culture
12	2	School vouchers	Education	
13	1	College - the best at this time	Education	
2	4	Cultural arts hub mixed with college / academic centers	Culture	Education
6	1	Center for the arts to include university and teen center	Culture	Education
7	9	Science center, cultural center, civic center, arts center, college, private arts council (control and funding) all possibly in campus type environment	Culture	Education
6	8	Education center for adults - English and spanish and other languages + technology	Diversity	Education
2	4	Highest tax contribution to schools while maintaining low taxes -- larger percentage of tax money goes to schools -- add additional percent sales tax to support schools	Government	Education
6	1	Teen center in complex with college and arts center	Human Capital	Education
1	12	Partnerships: Business / education	Leadership	Education
2	3	Education + business partnership: work opportunities for students, learning on the job, both feed off each other, other college opportunities, safe locations	Leadership	Education
2	4	Utilize the talents of our aging / retired population -- schools / community activities	Leadership	Education
5	6	Business / education partnerships	Leadership	Education
6	2	Collaboration between school system, parks, libraries and museums to improve quality of life	Leadership	Education
8	9	Partnership between teachers, education, all business, citizens, employers	Leadership	Education
11	2	Need younger people to understand the elderly - seniors with all ages, youth, early adult - why can't you remember	Neighborliness/Connecte	Education
8	4	Police, schools, teachers, fire department - (family values)	Public Safety	Education
8	8	Increase county supplements to attract top-qualified teachers, police, and firefighters	Public Safety	Education
7	1	Parks, library system is great	Recreation	Education
4	2	Solve for poverty by using local business to engage students - top graduating seniors from high school	Social Issues	Education

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2	3	Bus riding mandatory for students -- monitoring on busses to control environment	Transportation	Education
4	2	Walk to school	Transportation	Education
5	2	People walking / bicycling on sidewalks with outdoor eating areas with library and a 4-year college / university with trees / landscaping allowing socialization	Transportation	Education
8	3	Drivers education	Transportation	Education
14	1	4-year college	Education	
14	1	More schools	Education	
14	1	Smaller classes	Education	
14	1	School stadiums and pools	Education	
14	1	Different grading scale	Education	
14	1	Better teachers	Education	
14	1	Better place to graduate	Education	
14	2	More schools	Education	
14	2	Dog searches in schools	Education	
14	2	Nice place to graduate	Education	
14	2	Schools are too small	Education	
14	2	More pep rallys	Education	
14	2	Improve sports team	Education	
14	2	Closer college	Education	
14	2	Better rules	Education	
14	2	Sports treated	Education	
14	2	Better teachers	Education	
14	2	Heat in schools	Education	
14	3	College	Education	
14	3	More field trips	Education	
14	3	Library	Education	
14	3	Better school busses	Education	
14	3	Fernbank	Education	
14	4	Block scheduling	Education	
14	4	More locker rooms	Education	
14	4	Open campus schools	Education	
14	4	Better school food	Education	
14	4	Courtyards to eat outside at school	Education	
14	4	Wider/bigger hallways	Education	

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14	4	Longer breaks between classes	Education	
14	4	Longer summer break	Education	
14	4	Less school	Education	
14	4	More field trips	Education	
14	4	More electives (career related)	Education	
14	4	Bigger school parking lots	Education	
14	4	Less trailers	Education	
14	4	More schools	Education	
14	4	Wake boarding teams in schools	Education	
14	4	Let kids voter on school-related stuff	Education	
14	4	Pep rallies	Education	
14	5	School parking lots	Education	
14	5	Intramurals	Education	
14	5	School ice hockey team	Education	
14	5	School dance class	Education	
14	5	Student center at schools	Education	
14	5	Shorter school days with more breaks	Education	
14	5	Electives - shop, music, crafts, hunting	Education	
14	5	College near high school - available classes	Education	
14	6	Smaller class sizes	Education	
14	6	More schools	Education	
14	6	Community college	Education	
14	6	Dual enrollment opportunities	Education	
14	6	More qualified teachers	Education	
14	6	More classes outside of school	Education	
14	6	Better childcare facilities	Education	
14	6	Start schools earlier - time of day	Education	
14	6	School year between labor day and memorial day	Education	
14	6	More vocational classes at North	Education	
14	6	More cultural classes	Education	
14	6	More sports classes	Education	
14	6	Healthier / tastier food in school system	Education	
14	6	Better pay for teachers	Education	
14	6	More school sports teams	Education	
14	6	Bigger library	Education	
14	6	More libraries	Education	

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14	7	Increase field trips	Education	
14	7	Better / cheaper lunches	Education	
14	7	Graduation center	Education	
14	7	Quilting class	Education	
14	7	University	Education	
14	7	Smaller class sizes	Education	
14	7	20-minutre break (like central's)	Education	
14	7	More schools	Education	
14	8	Big college	Education	
14	8	Graduation places	Education	
14	8	Higher education	Education	
14	8	More money for teachers	Education	
14	8	More tech classes	Education	
14	8	Band camps	Education	
14	9	Bigger school parking lot	Education	
14	9	Better school lunches	Education	
14	9	Lower school lunch price	Education	
15	1	Less trailers	Education	
15	1	More parking	Education	
15	1	More lunch variety	Education	
15	1	Picnic tables for lunch / class use	Education	
15	1	More interactive learning	Education	
15	1	Longer lunches	Education	
15	1	Larger mentor program	Education	
15	1	Study hour	Education	
15	1	Half days for finals	Education	
15	1	Locker breaks	Education	
15	1	More class learning - less homework	Education	
15	1	More time between classes	Education	
15	1	Different school hours	Education	
15	1	Earlier and later classes offered - 2 segment days (day / night classes)	Education	
15	1	More electives	Education	
15	1	Flowers in spring on campus	Education	
15	1	Music on intercom before and after school	Education	
15	1	Get high schools together to do sports and other events	Education	

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15	1	County-wide tutoring program	Education	
15	2	Trailers - parking deck - greenhouse - more schools	Education	
15	2	Mandatory classes to improve child safety	Education	
15	2	More options for teachers	Education	
15	2	Outside classroom learning experience	Education	
15	2	Fun classroom environment	Education	
15	2	Better use of white boards	Education	
15	2	All high schools offer same courses	Education	
15	2	Being more involved with government	Education	
15	2	Good deed class	Education	
15	2	No 7 period classes	Education	
15	2	Longer break for summer	Education	
15	3	Paintball team offered in school	Education	
15	3	More places to hang out after school	Education	
15	3	Healthier school lunches - have a "subway" style counter	Education	
15	3	More schools	Education	
15	3	More books so there could be class sets	Education	
15	3	Schools should get more involved in the community	Education	
15	3	Graduation requirement	Education	
15	3	Bigger school parking lots	Education	
15	3	Nicer football stadium - new score board and sound system	Education	
15	3	Swimming pool in school	Education	
15	3	More classes - career / tech	Education	
15	3	Longer lunch hours	Education	
15	3	More space available for lunch - place outside to eat	Education	
15	3	Stop all the site blockings on the Internet	Education	
15	3	Laptops for students	Education	
15	3	Better school equipment	Education	
15	3	Better school transportation	Education	Transportation
15	3	Improved availability for internships	Education	
15	3	Parking deck for schools	Education	
15	3	More drivers ed - don't pair up with SAT prep.	Education	
15	3	Keep block scheduling	Education	
15	3	Better and more qualified teachers	Education	
15	3	Study hall	Education	
15	3	More stores closer to school	Education	

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15	3	Take out early release	Education	
15	3	Get out early on exam days	Education	
15	3	Start school early and get out earlier, like Gwinnett County - 7:30-2:10	Education	
15	3	Powderpuff tryouts - get all grades involved	Education	
15	3	Bigger cafeterias and less lunch periods	Education	
15	3	Allow upperclassmen to leave for lunch	Education	
15	3	School year starts in september and ends in june	Education	
15	3	Bigger gym	Education	
15	3	Better preparation for school events	Education	
15	3	Either get classroom set of text books or more lockers	Education	
15	3	Orchestra	Education	
15	3	Multiple stories for school buildings	Education	
15	3	Better graduation dates	Education	
15	3	Improved ESOL programs	Education	
15	3	Improve schedule	Education	
15	3	More appealing to different ethnic groups	Education	
15	3	More field trips	Education	
15	3	Host scientific and historic exhibits	Education	
15	4	Pools in schools	Education	
15	4	Enclosed campus (no outside)	Education	
15	4	Study hall in school	Education	
15	4	Less trailers - bigger schools	Education	
15	4	More student opinion	Education	
15	4	More lunchrooms / time in lunch	Education	
15	4	More periods per day	Education	
15	4	Open campus (school)	Education	
15	4	Change pizza sauce	Education	
15	4	Fast food in cafeteria	Education	
15	4	More opportunity to shadow career choice	Education	
15	4	More field trips	Education	
15	4	Longer breaks (vacation)	Education	
15	4	No year-round school	Education	
15	4	Longer breaks between classes	Education	
15	4	More school functions: pep rallies, dances (Sadie Hawkins, Winter Formal, Valentines)	Education	
15	4	More career choice classes	Education	

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15	4	More SAT / ACT prep classes	Education	
15	4	More exciting SAT class	Education	
15	4	Better grading scale	Education	
15	4	Photography class	Education	
15	4	If "A" in class, no final	Education	
15	4	Better communication with students - school message board	Education	
15	4	Less strict computer blocking	Education	
15	4	Clean up campus	Education	
15	4	Better storage for school equipment	Education	
15	4	Student information website	Education	
15	4	Leave announcements on in class	Education	
15	4	Live school news broadcasting	Education	
15	4	College level book store	Education	
15	4	Better books	Education	
15	4	Dress code - less strict	Education	
15	4	Morning - be able to sit in car (if parked at school)	Education	
15	4	School store - better hours	Education	
15	4	School spirit	Education	
15	4	Cosmetology class	Education	
15	4	Shop class	Education	
15	4	Hands-on classes: auto class	Education	
15	4	More money for school programs - musical arts	Education	
15	4	Elementary: band	Education	
15	4	Foreign language - more	Education	
15	4	More funding for school functions - prom fashion show	Education	
15	4	Intermural sports - flag football, baseball, soccer	Education	
15	4	ROTC	Education	
15	5	More schools	Education	
15	5	Too many trailers / students	Education	
15	5	Classes are too long	Education	
15	5	More parking for students	Education	Transportation
15	5	Student government for county	Education	
15	5	College / University	Education	
15	5	Bigger school campuses	Education	
15	5	Day care centers	Education	
15	5	Summer camp	Education	Recreation

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15	5	Swimming pools / in school	Education	
15	6	Private schools	Education	
15	6	Bigger schools	Education	
15	6	More school electives	Education	
15	6	Wood shop	Education	
15	6	More time between classes	Education	
15	6	Recess	Education	
15	6	More colleges / universities in area	Education	
15	6	Escalators in schools	Education	
15	6	Better cafeteria food	Education	
15	6	Starbucks in school	Education	
15	6	Vending machines	Education	
15	6	School store open 24 / 7	Education	
15	6	In-school jobs	Education	
15	6	Less school hours	Education	
15	6	More daycares / nicer daycares	Education	
15	7	Less trailers	Education	
15	7	Bathroom doors on stalls	Education	
15	7	Bigger lunch rooms	Education	
15	7	Cleaner schools	Education	
15	7	More parking	Education	
15	7	More unimportant classes	Education	
15	7	Life skill classes	Education	
15	7	Text books on CDs	Education	
15	7	Too much football	Education	
15	7	Better cafeteria food	Education	
15	7	No text books	Education	
15	7	Laptops in schools	Education	
15	7	Teenage internships at businesses	Education	
15	7	More organized clubs in school	Education	
15	7	Easier to get into sports	Education	
15	7	Give rights to students in school	Education	
15	7	More common sense in faculty	Education	
15	7	Smoking rooms in school	Education	
15	7	Bigger football stadium	Education	Recreation
15	7	More seating at stadium	Education	Recreation

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
15	7	More seats in performing arts theatre	Education	Culture
15	7	Fix theatre floor	Education	Culture
15	7	More maintenance	Education	
15	7	Less students in classrooms	Education	
15	7	Swimming pool in school	Education	
15	7	Build more schools	Education	
15	7	Want block schedule	Education	
15	7	Homeroom (some)	Education	
15	7	Too short lunches	Education	
15	7	Leave for lunch / outdoor seating	Education	
15	7	Opportunity for night school	Education	
15	7	Start meeting courses / personal	Education	
15	7	Study hall / nap	Education	
15	7	Automotive elective	Education	
15	7	Mechanics	Education	
15	7	Drop out from school - license revoke privlidges	Education	
15	7	ROTC in school	Education	
15	7	Promote more clubs	Education	
15	7	More pep rallies	Education	
15	7	Stop band playing outside in mornings	Education	
15	7	Coffee shop in school / hot cocoa	Education	
15	7	Shorter school days	Education	
15	7	No year-long school	Education	
15	8	Motivating counselors with college	Education	
15	8	More counselors, more info on college, visit classes more	Education	
15	8	School clinic	Education	Health Care
15	8	Real driving course in school	Education	
15	8	Eat in class	Education	
15	8	Off campus for lunch	Education	
15	8	High school sports - crew, rugby, poker/card club, letter in hockey	Education	
15	8	Study hall	Education	
15	8	ROTC	Education	
15	8	Talent shows	Education	
15	8	Plays during school day	Education	
15	8	At least Junior and Senior parking lot	Education	
15	8	More 2-story schools	Education	

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
15	8	More libraries in schools	Education	
15	8	Seatbelts and more comfortable bus seats	Education	
15	8	Bus babysitter / camera	Education	
15	8	Bigger cafes with more variety, sweet tea	Education	
15	8	Better schools	Education	
15	8	Better, cleaner bathrooms in schools	Education	
15	8	Fewer trailers in schools	Education	
15	8	Nicer school buildings	Education	
15	8	Teacher-controlled A.C.	Education	
15	8	More teacher training	Education	
15	8	Auto classes in schools	Education	
15	8	More sports fields, maintenance	Education	
15	8	Bigger parking lots at schools	Education	
15	8	Longer lunches in schools	Education	
15	8	Real foods and good vegetables in schools	Education	
15	8	Discuss class scheduling (block)	Education	
15	8	University / community college	Education	
15	9	Wrestling rooms for wrestling teams	Education	
15	9	Bigger parking lots for schools	Education	
15	9	Less trailers	Education	
15	9	Less construction	Education	
15	9	Student lane at certain time on the road	Education	
15	9	Cosmetology classes	Education	
15	9	Same classes at all Forsyth County schools	Education	
15	9	More foreign language classes	Education	
15	9	Portuguese class	Education	
15	9	Italian class	Education	
15	9	Fast food at school	Education	
15	9	More schools	Education	
15	9	Bigger school campuses	Education	
15	9	2-story schools	Education	
15	9	Longer lunches at school	Education	
15	9	Leave for lunch	Education	
15	9	Less strict dress code	Education	
15	9	More challenging school system	Education	
15	9	Pavement at trailers - more handicap accessible	Education	

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
15	9	More clubs	Education	
15	9	Work vending machines the whole day	Education	
15	9	Add on to school instead of trailers	Education	
15	9	Better libraries	Education	
15	9	More school dances	Education	
15	9	Absents from schools	Education	
15	9	More colleges	Education	
15	9	Government give more money to schools / sports	Education	Government
15	9	More field trips	Education	
15	9	Online classes (free)	Education	
15	9	Night school / morning school	Education	
15	9	Finals - turned into half days	Education	
15	9	Outdoor classes	Education	
15	9	Outdoor lunches	Education	
15	9	More career people to come in	Education	
15	9	More qualified teachers	Education	
15	9	Allow visitors to come in to schools	Education	
15	9	Exct for each class	Education	
15	9	Be able to control temperatures in class	Education	
15	9	Shorter graduation (just walk up), not sitting down and waiting	Education	
15	9	More scholarships offered	Education	
15	9	Longer time to get to class	Education	
15	9	Easier with giving tardies	Education	
15	9	More participation in focus groups for teens	Education	
15	9	Starbucks in school	Education	
15	9	Eat / drink during class	Education	
15	9	Number of students in the classroom	Education	
15	9	Larger lunchrooms	Education	
15	9	Able to use phones (during times when needed)	Education	
15	9	Able to wear hats in school	Education	
15	9	Study hall	Education	
15	9	Shorter classes	Education	
15	9	More spirit weeks	Education	
15	9	Students more knowledgeable on charities and organizations	Education	
15	9	More pep rallies for different sports	Education	
15	9	News show in the mornings every day	Education	

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
14	3	Museum	Culture	Education
14	5	Dinosaurs - Museum	Culture	Education
14	5	Educational museum	Culture	Education
14	6	Museums	Culture	Education

--Human Capital--

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
1	2	Teen centers	Human Capital	
1	5	Community that nurtures our children to become better / productive citizens	Human Capital	
1	9	More activities for children	Human Capital	
1	10	Good after-school programs not run by teachers (parks and recreation)	Human Capital	
1	14	Increase youth leadership	Human Capital	Leadership
1	15	Our children have come back to live here because we have a lot to offer	Human Capital	
2	2	Community centers for kids	Human Capital	
2	5	Teen community centers	Human Capital	
3	7	Centers / activities for teens	Human Capital	
6	1	Teen center in complex with college and arts center	Human Capital	Education
6	2	Services for youth	Human Capital	
6	4	Schools, churches that develop value systems	Human Capital	
6	8	Need YMCA and activities for teenagers	Human Capital	
7	4	Youth center - teen development - multiple teen centers	Human Capital	
8	4	Local activities for teens - food, music, supervision, sports	Human Capital	
8	8	Boys / Girls Clubs	Human Capital	
2	4	Top 10 -- best education system in the nation and maintaining excellence -- youth programs including youth centers / camps -- utilize natural assets/ resources to enhance youth experience - lake, mountains, camps -- alternative school calendar	Education	Human Capital
6	10	Activities for student population	Education	Human Capital
8	7	Senior citizen centers and teen centers in every community	Health Care	Human Capital
6	6	Safe teen-oriented events, places, activities - music, friends, leisure park, lake	Recreation	Human Capital
6	10	Hockey team, recreation, youth sports	Recreation	Human Capital
14	1	Own suicide hotline	Human Capital	
14	3	Teen hangout	Human Capital	
14	4	Teen club	Human Capital	
14	5	Immigration control	Human Capital	
15	1	Teen centers	Human Capital	
15	2	Teenage hangouts - places we don't get trouble, night club	Human Capital	
15	3	Teen clubs	Human Capital	
15	4	Teen club	Human Capital	
15	5	Teen club	Human Capital	

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
14	3	County gym	Recreation	Human Capital

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
1	1	Partnership with the arts (performing arts)	Culture	
1	2	Cultural arts	Culture	
1	2	Culture (Fine arts, etc.)	Culture	
1	3	Cultural arts center / facility	Culture	
1	3	Preservation of community history	Culture	
1	3	Partnership with cultural community: University, City of Atlanta, Forsyth County	Culture	Leadership
1	4	Cultural development - local scale (like Chastain, not GA Dome)	Culture	
1	5	Cultural arts / performing arts center (Cultural unification)	Culture	
1	5	Indoor aquatic center	Culture	
1	6	Art, Music, and Drama	Culture	
1	6	Performing arts center	Culture	
1	7	Cultural centers and performing and visual arts	Culture	
1	7	Arts	Culture	
1	7	Cultural infrastructure	Culture	
1	8	Cultural arts center	Culture	
1	10	Cultural arts center support of the community arts programs	Culture	
1	11	Cultural arts center - downtown destination: shops / food / arts / historical preservation / conference center - Increase tourism: Lake Lanier should be a vacation destination / Sawnee Mtn Preserve / Downtown	Culture	Economic Development
1	12	Cultural arts	Culture	
1	12	Keeping Cumming's history / identity alive (4th of July, Fair, Antiques, etc.)	Culture	
1	13	Cultural arts facility	Culture	
1	14	More emphasis on cultural arts	Culture	
1	15	Nationally recognized culture / arts festival	Culture	
2	1	Cultural Arts complex	Culture	
2	1	International flair / attribute for the community (Arts, markets, bakerys) - Alpharetta's market as an example	Culture	
2	2	Arts Center	Culture	
2	2	Performing Arts theatre	Culture	
2	3	Water on lake lanier / fall-time music venue on water (public access)	Culture	Recreation
2	4	Cultural arts hub mixed with college / academic centers	Culture	Education
2	5	Increase arts / cultural activities	Culture	
3	1	More entertainment venues - ampitheater	Culture	

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
3	1	Government backing arts centers	Culture	
3	1	Turn rock quarry into outdoor venue	Culture	
3	2	Cultural arts center	Culture	
3	4	Cultural arts (amphitheater / museum)	Culture	
3	5	Chastain park environment (amphitheatre)	Culture	
3	8	Support for the arts - museum, performing arts center, peace center (Greenville)	Culture	
4	1	Outdoor amphitheatre	Culture	
4	1	More of a focus on art - street art	Culture	
4	2	Preserve history	Culture	
4	3	Cultural activity center of quality move from Atlanta up to our area / Cultural arts center to attract local and other users of facilities / Create environment for artists to visit/stay in community	Culture	
5	1	Performing arts - Cultural Arts Center	Culture	
5	1	Cultural Arts	Culture	
5	2	Market and preserve cemetery on national registry - tourism - walking tours of cemetery at night with stories	Culture	Economic Development
5	2	Arts Center with symphony	Culture	
5	2	Junior Samples Museum filled with Hee Haw stuff	Culture	
5	3	Cultural arts center	Culture	
5	4	Preserve historic landmarks (ex: Poole's Mill Park)	Culture	
5	5	Expand on demo area at fair - more opportunities for people to see older ways of farming (historic)	Culture	
5	5	"Unto these Hills" performance at Sawnee Mountain - add an amphitheatre if not already planned	Culture	
5	5	Preserve history of this area through events, museums, etc. (Brannon Hotel and similar projects)	Culture	
5	6	High-end arts center	Culture	
6	1	Dedication to history around county	Culture	
6	1	Center for the arts to include university and teen center	Culture	Education
6	2	Performing arts center	Culture	
6	2	Concert venues	Culture	
6	2	Preservation of local history - museums, nature centers	Culture	Recreation
6	3	Cultural arts center - one is needed to complete the community	Culture	
6	3	County wide community center available to be seated	Culture	
6	5	Could use meeting center - civic center like Gwinnett	Culture	

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
6	6	Enhance cultural activities - Sawnee Center, playhouse, outdoor concerts in the park	Culture	
6	8	More cultural entertainment / amphitheatre	Culture	
6	9	Cultural Center - Art museum	Culture	
6	10	Cultural center	Culture	
7	1	Performing, visual arts / cultural center	Culture	
7	3	Performing arts center	Culture	
7	4	Culture downtown - outdoor market / artist retail / demo	Culture	
7	4	Cultural arts center - destination downtown	Culture	
7	4	Loft space - performance (amateur / professional)	Culture	
7	5	We need to be a destination (arts, events)	Culture	
7	5	Cultural arts	Culture	
7	5	Public radio station for North GA	Culture	
7	6	A presence in all arts, cultural, performing	Culture	
7	6	A civic center for meetings, etc - a cultural arts center	Culture	
7	6	Multi-cultural center	Culture	Diversity
7	6	Community / cultural / civic center in downtown cumming along with revitalization of downtown	Culture	Economic Development
7	8	Cultural arts	Culture	
7	8	Community meeting areas	Culture	
7	9	Science center, cultural center, civic center, arts center, college, private arts council (control and funding) all possibly in campus type environment	Culture	Education
7	9	Preserve small town values and historic buildings	Culture	
7	10	That we will have cultural centers: workshops, cultural activities (dances), theater, higher education, recreational areas, information, cultural education	Culture	
7	11	Cultural arts center - change tyson to arts center - need community center for groups to meet in, replace Sawnee center	Culture	
8	4	Cultural / performance arts / civic auditorium	Culture	
8	5	City of Cumming - City hall / cemetery / sidewalks / Cumming Playhouse	Culture	Transportation
8	6	Maintaining and developing cultural arts	Culture	
8	6	Performing arts building / civic center	Culture	
8	10	Art center with all arts included - ballet, theatre, handicrafts	Culture	
10	2	Convention / cultural arts center - to bring in conventions	Culture	Economic Development

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11	6	Cultural arts center - large meeting center/conference seating for > 300	Culture	Economic Development
12	1	Ampitheaters for the arts	Culture	
13	2	A picture of a historic place that talks about history of Forsyth	Culture	
13	2	Pictures of different ethnic groups working together	Culture	
1	11	Embrace and improve multicultural environment: education center / arts center / employment services	Diversity	Culture
1	8	Conference center, hotels, civic center, arts and cultural center	Economic Development	Culture
1	16	Revitalize downtown: safe, walkable, park benches, old town feel, Buford, Vickery, cultural arts (co-op, sell art) venue for large events (large ballroom)	Economic Development	Culture
2	4	We need something concrete as a base -- ie college, cultural arts, technology center	Education	Culture
12	2	Add community center - education, performance, recreation, all-inclusive, all access, pool, gym, sauna	Education	Culture
4	1	Restore historic homes - festive activities	Image/Distinctiveness	Culture
1	1	Community center (focus point) with amphitheater	Planning	Culture
3	1	Reclaim rock quarry for greenspace / amphitheater / entertainment venues / botanical garden	Recreation	Culture
4	1	More places available (ie, amphitheatre, greenway, park areas, things to do)	Recreation	Culture
5	5	Chastain on lake - art museum - children's museum (hands on) - Replace Sawnee Center - something for performing arts	Recreation	Culture
14	1	Amphitheater	Culture	
14	3	Concert hall	Culture	
14	3	Museum	Culture	Education
14	5	Venues	Culture	
14	5	Dinosaurs - Museum	Culture	Education
14	5	Educational museum	Culture	Education
14	5	Monument	Culture	
14	6	Performing arts center	Culture	
14	6	Amphitheater	Culture	
14	6	Museums	Culture	Education
14	8	Waterfall / monument	Culture	Image/Distinctiveness
14	9	More areas for bands to play	Culture	
14	9	Comedy club	Culture	

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
15	1	"Battle of the bands" at fairground	Culture	
15	1	Music performances at fairgrounds because downtown is too far	Culture	
15	1	Battle of the bands committee - Monthly performance at fairgrounds	Culture	
15	2	Entertainment	Culture	
15	3	More space for the arts / dance company	Culture	
15	3	Concert hall	Culture	
15	5	Ampitheater - for concerts and events	Culture	
15	6	Theatrical places (Fox, Roxy)	Culture	
15	6	Concert center	Culture	
15	6	Civic center	Culture	
15	6	Higher class society	Culture	
15	7	Music venues, concerts	Culture	
15	7	More theaters, like Fox theatre	Culture	
15	8	Forsyth civic center - concerts, plays	Culture	
15	8	Forsyth playhouse	Culture	
15	9	Civic center	Culture	
15	7	More seats in performing arts theatre	Education	Culture
15	7	Fix theatre floor	Education	Culture

Diversity

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
1	6	Ethnic diversity	Diversity	
1	7	Cultural diversity	Diversity	
1	11	Embrace and improve multicultural environment: education center / arts center / employment services	Diversity	Culture
1	15	Immigration laws enforced	Diversity	
1	15	We are a diverse community with all parts of our community involved in making this a good place to live	Diversity	
1	16	Diverse population (color, religion, national origin, etc.)	Diversity	
2	1	International acceptance as a community / outreach	Diversity	
3	9	We provided a center for the diverse population that provided programs to assist them in their transition to work and live here	Diversity	
4	1	Cultural diversity	Diversity	
4	1	Ethnic / cultural adjustment	Diversity	
4	2	Diverse house within a development	Diversity	
6	1	International center for multicultures	Diversity	
6	8	Welcome / multicultural center for the county of forsyth	Diversity	
6	8	Provide a spanish section in Forsyth County News with school / community activities	Diversity	
6	8	Education center for adults - English and spanish and other languages + technology	Diversity	Education
6	8	Set aside a day for an international celebration	Diversity	
6	10	More integration of nationalities / diverse	Diversity	
6	10	Meet religious need of diverse population	Diversity	
7	4	Diversity outreach	Diversity	
7	6	A community that embraces cultural diversity	Diversity	
7	9	Recognized center for cultural exchange	Diversity	
7	10	Multicultural children	Diversity	
7	10	We have diversity	Diversity	
7	10	We would like to see a closeness between cultures	Diversity	
7	10	Respect for immigrants and live in a peaceful environment	Diversity	
7	10	We will have more information in other languages about what cumming has to offer	Diversity	
7	10	For community to involve other cultures in community programs - Cumming fair (cultural events), YMCA (info in other languages), job fair, chamber of commerce, Forsyth County newspaper (articles in other languages)	Diversity	

Diversity

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
8	2	Common language - English as official language	Diversity	
13	1	Multicultural children	Diversity	
13	1	Multicultural center	Diversity	
7	6	Multi-cultural center	Culture	Diversity
6	10	Services and education opportunities for non-english speaking residents	Education	Diversity
11	5	City police are not trained in diversity	Public Safety	Diversity
6	8	More recreation facilities - provide programs / classes in spanish for accessibility to parks and recreation	Recreation	Diversity
14	1	Too many immigrants	Diversity	
14	3	Diversity	Diversity	

Leadership

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
1	2	Government officials were responsive and supportive of vision	Leadership	
1	2	Partnership: Business and Community	Leadership	
1	2	Partnership: County / City government working off the same vision / growth plan / common standards	Leadership	Planning
1	3	Partnership: City of Atlanta & Forsyth County	Leadership	
1	5	The city and county need to cooperate together	Leadership	
1	5	Get rid of the "good 'ol boy" network - require education and experience	Leadership	
1	7	Creative thinking and innovation	Leadership	
1	7	Partnership with city and county government: citizens, Chamber of Commerce, Council for Quality Growth	Leadership	
1	7	Partnership: Not-for-profits / For profits	Leadership	
1	7	Communication between development community and schools and government and park and recreation and greenspace to communicate needs	Leadership	
1	7	Regional cooperation	Leadership	
1	7	Partnership: Environmentalists and developers	Leadership	
1	8	Strong government leadership	Leadership	
1	9	Better planning (planners and developers working together)	Leadership	
1	12	Partnerships: City/county	Leadership	
1	12	Partnerships: public/private partnerships that benefit both	Leadership	
1	12	Partnerships: Landowners / government (to maintain water sheds and floral fauna / native species)	Leadership	Environment
1	12	Partnerships: Business / education	Leadership	Education
1	12	Partnerships: Revamp local development authority	Leadership	Economic Development
1	13	Partnership: school system and county government to control sediment, run-off, etc.	Leadership	Environment
1	16	Partnerships	Leadership	
1	16	Education / business	Leadership	
1	16	Planners / Developers / Citizens	Leadership	
1	16	Citizens / government	Leadership	
1	16	City / County! Come on, guys!	Leadership	
1	16	Sheriff / city police	Leadership	
1	16	Natives / newcomers	Leadership	
2	1	Developer-Community partnerships evident	Leadership	

Leadership

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
2	3	Education + business partnership: work opportunities for students, learning on the job, both feed off each other, other college opportunities, safe locations	Leadership	Education
2	3	Environmentalists + developers partnership: active group / organization	Leadership	
2	3	More mentoring relationships - businesses + community members with schools	Leadership	
2	3	Civic + religious interaction	Leadership	
2	3	Sports complex in county - soccer team, minor league baseball	Leadership	
2	4	Utilize the talents of our aging / retired population -- schools / community activities	Leadership	Education
2	5	Partnership between builders and community	Leadership	
3	2	People coming together for common goals	Leadership	
3	2	Partner: Business / schools	Leadership	
3	2	Partner: Non-profits / businesses	Leadership	
3	2	Partner: City / County	Leadership	
3	2	Partner: Commerce / education	Leadership	
3	2	Partner: Government / people	Leadership	
3	3	Vision become plan, plan was executed and adopted by the powers to be / Leadership group named and responsible	Leadership	
3	3	City and county need to work together (consolidation)	Leadership	Government
3	6	Partnership between developers and long term community well being	Leadership	
3	6	"Forced" partnerships for schools, fire stations, other necessary infrastructure - this is in addition to greenspace	Leadership	
3	6	Paid position - liaison between county and city with job of educating citizens on issues that impact them	Leadership	Government
3	7	County / city partnership (come on!)	Leadership	
3	7	Planners / developers (goals out of alignment, consider impact fees and other contributions to the community)	Leadership	Planning
5	1	Government leaders (city & county) should work together	Leadership	
5	4	City / county / developers / corps of engineers partnership	Leadership	
5	4	Planner / developer partnership - goals must be aligned	Leadership	
5	6	Business / education partnerships	Leadership	Education
6	2	Private business and government partnerships to improve services and quality of life	Leadership	Quality of Life
6	2	Collaboration between school system, parks, libraries and museums to improve quality of life	Leadership	Education

Leadership

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
7	8	More cooperation between all agencies and BOC and City, state	Leadership	Government
8	9	Commitment to all citizens	Leadership	
8	9	Partnership between teachers, education, all business, citizens, employers	Leadership	Education
1	3	Partnership with cultural community: University, City of Atlanta, Forsyth County	Culture	Leadership
1	2	Partnership: Technology business / Public education (Technical schools, incentives for High Tech business to come to Forsyth County)	Education	Leadership
1	3	Partnership: University systems integrated with businesses	Education	Leadership
1	3	Partnership: University satellite schools / Public school systems	Education	Leadership
5	4	Education / private enterprise partnership	Education	Leadership
1	3	Partnership: Merger / partnership of city and county government and services (water / police)	Government	Leadership
1	3	Partnership: County / corporate businesses	Government	Leadership
1	11	Cooperation between county and city / get rid of city government	Government	Leadership
1	14	Increase youth leadership	Human Capital	Leadership
1	12	Partnerships: State / federal / county government, concerning roads	Transportation	Leadership
15	1	Business / organization partnerships	Leadership	

Image-distinctiveness

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
1	1	Pleasant architecture for businesses (controls), like John's Creek	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	2	Architectural standards	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	3	Friendly / welcoming / very inviting downtown area	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	4	Neghborhood atmosphere	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	4	Signage, architectural controls / Development & Design standards, partnerships, environmentally consistent, expand Hwy 141 design overlay to include residential	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	6	Architectural design standards	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	7	Committed to being a beautiful community	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	8	Develop a better identity of Forsyth	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	10	Standardized architectural guidelines	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	11	Remove billboard / add underground utilities	Image/Distinctiveness	Infrastructure
1	14	Photo 1: Indian Seats	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	15	Cohesive, attractive "look and feel" to development	Image/Distinctiveness	
2	1	Dunwoody-like sinage: low, smaller, not tacky	Image/Distinctiveness	
2	1	John's Creek-like	Image/Distinctiveness	
2	3	Downtown with hometown feel - safe (similar like some neighborhoods have for walking)	Image/Distinctiveness	
2	4	The county needs a tangible theme -- Best in nation: destination, academia/school system, health care system, planned communities	Image/Distinctiveness	Planning
2	5	Maintain "Mayberry" atmosphere	Image/Distinctiveness	
2	5	More stringent sign standards / controls	Image/Distinctiveness	
3	5	Gas lanterns - parkway, walking, grassed medians, nice landscaping	Image/Distinctiveness	
3	5	Johns Creek overlay - landscaping, greenery	Image/Distinctiveness	
4	1	More holiday decorations around town	Image/Distinctiveness	
4	1	Restore historic homes - festive activities	Image/Distinctiveness	Culture
4	1	More flowers "downtown"	Image/Distinctiveness	
4	1	Having a higher standard for appearance - especially the city of Cumming	Image/Distinctiveness	
4	2	Small town feel	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	1	Planning and zoning: Conference center/performing arts/hotel, character through architectural styles, low profile signing, limit strip malls, landscaping	Image/Distinctiveness	Planning
5	2	Architectural restrictions on commercial designs	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	3	Strict landscaping requirements for businesses	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	3	Presrving farmland	Image/Distinctiveness	

Image-distinctiveness

5	3	Enforcable sign ordinances	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	4	More "progressive" image - "we're not just chicken plants"	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	6	Sign ordinance to conform with a country-like atmosphere	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	2	Architectural controls in place	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	2	County-wide beautification plan and community support	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	2	Beautification of roads to improve scenery and slow traffic	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	2	Get rid of billboards on 400 - limit billboards	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	5	Trees and landscaping in medians. Tree-lined sidewalks and paths	Image/Distinctiveness	Transportation
6	5	A safe, healthy "Mayberry" place to raise families	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	6	Take down billboards - more like Peachtree City	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	6	Personality development of City of Cumming (Charleston, Roswell, Marietta, Savannah, etc.)	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	7	More quaint downtown Cumming - small town look (park and walk around)	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	8	Beautify Cumming, making it less industrial	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	8	Less billboards	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	9	Downtown Cumming - architectural conformance, small mom and pop shops, walkable, town square look	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	10	Retain country charm	Image/Distinctiveness	
7	9	Clean, well-kept	Image/Distinctiveness	
7	9	Revised downtown area - better architecture - more aesthetically pleasing	Image/Distinctiveness	
7	10	A clean town	Image/Distinctiveness	
7	11	Litter free community	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	1	Streetscaping - dogwoods - signature native plant	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	1	Sign ordinance - ban billboards	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	1	Facade standards - support the identity "branding"	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	4	Consistency / standards for commercial building	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	4	Billboard standards	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	4	Sawnee Mountain as focal attraction, developed appropriately	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	4	Maintain historic elements	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	6	Preserving its rural roots - farming and agriculture	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	7	Farm land preserved	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	7	Preserve family farms to allow families to continue to work the farm	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	9	Architectural guidelines	Image/Distinctiveness	
10	3	Reinvent the square - main street feel, like Vinings, Buford	Image/Distinctiveness	
11	2	Clean up the city - tear down old buildings	Image/Distinctiveness	

Image-distinctiveness

13	2	Clean city	Image/Distinctiveness	
13	2	A city with walkways around the city - modernized - but not losing the rustic look	Image/Distinctiveness	Transportation
2	1	Monument on Sawnee mountain as a focal point	Economic Development	Image/Distinctiveness
2	3	Architectural sculpture on top of Sawnee Mountain to identify us as different (like Eiffel tower or Big Chicken - something unique to remember / be known by)	Economic Development	Image/Distinctiveness
5	4	Downtown shopping / entertainment / dining / city walk / architectural, environmental, landscape standards with teeth	Economic Development	Image/Distinctiveness
5	5	Downtown pedestrian-friendly, things to do, architecturally similar, greenspace on outskirts of town	Economic Development	Image/Distinctiveness
5	6	Office parks resembling Windward parkway with coordinated architecture	Economic Development	Image/Distinctiveness
1	2	Smart planning / Zoning integrity / Architectural standards	Planning	Image/Distinctiveness
1	12	Growing a well-themed / planned downtown	Planning	Image/Distinctiveness
6	5	Downtown area is planned, consistent - pedestrian-friendly - pleasing to the eye	Planning	Image/Distinctiveness
7	6	Better sense of community - better planning - more uniform zoning with common architecture - balanced tax base	Planning	Image/Distinctiveness
6	4	Better upkeep of Forsyth County - medians, roads, landscape, etc.	Transportation	Image/Distinctiveness
14	6	"Underground Cumming" (Atlanta)	Image/Distinctiveness	Economic Development
14	8	Solid gold statue	Image/Distinctiveness	
15	2	Value - historic	Image/Distinctiveness	
15	3	Better landscaping	Image/Distinctiveness	
15	3	Improve building designs for major stores - example: wal-mart	Image/Distinctiveness	
15	4	Clean up community	Image/Distinctiveness	
15	6	Historic Cumming - preserve	Image/Distinctiveness	
15	6	Underground Forsyth	Image/Distinctiveness	Economic Development
15	7	More country environment	Image/Distinctiveness	
15	9	More litter control	Image/Distinctiveness	
14	8	Waterfall / monument	Culture	Image/Distinctiveness

“Preserve” Ideas

The ideas on the following pages were offered by participants in response to the following question:

What do we need to preserve among things that already exist in Cumming-Forsyth County today for the Time magazine article (and our vision of the future) to come true?

--Education--

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
1	1	High educational standards	Education	
1	2	Higher education community	Education	
1	3	Education system	Education	
1	4	Education system	Education	
1	5	Continue to improve our school standards	Education	
1	6	Schools	Education	
1	7	Educational system	Education	
1	7	Intellectual memory	Education	
1	10	Good school system	Education	
1	11	Top ranked schools	Education	
1	12	Superior education standards	Education	
1	13	Agricultural skills	Education	
1	14	Higher Education	Education	
1	15	Positive direction of schools	Education	
1	16	High standards for education	Education	
2	1	Globally recognized education standards	Education	
2	2	Excellent school system - library	Education	
2	3	Quality schools	Education	
2	4	Community values education (preserve increasing momentum of the value of education)	Education	
2	5	Excellent school system	Education	
3	2	Educational opportunities	Education	
3	2	Quality education	Education	
3	4	Education system	Education	
3	4	Libraries	Education	
3	5	Good schools	Education	
3	5	Library system	Education	
3	6	Well educated population	Education	
3	6	Good school system	Education	
3	7	Library system	Education	
3	8	High standard of education	Education	
3	9	High education standards	Education	
4	1	High quality education	Education	
4	2	Progressive education	Education	
4	2	Libraries	Education	
5	2	School system (quality)	Education	

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
5	3	School system (improve)	Education	
5	4	Quality schools	Education	
5	5	High education rate (helps prevent crime)	Education	
5	5	Active PTA at the schools	Education	
5	6	Quality of schools	Education	
6	1	School system	Education	
6	3	School system	Education	
6	5	Our school system	Education	
6	6	Good school system	Education	
6	7	School system quality (student/teacher ratio)	Education	
6	8	Safety in schools	Education	
6	8	Schools to continue the high standard on education	Education	
6	9	Schools - best education	Education	
6	10	High quality of schools	Education	
7	1	School excellence	Education	
7	3	School system	Education	
7	4	Great public education	Education	
7	6	Quality of our schools - continue to improve alternative schools - forsyth academy	Education	
7	6	Library system	Education	
7	7	Great schools	Education	
7	8	Schools	Education	
7	9	Quality schools	Education	
7	10	Quality of schools	Education	
7	10	English classes within the community	Education	
7	11	High quality school system	Education	
8	1	Good school system	Education	
8	2	Quality education	Education	
8	4	Quality of primary, secondary level schools	Education	
8	6	School system	Education	
8	7	Safe old schools for history centers	Education	
8	7	Our wonderful school system	Education	
8	9	Our good school systems - private, public, pre-school	Education	
8	10	School system	Education	
11	3	School system - not to get lost with all everything else going on	Education	
11	4	Schools	Education	

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
13	1	Bilingual education at school	Education	
13	2	Schools - because we get lots of help with our children (ESOL)	Education	
13	2	Pre-K and Headstart programs	Education	
13	2	Adult English Classes	Education	
14	2	More field trips	Education	
14	4	School spirit	Education	
14	5	Quality education	Education	
14	8	Tech classes	Education	
14	8	Mrs. Marshall	Education	
15	1	Parent-school communication (parent portal)	Education	
15	3	Block schedule	Education	
15	5	Schools	Education	
15	7	Education	Education	
15	7	Schools	Education	
15	8	Building schools	Education	
15	9	Keep the schools we have now	Education	
15	9	Keep local libraries	Education	
2	1	Community-schools partnership	Leadership	Education
12	1	YMCA, but need good to expand after school programs	Recreation	Education

--Human Capital--

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
5	5	Emphasis on children	Human Capital	
11	5	Keeping young people here - especially the talented	Human Capital	
11	5	Give young people something to come back to	Human Capital	

--Culture--

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
1	1	Rodeo / Community (City) fair	Culture	
1	8	Steam engine parade	Culture	
1	9	Cumming Fair	Culture	
1	9	Steam engines	Culture	
1	9	Playhouse	Culture	
1	12	Fair grounds	Culture	
1	12	History / 4th of July parade / Rodeo	Culture	
1	13	Fairgrounds	Culture	
1	14	Heritage (American Indian, Pioneer, Historic Structures)	Culture	
1	14	Cumming Playhouse	Culture	
1	14	Christian heritage	Culture	
1	16	Steam engine parade	Culture	
1	16	Cumming country fair	Culture	
1	16	Safe / religious community (moral)	Culture	
2	1	Heritage, historical attributes	Culture	Image/Distinctiveness
2	1	Respectful feel of faith-based values	Culture	
2	2	County Fair	Culture	
2	2	Our safe lifestyle	Culture	
2	3	Agricultural / rural mountain heritage	Culture	
2	4	Heritage	Culture	
2	5	Community activities	Culture	
3	6	Fairgrounds	Culture	
4	3	County Fair	Culture	
5	2	City fairgrounds / landmarks	Culture	Image/Distinctiveness
5	3	Fairgrounds	Culture	
6	1	Heritage	Culture	
6	2	Steam tractor parade - 4th	Culture	
6	2	Heritage / rural roots	Culture	
6	8	The fair	Culture	
7	5	Fairgrounds	Culture	
7	5	Town events - parades	Culture	
7	6	Our rural heritage	Culture	
7	9	Fair grounds	Culture	
7	10	Cumming fair / rodeos	Culture	
8	2	Historical society	Culture	
8	3	Christian heritage	Culture	

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
8	3	Community theater	Culture	
8	3	Community character - respect the heritage of the community	Culture	
8	8	Heritage / history	Culture	Image/Distinctiveness
13	1	Fair	Culture	
13	2	Cumming Fair	Culture	
14	2	Rebel flag	Culture	
14	4	Fairground	Culture	
14	5	Fair	Culture	
15	5	Fair grounds	Culture	
15	7	Fair (longer)	Culture	
15	9	Keep the fairgrounds	Culture	
2	3	Mountain + its heritage	Environment	Culture
3	9	Charming part of City / fairgrounds / old architecture	Image/Distinctiveness	Culture
8	4	Heritage, architecture	Image/Distinctiveness	Culture
8	10	Historical places - keep like cemetaries, fairgrounds	Image/Distinctiveness	Culture
6	9	Clubs, fair	Neighborliness/Connecte	Culture
7	6	Community spirit - county / city fair - taste of forsyth - volunteer spirit	Neighborliness/Connecte	Culture
4	3	Farming culture	Planning	Culture

Diversity

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
3	2	Mixture of ethnic groups	Diversity	
5	3	Diversity	Diversity	
7	1	Enligh language	Diversity	
7	10	The transition services office	Diversity	
10	3	The English language as the primary language	Diversity	
13	2	Less racism	Diversity	
15	9	Keep the Jewish children center	Diversity	
1	1	Welcoming attribute	Neighborliness/Connecte	Diversity
7	10	Participation of the hispanic groups in activities like this	Planning	Diversity

Leadership

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
1	3	Community dedication / pride	Leadership	
2	1	Open communication on issues	Leadership	
2	1	Visionary community leadership	Leadership	
2	1	Community-schools partnership	Leadership	Education
2	4	Strong leadership	Leadership	
3	9	Leader program	Leadership	
1	9	Preserve work ethic and involvement	Neighborhoodness/Connecte	Leadership

Image-Distinctiveness

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
1	2	Ambience of country community	Image/Distinctiveness	Planning
1	2	Farms / meadows	Image/Distinctiveness	Planning
1	2	Historical sites	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	2	Minimal billboards on roads	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	3	Quality building	Image/Distinctiveness	Planning
1	4	Historical buildings preservation	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	5	Our hometown feeling - small town atmosphere / country like atmosphere	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	6	History / Heritage (personal history of residents)	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	7	History and historical buildings / heritage	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	8	Local historical assets / structures: Pooles Mill, Fair Grounds, Lake Lanier	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	8	Peaceful / country atmosphere	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	10	Small town feel	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	10	Historical sites / homes	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	10	Trees / flowers along roads	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	11	Small town / community feel	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	12	Historic Buildings	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	12	Cleanliness	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	14	"Small town" atmosphere	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	16	Historical sites	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	16	Clock tower	Image/Distinctiveness	
2	2	Our history	Image/Distinctiveness	
2	3	Historical - buildings and homes	Image/Distinctiveness	
2	3	Keep it clean	Image/Distinctiveness	
2	3	Identity -- not become part of Atlanta	Image/Distinctiveness	
2	4	Hometown / small town atmosphere	Image/Distinctiveness	
2	5	Small town charm	Image/Distinctiveness	
3	1	Aesthetic beauty of county	Image/Distinctiveness	
3	1	Natural scenic corridors	Image/Distinctiveness	Environment
3	4	Small-town atmosphere	Image/Distinctiveness	
3	4	Historical sites / buildings	Image/Distinctiveness	
3	7	Historic landmarks / some farm land	Image/Distinctiveness	Planning
3	9	Charming part of City / fairgrounds / old architecture	Image/Distinctiveness	Culture
4	2	History	Image/Distinctiveness	
4	3	Small town values with big city atmosphere	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	1	Sense of history	Image/Distinctiveness	

Image-Distinctiveness

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
5	3	Poole's Mill	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	3	Historic buildings	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	3	Attractiveness of county	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	4	Historic landmarks	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	4	History prior to the invasion	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	6	Indian seats at Sawnee Preserve	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	2	Poole's Mill	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	2	Historical buildings and landmarks	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	2	Scenery	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	3	History of Forsyth County	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	3	Historical buildings and cemeteries	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	4	Historical buildings	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	5	Old historic buildings	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	5	Sense of history - community	Image/Distinctiveness	Neighborliness/Connectedness
6	6	Historic buildings / places	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	6	Native American history	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	7	Poole's Mill	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	7	Historical structures	Image/Distinctiveness	
6	10	Historic buildings	Image/Distinctiveness	
7	2	Historical landmarks in the county	Image/Distinctiveness	
7	3	History	Image/Distinctiveness	
7	5	Natural history	Image/Distinctiveness	
7	5	Historic buildings	Image/Distinctiveness	
7	11	Court hosue, historical buildings	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	3	Historical sites	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	3	The beauty of the county	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	4	Heritage, architecture	Image/Distinctiveness	Culture
8	5	History - buildings, stories, documents, in county as well as city (example: Sharon Old Springs Elementary)	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	6	County heritage and history	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	7	Community landmarks	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	9	Our reputation	Image/Distinctiveness	
8	10	Historical places - keep like cemetaries, fairgrounds	Image/Distinctiveness	Culture
9	1	Ambiance of downtown Cumming	Image/Distinctiveness	
10	3	Historical landmarks - make more interesting	Image/Distinctiveness	
10	5	History - county museum	Image/Distinctiveness	
11	3	History - different community	Image/Distinctiveness	

Image-Distinctiveness

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
13	2	Cleanliness in town and the quality of supervision to keep it clean	Image/Distinctiveness	
13	2	Christmas lights around town	Image/Distinctiveness	
14	2	History of county	Image/Distinctiveness	
14	3	History	Image/Distinctiveness	
14	5	Historical buildings	Image/Distinctiveness	
14	6	Historical buildings / monuments / artifacts	Image/Distinctiveness	
14	7	History sites	Image/Distinctiveness	
14	8	History	Image/Distinctiveness	
15	2	The cities: historic	Image/Distinctiveness	
15	5	Historic Forsyth	Image/Distinctiveness	
15	6	Historical buildings	Image/Distinctiveness	
15	9	Historical buildings in downtown Cumming	Image/Distinctiveness	
15	9	Keep memorials	Image/Distinctiveness	
2	1	Heritage, historical attributes	Culture	Image/Distinctiveness
5	2	City fairgrounds / landmarks	Culture	Image/Distinctiveness
8	8	Heritage / history	Culture	Image/Distinctiveness
2	5	Natural beauty	Environment	Image/Distinctiveness
4	3	Characture of various areas in County, like: etowah area, equestrian areas, farm areas, beaver dam	Environment	Image/Distinctiveness
1	13	Current courthouse	Public Safety	Image/Distinctiveness
14	3	Court house	Public Safety	Image/Distinctiveness

“Need” Ideas

The ideas on the following pages were offered by participants in response to the following question:

What do we lack in Cumming-Forsyth County today that we would need for the Time magazine article (and our vision of the future) to come true?

--Education--

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
1	3	Education partner / University with school system	Education	
1	7	College / university	Education	
1	8	Improve our educational system - the best schools in the country	Education	
1	8	Improve our higher education opportunities	Education	
1	8	Maintain the high quality level of our educational system	Education	
1	10	Higher education facilities / technical education facilities that teach state of the art technologies	Education	
1	11	Improve education / SAT scores	Education	
1	12	Historical education for Cumming / Forsyth	Education	
1	16	More schools	Education	
2	5	Parental groups to discuss issues related to kids / to help develop programs their kids will like to be included with / proud to be a part of	Education	
2	5	Start youth programs in middle school and continue them through high school -- have the high school students feed info back into improving the middle school programs	Education	
3	1	Space in schools for the number of students	Education	
3	1	School impact fees	Education	
3	2	Equalized funding for all: special educational opportunity (sports, art, foreign language)	Education	
3	2	4-year university	Education	
3	3	Classrooms	Education	
3	3	More education	Education	
3	4	College / university	Education	
3	5	University / higher education	Education	
3	6	More schools	Education	
3	8	More schools	Education	
4	1	More schools if development is going to continue	Education	
4	2	4-year college	Education	
4	2	Adult and continuing education	Education	
4	3	College - continuing education	Education	
5	1	Utilization of school buildings at night	Education	
5	1	Expand on mentoring program - school system, senior citizens	Education	Leadership
5	2	Establish 4-year college / university focusing on a unique niche to bring in certain industries	Education	Economic Development
5	2	Museum? (Junior Samples - Hee Haw)	Education	
5	3	University level education	Education	

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
5	4	More educated population / academic environment	Education	
5	5	Community-based classes for parenting skills	Education	
6	2	Schools - continue to provide quality facilities, improve educational opportunities for the future students	Education	
6	10	Skills	Education	Human Capital
6	10	Provide higher education institution and job training	Education	
7	8	4-year university	Education	
7	9	Higher education - college - 4 year campus	Education	
7	9	Science center	Education	Economic Development
7	10	University	Education	
7	10	University scholarships	Education	
8	1	4-year college	Education	
8	4	4-year college	Education	
8	5	Better planning for school bus routes - 3-tier transportation not good	Education	Transportation
8	5	University	Education	
8	6	4-year college (small)	Education	
8	7	Other technical schools	Education	
8	8	A chef in every school - healthier food	Education	
8	9	Appropriate educational facilities	Education	
8	10	Four year college	Education	
8	10	Drivers education	Education	
10	3	Fiscal education - budget education	Education	
11	1	Analyze property for school sites	Education	
13	1	More information for children at school about violence	Education	
13	1	School safety	Education	
13	2	Cultured areas - a Fernbank-like museum for our children to see and have locally (why go to another county?)	Education	
13	2	University	Education	
13	2	Workshop for learning trades and tasks - cooking, flower arrangement, cosmetology	Education	
14	6	Better education	Education	
14	7	Longer lunches	Education	
14	8	Education (better)	Education	
14	8	More physical education	Education	
15	1	Outdoor school activities	Education	
15	1	School spirit (pep rally, etc.)	Education	

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
15	1	More lenient dress code	Education	
15	1	Require teachers to have one activity per lesson	Education	
15	1	Indoor pools for schools	Education	
2	1	Equity of education offering: sports as a priority now, cultural arts	Culture	Education
8	5	More small school communities	Planning	Education

--Human Capital--

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
1	6	Professional / economic development	Human Capital	Economic Development
1	12	Create the place / hometown that our youth and future leaders / citizens will come back to to live, work, play, thrive and give back	Human Capital	
2	5	Youth work programs	Human Capital	
2	5	Community service required for teens - internships in government for teens	Human Capital	
3	1	Incentives for people under 30 to live here	Human Capital	
3	9	Programs for teens, family	Human Capital	
6	9	More people with higher education	Human Capital	
7	4	Oppportunities for future generations to grow roots	Human Capital	
8	2	Training facilities and retention incentives for fire, police, health, etc.	Human Capital	
12	1	Community involvement in helping kids transition to the workplace	Human Capital	
6	10	Skills	Education	Human Capital

--Culture--

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
1	3	Cultural centers	Culture	
1	4	Cultural facilities and activities	Culture	
1	7	Cultural arts centers	Culture	
1	8	Cultural arts center	Culture	
1	10	Cultural arts programs / facilities	Culture	
1	10	Large outdoor performing arts pavilion	Culture	
1	11	Cultural arts center	Culture	
1	13	Cultural arts facilities	Culture	
1	13	Larger-scale outdoor performance / concert venue	Culture	
1	16	New venue for entertainment	Culture	
2	1	Equity of education offering: sports as a priority now, cultural arts	Culture	Education
3	1	Outdoor community events	Culture	
3	1	Forsyth symphony	Culture	
3	2	Art / cultural center	Culture	
3	2	Unlimited supply of water	Culture	
3	4	Cultural arts center	Culture	
3	4	Ampitheater	Culture	
3	5	Arts / culture	Culture	
3	6	Culture / arts opportunity	Culture	
3	7	Entertainment / cultural centers	Culture	
3	8	Cultural arts center	Culture	
3	9	Strengthen cultural / arts	Culture	
4	1	More of a focus on arts and transportation and entertainment	Culture	Transportation
4	2	Performing arts entertainment center	Culture	
4	2	Outdoor theater	Culture	
4	3	Entertainment	Culture	
5	6	Entertainment	Culture	
5	6	Cultural Arts	Culture	
6	3	Cultural Center	Culture	
6	5	Civic center	Culture	
6	8	Fine arts theater - convention center	Culture	
7	3	Cultural arts center	Culture	
7	6	Cultural / civic / performing arts center to define an identity	Culture	
7	8	Cultural arts	Culture	
7	9	Privately controlled arts council	Culture	
7	9	Arts center	Culture	

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Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
7	9	Cultural center	Culture	
8	1	Increase cultural opportunities	Culture	
8	4	Event center - for graduations, reunions, art display, etc.	Culture	Recreation
8	6	Performing arts facility	Culture	
10	6	Its heritage	Culture	
10	6	A cultural center	Culture	
14	6	Performing arts center	Culture	
15	8	Forsyth Civic Center	Culture	
4	3	Multi-cultural arts center	Diversity	Culture
4	3	Multi-cultural festivals	Diversity	Culture
13	2	Take our participation more seriously in events, fairs and everything that involves the community	Diversity	Culture
7	11	Viable downtown with arts center	Economic Development	Culture

Diversity

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
3	7	Diversity	Diversity	
3	9	Integrating diversity in communities	Diversity	
4	3	Balanced Demographic in County	Diversity	
4	3	Multi-cultural arts center	Diversity	Culture
4	3	Multi-cultural festivals	Diversity	Culture
4	3	More diversity	Diversity	
5	4	Training centers to integrate legal immigrants	Diversity	
5	6	More eclectic community	Diversity	
6	1	Community education re: heritage for newcomers	Diversity	
6	2	Process and services to welcome and assimilate newcomers	Diversity	
6	6	Multicultural growth	Diversity	
6	6	Multicultural understanding	Diversity	
6	7	Community plan assimilation of other cultures	Diversity	
6	8	Promote cultural diversity	Diversity	
7	10	Multicultural center	Diversity	
7	10	"Up in Cumming" in other languages (spanish)	Diversity	
7	10	More information in forsyth county news in spanish	Diversity	
7	10	Translators in community agencies / hospitals	Diversity	
7	10	A volunteer program to involve the hispanic community	Diversity	
8	2	Transition / assimilation of different cultures	Diversity	
8	6	Address needs of hispanic communities	Diversity	
10	3	Better relationships between ethnic groups	Diversity	
10	6	Make Mexicans legal so they pay taxes too	Diversity	
13	1	Latin bank	Diversity	Economic Development
13	1	Respect for immigrants / stop discrimination	Diversity	
13	1	Bilingual staff in recreational organizations	Diversity	
13	1	Bilingual staff in Forsyth County jails	Diversity	
13	2	A Spanish guide to tell us about Cumming and what it offers - all services	Diversity	
13	2	Spanish business become part of Chamber of Commerce	Diversity	
13	2	A multicultural center	Diversity	
13	2	A branch of the Mexican, Guatemalan consulates	Diversity	
13	2	Take our participation more seriously in events, fairs and everything that involves the community	Diversity	Culture
13	2	Preventative programs for teens in Spanish	Diversity	

Leadership

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
1	2	Cooperation between city and county / County master plan includes city	Leadership	Planning
1	5	Better cooperation and fairness between city and county officials	Leadership	
1	6	More community involvement / participation	Leadership	
1	14	Discourse with Corps of Engineers	Leadership	
1	15	Leadership	Leadership	
2	1	Political influence / advocacy on a metro Atlanta scale	Leadership	
2	3	Needs being exposed at State level (lobby and voice)	Leadership	
2	4	Put politics aside to focus on issues and work together	Leadership	
2	4	Eliminate conflicting self interests (politics, growth vs. non-growth, growth of infrastructure)	Leadership	
3	1	Integrity with decisionmakers	Leadership	
3	7	Visionary leadership	Leadership	
3	9	Expand leader program	Leadership	
5	1	Leadership	Leadership	
5	6	Political accountability	Leadership	
6	5	Visionary leadership	Leadership	
6	5	Cooperation between all entities and levels	Leadership	
6	9	More synergy and cohesiveness with county and city elected officials	Leadership	
6	9	Common cause	Leadership	
7	3	Involved / informed public	Leadership	
7	4	Synergy between government leadership	Leadership	
7	4	Supportive state government - partnerships with legislature	Leadership	
7	5	Take advantage of single city / county relationship	Leadership	
7	11	More competent commissioners	Leadership	
8	3	Some sort of oversight committee to make sure elected officials do what the community and citizens want	Leadership	
8	3	Less talk, more action	Leadership	
8	9	Partnership in government, education, law enforcement, business, citizens	Leadership	
10	2	Contact reps and share ideas - U.S. and state reps must communicate your interest	Leadership	
10	2	Engage in the community - don't wait on others to do the work	Leadership	
10	3	Better politician - grown ups have to participate in politics	Leadership	
10	3	Have to take the risks necessary to accomplish the out of the box thinking	Leadership	

Leadership

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
10	4	Supporting candidates that share same views	Leadership	
11	2	Right people in office	Leadership	
11	4	Leadership - young, native	Leadership	
11	4	Vote	Leadership	
14	1	More involved citizens	Leadership	
14	2	Better representatives	Leadership	
14	2	Representatives future leaders	Leadership	
14	4	Ears - to listen to teens and consider ideas	Leadership	
14	4	Voice	Leadership	
14	4	Boards of people who formally present ideas	Leadership	
5	1	Expand on mentoring program - school system, senior citizens	Education	Leadership
1	1	Government cooperation - "service oriented"	Government	Leadership
1	9	City-county government start working together for the better good of the overall community	Government	Leadership
1	14	Cooperation between city and county government	Government	Leadership
1	15	City / County partnership	Government	Leadership
3	3	C/C cooperation	Government	Leadership
3	9	Good working relationship between city and county governments	Government	Leadership
4	1	The city and county need to unify more	Government	Leadership
5	2	Good working relationship between city / county (single government? / unified - only one)	Government	Leadership
6	8	Closer collaboration between city and county government	Government	Leadership
8	5	Partnership between county and city government	Government	Leadership
8	6	Cooperation between city and county government	Government	Leadership
3	1	Commissioners sticking to master plan	Planning	Leadership
7	5	Citizen advisory panels - aggressive and progressive	Planning	Leadership

Image-Distinctiveness

Meeting	Circle	Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
1	2	Cleanliness	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	10	Aesthetic guidelines	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	11	Renovation of old buildings and homes	Image/Distinctiveness	
1	15	Improved downtown square	Image/Distinctiveness	
2	2	Architectural controls (sign ordinances)	Image/Distinctiveness	
2	3	Standards - architectural, everything has a "look and feel" that makes it Forsyth	Image/Distinctiveness	
2	3	Vision + creativity - what/who are we?	Image/Distinctiveness	
3	4	Architectural design code standards	Image/Distinctiveness	
3	7	Architectural controls / sign ordinance	Image/Distinctiveness	
3	8	Standard architectural guidelines	Image/Distinctiveness	
3	9	Architectural controls	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	2	Need charming atmosphere	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	3	Standard Architectural Design	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	4	Architectural / environmental standards	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	5	Architectural guidelines	Image/Distinctiveness	
5	6	Asthetics (no visual pollution for example Hwy 9 from the Forsyth County Line and north)	Image/Distinctiveness	
7	3	Historical center	Image/Distinctiveness	
7	6	To get rid of billboards	Image/Distinctiveness	
7	11	Welcome center	Image/Distinctiveness	Economic Development
8	1	Unified identity	Image/Distinctiveness	
11	3	Preserving historical sites / locations	Image/Distinctiveness	

“Consensus” Ideas

The following ideas are from those listed above that the participants felt reflected a consensus of their thinking within their groups.

--Education--

Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
Superior educational system	Education	
Photo 5: Schools that were built for the future (little or no trailers)	Education	
FoCo schools continue to be one of the best in the state/country	Education	
Education (overplan for population growth)	Education	
Top 10 -- best education system in the nation and maintaining excellence -- youth programs including youth centers / camps -- utilize natural assets/ resources to enhance youth experience - lake, mountains, camps -- alternative school calendar	Education	
Major University - 4 year graduate programs, with teaching hospital, with large medical community, biotech included "clean"	Education	
Higher education - continuing education / Lanier Tech expand to more community-based	Education	
Seniors / teens / education (primary to post secondary) / family / environment / healthy lifestyle / educated population	Education	Environment
Education - quality education, secondary, etc.	Education	
A university or satellite college - to help keep the local young people in community - to be used to attract people to community - to assist in economic development	Education	Economic Development
School Vouchers	Education	
Technologically advanced school system - high test scores and well-performing students	Education	
Better schools - without junk foods	Education	
More schools, less trailers	Education	
4-year university	Education	
Keep schools, technology - schools to be a showcase for the nation	Education	
Four-year college	Education	
Education - grades K-4-year college	Education	
Vouchers and private schools for kids with disabilities, with parents able to afford the schools	Education	Social Issues
Center for the arts to include university and teen center	Culture	Education
Science center, cultural center, civic center, arts center, college, private arts council (control and funding) all possibly in campus type environment	Culture	Education
Education / business	Leadership	Education

--Education--

Education +_business partnership: work opportunities for students, learning on the job, both feed off each other, other college opportunities, safe locations	Leadership	Education
Solve for poverty by using local business to engage students - top graduating seniors from high school	Social Issues	Education

--Human Capital--

Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
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--Culture--

Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
Cultural arts center / facility	Culture	
Cultural arts / performing arts center (Cultural unification)	Culture	
Cultural centers and performing and visual arts	Culture	
Cultural arts center - downtown destination: shops / food / arts / historical preservation / conference center - Increase tourism: Lake Lanier should be a vacation destination / Sawnee Mtn Preserve / Downtown	Culture	Economic Development
Water on lake lanier / fall-time music venue on water (public access)	Culture	
Cultural activity center of quality move from Atlanta up to our area / Cultural arts center to attract local and other users of facilities / Create environment for artists to visit/stay in community	Culture	
More places available (ie, ampitheatre, greenway, park areas, things to do)	Culture	Recreation
Center for the arts to include university and teen center	Culture	Education
Performing, visual arts / cultural center	Culture	
Ampitheatre / convention center / special events / events facility	Culture	Economic Development
Culture downtown - outdoor market / artist retail / demo	Culture	
Cultural arts center - destination downtown	Culture	
Cultural arts	Culture	
Community / cultural / civic center in downtown cumming along with revitalization of downtown	Culture	
Cultural arts	Culture	
Science center, cultural center, civic center, arts center, college, private arts council (control and funding) all possibly in campus type environment	Culture	Education
That we will have cultural centers: workshops, cultural activities (dances), theater, higher education, recreational aeas, information, cultural education	Culture	
Cultural arts center - change tyson to arts center - need community center for groups to meet in, replace Sawnee center	Culture	
Art center with all arts included - ballet, theatre, handicrafts	Culture	
Conference center, hotels, civic center, arts and cultural center	Economic Development	Culture
Revitalize downtown: safe, walkable, park benches, old town feel, Buford, Vickery, cultural arts (co-op, sell art) venue for large events (large ballroom)	Economic Development	Culture

--Culture--

Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
Active downtown area (shining city on a hill) (restaurants, business, arts)	Economic Development	Culture
Convention / cultural arts center - to bring in conventions	Economic Development	Culture

Quality of Life

Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
Quality of life	Quality of Life	
Rural lifestyle	Quality of Life	

Diversity

Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
Welcome / multicultural center for the county of forsyth	Diversity	
English to be the official language of Forsyth County	Diversity	

Leadership

Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
Maximize city-county efforts in government (eg. Parks/recreation, planning, etc)	Leadership	Government
Education / business	Leadership	Education
Citizens / government	Leadership	
City / County! Come on, guys!	Leadership	
Education +_business partnership: work opportunities for students, learning on the job, both feed off each other, other college opportunities, safe locations	Leadership	Education
Partnership between developers and long term community well being	Leadership	
City and county must come together and work together	Leadership	
County government needs to be more proactive in targeting specific types of employers / industries to recruit through a partnership between the county government and Chamber / private sector	Economic Development	Leadership
Progressive, futuristic, environmentally minded city and county vision and leadership, including local recycling	Environment	Leadership
Planners / developers (goals out of alignment, consider impact fees and other contributions to the community)	Planning	Leadership

Image-Distinctiveness

Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
Signage, architectural controls / Development & Design standards, partnerships, environmentally consistent, expand Hwy 141 design overlay to include residential	Image/Distinctiveness	
Keeping Cumming's history / identity alive (4th of July, Fair, Antiques, etc.)	Image/Distinctiveness	
Small shop centers / town square feel / sprinkled throughout city / activities (cultural, recreation, educational) / Street life	Image/Distinctiveness	Planning
Maintain small town feel (conservation of greenspace)	Image/Distinctiveness	Environment
Having a higher standard for appearance - especially the city of Cumming	Image/Distinctiveness	
Downtown Cumming - architectural conformance, small mom and pop shops, walkable, town square look	Image/Distinctiveness	
More quaint downtown Cumming - small town look (park and walk around)	Image/Distinctiveness	
Personality development of City of Cumming (Charleston, Roswell, Marietta, Savannah, etc.)	Image/Distinctiveness	
A safe, healthy "Mayberry" place to raise families	Image/Distinctiveness	
Preserving its rural roots - farming and agriculture	Image/Distinctiveness	

“Out of the Box” Ideas

The following ideas are from those listed above that the participants felt were their most visionary or “out of the box” ideas.

--Education--

Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
Major university	Education	
4-year University / college (keep graduates interested in staying here)	Education	
Presence of a university system - 4-year college, professional development, "communiversity" - community backed university	Education	
More stimulating academic environment - Blend space with technology - not just boring classrooms / college, bio-tech	Education	
Communiversity	Education	
Botanical garden - learning, labeled specimens	Education	

--Human Capital--

Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
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--Culture--

Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
Chastain on lake - art museum - children's museum (hands on) - Replace Sawnee Center - something for performing arts	Culture	
Cultural Arts	Culture	
"Unto these Hills" performance at Sawnee Mountain - add an ampitheatre if not already planned	Culture	
Planning and zoning: Conference center/performing arts/hotel, character through architectural styles, low profile signing, limit strip malls, landscaping	Planning	Culture
Reclaim rock quarry for greenspace / ampitheater / entertainment venues / botanical garden	Recreation	Culture

Diversity

Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
International flair / attribute for the community (Arts, markets, bakerys) - Alpharetta's market as an example	Diversity	
Respect for immigrants and live in a peaceful environment	Diversity	
Plan for all age groups and demographics	Planning	Diversity

Leadership

Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
Government leaders (city & county) should work together	Leadership	

Image-Distinctiveness

Ideas	Category 1	Category 2
Architectural sculpture on top of Sawnee Mountain to identify us as different (like Eiffel tower or Big Chicken - something unique to remember / be known by)	Image/Distinctiveness	
The county needs a tangible theme -- Best in nation: destination, academia/school system, health care system, planned communities	Image/Distinctiveness	
Retain country charm	Image/Distinctiveness	
Downtown Cumming - architectural conformance, small mom and pop shops, walkable, town square look	Image/Distinctiveness	
Personality development of City of Cumming (Charleston, Roswell, Marietta, Savannah, etc.)	Image/Distinctiveness	
Beautify Cumming, making it less industrial	Image/Distinctiveness	